



THE TOWERS

201 S. Main St., West Milton, Ohio 45383

December 2024



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Luke 21:34-36

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

On December 1 we will begin a new turn around the cycle of the Church year. We begin by reflecting on the return of Christ, which can seem like a strange place to start. Yet, it’s a reminder that the Church has always been, and is now in Advent. We are waiting and preparing for Christ’s appearing. Advent serves as the proper orientation for how we Christians are to live the whole year long - in watchfulness, in repentance, in seeking to be ready for when Christ does appear, for it will come “like a thief in the night.”

“He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.”

The second and third weeks of Advent reflect on the life and ministry of John the Baptist (also known as “St. John the Forerunner”). He is the prophet sent by God who prepares the way for Christ and His public ministry. This continues to emphasize the themes of watchfulness, readiness, and repentance. How are we readying ourselves to receive and be received by the Living God in the person of Jesus Christ? What is the “junk” in our lives, weighing us

down, that needs to be washed away in order for us to walk with Jesus on the road that leads to life?

The fourth week of Advent focuses on Jesus’ parents, Mary and Joseph. This reminds us that our participation in the ways of God is essential. And who is it that God chooses for this role? It is not the strong, the powerful, or the rich. It is the poor and powerless; unnoticed peasants who live in quiet faithfulness. This serves as a great reminder that what God is looking for is not always the heroic, attention-drawing deeds of that make headlines or

go viral. What honors God most is the day-to-day, ordinary faithfulness that draws no accolades or applause, but stems from a heart devoted to the Lord. It is to this quietly faithful couple that God entrusts such an important task.

We end the season with Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord: the celebration of the Incarnation. God takes on human flesh for our salvation. I hope that last sentence stops you in your tracks, even if just for a moment. That’s the holy mystery of this sacred



**Who will celebrate Christmas correctly?
Whoever finally lays down
all power, all honor,
all reputation, all vanity,
all arrogance,
all individualism
beside the manger.**

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

season, and one of the great mysteries of our faith: God, in His infinite and unfathomable love, becomes man, that by His grace we may become like God. **Almighty God, Who in many and various ways did speak to Your chosen people by the prophets, and has given us, in Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of the hope of Israel: Hasten, we pray, the coming of the day when all things shall be subject to Him, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.** (Adapted from *The 1662 Book of Common Prayer, International Edition*)

In Christ,
Pastor Ty <><

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotion

Devotion was offered by Tina Mathews. Tina shared some other things from the Awaken Conference. The Abiding Life; Read and reflect on John 15: 9-17.

Here are some questions to Ponder:

- How do I want to walk with God more closely in 2025?
- How am I growing to love God more?
- Do I love others more than I did a year ago?
- How does my life lead to multiplication and fruit bearing?
- Fill in the blank: In the next week, I want to _____ (do a spiritual habit) _____ (at this time) on _____ (these days).
- Discipleship Bands – A discipleship band is a group of three to five people who read together, pray together, and meet to become the love of God for one another and the world.
- The meeting was opened in prayer by Tina.

Meeting Attendees

Pastor Ty Williams, Les Trittschuh, Wendy Black, Jill Circle, David Hayes, David Jay, Kim Dohrman, Jim Mitchell, Denise Ellinger, Myra Lingle, Kim Dohrman, Tina Mathews

Pastor's Report

- Youth Ministry: Meeting once a month at church for a bible study, snack, fellowship (Second Sunday) Dates November 10, December 8. Youth Retreat April 25-27, 2025 Heartland Retreat Center, Marengo, Ohio.
- Charge Conference: October 17, 2024 following the Board Meeting. Tom Hanover,

the President Elder of the West Central Ohio Circuit.

- Pledge Sunday: November 10, 2024. Letter & Invitation will go out in October Towers.
- Advent Study: Wednesdays in December. The 4th, 11th and 18th. 5:30 -7pm.

Mission and Ministry

- Family Night – October 26 Pumpkin Carving
- Christmas Program – Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 10:15am

Finance Report

- Weeks of operations is 14.05
- 1st Motion is to move \$5200 to the Trustees Capital Improvement fund.
- 2nd Motion is to move funds out of the Huntington Money Market and move to a CD at Abbey CU.
- 3rd Motion Amendment to the 2025 budget, adding a Capital Improvement Fund to the Trustees.
- Motion to accept all three from Wendy Black, 2nd by David Jay. All Motions passed, voted, and approved

Trustees

- Parsonage – had a leak, Meter is inside the house. Repairs are \$3600.

List of Important Dates

November 23 – Craft Show

November 27 – Community Thanksgiving Service is held at Hoffman Church

December 1 – First Sunday in Advent

Our current mission statement: Hoffman Global Methodist Church exists to join God's mission of making disciples who demonstrate holiness of heart and life.

Serving Schedule

Dec 01

9:00 Liturgist: Joyce H. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Les & Sharon T.

Nursery: 10:15 Debby & Steve S. /11:15 Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralie M.

11:15 Greeters: Classroom 4 **Acolytes:** Anna & Emma K. **Scripture Reader:** Loralie M.

Dec 08

9:00 Liturgist: Pam H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Matt & Amanda B.
Nursery: 10:15 Elaine P. & Sarah P. /11:15 Kim & Cooper D. & Rose K.

11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M. **Acolytes:** Loralie M. & Rose K. **Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

Dec 15

9:00 Liturgist: Loralie M. **Greeters:** Elaine I.
Ushers: Dan & Erin Studebaker **Hospitality Table:** **Honoring Sunday School Teachers
Nursery: 10:15 Carol C. & Kathy K. /11:15 Ben G.

11:15 Greeters: Kathy W. and Stacy W. **Acolytes:** Dalton M. & Lily M. **Scripture Reader:** Norman H.

Dec 22

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.
Ushers: Stacy W., Josh W. and David J. **Hospitality Table:** Wendy H.

Nursery: 10:15 Jennifer K. & Patti W. /11:15 Jennifer & Anna K. and Jill C.

11:15 Greeters: Paul & Sally M. and Marijo S. **Acolytes:** Will H. & Matthew G. **Scripture Reader:** Tim B.

Dec 29

9:00 Liturgist: Monica S. **Greeters:** Sophia & Stella B.
Ushers: Steve K. & Kay W. **Hospitality Table:** Richard & Marcia S.
Nursery: 10:15 Kathy K. & Luana D. /11:15 Janessa M. and Kelly & Paige S.

11:15 Greeters: Patti W. & Courtney S. **Acolytes:** Lydia G. & Paige S. **Scripture Reader:** Lily M.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary December 2024

5th - Marc & Robin Maeder (20 yrs)
6th - Allyson Burns
- Becky Wolf
8th - John Hennemyre
9th - Wendy Black
10th - Carol Carter
11th - Anita Ankerman
Candy Curry
13th - Lisa Wright
15th - Andy Mitchell
16th - Avery Bryson
17th - Paul Crow
18th - Matthew Garrett
19th - Bob & Joyce Herron (70 yrs)

20th - John & Anita Ankerman (44 yrs)
Valerie McKay
Cheryl Owen
21st - Dawn Jay
24th - Dick & Dixie Porter (69 yrs)
25th - Cody Dohrman
26th - Beth Thoele
Phil & Karen McFadden (54 yrs)
27th - Fred Brown
Aaron Mitchell
Steve & Debby Schumann (21 yrs)
30th - Bob Herron
Tom Wolf
Ed & Tina Mathews (20 yrs)
31st - Gary Barga



Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	10-27-27	11-3-24	11-10-24	11-17-24
General Offering	5050.00	5799.00	5967.00	7400.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	238.00	473.00	401.00	280.00
Maintenance Fund	186.00	296.00	336.00	81.00
Building Fund & Memorials	81.00	166.00	216.00	76.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	84	103	85	96
* Remote viewing	4	13	11	9
11:15 a.m. Service at church	65	64	59	68
* Remote viewing	8	2	0	2
Total Attendance	161	182	155	175



People to remember in prayer:

Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Nancy Wolf as she passed away on November 17, 2024

At Home: Phil Blue, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Cheryl Owen, Mary Maess, Dick Markley, Dixie Porter, Shelia Shade, Theda Sliver, Marilyn Stickney, and Jim & Kathy Watkins

At Centers: Johnnie Bouck, Brookhaven Assisted Living, 1 Country Ln, Rm 112, Brookville OH 45309
 Barb Frazier, Brookdale Centennial Park, 350 Union Rd, Rm 132, Englewood OH 45322
 Dorothy Ginn, Cypress Pointe, 600 W. National Rd., Rm 312, Englewood OH 45322
 Valaria Harshbarger, SpringMeade, 4375 S Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 413, Tipp City OH 45371
 Sherynne King, Hospice of Troy
 Freda Koeller, Grace Brethren Village, 1010 Taywood Rd., Rm 66, Englewood OH 45322
 Wendy Long, Trinity Center, 789 Stonybrook, Rm 208A, Fairborn OH 45324
 Jennie McNeal, SpringMeade, 4375 S Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 307, Tipp City OH 45371
 Monica Winemiller, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co Rd 25A, Rm 8, Troy OH 45373



Thank You to Grandma's Kitchen Volunteers and Diners

Grandma's Kitchen thanks all the volunteers (over 50 of them!) and all the diners (over 200 per meal!) for your support of Grandma's Kitchen this year. We served over 3000 meals which meant buying \$9000 worth of food, peeling 650 pounds of potatoes, washing dishes for 1660 guests, wrapping 5000 pieces of silverware and packing 1450 carry-outs. Over 1000 hours were donated by volunteers and approximately 800 meals were given to families in need. This project wouldn't be possible without both the volunteers and the guests who dine with us. Thank you all for making this past year a successful one.



THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special 'thank you' to everyone who helped in any way with the Election Day Dinner. Those who had assigned jobs, those who came to eat, those who donated money for pies; we appreciate everyone! Your faithful work and spirit of working together were such a blessing.

God bless you all!

Janet Weeks and the Global Methodist Women

I would like to thank John Ankerman and his crew for hanging the banners for Veterans Day. Thank you everyone that helped to get ready or had an active part in the Veterans Day Program.

Love you all and God bless, Nancy Studebaker

Dear Hoffman family, Just a little note with a 'BIG' thank you for all the beautiful cards, phone calls, and especially your prayers after my fall and then continuing through my surgery. Recovery time was blessed with your thoughts, more prayers, and more cards. I truly enjoyed reading them and felt my spirits lifted each time I opened a new one.

Sincerely,
Christy Harris

Advent Study

Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18

5:30 p.m. meal in the activity center

6:00 -7:00 p.m. study

All the adults and youth together in the A.C. for the study; the kids in the basement.

Holiday Service Times

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Services at 7 and 10 p.m.



Covenant Renewal Service

Tuesday, December 31 at 7 p.m. we will gather for a Covenant Renewal Service. Join us for a powerful time of confession, prayer, reading scripture, and consecrating ourselves to the Lord for the upcoming year.

Thank you to these wonderful ladies who helped and donated supplies in making pot pie for the November 2024 Election Day dinner:

Marilyn Mitchell, Valerie McKay, Terry Cooley, Elaine Pickering, Dawn Jay, Susie Spittler, LaVerne Hennemyre, Elaine Iddings, Mary Ann Martens and Kay Wagner.

What a blessing to have these faithful ladies in our church to help on this project.

Thanks again, Joy Paulus & Nancy Studebaker

Hoffman Church Family, Thank you very much for your prayers and concerns for me when I had back surgery.

Sharon Trittschuh

Hoffman GMC Family Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

Main course and drinks provided please bring a covered dish to share!

Entertainment is by 'Juggler for Jesus', David Cain; he has been a juggler for forty years, is a Guinness world record holder, has authored three books, has ministered with Billy Graham and Focus on the Family. He includes audience participation when he performs.

Santa will make an appearance. We hope that you are able to attend!

MUCC Helping Hands Food Boxes

we are collecting peanut butter (16oz or 28oz) and vegetable oil (40oz); we need 100 of each by Dec. 8.

Walking Group Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 to 11a.m. Contact Elaine Pickering (937) 698-5192

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

In Genesis, what is the significance of a "bowl of stew"?

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” Matthew 6:14



Christmas play practice - every Sunday during second service. We will be performing during the Sunday school hour on **December 15**.

Advent Bible Study

Dec 4, 11, 18- Dinner and a Bible Study
Kids with Becky, nursery open, adults and youth with Pastor Ty in the Activity Center

**Please write this on your calendar:
VBS 2025: June 29- July 3**

Traditional Service
9AM

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Sunday School Hour
10:15-11:10AM

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Open Door Service
11:15AM

Children's Director: Becky Garrett
ragarrett15@gmail.com
937-524-7220



Youth Group

Youth Retreat in April 2025 hosted by Allegheny West Conference

We plan on taking any interested youth to this retreat **April 25-27, 2025**.

Location: Heartland Retreat Center Marengo, OH

For Grades 6-12
Early Registration (March 1): \$135
Regular Registration: \$150
*See Attached Flyer

Let me know if you have any questions!
Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ty <><

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2024 FINANCE REPORT

General Budget and Missions

October 31, 2024

REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	6,521.00	64,737.14
1020	Second Sunday	5,654.00	53,300.50
1030	Third Sunday	6,195.00	55,914.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	5,050.00	49,612.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	11,943.84
Total Regular Offering		23,420.00	235,507.48
1060	Misc. Income	0.00	1,103.72
**Total Income		23,420.00	236,611.20

		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
CONNECTIONAL FUNDING					
1	Connectional Funding AWAC 3%	8,000.00	0.00	7,183.57	816.43
2	Connection Funding GMC 1%	2,700.00	0.00	2,520.55	179.45
Total Connectional		10,700.00	0.00	9,704.12	995.88

MINISTRIES

3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	0.00	209.18	540.82
5	Worship	750.00	30.00	443.01	306.99
6	Music	750.00	0.00	497.28	252.72
7	Assimilation	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
8	Vacation Bible School	750.00	0.00	643.50	106.50
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	750.00	0.00	606.75	143.25
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	0.00	146.37	603.63
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	57.63	3,046.57	1,953.43
Total Ministries		11,000.00	87.63	5,592.66	5,407.34

OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

12	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	72.27	605.14	294.86
13	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	724.06	4,217.98	-17.98
14	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	110.69	3,777.94	222.06
15	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	189.00	811.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	907.02	8,790.06	1,309.94

STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

16	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Staff Salary	119,217.78	13,854.40	102,165.66	17,052.12
18	Health Ins.	28,388.00	2,425.44	24,516.62	3,871.38
19	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	5,868.00	510.66	4,850.25	1,017.75
20	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	0.00	1,091.46	2,908.54
21	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
22	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	400.00	100.00
23	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,878.41	638.83	4,904.45	973.96
24	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
25	Conference Delegate	550.00	0.00	170.00	380.00
Total Staff & Parish Relations		165,952.19	17,429.33	139,098.44	26,853.75

TRUSTEES

26	Maintenance	2,400.00	259.95	1,967.67	432.33
27	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	28,135.00	2,065.60	19,707.77	8,427.23
28	Building Insurance	5,079.00	446.83	4,482.34	596.66
29	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,290.00	0.00	3,097.46	192.54
30	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	6,306.00	450.00	5,092.89	1,213.11
31	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	262.73	912.32	117.68
Total Trustees		46,240.00	3,485.11	35,260.45	10,979.55
**Total General Budgeted Expenses		243,992.19	21,909.09	198,445.73	45,546.46

MISSIONS

32	Local Missions	4,500.00	190.71	4,256.99	243.01
33	Global Missions	2,500.00	300.00	1,048.16	1,451.84
34	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
35	Annual Mission Project	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Total Missions Expenses		7,550.00	490.71	5,555.15	1,994.85

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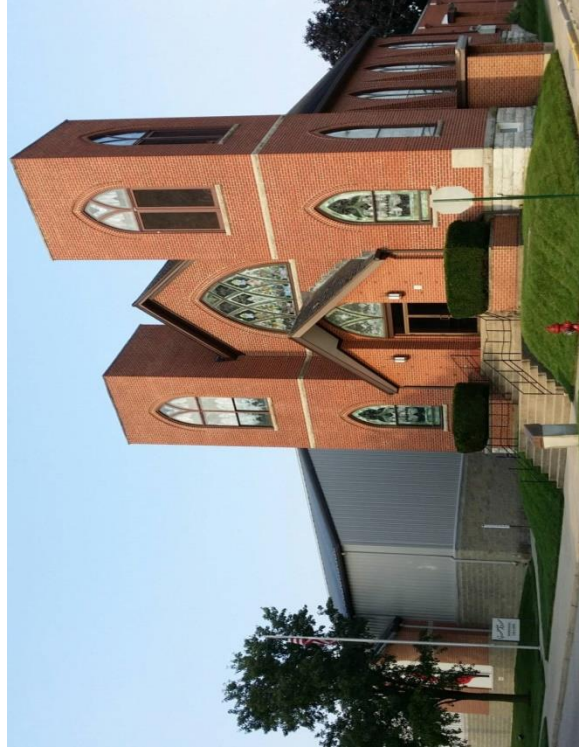
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Pastor Ty Williams