



# THE TOWERS

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

January 2025

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



**[Matthew 2:1-2] Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."**

### **Brothers and sisters in Christ,**

The feast of Epiphany is celebrated every January 6 after the 12 days of Christmas. "Epiphany" comes from a word meaning manifestation or revealing. This day celebrates the revealing of Christ to the Magi from the East. These individuals are the first non-Jews to recognize Jesus and honor him, prefiguring that Christ is not just king of the Jews, but king of the whole world, of all peoples.

One of the inspiring things about the Magi is that they take what little light they are given and they act upon it. They are willing to make a long, dangerous journey, following the truth wherever it leads. This is a very different attitude than King Herod and the religious leaders have. The religious leaders are asked where the Messiah is to be born. They know the answer, they know the Scriptures, they have the correct knowledge. But what happens after that? As far as we know, none of them get up and go to Bethlehem to find the Messiah.

The Magi, who do not have all the right knowledge or family background, act on the light they are given, though much less than the

religious leaders, and meet Jesus. They experience Jesus. They have a real-life encounter with Christ. The Scriptures and teaching of the Church are meant to lead us to a real relationship with the living Christ. The Christian life is not just about knowing the right answers and memorizing Scripture verses. There is nothing wrong with those, of course. But they are a means to an end,

rather than an end in themselves. These are meant to be means of God's grace leading us to receive and participate in the life of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Friends, may you act on the light God has given you and follow the truth wherever it leads you, even when it leads you to some unknown, unfamiliar place like Bethlehem.

May you trust in the One who guides you and is inviting you into deeper communion with Himself.

And may you, like the Magi, come bearing gifts of honor and sacrifice to the King of Kings.



**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls,  
You brought the nations to Your light  
and kings to the brightness of Your rising.  
Fill the world with Your glory, and show Yourself to  
all the nations;  
through Him who is the True Light and the Bright  
and Morning Star,  
even Jesus Christ Your Son and our Lord. Amen.  
(Latin Sacramentary, 5th- 7th Cent.)**

**In Christ,  
Pastor Ty <><**

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Devotion

Devotion was offered by Jill Circle. Psalm 100.4 “Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name”. She shared several scriptures that mention thanks & giving thanks. Thank God frequently as you journey through your day. This practice makes it possible to pray without ceasing

- Thank God in every situation.
- These thankful prayers provide a solid foundation on which you can build all your other prayers.
- Moreover, a grateful attitude makes it easier for you to communicate with me.

### Meeting Attendees

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

### Pastor’s Report

- GMC Bishop Assignments – Bishop Mark Webb is assigned to the Allegheny West Annual Conference.
- Advent Wednesday’s in December 4, 11, 18, 5:30 -7pm.
- Holy Spirit Seminar – Dec. 6 from 9am -4pm.
- Covenant Renewal Service: Tuesday, December 31, 7pm.
- Order of Holy Fire Retreat – Feb 24-27, 2025. Pastor Ty attending.
- Band Meeting – One group has started.

### Children Ministry:

Sunday, December 15 Children’s Christmas Program.

### Youth Ministry:

- Bible Study, Nov 10, 3 youth attended. Next Bible Study is Dec. 8.
- Operation Christmas Child, 7 youth attended and they packed 16 boxes.
- April 25-27, 2025 Youth Retreat at Heartland Retreat Center Marengo, Ohio.

### Finance Report

- Weeks of operations is 14.10 – Over budget goal is \$33,744.60
- Money Market & CD Funds total is \$203,192.58

### Trustees

- There were 12 Trustee maintenance items completed in October. The major projects were:
- A new water main line was installed at the Parsonage to repair a leak.
- New handrails on the north entrance were installed. This completes the projects due to the auto accident.
- New entry lights were installed at the north & east entrance doors.
- Installed a new cabinet in the Children’s classroom in the basement.
- The parsonage also needed a new washer.

### List of Important Dates

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7pm & 10pm.

December 31 – Covenant Renewal Service 7pm

Next meeting will be held December 19, 2024.

**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

### Jan 05

**9:00 Liturgist:** Monica S. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Bob & Marcia C.  
**Nursery:** **10:15** Debby & Steve S. / **11:15** Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralie M.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Classroom 4 kids **Acolytes:** Anna & Emma K. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

### Jan 12

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Nancy & Monica S.  
**Nursery:** **10:15** Elaine P. & Sarah P. / **11:15** Kim & Cooper D. & Rose K.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Dick & Mary Ann M. **Acolytes:** Lorelei M. & Rose K. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

### Jan 19

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I.  
**Ushers:** Stacy W. and Josh W. **Hospitality Table:** \*\*Honoring Visitation Teams  
**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:** Lorelei M.

### Jan 26

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.  
**Ushers:** Dan & Erin S and David & Dawn 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:** Norman H.

\*\*Please contact the church office (937)698-4401 if you are unable to be a greeter or have switched Sundays. Thanks!

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary January 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Circle  
5<sup>th</sup> Bob & Nancy Mills (57 yrs)  
6<sup>th</sup> Joe Ellis  
Jim Watkins  
9<sup>th</sup> Debby Guthrie  
Peggy Nihizer  
12<sup>th</sup> Elaine Iddings  
13<sup>th</sup> David Mitchell  
Kay Wagner  
14<sup>th</sup> William Brock  
Nancy Curry  
Patti Wion  
Greg & Myra Lingle (36 yrs)



15<sup>th</sup> Ellie Knostman  
18<sup>th</sup> Ben Garrett  
21<sup>st</sup> Paul Miller, Sr.  
Bob Mills  
22<sup>nd</sup> Courtney Sims  
23<sup>rd</sup> John Carter  
Theda Sliver  
24<sup>th</sup> Cheyenne Barnes  
25<sup>th</sup> Joyce Hoffmaster  
27<sup>th</sup> Emma Knostman  
29<sup>th</sup> Denise Sanderson

If your name is not on our birthday and anniversary list and you would like to be added, please email your dates to: HoffmanGMC@gmail.com or call (937)698-4401.

## Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	11-24-24	12-1-24	12-8-24	12-15-24
General Offering	4277.00	5486.00	7488.00	6050.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	260.00	373.00	239.00	213.00
Maintenance Fund	136.00	651.00	216.00	36.00
Building Fund & Memorials	119.00	191.00	141.00	6.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	88	84	91	89
* Remote viewing	8	9	8	10
11:15 a.m. Service at church	63	46	67	84
* Remote viewing	6	7	3	0
Total Attendance	165	146	169	183



### People to remember in prayer:

**Hoffman Sympathies to:** the family of Sherynne King, as she passed away on November 26, 2024  
the family of Audrey Scammahorn, as she passed away on December 7, 2024  
the family of Dick Markley, as he passed away on December 9, 2024



**At Home:** Phil Blue, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Cheryl Owen, Mary Maess, Dixie & Dick 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  
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

### Holiday Service Times



**Christmas Eve - Candlelight Services at 7 and 10 p.m.**

**December 29 – Worship at 9 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.**

**December 31 - Covenant Renewal Service at 7 p.m.**



# THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

Thanks to Nancy Studebaker, Joy Paulus, Dawn Jay and Kathy Watkins for folding and labeling the newsletter each month.

Thanks to our dedicated Trustees for all the work they do around the church. Phil McFadden, Wayne Spitler, David Jay, Tom Kinsey, Wendy Heisey, Andrew Circle, and special 'honorary trustee' Susie Spitler; we appreciate you!

Thanks to the members of the Praise Band: Joe Knostman, Darin Wion, Devin Mitchell, Mike Barnes and Pastor Ty and all the others musical guests who have shared their gifts.

Thanks to Elaine Pickering for setting up the hospitality table and to the volunteers who generously donate snacks each week.

Thank you to Christy Harris for her time earlier in the year preparing the multi-media slides and advancing them for our services. Thanks to Mike Circle and Greg Lingle for operating the sound board and to Dawn Jay and Valerie McKay for advancing the slides each Sunday. Special thanks to our online worship producers: Darin Wion and Greg Lingle. Thank you to the members of the Chancel and Bell Choirs.

Thanks to Jill & Mike Circle and Wendy Heisey for tracking attendance each week. Thanks to our liturgists, scripture readers, greeters, ushers, and acolytes.

Thanks to Ben Garrett for changing the message on the church sign. We appreciate you!

A huge thank you to all our nursery workers and Sunday school teachers! You are all so amazing!!

Thanks to Joy Paulus for recording the offering and Dawn Jay for counting and depositing the offering. Your dedication is appreciated.

**Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study** starting January 8 at 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room an 11-week book and video series by Robert J. Morgan—Whatever Happens: How to Stand Firm in Your Faith when the World is Falling Apart—study of the book of Philippians. Please feel free to join us! Questions, contact Marilyn Mitchell (937-947-1831 or mbmitchell50@gmail.com). There will be no charge for materials but they will need to be ordered in advance.

**Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study** starting January 8 at 6 p.m. "Intimacy with God" by Cynthia Heald is a 12-week study of select Psalms. The book is available on Amazon for \$7.49. All women are welcome! An FYI to anyone new: with winter coming, we cancel the group if Milton Schools close that day. Contact for more info: pam.hitchcock@gmail.com or (937)657-9977

Global Methodist Women's meeting, Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the activity center.

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

## Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What is the significance of 700 left-handed warriors?

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Advent meals; we appreciate you. Kathy K. and Elaine P.

Thanks to everyone who participating in Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes we had 84 boxes and 19 online boxes.

**THANK YOU CRAFT SHOW AND CAFE VOLUNTEERS**  
We want to thank ALL the volunteers that helped with the Craft Show and Café this year. God has given so many of you special gifts and talents and we so appreciate you!  
*A special thank you to: Tina Mathews, Kay Wagner, Karen McFadden, Kim Dohrman and Susie Spitler.*

Hoffman church family, you never cease to amaze and bless me with your love and generosity; thank you for the Christmas bonus, gifts, and cards. I am blessed to be a part of the Hoffman family. May your 2025 be full of blessings! JoAnn

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11



What an amazing year we have had! A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our children and their families. Thank you for giving to our church so that we can have family nights, VBS, a Christmas play and Sunday School classes.

A huge thank you to all our nursery workers and Sunday school teachers! You are all so amazing!! One last thank you- Thank you for your generous giving for our staff bonuses. I truly enjoy every part of being the children's director. This is such an amazing church family to serve.

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

**Please write this on your calendar:**

**Valentine's Day Family Night- Feb. 15**

**VBS 2025: June 29 - July 3**

## Youth Group



Bible study will be Sunday, January 12 at 6 p.m.

**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

Let me know if you have any questions!

**Grace and Peace,**

**Pastor Tv <><**

“So thankful for all of the prayers! For retreat was a success, one of the students who attended very last minute without knowing a majority of our movement decided to receive Christ during the event. Praise the Lord for our new sister in Christ! Please pray that students would sign up for Winter Conference and grow in their faith over Christmas break.”

“Hey yall!!!! I have the best news!! My friend who I met at outreach came to fall retreat this weekend last minute and she just let me know this morning that over her quiet time she PRC!! We can welcome a new sister in Christ!! Hallelujah amen!!”

Update from Emily Benkert, CRU Campus @ Ball State University

**Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10:00 to 11:30am**

**11 Weeks, Beginning January 8**

**Book and Video series on Philippians by Robert J. Morgan**

**Whatever Happens:**

**How to Stand Firm in Your Faith when the World is Falling Apart**

### **From the introduction:**

The Washington Post recently asked readers to describe today's world in a single word. Some of the answers were unfit for a family newspaper, but the top three responses were: exhausting, lost, chaotic. Who doesn't feel that way? What can we do about it? We are going to visit the ancient church of the Philippians who have just received a letter from Paul who is in prison in Rome. He is facing uncharted circumstances and an unsettled future. He didn't know if he would be released or executed. He didn't know if he would live or die. But he knew one thing: whatever happened, he was going to stand firm in the faith and conduct himself in a manner worthy of the gospel. So must we. You and I are living in unpredictable days, and no one knows what will happen in our world, our nation, or our families from day to day. This uncertainty leaves so many exhausted, lost, in chaos. But not us. We will be learning to be content whatever the circumstances and knowing God will meet all our needs according to the riches of His glory (Philippians 4:11, 19) We can trust our unchanging God with the uncertainties of today, tomorrow, and beyond as we hold firmly to the truth in a world that is hanging by a thread. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell (937-947-1831 or mbmitchell50@gmail.com. No charge for materials but they will need to be ordered two weeks in advance.

## HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2024 FINANCE REPORT

### General Budget and Missions

November 30, 2024

#### REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	5,799.00	70,536.14
1020	Second Sunday	5,967.00	59,267.50
1030	Third Sunday	7,240.00	63,154.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	4,277.00	53,889.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	11,943.84
Total Regular Offering		23,283.00	258,790.48
1060	Misc. Income	160.00	1,263.72
<b>**Total Income</b>		23,443.00	260,054.20

		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
<b>CONNECTIONAL FUNDING</b>					
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	-89.83	353.18	396.82
6	Music	750.00	71.00	568.28	181.72
7	Assimilation	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
8	Vacation Bible School	750.00	106.50	750.00	0.00
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	750.00	0.00	606.75	143.25
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	603.63	750.00	0.00
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	153.73	3,200.30	1,799.70
Total Ministries		11,000.00	845.03	6,437.69	4,562.31

#### OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

12	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	605.14	294.86
13	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	154.32	4,372.30	-172.30
14	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	110.69	3,888.63	111.37
15	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	189.00	811.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	265.01	9,055.07	1,044.93

#### STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

16	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Staff Salary	119,217.78	8,333.40	110,499.06	8,718.72
18	Health Ins.	28,388.00	2,425.44	26,942.06	1,445.94
19	Pension & Self Funded Portion	5,868.00	508.66	5,358.91	509.09
20	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	210.99	1,302.45	2,697.55
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	366.62	5,271.07	607.34
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	11,845.11	150,943.55	15,008.64

#### TRUSTEES

26	Maintenance	2,400.00	27.27	1,994.94	405.06
27	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	28,135.00	2,111.25	21,819.02	6,315.98
28	Building Insurance	5,079.00	446.83	4,929.17	149.83
29	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,290.00	0.00	3,097.46	192.54
30	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	6,306.00	90.00	5,182.89	1,123.11
31	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	67.50	979.82	50.18
Total Trustees		46,240.00	2,742.85	38,003.30	8,236.70

<b>**Total General Budgeted Expenses</b>		243,992.19	15,698.00	214,143.73	29,848.46
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#### MISSIONS

32	Local Missions	4,500.00	245.14	4,502.13	-2.13
33	Global Missions	2,500.00	3,757.38	4,805.54	-2,305.54
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	4,002.52	9,557.67	-2,007.67

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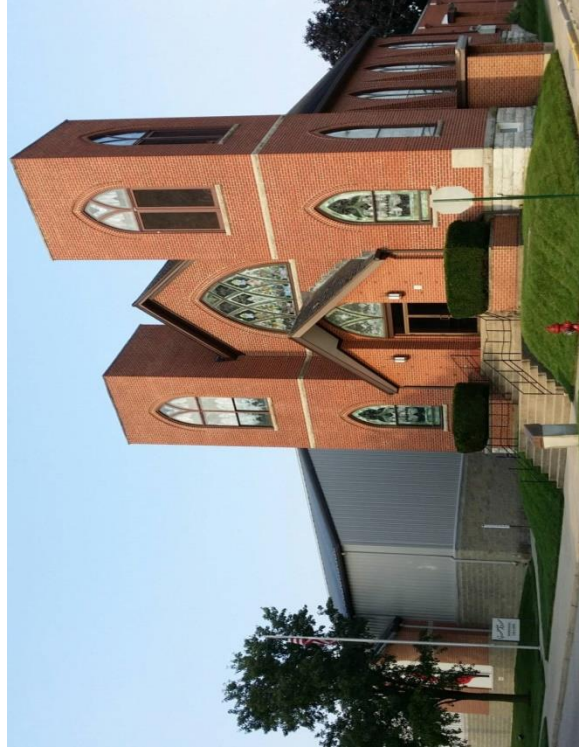
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