



# THE TOWERS

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

March 2025



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

**[Luke 24:30-31] When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are approaching Lent. Lent is often considered a time for us to give things up, to fast from certain foods, to sacrifice certain comforts or luxuries as we seek to identify with the sacrificial way of Christ. Lent can also be a good time to take things up, try a new spiritual discipline or practice.

This Lenten season, as a church, we are going to take up the historic practice of weekly Communion. For most of the Church's history, worship on Sunday has been a service of Word and Table. Coming to Christ's Table each Lord's Day puts us in good company with the historic Church, most Christians around the world today, and honors our Methodist heritage.

"If Communion loses its importance, it's not Communion's fault." My pastor in college was fond of saying these words, knowing that the college students that made up his congregation came from a variety of backgrounds with differing perspectives on the Lord's Table. The church he served was rooted in the Lutheran tradition, which practices Communion (or, as they called it "Eucharist") weekly. He would say these words in response to the objection that if Communion becomes a weekly practice it could seem "less special" or become routine. His answer to this was that if this is the case, it is not Communion's fault. The fault lies with the Christian who has let the Lord's Table become routine or less special. He wanted us to know that if something is important, it doesn't mean you do it less often. We certainly do not apply that same logic to reading the Scriptures, praying, or the preaching of sermons in our worship services.

Along with most Protestant Christians, we Methodists believe in two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. Baptism is a one-time means of grace that is the doorway, the entrance into the life of the Church and the other means of grace. The Lord's Supper is ongoing food and sustenance for the journey of faith. Communion is where, in addition to the Word, we are strengthened and equipped by God's grace to live the Christian life.

Communion also gives us the opportunity to connect with God in ways that go beyond our mental capacity (i.e., our ability to listen to and understand a sermon). Rather, we engage Christ, who is present at His table, with the senses that He created us with: our sight, our hearing, our smelling, our touching, and our tasting. As our senses are attuned more and more to Christ at His table, they are trained to be more perceptive of His presence throughout the week. The Communion table disciplines our senses.

Spiritual father of the Methodist movement John Wesley preached a sermon titled "Constant Communion," advocating for frequent and regular participation in the Lord's Table. He begins by saying, "I am to show that it is the duty of every Christian to receive the Lord's Supper as often as he can." One of Wesley's main points is that to practice Communion is to obey the command of Christ, who tells His disciples, "Do this in remembrance of Me." Wesley remarks that there are no other commands of Jesus we seek to only do sparingly to maintain their importance. Why should we not seek to keep this command as frequently as possible, as occasion allows?

As we embark on the Lenten journey together, we have an opportunity to avail ourselves of one of the primary ways Christ reveals Himself to His people. We read in Luke 24, after the risen Christ had walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, "When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him" (Luke 24:30-31). Each week, as we participate in the Communion liturgy, we remember the story of salvation through the prayer called the Great Thanksgiving. Each week we prepare ourselves through examination and confession. Each week, no matter how good or bad the sermon is, we meet the Lord Jesus Christ at His table. Each week, no matter how good or bad we have been, on Sunday we obey His command: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Ty <><

## Board Meeting Highlights

### DEVOTION:

Wendy Heisey shared the lyrics of “Listening” by the Future of Forestry. “Listening” was released in 2021 on the album *Remember*. The chorus goes like this:

*You said your strength alone was not enough.*

*You're never alone.*

*Together we will walk the path of love.*

*You're never alone.*

*Remember you'll never be alone.*

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

### Meeting Attendees:

Pastor Ty Williams, Wendy Heisey, Chris Long, Jim Mitchell, Denise Ellinger, Myra Lingle, Tina Mathews, Joyce Hoffmaster, Darin Wion, Matt Burns

### Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Ty attending the Order of Holy Fire Retreat February 24 – February 27, 2025
- Spirit and Truth Conference – March 21 (evening only) and March 22
- Spirit and Truth Weekend at Hoffman – May 16 – May 18, 2025

### Youth Ministry:

- First Bible study of the year was January 12, four students attended. Next meeting is February 23.
- Confirmation classes start Sunday, April 6 through June 1.
- Youth Retreat April 25 - 27, 2025. Heartland Retreat Center Marengo, Ohio

### Finance Report:

- Weeks of operations is 17.7 ending the month of December 2024.
- Ended the year with funds over budget. We are blessed to have a very good year.
- Will look at our weeks of operations at the Jan or Feb meeting, due to the 2025 budget going up, this may change or we will look at designated groups or the Endowment Fund.
- Dawn Jay turned in her financial accounts for 2024. (Grandma's Kitchen, Sunday School and Methodist Women)

### Trustees:

- David Jay has the 2024 financial reports ready for Finance audit.
- There were seven maintenance projects completed in December. A total of 76 projects in 2024 at the church and parsonage.
- January 2025 maintenance project is replacing flooring in the parsonage. This will be in the kitchen, eating area and family room. Motion made Tina Mathews to complete this project, seconded by Matt Burns. Motion passed. Voted and approved.
- Steve Schumann will serve as a Trustee starting in Jan 2025 and Andrew Circle will step down.
- Trustee will update the church inventory; the last one was done in 2023.
- Trustees need to discuss if they need to make all areas of the church handicap accessible.

**Staff Parish:** Will start working on the Annual Clergy Assessment.

### New Business:

- We have an increase of viewers on YouTube and we are having some connectivity issues with streaming our services. Do we need to get with our provider about these issues, do we need a separate line run? Wendy will take this back to the Trustees.

### List of Important Dates:

March 5        Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent  
March 21-22   Spirit & Truth Conference  
April 20        Easter Sunday  
May 16-18     Spirit & Truth Weekend

Next meeting will be held February 20, 2025.

## Serving Schedule

### Mar 02

**9:00 Liturgist:** Joyce H. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Carol S.  
**Nursery:** 10:15 Debby & Steve S. /11:15 Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralei M.  
**11:15 Greeters:** 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class **Acolytes:** Anna & Emma K. **Scripture Reader:** Loralei M.

### Mar 09

**9:00 Liturgist:** Pam H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Tina & Lily M.  
**Nursery:** 10:15 Elaine P. & Sarah P. /11:15 Kim & Cooper D. & Rose K.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Dick & Mary Ann M. **Acolytes:** Loralei M. & Rose K. **Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

### Mar 16

**9:00 Liturgist:** Loralei M. **Greeters:** Elaine I.  
**Ushers:** Stacy W. and Josh W. **Hospitality Table:** Jim & Kathy W.  
**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.

### Mar 23

**9:00 Liturgist:** Monica S. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.  
**Ushers:** Dan & Erin S. and David & Dawn J. **Hospitality Table:** Elaine P.  
**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.

### Mar 30

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Sophia & Stella B.  
**Ushers:** Steve K. & Kay W. **Hospitality Table:** Chuck B.  
**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.

\*\*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 March 2025

1<sup>st</sup> - Elizabeth Your  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Pam Hitchcock  
4<sup>th</sup> - Jim Mitchell  
Cliff & Katie Poling (47 yrs)  
5<sup>th</sup> - Linda Seman  
6<sup>th</sup> - Jim Scammahorn  
10<sup>th</sup> - Lee Baker  
Jerry Richards  
11<sup>th</sup> - Mike & Denise Sanderson (36 yrs)  
12<sup>th</sup> - Ivie Markley

13<sup>th</sup> - Jim & Kathy Watkins (54 yrs)  
15<sup>th</sup> - Wilma Fryman  
18<sup>th</sup> - Larry Thoele  
19<sup>th</sup> - Matthew Burns  
20<sup>th</sup> - Phil McFadden  
Jim & Janet Balsbaugh (26 yrs)  
24<sup>th</sup> - Dan & Erin Studebaker (24 yrs)  
26<sup>th</sup> - Eames Circle  
28<sup>th</sup> - Marilyn Mitchell  
29<sup>th</sup> - Bob Cox  
Marilyn Stickney

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](mailto:HoffmanGMC@gmail.com) or call (937)698-4401.

## Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	01-26-25	02-02-25	02-09-25	02-16-25
General Offering	6441.00	5500.00	6494.00	1602.00
Weekly Budget Need	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06
Mission Offering	215.00	354.00	271.00	205.00
Maintenance Fund	560.00	327.00	201.00	130.00
Building Fund & Memorials	90.00	122.00	133.00	100.00
Online & Physical Attendance				a.m. Snow
9 a.m. Service at church	80	85	77	28
* Remote viewing	9	12	9	27
11:15 a.m. Service at church	54	51	54	11
* Remote viewing	5	5	7	14
Total Attendance	148	153	147	80



## EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Sunday is the day that many in our congregation want to remember special people who have touched their lives. Easter lilies, daffodils, and tulips and geraniums of assorted colors will be ordered from Andy's Garden to share with the church in the form of sanctuary decorations. Please mark below your choices. *The deadline for ordering flowers was not available at time of print.* Your flowers may be picked up after the second service on Easter Sunday. (Substitutions may be necessary.)

	Quantity	Total Price
6" Lilies @ \$13	_____	\$ _____
6" Daffodils @ \$11	_____	\$ _____
6" *Tulips @ \$ 11	_____	\$ _____
6.5" *Geraniums @ \$ 19 *assorted colors	_____	\$ _____

*Please note: Andy's Garden did not have 2025 prices available before newsletter deadline, so last year's prices were used.*

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

## *People to remember in prayer:*



**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, Aventura at Oakwood Village, 1500 Villa Rd., Springfield OH 45503  
Dorothy Ginn, Cypress Pointe, 600 W. National Rd., Rm 312, 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Dear Hoffman Global Methodist Church,  
Your incredible generosity means the world to us! Thanks to your support we can continue rebuilding and restoring hope in Western North Carolina. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us make a difference!

Savage Freedoms Relief Operations  
(The Mission Fund sent a donation in November 2024.)

Thank you to all of my Hoffman Church family for the happy birthday wishes. You all are deeply appreciated.  
Blessings! Les Trittschuh

### **Publicity Help Wanted**

If anyone is interested in helping Wendy Heisey pursue more publicity options for our church, please contact her at (937) 307-4335 or email at [heiseywendy@yahoo.com](mailto:heiseywendy@yahoo.com).

### **Save the dates!**

#### **Spirit & Truth Weekend at Hoffman**

Friday, May 16 to Sunday, May 18

A retreat for our congregation designed to help ignite a new hunger for God and to offer practical training to take new steps into our discipleship to Jesus.

More details soon!

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

Join us for a Bible study through Lent, beginning Wednesday, March 12 and ending Wednesday, April 16, meal at 5:30 p.m.  
study begins at 6 p.m.

### **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

#### **March 9**

Remember to spring your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 8.



### **Celebration of Life Service for Bob Herron**

March 29 at 2 p.m. at Hoffman GMC

### **Elaine's Trivia Question of Month**

Why was Moses not allowed to enter the promised land?

**Spirit & Truth Conference** March 21-22; Stillwater Church; \$59 Register at <https://www.spiritandtruth.life/ohio>  
*What is a Spirit & Truth Conference?* At Spirit & Truth we long to see the church fully alive! We exist to help equip a global movement of local churches to become empowered by the Spirit, rooted in the truth, and mobilized for the mission. A Spirit & Truth Conference is a gathering for believers to get equipped and seek the powerful presence of the Lord together. It's a chance to learn from respected leaders about ways to spark a new movement of back-to-the-basics, Spirit-filled, missional Christianity.

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

**\*Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our Valentine’s Game Night... also to those who helped thank you. It was a lot of fun!**

**\*If you can help with VBS this year, please let me know! June 29 through July 3.**

Traditional  
Service 9AM



Sunday School  
Hour

10:15-  
11:10AM



Open Door  
Service

11:15AM

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

Bible study will be Sunday, March 9 at 6 p.m.

### CONFIRMATION

The classes will take place during the Sunday school time, 10:15-11:05(ish). Confirmation is the process through which the youth are taken through the basics of the Christian faith and confirmed as active members of the church family. If an individual has not been baptized then they will receive baptism upon being confirmed. We will skip April 27 for the Retreat. For our lessons, we will be using the Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith. (<https://my.seedbed.com/product/the-absolute-basics-of-the-christian-faith>)

### 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!

**Pastor Ty <><**

## Grandma’s Kitchen Opens April 23!

Please join us for our first Grandma’s Kitchen meal of 2025 on Wednesday, April 23. We will serve meals the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month through October *except for May 28*. Doors open at 5:00 for dine-in and we will serve until 6:15; carry-outs are available during the same hours. Our cost this year will be \$8 per meal, which includes beverage and dessert; children’s meals are \$4. Proceeds will be used to support Grandma’s Kitchen as well as local, national and international food programs.

We could use a few more volunteers if you would like to get involved. Most shifts are approximately 2-3 hours and involve Baking (Monday, time varies), Food Prep (Tues. morning), Packing Carry-out Items (Wed. morning), Cooking (Wed. afternoon), Packing for Delivery Routes and Making Deliveries (Wednesday at 4:00), and Serving in the Dining Room (Wed. 5:00). Subs are also needed if you can help on an as-needed basis. Please contact Marilyn Mitchell if you are interested, 937-947-1831 or mbmitchell50@gmail.com.

We look forward to serving you again! Please invite friends, family and neighbors to join you around our tables for a hot meal, friendly service and a pleasant atmosphere. Our first menu will be in the April Towers.

**HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2025 FINANCE REPORT**

**General Budget and Missions**

**January 31, 2025**

**REGULAR OFFERING**

		<b>MONTH</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>
1010	First Sunday	5,801.00	5,801.00
1020	Second Sunday	6,946.00	6,946.00
1030	Third Sunday	4,046.00	4,046.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	6,441.00	6,441.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Regular Offering</b>		<b>23,234.00</b>	<b>23,234.00</b>
1060	Misc. Income	85.00	85.00
<b>**Total Income</b>		<b>23,319.00</b>	<b>23,319.00</b>

		<b>BUDGET FOR YEAR</b>	<b>PAID OUT THIS MONTH</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE OF BUDGET</b>
<b>CONNECTIONAL FUNDING</b>					
1	Connectional Funding AWAC 3%	9,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	5,500.00
2	Connection Funding GMC 1%	3,000.00	965.00	965.00	2,035.00
<b>Total Connectional</b>		<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>4,465.00</b>	<b>4,465.00</b>	<b>7,535.00</b>

<b>MINISTRIES</b>					
3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
5	Worship	750.00	26.49	26.49	723.51
6	Music	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
7	Assimilation	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
8	Vacation Bible School	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	153.83	153.83	4,846.17
12	Mission Support	13,500.00	0.00	0.00	13,500.00
<b>Total Ministries</b>		<b>24,500.00</b>	<b>180.32</b>	<b>180.32</b>	<b>24,319.68</b>

<b>OFFICE, MEDIA, &amp; TECH</b>					
13	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	85.41	85.41	814.59
14	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	222.21	222.21	3,977.79
15	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	1,022.13	1,022.13	2,977.87
16	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Office, Media, &amp; Tech</b>		<b>10,100.00</b>	<b>1,329.75</b>	<b>1,329.75</b>	<b>8,770.25</b>

<b>STAFF &amp; PARISH RELATIONS</b>					
17	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
18	Staff Salary	121,895.34	8,699.68	8,699.68	113,195.66
19	Health Ins.	30,375.16	2,484.68	2,484.68	27,890.48
2	Pension & Self Funded Portion	6,278.76	503.18	503.18	5,775.58
21	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	45.85	45.85	3,954.15
22	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
23	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
24	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,966.74	381.15	381.15	5,585.59
25	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
26	Conference Delegate	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
<b>Total Staff &amp; Parish Relations</b>		<b>171,166.00</b>	<b>12,114.54</b>	<b>12,114.54</b>	<b>159,051.46</b>

<b>TRUSTEES</b>					
27	Maintenance	2,400.00	55.62	55.62	2,344.38
28	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	30,630.00	2,706.78	2,706.78	27,923.22
29	Building Insurance	5,700.00	520.12	520.12	5,179.88
30	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,450.00	0.00	0.00	3,450.00
31	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	7,815.00	1,462.60	1,462.60	6,352.40
32	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	98.73	98.73	931.27
33	Capital Improvement Fund	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00
<b>Total Trustees</b>		<b>56,225.00</b>	<b>4,843.85</b>	<b>4,843.85</b>	<b>51,381.15</b>

<b>**Total General Budgeted Expenses</b>		<b>273,991.00</b>	<b>22,933.46</b>	<b>22,933.46</b>	<b>251,057.54</b>
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<b>MISSIONS</b>					
34	Local Missions	6,500.00	707.70	707.70	5,792.30
35	Global Missions	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
36	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
<b>Total Missions Expenses</b>		<b>9,250.00</b>	<b>707.70</b>	<b>707.70</b>	<b>8,542.30</b>

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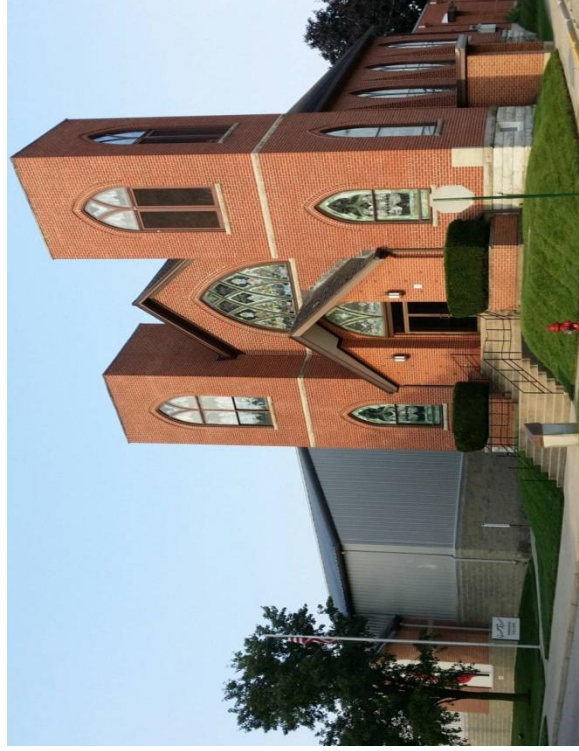
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**HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH**  
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 Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.  
 Phone: (937) 698-4401 Email: HoffmanGMC@gmail.com  
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 Pastor Ty Williams