



THE TOWERS

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

May 2025



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Luke 2:46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Questions. In the Gospels, Jesus is recorded as asking 307 questions. He is asked 183 questions, of which he answers three. Questions. Jesus shows us a powerful way to understand, to connect, to build relationships, to love, is to ask questions. The Apostle Paul tells the Philippians, “in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).

Theodore Roosevelt has a quote that I first heard from former Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel: “People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.” So often, I have entered a conversation with something to prove, to show what I know. When another person is speaking to me, answering a question, I am not listening to their response. Rather, I am just thinking about what I will say. God, forgive me and help me listen better, not looking to my own interests, but to the interests of others.

Holly is the best question-asker and listener I know. I have witnessed too many times to count this scenario: Holly begins asking someone questions about his or her life, their work, or what they enjoy.

Within minutes this person is lit up with excitement and joy, sharing things that are important to him or her. This kind of listening is an effort to make space and to be hospitable to another. It is an act of love. The late David Augsburger, a Mennonite minister, author, and teacher said, “Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable.”

Have you ever had this experience? Someone taking the time to ask about your life and to listen; in the process you feel seen, heard, and loved.

Let us pray and think about how we could return the favor or pay it forward to someone. Who is someone in your life that you could make this kind of space for, ask about their life, and listen - not just to respond but to share God's love? Like many things in life, this takes practice, and we can

improve at it, and God will guide our efforts.

May we value others above ourselves, not looking to our own interests but each of us to the interests of others.

May we be a space-making, question-asking, listening people.

And may we be in awe of the God who knows and loves and works in the lives of all people.

**In Christ's Love,
Pastor Ty <><**



Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting Attendees:

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

Devotion:

Darin Wion shared from Matthew 28:16 -20 (The Great Commission) Darin shared that we have come from different walks of life, each of us have had people disciple us on our walk with the Lord. Jesus says go and make disciples. We also have been sent to serve others. Who can you disciple today?

Mission:

Les Trittschuh came to ask if we wanted to take over the Lion's Club July 4th Chicken Dinner. It is currently being done and distributed from our church. They make 500 dinners, charge \$10.00 per meal and we would make \$3.00 per meal.

Pastor's Report:

- Wednesdays Lent- 30-40 adults attending.
- Spirit and Truth Weekend at Hoffman – May 16 – May 18, 2025. This can be open to the outside. See Pastors notes for the outline of the event.
- April 7-9, 2025 Will be attending a “Young Clergy” retreat at the Reynoldsburg Community Church.
- X-Seminar -May 2, 2025. At the United Theological Seminary. Topic is spirit-filled teach on inner healing.
- Allegheny West Annual Conference June 18-21. Myra will be attending.

Youth Ministry:

- Feb. 23, bible study. 6 students. The study replacing lies with God's truth & artwork.
- March 9, continued with artwork and meditating on God's truth. Next study is April 13.

Children's Ministry

- Vacation Bible School – June 29 – July 3.
- Sunday, July 5 – VBS Sunday

Finance Report:

- Weeks of operations is 15.3 ending the month of February 2025.
- No date due for Money Markets or CD's.
- Motion made by Joyce to approve finance statement, 2nd by Matt. Motion passed. Voted & approved.

Trustees:

- January 2025 maintenance project is replacing flooring in the parsonage. This will be in the kitchen, eating area and family room. This is scheduled for May 5, 2025.
- Internet Service to be looked at for better live streaming. Contacts to Spectrum and Metronet to be completed. Phil McFadden looking into this.
- Discussed purchasing 3 LifeVac choking devices. Wendy made the motion and Tom Kinsey 2nd. All in favor.
- There is a need for Security/hall monitoring during church services was discussed.
- Motion made to approved the Trustees minutes by Denise and 2nd by Darin. Motion passed. Voted and approved.

Staff Parish:

Annual Evaluations with staff. Joyce met with JoAnn and David met with Becky & Norman.

- Becky requested panic button in the basement and nurse. David Jay looking into 4 panic buttons and 2 receivers.

List of Important Dates:

April 20	Easter Sunday
May 16-18	Spirit & Truth Weekend
June 8	Pentecost
June 15	Trinity Sunday
June 18-21	Allegheny West Annual Conference

Serving Schedule

May 04

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Jim & Belinda W.
Nursery: **10:15** Debby & Steve S. / **11:15** Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralie M.
11:15 Greeters: 3rd - 5th Grade Class **Acolytes:** Anna & Emma K. **Scripture Reader:** Tim B.

May 11

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

May 18 ***One Combined Service at 10:30 a.m.*** Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.

10:30 Scripture Reader/Liturgist: Becky G. **Greeters:** Elaine I., Kathy W. and Stacy W.
Ushers: Stacy W. and Josh W. **Hospitality Table:** Phil & Karen M.
Nursery: **9:15** Carol C. & Kathy K.

May 25

9:00 Liturgist: Monica S. **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:** Ben G.

**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 May 2025

4th - Kim Adams
9th - Mike Sanderson
13th - Becky Garrett
15th - David & Linda Thompson (25 yrs)
16th - Joyce Herron
23rd - Chris & Linda Long (27 yrs)
25th - Helen Keller
Myra Lingle



28th - Steve Schumann
29th - Bonnie Brown
Jill Circle
Julia Circle
Linda Thompson
30th - Carol Bailey
31st - Jim Beavers
Anna Knostman
Cliff Poling
Bradley & Bonnie Brown (56 yrs)

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	03-23-25	03-30-25	04-06-25	04-13-25
General Offering	5491.00	4904.00	7027.00	7543.00
Weekly Budget Need	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06
Mission Offering	243.00	470.00	743.00	766.00
Maintenance Fund	81.00	670.00	421.00	556.00
Building Fund & Memorials	91.00	193.00	491.00	253.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	80	67	79	102
* Remote viewing	9	18	9	6
11:15 a.m. Service at church	54	52	56	48
* Remote viewing	1	5	4	5
Total Attendance	144	142	148	161

Spirit & Truth Weekend at Hoffman GMC Friday, May 16 to Sunday, May 18, 2025

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.

To Register: Cost \$20 per person

Email Pastor Ty at HoffmanGMCpastor@gmail.com to confirm you will be attending.
Check payable to Hoffman GMC for \$20 with "Spirit and Truth" in the memo line.

Friday Evening, May 16, 2025: 6:30-8pm Worship/Training: "Cultivating a Hunger for God"

Saturday, May 17, 2025:

9:00-9:30am Morning Prayer/Worship
9:30-12pm Training: "Living a Spirit-Filled Life"
12:00-1:00pm Lunch (box lunch provided)
1:00-2:00pm Training: "Getting Intentional about Sharing Your Faith"
2:00-3:00pm Prayer Outreach
3:00-3:30pm Debrief and Testimonies
6:30-8:00pm Closing Worship

**Sunday, May 18, 2025: Join us for a special combined worship services at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.**

People to remember in prayer:



Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Dixie Porter as she passed away on March 22, 2025

At Home: Phil Blue, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Cheryl Owen, Mary Maess, 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 Church Family, Thank you all for the beautiful anniversary cards sent to us for our 26th wedding anniversary. Also thank you for all the sympathy cards for the loss of our cousin, Dixie Porter. We appreciate you all; God bless!
Love, Janet & Jim Balsbaugh

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN May 2025 MENU

Serving 5 to 6:15 p.m.

May 14th J's Swiss Chicken
Parsley Potatoes
Peas
Cream Puffs

Thank you for supporting me in my recent mission trip to the United Kingdom. I got to experience God's great commission first-hand while serving in Birmingham UK. As a group of students from Wright State University we were able to have 59 spiritual conversations and got 46 students connected with the local Agape group for follow up. The students we interacted with were from 17 different countries. God is doing great things at the universities both locally and in the United Kingdom. Thank you again for being part of my mission trip and allowing me to have this rich experience.
Brandon Hubler

Church Rummage Sale

June 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. When doing your spring cleaning, remember to save sellable items for the sale. Items may be set behind the partitions on the stage.

Dear Hoffman Global Methodist Church, Thank you for your generous donation of \$800 worth of toiletries and supplies for our relief pantry at Partners in Hope in Troy; your love of people and caring heart is what makes our community truly a wonderful place to live. Noel Martin

Your SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations Committee, formerly known as Pastor-Parish Relations) wants to hear from you. Do you have comments? Questions? Suggestions? David Hayes and Joyce Hoffmaster will be available in Room 5 between services on May 25 to listen. Or if you prefer, you may put a note in one of our mailboxes. We need your input to do our jobs representing you.

Thank you church family for the many prayers, calls, messages, and cards; Blessings to you all! Elaine P.

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

Who helped carry the cross of Jesus?

Thank you to all who helped with the Lenten meals. You are loved and very much appreciated!

Kathy, Melodye, and Elaine

(A BIG HoffmanGMC 'thank you' to Kathy, Melodye, and Elaine for all their hard work preparing the meals.)



May 11, 2025



With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

May 26, 2025

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



Please let Becky know if you can help with VBS this year!! We need lots more volunteers!!

Announcement!!

For the months of May, June, July and August, we will be combining all the children's classes together in the gym during the Sunday school hour. The youth will join us in June.

We want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our Sunday school volunteers for their time this year. We truly appreciate your willingness to serve. We look forward to starting back up in September with our volunteers.

Please read VBS information on far right!

Decorating

June 23-26 from 6:30-8:30 each evening

Vacation Bible School

June 29-July 3 from 6:00-8:30 each evening.

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



The next Youth Bible study will be May 25 at 6pm

Remember: May 11 is Mother's Day

May 18 is CF Walk

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2025 FINANCE REPORT

**General Budget and Missions
March 31, 2025**

REGULAR OFFERING		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	6,278.00	17,579.00
1020	Second Sunday	6,649.00	20,089.00
1030	Third Sunday	5,030.00	10,678.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	5,491.00	21,620.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	4,904.00	4,904.00
Total Regular Offering		28,352.00	74,870.00
1060	Misc. Income	125.00	346.50
**Total Income		28,477.00	75,216.50

		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
CONNECTIONAL FUNDING					
1	Connectional Funding AWAC 3% -100% p	9,000.00	1,256.37	8,256.37	743.63
2	Connection Funding GMC 1% - 100% paid	3,000.00	1,066.97	2,896.97	103.03
Total Connectional		12,000.00	2,323.34	11,153.34	846.66

MINISTRIES					
3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	115.78	115.78	634.22
5	Worship	750.00	-128.16	-33.45	783.45
6	Music	750.00	112.94	112.94	637.06
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	120.00	630.00
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	153.22	307.05	4,692.95
12	Mission Support	13,500.00	0.00	0.00	13,500.00
Total Ministries		24,500.00	253.78	622.32	23,877.68

OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH					
13	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	686.52	771.93	128.07
14	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	47.90	822.68	3,377.32
15	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	110.69	1,567.51	2,432.49
16	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	845.11	3,162.12	6,937.88

STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS					
17	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
18	Staff Salary	121,895.34	11,074.60	28,473.96	93,421.38
19	Health Ins.	30,375.16	2,482.73	7,452.09	22,923.07
2	Pension & Self Funded Portion	6,278.76	431.06	1,437.42	4,841.34
21	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	460.54	531.77	3,468.23
22	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
23	Pulpit Supply	500.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
24	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,966.74	476.44	1,268.06	4,698.68
25	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
26	Conference Delegate	600.00	170.00	170.00	430.00
Total Staff & Parish Relations		171,166.00	16,195.37	40,433.30	130,732.70

TRUSTEES					
27	Maintenance	2,400.00	144.20	762.40	1,637.60
28	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	30,630.00	2,807.15	8,556.54	22,073.46
29	Building Insurance	5,700.00	520.08	1,560.28	4,139.72
30	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,450.00	0.00	1,583.72	1,866.28
31	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	7,815.00	520.15	1,982.75	5,832.25
32	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	42.15	210.97	819.03
33	Capital Improvement Fund	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00
Total Trustees		56,225.00	4,033.73	14,656.66	41,568.34

**Total General Budgeted Expenses		273,991.00	23,651.33	70,027.74	203,963.26
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MISSIONS					
34	Local Missions	6,500.00	1,609.96	3,317.66	3,182.34
35	Global Missions	2,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
36	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
Total Missions Expenses		9,250.00	2,609.96	4,567.66	4,682.34

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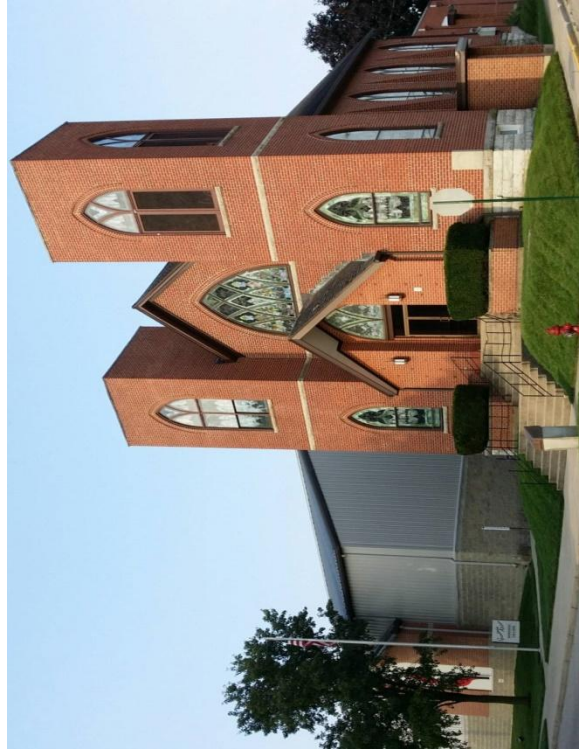
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May
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HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
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 Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
 Phone: (937) 698-4401 Email: HoffmanGMC@gmail.com
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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