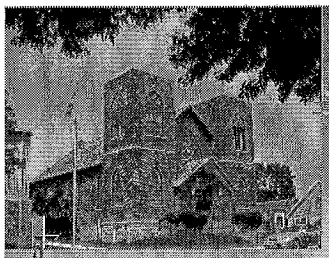


THE TOWERS

hoffman united methodist church
201 S. Main St, West Milton, Ohio 45383 August 2017

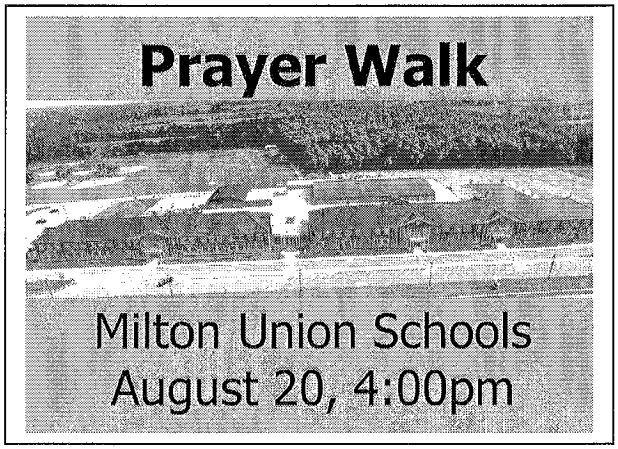
A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Prayers, Intercession, and Thanksgiving

1 Timothy 2:1-4 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Hello Friends,

Through the years I have found that one of the more difficult things to do when moving from one community to another is to leave behind ministries and outreaches proven fruitful. Each location in ministry is unique, and there is never an assurance of that ministry ever showing up again in another context where it might not be appropriate, or might not even fit that community. However, on the other side of this is the joy of finding ministries in place that make my soul sing. One of those ministries here has been the Prayer Walk through the School. Being granted permission to not only walk the hallways, but also to enter classrooms and agree in prayer for God to protect and bless those who lead, teach, learn, and encourage within those walls. It is a marvelous experience, one that is appreciated by many of those who serve our children. When I am in various rooms for parent-teacher conferences, I note that many hang the certificates signed by the prayer teams in prominence in their classrooms. I don't mention it to the teacher during my time there, as we don't do it to draw attention. This is not an outreach. This is not something we do to draw people to a congregation. It is instead approaching the throne room of grace, asking God to watch over the souls gathered there in various capacities.



As a parent, it has been difficult to see my kids come home from school talking about their new "codes" for when they need to barricade doors, or grab scissors for weapons against an intruder, or escape the building into the woods...it is a different world my children are growing up in, and this space we entrust them to everyday needs to be surrounded by and filled with prayer. It does not matter whether legislation ever involves prayer in school officially or not, prayer is needed for the sake of every man, woman, boy, and girl who is there throughout the school year.

This is a work shared among the Milton Union Council of Churches, but one in which the people of Hoffman have particularly invested themselves. Obviously, it is a large structure, so if you are able to be present to pray, but cannot walk the grounds or the hallways, I am certain your prayers can do some holy fighting from a chair in the library. I want to invite all who would to join us for this work of prayer. I assure you, it is worth every moment of your time.

Another good investment of your time will be the Annual Church Picnic on August 6 at 5839 Jay Rd. Swimming begins at 2:30 with Dinner at 5:30. Bring a dish to share as we fellowship together as a church family.

Our next worship series is going to be looking at the Book of Judges. Characters like Gideon and Samson are among the highlights and lowlights as we see the "lens" through which the people of Israel lived during a time when "...there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes"(NAS). This dangerous way of living brought consequences worth looking at in 2017, when there is a temptation to live with similar goals. I am hopeful it will help all of us to seek God's ways instead of our own.

In His Service and Yours,

Robbie

Hoffman United Methodist Church

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Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Cindy Johnston led a devotion on faith. She used the saying, "Faith is going to the edge of all the light you have and taking one more step." She used James 3:1-4 as her scripture guide.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Robbie shared that the average attendance for May was 167 and June was 147.

Pam Hitchcock has been quite busy with Lunch Bunch and the Dental Clinic.

Joseph Knostman had a very successful Youth Mission trip. The students were really impacted by serving others. They also loved the worship time during the trip. Additionally, 6 youth have been to Grandma's Kitchen to help serve.

Becky Garrett recently purchased curriculum for the nursery. Courtney Wion has been doing a great job with Kids' Club.

On July 30, there will be a river baptism.

Chair Lift Fund

The church is still accepting donations for the chair lift fund; we need about $900 more to have it completely funded.

Upcoming Events

July 30: River Baptism
August 3-6: Art Show
August 6: Church Picnic
August 20: Prayer Walk through School, 4pm
November 7: Election Day Dinner
November 18: Craft Show

Mission & Ministry

Tina Mathews shared the Annual Conference Report for the 48th conference. The theme was "Do Not be Afraid Facing the Future." Each of the 3 days was filled with worship, voting, mission reports, and updates. She shared that the Wings of Morning plane purchased by the United Methodist Church is being used to serve those in remote areas get to places that can provide medical care. Additionally, the UMC has been working in Haiti as well. Another take away was about the importance of prayer as we engage in or prepare to engage in new opportunities to serve those around us.

Sound System Replacement

The sound system is in the process of being selected and finalized.

Trustee Report

After the storm, both the church and the parsonage will receive new roofs. There was also quite a bit of damage to the air conditioners.

There has been some discussion about a security system. The trustees are still researching different options for this topic.

Meeting Attendees

Jill Circle, Cindy Johnston, Robbie Scott, David Jay, Les Trittschuh, Valerie McKay, John Ankerman, Richard Smith, Tina Mathews, Phil McFadden, Megan Bryson.

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People to remember in prayer:

At Home: Phil Blue, Ron & Alma Butt, Nan Guthrie, Valaria Harshbarger, Dick & Eugenie Markley, Joetta Perry, Shirley Richhart, Fred Sanders, Katie Weeks and Nancy Wolf

At Centers: Jean Brown, Brookdale Place, 95 Wenger Rd., Rm 1107, Englewood, OH 45322
Reba Hellard, 3151 Orders Road, Grove City OH 43132
John Jackson, 46 Lavender Pl, Tipp City OH 45371
Wilma Johnston, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 39, Troy OH 45373
Christine and Jim Pruitt, Brookdale Place, 95 Wenger Rd., Apt 310 Englewood, OH 45322,
Lloyd Shaeffer, Brethren Home, 750 Chestnut St., OV 119 Greenville OH 45331
Jean Truitt, Wedgewood Estates of Mansfield, 6005 Trimble Rd, Rm 101, Mansfield OH 44906

Please remember all of our shut-ins with cards and prayers.

THANKS

Dear Church Family, I praise God that I got through my heart procedure on June 21st. Thank you for your prayers, cards, and other kind acts. Your concern and continued prayers are greatly appreciated. Carol Bailey

I have truly felt the love from all of you! In fact I have been overwhelmed by the love, cards, and prayers. Thank you all for your concern. I am progressing slowly, but well, and got a good biopsy report. I'm praising God every day. John Hitchcock

Hoffman Congregation, I'm grateful for all the get well messages that everyone has sent. I am happy to know that I'm surrounded by so much love and blessings. Reading all your get well messages has helped me in my recovery and I appreciate it very much. I am getting stronger as each day goes by and soon I will be able to return and worship our Lord with you.

Your Loving Servant in Christ, Jim Watkins
(Kathy also sends her thanks to everyone.)

Thank you to everyone who donated items and monetary donations towards the military care packages. We appreciate your kindness! The Keep In Touch Ministry

To our wonderful church family, we want to thank everyone for the out pouring of prayers, concerns, and kindness. Thanks everyone for the suppers and thanks to Cheryl Chasteen for setting up the meal train. Thanks to Pam Hitchcock and Grandma's Kitchen. Please still keep us in your prayers; I have a long way to go yet.

Love & Prayers to all, Kathy & Tom Kinsey & Riko

A Great Big Thank You

When the United Methodist Women decided that the quilt show was no longer getting the interest that it once brought to the doors of Hoffman, and it was time to get another project, Katie Poling suggested that we sponsor an International Food Fest. None of us had ever been involved with this sort of adventure, but with Katie's vision and guidance, we all stepped out of our comfort zone and proceeded on faith alone. Katie led us and encouraged us and we put it all together. Eight countries were represented with typical foods, and local history artifacts and possessions from their country of interest. Susie Spitler did a good job with getting the word out to local town's people and surrounding communities. We had a great turnout and everyone had a wonderful time socializing at the eating tables. A great big thank you to Katie Poling and Susie Spitler and to the great cooks in our congregation; we all broadened our horizons and learned about other cultures.

THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To our Hoffman family: Scott and I would like to express our true appreciation for your loving support through our mutual battle against cancer. I started my fight in February and Scott was diagnosed a couple months later. Our doctor is confident that they found Scott's early enough and he doesn't have to follow-up for a year. Thank God. Your phone calls, cards, loving hugs and caring words have brought us much comfort as I continue my battle. Our faith in God stands strong that he is taking care of us. Thanks again for your love.

Cindy Garrett-Johnston

Thanks to everyone who helped clean-up the park grounds and Washington Street on July 5th. I was complimented on a job superbly done. We had 23 volunteers! We received $ 400.00 for our efforts. $150.00 was given to the general fund. Blessings! Les

Volunteers are needed to help with back to school supplies Aug. 7th and 8th from 5:00-7:00pm at the UCC church.

If you are willing to help park cars at the Miami County Fair on Aug. 11th, 12th, and 13th, contact Mike Circle at 623-5731.

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN AUGUST 2017 MENU

HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

201 S. MAIN STREET, WEST MILTON 698-4401 Website: HoffmanUMC.org

SERVING MOST WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING AT 5:00 to 6:15 P.M.

PUBLIC INVITED CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE $7 DONATION PER MEAL Kids Meal $3

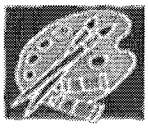
August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th
Meat Loaf Supreme	Barbecue Chicken	Turkey and Dressing
Mashed Potatoes	Potato Salad	Mashed Potatoes
California Blend	Baked Beans	Green Beans
Cream Puffs	Brownies	Pie

August 23rd	August 30th
Lasagna	Beef Hot Shots
Garlic Bread	Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Salad	Corn
Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

** Grandma's Kitchen will be closed on September 6th **

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Art Show

Opening Reception: Aug 4th -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Show Hours: Aug 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Aug 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hoffman Church Picnic
August 6th 2:30 to ?

at the home of Marty and Wendy Black at 5839 S Jay Road, W. Milton. Swimming begins at 2:30 -- Dinner at 5:30. Please bring a covered dish to share and a folding chair. Meat, condiments, table service and drinks provided. Contact: Mike Circle @ 623-5731.

Bulldog Bags

Last year went so well, that we have been asked to help even more kids this year. This year the amount for one child is $150 and this covers them getting a bag of food each Friday for the whole year. Please prayerfully consider donating money to this worthy cause. If you have any questions, please ask Becky Garrett.

Chancel Choir

It is that time of year again. We will have our first choir rehearsal on Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00PM, SHARP. Everyone is invited to come join this celebration of praises to God. We will not be in the choir loft until Sunday, September 10th. That will give us an extra rehearsal to prepare. Come join the fun as we lift our voices to praise God. If you have any questions, please see or call Norman Hiester at 698-3280.

Bell Choir

There will also be a bell choir this year so I am looking for people willing to ring a couple bells every week. Don't use the excuse that "*I can't ring bells*" because we will teach you. Don't use the excuse that "*I can't read music*" because all you need to know is the difference between the color pink and color blue and you will be able to read our bell music. There is a lot of fun and good fellowship at these rehearsals so come join us. Our first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30. Anyone interested please give Norman Hiester a call at 698-3280.

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

For Carol Coate

SUNDAY AUG. 27TH 3:00-7:00pm

West Milton Public Library at 560 S. Main St

Please join in celebrating Carol's retirement!

No gifts please, instead donations can be made to the library in Carol's honor.

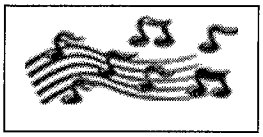
August "Body" Health

2017 Adult Ministry News

"to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:12

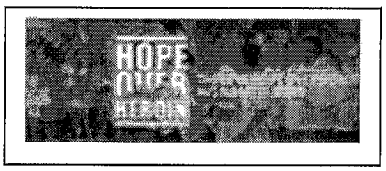
Staff Contact: Pam Hitchcock

P. 698-6511 or
E. pamhitchcock@Hoffmanumc.org



Spotlight for August: Music Ministry

Music! A vital aspect of any worship service, no matter if it is traditional, contemporary, or blended. The more people that are involved with the music, the better the worship experience. Hoffman offers many opportunities to participate. We have the Chancel Choir. We have the Bell Choir. We have a Praise Band for the Open Door service. All of these groups have room for more volunteers willing to give their time and talent. If you have a willingness to share your talents see either Norman Hiester or Pastor Robbie. Call 698-4401 to leave a message for them.

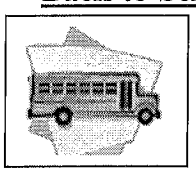


Upcoming Community Heroin Events

Aug. 12 *Ride for Recovery* –Stops at Hoffman about 2PM! Pastor Robbie will offer a prayer and we will *give-away* water. *If your group would like to use this as a service project, let me know.* Hosted by Miami County Recovery Council, the motorcycle ride will end in Piqua at the Hope Over Heroin Event.

Aug. ***11/12--Hope Over Heroin Event***
Mote Park, Piqua, Fri. Aug. 11 @7PM and Sat. Aug. 12 Walk at 5PM; Main Event at 7PM. Free Food, Live Music, Giveaways. *Call Virgil to volunteer. 698-6024.*

Back-to-School Tax Free Weekend Aug. 4-6



Clothing priced at $75 per item or less; School supplies and instructional material priced at $20 per item or less.

Urgent Ushering and Greeting: Thurs. Aug. 10 at 6:30 PM, for our Ushers and Greeters in the Sanctuary—we will discuss critical issues which could present themselves during worship (tornadoes, illnesses and other emergencies). We will also learn how to operate the new chairlift. You will definitely want this training!

Ladies Small Groups Starting Up Again!

Tues. 6:30p Young Women's group starts Sept. 5th and will be studying, 'No More Perfect Moms'. Contact: Lesli or Becky 698-6511

Weds. 9AM Study starts Sept 13th. They will be studying 2 Corinthians, 'All Things New,' a women's study. Nancy 698-3797.

Weds. Evening group at 6:30p will be starting Sept. 13th. Short overview of Revelation to start.

Outreach to M-U Schools

School Prayer Walk: Sun. Aug. 20th @ 4pm. Meet inside the school Library. This is our annual walk around the school hallways, and classrooms to pray for the staff, the kids, and the community members who will enter the school throughout the year. Call Becky for info. 698-6511.

School Staff Luncheon: Mon., August 21st @ 11am. We will need food prepared and servers. Watch for the clipboards soon! Meet at the Cafetorium at 11am. The teachers will eat around noon. Call Becky for more info. 698-6511.

Serving Schedule

Aug 6th – Altar flowers are open

9:00 **Liturgist:** Valerie McKay **Greeters:** Nadine Thompson & Nancy Lightcap
Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spitler **Hospitality:** John & Carol Carter
Nursery: 10:15 Kim D. &Teesha B. /**11:15** Jill C. & Wendy H.

11:15 **Greeters:** Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy Koeller **Scripture Reader:** Norman H. **Sound:** Eric M.
Ushers: Les & Sharon T. and John A. **Welcome Center:** ??? **Media:** Norman H.

Aug 13th – Altar flowers are open

9:00 **Liturgist:** Mike Circle **Greeters:** Bill & Judy Brown
Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Tom & Janet Weeks
Nursery: 10:15 Marcia C. & Lesli R. /**11:15** Kathy Koeller and Cliff & Katie P.

11:15 **Greeters:** Lisa W., Dick & Mary Ann Martens **Scripture Reader:** Dean B. **Sound:** Jill C.
Ushers: Julia C., Ben G., Sally & Paul Miller **Welcome Center:** Patti & Courtney W. **Media:** Norman H.

Aug 20th – Altar flowers are open

9:00 **Liturgist:** Becky Garrett **Greeters:** Nancy Studebaker & Richard Smith
Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn, & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** Phil & Karen McFadden
Nursery: 10:15 Jill C. & Linda T. /**11:15** Tina M. & Jennifer Knostman

11:15 **Greeters:** Jennifer Keller, Amanda B., and Tom K. **Scripture Reader:** Patti W. **Sound:** Norman H.
Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B. **Welcome Center:** Mike & Denise S. **Media:** Michael B.

Aug 27th – Altar flowers are in celebration of Katie Poling's birthday

9:00 **Liturgist:** Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Carol Bailey & Carol Storer
Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn **Hospitality:** Jim & Marilyn Mitchell & Valerie M.
Nursery: 10:15 Eric & Johanna M. /**11:15** Megan B. & Ben G.

11:15 **Greeters:** Sally & Paul M. **Scripture Reader:** Matt B. **Sound:** Norman H.
Ushers: Mike & Denise S., Tom K., & Lisa W. **Welcome Center:** Lisa W. **Media:** Valerie M.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary
August 2017

2nd – Jim & Belinda Wright (26 yrs)
3rd - Karra Beard
Mary Maess
5th- David Bryson
7th - Sarah Harris
Fred & Cathy Brown (51 yrs)
9th - Phil Blue
11th - Bev Brubaker
12th - Jerid Raines
13th - Jayce Lawhorn
15th - Tammy Lugabihl
Pyper Sharkins
Dustin & Chelsi Jay (2 yrs)
17th – Wayne Spitler
18th - Nadine Thompson
19th – John Jackson
Fred Sanders

20th – Shirley Garreth
Scott Johnston
Richard Smith
21st - Krystle Gunder
Pastor Robbie Scott
24th - Dean Bryson
Aaron Guittar
Chris Harris
Kyoko Howard
27th - Bob & Marilyn Kraft (40 yrs)
Janet Willis
28th - Dick & Mary Ann Martens (57 yrs)
30th - John & Pam Hitchcock (14 yrs)
Emily Benkert
31st - Katie Poling

Hoffman United Methodist Church

Aug 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9am - Worship 10:15am - S School 11:15am - Worship 12:30pm - River 6:30pm - Ignite	31	1 6:30pm - Men's	2 5pm - Grandma's	3 12:30pm - W Design 5pm - Setup Art 7:30pm - Praise	4 6:30pm - Opening	5 10am - Art Show A.
6 Communion 9am - Worship 10:15am - S School 11am - Art Show A. 11:15am - Worship 2:30pm - Picnic 6:30pm - Ignite	7 7pm - Visitation	8 6:30pm - Men's	9 5pm - Grandma's	10 6:30pm - Ushering 7:30pm - Praise	11	12 1pm - Ride for
13 9am - Worship 10:15am - S School 11:15am - Worship 6:30pm - Ignite	14	15 6:30pm - Men's	16 5pm - Grandma's	17 9am - Pot Pie Making K & A.C. 6:30pm - Board Mtg 8:30pm - Praise	18	19
20 Prayer Walk 9am - Worship 10:15am - S School 11:15am - Worship 6:30pm - Ignite	21	22 6:30pm - Men's	23 5pm - Grandma's	24 Towers' Deadline 9am - Pot Pie Making K & A.C. 7:30pm - Praise	25	26 10am - Kids Hope 1pm - Private Party
27 9am - Worship 10:15am - S School 11:15am - Worship 6:30pm - Ignite	28	29 6:30pm - Men's	30 5pm - Grandma's 7pm - Chancel Choir	31 Mail Towers 9am - Pot Pie Making K & A.C. 6:30pm - 4-H - B 7:30pm - Praise	1	2 10am - Nursery

SPARK! children's ministry

Greetings Church Family!

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart." Winnie the Pooh

What an awesome summer!! Kids Club had a great summer and we want to thank everyone who drove, gave food, and prayed for our kids ! We look forward to seeing our kids next summer!!

Kids Hope will be starting up soon. We will have a meeting on August 26th at 10am in the basement. If you would like to become a mentor or are a current mentor or prayer partner, please plan to come for this meeting.

September 2 at 10am in the basement we will have a meeting for all nursery workers, children's church workers, and Pre-k thru 5 Sunday School teachers. If you are currently working with us or would like to start, please plan to come for this meeting.

Date to remember: September 17- Back to Church Sunday!!

Kids Hope Meeting
Aug. 26 10am

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Workers Meeting
Sept. 2 10am

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September 17
Back to Church
Sunday- Family Fun
Day!!!

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

Cold Stone Creamery
August 20
6:30-8:30
(We will meet at church, if you need a ride.)

Ignite
Every Sunday
6:30-8:30

Youth Director: Joseph Knostman
knostmanj@gmail.com
937-573-7212

Hello Ignite Family and Friends!

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity"
I Timothy 4:12

ignite student ministry

It has been a busy summer! At the beginning of July we returned from our youth Mission Trip to Copperhill, TN. I am so proud of our youth and so blessed to be a part of watching them grow as they serve others! Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoyed the youth's presentation during both worship services. We have also had multiple youth volunteer and serve at Grandma's Kitchen on Wednesdays. In addition to serving, we have been having lots of fun playing dodgeball, kickball, and enjoying a cookout and swim party! (THANK YOU BENKERTS!)

Now that August is here, it is quickly approaching back-to-school time! To celebrate and start the school year off right, Ignite will be going to Cold Stone Creamery in Troy on August 20 during the normal Ignite meeting time.

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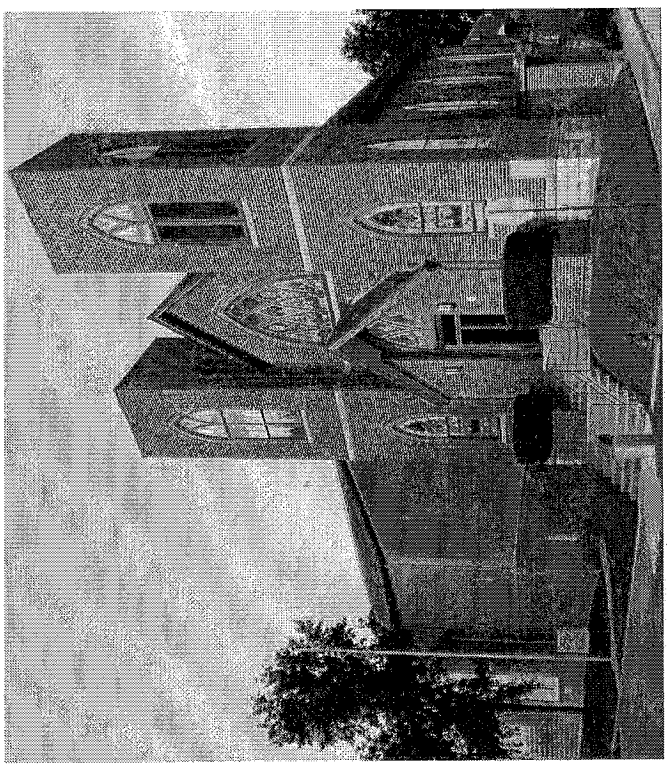

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