

REMEMBRANCE

Luke 22:19-20 <sup>19</sup> And when [Jesus] had taken *some* bread *and* given thanks, He broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>20</sup> And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.

The past month has been full of activity. This is not necessarily "new" here at Hoffman, for this is easily the most active congregation I have ever served. I normally do not spend much time on this page reflecting on what happened during the past month, for usually the next activities are well underway and I am rushing on to the next thing. Just last evening the youth and children's ministries combined for a Family Fun Night with nearly 90 in

attendance to carve pumpkins, eat tacos and ice cream, and take silly selfie pictures throughout the building. I shared a couple quick snapshots in this month's picture.

At the beginning of the month, World Communion Sunday, I was blessed to serve so many of you at the altar rail. Following the services that day, our United Methodist Women hosted a carry-in dinner, which is so historically fitting on World Communion Sunday, as it helps solidify the meaning of Communion, that it isn't grape juice and bread, but being in "Community" with one another. Christians around the world shared in Holy Communion that day, and that is all about being one community in Christ no matter our geolocation. How marvelous it was then, to share in that moment, and have it followed by another moment of community in our Activity Center, as households from both serves dined together. During the meal there was an invitation to write God moments, God sightings on "sticky notes" and place them on a wall. Sightings shared included visits to shut-ins, meals delivered for others, and the sight of children taking part in Holy Communion, as the altar rail was full of children from the program practice taking part in this...remembrance.

One could say the sharing of Holy Communion is an act of community remembrance of One who changed everything for the world in general, and for us individually. While there may be those who don't need reminders, our culture is in a terrible hurry to move along and not look to the past. While God's Grace allows me to believe my past no longer defines nor condemns me, I also believe God's Grace has put many

people on my path who taught me much about the faith. The people in my past are a part of why I am who I am today. I have to be honest that some of those influenes have not been positive, but countless others have shaped my spiritual journey in positive ways.

One of the lessons from our Church Board study this year challenged us to write margins into our calendar so we have a chance to reflect, to celebrate, to learn from our various ministry events. If we are not

purposeful to write this space into our lives, we risk staying merely "busy," and miss the God moments happening all around us. Those invited reflections during the carry in dinner were a small way we can stop, reflect and remember. Thank You to all who shared on those sticky notes, who helped me take a moment to stop and remember.

November grants us multiple opportunities to reflect, if we do not rush by it too quickly. We will be remembering Hoffman members, and extended Hoffman friends who have joined the church victorious over the last year as we celebrate All Saints' Day. We will receive and pray blessings over the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes as they are gathered and prepared for national and internation deployment. On the back of this page is this year's pledge card, as we reflect upon what God may be calling us to invest in the work of Hoffman through our time and finances. My hope is we also all have a meaningful season of thanksgiving and remembrance in the coming weeks. With a grateful heart for all you do for God's Kingdom, I am,

In Christ's Service and Yours,





**2 Corinthians 9:7** Fach man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

You should Never feel under compulsion to give or to serve, but we do want all to have the opportunity to invest themselves into our mission To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world.

Our Pledge Cards have been redesigned for this year, and have multiple designated giving options, regarding time (week/month/year), and regarding designated giving. To help clarify, here are some Basic Definitions, as well as the corresponding words on the Register of Attendance and Offering Board in the Sanctuary:

<u>General Fund</u>("Budget Need"): Our operations budget. It includes utilities, supplies, and staff salaries for the year. In recent years this has undergone many cuts. The 2020 budget is rising slightly for the first time since the 2017 budget. If **no** designation is marked, gifts and offerings are placed in the General Fund.

<u>Missions</u>: Our finances designated to help others. Church World Service (in Apportionments), District Mission Grants, Missionary Support, and some Local needs as we become aware of them.

Our Trustees manage the <u>Maintenance</u> and <u>Capital Improvements</u> line items, which focus specifically on the care of Hoffman facilities (and it would be much more difficult to fulfill our mission without our facilities). On the board in the sanctuary, "Building Fund" records <u>both</u> the Maintenance and Capital Improvement giving from the previous week. While Maintenance represents moneys to be spent on the repair and upkeep of our facility and property, our Capital Improvements are for larger expenses which can also be a repair or a replacement. Capital Improvement work at Hoffman in the last two years has included:

#### 2018

- Replaced the parsonage furnace: \$3,680
- Replaced Activity Center A/C unit: \$8,400
- Replaced 3 Education Wing A/C units: \$19,000
- Replaced Education Wing Carpeting: \$7,192

#### **2019** (to date)

- Replaced garage roof: \$5,400
- Brick mortar replacement/repair: \$7,975
- Replaced flat roofs on towers: \$24,984
- Tower Ceiling Repair (coming soon)

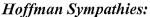
Thank you for all you already do to support the work and ministry of Hoffman United Methodist. This written pledge will allow you to contemplate what God is calling you to share and will also help our Finance Secretary prepare envelopes for your household's 2020 giving. While you will receive quarterly updates, the gift of Time will not be recorded, it is here for your contemplation of service, and you need not specifically list Time gifts.

We will receive the pledge cards in worship on November 17, as well as the Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

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This commitment may be revised or cancelled at my request at any time and is only viewed by the Finance Secretary.

# People to remember in prayer:



to the family of Tonya (Caldwell), daughter of Rev & Mrs. Caldwell, as she passed away on Sept. 27, 2019 to the family of Connie Peters, Carol Bailey's sister, as she passed away on Sept. 28, 2019

At Home: Phil Blue, Nan Guthrie, Valaria Harshbarger, Charlotte Hepfer, Cindy Johnston,

Helen Keller, Kathy Kinsey, Terry & Wendy Long, Mary Maess, Dick & Eugenie Markley,

Miriam Miller, Joetta Perry, Shirley Richhart, and Monica Winemiller

At Centers: Eldon Hoke, Grace Brethren, 1010 Taywood Rd., Rm 30, Englewood OH 45322

John Jackson, 46 Lavender Pl, Tipp City OH 45371

Katie Weeks, 1746 E Silver Star Road #525, Ocoee FL 34761

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANK YOU

Greetings one and all! My family and I are so grateful for your sympathy, prayers and support amidst this season of grief as we celebrated my Dad's journey from this life to the next. Your outreach is deeply felt and brings a smile to Peace, Love, Laughter and Prayer, my soul.

Rev. Tim Benkert and Family

#### **Emmaus Woman's Share Group**

Tues., Nov. 5th at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd.

## 160th Chicken Pot Pie Election Day Dinner Nov 5<sup>h</sup> from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Homemade chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dinner roll, assorted desserts, plus a beverage. \$7.50 donation. Dine in or carry out

#### Honoring All Union Township Veterans

Saturday, November 9, 2019 @ 2 p.m. In the Activity Center - the public is invited! Retired Miami Street banners will be presented to families.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts deadline is November 17th. See information on table in lobby.

Early December Towers' deadline of November 14th mailing date November 21st

Dear Church Family, Your prayers and contacts were a great comfort during the recent passing of my sister, Connie. Thank you for caring, Carol Bailey

Thanks to everyone who supported the CROP Walk

Thanks to John & LaVerne Hennemyre for hosting the bonfire.

You are all so truly wonderful in so many ways. Thank you for all the signs of appreciation you have showered upon me. I am blessed by knowing you, JoAnn Antonides

#### Interested in going on or volunteering at an Emmaus

Walk? Get your application submitted soon and give to Shelia Shade. Contact the church office or for more info:daytonemmaus.org.

2020 Walks:

Men's #68 Jan 16 - 19th Normandy UMC Women's #107 Feb 20 – 23rd Normandy UMC

Church Charge Conference will be held November 21st at 7:30 p.m. after the Church Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

#### Hoffman's Annual Craft Show

November 23rd from 9a.m. to 3p.m. Our booth needs lots of crafts and homemade goodies.

### **Community Thanksgiving Service**

November 27th at 7 p.m. at Transfiguration Church

# Announcements and Updates

Hoffman UMC Christmas Party Sat., Dec., 7th. Hor d'oeuvres at 6:00. Dinner at 6:30 with entertainment following at 7:15. Danny Schneibe will entertain us with songs from the 60's, 70's and today along with some American and Irish folk music Swiss chicken bake will be provided as the main course. Please plan to bring a dish to share. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you.

Christmas Staff Gifts will be presented to the staff at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas party in appreciation for all their hard work. Please be generous with your support and place your contribution in an envelope marked "Staff Gifts" by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and put in the offering plate. Thank you for your contribution. Cindy J. & Carol S., SPRC

You may or may not be familiar with our local FISH organization. Many area churches help support its work in providing food and financial assistance to people in need in our community. Like many organizations, it cannot function without great volunteers.

FISH has a need for volunteers to take phone calls, ONE DAY a MONTH. They have a different volunteer for each day of the month, and that person takes the phone call, some information, and then calls the other volunteers that connect the resources to the need. The main job description is time (one day per month, such as first Tuesday, or 3rd Wednesday, or example), and the ability to take a couple notes so the resources are connected to the right person. This task really makes a difference, and helps keep the work light across many hands. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help with this ministry, please call Wendy Black at 937-875-1170.

Hello friends. Last month I introduced many of you to a ministry called The Voice of the Martyrs. This is a ministry for the persecuted church. I thought I may pass on some of the most hostile counties in which our brothers and sisters are risking their lives to spread the Gospel of our Lord. As you may guess North Korea is at the top of the list. If you are discovered being an active Christian or with a bible you will sent to a labor camp or killed on the spot. It is estimated that 300,000 Christians are secretly living out their faith and finding ways to follow Jesus. Number two is Afghanistan, where the most common punishment is death, or to be put in a psychiatric hospital and have your home destroyed. Many former Muslims that have accepted Jesus are in hiding. As you can guess most Islamic nations are extremely dangerous to be a believer, but the Gospel is still spreading in countries like Libya, Somalia, Pakistan., Iran and Iraq. One country that has become increasing hostile is India. The Gospel is spreading rapidly, which is good news, but it comes with a heavy cost. Church have been violently attacked, many who have said yes to Jesus have been denied water supplies or access to food.

November 3rd is the International day of prayer for the persecuted church. Please consider praying on that day for our brothers and sisters in one of the countries mentioned who are paying the ultimate cost.

Thank you. Until he returns, Marijo Schlecht

#### Theda's Thoughts

Submitted by Theda Klepinger

In this season of Thanksgiving we are aware that unexpected blessings may come our way. For these blessings we praise God and remember His words in Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" declares the Lord. "as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

# GRANDMA'S KITCHEN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019 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

Nov 5th
Election
Day Dinner

Nov. 6th & 27th
Grandma's Kitchen
CLOSED

Nov 13th Meat Loaf

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

**Applesauce** 

Spice Cake

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>
Beef and noodles

Mashed Potatoes

Slaw

Ice cream sundae

December 4<sup>th</sup>

Baked spaghetti

Garlic bread

Tossed salad

Chocolate delight

December 11<sup>th</sup>

Chicken and noodles

Mashed potatoes

Green beans

Cook's choice

\*\* Grandma's Kitchen will be closed for the winter \*\*

It has been our pleasure to serve you and the Lord.

We pray you have a safe winter. See you in the spring!





#### SHARE A POINSETTIA

It is time to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas service. They will be displayed on Christmas Eve and can be picked up after the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service. If you wish to share with us, please fill out the form and return it with the money, in the offering plate by Sunday, December 1st. Our supplier is Stockslager's and the cost is \$7.25 each. Checks will be payable to Hoffman U. M. Church. Please mark envelope POINSETTIAS.

(Please Print Names Carefully)	How Many	Total Price
In memory of	White	_ x \$7.25 =
In honor of	Red	_ x \$7.25 =
Given By	Marble	_x \$7.25 =
Your Phone No.		



"And He took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

Mark 10:16

Christmas Play Practice

During Second service- 11:15-12:30



A huge thank you to all of those who came to the Family Fun Night and also those who helped! A special thank you to the future seekers class for paying for the food. We had a wonderful evening!

Sunday School Hour 10:15-11:10

Preschool Children's
Church Hour

11:15-12:20

Christmas Play Practice

11:15-12:30

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

# Sunday Night Help Needed

6:30-8:30

Commitment would be for 1 month at a time.
Responsibilities: help oversee youth. No planning involved.

*ignite* Grades 6-12

Sundays

6:30-8:30 pm

Youth Director: Joseph Knostman josephknostman@hoffmanumc.org 937-573-7212

## A Season of Thankfulness

Church family,

I am EXTREMLY thankful for the love, support, and prayers that you have provided for the youth and my family.



It is hard to believe that only two more months of 2019 are left! 2019 has been a great year for Ignite and there are still some things left to do.

In November we will be taking our annual trip to Dollar General and packing shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. The youth have really enjoyed this event the past few years. Our goal is to pack 30 boxes! **If you would like us to pack a box for, you, let us know!** 

We are in the middle of a 9 week series on the book of Ephesians. After watching a short Right Now Media clip, we spend time discussing the scripture and its implications to our lives.

# Serving Schedule

Nov 03<sup>rd</sup> Altar flowers are available

9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay Greeters: Wendy Heisey and Nancy Lightcap

Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spitler Hospitality: Joe & Leah B.

Nursery: 10:15 Jill C. & Marijo S. /11:15 Kim D. & Wendy H.

11:15 Greeters: Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy Koeller Scripture Reader: Tim B. Sound: Eric M.

Ushers: Les T. & Ruth Leazer Media: Norman H.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Altar flowers are in memory of Tim Lugabihl

9:00 Liturgist: Tim Benkert Greeters: Bill & Judy Brown

Ushers: Les Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden Hospitality: Phil & Karen M.

Nursery: 10:15 Marcia C. & Lesli R. /11:15 Kathy K. and Cliff & Katie P.

11:15 Greeters: Lisa W. and Dick & Mary Ann M. Scripture Reader: Amy T.

Sound: Jill C.

Ushers: Julia C., Ben G., and Sally & Paul M. Media: Norman H

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Altar flowers are available

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey Greeters: Elaine Iddings

> **Ushers:** Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson Hospitality: John & Carol C.

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

11:15 Greeters: Kathy W. and Amanda B. Scripture Reader: Valerie M.

Sound: Norman H.

Ushers: Dejon D. Media:

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - Altar flowers are in memory of our parents from Tom & Jan Weeks

9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh Greeters: Carol Storer and Peggy Nihizer

Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn Hospitality: Nancy S. & Kathy K.

Nursery: 10:15 Eric & Johanna M. /11:15 Megan T. & Ben G.

11:15 Greeters: Sally & Paul M. and Marijo Schlecht Scripture Reader: Matt B.

Sound: Norman H. **Media:** Valerie M.



## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary November 2019

1st - Jeff & Denise Ellinger (4 yrs)

3rd -John & Ruth Hayes (63 yrs)

Usher: Lisa W.

6th -Amy Karch Linda Long

George & Lauren Everage (9 yrs)

7th -Joel Benkert 8th -John Ankerman 10th - Jim Balsbaugh

Judy Brown Nancy McAnespie 14th - Christy Harris Lori Parsons

16th – Logan Burns

17th – Lee & Becky Baker (41 yrs)

22nd - Anne Kinsey 23rd - Denise Ellinger

25th - Chris Long 27th - Ron Butt

Shari Williams

28th - Brian Ressler

30th - LaVerne Hennemyre

The 2020 flower calendar is on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. Remember to sign up for your special Sundays. The cost is \$20 per Sunday.

Nov 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

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# Hoffman United Methodist Church



Edition: September 2019

# Board Meeting Highlights

### **Devotions**

Dick Martens, "The Helper," by Katherine Marshall

# Meeting Attendees

Dick Martens, Katie Poling, Les Trittschuh, David Jay, Cindy Johnston, Carol Storer, Richard Smith, Patti Wion, Julia Circle and Pastor Robbie Scott

# Mission and Ministry

Becky reviewed the success of the summer children's events, including Lunch Bunch, Children's Church, and VBS. Plans for the fall and winter include Family Fun Night on Oct 27 and Christmas Program on Dec 15.

VBS 2020 is scheduled for July 19-23

## **Bulldog Bags**

Bulldog Bags started the year with 270 children, but then preK was added which brings the need to \$56,000 for the year.

# Pastor's Report

August average attendance was 154. The baptism at the river went very well. Special thanks to Jim Sarver for the use of the site and for creating a new path to the water due to a downed tree.

Pastor Robbie has added responsibilities to the Conference and District this fall, as he attended a required REF training retreat (Reflecting, Equipping, Flourishing), and will be presiding over 4 Charge Conferences in Shelby County. Recovery from knee surgery is going well, especially with the less serious procedure than expected.

## Finance

The finance report for August was reviewed and accepted. Finances in the general fund have improved, and we are slightly ahead of this time last year. We are up to 5.5 weeks of operations in our general fund (Hoffman bylaws recommends 8-12 weeks of operations).

## **Nominations**

The church board happily voted for Julia Circle to step from her At-Large position to fill the office of Secretary.

## Staff Parish Relations

Staff Evaluations are underway. The Conference has designed a new pastor evaluation form. Cindy and Carol attended a training to help with the process.

# **Board Study**

The board continues to study the book, "7 practices of Effective Ministry". This month we discussed "replacing yourself". If we fail to replace ourselves we will force out talent, cause potential leaders to exit, stifle insight, hinder recruiting, and limit growth. Three steps to better "hand it off" are to break it down, hand it off, and let it go.

# Trustee Update

The tower roofs are in the process of being replaced; including brick work and water sealing. There is a list of projects the trustees would like to do. These are on hold until the ceiling repair is complete. The Trustee accounts are down to \$6,300. Sealing brick for the whole church is one of the projects on the horizon.

The stained glass is a looming project. One company has evaluated the windows, and our large attic window facing Main Street is in need of a full restoration. Together with work on the remaining windows, a large capital campaign may be necessary in the future.

# Non-Agenda Items

Church security was discussed, including methods to communicate to the church what efforts are made for congregation and child safety.

Also, our CPR training from two years ago is about to expire. Jim and Belinda Wright will be scheduled for the training.

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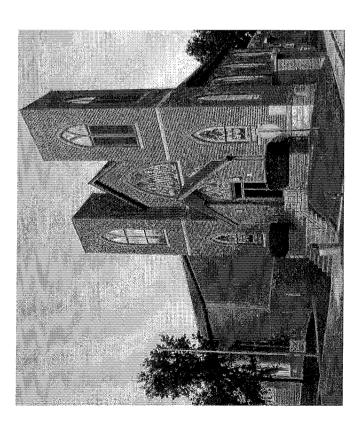
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