



# THE TOWERS

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

April 2022



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

*Resurrection*

## Mark 16:6b-8

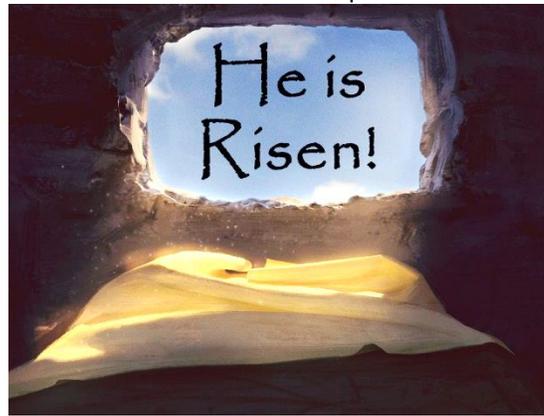
**"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" 8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.**

Of all the Gospels, Mark is the shortest, and it is believed to have been the first one written. The first chance tell the Good News in written form, and the women hear the message from the angel, and flee from the empty tomb, telling no one. The next account in Mark, Jesus Himself appears to Mary Magdalene, and afterward she goes to tell the disciples...but they do not believe her...Jesus then appears to two others, likely the Emmaus travelers in Luke's Gospel, and when they come back to report the Resurrection to the others, but again met with disbelief. It doesn't exactly sound like the beginning of a movement of God, does it? And given Mark's brevity, it has the nuance of a band aid being ripped off.

These persons had watched Jesus' arrest and execution, and had a clear understanding of death. They knew this was the end of what they had experienced up until then. The idea of resurrection was not good news, at least not yet. Bewilderment and fear kept the disciples from being able to fathom what they were being told.

You see, resurrection doesn't always feel like good news. Sometimes we are in "situation:rock bottom" and are not ready to hear or risk hoping. There are also times when we are hanging onto what has us stuck, and we sometimes have to metaphorically let death come in order to see new life. What I mean is, sometimes a new beginning cannot happen without an end to something else. I have by now watched this play out a number of times. Other than my own story, one of the most

memorable moments was when I prayed with someone that God would close the doors that needed closed. Within days the franchise company unexpectedly removed that person's license...I thought I was going to be sick when I first received the news. In the end that door slamming shut was the opportunity to walk through a different door. He is currently a UMC pastor in Gallia County, and recently I have learned he has been a catalyst for another person whose faith went to another level, and who also will begin serving as a part time pastor this summer.



In both cases, the ending of one journey was uncomfortable, even painful, but their "resurrection" on the other side causes them to be thankful for the end of the previous journeys, despite the pain, for they would never have known the joy of the present journey without the previous journey ending. I have experienced and heard this process repeat enough times to know that this is one of the many ways that resurrection has been and can be lived out.

Lent is when many people of faith deny themselves practices or things that could potentially become obstacles to faith, if given too much opportunity. Often I have heard accounts of Easter coming and people then choose to go forward in life without those things they have abstained from during Lent. This is another form of walking into a "new" life after a challenging season of loss through self denial.

I of course am not saying that everyone who feels "stuck" should change jobs, or extend forever your Lenten sacrifice. Instead, I am reminding that new life and resurrection is not all rose petals and sunlit paths. Sometimes, even many times, our fresh start and new life comes just after a point of great pain, loss or sorrow, just as Mark records. The Good News often is experienced in our lives on the heels of broken hearts.

**John 16:33 In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."** While remembering I serve The Overcomer, I am,  
In His service and yours,



## Board Meeting Highlights

**Devotions** were offered by Patti. She shared from Romans 12:1-3 asking, is your plan rooted in God who is always working through us to bring about new beginnings. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Patti.

**Meeting Attendees** Katie Poling, Les Trittschuh, Wendy Black, David Jay, Julia Circle, Jill Circle, John Ankerman, Kim Dohrman, Patti Wion, Janet Benkert, and Pastor Robbie Scott

**Mission and Ministry** Children's Ministry Update - Becky Garrett reported a successful Valentine's Family Night and shared of the 7 children in the nursery, 4 will move up this year. VBS dates will be June 26-30 with a planning meeting in March to ask for volunteers.

After a presentation the Board voted to discontinue Lunch Bunch and Kid's Hope, as well as evaluate and revise the Children's Ministry Director Job description reflective of ending the above-mentioned ministries and adding VBS and Family Fun Night.

**Pastor's Report** After canceling January's Board Meeting due to illness both January and February's Pastor's Report were presented noting an attendance average of 125 and growing. Also included was a 2021 Statistical Report for overall breakdown of attendance, as well as giving.

### **Staff updates:**

JoAnn: completing WOC Statistical Reports.

Norman: choir has resumed. Rear sanctuary projector not working.

Becky: see above mission and ministry report.

Joseph: mentioned roller skating at Piqua 36 and his communication to the congregation about his ministry transition.

Pastor Robbie: Lent Worship Series will be "Reframed", with corresponding Children's and Sunday school resources. New membership class is being planned. Annual Conference set as virtual on Jun 3-4.

**Trustees** The Stained Glass restoration is 90% funded. The Trustees made a \$ 20,000 payment to the Endowment Fund, which was borrowed from for the completion of the work. The South Tower is finished and the Board approved Trustees request to complete the North Tower and expect it to cost around the same. The Board approved the restoration of the North Tower for approximately \$13,000. The Boiler was State inspected and had some maintenance performed. Discussion on insurance (liability of hosting) will be continued...

**Finance** The finance report for December and January was reviewed and accepted. Weeks of Operations equal to 7.99 weeks. 2021 ended better than 2020. Endowment Fund Update- Total Donation, to date: \$231, 627. \$131,000 has been used in various projects. \$54,000 is the current gain as of 12/31/21.

**Nominations** No report.

**Staff Parish Relations** Welcome Chris Long and Wendy Black!

**New Business** Mary Jo received Board support to investigate LifeWise and Hoffman's potential involvement in this ministry.

**Non-agenda Items** Janet shared Young Spirits will have a final celebration at HUMC on Palm Sunday for alumni and current families instead of their traditional performances. This will likely conclude this ministry.

### 2022 Church Board Members

Katie Poling, Church Board Chair  
Les Trittschuh, Vice Chair  
John Ankerman, Finance Chair  
Patti Wion, Treasurer,  
Jill Circle, Lay Leader  
Janet Benkert, Lay Rep to Annual Conference

David Jay, Trustee Rep  
Wendy Heisey, Trustee Rep  
Julia Circle, Secretary  
Kim Dohrman, Lay Member  
Chris Long, Staff-Parish Co-Chair  
Wendy Black, Staff-Parish Co-Chair

## Serving Schedule

### April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00 Liturgist:** Mike C. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Nancy L.  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Kay W. & Steve K.  
**Nursery: 10:15** Patti W. & Jenna M. / **11:15** Julia C. & Wendy H.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy K. **Scripture Reader:** Norman H.

### April 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Joy P.  
**Ushers:** **Hospitality Table:** Marijo S.  
**Nursery: 10:15** Lesli R. & Kat G. / **11:15** Lesli R. & Lauren E.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

### April 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.  
**Ushers:** **Hospitality Table:** Easter Breakfast  
**Nursery: 10:15** Julia C. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Ben G. & Jenna M.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Kathy W. and Ruth L. **Scripture Reader:** Valerie M.

### April 24<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Peggy N.  
**Ushers:** **Hospitality Table:** Chris & Linda L.  
**Nursery: 10:15** Jennifer K. & Jill C. / **11:15** Jennifer K. & Kim D.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Paul & Sally M. and Marijo S. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

**Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary  
April 2022**

4<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Trittschuh  
Jerry & Libby Richards (41 yrs)  
5<sup>th</sup> - Ian Bryson  
6<sup>th</sup> - Sherynne King  
Lesli Raines  
8<sup>th</sup> - Sophia Blackburn  
9<sup>th</sup> - Becky Baker  
12<sup>th</sup> - Valaria Harshbarger  
14<sup>th</sup> - Jim & Audrey Scammahorn (66 yrs)  
15<sup>th</sup> - Tom Kinsey  
16<sup>th</sup> - Libby Richards



17<sup>th</sup> - Darin & Patti Wion (29 yrs)  
19<sup>th</sup> - Dixie Porter  
21<sup>st</sup> - Marilyn Yount  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Barb Frazier  
Jennifer Knostman  
Tom Weeks  
24<sup>th</sup> - Cooper Dohrman  
26<sup>th</sup> - Marijo Schlecht  
Jeremy & Wendy Heisey (22 yrs)  
Lester & Sharon Trittschuh (53 yrs)  
28<sup>th</sup> - Michael Barnes

## Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	2-20-22	2-27-22	3-6-22	3-13-22	3-20-22
General Offering	5680.00	2786.00	6931.25	5471.25	5186.00
Weekly Budget Need	4793.00	4793.00	4793.00	4793.00	4793.00
Mission Offering	220.00	100.00	150.00	245.00	185.00
Maintenance Fund	55.00	465.00	235.00	375.00	55.00
Building Fund & Memorials	308.00	225.00	230.00	175.00	113.00
Stained Glass Windows	.00	.00	100.00	110.00	1020.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	48	45	42	42	62
* Remote viewing	24	28	23	28	16
11:15 a.m. Service at church	42	53	66	62	52
* Remote viewing	3	4	9	5	4
Total Attendance	117	130	140	137	134

*Thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

\* 'remote viewing' is only recorded for those signing in during the live broadcast, and does not include those who watch from the links after the live broadcast is over. This estimate does not include all who are watching.

### Easter Celebration April 17th



Sunrise Service 7 a.m.

Breakfast 8 a.m.

Worship Times 9 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Check with your class to see if you are meeting.



### Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 90,765

Total Project Goal: \$ 109,430

*Thank You!*

### *People to remember in prayer:*

**Hoffman Sympathies:** to the family of Don Howell, Debbie Guthrie's brother, as he passed away on March 3, 2022

**At Home:** Phil Blue, Nan Guthrie, Valaria Harshbarger, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Theda Klepinger, Winston Klepinger, Freda Koeller, Dick & Eugenie Markley, Mary Maess, Dixie Porter, Janice Turner, Jim & Kathy Watkins, Monica Winemiller, and Nancy Wolf

**At Centers:** Dorothy Ginn, Cypress Pointe, 600 W. National Rd. Rm 312, Englewood OH 45322  
Sherynne King, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 29, Troy OH 45373  
Freda Koeller, Randall House, 6400 S Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 109, Tipp City OH 45371  
Wendy Long, Trinity Center, 789 Stonybrook, Rm 208A, Fairborn OH 45324  
Joetta Perry, Storypoint Troy, 1840 Towne Park Drive, Rm 17, Troy OH 45373  
Monica Winemiller, Koester Pavillion, 3232 N Co Rd 25A Rm 74, Troy OH 45373



# THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear church members, I would like to thank you for the abundance of cards that were sent when my father died. They truly gave me strength knowing I have other family that cares for me. Your love is unprecedented. Wendy Heisey

Dear church family, Thank you for all the prayers you prayed for me! Thank you for all your cards and phone calls!  
God bless each of you! Sally Miller

Winter walking group that meets on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. from 10 to 11:30 a.m. will be ending Thurs., April 28<sup>th</sup>; we plan to start our indoor walking again in October.

## Emmaus 2022

Interested in going on or volunteering at an Emmaus Walk?

### 2022 Walks at Sulphur Grove UMC:

Men's Walk #68 June 23- 26<sup>th</sup>

Women's Walk #108 July 14-17<sup>th</sup>

For more information contact Pastor Robbie or visit [daytonemmaus.org](http://daytonemmaus.org)



Thank you so very much for all the get well, birthday and valentine cards for the month of February and the anniversary cards. I am truly blessed by your love and I sincerely appreciate it. With Love, Janet Balsbaugh

Thank you Bell Choir for the wonderful performance on March 6<sup>th</sup>. It was enjoyable to hear and enjoyable to watch. I smiled all the way through it and I noticed so did you!

## Church Rummage Sale

June 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

When doing your spring cleaning remember to save unwanted sellable items for the sale.

## Calling all Grads!

Please contact the church office (937)698-4401 if you will be receiving a diploma or degree this year. All graduates will be listed in our May newsletter.



## Sunrise breakfast will be served by the Future Seeker's Class on Easter Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome; we will be serving egg/sausage casserole, coffee cake and drinks. Freewill offering is appreciated. Clipboards will be passed out at both church services. Signing up is only being requested to give us an idea of how many will be coming, even if you don't sign up ahead of time please come anyway there should be plenty of food for all. Hope to see you there.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Acts 16:31



**\*\*Two Nursery Workers Needed** - you would work once a month, during either Sunday school or second service.

**\*\*Two Sunday School Workers Needed** - You would work one month and then have two months to go to your own Sunday School class.

Please write this date down  
2022 VBS Rocky Railway  
June 26- June 30, 2022

**\*\*If you would like to volunteer,**  
please see Becky!!

Traditional Service  
9AM



Sunday School Hour  
10:15-11:10AM



Open Door Service  
11:15AM

Children's Director: Becky Garrett  
[ragarrett15@gmail.com](mailto:ragarrett15@gmail.com)  
937-524-7220

## Grandma's Kitchen Re-Opening

Grandma's Kitchen will re-open on April 13, 2022. We will serve meals every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday through October 26 from 5:00 to 6:15 in the Activity Center or, if you prefer, you may choose a carry-out meal. Cost is \$7 for each meal and includes beverage and dessert.

Grandma's Kitchen is a non-profit mission project and has been serving meals for over 20 years. Proceeds from the meals allow Grandma's Kitchen to provide approximately 70 free meals each week to families in Union Township who are in need of assistance and also allows us to contribute to local, national and international food ministries.

We are always in need of volunteers to help prepare, cook, serve, deliver or clean-up. If you have a couple of hours free on Tuesday morning or on Wednesday morning, afternoon or evening, please give us a call. No experience necessary—we train!—and we have a lot of fun.

Please join us in April. If you have questions, please call Marilyn at 937-947-1831 or church at 937-698-4401.

### GRANDMA'S KITCHEN April & May 2022 MENUS

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

<u>April 13<sup>th</sup></u>	Beef & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Corn Cream Puffs	<u>April 27<sup>th</sup></u>	Lasagna Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Chocolate Delight
<u>May 11<sup>th</sup></u>	Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Peas Angelic Pineapple Cake	<u>May 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Black Forest Cake

Menu items are subject to change

**HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2022 FINANCE REPORT**

**General Budget and Missions Budget**

**February 28, 2022**

		<b>MONTH</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>
1010	First Sunday	4,982.00	9,270.00
1020	Second Sunday	6,326.00	11,812.00
1030	Third Sunday	5,680.00	8,174.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	2,786.00	5,387.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	5,712.00
<b>Total Regular Offering</b>		<b>19,774.00</b>	<b>40,355.00</b>
1060	Misc. Income	29.40	54.40
<b>**Total Income</b>		<b>19,803.40</b>	<b>40,409.40</b>

		<b>BUDGET FOR YEAR</b>	<b>PAID OUT THIS MONTH</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE OF BUDGET</b>
1	Conference Apportionments	18,234.00	1,519.50	3,039.00	15,195.00
2	District Adm. Apportionments	1,986.00	165.50	331.00	1,655.00
<b>Total Local Apportionments</b>		<b>20,220.00</b>	<b>1,685.00</b>	<b>3,370.00</b>	<b>16,850.00</b>
3	Hospitality	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
4	Outreach	250.00	0.00	13.00	237.00
5	Worship	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
6	Music	750.00	49.94	49.94	700.06
7	Media Subscriptions	3,030.00	394.44	1,380.76	1,649.24
8	Assimilation	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
9	Kids Hope	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
10	Youth Ministry	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Council of Ministries</b>		<b>5,830.00</b>	<b>444.38</b>	<b>1,443.70</b>	<b>4,386.30</b>

**OFFICE SUPPLY & FINANCE**

11	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	59.74	840.26
12	Office Supplies & Postage	4,000.00	58.00	200.54	3,799.46
<b>Total Administrative &amp; Other Minist</b>		<b>4,900.00</b>	<b>58.00</b>	<b>260.28</b>	<b>4,639.72</b>

13	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
14	Staff Salary	120,076.04	9,175.08	20,643.93	99,432.11
15	Health Ins. & Pension	39,531.72	3,354.03	6,543.36	32,988.36
16	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	169.68	169.68	3,830.32
17	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
18	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	100.00	400.00
19	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,834.27	466.41	977.80	4,856.47
20	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
21	Lakeside Conf Deligate	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
<b>Total Staff &amp; Parish Relations</b>		<b>172,042.03</b>	<b>13,165.20</b>	<b>28,434.77</b>	<b>143,607.26</b>

22	Maintenance	1,500.00	89.95	371.45	1,128.55
23	Utilities	31,092.00	2,579.29	4,604.24	26,487.76
24	Building Insurance	4,868.00	0.00	1,222.50	3,645.50
25	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	2,980.00	1,476.43	1,476.43	1,503.57
26	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	4,800.00	462.50	462.50	4,337.50
27	Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	22.54	977.46
<b>Total Trustees</b>		<b>46,240.00</b>	<b>4,608.17</b>	<b>8,159.66</b>	<b>38,080.34</b>

**\*\*Total General Budgeted Expenses**      249,232.03      19,960.75      41,668.41      207,563.62

**MISSIONS BUDGET**

28	Conference - World Services	5,000.00	416.67	833.30	4,166.70
29	District Mission Apportionments	1,986.00	165.50	331.00	1,655.00
30	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
31	Annual Mission Project	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
32	Advanced Specials	547.50	0.00	0.00	547.50
<b>Total Budgeted Missions Expense</b>		<b>8,383.50</b>	<b>1,182.17</b>	<b>2,014.30</b>	<b>6,369.20</b>

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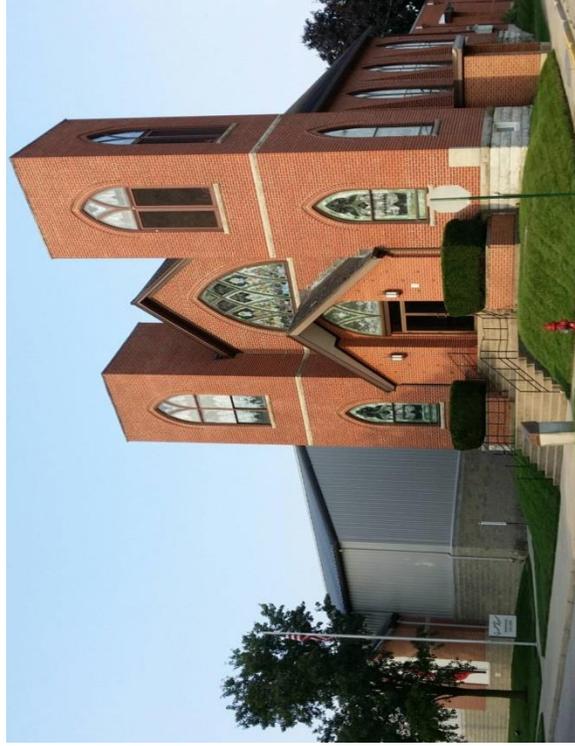


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 Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.  
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 Pastor Robbie Scott