HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2020

July

Why we fold the flag 13 times

Have you ever noticed how the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? Here's what each of those 13 folds mean:

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country", in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

-Tom Piecenski and his family in the passing of his son, Ben

Bob Bethge and family in the passing of his wife Linda

- -Rev. Douglas Browne and family in the passing of his father, Rev. Jim Browne
- -Lois Sensenbrenner –extreme weakness
- -Dorothy Pemberton as she recuperates from heart surgery
- -Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- -Tama, recovering from breast cancer
- -Tom Piecenski recovering from heart surgery
- -Lois Duey, recuperating at home
- -Sallie Wilson asked for prayers for Judy Knight and Jeff and Joe Miller
- -Mary Grothaus (Jeanne's daughter-in-law),
- -Avis Dorn's daughter, Jody health challenges
- -Juanita Deweese, Sallie Wilson, Barbara Mapes
- -Hoge Church: continued support for community-based ministries.
- -Our city, nation, and world leaders. Our schools, teachers and children.

Please help keep this list current. Provide the church office with prayer requests for inclusion of "Keep in Daily Prayer" sections of the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletters either by phone or email.

Families Served at HM3 will return after the coronavirus quarantines are lifted.

Food Pantry May Totals: 47 Families, 160 People served, Adults (60+) 39, Adults (59-18) 77, Children 44

Letter From Grandma-Got a letter from Grandma the other day. She writes: The other day I went up to a local Christian bookstore and saw a "Honk If You Love Jesus" bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling Choir performance, followed by a thunderous Prayer meeting, so I bought the sticker and I put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did! What an up-lifting experience that followed! I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is . . . and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus, because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed! I found that lots of people loved Jesus! Why, while I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, "For the love of God! Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, Go!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waiving and smiling at all these loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love. There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a "sunny beach." I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my teenage grandson, who was sitting in the back seat, what it meant, and he said that it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I've never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why, even he was enjoying this religious experience! A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray, or ask me what Church I attended. But this is when I noticed the light had changed. So I waved to all my sisters and brothers grinning, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared. So I slowed the car down, leaned out of the window, and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!

Announcements from Personnel... The personnel committee has accepted the resignation of our sexton, Tony Barnett. Tony has served our church for over 30 years and has made a decision to retire. We are excited to announce that Jim Cheadle has accepted the position and will start on June 29. We wish Tony the best as he begins a new chapter in his life and thank him for his many years of taking care of our church facility and being a friend to all who enter it. We welcome Jim!





Lay readers: January-Debbie Peters, February-Patti Gorman, March-Debbie Peters, April-Mike Minch, May-Carolyn Colborn, June-Bill Aiken, July-Diana Purcell, August-Gail Garman, September-Carol Ross, October-Mike Minch, November-Debbie Peters, December-Donna Swaneck.

If you cannot be the lay reader for the month, contact Worship Committee

Communion Servers - If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement and notify the worship committee.

January 5-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Debbie Peters, Diana Purcell, Judy Moody, Joy Rector

February 2-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, Gary Link, Bev Neil

March 1-Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Mike Minch, Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf. Diana Purcell

April 5-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Judy Moody, Patti Gorman

May 3-Natalie Alter, Debbie Peters, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil, Gary Link

June 7-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Charlotte and Wilbur Smith, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross

July 5 - Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman

August 2-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil

September 6-Gary Link, Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith

October 6-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Debbie Peters, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Diana Purcell

November 3- Natalie Alter, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman, Bev & Jack Neil, Gail Garman

December 1-Gail Garman, Mike Minch. Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Ann Adair

December 24-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Diana Purcell, Debbie Peters, Bev Neil

Schedule of Ushers: If you would like to usher, please contact Gail Garman or Carolyn Colborn.

Usher Team #1 (Jan, April, July, Oct.) Gary Link, Jack Neil, Bev Neil

Usher Team #2 (February, May, August and November): Judy Moody, Mike Minch, Bill & Dorothy Aiken

Usher Team #3 (March, June, Sept, Dec): Mike Purcell, Diana Purcell, Jim Cheadle

Worship Committee This is the schedule for the fellowship hour on the second Sundays:

January-Finance and Facilities; February-Session; March-Outreach/Worship/Christian Ed; April-Choir; May-Martha Circle; June - Session; **July - Finance and Facilities**; August—Ushers; September- Outreach/Worship/Christian Ed; October-Martha Circle; November- Deacons; December- Ushers

No Potlucks on fourth Sunday in July, August, November and December

Regular Session Meeting - April /May/ 2020 - Also, in Attendance: Chris Merz (Updates Directories) Going to Outreach Committee for decision. Moderator: - Tom Billman; Clerks' Report - Diana Purcell, No Communion was served in April due to Coronavirus outbreak and church being closed. Worship Services and all activities have been cancelled and suspended until further notice. No Session Meeting was held in April due to Stay at Home Order. Marianne Black passed away April 16, 2020 (99 years) Longtime member. No Communion served May- Church still closed. Moderators/Pastoral Care Report: Tom has been contacting shut-ins by phone. Donations have been received from Tom's online worship thru Facebook Live. Received a generous donation of \$25,000.00 from a non-member for Building Improvements. Discussed opening the Church for In-person worship and outside group meetings. Treasurer's Report – Patti Gorman-As of the end of April Expenses are down. Operating revenue is up. Other Income is down. Operating expenses are down. Building expense is down. Operating Expenses are down. Other Salaries are up due to raises given to Tony and Phil. Pastoral Services are up due to Tom being hired as our Part-time Pastor. Utilities are down. (See page 5); Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed: Gail Garman – Meetings have been Suspended until further notice. Tom has been conducting worship services on Sundays and Prayer vigils each week thru Facebook Live since the Coronavirus pandemic began and has been very well received and moving. HM3: Activities have been Suspended until further notice: Out of the Box Community **Theatre:** Has been suspended until further notice. May open last 2 weekends in July if we are open and activities resumed. Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship – Janet Fetherolf Volunteers will be needed to clean and sanitize the building before we open. Date to be determined. Friday night, AA group wants to meet in the parking lot and was approved. Memco has provided us a price of \$8,400.00 for installation of new metal doors. Discussing suggestions for use of \$25,000.00 donation. Nominating: - Natalie Alter- Nothing to Report; Personnel: - Carolyn Colburn - Nothing to Report; Deacons: March Food Pantry: (Suspended Service due to Coronavirus outbreak and church being closed.) April (Drive Up) Food Pantry Served: 98 Families (see page 2); Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry: Meetings suspended until further notice; Old Business: Kailha Gallagher April Wedding has been changed to Sunday July 19th, 2020 at 2:30 pm. New Business: Amber Fetherolf has requested the use of the church for her Wedding on June 6th. This has been approved via email sent to Session Members and Tom Billman. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: June 15th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Updates and Reminders

For Choir Members: Would you help me collect choir music folders? This will be a good time to gather, and file all of the music. If possible, each person could put their name in the folder to help us track who has returned the music. Depending on each person's station, they could leave the music on the black piano in the Sanctuary or on the floor outside of the choir room. Thanks, Phil

Virtual Choir - Hello everyone, Here is some information on a virtual choir that is being put together by presbytery. Everything is done virtually including the preparation meeting and the few practice sessions. Phil said the time frame for doing all of this would most likely be August. Let him know if you are interested. I know I am! Donna - All participants would meet to review the "how to's and timeline. Then a few practices to learn the song Finally, each participant would make a recording singing their part while listening to a prerecorded accompaniment with someone singing their part The organizer would mix all of the recordings together for a completed performance Here is what we need to know: Participants would need a phone, computer, I Pad or laptop to make the recording; Participants would need ear buds or a headset to listen through one ear only; Participants would want to attend a preparation meeting and a few practice sessions before making their recording

Developing Worship Options!

Due to the health cautions and gathering restrictions affiliated with Covid-19, Hoge made the decision to not have live worship services conducted from our sanctuary back in March.

During the past few months, Pastor Tom, Joy Rector and Phil Leston have worked to keep worship and prayer options available to our members and congregation. Joy has been typing up weekly bulletins (including Tom's sermons) and mailing them to everyone as well as sending out daily emails with photos of our sanctuary and past events held at Hoge to keep us connected. Tom has been conducting Sunday services and prayer vigils over the internet. Phil has been emailing out links to comforting and familiar hymns to keep spiritual music alive in our minds and hearts.

Now that we are back to worshiping in the sanctuary, we are committed to recording and videotaping our Sunday services and posting them onto the church's website, facebook page, Tom's facebook page, and possible U-Tube. We are working on acquiring the proper equipment to accomplish this goal and hope to have things operational in July. Abby Davis of Covenant has agreed to advise us on this project as she does the same for Covenant. We appreciate her guidance and expertise.

Initially we will be taping the services and then posting them onto the internet afterwards. Once we can obtain a stronger, consistent internet signal in the sanctuary, we will begin to live-stream the services so they can be viewed in real-time. This is an exciting opportunity for Hoge and continues allowing worship with Hoge to continue for those who are unable to attend in person. It is important that those who need to stay home do so but know that we are still a strong and united congregation.



Happy Birthday Garol Ross, 3; Patti Gorman, 8; Gary Link, 11; Patrick McGraw, 13; Jeff Colborn, 27

Financial Update

May 31, 2020 - The following is a summary of Hoge's 2020 financial activity through May. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office.

Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2020:

Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$25,009.93 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Deacons Funds: \$1,710.54 (includes support from Worthington PC)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$155.09 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$3,506.17 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,426.49

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$152.15 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Recycling: \$24.00

Sound System Repairs/Replacement: \$2,000.00

Financial notes:

We continue to address maintenance needs of the building and property:

- ☐We have contracted with MEMCO, Inc to replace our west-side entry doors
- □Key parts of our sound system are in the process of being replaced and equipment to live-stream worship services is being purchased. Funds for this equipment have been donated as well as a grant opportunity from Presbytery will be pursued
- □The Finance & Facilities committee will be meeting to discuss our most urgent needs and recommendations for efficient use of funds recently donated for building enhancements and improvements. If you have specific thoughts or ideas for maintenance needs of the church, please inform Janet Fetherolf or any member of the F&F committee

Hoge receives support from a variety of sources; those sources believe the work of Christ is present here and its impact to the community is true to our mission of *Feeding the Community, Physically & Spiritually*. Your consistent support is appreciated, especially during the challenging times of COVID-19. Life is starting to return to the building of Hoge. Some of the groups have been meeting in our parking lot and are anxiously waiting for regular access back into the building.

The Finance & Facilities committee values your commitment to Hoge with time, talents and funds. Maintaining our building for worship, mission, safety, beauty and use in the community is something to be proud of. Contact members of the committee to inquire how you are able to help with any of our missions. Please continue to commit to Hoge in prayer, physical efforts, and financially. If you are not currently participating in activities at Hoge, please prayerfully consider your willingness to do so. We have unique mission and outreach occurring here which is not happening anywhere else. You have to experience it to understand it! Patti Gorman-Conrardy, Treasurer

Balances as of April 30, 2020:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 147,872.58	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	56,875.74		
Payroll Liabilities	(309.91)	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 4,421.95
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>204,438.41</u>	Building Maintenance	1,964.80
		Committee Expenses	1,814.98
Operating Income:		Office Expenses	1,943.40
		Non-Pastoral Salaries	11,947.50
Contributions	\$ 38,396.04	Pastoral Expenses	7,884.75
Interest	1,521.82	Utilities and Phone	5,933.78
Other income (building use)	2,465.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 35,911.16
Other income (other support	2,227.44		
Other income (flower dedica	tions) <u>255.00</u>	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 8,954.14
Total Operating Income	\$ 44,865.30		



July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
Check online church calendar for updated information about opening or closing of the church, Sunday services, possible prayer vigils and cancelations of meetings. Calendar: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/r; Website: www.hogemempresby.org/calendar-2 then click on either "week" or "agenda" button or it will be announced in the bulletins	CHEESY POTATOES - 2 pounds frozen Kroger southern-style cubed hash brown potatoes, 1 pint sour cream, 1 can cream of chicken soup, 1 onion, chopped, 2 cups grated cheddar cheese, 1 cup panko crumbs, 1 stick butter. Mix all ingredients and place in a 9x13 pan. Melt butter with the panko crumbs Pour on top. Bake 350 degrees for 1 hour. Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Montgomery Ohio.		
9:30am Bible Study10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman7:00pm AA Meeting	6 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	7	
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19 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting Newsletter Deadline	20 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 7:00pm Session	21 12:00pm Food Pantry	
26 10:30am Worship w/ TBA 7:00pm AA Meeting Happy Parents Day Grandma cleaning tips: Make Your Own Wil	27 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA Happy Birthday Jeff Colborn	28 12:00pm Food Pantry	

Grandma cleaning tips: Make Your Own Window Cleaner, combine 12-16 ounces of water, 1/2 cup of white or apple cider vinegar, 1/4 cup of rubbing alcohol. Using a newspaper instead of paper towels can help with streaks and flecks of lint being left behind; Remove Coffee Stains From Clothes, rub mild liquid dish soap onto the area, rinse, then soak the stain with vinegar diluted with water, toss in the laundry as normal; Wipe Away Microwave Smells, in large microwave-safe bowl a cup of water and add a dash of cinnamon or a few drops of lemon or vanilla extract, heat until boiling. Cool, wipe down the inside; Candle Wax Off The Carpet, cover the wax with a metal pan, set a large ice cube on top. Once the wax is frozen, break it up with a hammer, pick up pieces. Dry cleaning solvent can be used to get any remnants;

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:30pm NA Meeting	2 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed meeting	3 6:00pm AA Meeting Happy Birthday Carol Ross	4 5:00pm HM³-TBA 6:00pm AA
8 7:30pm NA Meeting Happy Birthday Patti Gorman	9	10 6:00pm AA Meeting	11 5:00pm HM ³ -TBA Happy Birthday Gary Link
15 7:30pm NA Meeting	16	17 6:00pm AA Meeting	18 5:00pm HM³-TBA 6:00pm AA
22 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	23	24 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	25 5:00pm HM³~TBA 6:00pm AA
29 12:00pm Food Pantry	30	31 6:00pm AA Meeting	

Cut Out Mildew From Your Curtain, cut off the bottom seam on your curtain or liner so that the water doesn't linger inside the tub; Polish Wood Without Chemicals, An old-fashioned option is to combine one part lemon juice to three parts olive oil to give your wooden furniture a beautiful shine; Get Rid Of Stains On Pots And Pans, add baking soda to warm water and use a crust of bread as a sponge to scrub away any stubborn spots on pots and pans; Make Your Counters Sparkle, wipe the surface with a grapefruit sliced in half, sprinkle plenty of salt on top and rinse away with hot water and a sponge; Refresh The Dishwasher, a gallon of white vinegar in the bottom of the machine, allow to sit for an hour, then run through a cycle without any soap; Eliminate Carpet Dust, pour plenty of dried tea leaves over the entire rug, wait 15 minutes before clearing them away with a vacuum.

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Hoge Memorial Church Staff
Head of Staff: Jesus Christ
Custodian, Jim Cheadle
Organist, Phil Leston
Pastor, Thomas (Tom) A. Billman
Various Committee Heads
Various Volunteer Office Staff
Heads of Various Programs and
community service groups Food
Pantry, HM3, AA and NA
groups, Girl Scouts, Urban Ministries, Members of Out of the Box
Community Theatre

Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually

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