

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

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November

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

NOVEMBER 2020

As I sit here in my office at church this morning, I have you all on my mind! I'm praying for you as the Spirit leads me, and I was kind of easing into things this morning – Putting off working on this article for the November "Hoge Herald". I was praying for divine guidance from our Lord, and by golly, I think he gave it – I prayed, "Lord, what do my brothers and sisters at Hoge need to hear this month?" And then, just as clear as a bell, I heard three things: "Encourage, Endure, and Enjoy!" Great, I thought – three points to my article, and they all start with the same letter – Hard to go wrong there! And as I meditated on these three words, I realized that all three of these are really important topics during this COVID 19 pandemic, so let's take a closer look at each of these: First of all, Encourage: I don't know about you, but I need lots of encouragement. Maybe I struggle with some insecurity or an inferiority complex, or maybe it's just being human – that emotional side that needs lifting up from time-to-time. It's human-nature to need encouragement, the early Christians needed it, and I suspect you do too. We are commanded to encourage one another, because we all need it. But, it's not natural for us to encourage one another – The flesh finds it hard to be encouraging – We can be selfish critters can we not? But, if you want God to be with you, you need to encourage others! What kills our personal relations with our church family? Discouragement, negativity, and strife! Who wants to be around someone who is discouraging, petty, and negative? The scriptures instruct us that if we have any encouragement from Christ, we should comfort others with his love, tenderness, and compassion! And we get encouragement so we can endure: You see, they go hand-in-hand. We Christians, we must endure! The Bible doesn't teach the "Once saved – always saved" doctrine – We are told to endure. We are told to strive and be like Jesus! Some people are going to be awfully surprised come judgment day, because they trusted a false doctrine, rather than having a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. We must endure is what Jesus taught. It is said in Matthew 24:13, "He who endures to the end shall be saved." Who is going to be saved? Those who endure till the end! If we endure, we will also reign with Jesus – Set your sights on Jesus – As we are suffering and enduring it, look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Let us run with perseverance, the race marked out for us – Remember Jesus, for the joy which was set before him – He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and now Jesus sits at the right hand of God. Jesus, our Lord endured suffering and pain – Can we do anything less? Why did our Lord endure the cross? For the joy set before him after he endureth! Joy is one of the attributes of God – Our God is a God of joy! There is such strength in the joy of the Lord. God wants all his children to enjoy good food and drink – God loves to see his children laugh and dance and sing.....This is the kind of God we serve. We have to learn and grow and mature, and part of this process is pain and sorrow and disappointment – But God promises in Psalm 126: 5-6: "Those who sow with tears, will reap with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them." We need to know that joy is coming – God delights in our joy, because our God is a being of joy, and the fruits of the Spirit are joy, love, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is joy coming for us, and great joy in our future! 1 Peter 5:4 says, "When the chief shepherd appears, we will receive the crowns of glory that will never fade away!" And Romans 8:18 reminds us, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Joy comes to us in the morning – It'll be worth it. Has the COVID 19 pandemic got you down? Remember, that our current suffering will pass – the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ will triumph over fear and hate, and remember our formula for an expectant life.....Encourage, Endure, and Enjoy! It works, and may God give you encouragement, endurance, and joy to enjoy the love of Christ which surpasses all understanding – Amen!

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- Mimi Billman recuperating from a recent fall and other health issues
- Altha Martin recovering from some health issues
- Sallie Wilson is in OSU east room 731
- Dorothy Pemberton and family in the passing of her husband, Warren
- Dan Lopez and family in the passing of his father earlier this summer.
- Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- Juanita Deweese, Sallie Wilson, Barbara Mapes
- Police Officers and other front line responders
- Hoge Church: 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 returned to an adjusted way of serving, boxed type meals outside the church on July 18. We continue to serve the meals along with a printed message and lyrics to a hymn.

Food Pantry August Totals: 62 Families, 238 People served, Adults (60+) 33, Adults (59-18) 111, Children 94

Personal Care Pantry Needs- As part of Hoge's ministry and outreach, a Personal Pantry is part of our HM3 program. The pantry is open to the public on the second Saturday of each month. Donations of personal care items are always accepted for the pantry but the following items are currently in high need: Toothpaste, Personal hygiene Wipes, Chap Stick / Lip Balm, Deodorant. Please see Bev and Jack Neil or Kathy and Barry Schifferstein for additional information. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

The Magic Number. I was walking down the street the other day when I saw my best friend Jeff. I walked up to him and mentioned that I had the craziest dream the other night. Jeff listened as I told him that the dream consisted of just one thing. A huge glowing number "5." It was made of gold and sparkled with shiny diamonds. Jeff's curiosity was piqued. I went on to say that the first thing that I did in the morning was to grab the daily racing digest and look up the 5th race. Jeff raised an eyebrow. I told him that the #5 horse in the 5th race was named "The 5th Element." Jeff started grinning. Then I told him point-by-point what I did that entire day. I ate 5 bowls of cereal for breakfast and drank 5 cups of coffee, I went for a 5 mile jog to clear my head, I took a 5 minute shower to rinse off, I dressed in the 5th suit I found in my closet, I sat in my car for 5 minutes before starting it, I drove to the racetrack and parked in the 5th stall in the 5th row, I entered through the 5th admissions gate, I bought 5 programs, I went to the 5th betting window and bet \$555 on the 5th horse in the 5th race, I went and sat in the 5th row of the bleachers making sure there were 5 people sitting on both sides of me. Then I settled in and waited for the race to start. "Well?" said Jeff. "Did your horse win?" I frowned at Jeff and said, "Stupid horse came in 5th."

Recycling Project-The aluminum can recycling project began in the early 1990's as a project of Martha Circle. The money raised was given to Presbyterian Women in Hoge to be used for their various mission projects. Eventually it was decided to give the money to the church to support its overall budget. The recycling project continues today with many people donating their aluminum cans. Many are small bags of cans which when put together weigh several pounds. Fairly large bags of cans are also donated. The cans are taken to Cyclemet, a drive thru recycling business on the westside. The price per pound varies. It had dropped to a low of \$.30/pound but recently rebounded to \$.38/pound. In the financial report that Patti puts out, she tells how much we have raised during the year by recycling aluminum cans. Recycling aluminum cans keeps them out of the landfill and helps our church's operating budget. Bring your cans to the church any Sunday, or through the week if you happen to be at Hoge. Put them inside the parking lot door off to the corner, or take them downstairs and put them next to the wall by the men's restroom. Thank you for your support. Donna Swaneck



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-Judy Manley, **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 17-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Debbie Peters, Diana Purcell, Judy Moody, Joy Rector

February 21-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, Gary Link, Bev Neil

March 21-Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Mike Minch, Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Diana Purcell

April 18-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Judy Moody, Patti Gorman

May 16-Natalie Alter, Debbie Peters, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil, Gary Link

June 20-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Charlotte and Wilbur Smith, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross

July 18 - Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman

August 11-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil

September 20-Gary Link, Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith

October 18-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Debbie Peters, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Diana Purcell

November 15- Natalie Alter, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman, Bev & Jack Neil, Gail Garman

December 20-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-September 21, 2020, Meeting was opened with prayer by: Tom Billman

Clerks' Report – Diana Purcell, Communion was served to (21) people on September 20th, 2020.

Moderators/Pastoral Care Report: Tom is reaching out every two weeks with our Shut-Ins. By phone.

Avis Dorn, Lois Duey, Barbara Mapes, Wilbur, and Charlotte. Hoge church is being considered a Matthew 25 church by presbytery. Elders are researching material via PCUSA to determine if we want to remain or be removed from this category.

Treasurer's Report – Patti Gorman-Conrardy- Had an exceptional report for August. Had a CD mature and was rolled over for 1 year. Contributions are up. Utilities are down a little. All other expenses are holding steady. (see page 5). **Committee Reports: Wor-**

ship/ Outreach/Christian Ed: Gail Garman – Minister preaching in September are: Sept. 6 & 20-

Tom Billman, Sept. 13– Marian Stenner, Sept. 27- Rev. Wayne Morrison, Prayer Vigil continues

Wednesday mornings on Facebook live at 10:00 am. We have a proposal from Captivate Inc. on the installation of equipment that will allow live streaming and recording of worship services. The quote

was \$ 3,741.83. Session approved that we move forward with the process. **HM3:** Meals continue to be

served as a carry out in the parking lot at 5:00 pm. A sermon and a hymn along with a Mask are placed in a bag with the meal. Panera is also given out. The number of meals needed continues to be Unpre-

dictable. Rachel Mitchell's husband took the remaining meals to give out to homeless people. We are

Stretched thin on having a Hoge person there every Saturday. Susan Barrett is a possible alternate, but I have not talked to her. Debbie Peters is unavailable to do the alternate fourth Saturday meal. **Out of the**

Box Community Theatre: Productions will resume in 2021. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** –

Janet Fetherolf/Mike Purcell, Doors are in and are not finished but look great. Going to call ADT to

come out and see why alarm can not be set. We will be getting an estimate for cement work to be done

on walk. Most groups are back. Saturday night is meeting in Wold Hall. Friday night AA is meeting in

parking lot (Large crowd). Wedding will be held on Saturday October 24th at 3:30 pm for Eva Hornung

and Nick Compton. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- No Report. **Personnel:** - Carolyn Colborn – Tom's

Contract was approved for 16 months and approved by Presbyter. **Deacons: August (Drive up) Food**

Pantry: Served 61 Families. (See page 2). **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry:** Presbytery

meeting was held via Zoom on Sept 15th at 3:00 pm. Westside Urban Ministry will be held September

28th at 6:30. **Old Business:** Nothing to report. **New Business:** Nothing to report. Meeting was ad-

journed at 8:40 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: October 19th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Re-

spectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Updates and Reminders

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WUM Annual Coat Drive for Kids!!

Fall is here and chilly temperatures are arriving! The PSV's urban ministry is conducting its **annual Coat Drive**. We are asking congregations to collect and donate coats which will be sorted and provided to local schools (pre-school - high school). Coats are further distributed to students via teachers, school nurses and social workers. New and gently used coats are accepted. We ask each to be clean with working zippers and secured buttons. **Coats are being sorted at Hoge on November 21** where they can be dropped off beforehand. Questions or requests for assistance to arrange pickups can be directed to Patti Gorman at: pgorman0708@sbcglobal.net In the past, we have collected over 800 youth coats! Thank you for considering support for this ministry.



These are photos of HM3 and the HM3 Personal Care Pantry as well as photos of two of our gardens after they have been cleaned up and prepared for the coming season.

Financial Update

Financial Update – September 30, 2020

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

Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2020:

Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$25,052.09 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Deacons Funds: \$4,275.00 (includes support from Worthington PC)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$187.49 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$3,706.17 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)

Memorial Funds: \$100.00 (in memory of Warren Pemberton)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,426.49

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$153.91 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Recycling: \$24.00

Sound System Repairs/Replacement: \$3,000.00

Financial notes:

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

1. Final details on the west side entry doors are being worked on
 2. Equipment needed to record worship services is now being utilized and video of our worship services are now available via Facebook; Joy Rector has also been emailing the videos to those whom she has an email for
 3. We are purchasing equipment, installation services and training to begin live-streaming services onto Facebook Live and U-Tube in the near future
 4. The Finance & Facilities committee is working on various maintenance projects both inside and outside of the church. If you have specific thoughts for maintenance needs of the church, please inform Janet Fetherolf or any member of the F&F committee
 5. Flower beds on the south end of the parking lot have been cleaned up and weeds pulled in front of the church along W Broad Street as well as the parking lot (special thanks to Roger Gorman and Jeanne Grothaus)
- 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. Group meetings are occurring in 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!

Balances as of September 30, 2020:		Operating Expenses:	
Unrestricted cash	\$ 169,464.37	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 7,668.10
Restricted cash	54,922.99	Building Maintenance	3,179.11
Payroll Liabilities	(0.00)	Committee Expenses	4,969.61
Net liquid assets	\$ 224,387.36	Office Expenses	3,394.90
Operating Income:		Non-Pastoral Salaries	19,640.00
Contributions	\$ 87,530.04	Pastoral Expenses	15,551.38
Interest	4,713.01	Utilities and Phone	10,913.68
Other income (building use)	3,885.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 65,316.78
Other income (other support)	3,904.12		
Other income (flower dedications)	311.00	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 35,026.39
Total Operating Income	\$ 100,343.17		



Happy Birthday– November



Janet Fetherolf, 9; Mike Purcell, 16; Dave Colborn, 17; Joey Alter, 23



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>1 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>2 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>3</p> 
<p>8 10:30am Worship w/Peggy Holcomb CRE 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>9 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Janet Fetherolf</i></p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>22 10:30am Worship w/ Rev. Wayne Morrison 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>23 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 7:00pm Session <i>Happy Birthday Joey Alter</i></p>	<p>24 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>
<p>29 10:30am Worship w/ Peggy Holcomb CRE 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>30 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	

Florentines-2 cups rice krispies, 1 cup salted peanuts, 1 cup sultanas, 1 cup cherries (finely chopped), ½ tin condensed milk, cooking chocolate. Mix together in a large bowl the rice krispies, sultanas, peanuts and cherries. To this mixture add the condensed milk and stir thoroughly. Line two tins with parchment paper. Spoon mixture onto trays. Bake for approx. 10 mins, 350 degrees, until golden brown. When cold spread the base of each biscuit with melted chocolate and leave to set. From: Fahan Presbyterian Church, Donegal, Republic of Ireland



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 7:30pm NA Meeting	5 7:00pm Outreach/ Worship/ Christian Ed	6 6:00pm AA Meeting	7 5:00pm HM ³ -Robin 6:00pm AA
11 7:30pm NA Meeting 	12	13 6:00pm AA Meeting	14 5:00pm HM ³ -Overbrook 6:00pm AA
18 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	19	20 6:00pm AA Meeting	21 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA
25 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	26 	27 6:00pm AA Meeting 9:00am Newsletter Prep	28 5:00pm HM ³ -Schieferstein 6:00pm AA

Uses for your magic eraser: Clean a stainless steel sink, A magic eraser can be used to gently scrub your stainless steel sink clean, removing tarnishing and grime. **Scuff marks on walls** - a few buffs and your walls will be looking better than ever. **Clean glass windows**-Magic erasers work on most glass surfaces, and are particularly handy for removing stuck-on bugs from your windscreen. **Remove rust**- Remove rust the easy, with your magic eraser on shower hinges, appliances, and even cooking pans. **Remove sticker residue**-A magic eraser will make light work of even the stickiest labels. **Remove stains on fabric**-Use a magic eraser lightly on the stain, and it will physically remove it from the fabric.

Scrub grout-They're particularly good on really discolored or moldy grout, as they will completely lift it away. **Buff your headlights**-Next time you clean your car, give your headlights a good buff with a magic eraser to clean and prevent your headlights from fogging. **Clean your toilet**- if you lodge a magic eraser in the toilet tank, each flush will gain cleaning power thanks to the abrasive nature of the particles that are released. **Spot clean the carpet**-A magic eraser can be used to spot clean your carpet, and is capable of removing even the toughest of stains like red wine. **Remove paint**-Dried paint is no match for the sandpaper-like texture of a magic eraser. **Clean soap scum**-Soap scum is no match for a magic eraser! **Silver that sparkles**-Use it in small circles to remove tarnish and discoloration and get your silver sparkling like you won't believe! **How to remove marker, pen & crayon marks**-a magic eraser will lift marker stains off almost any surface!

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Hogue Memorial Church Staff

Head of Staff: Jesus Christ

Custodian, Jim Cheadle

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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 Minis-

tries, Members of Out of the Box

Community Theatre

Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually

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