

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2022

February

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

February 2022

February greetings from Pastor Tom! We've made it through the longest and darkest month of January, and now turn our attention to the month of "Love" in February, before we enter into "Lent" and a more somber period of reflection, as we walk with our Lord, Jesus Christ, on his way to Calvary and the cross. I call February the month of love because Valentine's Day is our next holiday occurring on February 14th. I just love celebrating a whole month of love, because our Lord Jesus, is a God of incredible, unconditional love for all people! And, our Lord calls us to extend his unconditional love to all that we come in contact with as well. This is such an easy attribute – To say we're all about unconditional love, but one which is difficult to put into practice. We're entering into our 3rd year of a global pandemic, where uncertainty about our immediate future is spreading as fast as the new omicron variant of the COVID virus! The future continues to be unclear, and we continue to be made aware of the fragile nature of our lives. While the themes of uncertainty and the fragility of life have greater weight at this moment than other times, these feelings are not new! We still seek God's guidance as we make life-altering decisions or receive fearsome news of a medical diagnosis. Some of us might recall what shaped our lives as young people when we faced road-blocks or even had to change our path entirely. Through it all, however, each of us tells of God's unfailing presence in our lives as God continues to be with us and guide us in our decision making – which leads me to encourage all of our Hoge members to attend worship in person for the connection to your other brothers and sisters in Christ! We are creatures of fellowship and relational opportunities that only exist if and when you come to worship live with us. Remember, we have worship available Saturday evening at 5:00 PM for our contemporary HM3 service, which includes a dinner following worship, and our regular Sunday morning worship service is still live at 10:30, which includes a more traditional worship service with hymns, scripture readings, and a sermon. We also have fellowship opportunities after Sunday worship, like our donut Sundays, on the second Sunday of the month. We miss you, and want to fellowship with you, so can't wait to see you at live worship at Hoge very soon! One particular personal joy for me will be the Baptism of my 10 month old granddaughter, Kennedy Jane Billman, on Sunday, February 6th, in our Hoge sanctuary. I really feel blessed to conduct an infant Baptism at Hoge, so hope to see you in church on February 6th. It is also fitting, that we will enter the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 2nd, which happens to be "Ash Wednesday": We will have a worship service with the dispensation of ashes on March 2nd, and enter the season of Lent, where in the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and death, his disciples surely expressed confusion, fear, and denial as they followed Jesus into an uncertain future. As we walk with Jesus, and his disciples towards Jerusalem and the cross, we also will experience their confusion and fear. Where are we going? What will happen to us? How can we go on living during this crazy, pandemic time, and live with the fear and uncertainty? But, when the questions become too numerous or the fears threaten to overcome us, the Gospel reminds us that hope awaits beyond the cross, as death is not the final word! These moments are not the only moments – There is hope of a new life beyond the pandemic, a new life for each of our moments, as our loving Lord, Jesus Christ, walks with us each and every day! Remember in this month of love, that you are loved deeply by Jesus, your brothers and sisters at Hoge, and Pastor Tom! See you all soon in the pews! May God continue to bless you and our church, Amen!

Pastor Tom, February 2022:

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

Please remember the following Joys and Concerns in your daily prayers.

- Ed Sensenbrenner and family, Lois passed on January 24, Celebration of Life here at Hoge later, time and date to follow.
- Barb Mapes released from OSU to Scioto Community for rehab
- Joel Peck, Natalie's friend, facing health concerns
- Leslie Grothaus, Jeanne's daughter, with health issues
- Connie Pilkington in the passing of her husband, George
- Jeni McGraw's son for various health challenges
- Lois Duey health issues
- Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- Juanita Deweese, Avis Dorn
- Police Officers, other front line responders and our military families
- 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 bulletins and monthly newsletters either by phone or email**



Families Served at HM3 Dec Adults 136, Children 31, (Volunteers 27, Hoge people, 23, others 37) Total= 254

Food Pantry Dec Totals: 46 Households, 24 Seniors, Adults 82, Children 40 Total Number of People Served 148

Personal Care Pantry Needs-Hoge's ministry and outreach includes a Personal Pantry as 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: Stick Deodorant, Personal hygiene Wipes, Chap Stick / Lip Balm, Flashlights, Batteries (Sizes AAA, AA, C, D), Small or travel size bottles of shampoo & cream rinse, Warm gloves / mittens. Please see Bev and Jack Neil or Kathy and Barry Schifferstein for additional information. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



Happy Birthday – February

Gail Garman, 4; Bob Garman, 10; Phil Leston, 14; Diana Purcell, 21;
Mitch Peters, 23; Lois Duey 24



Two ways you can help us out at our food pantry! Help clients on pantry days repack their chosen food items. Then help them carry the food up the stairs and to their car. Our pantry is open from 12:00 – 1:30 the last two consecutive Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month. Help us on Mid Ohio food delivery days. This happens on the first or second Thursday of most months. The truck leaves the pallets outside our parking lot entrance door. Volunteers carry the boxes down the stairs. Some boxes can be slid down a ramp. Some can ride down the chair lift. All require some lifting. It takes around an hour to get the job done. You usually need to be there around 8:30 a.m. The more volunteers the better! Donna Swaneck

(continued from page 3) **Deacons:** November Food Pantry: Served 49 Families (see page 2) Susan Barrett reported that Deacons are not taking flowers to homes. Will be purchasing Aldi gift cards. Covered Flowers donations. Sending money to Presbytery. Gave \$200 for office supplies. Paid opening and closing cost for Sallie Wilson funeral. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Mark Parsons will be sending letter out from Mark Standberry (Liaison). Natalie went to West for Cowboy Bucks holiday shopping and a lot of donations were received Received donations from Hilliard. **Old Business:** February 6, 2022, Tom will Baptize his Granddaughter Kennedy Jane Billman. **New Business:** Andrew Anderson has completed the repairs on the Stained-Glass windows. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with the Lord's Prayer.** Next Session Meeting: at 7:00 pm. January 17th, 2022. **Respectfully:** Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

REMINDER

Lay readers: January-Mike Minch, **February-Patti Gorman**, March-Judy Manley, April-Mike Minch, May-Carolyn Colborn, June-Bill Aiken, July-Diana Purcell, August-Gail Garman, September-Carol Ross, October-Judy Manley, November-Carolyn Colborn, 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 16-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Debbie Peters, Diana Purcell, Joy Rector

February 20-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil & Bev, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman,

March 20-Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Mike Minch, Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Diana Purcell

April 17-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Judy Moody, Patti Gorman

May 15-Natalie Alter, Debbie Peters, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil

June 19-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Charlotte and Wilbur Smith, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross

July 17 - Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Mike Minch, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman

August 21-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil

September 18- Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett

October 16-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Debbie Peters, Mike Minch, Diana Purcell

November 20- Natalie Alter, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman, Bev & Jack Neil, Gail Garman

December 18-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.) Jack Neil, Bev Neil

Usher Team #2 (February, May, August and November): Mike Minch, Judy Manley

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-TBA; 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 - December 13, 2021. The Session of Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church met for their regular meeting at 7:00 pm December 13, 2021. Moderator: - Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** - Diana Purcell. Communion was served to (23) people on December 19, 2021. Tom will be doing Sallie Wilson funeral on Thursday Dec. 9th, in Washington Court House next to her parents per her wish. In attendance was Susan Barrett, Funeral Directors, Cemetery directors, few family members. Partners in Education Training will be held live on Saturday January 8, 2022, 9:00-3:00 pm at Worthington Presbytery, By Zoom Tuesday January 11, 2022, 7:00-8:30 pm. **Moderators/ Pastoral Care Report:** Mental Health Program will be open January 25, 2022, 12:00-2:00 pm. Visited Juanita DeWeese and Teresa at Mt. Carmel Hospital. Will take communion to Lois Sensenbrenner when Rev. Ed says it is Ok. Has seen Charlotte & Wilbur Smith, Avis Dorn, Barbara Mapes. Is helping Leila Parker, Daryl Woodward, and Vern find housing. Will have Joint Christmas Eve Service with Compel Christian Center at 7:00 pm. **Treasurer's Report** - Patti Gorman- No Report was available. Budget for 2022 will be approved at our next. Session meeting in January. **Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/ Christian Ed:** Ministers to Preach: Pastor Tom Billman Dec. 5th, 19th & 24th Pastor Peggy Holcomb Dec. 12, Rev. Wayne Morrison Dec. 26th. January 9th is open, and we are thinking About options for that day. Compel is going to do the Advent reading on Christmas Eve. Poinsettias are to be Delivered December 17 or 18. **HM3:** Covenant Presbyterian to bring hats, gloves, socks, long underwear, sweat-shirts, and gift cards for the December 18 HM3 meal. Overbrook Presbyterian did not sign up for HM3 meals in 2022. Steve Ryan says That they are coming to Worship services, but no one wants to venture out for anything else. I will ask Rachel Mitchell if her group would like to sign up for remaining second Saturday meals in 2022. Six alternate fourth Saturday meal are still open beginning with February 26. Concord Presbyterian may be able to help with a few, But I want to be respectful of the distance they travel, especially in the winter. Gift cards are being purchased From Ohio Thrift, McDonalds, White Castle, Dollar Tree. Tom and Susan are getting the remaining gift cards. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Theatre will not have a performance until at least February. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** - Janet Fetherolf/Mike Purcell Trees have been removed on the East side. Franklin Art Glass has completed the work on the windows In the Parlor, Balcony, Brides room, Narthex, and exterior. New Estimate for Vinyl fencing was approved. Supplies are being ordered. Will follow up for estimate time for installation. Pledge envelopes have been Ordered. Tuck Pointing will be completed soon. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- Nothing to Report. **Personnel:** - Carolyn Colborn - Christian's review will be held on Tuesday January 11, 2022, at 1:00 pm. (see bottom of page 2 for remainder of the December Session minutes)

Notes and Photos

Some photos of our new privacy fence being constructed



We received 86 boxes of frozen egg patties for our food pantry. We shared with two other pantries. These are photos of a police unit on a community service delivering some of the food.



Some of our volunteers taking down our Christmas decorations



Financial Update

Financial Update – December 31, 2021

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2021 financial activity through December. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office. Hoge is grateful for the human and financial resources God has made available to allow personal and community-based ministries to remain alive and active during the start of another unique and challenging year. THANK YOU!!!

Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2021:

Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$78,040.24 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Christmas Joy Offering: \$872.50

Deacons Funds: \$4,159.86 (includes support from Worthington PC)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$459.64 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Fall Sale Proceeds: \$2,043.65

Flower Garden Maintenance: \$500.00 (in honor of Susan Barrett's retirement from OSU)

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$1,879.12 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)

Memorial/Honorarium Funds: \$1,120.00 (in memory of Gary Link, Warren Pemberton & Linda Cosgray-Billman)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,521.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$603.83 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Peacemaking Offering: \$872.50

Recycling: \$81.00

Sound Equipment Upgrades: \$500.00

Toilet Repairs/Replacement: \$2,389.00

Financial notes:

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

Completion of the tuck pointing, caulking and sealing project is on hold due to weather conditions

A new fence and gate along the north and east side east lawn has been installed

The main entrance doors to the sanctuary are being evaluated for refinishing

A battery-operated snow shovel and a snow blower have been purchased for the building

Plumbing issues involving the kitchenette sink is being addressed

Many other projects are being evaluated so we can put them into process

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 continued challenging times of COVID-19.

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 can help with 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 December 31, 2021:

Unrestricted cash	\$	187,977.87
Restricted cash		135,065.71
Payroll Liabilities		(0.00)
Net liquid assets	\$	<u>323,043.58</u>

Operating Income:





Contributions	\$	127,846.85
Interest		6,383.61
Other income (building use)		6,330.00
Other income (other support)		7,381.69
Other income (flower dedications)		<u>2,031.25</u>
Total Operating Income	\$	149,973.40


Operating Expenses:

Admin & Other Expenses	\$	10,863.15
Building Maintenance		5,586.52
Committee Expenses		7,997.10
Office Expenses		5,607.72
Non-Pastoral Salaries		25,740.51
Pastoral Expenses		22,882.95
Utilities and Phone		<u>18,652.20</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$	97,330.15
Difference - Operating Activity	\$	52,643.25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Quick DIY Tips-No More Moldy Bread -place a clean dry paper towel under the bread in its original bag when storing it. Holes in your white walls? Small amount of white, non-gel toothpaste into the hole. Use peppermint for pesky pests . Plant mint in the ground close to your home . Mice, moles, rats, gophers, and squirrels are just some of the annoying critters that will stay away. Ice-proof windshield. One part water to three parts white vinegar ,spray on the windshield generously.		1 8:00pm NA
6 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 11:30pm Deacons meeting 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Kennedy Billman - Baptism</i>	7 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	8 8:00pm NA
13 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Marion Stenner 11:30pm Donut Fellowship 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting	14 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Phil Leston</i> 	15 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA
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Caramel Pie Recipe -1 graham cracker crust, 2 cans sweetened condensed mil, Cool whip. Remove paper from cans of sweetened condensed milk. Place the cans in a pot completely submerge the cans in water. Bring to a low boil. Cover, reduce heat, continue for about 3 hours. Do not leave the cans unattended, add water as needed to keep the cans submerged. Carefully remove cans from water, let them cool about 10 minutes. Open carefully with can opener. Pour the caramel in the crust, smooth mixture to touch each sides of pie crust. Either freeze for at least 3 hours or refrigerate overnight. Remove from freezer/refrigerator and spread cool whip on pie. It is a good idea to place back in freezer or refrigerator so the topping has time to set. Pie can be garnish with caramel sauce, chocolate syrup, chocolate shavings.... From Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL 		

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting 	3 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed	4 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery <i>Happy Birthday Gail Garman</i>	5 5:00pm HM ³ -Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA
9 8:00pm NA Meeting	10 6:45pm Compel Christian Midweek Worship <i>Happy Birthday Bob Garman</i>	11 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery	12 5:00pm HM ³ -Westminster 6:00pm AA
16 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	17 6:45pm Compel Christian Midweek Worship	18 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery	19 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA
23 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Mitch Peters</i>	24 9:00am Newsletter Prep 6:45pm Compel Christian Center Midweek Worship <i>Happy Birthday Lois Duey</i>	25 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery	26 5:00pm HM ³ -Patti 6:00pm AA

Beeswax is great **lubricant for oiling furniture joints**. You can **polish your granite counter tops** regularly with molten beeswax to keep them shiny bright! Just apply the beeswax, allow it to dry up and then wipe it off with a piece of cloth. To **waterproof leather boots & gloves**, rub beeswax on to outerwear. Beeswax is used to **coat the sewing thread** to strengthen. **Beeswax wraps**-You can buy them online or make them on your own. For wrapping/covering and keeping food. <https://mommypotamus.com/diy-reusable-food-wrap>. **Natural furniture polish**-In a double boiler, add beeswax until it melts. Pour into 8 ounce mason jar and allow to cool. With a clean cloth, add a dab to the furniture you want to polish, and in a circular motion, work the polish in. Allow the polish to sit overnight. Beeswax to **lubricate wood**-rub a bit of beeswax on area of the wood then slide them back and forth, drawers and windows included. Beeswax can also be used to **loosen rusted nuts**. **Coat nails or screws** with beeswax before hammering them into wood. **Naturally waterproof your shoes** (check Google for a recipe). Beeswax for **rust prevention** on garden tools, rub beeswax over the metal parts, also use it to condition the wood handles. Using **beeswax when sewing**, run your thread along a bar of wax before sewing. Beeswax is used in candle, crayons, and sealing wax check Google for recipes.

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Various Committee Heads

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**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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