

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2022

July

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

July 2022

Early July greetings, and hope you all have a safe and fun-filled 4th of July celebration this year! I've just returned from a week of vacation in western North Carolina, where my wife and I can really relax! We spent a great deal of time in the Pisgah National Forest searching for waterfalls, and we found some spectacular ones which promotes a deep relaxation which grows into a spiritual experience with, our amazing Trinity – The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I confess that I seek out these spiritual experiences to help me grow in my faith. After all these years as a follower of Jesus, I am still learning what it means to grow in Christ. Dallas Willard, a well-known Christian theologian describes “growing in Christ” as a “golden triangle of spiritual transformation.” By embracing our situation, and opening our lives to the guidance of the Spirit and practicing spiritual discipline, we can continually “take off the old human-nature, and put on the new nature”, of a life well-lived in the likeness and integrity of Christ. All 3 parts of our amazing Trinity are essential to this process of our transformation. In regards to the Father, we are asked to embrace our situation through God the Father – Through the hard-knocks of life, God can challenge our self-sufficiency and stretch our ability to empathize with the suffering of others. When we blame other people for our problems, trials, or troubles we are not embracing the situation, as we show our spiritual immaturity. Jesus could have grumbled that life was unfair to him, or complained that sinful people were unworthy of him, or asked God for a loftier, less humiliating assignment. Paul reminds us that Jesus emptied himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. And James reminds us, “Think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy – after all, you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance, and let this endurance complete its work so that you may be fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing!” The second side of our Trinity, we open our lives to the guidance of the Spirit. Jesus knew that we needed a helper who had helped him. At his Baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove, and when launching his ministry, Jesus acknowledged the Spirit as the source of the courage and guidance he would daily need to respond in God-like ways to the challenges he encountered. The third part of our Trinity reminds us to practice spiritual discipline to imitate our Lord, Jesus Christ – share his life, and make ourselves available to Jesus for the transformation of our hearts and minds. To loosen the bonds of selfishness – to open our hearts to the big-heartedness of Jesus Christ – serve our neighbors in need – open our clenched-fists to become the hands and feet of Christ, and join Jesus in the work of mending this big world that God loves. It's a successful day when we practice these spiritual disciplines so to “Put on our Lord Jesus Christ”, and be guided by the Spirit to grow in Christ's likeness. Enjoy your summer as you grow in spirituality, and we can't wait to see you all real soon at one of our worship services! May God continue to bless and keep you!

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Tom

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- Judy Isel experiencing health issues
- Family of Janet Fetherolf in her passing
- Charlotte Smith in the passing of Wilbur
- Barbara Mapes recovering at home
- Joby Whitehead experiencing health issues
- Jerry Fetherolf experiencing health issues
- Jim Cheadle experiencing health issues
- Avis Dorn's family for her passing on February 5
- Bobbie McComb's family upon her passing on January 23
- Diane Line experiencing health issues
- For the family of Juanita Deweese, in her passing
- Leslie Grothaus, Jeanne's daughter, with health issues
- Joel Peck, Natalie's friend, facing health concerns
- Jeni McGraw's son for various health challenges
- Lois Duey health issues
- Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- 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

Food Pantry May Totals: 61 Households, 32 Seniors, Adults 116, Children 73 Total Number of People Served 221



Happy Birthday - July

Carol Ross, 3; Patti Gorman, 8; Carol Walner, 9; Patrick McGraw, 13;
Daryl Woodard, 17; Jeff Colborn, 27.



Note: If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know and we will be glad to add it.

BUBBA'S BBQ- Each Friday night after work, Bubba would fire up his outdoor grill and cook venison steak. But all of Bubba's neighbors were Catholic, and since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating red meat on Friday. The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest. The priest came to visit Bubba and suggested that he become a Catholic. After several classes and much study, Bubba attended Mass. The priest sprinkled holy water over him and said, "You were born a Baptist and raised as a Baptist, but now you are Catholic." Bubba's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood. The priest was called immediately by the neighbors. As the priest rushed into Bubba's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement. There stood Bubba, clutching a small bottle of holy water, which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat while chanting, "You wuz born a deer, you wuz raised a deer, but now you are a catfish."

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: Bar soap, Body wipes, Stick deodorant, Razors, Sunscreen lotion/spray, Toilet paper rolls, Wash cloths, White socks. Please see Bev and Jack Neil or Kathy and Barry Schieferstein for additional information. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

REMINDER

Lay readers: January-Mike Minch, February-Patti Gorman, March-Judy Manley, April-Mike Minch, May-Donna Swaneck, June-Gail Garman, **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, Diana Purcell

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

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

June 19-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, 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, 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, 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

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

Regular Session Meeting, May 16, 2022, Moderator: - Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** - Diana Purcell

Communion was served to (25) people on May 15, 2022, HM3 on May 14th, 2022, Wilbur Smith passed away April 27,

2022. Funeral May 5, 2022, Sunset Cemetery, Rev.Wayne Morrison officiating. **Moderators/ Pastoral Care Report;** Still

meeting with Charlotte, visited Rev Ed, Barbara Mapes at Mill Run Rehab, Jim Cheadle, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross,

Carolyn & Dave Colborn, Theresa Cline, Dorothy Pemberton. Made phone Calls to Bill McComb, Darryl Woodward,

Charlotte & Krista Badgley, Ann Parlin, Debbie Peters, Vern. **Treasurer's Report** - Patti Gorman- Received \$10,000

check from Dr. Anderson for Pastors Tom (Idea Bank). No other report was available. Bills have been paid. **Committee**

Reports: Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed: Ministers to preach in May: May 1st- Susan Warrenner-Smith, May 8th- Peggy

Holcomb, May 15 Pastor Tom Billman, May 22 Rev Wayne Morrison, May 29th - Pastor Tom Billman. All Sundays are

covered on preaching schedule through June. **HM3:** Overbrook will bring spaghetti again for May 28 meal. May require

additional serving/cleanup help. Kathy Schieferstein will bring meal for June 11 HM3 but will need Hoge to provide help

in serving and Cleanup, since this is also the Saturday for Personal Care Pantry. She will not be there with the meal until

5:15. Connie's pastor Caleb Spiker will be giving the message for HM3 on June 11th. Saturdays not covered are October

22 and December 24. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Auditions will be in April for "Savannah Sipping Society"

which will be presented June 3,4,5, and 10,11,12. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** - Jack Neil/Mike Purcell: Jeffrey

from HM3 wants to do the grass mowing and weeding for the church. It was suggested we would pay him \$100.00 every

week. By motion made, 2nd and moved it was approved, Floors are being cleaned and waxed. Boilers have been repaired.

Drains have been cleaned in boiler room and kitchenette. Franklin Glass said they would come out in June. Fence issue

seems to be holding. Ann Adair requested use of the sanctuary on June 5th at 3:30 pm for piano recital. Dirt and grass

seeding has been completed. Susan is taking charge of watering. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- No report. **Personnel:** -

Carolyn Colborn - No report. **Deacons: April Food Pantry: Served 69 Families** (see page 2). **Donna Deacon Report:**

Using the information we had, as well as names from Pastor Tom, a staying in touch list has been created. The finished

list is hanging in the sacristy. Susan is creating an accompanying spreadsheet where Deacons can indicate when they have

been in contact with someone. The idea is to be able to easily identify who we might want to reach out to next. If an El-

der wants to add someone to the list, please put as much contact information as you know on a piece of paper and put it

in Donna's folder in the Hanging file in the hallway. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Attended

April 25th meeting at Connie Jumps house. Mental Health Fair/Career Day was held at Hoge from 11:00-3:00 pm. By Dr.

Meredith Montgomery. Ernest and Kaylee are on board as Counselors. Looking for a Coordinator. Next meeting will be

held May or June. **Old Business:** Nothing to report. **New Business** Nothing to report. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:15**

pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: June 27, 2022, at 7:00 pm. **Respectfully:** Diana L Purcell, Clerk of

Session

Notes and Photos

Rev. Keith Jones

Malachi 3:1-4

English Standard Version

3 “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

I've seen a few reports about the Queen's jubilee in England. Lots of ceremonial celebrations. I always imagine what it would be like if someone showed up before the dirtiest person in England and said they were to be presented before the Queen. So much effort would go into cleaning up that person, making them presentable. It's no small feat, but that's what must be done so they can be presented, due to the gulf existing between the height of royalty and someone covered in filth.

I've been thinking a lot lately about the presence of God. We long for it, and yet at the core, it's so different than we are. We are sinful and broken, and God is purity and perfection. Emotionally, we bounce all over the place, and often find ourselves in conflict, and yet God is pure love, consistent faithfulness. We are unworthy of God's love, and such efforts must be made to make us worthy. When we talk about a refiner's fire, we're talking about putting precious metals in the hottest part of the fire to burn out impurities. The precious metals look great when they're out of the fire, and we all love to see glass when it's blown artistically, but none of us would joyfully welcome being placed into the midst of a blazing furnace or a refiner's fire -- the heat would be so intense, we fear getting destroyed.

And so what a gift it is that Jesus Christ willingly steps into the depths of the furnace, into the central core of the refiner's fire, and bears all the heat, so that we don't have to. How amazing is that -- we could have been consumed, but Christ endures that so that we don't have to. Christ makes us worthy by accepting the heat of the flames, and we receive the reward he deserves, and it's given as a gift.....

How incredible is that??? We are converted from the depths of unworthiness to the heights of heaven, made worthy to sit before God in all of God's perfection....

It's simply amazing...

Celebration of Life for Lois Sensenbrenner



Financial Update

Financial Update – May 31, 2022

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2022 financial activity through May. 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 2022:

Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$111.37 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Christmas Joy Offering: \$24.00

Deacon's Funds: \$1,333.34 (includes 2/3 of Mission support from Worthington PC and Memorial Funds in Memory of Wilbur Smith)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$2,270.28 (includes interest earned from designated savings account and Memorial Funds in memory of Lois Sensenbrenner)

HM3 Support: \$200.00

Memorial/Honorarium Funds: \$300.00 (in memory of Juanita DeWeese and Avis Dorn)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,522.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$1.67 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Pastoral Idea Fund: \$10,000.00

Recycling: \$47.80

Financial notes:

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

Sanctuary and Food Pantry floors have been cleaned & waxed

Boiler concerns are being assessed

Stained Glass windows repairs are scheduled

Concrete repairs are being evaluated

Toilets behind the stage have been replaced

Repairs are needed on the flat roofs and are being assessed

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

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.



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 May 31, 2022:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 233,437.08	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	113,635.35	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 5,116.84
Payroll Liabilities	(300.72)	Building Maintenance	6,164.13
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>346,771.71</u>	Committee Expenses	2,678.49
Operating Income:		Office Expenses	2,134.33
Contributions	\$ 35,616.91	Non-Pastoral Salaries	13,204.76
Interest	613.95	Pastoral Expenses	10,080.76
Other income (building use)	3,505.00	Utilities and Phone	<u>9,588.39</u>
Other income (other support)	2,185.22	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 48,967.70
Other income (flower dedications)	<u>352.00</u>		
Total Operating Income	\$ 42,273.08	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ (6,694.62)

Fall Sale Sorting - 10:00 to 1:00-Tuesday July 12th, Tuesday August 2nd, Tuesday August 9th, Tuesday September 6th, Tuesday September 13th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Creamy Chicken Chowder Recipe, Makes 1 gallon. Ingredients: 4 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded or diced, 2 cups chicken broth, 2 cloves garlic, 14 ounces can diced tomatoes, 10 ounces can potato soup, 10 ounces can French onion soup, 1 large can cream of chicken soup, family size, 12 fluid ounces evaporated milk, 28 ounces corn, 8 ounces green chilies, 1 teaspoon cumin, 1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder, salt, pepper, oregano, to taste, Directions: Bake or boil chicken until done, then mix all ingredients together and heat thoroughly. From Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham Alabama.</p>		
		
<p>3 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Carol Ross</i></p>	<p>4 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p> 	<p>5 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>10 10:30am Worship w/ 11:30am Donut Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>11 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>12 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>17 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Daryl Woodard</i></p>	<p>18 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 7:00pm Session</p>	<p>19 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>24 10:30am Worship w/Chris Hilton 7:00pm AA Meeting Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>25 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>26 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>31 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Marion Stenner 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>DIY tips—Next time you buy fresh green onions don't toss the white ends. Instead stick them in water and place in a sunny window. Phone charger Just pop the wire off of a binder clip, slide your cord in and pop it back on. Don't throw out the water you boil your eggs in. This water contains tons of calcium that your plants will love. Just let the water cool and dump it on your plants. Scraping ice off your windows, Mix three parts vinegar to one part Apply car wax to your stove top for easy cleaning. (cont. on next page).</p>	

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 4-Independence Day -"My County, 'Tis of Thee" written by a Baptist minister, Samuel Francis Smith. "The Pledge of Allegiance" written in 1892 by a Baptist minister, Francis Bellamy. The words "In God We Trust" are traced to the efforts of Rev. W.R. Watkinson. Rev. John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.		1 6:00pm AA Meeting	2 5:00pm HM ³ -Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA
6 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	7 Outreach/Worship/Christian Ed	8 6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Patti Gorman</i>	9 5:00pm HM ³ —Westminster 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Carol Walner</i>
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27 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Jeff Colborn</i>	28	29 9:00am Newsletter Prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	30 5:00pm HM ³ - Car;a 6:00pm AA

(cont from page 6) Adding a few drops of **bleach to your water** before adding your bouquet of flowers will actually prevent mildew and your bouquet will last longer. Use **tension rods** to organize cutting boards and sheet pans. No more lifting a heavy stack of pans to get what you need out of the bottom. Use a **curtain rod** to hang up your pots and pans. Avoid **tangled necklaces** while traveling by threading your chain through a plastic drinking straw. Lose a **screw in your glasses**? Just slip in an stud earring and secure it with the back. Don't have a **funnel**! Use an envelope: Cut one end of the envelope off making a large triangle then snip off a piece from the corner. Use **dish soap for an ice pack**. Fill a small ziploc bag with plain dish soap. It won't freeze solid, contour it to your body. Double up the bag to protect for leaks.

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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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