

# HOGE HERALD

*Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church*

2022

## October

**PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"**

**October 2022**

**Read Acts 11: 1-18: "Bless the changes, cause they are a comin!"**

I was thinking of my grandfather Billman recently – We were very close when I was growing up, and he used to tell me – “Tommy, embrace the changes in your life, because one thing is constant in our earthly lives – Change!” Seems to me that these changes he was talking about happen faster and faster all the time. My Grandad Billman was born in 1897, and he used to describe his youth to me – One without automobiles or telephones – Then, he saw astronauts walking on the moon! Some of these changes over his 91 years were unwelcome – He never did buy a microwave oven, and other changes, like the computer-age intrigued him, but he never really got to see and comprehend how much this would change our lives! As our society haltingly steps back out of the pandemic, changes seem to come faster and faster all the time! We now are streaming our Sunday morning services on Facebook – We have Bible-Study on Zoom – Masks are on again, off again – And of course, everyone has an opinion about the latest public-health guidance! We are not the first generation to witness dramatic changes, and I’m not talking about my grandfather’s generation. Acts 11: 1-18: describes a monumental change in the history of God’s people that was not welcomed. Peter had been preaching to the Gentiles in Caesarea, and The Holy Spirit comes upon them, much to the surprise of Peter’s missionary team, all of whom, like Peter, are Jewish converts. The new Gentile-believers are baptized before Peter heads back to Jerusalem, but not without some criticism, as the converts of Jewish descent ask, “Why did you go to the uncircumcised and eat with them?” Peter’s enthusiasm of his new brothers and sisters was not received all that enthusiastically by his longtime allies, and Peter was not alone. In our modern-day lives, sometimes change is preferable to us, sometimes not. The pandemic has exposed several changes, and in our worship, the divide has been over on-line worship – Some embrace this opportunity – To not worry about keeping children quiet during worship – while others fear that on-line options will affect our relationship-building necessary to keep our churches open! 1 member’s unwelcome change is another member’s intriguing possibility! In our scripture passage from Acts 11, Peter meets his resistance by describing 2 dreams – 1 of his own, and 1 that comes to an inquiring Gentile. Both dreams explain Peter’s decision to baptize these newcomers. In Peter’s dream, he has a vision of all the foods that Jews consider unclean, coming down from heaven in a sheet, along with a voice telling him to eat up! By the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Peter hears to eat up, he realizes that the Gospel is opening up to the Gentiles without their need to follow Jewish dietary laws! In the Gentiles dream, an angel promises that Peter will give him a message by which his entire household will be saved – and this Gentile and his family are among the ones Peter baptizes. In some ways, Peter’s double-dream functions as a means to bring about change. To sketch out an inspiring picture of the way our world can be – after the desired transformation has taken place – people who resist change can picture a future they’d like to join. You see, Peter helps his critics imagine a world where all doors are open, barriers are lifted, and even Gentiles, of all people, can come to faith in Christ! The pandemic has thrust change upon our congregations – some unwelcome, and some is intriguing! What will our destination postcard at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church look like? We must keep our options open for the future, because as my Grandad used to say, “Get used to it, change is the only constant thing in our lives, and we need to embrace it!” May God continue to bless and keep you!

In Christ, Pastor Tom

# Special Announcements

## KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- The family of Lois Duey in her passing
- Jack Neil experiencing health issues
- Tenzin Blearsch, grandson of Jack and Bev Neil, suffering brain bleed effects in Port Townsend, Washington hospital
- Family of Judy Edwards in her passing
- Family of Carol Ross in her passing
- 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 at Sarah Moore Nursing Home in Delaware 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
- 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 Aug. Totals: 60 Households, 33 Seniors, Adults 129, Children 64 Total Number of People Served 226

## Happy Birthday – October

Mike Minch, 2; Beth Ormsby, 3; Diane Line, 9, Tom Billman, 13; Kyle Barrett, 21; Amy Colborn, 26.

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



A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. 'Reverend,' said the young man, 'I'm so sorry about the delay... It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.' The minister chuckled, 'I know what you mean. It's the same in my business.'

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-Mike Minch, **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, 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- 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- TBA**; November- Deacons; December- Ushers

**Regular Session Meeting August 15, 202-Moderator:** – Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell

Communion was served to (20) people on August 21, 2022. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Made personal visit to Daniel Kakotcin at Assistant Living Facility in Lancaster Ohio on August 9, 2022. Daniel is HM 3 member and is trying to adjust to his move. Other Pastoral care contacts and Visits to: Joby Whitehead, Charlotte Smith, the Colburns, Leila Parker, Barbara Mapes, Regina Minch, Ron & Diane Line, Judy & Dan Isel, Janet Mullins, Ann Parlin, Debbie Peters, Lois Duey, Bill McComb, Rev Ed Sensenbrenner, & Jerry Fetherolf. Monthly Westside Pastor's and Donation of \$1,500 was made to Westside Christian School from The Synod Fund. Dr. Anderson feels his community program at Nationwide Children's Hospital will get us a Mental Health Supervisor for University of Dayton program. Dr. Anderson is planning a significant financial donation to Hoge in the Fall. **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman- Contributions are down from last year. Interest and dividends are from a little. Other Income is up. Operating expenses are up. Building expense is up. Outreach is up a little. Worship expense if down. Operating expenses are up a little. Other Salaries are up. Pastoral Services are up some. Utilities are up. Non-Operating Income is down from last year. Non-Operating Expenses are up from last year.(see page 5).

**Committee Reports:** **Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** August Ministers: August 7 & 21 Pastor Tom Billman, August 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor Peggy Holcomb, August 28<sup>th</sup> Rev.Wayne Morrison. Rev Wayne Morrison is taking a gap year position at Condit Presbyterian Church. October 23 is now an open date. December 25 is still an open date. Worship Committee approved giving a \$1500 donation to Hilltop Christian School. This is a new Christian school located at Memorial Baptist Church at 2435 Eakin Rd. They have many needs. Tom was planning to go to their open house on Tuesday August 9. Tom talked about Reset. This is a non-profit organization that teaches a Bible Education class to public school students. It allows them to receive Biblical instruction during school days. The instruction needs to be off site and with parental permission.

**HM3:** We discussed the issue of dogs at HM3. We think only service dogs should be allowed and only one dog at a time. It was mentioned that Barry Schierferstein stayed in the parking lot with a dog so his owner could get a meal. We also could take a meal to someone in the parking lot. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Next performance will be in October. Play will be **Another Dumb Ghost Story**. There will be a script preview on August 20 from 11-4. **Approval of**

**Report:** Report was approved by motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and moved. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Jack Neil /

Mike Purcell Dr Anderson wants Tom to purchase a new office chair for the Pastor's Study. Jeffrey Adams is moving the Lawn. Roof needs repaired. Boiler needs repaired. Natalie has a cousin from Pa coming to look at Boiler, HVAC. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- No Report. **Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley – Christian Supervision check list is nearly ready. **Deacons:** **July Food Pantry: Served 71 Families** (see page 2). **Donna's Report:** Food Pantry continues to go well. We had a large delivery from Mid-Ohio Food Collective Last Thursday. We Continue to work staying in touch with people who are connected to our congregation, but Not coming to Hoge for many different reasons. We recently have been reaching out via phone calls, and e-mail. We are sending out "Hello" cards this week. (cont. on page 4)

# Notes and Photos

**Fall Sale-** Friday October 7th and Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> 9 - 1 p.m. Set-up is Thursday October 6th starting at 9:00 a.m. Clean-up is Saturday October 8th starting at 1:00 p.m. or when the last shoppers are done. Let Donna Swaneck know if you can work the Sale or help with set-up or clean-up. We need lots of baked goods for our Bake Sale! Bring them to the church on Thursday October 6th or early on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to come and shop. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors to come and shop too!

(Session report cont. from page 3) We are sending out "Hello" cards this week. We are working on pricing and sorting for the Deacon's Fall Sale. We are looking into getting some new signage, as well as purchasing a few lightweight tables. We will also be Doing more advertising electronically through "Nextdoor" in Galloway and Westgate as well as some other areas. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Westgate Association is joining again. **Old Business:** Donut Fellowship August 14<sup>th</sup> - Ushers. **New Business:** Next Outreach meeting September 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer.** **Next Session Meeting:** at 7:00 pm. September 19th, 2022. **Respectfully:** Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Our late Summer .  
Flower Beds



Donations from Second  
Community Church



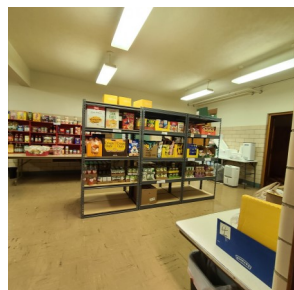
Fall Sale Sorting  
and Pricing



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Food Pantry Ready to Open





# Financial Update

## Financial Update – August 31, 2022

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2022 financial activity through August. 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: \$183.59 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Christmas Joy Offering: \$24.00

Deacon's Funds: \$2,816.68 (includes 2/3 of Mission support from Worthington PC & Memorials in memory of Wilbur Smith)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$2,749.66 (includes interest earned from designated savings account and Memorial Funds in honor of Lois Sensenbrenner)

HM3 Support: \$200.00

Memorial/Honorarium Funds: \$2,580.00 (in memory of Juanita DeWeese, Avis Dorn, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross, Lois Duey)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,542.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$4.01 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Pastoral Idea Fund: \$10,009.09

Recycling: \$47.80

### Financial notes:

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

Boiler concerns are being evaluated

Stained Glass windows repairs are in the process of being repaired

Repairs to and removal of birds and bats from our chimney are being scheduled

Repairs needed on the flat roofs are being assessed

Completion of the tuck pointing, caulking and sealing project is on hold

Second Community Church on the Hilltop is supporting Hoge's HM3 program by providing paper products and supplies for meals as well as the Personal Care Pantry; we are blessed to receive their partnership of missions in our community

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 August 31, 2022:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 235,679.46	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	109,026.30	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 7,983.77
Payroll Liabilities	( 248.38)	Building Maintenance	8,862.48
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>344,457.38</u>	Committee Expenses	5,256.85
Operating Income:		Office Expenses	3,968.81
Contributions	\$ 61,072.41	Non-Pastoral Salaries	20,368.52
Interest	3,571.43	Pastoral Expenses	16,017.43
Other income (building use)	4,300.00	Utilities and Phone	<u>16,936.25</u>
Other income (other support)	3,464.23	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 79,394.11
Other income (flower dedications)	<u>502.00</u>		
Total Operating Income	\$ 72,910.07	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ ( 6,484.04)

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>Tips with Aluminum Foil:</b> Catch ice cream cone drips-wrap the bottom of an ice-cream cone with a piece of aluminum foil before handing it to them. Sharpen your scissors-Smooth the pieces of foil out then fold the strips into several layers and start cutting. Seven or eight passes should do the trick. Speed your ironing-To speed things up, put a piece of aluminum foil under your ironing board cover. This foil will reflect heat back through the clothing, smoothing the wrinkles more quickly. Put some bite in your mulch-Aluminum foil hacks extend to the great outdoors, too! To keep hungry insects away from your cucumbers and other vegetables, mix strips of aluminum foil with your garden mulch. As a bonus benefit, the foil will reflect light back up onto your plants. (cont. on page 7)		
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30 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Marion Stenner 7:00pm AA Meeting	31 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 	Harvest season in the Northern Hemisphere, especially in Europe. 

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(cont. from page 6) Bake a perfect pie crust-You know you can keep the edges of your homemade pies from burning by covering them with strips of aluminum foil. The foil prevents the edges from getting overdone while the rest of your pie gets perfectly browned. Create special-Just form a double thickness of heavy-duty aluminum foil into the desired shape inside a large cake pan. Soften up brown sugar-To restore your hardened brown sugar to its former powdery glory, chip off a piece, wrap it in aluminum foil, and bake it in the oven at 300°F (150° C) for five minutes.			1 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Robin 6:00pm AA
5 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	6 9:00am Fall Sale Setup 7:00 pm Outreach/ Worship/ Christian Ed	7 9:00am Fall Sale 6:00pm AA Meeting	8 9:00am Fall Sale 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Westminster 6:00pm AA
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<b>Shortbread Cookies Recipe</b> -Ingredients: $\frac{3}{4}$ pound unsalted butter, at room temperature, 1 cup sugar, plus extra for sprinkling, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt, 6 ounces semisweet or dark chocolate for dipping, finely chopped, 6 ounces white chocolate for dipping, finely chopped, Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Using an electric mixer with paddle attachment, mix together butter and sugar until just combined. Add the vanilla. In a medium bowl, sift together flour and salt, then add them to the butter-and-sugar mixture. Mix on low speed until the dough starts to come together. Dump onto a surface dusted with flour and shape into a flat disk. Wrap in plastic and chill for 30 minutes. From Briarwood Presb. Church, Birmingham AL			

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**Hogue Memorial Church Staff**

**Head of Staff: Jesus Christ**

**Sexton, Christian Hogenbirk**

**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 Minis-**

**tries, Members of Out of the Box**

**Community Theatre**

*Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually*

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