

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2021

January

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

JANUARY 2021

Picture this scene: A man in the middle of the woods of northern Saskatchewan, Canada found himself in a pickle.....hundreds of people along the shore of Wollaston Lake had a huge power outage for almost 30 hours. The temperature was frigid-cold, power was out and no one knew why. No one except this one man – This outdoorsman had overturned his boat on a bank of Wollaston Lake, the man, just visiting, had paddled up from a nearby river when bad weather trapped him between ice-flows, stranding him. He hunkered down underneath his boat on the shore, and had survived for several days between the frozen lake and the impassable forest. After several days without food, water, or proper shelter, his time to live was running out, and so were his ideas on how to survive this calamity. Waiting for the ice to melt was not an option, and wandering through the forest in the frigid-cold wouldn't work, and no one was coming to look for him....He had no phone, no equipment to make a fire, and no way to send S.O.S. signals. All he had was himself, the boat, a paddle, and an ax.....In desperation and deep thought, he finally had an idea – He found the nearest power-pole and chopped it down, hoping it would take the power down in the nearest, although distant town, forcing the power company to come to investigate.....He sheltered under his boat and waited. Within 24 hours, the electrical company, SaskPower, chartered a helicopter to investigate the outage. The team found the power-pole, and the stranded outdoorsman. Bruce Zawalsky, the founder of Canada's Boreal Wilderness Institute for outdoor education was impressed....."Improvisation saved this man's life, and that's a wondrous thing – It's pretty desolate up there, power lines stretch across impassable lakes and rivers.....trees are up to 50 feet tall, and he could've walked for miles before finding help." This is a true story, and it paints a clear picture of the importance of what we think about.....There are opportunities and solutions to every difficulty in life – This is true about your health, wealth, relationships, marriage, spiritual faith, COVID 19 virus, the economy, political turmoil, etc....The first 3 words in "As a man thinketh" by David Allen says, "Thoughts are things.....what you think about comes about." An empty field doesn't care if you plant grass or crops – If you plant grass, it brings you grass. If you plant crops, it brings you crops. And, if you plant nothing, you get worthless weeds.....Your mind is the same way – It doesn't care if you plant negativity, positivity, or nothing – If you plant negativity, it brings you negativity and doom – If you plant positivity, it brings you positivity and possibility – And if you plant nothing, you become nothing and go with whatever way the wind blows, which certainly won't bring you to where you want to be....Earl Nightengale, was an American speaker and author, and he authored the book, "The Strangest Secret", which is one of the greatest motivational books of all time....In this book, Nightengale claims we become what we think about.....and I have to agree. This year of 2020 has thrown us many different circumstances, and these circumstances have given us many opportunities – To grow, to think, to change.....What difficulty are you going through right now, and more importantly, what are your dominant thoughts about it? If your thoughts are "Woe is me!" then your life will bring you many things to woe about. I encourage you to take some time to think about where the opportunity is that you can explore and take advantage of.....Remember, pain is the touch-stone for growth – The only time we are comfortable in life is when we are coasting.....and the only direction you can coast is downhill. Everything you want and treasure is uphill.....I strive every day to find things that force me to grow....They are all uncomfortable, and this year of 2020 has been a massive season of growth for me! I've made so many changes – that it's simply unreal, and none have been easy – But the good news is the Pastor Tom of January 2020 is unrecognizable now! This year of COVID 19 has given me such opportunities of growth, and I hope I've taken some of these and grown in my faith to Jesus Christ, and our fellowship here at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church! May 2021 be a year of continued growth for you and I and our special fellowship here at Hoge! Looking forward to seeing you in church! May God bless you and keep you during this New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor Tom

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- Carolyn Colborn fell and broke a femur bone and a wrist, she is recuperating at the New Albany Rehabilitation Center
- Mimi Billman passed on Friday December 4
- Sallie Wilson passed on December 3
- Lois Sensenbrenner-family is requesting prayers for Lois to pass into heaven peacefully
- Lois Duey health issues
- Gary Link treating lymphoma with chemotherapy
- Altha Martin recovering from some health issues
- Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- Juanita Deweese, 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 bulletins and monthly newsletters either by phone or email

Families Served at HM3 returned to an adjusted way of serving, boxed type meals picked up in the hallway of the church. We continue to serve the meals along with a printed message and lyrics to a hymn.

Food Pantry November Totals: 83 Families, 324 People served, Adults (60+) 40, Adults (59-18) 161, Children 123

Fall Sale 2021 – Yes, No, Maybe so?

We did not hold the fall sale in 2020 because of the pandemic. Will we hold a fall sale in 2021? No decision has been made at this time. Once we know that holding it is a healthy option, then we will move ahead with the planning. There needs to be enough people willing to sort and price as well as work the sale. I'll keep you posted.

Donna Swaneck

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: Chap Stick / Lip Balm, Personal hygiene Wipes, Stick deodorant, Toilet Paper, Please see Bev and Jack Neil or Kathy and Barry Schifferstein for additional information. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Cowboy Bucks Program for West High School Students-Cowboy Bucks Program: The Westside Urban Ministry prepared 280 gift bags for West High School students whom have been actively involved with school during this past year. Students are struggling to stay engaged with classes and activities due to structure changes resulting from the impact of the corona virus. The gift bags are a way of reminding students that all has not been canceled, encouraging them not to give up and to continue looking towards the future with hope and faith. Funding for this program was made possible via several PSV churches and a 2020 West High School Cowboy Buck's Holiday Store "Go Fund Me" page organized by Natalie Alter. Hoge members and various West High alumni are among these supporters. WUM worked with WHS staff to personally distribute the bags to students. Thank you for support of this outreach program.



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-Carolyn Colborn, December-Judy Manley/Diana Purcell.

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

Regular Session Meeting-November 16, 2020 The Session of Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church met for their regular meeting at 7:00 pm November 16. Quorum was present. Moderator: – Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell, Communion was served to (27) people on Nov 15th. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Still Contacting Shut-ins via phone calls. Visited Sallie Wilson in person at OSU East hospital, being released and going to Long term care Facility. Called and spoke with Gary Link. Spoke with Juanita Dewese, Avis Dorn, Barbara Mapes, Susan Omen, and Lela Parker. Tom is having shoulder surgery on Dec. 17. **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman- No Report prepared. Will give full report at our December Meeting. **Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** Gail Garman – Christmas Joy Offering was approved and will be collected Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 pm. We decided to continue to worship in the Sanctuary through January and February due to COVID-19 concerns. Poinsettia envelopes are due back by Dec 13th. November Ministers: Rev Wayne Morrison November 22, and Pastor Peggy Holcomb November 29th. **HM3:** Meal distribution will move inside on November 7th in the upstairs hallway. A person will be on the Landing handing out masks and direct people to the upstairs hallway. There should be another sign directing People to exit out the East doors. All meals through February are covered except for February 27. Patti is doing the meal on December 26, Gail and Bob will be helping her. Additional help would be appreciated. We will be purchasing \$5.00 gift cards from McDonalds, Dollar Tree, Ohio Thrift, Wendy's. Martha Circle Will donate \$200.00 for the cards. Captivate has completed the installation of the streaming service. Training Will be Saturday November 21 from 1:00-3:00. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Performances have been suspended until next year. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Janet Fetherolf/Mike Purcell Janet is getting estimates from Chemical Cleaning. She is also getting estimates to have the shrubs removed on the East side of the building. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- Provided Natalie list of outgoing Deacons and Elders. **Personnel:** - Carolyn Colborn – Nothing to Report. **Deacons: October (Drive up) Food Pantry: Serve: 53 Families** (see page 2). **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry:** Presbytery meeting was held Nov 17, 3:00-6:30 pm Via Zoom. Coat Sorting will be held on Saturday Nov.21 9:00-11:00 pm. Harmony project helping with coat Sorting. Still need donations for Cowboy Bucks, (Go Fund account has \$635.00) Next meeting will be held November 30th at 6:30 pm. **Old Business:** Tom reviewed Matthew 25 and is dividend into 3 groups and Hoge is embracing two of them. Did research on Black Lives Matter 2 African American people in charge of PCUSA. **New Business** Nothing to Report. **Meeting was adjourned** with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Joint Meeting with Deacons. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Updates and Reminders

Recycling Memory - January 2021

For many years Bob Bukey picked up aluminum beverage cans in his neighborhood and brought them to the church to be recycled. Eventually he brought so many large trash bags of cans that they took up significant space in the boiler room. In order to alleviate this problem, I started driving to his house most Saturday mornings to pick up the cans in Tony and I's truck and drive them directly to Cyclemet.

Bob was a quiet person who said very little when I was there. One winter Saturday, I commented on how cold it was. The temperature was in the low teens. He told me he didn't think it was cold because he was in Alaska when he was in the service. Later that winter I was there and it was not even zero. I did not comment on the weather. As I was about to leave Bob looked at me, smiled and said, "Donna, it's cold." I said I would have to agree! Donna Swaneck



Happy Birthday- January

Ed Sensenbrenner, 6; Carol Lewis, 11; Gary Bridger, 23



Kids and Funny Comments. A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."; A very dirty little fellow came in from playing in the yard and asked his mother, "Who am I? " Ready to play the game she said, "I don't know! Who are you?" WOW!" cried the child. "Mrs. Johnson was right! She said I was so dirty, my own mother wouldn't recognize me!"; A wise schoolteacher sends this note to all parents on the first day of school: "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home; Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked; A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said, "Call for backup."

Dear West High student – Not everything is cancelled...**Sun** is not cancelled, **Spring** is not cancelled, **Relationships** are not cancelled, **Love** is not cancelled, **Reading** is not cancelled, **Devotion** is not cancelled, **Music** is not cancelled, **Imagination** is not cancelled, **Kindness** is not cancelled, **Conversations** are not cancelled, **Hope** is not cancelled, And **God's love** for HIS people **is never cancelled. Please know that we send you these gifts, along with our love and prayers, to encourage you to stay in school!** From the Westside Urban Ministry, Outreach of the Presbyterian Churches of Scioto Valley



West High School Cowboy Buckeye gift bag project



Ready for a food delivery



HM3 preparation and distribution

Financial Update

Financial Update – November 30, 2020-The following is a summary of Hoge’s 2020 financial activity through Noember. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office.

Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2020:

- Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$25,067.81 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- Christmas Joy Offering: \$35.00
- Deacons Funds: \$4,275.00 (includes support from Worthington PC)
- Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$199.57 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$3,706.17 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)
- Memorial Funds: \$200.00 (in memory of Warren Pemberton/ In Honor of Linda Cosgray)
- One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,441.49
- Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$154.54 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- Recycling: \$62.50
- Sound System Repairs/Replacement: \$3,500.00
- Westside Urban Ministry, Cowboy Bucks Program: \$2,150.66

Financial notes:

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

- 1.Live-streaming of our worship services are now available via Facebook
- 2.Love “purse” gift of \$800.00 was collected in recognition of Tony Barnett’s 30 plus years of service to Hoge
- 3.Our inside light fixtures are being evaluated for safety and some will be replaced as needed
- 4.Work continues on the west side entry doors
- 5.2021 Pledge cards were issued, please prayerfully consider your support
- 6.The Finance & Facilities committee continues to work on various maintenance projects both inside and outside of the building. If you have specific thoughts 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 has returned to the building of Hoge and we need to keep it occurring.

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 November 30, 2020:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 174,337.58	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	55,639.26		
Payroll Liabilities	<u>(230.73)</u>		
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>229,746.11</u>		
Operating Income:			
Contributions	\$ 110,017.51	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 9,535.97
Interest	4,780.26	Building Maintenance	4,583.74
Other income (building use)	4,875.00	Committee Expenses	9,809.40
Other income (other support)	4,775.96	Office Expenses	4,034.68
Other income (flower dedications)	<u>450.00</u>	Non-Pastoral Salaries	24,182.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 124,898.73	Pastoral Expenses	19,395.60
		Utilities and Phone	<u>13,788.97</u>
		Total Operating Expenses	\$ 85,329.86
		Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 39,568.87

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Hot German Potato Salad Cook 5 to 6 medium sized cut up potatoes in boiling water and drain. Set aside Fry 5 to 6 strips of bacon until crisp. Remove from pan and drain. Sauté a cup diced onion in the hot bacon grease. Then add 1 teaspoon dry mustard, 1 tablespoon flour, 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar, 1/2 cup water. Stir this until thickened, then mix in 3 to 4 diced hard boiled eggs (optional), cut up cooked bacon pieces and diced potatoes. Serve warm. First Presbyterian Church, Grinnell, Iowa.</p>		
<p>3 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>4 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>5</p>
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<p>17 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>18 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 7:00pm Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Martin Luther King Day</i></p>	<p>19 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>
<p>24 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Wayne Morrison 7 :00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>25 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>26 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>
<p>31 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Marion Stenner 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Top Household Hints. Add a few teaspoons of vinegar to the dishwasher. Keep an empty soda bottles handy, in case you need a hot water bottle. Just fill it up with hot water, wrap in a towel and there you go! Place a piece of chalk in your silver chest or drawer, will absorb moisture and your silver will not tarnish so quickly. If you place bay leaves in all your kitchen drawers and in the flour and sugar containers, you will keep any crawling critters away. Mice can't stand the smell of</p>	

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Epiphany is a Christian holiday primarily commemorating the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus and the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Eastern traditions, which usually call the holiday Theophany, focus on Jesus' baptism, seen as the manifestation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine. Western traditions focus on the Magi's visit, seen as the first manifestation of Christ as saviour of Gentiles as well as Jews. Epiphany is among the church's oldest and most important feasts.</p>		<p>1 6:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>2 5:00pm HM³-Robin 6:00pm AA</p>
<p>6 7:30pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Ed Sensenbrenner</i></p> 	<p>7 7:00pm Outreach/ Worship/Christian Ed</p>	<p>8 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>9 5:00pm HM³-Rachel 6:00pm AA</p>
<p>13 7:30pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>16 5:00pm HM³- Covenant 6:00pm AA</p>
<p>20 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:00am Newsletter Prep 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>23 5:00pm HM³-Schieferstein 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Gary Bridger</i></p>
<p>27 7:30pm NA Meeting 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>30 5:00pm HM³-Carla 6:00pm AA</p>

peppermint on a piece of cloth and place it in locations you suspect the mice may be visiting. For a quick **ant kill**, mix 2 cups of borax with one cup of sugar in a quart jar. Punch holes in the lid and sprinkle around the outside of your house. **Empty ketchup and mustard** containers are great for decorating cakes or cookies. To **unclog plugged drain**, a cup of salt mixed with a cup of baking soda – no liquid. Pour the dry solution into the drain, followed by a pot of boiling water. To remove most **coffee stains from fabric**, mix egg yolk with warm water and apply until the stain is gone. If your white socks are getting dingy, place them into a pot of water, add 2 pieces of lemon or a teaspoon of lemon juice and soak for about 10 minutes. Wash as you normally would.

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Head of Staff: Jesus Christ

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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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