

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2022

December

PASTOR TOM'S – "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

December 2022 – "It's that warm & fuzzy time of year"

I'm not the one to make New Year's resolutions – not that I'm opposed to them – It's just that when I think of a new practice or discipline, I want to start, I tend to do it when I think of it, whether it's December or June – But this year just might be different. My 96-year-old mother died in December of 2020, at the height of the COVID pandemic. While my sister and I were going through her belongings, we found all of our father's Kodak photo slides from the 1960's, and a carousel slide projector to view them, so we started looking through these old photos. The photos contained nothing particularly exciting – Photos of vacations together, holiday times together, especially Christmas and New Year's, and several we looked at were from my grandmother's dining room, where both of my deceased grandfather's are among the people sitting at the holiday table. It startled me to see them in these photos, especially 2 of my favorite family members who are no longer with us. I sat there with my sister and started crying – the memories came flooding back, along with our tears. I have spent some Christmas' going back and forth between the excitement of the season and hanging back on the verge of tears. I blame my Christmas-blues on the fact that the day marks time for me in a way unlike birthdays, New Years, or any other anniversary – It cuts me to the quick. Christmas is the one time of year that I'm always with my family, and I catch myself thinking about loved-ones who are no longer here, and wondering who might not be here next Christmas. Absence fills the house with as much force as the loud chatter in the family-room, or the smells of food coming from the kitchen, and all the other signs of life around me. I seem to be more aware than ever that time is moving on, and it's moving a lot faster than anyone of us would like. Those old home photos helped me see in a new way the truth of what James says from James 4:14, "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." How sobering is that phrase? As I reflect on the past year, with its successes and failures, gains and losses, I remember the moments of pain and also the ones filled with joy. I think about the many good people in our congregation who have died, those who lost their jobs, and everyone else for whom life dealt a harsh-hand. At the same time, I delight in the memory of a long walk on the beach with my wife, and spending some time in the company of family and close friends, and as I look back over the year, I also look to the new year to come, and try to imagine what it might bring. So, I have decided that were I to make a resolution this year, I would resolve to let life's fleetingness guide my motives, actions, and decisions – To be kinder, gentler, more eager to give, quicker to help, more patient with others, and to spend more time with those I love! And instead of letting the rapid passing of time be an occasion for sorrow, let it be one of joy! What if we welcomed the knowledge that we're only here for a short while? And instead of leaving us hollow and empty, what if it left us joyful? Joyful in gratitude to God for every moment we're given, no matter how many or few. Joyful in the love for our families; joyful in the hope of eternal-life beyond this one. Joyful in the faith that I haven't seen the last of my departed Grandfathers and all of the other beloved family members who have gone on to be with Jesus before us. Next year, 2023, my hope for you and for me is that we find joy in all the sweet moments, and the strength to endure the bitter ones – Here's to the time we've been given – to old memories and to the new ones we will make, and to getting on well in the new year to come. Here's to the opportunity for a fresh start, a wiser mind, and a lighter, more loving heart! Hope to see you all soon at church during the upcoming holidays, and a very merry Christmas to all!

Grace and Peace!

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
- 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 Oct Totals: 70 Households, 31 Seniors, Adults 152, Children 103 Total Number of People Served 286

Happy Birthday – December



Dorothy Aiken, 9; Joy Rector, 17; Ann Adair, 19; Jim Cheadle, 23; John Colborn, 31 **Note: If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know and we will be glad to add it.**



A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' His son asked, 'What happened to the flea?'

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-Donna Swaneck/Gail Garman, **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 15-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Diana Purcell, Joy Rector

February 19-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil & Bev, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman,

March 19-Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Mike Minch, Diana Purcell

April 16-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Patti Gorman

May 21-Natalie Alter, Debbie Peters, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil

June 18-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Carol Ross

July 16 - Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Mike Minch, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman

August 20-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil

September 17- Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett

October 15- Debbie Peters, Mike Minch, Diana Purcell

November 19- Natalie Alter, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman, Bev & Jack Neil, Gail Garman

December 17-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, October 17, 2022. Moderator: - Tom Billman **Clerks' Report** - Diana Purcell.

Communion was served to (18) people on October 16, 2022, and HM3 on Saturday October 15, 2022. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Doing in home visits. Barbara Mapes is doing better. Visited Joby Whitehead, Carolyn

& Dave Colburn, David and his social worker, Rev Ed Sensenbrenner. Calling Leila Parker, Charlotte Smith, Teresa Cline, Bill McComb, Ron & Diane Line, Joey Alter, Ann Parlin, Judy & Dan Isel, Janet Mullins. Spoke with Christian not feeling well dealing with Dental Issues. **Treasurer's Report** - Patti Gorman- No Balance Report. Received \$25,000 from Dr Anderson for Church repairs and operations. Motion made to move \$6,000.00 for Rent

Assistance to Restricted funds and was approved. Need to have new signature cards signed for PNC Bank and Union Savings. Removing Janet Fetherolf and adding Jack Neil. Authorized signers will be: (Patti Gorman, Dave Colburn, and Jack Neil). (see page 5). **Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** October Ministers:

Pastor Tom Billman Oct 2 & 16, October 9th Eric Downey, October 23- Donna Swaneck, October 30th- Rev. Marion Stenner. Worship service will Be held in the Sanctuary during the winter months. **HM3:** Grace Fellowship has

picked up 3 of the 6 Alternate Saturdays for 2023. Except for the second Saturday in December, all the second Saturdays in 2023 have been taken, we will need someone to help with the meals on Alternate fourth Saturdays.. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Play will be Another Dumb Ghost Story with performances being held on October 14, 15, 16 and October 21, 22, 23. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 8:15 pm and Sunday shows will be at 3:00 pm. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** - Jack Neil / Mike Purcell Committee will be meeting on Saturday

October 29, 2022, at 10:30 am at Mike and Diana. Stained Glass windows are in process of being fixed. Need to get Estimates for Flat Roof repair. Blackburn Chimney coming out on October 25, 2022, to do inspection at cost of \$249.00. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- No Report. **Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley - Deacons paid Christian one week Salary for Health Issues. **Deacons: September Food Pantry: Served 92 Families** (see page 3). **Susan Report:** Fall Sale went well and made approximately \$1,546.80 for church operations. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Getting ready for Coat Drive on 10/29/2022. Will Be sorting on November 6,

2022, and picking up on November 7, 2022, at church. Brides Room is packed. Cowboy Bucks store will be open at West High on December 12th thru 16th. **Old Business:** University of Dayton Mental Health program is on hold until a supervisor can be hired. Dr. Anderson if assisting in this process. **New Business:** Church Website Birthday Calendar needs to be updated and remove Deceased members. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.** **Next Session Meeting:** at 7:00 pm. November 21, 2022. **Respectfully:** Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Notes and Photos

Christmas at Hoge



Financial Update

Financial Update – October 31, 2022

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2022 financial activity through October. 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: \$25,261.54 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Christmas Joy Offering: \$24.00

Deacon's Funds: \$4,950.02 (includes 2/3 of Mission support from Worthington PC & Memorials in memory of Wilbur Smith)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$2,777.50 (includes interest earned from designated savings account and Memorial Funds in honor of Lois Sensenbrenner)

HM3 Support: \$590.00 (includes support from Westminster PC)

Memorial/Honorarium Funds: \$3,080.00 (in memory of Juanita DeWeese, Avis Dorn, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross, Lois Duey)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,582.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$57.38 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Pastoral Idea Fund: \$10,021.84

Recycling: \$75.25

Financial notes:

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

Boiler concerns continue to be evaluated

Stained Glass windows repairs are still in process

Our chimney has been cleaned and swept

Options for repairs versus replacement of the flat roofs are being assessed

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

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| Balances as of October 31, 2022: | | | |
| Unrestricted cash | \$ | 233,902.92 | |
| Restricted cash | | 133,295.50 | |
| Payroll Liabilities | (| 104.62) | |
| Net liquid assets | \$ | <u>367,303.04</u> | |
| Operating Income: | | | |
| Contributions | \$ | 72,222.91 | |
| Interest | | 3,802.13 | |
| Other income (building use) | | 5,180.00 | |
| Other income (other support) | | 6,361.02 | |
| Other income (flower dedications) | | <u>578.00</u> | |
| Total Operating Income | \$ | 88,144.06 | |
| | | Operating Expenses: | |
| Admin & Other Expenses | \$ | 8,905.83 | |
| Building Maintenance | | 10,297.78 | |
| Committee Expenses | | 6,913.94 | |
| Office Expenses | | 4,906.84 | |
| Non-Pastoral Salaries | | 24,657.28 | |
| Pastoral Expenses | | 19,782.43 | |
| Utilities and Phone | | <u>21,282.60</u> | |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ | 96,746.70 | |
| Difference - Operating Activity | \$ | (8,602.64) | |

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

December

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
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| <p>Balsamic Chicken, Spinach and Tomato Pasta Salad. 1 (20oz) package cheese tortellini, 1 pound skinned and boned chicken breasts, 1 ½ balsamic vinaigrette salad dressing, divided, 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard, Salt/Pepper, 2 cups firmly packed fresh spinach, chopped, ½ cup fresh basil, chopped, 1 ½ cups fresh cherry tomatoes, halved, ½ cup yellow bell pepper, diced. Directions: Place chicken in zip lock bag and pour 1 cup of balsamic vinaigrette in bag with chicken. Marinate for a least 2 hours, or overnight. Take chicken out and discard marinade. Grill or bake chicken until cooked thoroughly. Saute or grill yellow peppers. Whisk together remaining ½ cup balsamic vinaigrette dressing and mustard in a small bowl. Cook the pasta</p>  | | |
| <p>4 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 11:30am Deacons 11:30am Carols/refreshments/in Parlor 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>5 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p> | <p>6 7:30pm AA Meeting 8:00pm NA Meeting</p> |
| <p>11 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Judy Manley 11:30am Donut Fellowship 3:00pm OOTBCT-Misery 7:00pm AA Meeting 1:30pm Christmas piano recital. w/- Ann Adair</p> | <p>12 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p> | <p>13 7:30pm AA Meeting 8:00pm NA Meeting</p> |
| <p>18 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 3:00pm OOTBCT-Misery 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> | <p>19 7:00pm Session 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Ann Adair</i></p> | <p>20 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm AA Meeting 8:00pm NA Meeting</p> |
| <p>25 7:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Donna Swaneck 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>  | <p>26 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p> | <p>27 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm AA Meeting 8:00pm NA Meeting</p> |
| <p>Tips: Save money by buying the least expensive dishwasher soap, then add a few teaspoons of vinegar to the dishwasher. The vinegar cuts the grease and leaves the dishes spot-free and sparkling. 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! To slow the tarnishing process of silver, place a piece of chalk in your silver chest or drawer. The chalk will absorb moisture and your silver will not tarnish so quickly. Mice can't stand the smell of fresh peppermint – so plant it around your house or put some oil of 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, one cup of sugar in a quart jar. Punch holes in the lid, sprinkle around outside of your house. Another way to get rid of ants, pour Ivory Liquid Soap around where they are.</p> | | |

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| drain. Put pasta in a large bowl, then ½ tablespoon of olive oil. Toss together pasta, chicken, balsamic mixture, spinach, and other 3 ingredients in a large bowl. Serve or chill . | 1 7:00 pm Outreach/ Worship/ Christian Ed | 2 6:00pm AA Meeting | 3 5:00pm HM ³ —Robin 6:00pm AA |
| 7 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting | 8 7:00pm Girl Scout Leaders | 9 6:00pm AA Meeting 8:15pm OOTBCT-Misery <i>Happy Birthday Dorothy Aiken</i> | 10 5:00pm HM ³ —Grace 6:00pm AA 8:15pm OOTBCT-Misery |
| 14 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting | 15 | 16 6:00pm AA Meeting 8:15pm OOTBCT-Misery | 17 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA 8:15pm OOTBCT-Misery <i>Happy Birthday Joy Rector</i> |
| 21 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm Choir 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting  | 22 | 23 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Jim Cheadle</i> | 24 5:00pm HM ³ - Curtis/Robin 6:00pm AA 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service/Tom Billman |
| 28 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting | 29 | 30 | 31 5:00pm HM ³ - Hoge/Robin 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday John Colborn</i>  |

Empty ketchup or mustard containers are great for decorating cakes or cookies.. To **unclog plugged drain**, try using 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 raise the **nap of carpeting** place one or two ice cubes on the area overnight. In the morning the carpet should be back up. To remove most **coffee stains** from fabric, mix egg yolk with warm water and apply until the stain is gone. **Corningware cookware** can be cleaned by filling them with water and dropping in couple of denture cleaning tablets. Let stand for 30-45 minutes. When **postage stamps** have stuck together, try placing them into the freezer for about 10 minutes – they should come apart without damaging the glue. Any cloth material that has **chewing gum stuck** to it can be placed into the freezer. After about an hour the gum should break off easily.

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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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