

# HOGE HERALD

*Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church*

2021

## December

**Pastor Tom's "Little Corner of Hoge"**

**DECEMBER 2021**

Happy "Season of Advent" to all! It's our ecclesiastic New Year in our church, as we celebrate the season of Jesus' coming! I wish you all could see our beautifully decorated sanctuary, as we at Hoge are getting quite festive in our celebration of the coming of the Christ-Child. Advent means "Coming", so our Christian Church also pauses to consider the second Advent, or the second coming of Christ. Do you remember that popular tee shirt that said, "Jesus is coming, look busy!" This tee shirt joke might make you think about what you would want to be doing if Jesus suddenly appears! Christian author, Tony Campolo, used to say that when he was growing up, the preachers used to scare the kids by warning them that Jesus could appear at any time, and woe to them if he turns up and finds you in a movie theatre. Tony said he grew up with a constant fear that every time he went to the movies, Jesus would appear during the feature, and he would miss the end of the movie. I was also concerned that I'd be sitting on the toilet or something like that, and I guess the point here is to think about what we would want to be found doing if Jesus suddenly appeared, because what ever it is, it's probably something we should be getting on with now anyway. Here's the question: Do you long for Jesus' return as much as you long for Christmas? Do you long for Jesus' coming again as much as you long for good health? Or that special meal? Or a good friend's company? We must learn to live in the certainty that Jesus is actually coming again, and we need to be conscious too, as we read the scriptures about the second coming of Jesus, that while it's "good news" in the best sense possible, it's also buffered by "bad news", because while we rejoice at Jesus' return, this will take place in the midst of great human pain and suffering. Jesus foretold of the "Son of Man" coming in a cloud with power and great glory, when these events begin to take place, stand up and lift your head up, because your redemption is drawing near. Not much warm and fuzzy, and Christmassy about this picture, but I don't want to start bashing Christmas because it is a celebration of the birth of our Lord, and most symbols of Christmas find their origin in the Bible. "Peace on earth, good will to all men", that's the spirit of Christmas, isn't it? Maybe not, the angels said, "Peace on earth and good will to all whom God is pleased." Our modern version of Christmas is reflected in slogans about how this special season brings out the best in people, a season of family and good will, as seen in Dicken's "Tiny Tim" walking in on his crutches exclaiming, "God bless you one and all." The spirit of Christmas is the sort of hearty tale that used to peak for me as I watched the "Charlie Brown Christmas Special", where Linus, the blanket hugging little boy, recites the Christmas story from Luke, and the kids around the spindly little Christmas tree would sing, "Joy to the world", and the sentiment reflects good people; if we can just hold hands and live the Christmas spirit year round and try a bit harder, we can actually bring "peace on earth" and as you can see, we need to make some radical changes that need to take place before this new kingdom of God can be brought to birth! We should remember Jesus' discussion of his ministry at the "last supper", a quiet, genteel affair it was, until Jesus started breaking bread and pouring wine, talking about his broken body, and his blood flowing, salvation, sacrifice, and the coming new kingdom was never supposed to be cheap and easy. It'll be tied up with war and death, and human suffering, and this "good news" will be possible for followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ. So, rest easy, brothers and sisters in Christ, and be content to embrace this final anguish, because Jesus will free us from all burdens, give us everlasting peace and contentment. Remember, in every calamity, God is still in control and will protect us! So, stay alert and watch for the signs, always live with Christian-purpose, and pray to God and Christ to release us from our pain, and remember Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life for us! Enjoy the season of Advent and Christmas, as we rejoice the coming of our Lord! I'm looking forward to seeing you in the pews, and I love you all very much!

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Tom

# Special Announcements

- Barb Mapes is at OSU James Hospital, room 1735
- 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 Sensenbrenner-family is requesting prayers for Lois to pass into heaven peacefully
- 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

We missed notifying members of the passing of a life long member of Hoge....(Mary) Lynn Lewis passed away on September 7, 2021

Families Served at HM3 Sept. Adults 64, Children 14, (Volunteers 18, Hoge people, 14, others 8) Total= 117

Food Pantry Sept Totals: 48 Households, Seniors 27, Adults 94, Children 60, Total people served, 181

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 Schiff-erstein for additional information. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



## Happy Birthday - December

Dorothy Aiken, 9; Joy Rector, 17; Ann Adair 19; Jim Cheadle, 23; John Colborn 31



## Christmas Activities

Decorations have been hung, another season of Advent is upon us and it is time to focus on celebrating Christ's birth. In addition to our weekly worship and HM3 services, we will be joining Compel Christian Center for both our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day HM3 services. We look forward to both congregations worshipping together during this special time.

- **Advent readers are needed for each Sunday in Advent as well as**
- **Christmas Eve**
  - a. **Contact Gail Garman if interested**
  - b. **Christmas Eve** (joint with Compel CC) - Candlelight Service @ 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day** HM3 program (joint with Compel CC) – Birthday Party for Jesus @ 5:00 pm
  - a. **donations of small items (from baked goods, candy, socks, gloves, scarves, hats, etc.) to put into "Gift Bags" are needed**
  - b. **help to prepare, cook, serve and clean-up is needed**
- **New Year's Day** – HM3 Program @ 5:00 pm
  - a Gift cards will be distributed to those in attendance
    - \* donations of \$5 gift cards from McDonald's, White Castle, Ohio Thrift Store and Dollar Tree (we are looking for 25 of each in total) are needed

Year End Tithing Reminder...Donations received or postmarked by December 31, 2021 will be recorded as 2021 donations. Thank you for your support all year long.

# 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 17-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Debbie Peters, Diana Purcell, Joy Rector**

**February 21-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, 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**

**June 20-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Charlotte and Wilbur Smith, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross**

**July 18 - Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Mike Minch, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman**

**August 11-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil**

**September 20- Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett**

**October 18-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Debbie Peters, Mike Minch, 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.) Jack Neil, Bev Neil**

**Usher Team #2 (February, May, August and November): 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

**No Potlucks on fourth Sunday in July, August, November and December**

**Regular Session Meeting-October 18, 2021-Moderator:** - Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** - Diana Purcell

Communion was served to (23) people on October 17, 2021. Fall Sale was held on October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and was well received.

Session Minutes for 2020 were taken to First Presbyterian Church on October 10, 2021, for Review. **Moderators/Pastoral Care**

**Report:** Tom was on Study/Sabbatical Leave on October 18 thru October 22, 2021. Met with Pastor Aaron at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Washington DC. Visited Barbara Mapes at Hospital. Made phone calls to Avis Dorn, Lois Duey, Joby Whitehead, Wilbur & Charlotte Smith, Juanita DeWeese. Has started scheduling Pastors for 2022, Wayne Morrison will do

fourth Sundays, Marion Stenner 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Will hold New Members class in November. **Treasurer's Report** - Patti Gorman- Contributions are up for year to date. Interest and Dividends are down. (see page 5). **Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** Minister to Preach in October: Pastor Tom Billman October 3 & 17, Pastor Peggy Holcomb October 10, Rev Wayne Morrison

October 24, Rev Marion Stenner October 31. Peace Offering and Christmas Joy Offering was approved by motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and moved. Donut fellowship, Was held on October 10, 2021. Compel will need to use the Sanctuary in December. **HM3:**

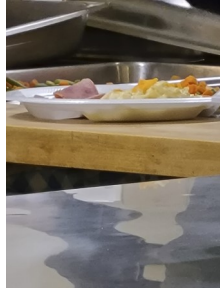
Panera pickup time should be verified between 2-3 pm at 614-486-9500 option #2. Connie would like to Find other ways to connect to and help HM3 participants. She is trained to do eye chart checks. Presentation to be done at October 23 HM3 by Naomi (National Association for Mental Health). Ed Wilson has expressed interest in doing the message on nights that Robin is doing the meal. All meals are covered with providers through the end of December. (No outside provider is scheduled for Christmas Day HM3). **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Tryouts scheduled for November 7 & 8 for the Christmas Radio Show. **"It's a Wonderful Life" Performances** will be December 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, & 19. Evening performances will be at 8:15 pm on Friday and Saturdays. Matinee will be held on Sunday at 3:00 pm. **Approval of Report:** Reports were approved by motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and moved. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** - Janet Fetherolf/Mike Purcell The committee has agreed to the bid for a new Vinyl fence along the East side of the lot and across the back of the alley. The bid is for \$8,810.00 with Fence-N-Deck. We also want to accept the bid from Peterman Brothers for the removal of the trees on the east side. The bid was a total of \$4,005.00. This will remove all the trees on the east property line, the big tree at the corner of the lot, and the two dead trees at the front of the lot. This must be done before we can put up the fencing. We are currently in the process of renting a lift so that Christian can complete the power washing, tuck pointing and sealing on the building. Cost is approximately \$1,800.00. Session approved the cost of lift rental and Christian completing the work by motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and moved **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- No Report **Personnel:** - Carolyn Colborn - No Report, Committee will be meeting to discuss Christian 90-day review and then with Christian. **Deacons: September Food Pantry: Served 48 Families** (see page 3). **Presbytery of Scio-to Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Meeting on Monday October 25, 2021, at 6:30 pm. **Old Business:** None **New Business:** Phil would like to get rid of old piano in Choir room, not usable. Organ is in need of Maintenance. Discussed getting rid of long old tables and Buying Lifeline Tables and Chairs. Discussion came up about starting to wear Choir Robes again on Sunday. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting:** at 7:00 pm. November 17, 2021. **Respectfully:** Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

# Notes and Photos

Chris putting some finishing touches on the exterior of the church



Some of the activities of our HM3 (Hoge, Music, Message, Meal) every Saturday evening



Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas—trees by the altar ribbons for the pillars and the wreath on the balcony



Bible Study



Mid Ohio Food Delivery



Choir Practice



# Financial Update

## Financial Update – October 31, 2021

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2021 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 2021:

Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$25,120.32 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Christmas Joy Offering: \$1.00

Deacons Funds: \$2,805.02 (includes support from Worthington PC)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$449.49 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Fall Sale: \$2,043.65

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

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$779.12 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)

Memorial Funds: \$870.00 (in memory of Gary Link & Warren Pemberton)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,521.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$603.14 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Peacemaking Offering: \$295.00

Recycling: \$63.00

Sound Equipment Upgrades: \$500.00

Toilet Repairs/Replacement: \$2,389.00

### Financial notes:

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

Power washing of the building is complete

Tuck Pointing work around the building is well in progress (thanks Christian Hogenbirk)

Flower beds have been cleaned up (thanks Roger Gorman)

Tree removals are scheduled for early December

New fencing around the east side property is scheduled for mid-December

Stain glass windows are being evaluated for repairs

Many other building maintenance needs are in the process of being identified

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.

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 October 31, 2021:		Operating Expenses:	
Unrestricted cash	\$ 221,275.49	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 8,326.55
Restricted cash	97,288.12	Building Maintenance	3,622.34
Payroll Liabilities	( 162.04)	Committee Expenses	6,279.19
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>318,401.57</u>	Office Expenses	4,475.03
Operating Income:		Non-Pastoral Salaries	21,201.75
Contributions	\$ 106,615.85	Pastoral Expenses	18,615.77
Interest	3,770.30	Utilities and Phone	<u>15,554.26</u>
Other income (building use)	5,040.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 78,074.89
Other income (other support)	6,329.35		
Other income (flower dedications)	<u>704.00</u>		
Total Operating Income	\$ 122,459.50	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 44,384.61



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

# December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p><b>Christmas Pudding</b> - 7ozs margarine, 14ozs sultanas, 14ozs raisins, 1oz chopped almonds, 6 ozs flour, 2 heaped teas mixed spice, 1 teas nutmeg, 6ozs fresh breadcrumbs, 7ozs soft brown sugar, 2 eggs, rind and juice of lemon, 1 tbsp treacle (golden syrup or dark corn syrup), 4 tbsp milk / beer, 2 tbsp brandy (optional). Melt margarine in a saucepan. Mix all ingredients together in a large mixing bowl. Place in 2 x 2 lb pudding bowls or 4 x 1 lb pudding bowls and cover well. Steam 2lb for 6 hours or 1lb for 4 hours. Cool, cover and store in a cool place. Pudding can be steamed again before serving, or portion and microwave for 30 secs. From the Fahan Presbyterian Church Donegal, Republic of Ireland.</p>		
<p>5 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 11:30pm Deacons meeting 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>6 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>7 6:00pm NA</p>
<p>12 10:30am Worship w/Peggy Holcomb 11:30pm Donut Fellowship 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>13 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 7:00pm Session</p>	<p>14 6:00pm NA</p>
<p>19 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Ann Adair</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>20 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>21 6:00pm NA 12:00pm Food Pantry</p> 
<p>26 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Wayne Morrison 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>27 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Cap City Helping Hands Meeting 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>28 6:00pm NA 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>



**Clean glasses.** Gently rub them over your lenses to get them free of smudges and fingerprints; **Remove crayon stains,** rub the stained area lightly until the marks disappear. **Clean bugs from your car,** wet a dryer sheet and wipe over the areas covered in insects to remove them. **Clean soap scum-**used wet, a dryer sheet will wipe away any soap scum build up. **Clean dirty paintbrushes-** throwing a dryer sheet into a pot of water with your paintbrushes to soak helps lift paint from them. **Polish chrome surfaces-** Use a dry sheet in circular motions to get surfaces shining. **Remove dirty toilet rings-**leaving a dryer sheet to sit in the toilet basin for an hour will make removing line, piece of cake. **Use a dryer sheet to line drawers. Ideal embroidery backing (cont. on next pg)**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:30pm NA Meeting 7:30pm Choir	2 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed	3 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery	4 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA
8 7:30pm NA Meeting	9 6:45pm Compel Christian Midweek Worship <i>Happy Birthday Dorothy Aiken</i>	10 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery	11 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Overbrook 6:00pm AA
15 7:30pm NA Meeting 7:30pm Choir	16 6:45pm Compel Christian Midweek Worship	17 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery <i>Happy Birthday Joy Rector</i>	18 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Covenant 6:00pm AA
22 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	23 6:45pm Compel Christian Center Midweek Worship <i>Happy Birthday Jim Cheadle</i>	24 9:00am Newsletter Prep 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery 	25 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -BD for Jesus 6:00pm AA 
29 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	30 6:45pm Compel Christian Center Midweek Worship	31 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery <i>Happy Birthday John Colborn</i> 	The winter solstice is the day of the year with the fewest hours of daylight, and it marks the start of astronomical winter. After the winter solstice, days start becoming longer and nights shorter as spring approaches. Humans may have observed the winter solstice as early as Neolithic period—the last part of the Stone Age.

(cont from pg 6)- make a great substitute for your usual material. **Prevent your thread from,** Pass your needle and thread through a dryer sheet before you start sewing. **Repel rodents**-place them in garden sheds, in your garage and anywhere else you have an issue to ward off mice, squirrels, and rats. **DIY fire starter**- Grab an empty toilet roll and push a used dryer sheet inside. Fold the ends of the roll in on itself, then place under the grill.. **Line plant pots** -solid enough to prevent wet soil from slipping through. **Trash Can Deodorizer**-place dryer sheets in the bottom of your trash can. **Deters Dust on Blinds** **Freshens Stuffed Animals**-wipe them down with a dryer sheet. **Squeaky Shoe Fix**- just rub dryer sheets on the bottom

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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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