

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2021

March

PASTOR TOM'S – "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

A REFLECTION A YEAR LATER

MARCH 2021

Read Matthew 6: 1-8: 16-21

As I write this, I take note that millions have been affected by a disease that was unknown to us humans just a year ago. COVID 19 has stolen loved ones from us (myself included with the loss of my mother on December 4th), and changed us in ways we are still discovering – It has been a "stolen year" of our lives, a year that we'll never get back, and one that we would probably not want any part of again! This time last year, it hadn't yet had the global impact it has eventually received. That was when we could touch, hug, or just be with each other without face masks and an imaginary 6 Ft tape measure. I'm sure lament is easy to find today – there is also much we still need to turn around in our lives, isn't there? The scripture reading from Matthew mentioned above, collectively known as "The Sermon on the Mount", Matthew's anthology of Jesus' teachings begins with the "Beatitudes", a litany pronouncing blessings upon the unsung folks – The poor is the Spirit, the meek, the mourners, the peacemakers – these that are called "Blessed". Jesus shows himself here to be countercultural – The kind of religion he promoted wasn't performative, as so much of religious life can be. We give because it is necessary. Prayer prioritizes God's will, not our words. Fasting produces spiritual, not physical evidence. What we value is different. There's something poignant about this in a time when we cannot rely on most of the social norms we've used our entire lives. Even facial cues fail us because of the masks we must wear! Performative interactions with God and others will similarly fail us in these times – They simply won't be enough, so we must go deeper.....Again and again, God invites us into fuller ways of being. There is no better time to accept that invitation than now, when so much is different. Again, God invites us inward. The common-thread here is the focus on expressing love for God in secret, not for the recognition of others, but as an outpouring of devotion for God alone. I think the references to spiritual disciplines are less about the particular acts themselves and more about the intention fueling the action. The intention affects the quality of the action itself. Does your outward action align with what's going on inside of you? There are times when I've been with friends, and I've felt this tug to document the event and share it on social media – This impulse yanks me out of the present moment, away from my friends, and I find myself focused on how this event might be perceived by others. Ultimately, it's as though the moment isn't actually happening. I'm not present in mind, body, or Spirit; I am elsewhere, fixated on my phone. Have you heard this before? "If you didn't post it, did it even happen?" I think that's a great question to consider – Are we so caught up in the amplification of our actions and how they are widely perceived, that the actions themselves are void? If we are more concerned with how our public-prayers and acts of devotion are received, are we actually praying? Are we actually devoted? God invites us into a thorough self-examination and authentic relationship. In this image, a person kneels with arms extended, basking in the glow of God's all-encompassing love – It is in the true pursuit of God, this intimate, inward turning, that God sees us – It is in our full, embodied intentionality that we find this deep connection with God and ourselves.....This is our reward! Friends, it's time for reflection! You've gotten the notice – It's an invitation to dust off your shoes – To go deeper – To trust that we're worth it – To lose our keys and our faith – And then, to find them both, along with our worth! We are invited.....Again and again.....This invitation is for us – To get back part of our stolen year, by increasing our attention on spiritual matters – matters of the heart – and taking time to reflect on what's really important in our lives right now – Our relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and The Holy spirit.....May the next 40 days of Lent with reflection and discernment give us back some of what was stolen from us this past year.....May this be so.....Amen!

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- Bob Christ, Barbara Mapes brother, has COVID,
- Jim Hastings, Judy Isel's brother passed from COVID
- Carolyn Colborn is recuperating at home after surgery on a hip and wrist
- Lois Sensenbrenner-family is requesting prayers for Lois to pass into heaven peacefully
- Lois Duey health issues
- 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 January Totals: 40 Families, 132 People served, Adults (60+) 26, Adults (59-18) 72, Children 34

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 Fall Sale Chairperson

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: Deodorant, Gloves, Handwarmers, Shaving cream, Sleeping Bags.



Happy Birthday- March

John Martin, 4 (Leila's brother), Janet Mullins, 4, Marilyn Andrews, 20, Dan Isel, 29



The Organist—The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, at the end of the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was out and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular.



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, Judy Moody, 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, 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.) 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

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

Regular Session Meeting-January 18, 2021-The Session of Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church met for their regular meeting at 7:00 pm January 18, 2021-Moderator: – Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell, Communion served to (20) on January 17th 2021. Communion was served to (20) at HM3 1/16/21. Partners in Education (PIE) will be held via Zoom on Saturday January 9 from 10:00 am-11:30 am and Wednesday January 13 from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, General Assembly Statistical Report has been submitted to Presbytery. Gary Link passed away January 12th, 2021 (Long time member). **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Spoke with Carolyn Colbourn. Follow up phone calls were made to Avis Dorn, Leila Parker, Lois Duey, Barbara Mapes, Juanita DeWeese, Susan Oman, Charlotte & Wilbur Smith. Reached out to Susan Barrett and Carol Ross. Dr. Meredith Montgomery with University of Dayton has applied for a Grant and would like to use Hoge as a Pod for Mental Health Counseling reaching out to students, social workers through schools and the community. **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman-Conrardy: November and December were healthy months. Contributions and Other Income is up. Operating Expenses are steady. Building Expenses are down. Operating expenses are up a little purchased postage. Other Salaries, Pastoral Services, and Utilities are holding steady. Non-Operating Income is up due to generous donations. Non-Operating expenses are up due to special offerings collected. (See page 5). **Committee Reports :** **Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** Gail Garman – January Ministers were: Tom Billman January 3, 17, Rev Marion Stenner January 10 & 31, Rev Wayne Morrison January 24. Tom is working on preaching schedule for Rest of the year. There will be and Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 17th in the parlor. It was decided to replace the sound board with a 20-channel mixer (\$629), to replace pulpit and lectern mics (\$238), and purchase a piano mic (\$99) stand (\$35), and cord (\$20). **HM3:** Need to verify Hoge person for January 23 (Jack will be there). There are Six second Saturdays still open. March 13, April 10, June 12, August 14, October 9, and December 11. Need to verify if Concord Pres still wants to do the meal on February 27. We have an issue with the fourth Alternate Saturdays. Debbie Peters will do them again as soon as her mother receives the vaccine. Gail needs to call Overbrook Pres but have been waiting for the virus numbers to get better. They are not allowed in the church to prep the meal. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Postponed until April or May 2021. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Janet Fetherolf/Mike Purcell. Roberts Electric came in checked the light fixtures and gave Janet quote of \$2,500.00 to repair. East Lawn light needs attended to. Need to Schedule Boiler inspection. Member wants to pay and replace the toilets in the Women's and Mens restrooms and the Pastor office. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- Nothing to Report. **Personnel:** - Carolyn Colborn – Nothing to Report. **Deacons:** December (Drive Up) Food Pantry: Served 70 Families (see page 3). **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry:** Next Presbytery meeting will be held on February 16th via Zoom at 3:00 pm. **Old Business:** Nothing to Report. **New Business:** Congregation Meeting and Installation will be held on March 7, 2021. Adult Baptism (Steven Douglas Miller) will be held on February 7, 2021. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: February 15th, 2021 at 7:00 pm. **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

We had recently purchased sixteen new AirSoap purifier/sanitizers. They are an added measure of safety for everyone using this building. They are being placed in the most used portions of the church. They are portable and can be moved with consideration as needed. Here is some of the research I found in Google search: *We're about to review the AirSoap, a powerful, innovative device that kills 99.99 percent of airborne viruses and bacteria. This is an impressive claim, equivalent to the performance you'll get from hospital-grade UV air cleaners. The AirSoap can treat up to 600 square feet of space. The AirSoap is exceptionally powerful, but it's very safe to use. It produces only 10 parts per billion of ozone. The beauty of the AirSoap is that it doesn't just eliminate particulates. It also kills bacteria and viruses. This is a significant benefit when compared to most HEPA filters. A HEPA filter will remove bacteria and some viruses, but it won't kill them.*



Notice the bushes have been removed. It gives a cleaner and more open view of the west side yard.



One of the rooms that store food for food pantry and storage for fall sale items.



Tom with one of our new air purifier/sanitizers. There will be sixteen units throughout the church.

February 7 Baptism of Steven Douglas Miller



Financial Update

Financial Update – January 31, 2021 - The following is a summary of Hoge's 2021 financial activity through December. 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: \$6.15 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Christmas Joy Offering: \$1.00

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$5.25 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$50.00 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)

Memorial Funds: \$820.00 (in memory of Gary Link & Warren Pemberton)

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$0.25 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Toilet Repairs/Replacement: \$500.00

Financial notes:

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

Our live-streaming of services is now available via Facebook and working well

Air sanitizers have been purchased and are being placed throughout the building on both levels

Toilets for the men's and women's downstairs bathrooms as well as the Pastor's office are being donated and replaced

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!



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Balances as of January 31, 2021:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 197,787.50	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	89,953.08	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 200.79
Payroll Liabilities	(113.46)	Building Maintenance	391.97
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>287,627.12</u>	Committee Expenses	340.54
Operating Income:		Office Expenses	447.38
Contributions	\$ 8,798.00	Non-Pastoral Salaries	2,389.50
Interest	26.50	Pastoral Expenses	1,849.29
Other income (building use)	260.00	Utilities and Phone	<u>1,642.37</u>
Other income (other support)	416.67	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 7,261.84
Other income (flower dedications)	<u>0.00</u>		
Total Operating Income	\$ 9,501.17	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 2,239.33

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 <p>A Light exists in Spring Not present on the Year At any other period – When March is scarcely here By Emily Dickinson</p>	<p>1 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>7 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Pastor Tom Billman 11:30am Congregational Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>14 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Joan Bolinger 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>15 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 7:00pm Session</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>21 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>22 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>23 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>
<p>28 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Wayne Morrison 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>29 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Dan Isel</i></p>	<p>30 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>

Easy Sopapilla Cheesecake Bars-2 8 oz. pcks of Pillsbury crescent rolls, 2 8 oz. pcks of cream cheese, softened, 1 C sugar, 1 tsp vanilla, 1/4 C melted butter, 1 tbl cinnamon, 4 tbes sugar, Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. Press one can of the crescent rolls into the bottom of the dish, making sure to reach edges and keep together. Bake just done, 5 to 8 minutes. While the crescent dough is baking mix softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Spread mixture over baked crescent rolls. Roll the remaining crescent roll over the top and seal. Brush the melted butter on the crescent roll. Sprinkle the top with the cinnamon and sugar. Bake for 30 minutes. Or until golden brown. Cut into bars and serve. Refrigerate leftover bars.



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 7:30pm NA Meeting	4 7:00pm Outreach/ Worship/Christian Ed <i>Happy Birthday Janet Mullins</i> <i>Happy Birthday John Martin</i> (Leila's brother)	5 6:00pm AA Meeting	6 5:00pm HM ³ -Robin 6:00pm AA
10 7:30pm NA Meeting	11	12 6:00pm AA Meeting	13 5:00pm HM ³ -Patti 6:00pm AA
17 7:30pm NA Meeting 	18	19 6:00pm AA Meeting	20 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Marilyn Andrews</i> 
24 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	25	26 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	27 5:00pm HM ³ -Schieferstein 6:00pm AA
31 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	<p>Surprising Uses for Common Household Items- . Repurpose plastic takeout containers into perfect seed-growing greenhouses. Poke holes in the lid, fill the container halfway with potting soil, seeds and cover with more potting soil, Lightly water put the lid on the container and place it in a well-lit area. Fight weeds with white vinegar, pour white vinegar into a clean spray bottle. Keep flies at bay with vodka. wipe the picnic table with a bit of vodka on a cleaning cloth or in a spray bottle. Use coffee filters to prevent soil loss in plant pots. Place coffee filter on the bottom of the pot before adding soil. Fertilize your garden with tea grounds. sprinkle them on top or mix them into the soil. Remove car battery build-up with soda. Use a can of Coca-Cola! Fight paw dryness with petroleum jell. A layer of petroleum jelly on the bottom of your pup's feet will protect them from the elements and prevent dry, cracking pads. Also ants out of their bowl, cover the sides of your pet's bowl in a layer of petroleum jelly. Stop pets bleeding nails with cornstarch. If you accidentally cut the nail too far back. Create a paste with cornstarch and water, then apply it to the nail. Eliminate skunk spray with hydrogen peroxide. mix together hydrogen peroxide, baking soda and dish soap, then use it as a shampoo to bathe your dog. If you land up needing to deodorize your room too, a combination of baking soda, water and essential oils will do the trick.</p>		

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Hogue Memorial Church Staff

Head of Staff: Jesus Christ

Custodian, Jim Cheadle

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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