

# HOGE HERALD

*Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church*

2022

## November

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

**NOVEMBER 2022**

**Read 2 Timothy 3: 14-4.5:**

November greetings from Pastor Tom! It's hard to believe that the holidays are rolling around again, and I do hope that we will see everyone at church during Advent, so we can get you in the proper holiday mood – November is a time to reflect on the many blessings we are thankful for, and your Pastor is thankful for you! In life, I have learned some very valuable lessons, and the truth is, no matter how old I get, God is still teaching me and encouraging me, to be an active participant in this thing we call "Life". I am a bona-fide sports fan, and I love to observe sports from my couch on our 60-inch big screen TV, but I also still enjoy actively participating in several sports like; golf, tennis, bowling, hiking, swimming, and snorkeling. In my many hours of sports observation, I've come to the conclusion that most games are lost by a lack of genuine effort, but then again, many things in life are lost because we just don't do anything about them. We get on the course, the field, or even the court, and once we get knocked down, we don't get back up, so we lose. 2 Timothy 4: 2-4, reminds us, "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage, with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come, when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them, a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn to myths." This is a warning from the apostle Paul to his Christian-Brother Timothy. This is Paul's attempt to let Timothy know how very important it is that he stand faithful in the word of God! That he, Timothy, needs to get off the bench and into the game – And the importance of us suiting up, showing up, and getting into the game is still vitally important today! We all need to stand up, suit up, and show up to get into our game of life! Paul writes, "The time will come", and as we look around us in today's world, we can see that the time has come, and our time is now! This is the time for us Christians to decide – Are we going to be a bench warmer, or are we going to get into the game? Are we going to be an active member of Christ's team, or simply a passive spectator? Many of us have sat on the sideline too long, we've only been spectators, not key, active players on Jesus' team. And I believe that being an active Christian is much like being an active athlete. We need to be defensive Christians! As followers of Jesus, we need to keep our enemy, Satan and his demons, from scoring on us! I can't tell you how many times I have failed in this area of the game. Every time I feel guilty because how I have acted in certain game type situations, I've allowed the devil to score. Every time I doubt my calling as a Pastor, I allow the devil to score. Every time I allow my flesh to take control, I lose my Christian-bearing and I allow our enemy to score! Bad days in life happen, don't they? But, it's how we react to these bad days, that's really important. Ephesians 4: 26-27 reminds us; "In your anger, do not sin, do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, do not give the devil a foothold!" We all have bad days – We get angry, we say things that we regret, or we do things that we wish we never did. But God, offers us forgiveness and a brand-new start, but it's ever so easy for us to score point for our enemies, and it's our goal to keep them from scoring, so we need to be encouraging Christians, because we need to hold each other accountable in our Christian-walk together. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." I enjoy mowing my lawn as it gives me a great workout. Have you ever tried to cut grass with a dull mower blade? It doesn't work too well, and the harder you try, the more frustrated you become. Every spring, I take my mower to the lawn-care company so they can perform the yearly maintenance on my mower, and one of the most important maintenance items is to sharpen my mower blade – as the blade is sharpened, the nicks, dents, and small cracks are buffed-out – the mower blade becomes sharp and more useful in doing what it's supposed to do – it's kind of like a hot knife cutting through soft butter, which makes my lawn mowing much more enjoyable. And just like my lawn mowing, we have a purpose, a job to do as well. We are to praise, to worship, and serve God with our lives, and if we choose not to do these things, don't you think we might be frustrating God? Just like our old mower blades, we need to help sharpen each other. We must encourage and build each other up in this game of life, so we can stay sharp for Jesus. We can help refine each other – take out the dents, nicks, and cracks in our lives that hold us back from being effective Christians. We need to practice and stay sharp in order to score on our enemy, so when we miss out on coming to church, or miss out on our prayer time, or refuse to study our Bibles, we're hurting our relationship with Jesus. We need to "Be Prepared" in season and out of season, and active training is the key to stay prepared to do God's will. Don't become lethargic and be an out of shape Christian! It's easy for us to skip church now and then, and before you know it, you stop coming to church, and we've had a number of our members stop coming to church – they've thrown in the towel, and say it's just too hard to come – The Christian-life has never been promised to be an easy one, and our coach Jesus Christ is pleading to us – To suit up, show up, and get back into the game, and I challenge each one of us to get our heads back in the game, and do the grunt-work of evangelizing for our Lord Jesus Christ – It's how we're going to win the game of eternal-life! May God continue to bless and keep you, and hope to see you all in person at church very soon!

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
- Joby Whitehead at The Inn at Bear Trail Assisted Living Lewis Center
- 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: 92 Households, 43 Seniors, Adults 179, Children 129 Total Number of People Served 351

## Happy Birthday – November

Mike Purcell, 16; David Colborn, 17; Bev Neil, 18; Joey Alter, 23

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-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, September 18, 2022-Moderator:** - Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** - Communion was served to (18) people on September 18, 2022, and HM3 on September 17, 2022. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:**

Visited Joby Whitehead at Sarah Moore, Joey & Natalie Alter at Riverside Hospital, Daniel Katatcin from HM3.

Dave & Carolyn Colborn. Got a call from Amber Jo and Wants to have her son Baptized. Been calling Leila Parker, Charlotte Smith, Teresa Cline, Barbara Mapes, Bill McComb, Ron & Diane Line, Janet Mullins, Ann Parlin, Debbie Peters.

**Treasurer's Report** - Patti Gorman-Conrardy: Received \$25,000.00 in honor of Tom Billman from Dr.Anderson and to be used as needed. Contributions are down from this time last year. Interest is down. Other income is up, Operating Expenses and Building Expenses are up. Outreach is up. Worship expense is down. Operating Expense And Other Salaries are up. Pastoral Services is up. Utilities are up. Non-Operating Income is down from this time Last year. Non-Operating Expenses are up from this time last year. (see page 5). **Committee Reports:**

**Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** Ministers for September. Pastor Tom Billman 9/4, 9/18 Mike Minch 9/11, Rev Marion Stenner 9/25. Need to discuss who will preach in October. Need to discuss Christmas Day worship service.

**HM3:** All meals are covered for September and October. Second Community Church donating Hygiene items On September 17, 2022, for Personal Care. Contacting Patti and Kathy for items that are needed. Need to sign Thank you cards. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Next performance will be in October. Play will be

**Another Dumb Ghost Story.** Performances will be held October 14,15, 16, 21,22, & 23. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** - Jack Neil / Mike Purcell Stained Glass Windows are being worked on. Need to get Estimates for Flat Roof Repair (Parlor, Room 9, Kindergarten, and Hallway. Look into getting Lawn Service to Mow, Trim next spring.

**Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- No Report. **Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley - Tom and Natalie going to visit and talk with Christian to find out What is going on with his Health Issues. **Deacons: August Food Pantry:**

**Served 60 Families** (see page 2). **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church Grove City, Ohio at 3:30 pm. **Old Business:** No Report. **New Business:** Fall Sale will be held on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00- 1:00 pm. Set up will be on Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm with the Lord's Prayer.** **Next Session Meeting:** October 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm **Respectfully:** Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

# Notes and Photos

On Friday October 21, 2022, Susan Nelles came to Hoge to deliver West Mound Elementary School's canned **food drive donation**. She had 13 medium sized boxes in her car with approximately 490 cans. It was a generous donation comprised of cans of vegetables, fruits, pasta items like ravioli, tuna, chicken, and soup. Diana and I gave Susan a tour of the pantry and answered her questions. We are very thankful for West Mound Elementary's food pantry donation!

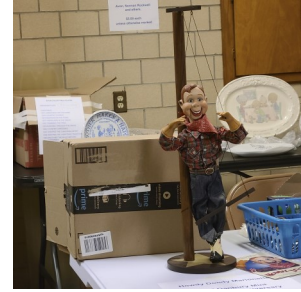
Hoge's annual Fall Sale was held October 7 th and 8 th of 2022. Throughout the summer donations were sorted and priced. Everything was set up on October 6 th and the doors opened at 9:00 a.m. on October 7 th . There was a large flea market that included books, jewelry, clothing, and a bake sale. The sale was very successful. \$1546.80 was raised for the operation of Hoge (75%) and the Deacon's Fund (25%). Here is the breakdown: Clothing - \$342.50; Jewelry - \$100.00; Bake Sale - \$133.75; Flea market - \$970.55; Total – \$1546.80; It is good to be able to have all these items available for the community at a reasonable price. We enjoy talking to all our customers. It is especially good to see those that come back year after year. Thank you to everyone who donated items, baked for the bake sale, helped sort and price, helped set up, worked one or two days at the sale, and/or helped clean up! Working together on a project builds a great community among the workers. It is another one of the many positives that comes from having the Fall Sale! Donna Swaneck. Fall Sale Chairperson

Donations from West Mound Street



Fall Sale

Fall Sale 2022



# Financial Update

## Financial Update – September 30, 2022

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2022 financial activity through September. 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: \$25,223.93 (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: \$2,764.04 (includes interest earned from designated savings account and

Memorial Funds in honor of Lois Sensenbrenner)

HM3 Support: \$200.00

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

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,562.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$60.39 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Pastoral Idea Fund: \$10,015.47

Recycling: \$47.80

### Financial notes:

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

Boiler concerns continue to be evaluated

Stained Glass windows repairs are in process

Repairs to and cleaning of our chimney are scheduled

Repairs needed on the flat roofs are being assessed

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

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 September 30, 2022:

Unrestricted cash	\$	231,678.86
Restricted cash		133,019.22
Payroll Liabilities	(	0.00)
Net liquid assets	\$	<u>364,698.18</u>
Operating Income:		
Contributions	\$	66,020.41
Interest		3,690.96
Other income (building use)		4,935.00
Other income (other support)		3,915.90
Other income (flower dedications)		<u>502.00</u>
Total Operating Income	\$	79,064.27

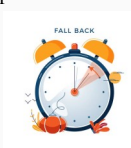

### Operating Expenses:

Admin & Other Expenses	\$	8,553.05
Building Maintenance		9,633.39
Committee Expenses		6,538.19
Office Expenses		4,601.20
Non-Pastoral Salaries		22,744.78
Pastoral Expenses		17,837.43
Utilities and Phone		<u>19,187.65</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$	89,095.69
Difference - Operating Activity	\$	(10,031.42)





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

# November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>Perfect Rice Krispie Treat Recipe</b> -Ingredients: 5 T Butter, 8 C Mini Marshmallows, 2 C Mini Marshmallows, 6 C Krispie Cereal. ½ tsp Salt. Directions: Line a 9X9 pan with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray. Set aside. In large pot over low heat melt butter. Once butter is melted add 8 c mini marshmallows, stirring constantly. Once the marshmallows are melted remove from heat, stir in cereal and salt just until coated. Stir in remaining cups of mini marshmallows. Pour into prepared pan and press evenly. Allow to cool before cutting into squares. Best to serve the same day.		4 7:30pm AA Meeting 8:00pm NA Meeting
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20 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 7:00pm Session 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	22 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm AA Meeting 8:00pm NA Meeting
27 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Susan Warrenner-Smith 7:00pm AA Meeting 	28 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	29 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm AA Meeting 8:00pm NA Meeting

**Keep Dead Bugs Off Your Car Grille-** Just spray some WD-40 on the grille and hood before going for a drive and most of the critters will slide right off. **Renew Faded Plastic Furniture-**Simply spray WD-40 directly on the surface and wipe with a clean, dry cloth. **Remove 'Paint Rub' From Another Car-**To remove paint-rub stains on your car and restore its original finish, spray the affected area with WD-40, wait a few seconds, then wipe with a clean rag. **Clean Carpet Stains-**Spray the stain with WD-40, wait a minute or two, and then use your regular carpet cleaner or gently cleanse with a sponge and warm, soapy water. Continue until the stain is completely gone. **Keep Wooden Tool Handles Splinter Free-** Just rub a generous amount of WD-40 into the wood. It shields the wood from moisture and other corrosive elements and keeps it smooth and splinter-free for the life of the tool.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	6 7:00 pm Outreach/ Worship/ Christian Ed	4 6:00pm AA Meeting	5 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Robin 6:00pm AA
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30 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	<p><b>Prevent Snow Buildup on Windows</b>-Just spray WD-40 over the outside of your windows before the snow starts and the snow won't stick. <b>Keep Wasps from Building Nests</b>-Don't let yellow jackets and other wasps ruin your spring and summer fun. Their favorite place to build nests is under eaves, so next spring mist some WD-40 under all the eaves of your house. It will block the wasps from building their nests there. Here's how to deter bees and wasps (and identify which is which).</p> <p><b>Tone Down Polyurethane Shine</b>-To tone down the shine,,cut the glare, spray some WD-40 onto a soft cloth wipe up the floor with it. <b>Keep Spiders Away</b>- WD-40 has lubricant-like properties that do not come from the substance itself, but rather from dissolving components. Just spray some WD-40 on places where spiders and other insects can get in, such as windowsills and door frames. <b>Waterproof Shoes and Boots</b>-If it's wet outside, give the tops and sides of your shoes or boots a coat of WD-40 before you head out the door. WD-40 acts as a barrier so moisture can't seep into your shoes and get your socks wet. <b>Fix Squeaky Hinges</b>- Apply some WD-40, rotate it back and forth, and the squeak should vanish. <b>Keep Squirrels Away from Bird Feeders</b>-Next time you fill up the feeder, just spray a good coat of WD-40 on top of the feeder and those rodents will slip right off.</p>		

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**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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