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PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

October 2020

As I write this October article for our Hoge Herald newsletter, I notice that summer is waning......It's getting darker earlier in the evening, and the early mornings are also darker this time of year. I just love the season of fall – I'm ready for cooler weather, the holidays are approaching, which means more time for family and friends – And the New Year of 2021 is right around the corner, and I think most of us are ready to see 2020, "The year of Covid-19" put to rest! However, we shouldn't rush this year, as we still have 3 more months of life's blessings to enjoy. I try to ascribe to the "No Hurry – No Worry!" philosophy of life, and there's a story in John 11 about the death of Lazarus that can teach us a lesson about "Staying-in-the-moment" and not being in a hurry. In John 11, Jesus receives word that his friend Lazarus is sick. Instead of rushing to Lazarus' bedside to heal him, verse 6 says that Jesus "stayed where he was 2 more days", and in the meantime Lazarus dies! Had I been one of Jesus' disciples, I would've had a hard time understanding why Jesus didn't drop what he was doing, and hurry to Bethany to be with Lazarus. There was, however, a point to Jesus' delay: "That God's Son may be glorified through it" (V 4), and "that the disciples may believe" (V 15): You see, the time was of no consequence to Jesus, who went on later in John 11 to raise Lazarus from the dead, and teach us a lesson in the process – Namely, it's not only the end result that matters, but also what we learn in the time it takes getting there – There's something to be said for proceeding steadily, but not quickly......"No Hurry – No Worry!" I drive a lot and have noticed over the years that my driving is slowing down – I don't race along to be the first one at the red light, and I've noticed that by slowing down, I enjoy the ride – It's time for introspection – A time to check in with myself – To notice the beauty of life along the road, wherever I may be. You see, I've come to value my drive for what it has taught me about the joy of "No Hurry – No Worry!" When I was younger and more foolish, I tended to rush things – I couldn't wait to be finished, as I thought the faster I went, the quicker I could move on to the next phase of life which seemed more appealing. I wish I had listened more and said less – I realize now that what happens during our journey of life is just as important as reaching our destinations of life. I'm less frustrated by moving at a slower pace. There's more self-discovery regarding the meaningful things in life. While the journey between life's milestones is important, so too are the much shorter distances we traverse each day – The time we stand in line to order a cup of coffee, the duration of a dull meeting, the afternoon bus ride home. I want to take my time with the same confidence Jesus had going to Lazarus. I don't get the sense that Jesus wasted that time, but instead, used it intentionally. The story of Lazarus reminds us that there is value in not being in a hurry – That no matter where we are on life's journey, when things seem to be going slower than we would like, ask yourself, "What am I not paying attention to that I should?" "What is God trying to teach me? What is God trying to tell me?" We need to recognize the specialness of each moment at hand – Remember, "No Hurry – No Worry!" Enjoy all of life's moments, and grow closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ! Amen!

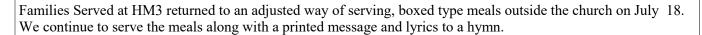


Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- Dorothy Pemberton and family in the passing of her husband, Warren
- -Dan Lopez and family in the passing of his father earlier this summer
- -Lois Sensenbrenner is at home recuperating after a stroke last month.
- -Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- -Juanita Deweese, Sallie Wilson, Barbara Mapes
- -Police Officers and other front line responders
- -Hoge Church: continued 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 bulletin and monthly newsletters either by phone or email.



Food Pantry August Totals: 61 Families, 221 People served, Adults (60+) 28, Adults (59-18) 129, Children 64

HM3 Is Back-A modified version of HM3 has started in our parking lot! Due to safety concerns and cautions of the Covid-19 virus, we are sharing spiritual messages, music, connections and meals in the parking lot on Saturday nights. We look forward to the return of our other partners committing to the revival and success of this program. This is truly a community ministry with several churches work together to make it a success. Thank you to Roger Gorman for donating new lifetime lightweight tables for use during our ministries. These tables will be of great use for both HM3 and the Food Pantry. Come join us! We need help with additional "Hoge" persons. If you are able to help on Saturday nights with set up, tear down and clean up. Most of the time additional help is needed from 4:00 – 6:30. If interested, please contact any member of the Outreach committee.

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

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, (with trailing cord) and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

Nine Things to Love About Fall-Positive Living Adapted from Edward Grinnan's Editor's Note for the October 2018 issue of Guideposts. I've said it before: Fall is the best. Here are a few of my favorite things. 1) Perfect Hiking Gracie, my three-year-old golden, will implore me (you know that look they give you) to hike in any weather in any season. But there is nothing more exhilarating than hitting the trails in the apple-crisp autumn air, to say nothing of the brilliant turning leaves. And the company of a great dog. 2) Sports The World Series. The Maize

and Blue. Enough said. 3) Food The flavors of fall—cider, ginger, pumpkin, cinnamon, squash, pears, radishes. Roasts, soups and stews. Something about the fall air charges up the appetite. 4) October The perfect month. Seriously. 5) Harvest Moon Is there a bigger, brighter full moon all year? Ask any farmer. 6) The Dying Light Not grim but simply the realization that we're on the final lap of another year. A good time to take stock, to rejoice and reflect, to forgive, to love, to give thanks. 7) Sweaters Who doesn't love sweaters? 8) Music Simon & Garfunkel's "A Hazy Shade of Winter"; Earth, Wind & Fire's "September"; Neil Young's "Harvest Moon." 9) The Firmament Longer nights, more stars.







Mike Minch, 2; Beth Ormsby, 3; Diane Line, 9; Tom Billman, 13; Kyle Barrett, 21; Amy Colborn, 26





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-Debbie Peters, 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, 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

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

Regular Session Meeting August 10th, 2020 -The Session of Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church met for their regular meeting at 7:00 pm August 10th, 2020. Meeting was opened with prayer by: Tom Billman. Moderator: – Tom Billman. Clerks' Report – Diana Purcell - minutes from July 2020 meeting are being presented for review and approval. Communion was served to (23) people on August 16th, 2020, Warren Pemberton passed away on August 12, 2020 (Member). Moderators/Pastoral Care Report: Tom has been contacting shut ins by phone weekly, Avis Dorn, Lois Duey., Juanita Deweese. Tom would like the Elders to follow up with people we have not seen in church for a while to see how they are doing. Has been attending HM3 outside in the parking lot. Personnel Committee will be meeting with Tom about renewing his contract with us. Steve Martin with Covenant wants us to promote preschool with a Sign on the front lawn. Tom is continuing doing Prayer Vigil weekly on Wednesday at 10:00 am. Treasurer's Report – Patti Gorman- Contributions are down a little. Will be paying for Sound equipment and Streaming equipment this week in August. Operating expenses are down. Water bill is up. Everything else is Holding steady. (See page 6). Committee Reports: Worship/Outreach/Christian Ed: Gail Garman – Ministers preaching in August were: August 2 & 16- Tom Billman, August 9 & 30 Peggy Holcomb, August 23 Rev. Wayne Morrison Joey has us set up for video taping of worship services and can be uploaded onto the Website and Possibly Facebook Live HM3: Meals are being served as a carry out in the parking lot at 5:00 pm. Joy is printing a sermon to be Given out also. Susan is getting Panera the first two Fridays of the month. Covenant will get it the third Friday. There is no one for the fourth Friday. Carla normally gets it when there is a fifth Saturday meal. Tom has reached out to Covenant about doing HM3 the third week in September. Out of the Box Community Theatre: Production has been halted through the end of the year and will Resume in performances in 2021. Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship – Janet Fetherolf/Mike Purcell Doors are in but windows were broken and will call in couple weeks to check on them. Janet met with Census people And they will not be using the building due to no Air Conditioning, we were a backup. Janet has spoken with the Monday and Tuesday NA groups and they are not meeting currently. **Nominating**: - Natal Alter- Nothing to Report. **Personnel**: - Carolyn Colborn – Pastor Tom contract is up, and the committee has met with him and he feels he has Completed our demands except for meeting with other Pastors in the community. He took a Pastoral Care Class through Presbytery and was reimbursed. Goal is for more mission. Committee decided to give him a raise of \$2,000.00 annually which brings him to \$18,000.00 a year along with mileage starting in September. His contract will Be from September 1, 2020 thru 12-31-2021. Deacons: July (Drive up) Food Pantry: Served 66 Families (see page 2) **Presby**tery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry: Presbytery meeting on September 15, 3:30-7:30 by Zoom Westside Urban Ministry will meet August 24, 2020 not sure if by Zoom or in person at Presbytery. Old Business: Nothing to Report. New Business: Patti has been attending meetings with Presbytery about Racism etc. and is very disturbed By the discussions and is overly concerned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: Sept. 21st, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Updates and Reminders

Editor's Note:

We are fortunate to be conducting bible studies here at Hoge currently. Pastor devotes time to prepare a half hour study before each of the Sundays that he conducts our sermons. In thoughts of that offering for us I researched a bit about bible study on the online Wikipedia Free Encyclopedia website. Here is sections of what I found.

In Christian communities, bible study is the study of the Bible by ordinary people as a personal religious or spiritual practice. *Personal bible study* is a time set aside to engage in bible study and prayer sometimes informally called a Quiet Time. Christians do not merely study the bible as an academic discipline, but with the desire to know God better and a message from God which has direct relevance to their daily lives. *Inductive bible study* is a means of studying and involving a critical interpretation or explanation of a biblical passage. One description of it is "interviewing a passage" without preconceptions or agendas. It involves examining the ideas and words of the text, which leads to the meanings and then the interpretations, which in turn lead the reader to conclusions and applications. One of the practices of Inducive study is the reader will read a passage and then ask questions of how they personally interpret the verse(s). These questions can range from what the verse(s) literally means to how it applies to the believer's present personal circumstances. The purpose of these questions is to go deep enough into the text to extract the meaning and then to apply that gained knowledge to their personal life in order to create change for their own or other people's benefit. There is *Exegetical study* is used most often by pastors, theologians, writers, professors, and church leaders in order to prepare for sharing lessons with others. It is often categorized as advanced Bible study and is meant to extract the ideas found in the text for the primary purpose of teaching. There is Small groups bible study within congregations. The bible is often studied in informal small groups. During these study times, groups will set their main topic to be biblical studies. The purpose of bible study is to collectively grasp an understanding of God through His Word. These groups become small communities often sharing this personal journey to discovering the meaning of the passage. The *Catholic bible study*, "On the Study of Holy Scripture", is an encyclical letter issued by Pope Leo XIII on 18 November 1893" In it, he reviewed the history of Bible study. He also addressed the issues of apparent contradictions between the bible and physical science, or between one part of scripture and another, and how such apparent contradictions can be resolved

I have emailed some of Tom's messages along with the lyrics to hymns that are passed out to folks at HM3 to those of you who have email. Here is one of the messages....I'm not sure if it is one of them I have sent out or not.

Once again....I couldn't sleep! Unresolved fear and anxiety became magnified by, the dark and silence.....I was questioning if God really cared. I snuggled under the covers, shut my eyes, and began remembering the blessings of the previous day, and as I counted them, my mood improved......I received an email from a good friend regarding his recovery to good health! A phone call from one of my sons picked me up! A member from our congregation had successful surgery – Peace slowly replaced my fear – Still awake, I listed the things I had accomplished that day, no matter how trivial – vacuuming the house; washing the dishes; doing laundry; mowing the yard; contentment replaced restlessness – Finally, I recited my favorite Bible passages and prayers, and by the end of this process, I fell asleep! Secure again that God really does care for me and was working in my life......These steps don't always cure my insomnia, but with more practice, they help. When my brain thinks it's time to get up at 2 in the morning, I have a drink of water and start my steps over again.....It's amazing how much more positive I have become each evening – And the habit of being grateful for the good things in my life sets a mood of praise for my Lord, Jesus Christ, which is tru-

ly relaxing – Thanks be to God! Amen!

Financial Update

Financial Update – August 31, 2020 The following is a summary of Hoge's 2020 financial activity through August. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office.

<u>Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2020:</u>

Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$25,041.80 (includes interest earned from designated savings account) Deacons Funds: \$3,141.66 (includes support from Worthington PC)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$179.58 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$3,706.17 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)

Memorial Funds: \$100.00 (in memory of Warren Pemberton)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,426.49

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$153.48 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Recycling: \$24.00

Sound System Repairs/Replacement: \$2,500.00

Financial notes:

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

Westside entry doors have been installed but final details are still being addressed

Other entry doors have been varnished and look great

New handheld microphones, lavaliers, and receivers have been purchased and are now being utilized during our worship services.

Equipment needed to record worship services is now being utilized and video of our worship services are now available via Facebook; Joy Rector has also been emailing the videos to those whom she has an email for

We are purchasing equipment, installation services and training to begin live-streaming services onto Facebook Live and U-Tube in the near future

The Finance & Facilities committee is reviewing our most urgent needs for efficient use of funds donated for building enhancements and improvements. 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 is starting to return to the building of Hoge. Group meetings are occurring in the building.

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 August 31, 2020:			
Unrestricted cash Restricted cash Payroll Liabilities Net liquid assets	\$ 163,962.34 54,450.93 (203.30) \$ 218,209.97	Operating Expenses: Admin & Other Expenses Building Maintenance Committee Expenses	\$ 7,091.25 2,871.22 3,809.58
Operating Income:		Office Expenses Non-Pastoral Salaries	3,097.81 17,432.00
Contributions Interest	\$ 77,018.04 4,168.56	Pastoral Expenses Utilities and Phone	13,700.77 9,783.36
Other income (building use) Other income (other support)	3,515.00 3,477.45	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 57,785.99
Other income (flower dedications Total Operating Income	255.00 \$ 88,434.05	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 30,648.06



SUNDAY

October

TUESDAY

MONDAY

No Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars-2 C peanut butter divided, 1 1/2 sticks butter softened, 2 C powder sugar divided, 3 C graham cracker crumbs, 2 C Nestles chocolate mini chips. Grease 9 X 13 pan, beat 1 1/4 sticks butter with the butter until creamy. Gradually add 1 C powder sugar. With hands or wooden spoon work other cup of power sugar in as well as the graham cracker crumbs and 1/2 C morsels. Press evenly into prepared pan. Smooth top with spatula. Melt remaining 3/4 Cup peanut butter and remaining 1 1/2 cup morsels in medium heavy-duty saucepan over lowest heat, Stirring constantly until smooth. Spread over graham cracker crust in pan. Refrigerate one hour until chocolate is firm. Cut into bars - store in covered container in refrigerator. Paw Paw Presbyterian Church, Paw Paw, MI. 9:30am Bible Study 5 6:00pm Girl Scouts 10:30am Worship w/Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA 11:30am Donut Fellowship 7:30pm NA 7:00pm AA Meeting 10:30am Worship w/Pastor Peggy Holcomb 12 6:00pm Girl Scouts 13 7:00pm Martha Circle 11:30am Donut Fellowship 7:00pm AA Happy Birthday Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:30pm NA Happy 18 9:30am Bible Study 19 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20 12:00pm Food Pantry 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:30pm NA Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Session 10:30am Worship w/ Rev. Wayne Morrison 26 6:00pm Girl Scouts 27 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm AA Meeting 6:30pm Westside Urban Ministry Meeting 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA Happy Birthday Amy Colborn Household Tricks That Can Save You Tons of Time and Energy -Remove labels with a blow dryer. brush the label or

Household Tricks That Can Save You Tons of Time and Energy -Remove labels with a blow dryer. brush the label or price tag with a hair dryer;. Thread a needle with your palm, place the thread in your palm so that it lies flat. take the needle in your hand, turn it so that the eye half of it faces the thread. Bring the needle along the thread and straighten it!; Use foil to preserve bananas, the shelf life of this fruit will increase if you cover the (growing) end with foil; Latex and glue make a sofa as good as new, apply 1-2 drops of glue on latex gloves and move your hand across the sofa; Clean tiles with electric toothbrushes, to clean hard-to-reach seams between tiles; .Use vinegar on your shower head, to clean the rust off your shower head, wrap it in a bag of vinegar and leave it overnight (cont. on page 7)

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00pm Outreach/ Worship/ Christian Ed	2 6:00pm AA Meeting Happy Birthday Mike Minch	3 5:00pm HM³-Robin -outside of church 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Beth Ormsby</i>
7 7:30pm NA Meeting	8	9 6:00pm AA Meeting Happy Birthday Diane Line	10 5:00pm HM³-Westminster- outside of church 6:00pm AA
14 7:30pm NA Meeting	15	16 6:00pm AA Meeting	17 5:00pm HM³- Covenant- outside of church 6:00pm AA
21 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting Happy Birthday Kyle Barrett	22	23 6:00pm AA Meeting 9:00am Newsletter Prep	24 5:00pm HM³~outside of church 3:30pm Wedding 6:00pm AA
28 12:00pm Food Pantry	29	30 6:00pm AA Meeting	31 5:00pm HM³-Peters-outside Happy Halloween

(cont. from page 6). Use a hanging shoe shelf, use a hanging shoe shelf to store cleaning supplies; Springs protect chargers, to protect your chargers from twisting/breakage, use a spring from an old pen to wrap the cord; Put LEGOs in liquid soap, more interesting for kids to wash their hands, add fun to bottle of liquid soap; Put a glass of water in the microwave, put a glass of water alongside the pizza or pie; Use a brush in your drill, attach a brush to your drill and cleaning will become more effective and time saving; Use a broom scoop at the sink, try placing the scoop under the faucet with the handle of the scoop over the edge of the sink to act as a sort of funnel. No more mess caused by spilled water.

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Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually

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