# HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2020

# August

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

#### **AUGUST 2020**

August greetings my Brothers and Sisters in Christ! During June, I was on vacation in Asheville, NC with my family – We love the Asheville area, with the blue-ridge mountains, and The Pisgah National Forest with its scenic waterfalls.....We get away to recharge our internal batteries – To get out of our daily routines and reconnect with God and Jesus Christ. I hope you all have been doing well and maintaining your sanity as our country, state, and city continues to deal with the COVID 19 virus pandemic that has affected so many aspects of our daily lives. Your Session decided to reopen our in-person worship service as of June 14<sup>th</sup>, so we have returned to in-person Sunday worship at 10:30 here at Hoge! For those of you who aren't ready to come back physically to church, our worship and outreach committee decided to bring church to you – virtually, by taping our Sunday worship service at 10:30, then posting these services on our website, u-tube, and Facebook, so you can worship from the comfort of your home on Sundays. We're hopeful that we'll be taping our services by the end of July, so be looking for our announcement on having this available, and eventually, we will be live-streaming our 10:30 Sunday morning worship each Sunday, on U-Tube, our Website, and Facebook. During this pandemic, we have learned and come to embrace this virtual – Live worship experience that can be made available on the internet through a number of different formats – Hoge has been reaching our congregation locally through this virtual format, but we've also been reaching other Christians across the country who are identifying with our ministry here on the west side of Columbus by giving monetary donations to support our ministries! This is a huge blessing from God to see how our ministry is growing beyond our physical walls and gaining a following outside our natural geographic area. We must continue to embrace this new virtual technology which is expanding our ministry. We've also have a new employee to introduce to you! Our sexton of over 30 years, Tony Barnett, decided to retire, so we have a new sexton, Jim Cheadle, who started on June 29th. Please give Jim a warm welcome when you see him, and we are so blessed to have Jim be a part of our ministry here at Hoge! We've also been able to reopen our church to the many outside non-profit groups that use our facility each week, and are excited to have these groups back with us! We're also excited to announce that on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll be reopening our HM3 Saturday evening worship service – to be held in our west parking lot as a mobile, to-go worship event, where the people will have a to-go meal, with a scripture passage, brief message, and hymn they can take with them for the week. This will allow us to get our HM3 worship service started again so we may serve the people on the hilltop who need us the most! As you can see, we're providing our friendly, uplifting ministry here at Hoge again, and do hope you are able to join us in-person soon again, and if not – look for us virtually on our website, U-Tube, or Facebook: Would you join me in prayer: All knowing and loving God, it's hard to believe that it's been 6 months since we displayed fresh calendars and entered a new decade – Never expecting we would be facing these unprecedented times of social distancing and stay-at-home orders. Just when it seems we can breathe a sigh of relief and see a return to normal, we are confronted again with even more uncertainty. For some of us, this is an inconvenience, and for others it's been a major adjustment, and we pray Lord for patience – while others wonder if they can survive and are struggling to meet their daily needs. We pray for provision – We pray for those lost loved-ones and for those that serve and work on the front-lines of this pandemic. As Pastors, we daily log on to ministry in this new, virtual-world, where we're learning to walk by faith and not by human sight, and we need you to lead us. God, we are learning more than ever of your transcendency as we experience church that spans space and time – We worship from phones, laptops, computers, and I-pads to zoom or Facebook or U-Tube into our beloved communities. We sit in offices, living rooms, porches, and patios – from cars and parking lots and unlimited locations to worship, pray, and learn new ways to serve together as one dispersed body of Christ. We are distressed by the tensions and chasms that divide our country, and cry out for justice, mercy, and healing that is only known in you, God. You are the Holy One that never changes and yet you are constantly revealing new ways to worship you! Give us hearts to rest the certainty of your constant love and presence – And give us hope in the opportunities of fresh revelation.....In Jesus' name we pray......Amen!

# Special Announcements

### **KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER**

Lois Sensenbrenner suffered a stroke on July 12. She is at Mt. Carmel Rehabilitation Hospital in Westerville. Cards may be sent to their home.

- -Tom Piecenski and his family in the passing of his son, Ben
- -Bob Bethge and family in the passing of his wife Linda
- -Rev. Douglas Browne and family in the passing of his father, Rev. Jim Browne
- -Dorothy Pemberton as she recuperates from heart surgery
- -Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- -Tama, recovering from breast cancer
- -Tom Piecenski recovering from heart surgery
- -Lois Duey, recuperating at home
- -Sallie Wilson asked for prayers for Judy Knight and Jeff and Joe Miller
- -Mary Grothaus (Jeanne's daughter-in-law),
- -Avis Dorn's daughter, Jody health challenges
- -Juanita Deweese, Sallie Wilson, Barbara Mapes
- -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.

Families Served at HM3 returned to an adjusted way of serving, boxed type meals outside the church on July 18. Twenty meals were served along with a printed message and lyrics to a hymn. (see page 4)

Food Pantry June Totals: 40 Families, 144 People served, Adults (60+) 18, Adults (59-18) 79, Children 47

Mistaken Identity - A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard, when suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After several hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate, the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car.



### Happy Birthday- August

Charlotte Badgely, 2; Joby Whitehead, 3; Barbara Rouch, 9; Natalie Alter, 10; Janet Gorman Zappe, 10; Ron Line, 10; Rebecca McGraw, 13; Lois Sensenbrenner, 18; Steve Ormsby, 25; Steve Colborn, 29







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-Mike Minch, 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-June 15th, Moderator: - Tom Billman, Clerks' Report - Diana Purcell, No Communion served in May, Wedding was held at Hoge on June 6<sup>th</sup> for Amber Fetherolf and Justin Saylor with Pastor from Cincinnati officiating. Hoge will be opening on June 14<sup>th</sup> for in person worship. Moderators/Pastoral Care Report: Tom has been in contact with our Shut-Ins via phone weekly. He has spoken with Avis Dorn, Lois Duey, Juanita Deweese, Barbara Mapes, Charlotte & Wilbur Smith, and Sallie Wilson. Tom is doing weekly prayer vigils on Wednesdays. Working with Abby and Joey to get us set up with Live Streaming on Facebook Live. Treasurer's Report – Patti Gorman- No actual report was available. Groups have continued to pay while we were Closed. One week only \$600.00 was received but are doing well, We have received donations of \$25,000.00 and \$10,000.00. Everything else is holding steady. Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed: Gail Garman - Meetings have been Suspended until further notice. Next meeting will be Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. **HM3:** The start up of HM3 has been tabled until our July 2<sup>nd</sup> Outreach Meeting to discuss when and how to re-open. **Out of the Box Community Theatre**: Has been suspended until further notice. Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship – Janet Fetherolf- Doors have been ordered and takes 7 weeks for delivery. Friday and Saturday AA Groups are meeting in the parking lot for their meetings. Suggestions are being made for the use for funds received for building maintenance. **Nominating**: - Natalie Alter- Nothing to report. **Personnel**: - Carolyn Colburn – Tony Barnett is Retiring June 1st after 30 plus years as our Sexton. He will be missed and we wish him well as he starts his next chapter in his life!! Thank you for everything you have done for us. Committee will be interviewing candidates for the Sexton position. Jim Cheadle has accepted the sexton position and will start on Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> at \$14.50 per hour and 3-month probation. **Deacons: May (Drive up) Food Pantry: Served 47 Fami**lies (see page 2). Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry: Have been meeting monthly. The next meeting will be August 20, 2020. Old Business: None. New Business: Tom took Microphones in to Abela to be fixed and was told they were obsolete and parts can no longer be bought. Need to vote on getting a new Receiver, 2 new Microphones and Lavaliers. Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and moved to go forward with the new receiver, microphones and Lavaliers. Bev and Jack Neil requested the use of the church for their niece wedding in October. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and moved to approve. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: July 20th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

# Updates and Reminders

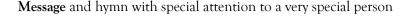
HM3 Is Back—A modified version of HM3 has restarted in our parking lot! Due to safety concerns and cautions of the Covid-19 virus, we will be sharing spiritual messages, music, connections and meals in the parking lot on Saturday nights. Covenant Presbyterian Church got us started with a "school lunch" style meal, Eric Downing was playing his flute, and Pastor Tom was greeting people while handing out meals and spiritual messages. Kathy & Barry Schifferstein and Robin & Ed Wilson will be creating meals over the next couple of weekends. Beginning in August, the personal care pantry will also be activated on the second Saturday of each month. This too will be conducted from the parking lot area. This is truly a community ministry which several churches work together to make it a success. Some of the current immediate needs for the personal care pantry include: Toilet Paper, White Socks, Shaving Cream

**CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY-** Help us update our congregational directory. Letters were sent out requesting confirmation of your name, address, phone numbers, email address, etc so we can create an updated directory. Please provide this information and return it in the self-addressed stamped return envelope included in the envelope. Joy Rector has begun working on it and we want the information to be as accurate and up to date as possible. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation on this request. (we have received less than half the requests that were sent out. Please send your preferences as soon as possible.)

## **Developing Worship Options!**

We are making progress in the recording and videotaping of our Sunday services to be posted onto the church's website, facebook page, Tom's facebook page, and possible U-Tube. The proper equipment is arriving and we are beginning the process of setting it up and learning the proper use. We hope to have things operational toward the end of July or early August. Abby Davis of Covenant has agreed to advise us on this project as she does the same for Covenant. We appreciate her guidance and expertise. Initially we will be taping the services and then posting them onto the internet afterwards. Once we can obtain a stronger, consistent internet signal in the sanctuary, we will begin to live-stream the services so they can be viewed in real-time. This is an exciting opportunity for Hoge and continues allowing worship with Hoge to continue for those who are unable to attend in person. It is important that those who need to stay home do so but know that we are still a strong and united congregation.

**Meals** individual in sacks ready to be handed out







Music—beautiful flute tunes







HM3 - SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE - JULY 18, 2020





# Financial Update

### Financial Update – June 30, 2020

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2020 financial activity through June. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office.

#### **Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2020:**

Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$25,020.55 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Deacons Funds: \$3,141.66 (includes support from Worthington PC)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$163.25 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$3,506.17 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,426.49

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$152.59 (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:

- □We are still waiting for our west-side entry doors to arrive and be installed (they have been ordered)
- □New handheld microphones, lavaliers, and receivers have been received and are being set up to be used in the sanctuary. Funds were donated to cover the cost of this purchase. Equipment needed to record and live-stream worship services has also been purchased. We will be pursuing a grant from Presbytery to help pay for some of this cost. As soon as we get trained on how to use the equipment, we will be able to record the services and post them onto our website, Facebook and U-Tube
- □The Finance & Facilities committee are still discussing our most urgent needs and recommendations for efficient use of funds recently 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. Groups have been meeting in our parking lot and are slowly moving back into 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 April 30, 2020           | :                    |                                 |    |           |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Unrestricted cash                       | \$ 152,722.80        | Operating Expenses:             |    |           |
| Restricted cash                         | 56,544.96            |                                 |    |           |
| Payroll Liabilities                     | <u>( 0.00</u> )      | Admin & Other Expenses          | \$ | 5,099.59  |
| Net liquid assets                       | \$ <u>209.267.76</u> | Building Maintenance            |    | 2,086.80  |
|   |                      | Committee Expenses              |    | 2,985.75  |
| Operating Income:                       |                      | Office Expenses                 |    | 2,222.89  |
|   |                      | Non-Pastoral Salaries           |    | 13,190.00 |
| Contributions                           | \$ 52,609.04         | Pastoral Expenses               |    | 10,184.03 |
| Interest                                | 1,563.32             | Utilities and Phone             |    | 6,819.14  |
| Other income (building use)             | ) 2,975.00           | Total Operating Expenses        | \$ | 42,588.20 |
| Other income (other suppor              | rt) 2,644.11         |                                 | -  | ·         |
| Other income (flower dedications)255.00 |                      | Difference - Operating Activity | \$ | 17,458.27 |
| Total Operating Income                  | \$ 60.046.47         |                                 |    |           |
|   | +,,-                 |                                 |    |           |



# August

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   |
|---|---|---|
| Magic of baking soda - Keep cut flowers for pots and pans sparkle, add 2 tablespoons to cooking, put a pinch of baking soda in your derize then in fridge for an hour. Freshen hat baking soda, rinse. Clean the fridge and odwater) and clean the inside of your fridge, an cloths and sponges 4 tablespoons of baking | to the pot, some water, simmer for 15 minutomato-based dishes, little bit of baking sands, chopping boards, cooking utensils or-free Make a paste of baking soda and d/or, place a small container of baking so | soda on small pieces of meat to tensis simply scrub with a little bit of water (3 parts baking soda to 1 part oda inside the fridge. <b>Refresh dish</b>  |
| 2 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting Happy Birthday Charlotte Badgley   | 3 6:00pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00pm AA<br>7:30pm NA<br><i>Happy Birthday Joby Whitehead</i>  | 4   |
| 9 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Susan Warrener Smith 11:30am Donut Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting Happy Birthday Barbara Rouch   | 10 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA  Happy Birthday Natalie Alter Happy Birthday Janet Gorman Zappe Happy Birthday Ron Line   | 11  |
| 16 9:30am Bible Study<br>10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman<br>7:00pm AA Meeting   | 17 6:00pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00pm AA<br>7:30pm NA<br>7:00pm Session   | 18 12:00pm Food Pantry  Happy Birthday Lois Sensenbrenner   |
| 23 10:30am Worship w/ TBA 7:00pm AA Meeting Newsletter Deadline   | 24 6:00pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00pm AA<br>7:30pm NA   | 25 12:00pm Food Pantry  Happy Birthday Steve Ormsby   |
| 30 10:30am Worship w/ TBA<br>7:00pm AA Meeting  | 31 6:00pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00pm AA<br>7:30pm NA   | TURKEY RICE CASSEROLE-1 Tbsp. vegetable oil, 1 medium onion, finely chopped, 1 clove garlic, finely chopped, 1 pound ground raw turkey, 1 tsp. dried oregano or 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh 1 tsp. dried basil or 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh, (cont. page 7) |

| WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|---|---|
| Clean oven mix 4 tablespoon ise & clean the microwave 2 microwave couple of minutes stains 4 tablespoons of baking | tablespoons baking soda to large best of baking soda with 1 liter of warr 2 tablespoons of baking soda to a min. Wipe inside of the microwave Reg soda to liter of water, pour into the ires you can put out small fires spring | n water, wash oven. <b>Deodor</b> -crowave-safe bowl of water, move coffee, tea or rust containers. soak for a couple | 1 5:00pm HM³-Robin -outside<br>of church<br>6:00pm AA                                       |
| 5 7:30pm NA Meeting  | 6 7:00pm Outreach/ Worship/<br>Christian Ed   | 7 6:00pm AA Meeting   | 8 5:00pm HM³-Westminster-<br>outside of church<br>6:00pm AA                                 |
| 12 7:30pm NA Meeting   | 13 Happy Birthday Rebecca<br>McGraw   | 14 6:00pm AA Meeting  | 15 5:00pm HM³- Covenant-<br>outside of church<br>6:00pm AA                                  |
| 19 12:00pm Food Pantry<br>7:30pm NA Meeting  | 20  | 21 6:00pm AA Meeting  SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY  | 22 5:00pm HM³Peters-outside<br>of church<br>6:00pm AA                                       |
| 26 12:00pm Food Pantry   | 27  | 28 9:00am Newsletter prep<br>6:00pm AA Meeting  | 29 5:00pm HM³-Gray-outside<br>of church<br>6:00pm AA<br><i>Happy Birthday Steve Colborn</i> |

(cont. for page 6) ½ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, 1 celery stalk, finely chopped, 1 16-oz. can tomatoes, 1 8oz-can tomato sauce, ½ cup water, 3 cups long grain brown rice, cold, (2¼ cups rice and 2½ cups water makes 3 cups of cooked, rice), 1 cup low fat cottage cheese, 2 egg whites, 6 oz. part-skim mozzarella cheese, grated, ¼ cup freshly grated parmesan. Heat the oil in a heavy or non-stick pan and sauté the onion and garlic until tender but not browned. Add the turkey and cook, stirring, until all pink has disappeared. Add oregano, basil, pepper flakes, celery, tomatoes, tomato sauce and water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 25 minutes. Combine cottage cheese, egg whites and mozzarella. Set aside. Mix turkey and tomato mixture. Layer in a 13x9 inch baking dish: turkey and tomato mixture, rice, cheese. Repeat for 2nd layer. Sprinkle with Parmesan and bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees—Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Ohio

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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 Ministries, Members of Out of the Box
Community Theatre

Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually

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