

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2022

May

“PASTOR TOM’S “LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE”

May 2022

May greetings from Pastor Tom! When I came to church this morning, my outside thermometer said it was 37 degrees – that’s perfect May weather for Ohio! Oh well, I’m sure soon, we’ll be complaining of the heat, so we humans are hard to please, aren’t we? I’ve been thinking about the Russian invasion of the Ukraine, and praying for a quick resolution of the war, so the killing will stop! And, as I try to make sense of it all, my mind keeps turning to Job and his story. Job is likely not the first person to whom we would think to look for when reaching for a word of hope. Job offers, however, one of the finest examples we have of what it looks like to persevere in the face of seemingly insurmountable adversity. In the first 2 chapters of the book of Job, Job faces unimaginable loss – his property, his family, even his character is called into question. How could anyone in Job’s position carry on? We often attribute patience to Job as his primary virtue that distinguishes him from other characters in scripture, but if you ask me, I would say that higher on Job’s virtue-list would be his persistence and tenacity in questioning God’s presence in his circumstances. Chapter after chapter, Job argues with God and demands answers concerning his plight. And, I see more of myself in Job than anyone else in the Bible. Not so much the side of Job that was resilient and somehow remained steady in the face of unthinkable tragedy and loss, but the part of Job that was relentless in his questions and the need to understand. Job wanted to know how God could allow everything that had happened to him and wondered where God was in the aftermath, and I don’t blame him! “Today....my complaint is bitter” says Job, “Oh, that I knew where I might find God!” (Job 23: 2-3): Job’s story reminds me that there is something deep within human nature that searches out meaning and understanding deep within human nature that searches out meaning and understanding in our suffering and loss. But, like the events we’re witnessing in the Ukraine, Job’s story ultimately leaves me with more questions than answers. God said to Job, “where were you when I laid earth’s foundation? While the morning stars sang together, and all the angels shouted for joy?” (Job 38: 4,7:) God seems to be saying to Job that even were God to explain it, Job couldn’t possibly understand. In one sense, I have never found this response all that helpful, but in another, I find it inexplicably beautiful! Maybe it’s the image of the stars singing or the angels shouting for joy! I can almost let myself hear it as God’s way of saying to Job, that there might not be as much to understand or as much meaning to be found in hard times as we would want – Sometimes, it’s just bad, plain and simple – But God is still God, and there’s a word of hope in Job – It’s not in how the story ends, as hope comes long before God restores Job’s life. “I know that my redeemer lives,” says Job, “And that in the end, he will stand on the earth.” Job recognizes that God is in the business of redemption and can bring good from the bleakest of circumstances. I am always amazed that Job doesn’t speak these words after his struggle is over – he utters them in the middle of the pain! That in itself is enough to give me the persistence and hope to imagine that while there are hard days ahead, evidence of God’s work of redemption in our lives and the lives of those in the conflict in the Ukraine. Enjoy the fresh scents of spring my brothers and sisters, and know that you are loved and treasured by God! See you in the pews! May God bless you and keep you!

Pastor Tom

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

Please remember the following Joys and Concerns in your daily prayers.

- Barbara Mapes recovering at home from Pneumonia
- Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner after hip replacement surgery
- Joby Whitehead experiencing health issues
- 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
- Lois Duey health issues
- 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 March Totals: 52 Households, 26 Seniors, Adults 94, Children 56 Total Number of People Served 176

Personal Care Pantry Needs-Hoge's ministry and outreach includes a Personal Pantry as part of our HM3 program. The pantry is open to the public on the second Saturday of each month. Donations of personal care items are always accepted for the pantry but the following items are currently in high need: Stick Deodorant, Personal hygiene Wipes, Chap Stick / Lip Balm, Flashlights, Batteries (Sizes AAA, AA, C, D), Small or travel size bottles of shampoo & cream rinse, Warm gloves / mittens. Please see Bev and Jack Neil or Kathy and Barry Schifferstein for additional information. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Happy Birthday – May



Barbara Mapes, 4; Carolyn Colborn, 5; Judith Edwards, 6; Roger Gorman, 7;
Debby Peters, 7; Ann Parlin 14; Susan Barrett. 18; Leila Parker, 18

Note: If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know and we will be glad to add it.



Two ways you can help us out at our food pantry! Help clients on pantry days repack their chosen food items. Then help them carry the food up the stairs and to their car. Our pantry is open from 12:00 – 1:30 the last two consecutive Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month. Help us on Mid Ohio food delivery days. This happens on the first or second Thursday of most months. The truck leaves the pallets outside our parking lot entrance door. Volunteers carry the boxes down the stairs. Some boxes can be slid down a ramp. Some can ride down the chair lift. All require some lifting. It takes around an hour to get the job done. You usually need to be there around 8:30 a.m. The more volunteers the better! Donna Swaneck

Write It Down - An 80-year-old couple was worried because they kept forgetting things all the time. The doctor assured them there was nothing seriously wrong except old age, and suggested they carry a notebook and write things down so they wouldn't forget. Several days later, the old man got up to go to the kitchen. His wife said, "Dear, get me a bowl of ice cream while you're up." "Okay," he said. "...and put some chocolate syrup on it and a few cherries, too," she added. "You'd better write all this down." "I won't forget!" he said. Twenty minutes later he came back into the room and handed his wife a plate of scrambled eggs and bacon. She glared at him. "Now, I told you to write it down! I knew you'd forget." "What did I forget?" he asked. She replied, "My toast!"

REMINDER

Lay readers: January-Mike Minch, February-Patti Gorman, March-Judy Manley, April-Mike Minch, **May-Carolyn Colborn**, June-Bill Aiken, July-Diana Purcell, August-Gail Garman, September-Carol Ross, October-Judy Manley, November-Carolyn Colborn, December-Donna Swaneck.

If you cannot be the lay reader for the month, contact Worship Committee

Communion Servers - If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement and notify the worship committee.

January 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, Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, 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, Janet Fetherolf, 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-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, 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, 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 .

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- Martha Circle;

November- Deacons; December- Ushers

Regular Session Meeting, March 21, 2022. Moderator: – Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell.

Communion was served to (25) people on March 20, 2022, Communion was served at HM3 on March

19, 2022 Congregational Meeting held March 20, 2022. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Tom has spo-

ken to Bill McComb, Ron & Diane Line, Joby Whitehead, Lois Duey, Barbara Mapes, Wilbur & Charlotte Smith,

Susan Oman, Leila Parker. Helping Vern Palmer, Darryl Woodward, and Undra O'Neil with displacement.

Treasurer's Report – Patti Gorman- Conrardy: First 2 months were a little stretched which is not unusual. Ever-

rything is holding steady. Utilities, Pastoral services are up a little. Rick called asking about Raymond who at-

tends HM3. He has not been able to reach him and is concerned (see page 5). **Committee Reports: Worship/**

Outreach/ Christian Ed: March Ministers: Pastor Tom Billman 3/2, 3/6, 3/20, Pastor Peggy Holcomb 3/13,

Rev. Wayne Morrison 3/27. All Sundays are covered on preaching schedule through June. Grace Fellowship

wants to do an Inservice project on March 26th from 10:00-2:00 pm. Will be cleaning the Sanctuary. **HM3:** Grace

Fellowship will be coming to assist Steve Ryan of Overbrook Presbyterian with serving and clean Up for the

April 9 Hm3 meal. April 23 meal is not covered. Waiting to hear from Concord Presbyterian. We will be mak-

ing gift bags and coloring Easter Eggs for the April 16 meal. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** No Perfor-

mance until April/May. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Jack Neil / Mike Purcell, Met on March 4, 2022,

Michael Clark wants to start a Bible Study on Wednesday evening starting March 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Paper-

work has been Filled out and will make a small donation. Received estimate from Andrew Anderson to have the

Church Doors Repaired. \$1,260.00 Giving Quote for Pastor Door and Front Side Door. Revisited Estimate from

Franklin Art Glass to have Stained Glass Windows repaired. (Parlor, St Paul, Bride Room, Narthex,) \$1,540.00

and was approved. Sphar Electric Service came out on March 2 to look at organ and gave Quote of \$1,289.30 and

was approved. Muetzel Plumping and Heating came out March 28th to give estimate for Backflow Valve on

Broiler. Westgate Lodge wants to Use our parking lot on May 5-6 from 7 am- 10 pm. Area53 (AA) wants to use

Wold Hall on April 10th from 9-4:30 pm and was approved. Compel requested use of Wold Hall on Sunday

March 27 for community meal from 3:00-5:00 pm. and was approved. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- Nothing to

Report. **Personnel:** - Carolyn Colborn – Nothing to Report. **Deacons: February Food Pantry: Served 47 Fam-**

ilies (see page 2). Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands: Natalie attended the February 28th

meeting and had two members join. One was from Hilliard. Tom is board for Committee on Operations which

meets the 2nd Monday Of the month. **Old Business:** Tom still wants to do a New Member class. Have several

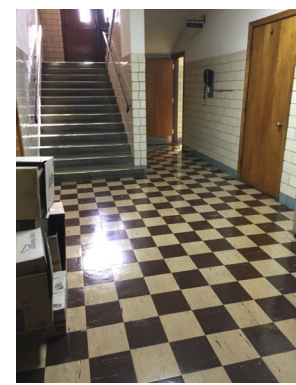
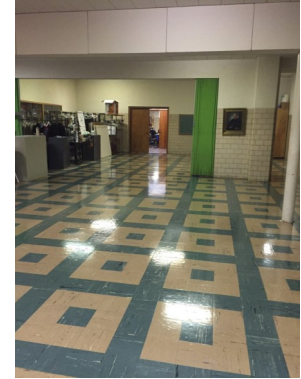
people who are interested (Leila Parker and Mary). Will be for 2-3 weeks. **New Business:** No report. **Meeting**

was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: at 7:00 pm. April 18, 2022 **Re-**

spectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Notes and Photos

Images of the waxing of floors in kitchenette, Wold Hall, and the hallway



Images of the Easter packages that were put together for our HM3 guests....dyeing eggs and putting together the bags and moving furniture back after the waxing of floors in Wold Hall



Financial Update

Financial Update – February 28, 2022

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2022 financial activity through January. 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: \$50.80 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$1,485.33 (includes interest earned from designated savings account and Memorial Funds in honor of Lois Sensenbrenner)

Memorial/Honorarium Funds: \$250.00 (in memory of Juanita DeWeese and Avis Dorn)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$20.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$.70 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Financial notes:

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

Sanctuary main entrance and East side doors are planned to be refinished on the outside

Plumbing repairs in the kitchenette have been completed

Stained Glass windows repairs are being scheduled

Organ repairs and tuning has been scheduled

Additional yard maintenance and concrete repairs are being evaluated

Completion of the tuck pointing, caulking and sealing project is on hold due to weather conditions

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 February 28, 2022:

Unrestricted cash	\$	238,181.98
Restricted cash		124,306.30
Payroll Liabilities		(319.09)
Net liquid assets	\$	<u>362,169.19</u>

Operating Income:

Contributions	\$	13,436.00
Interest		94.72
Other income (building use)		1,290.00
Other income (other support)		893.74
Other income (flower dedications)		<u>140.00</u>
Total Operating Income	\$	15,854.46

Operating Expenses:

Admin & Other Expenses	\$	2,225.20
Building Maintenance		1,119.84
Committee Expenses		687.89
Office Expenses		798.37
Non-Pastoral Salaries		5,279.76
Pastoral Expenses		3,797.56
Utilities and Phone		<u>3,722.03</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$	17,630.65
Difference - Operating Activity	\$	(1,776.19)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
1 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Susan Warnner Smith 11:30pm Deacons meeting 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting	2 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	3 8:00pm NA
8 10:30am Worship w/Peggy Holcomb 11:30pm Donut Fellowship 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting 	9 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	10 8:00pm NA
15 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting	16 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 7:00pm Session	17 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA
22 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	24 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA
29 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Marion Stenner 1:00pm Compel Christian Center Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting	30 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 	31 8:00pm NA

Clean your dishwasher -To eliminate mold and mildew in your dishwasher, spray the intricate parts of your dishwasher where moisture can linger long after a cycle is complete. **Scrub your sink.** -Wet the surface of your sink, then scrub it with baking soda sprinkled onto a sponge. Pour 3 percent hydrogen peroxide over the surface, allow it to sit before rinsing it clean. **Disinfect counters and cutting boards** - cleaning counters with undiluted hydrogen peroxide can kill E. coli and Salmonella bacteria on counters when it's allowed to sit on the surface for 10 minutes at room temperature. **Wash veggies** 1/4 cup of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide per gallon of water to help remove bacteria from vegetables. tough-skinned veggies can be soaked 30 minutes before rinsing and drying. **Scour cookware** sprinkling with baking soda, then spritzing the soda

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 7:40pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Barbara Mapes</i></p>	<p>5 7:45pm Compel Christian Midweek 7:00 pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed <i>Happy Birthday Carolyn Colborn</i></p> 	<p>6 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery <i>Happy Birthday Judith Edwards</i></p>	<p>7 5:00pm HM³-Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Roger Gorman</i> <i>Happy Birthday Debby Peters</i></p>
<p>11 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>12 6:45pm Compel Christian Midweek Worship 7:00 pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed.</p>	<p>13 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery</p>	<p>14 5:00pm HM³—Westminster 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Ann Parlin</i></p>
<p>18 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Susan Barrett</i> <i>Happy Birthday Leila Parker</i></p>	<p>19 6:45pm Compel Christian Midweek Worship</p>	<p>20 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery</p>	<p>21 5:00pm HM³-Covenant 6:00pm AA</p> 
<p>25 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>26 6:45pm Compel Christian Center Midweek Worship</p> 	<p>27 9:00am Newsletter Prep 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:45pm Compel Christian Recovery</p>	<p>28 5:00pm HM³-Schieferstein 6:00pm AA</p>

Chicken and Rice Casserole Recipe - Ingredients: 2 ½ pounds roasted chicken, 1 small onion, ½ cup light mayonnaise, 2 (10 ¾ oz) cream of chicken soup, reduced fat, reduced sodium 1 (8 oz) can water chestnuts, drained and chopped 1 (14 ½ oz) chicken broth, low sodium, fat free 1 (6 ¼ oz) long-grain and wild rice mix, cooked, ½ small green pepper, chopped Directions: 1. Remove chicken from the bones, discarding skin and bones. Chop chicken. Stir together chicken and remaining ingredients. 2. Spoon evenly into 2 lightly greased 8-inch square baking dishes. Wrap 1 dish in heavy-duty aluminum foil, and freeze. 3. Bake remaining casserole at 350 degrees for 55 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Briarwood AL.



with 3 percent hydrogen peroxide. Soak for 1-3 hours before wiping off the mess. **Get rid of garbage can germs**-After washing the garbage can with soap and water, spray the container with a 1:1 solution of hydrogen peroxide and water. **Deep clean your toilet**-To clean your toilet, add 1/2 cup of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide to your bathroom bowl leave it in the bowl for 20 minutes to get the full benefit. 13. **Brighten dingy whites** -Make your own oxygen-bleach by combining 1/2 cup washing soda — hint: It's not the same as baking soda — and 1/2 cup hydrogen peroxide. Start the cycle, allow the washer to fill, soak clothing for a couple of hours before finishing the cycle to whiten and sanitize. **Sprout healthy seeds**- soaking seeds in 1 to 3 percent hydrogen peroxide can soften the seed coat and start germination.

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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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