

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

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August

5 Ways Senior Citizens Bless Us,

A long life imparts lessons of love, wisdom and faith for others.
by Michelle Cox Posted in Better Living, Aug 22, 2016

My phone rang recently. “This is Bill Fletcher. I was just calling to check on Paul.” Bill is a precious friend from our church, and we receive calls from him on a regular basis.

He’s in his 80s and the sweetness of Jesus shines through him as he prays for and encourages so many of us. His footsteps have gotten slower over the years, he can’t physically do as much as before, but, oh my, he’s such a blessing to us.

That started me thinking about how blessed we have been through the years by our senior citizen friends:

1) They teach and mentor us.

They share old recipes and cooking tips. They impart lessons learned about faith and life and family—sometimes so we won’t have to experience the pitfalls that they encountered.

2) They share their stories.

About 15 years ago, our family adopted a precious elderly couple that we met at Cracker Barrel while on vacation at Hilton Head Island. Every year after that when we were on vacation there, we enjoyed meals together and visits in their home.

Their stories were fascinating as he shared about his years working on the Manhattan Project and as she talked about their travels and experiences. They enriched our lives.

3) They share their love.

I’ll never forget the first gift we received after learning that Paul and I would become parents. One of the sweet older couples at our church stopped by our house that next week with a package that contained a lovely shawl blanket and a pair of soft green booties.

What made it even more precious is that I knew that things were tight for them money-wise, and their gift had been a sacrifice. That moment happened 39 years ago, but I’ve never forgotten the love that was wrapped in that present for our baby boy.

4) They share their faith.

There are few gifts more special than sitting and talking with someone who has spent a lifetime walking with God. Stories of God’s faithfulness during hard times, His goodness on so many occasions, lessons learned through difficult times and treasures mined from God’s Word are priceless.

5) They share their prayer time.

It’s an amazing blessing to have someone who will take time to pray for you. Years with God pay off in a close and loving relationship, an intimacy as they talk with Him.

Has your live been blessed by a senior citizen? Today would be a good time to say thank you and to tell them what they mean to you.



Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- Jim Cheadle—heart surgery July 18
- Andy Pena (HM3 visitor) being treated for cancer
- Doug Alter's family. He passed away on Monday June 4.
- Avis Dorn's daughter, Jody - health challenges
- Marianne Black, Juanita Deweese, Sallie Wilson, Barbara Mapes, Wilbur Smith, Nancy Loik
- 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 bulletins and monthly newsletters either by phone or email

Fall Sale 2018 - Hoge's Fall Sale will be held Friday October 5th and Saturday October 6th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Set up will be on Thursday October 4th - Time still to be determined. Sorting dates for the Sale are as follows:
Thursday August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—Tuesday August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday August 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—Come all or any part of the time listed that you can help. We will set more sorting dates and times as needed. Donations still being accepted!



The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole." Another Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces." After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill." Lot again... 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 into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Families Served at HM3 for the month of April—Adults 122, Kids 35, (Volunteers 9, Hoge Members 25), Total 191

Food Pantry June Totals 64 Families, 215 People served, Adults (60+) 30, Adults (59-18) 122, Children 63

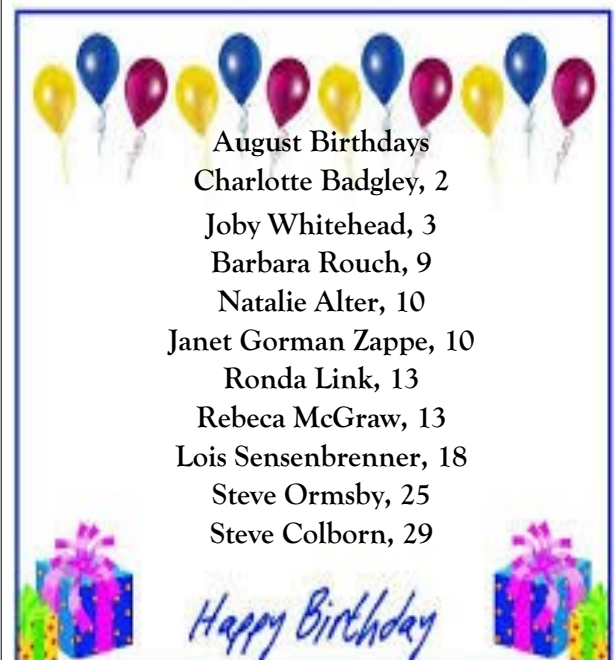
Commissioned Ruling Elder Internship with Hoge

Hoge's session has agreed to have Tom Billman, who is finishing up his training as a Commissioned Ruling Elder through the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, come to Hoge for a nine-month internship. A "CRE" is what we used to call a "commissioned lay pastor," and is seminary-trained, but without the actual Masters of Divinity degree. Tom Billman has been a very active member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, served as an elder and clerk of session, taught Sunday School and youth group, and sings with the choir. You may have heard him preach on occasion at Hoge, and he is looking forward to these next six months of connection with you.

Here are his duties from September through May:

1. Preaching twice a month with support and feedback from Rev. Steve Merold
2. Pastoral care alongside Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner
3. Attending session meetings with Rev. Tracy Keenan, who moderates for Hoge
4. Getting to know you all better and offering his faithful and prayerful connection with you

Please welcome Tom with your warm friendliness and look forward to the ministry you will be sharing for these next six months!





Lay readers: January-TBA, 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-TBA, 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 14-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Debbie Peters, Diane Purcell, Judy Moody, Joy Rector

February 11-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, Gary Link, Bev Neil

March 11-Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Mike Minch, Doug Alter, Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf

April 1 Easter-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Judy Moody, Patti Gorman

May 27-Natalie Alter, Debbie Peters, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil, Gary Link

June 24-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Charlotte and Wilbur Smith, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross

July 22 - Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Mike Minch, Doug Alter, Judy Moody, Donna Swaneck

August 26-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil

September 23-Gary Link, Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith

October 28-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Debbie Peters, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Diana Purcell

November 11-Doug Alter, Natalie Alter, Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman

December 23-Gail Garman, Mike Minch, Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Gary Link

December 24-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Diana Purcell, Debbie Peters, Janet Fetherolf

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 Committees;

October- Martha Circle; November- Deacons; December- Ushers

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

Regular Session Meeting - June 18th, 2018

The Session of Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church met for their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. June 18th, 2018 in the Church Parlor. Meeting was opened with prayer by Tracy Keenan; Elders Present: Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Janet Fetherolf; Elders Excused: Natalie Alter, Jack Neil; **Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell, Doug Alter (62) passed away June 4th, 2018 (Member/ Deacon), Communion was served to (36) people on June 24th by Rev. Dean Roush; **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Tracy took Andy back to the hospital and was admitted. Did another biopsy, waiting on results and will discuss them With Tracy next time they meet; **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman, Operating revenue is down, Interest is down, flower dedications are down, and other Income is down compared to last month. Operating expenses are up from last month due to having to pay Building and Liability Insurance which is paid quarterly. Utilities are up a little. All other expenses are holding steady. (See page 5); **Committee Reports:** **Outreach:** Gail Garman, **HM3:** All meals are covered through the end of July with meal providers and a Hoge person with the exception of July 7th. Debbie Peters has agreed to be on standby for Tom Piccenski who has the June 23 meal. There are a few dates where the format may be a little different. Aug. 4th, Aug. 18th, and Sept.8th. Other options are being considered. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Completed performances of Perfect Wedding and their next play will be in August; **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Janet Fetherolf, Janet received offers to replace the Gutters and Install Leaf Guards. The offer for the Gutters is \$3,600.00, (Precision Slate and Tile) and the Leaf Guard are \$ 2,160.00. Was informed that loose slats would not cause damage to the Leaf Guards. Motion was made, 2nd and moved to accept the offers; **Worship and Music** – Gail Garman, Ministers to preach in June: June 3rd-Susan Warrenner Smith, June 10th- Tom Billman, June 17th- Susan Kroeker, June 24th-Dean Roush. (Communion); **Nominating:** ? No Report; **Personnel** : Carolyn Colborn-Committee Chair- No Report; **Deacons: May Food Pantry Served: 65 Families** (see page 2); **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Task Force:** Presbytery has decided that Tom Billman could do his internship at Hoge Memorial while completing his CRE Training, He would moderate our session meetings with Tracy, would work with Steve Merold on Worship services, and do Pastoral care under Rev Ed Sensenbrenner. **Westside Urban Ministry** served refreshments at West High's Recognition program; **Old Business:** No Report; **New Business:** No Report; Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: July 16th, 2018; Respectfully Submitted: Diana L. Purcell, Clerk of Session

History

Memories of Hoge Memorial - "A Tale of Two Sisters" by Rev. Ed Sensenbener

In the summer of 1995, I was elected by the Presbytery of Miami as a Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. There were four commissioners from Miami Presbytery - two clergy ministers and two lay elders. We met in the Convention Center in Cincinnati. I sat next to one of the Elders, a woman named Ruth from the Yellow Springs Presbyterian Church. She was about five years older than me. During the breaks in the meetings, we had an opportunity to get acquainted. We discovered that we both grew up on the Hilltop during the depression years of the 1930s. Ruth said that her family was quite poor and they lived in a rental house on S. Richardson Ave. Next door to them lived two sisters, both school teachers at West Broad Street Elementary School. They were the Sperry sisters, Miss Bess Sperry and Miss Catherine Sperry. I knew them as a teacher and the Superintendent of the Sunday School Primary Department at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church. Perhaps because of the invitation of these sisters, Ruth went to Hoge's Sunday School.



Ruth said that the Sperry sisters knew of her family's poverty and they often left sacks of groceries on their family's front porch during those difficult days of the depression.

Ruth told me that in those days all little girls wanted a new dress and Easter bonnet to wear to church on Easter Sunday. It was a tradition to which all the young girls looked forward. Ruth knew her family could not afford a new dress for her; they barely had enough money for food and rent! The week before Easter, the Sperry sisters knocked on their front door and gave her a beautiful Easter dress, an Easter bonnet (hat). They also gave her new patent leather shoes and a little purse to match. Ruth was thrilled!! Now, some sixty years later, she was still thrilled to tell me this story and how happy the Sperry sisters surprise gift made her. They also had an Easter basket for her!!

As I listened to Ruth's story I was thankful also! I thought that is what Christians do. When they see a need, they try to fill it. These two ladies were part of the Primary Sunday School Department for years and years...very faithful church members.

Catherine Sperry then married Ed Hakola, a widower, she became Catherine Hakola. She then helped her husband raise his young son, Bob. Bess Sperry, the older sister, never married and she continued to teach at West Broad Elementary until her retirement.

When I was an Associate Pastor at Broad Street Presbyterian Church from 1966 to 1971, I discovered that Miss Bess Sperry was living out her retirement years at Columbus Home for the Aged, on East Broad Street beyond East High School. I made several visits to this wonderful lady and both of us greatly enjoyed those visits. Bess died on March 7, 1978, a member of Hoge for 71 years.

Later, in March 1995, while I was Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Troy, Ohio, I received a phone call from Schoedinger Funeral Home on the Hilltop the Catherine Sperry Hakola had died at the age of 95. Her son, Dr. Bob Hakola wanted me to conduct her funeral service. Bob had become a veterinarian with a practice in Marysville. In her later years, Mrs. Hakola had teamed with Mrs. Hazel Wellerman, to make regular visits to Hoge's older members, many of them in nursing homes. They were called "Hoge's Friendly Visitors." They made many visits to my father when he was a resident at Westminster-Thurber Presbyterian Home. On March 17, 1995, I was delighted to conduct the "Celebration of Life" of Catherine Sperry Hakola, this wonderful woman who had served the Lord in so many ways at Hoge Memorial. She was a faithful member for 87 years. Her body is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus. She and her sister, Bess are alive with the Lord Jesus in Heaven (see John 14:1-3).

Because of the woman named Ruth, who sat next to me at General Assembly in 1995, I was able to learn about the benevolent and practical love of two sisters to a little girl and her family during the difficult days in the 1930's. Their actions are an example for all of us! (See Matthew 25:40)

Financial Update – June 30, 2018

The following is a summary of Hoge’s current year financial activity through June 2018. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office.

Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2018:

- Deacon’s Funds: \$4,803.95 (includes support from Glenwood UM, Worthington PC & Pancake Breakfast)
- Flower Garden Maintenance: \$100.00
- One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,715.00
- HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$300.00 (support from Westminster Presbyterian Church)
- Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$2.48 (interest earned from designated savings account)
- Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$56.38
- Recycling: \$62.00
- Fall Sale Proceeds: \$10.00
- Memorial Funds: \$130.00 (In Memory of Pamela Pemberton / Doug Alter)

Financial notes:

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

- Gutters with leaf guard protection are expected to be replaced either in July or August. Volunteers will be needed to assist with hauling away the current gutters for recycling. Please let Janet Fetherolf know if you can help.
- Work on expanding internet access throughout the building is on-going
- Clean up efforts are still needed with the east lawn (removal of excessive yard waste, fence posts, yard clean-up, etc). Unfortunately, excessive trash has been dumped onto our lawn and it needs to be removed. Creative ideas on how to prevent or minimize this from happening in the future are appreciated.
- General cleaning in various rooms of the building is on-going

Contact members of the Finance & Facilities committee to inquire how you are able to help with any of these projects (physically and/or financially). Please continue to commit to Hoge in prayer, physical efforts, and financially. Thank you for your continued support. God is calling each of us to do our part to keep Hoge alive, providing mission and outreach to our community.

If you are not currently participating in any of the 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, Treasurer


Balances as of June 30, 2018:		Operating Expenses:	
Unrestricted cash	\$ 82,406.43	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 4,655.82
Restricted cash	31,883.14	Building Maintenance	9,119.59
Payroll Liabilities	(0.00)	Committee Expenses	3,829.34
Net liquid assets	<u>\$114,289.57</u>	Office Expenses	1,880.00
Operating Income:		Non-Pastoral Salaries	13,300.00
Contributions	\$ 42,987.60	Pastoral Expenses	3,276.86
Interest	212.47	Utilities and Phone	<u>8,727.61</u>
Other income (building use)	3,040.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 44,789.22
Other income (other support)	2,691.23		
Other income (flower dedications)	<u>726.00</u>	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 4,868.08
Total Operating Income	\$ 49,657.30		

Out Of The Box Community Theatre

OOTBCT’s next production is “Storytime Radio For Kids Of All Ages”, an old-fashioned radio show broadcast complete with sound effects featuring the stories of *Pinocchio* and *Alice in Wonderland*. The show is being directed by Judy Manley. All are welcome to come and enjoy.

The show will run for two weekends: **August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19**. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8:15 pm and the Sunday matinees begin at 3:00 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to attend a show.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>DYI tips—1. Repair scratches in your table tops by making a thick paste with soluble coffee and some water. Rub this mixture into the striations or dents until they are filled. 2. Wedge a golf tee in the offending screw hole, then cut off the protruding section. File & sand down to finish. 3. Apply hair spray to a length of thread; it will harden and be much easier to thread. 4. Apply talcum powder to noisy hinges. Vegetable or olive oil can also be used. 5. Use double-sided sticky tape to keep the rug in place and prevent any unwanted incidents.</p>		
<p>5 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Rev. Keith Jones 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>12 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Rev. Keith Jones 11:30am Doughnut Fellowship 3:00pm Story Time Radio Play 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>13 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Rhonda Link</i> <i>Happy Birthday Rebecca McGraw</i></p>	<p>14</p>
<p>19 10:30am Worship w/ Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting 8:15pm Story Time Radio Play <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>20 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm MM 7:00pm Session 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>21 12:00pm Food Pantry</p> 
<p>26 10:30am Worship w/ Communion w/ Rev. Wayne Morrison 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>27 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>28 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>
<p>DYI tips cont. 6. Cut a piece of dental floss and wrap one end around the dripping faucet, then lay the rest into the drain. The drips will adhere to the floss. 7. Keep your paint fresh and ready to use next time by adding a few tablespoons of methylated spirits. Leave it to sit on top; do not stir. 8. Wrap brushes and rollers in cling film so they don't dry out. 9. Tease out a thread from a piece of cloth or linen, then pull straight and use as a cutting guide. 10. Take a disposable paper plate that is an inch or two wider in diameter than the paint can and glue to its base to catch drips.</p>		

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:30pm NA Meeting	2 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed <i>Happy Birthday Charlotte Badgley</i>	3 6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Joby Whitehead</i>	4 9:00am Blockwatch Carnival 5:00pm HM ³ -Robin Wilson
8 7:30pm NA Meeting	9 2:00pm Mt. Carmel Medical Bus 6:00pm Brownies <i>Happy Birthday Barbara Rouch</i>	10 6:00pm AA Meeting 8:15pm Story Time Radio Play <i>Happy Birthday Natalie Alter</i> <i>Happy Birthday Janet Gorman</i> <i>Zappe</i>	11 10:00am Stuff the Bus 5:00pm HM ³ -Westminster 8:15pm Story Time Radio Play
15 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	16 2:00pm Mt. Carmel Medical Bus 6:00pm Brownies	17 6:00pm AA Meeting 8:15pm Story Time Radio Play	18 9:00am Stuff the Buss 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 8:15pm Story Time Radio Play <i>Happy Birthday Lois</i> <i>Sensenbrenner</i>
22 7:30pm NA Meeting	23 2:00pm Mt. Carmel Medical Bus 6:00pm Brownies	24 6:00pm AA Meeting 9:00am Newsletter prep	25 5:00pm HM ³ -Piecenski <i>Happy Birthday Steve Ormsby</i>
29 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Steve</i> <i>Colborn</i>	30 2:00pm Mt. Carmel Medical Bus 6:00pm Brownies	31 6:00pm AA Meeting	Thurman (TJ) and Rita Krivda recently united in marriage 

Pumpkin Upside-Down Cake - 3 large Eggs, 1 ¼ cup Sugar, 2 teaspoons Cinnamon, ½ tea-
 spoon Ginger, 1 teaspoon Nutmeg, 32oz Pumpkin, 13oz Evaporated Milk, 18oz Yellow Cake
 Mix, ¾ cup Butter, melted, 1 cup Pecans or Walnuts, chopped, Whipped Topping. Heat oven to
 350 degrees. In bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add sugar, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, pumpkin and
 milk. Stir until well combined. Pour into ungreased 9 X 13 baking dish or 3 quart casserole dish.
 Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over top. Drizzle butter over cake mix. Bake 30 minutes. Remove
 from oven, sprinkle nuts on top. Return to oven for 30 more minutes or until done. Will be like
 custard. Serve with whipped topping. Briarwood Presbyterian Church.



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Hoge Memorial Church Staff

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Pantry, HM3, AA and NA groups,
Girl Scouts, Urban Ministries,
Mt. Carmel Bus)

Members of Out of the Box
Community Theatre

Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually

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