

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2016 JANUARY

Respect. I expect nothing less. All respect the queen of the African plains. If the zebra or the antelope catch sight of me crouching in the bush, they do not forget to gallop. The elephant and the rhino respect me, and they mind not to tread on my children with their big clumsy feet. Even the snappy crocodile stays clear of me, when I come down to drink at the water.

Yes, respect is good. That is why I was so angry when a pesky little fellow failed to show me respect.

Bzzzzzzzzzz!

The mosquito buzzed around my ears and even stung me on the nose. I snapped at the horrid little traitor, and I bit my tongue. Oh, how that hurt! Then I struck at him with my paw, such a blow that would fell a buffalo, but he slipped through my claws and was laughing at me. The he bit me on the bottom! The cheek of it!

“Oh great queen,” said the mosquito. “Bow your head before your master. I, the mosquito, have drunk your blood and defeated you in combat.”

I roared an almighty roar that sent the wildebeest and the giraffe scattering across the savanna.

“Ha ha ha,” laughed the mosquito – and he flew backwards into a spider’s web. The spider showed respect to his queen by eating the wretched insect.

A little while after this, I was lying asleep under a tree when I felt something tickling my nose.

I opened one eye and saw that a mouse had scampered onto my face!

“How dare you!” I roared, and was about to swipe him a deadly blow with my paw when the mouse begged: “Oh mighty queen, forgive me! I was running through the long grass, and did not mean to run onto your nose or to disturb your sleep.”

I laughed at this furry creature and said: “Little fellow. I was about to kill you but you have shown wisdom and respect for your queen. I pardon your sin.”

“Oh, thank you, thank you,” said the mouse. “I only hope that one day I may be of service to your majesty.”

I laughed again, for how could a little mouse help a mighty queen?

The weeks went by, and I was out for a midnight stroll when all of a sudden, there was no ground beneath my paws.

Thump. I fell to the bottom of a pit. I tried to spring out, but I was tangled in a net. The more my limbs struggled, the more I became entangled.

A hyena came by and saw me in this sorry trap. He cackled with his ugly voice and taunted me: “In the morning the men shall come and throw their spears into your side. Then we shall have to find a new queen.”

I snarled with fury and swore to tear him apart when I was free from the snare. But he just laughed his silly laugh.

Towards morning, I had almost given up hope when I heard a little voice.

“My queen,” it said. “At last I may be of service to you.”

I saw the pink nose of the mouse.

“My loyal subject. It does my proud heart good to hear your well meaning words... But I am afraid you must now pay your last respects to your queen, for my limbs are caught in this net, and very soon the sun will rise and the men shall come to kill me.”

“You underestimate the might of a mouse,” said my loyal subject. He called to his wife and children, and together they gnawed through the net. I was free within the hour, just in time to spring out of the pit and give the men who had come to kill me a nasty surprise.

And so that is the story of how I, the queen of the jungle, came to respect those who respect me, no matter how small they might be, because sometimes the smallest of those among us, have the advantage over the mighty and the strong.



Special Announcements

Bulletin information should be in by Wed. at noon—Please no exception

Newsletter information by the 3rd Sunday, January 17th—Please no exception

Food Pantry Totals for November 2015: Monthly Totals, 96 Families, People served 362, Adults (60+) 25, Adults (59-18) 193, Children 144

A MESSAGE TO ALL HOGE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you are in need of Pastoral care, contact the church office. Leave a message if no answer.

Check out Hoge's updated Website!! www.hogemempresby.org

We would still like to get to know you better. Fill out the getting to know you forms on the table outside the sanctuary. We would also like to share your favorite recipes. The email address to the church is hogemempresbchurch@gmail.com. Or the information can be left in my file folder, Joy Rector, in the box in the hallway by the secretary's office..

Dear Hoge Congregation

December 14, 2015

Thank you for a wonderful celebration yesterday of my four years serving as your part-time Pastor and Preacher. When the Session asked me to do this in April of 2012, I thought it would be for one or two years, but it turned into four! I have enjoyed very much helping Hoge by preaching 2 or 3 times a month, moderating the Session, visiting some folks who are home-bound, serving Holy Communion to many of those who are in Nursing Homes or at home; and responding to hospital and home visits.

I have conducted ten funerals of Hoge members or relatives of Hoge members; had three Adult Baptisms; two marriages; and received eight Adults into Membership of Hoge in the past four years. I am retiring (again) with great fondness for all of you who are working to keep Hoge Memorial a viable congregation and open for worship and service.

Hoge is stymied from calling a full-time Pastor because there is just not enough money in the Church Budget to afford one.

I hope and pray the new "partnership arrangement" with Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington will be beneficial to both congregations. The Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan, the Senior Pastor, at Covenant is a very positive person and I believe you will all enjoy getting to know her in 2016. Tracy would like to get members of her congregation involved in Hoge's social ministries to the community. And at the same time, she and members of her staff will be providing pastoral ministries to Hoge members. I promise that I will keep Hoge Memorial in my prayers and will get back to see you from time to time. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!!

Rev. Ed. Sensenbrenner

If you have not already sent in your 2016 pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

January-February The Upper Room now available!!

A New Years Note

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown!" And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."



Lay readers: January Beth Ormsby, February Patty Gorman March-Beth Ormsby, April-Mike Minch, May-Carolyn Colborn, June-Bill Aiken, July-Diana Purcell, August-Gail Garman, September-Carol Ross, October-Mike Minch, November-Beth Ormsby, December-Donna Swaneck .
IF YOU CANNOT BE THE LAYREADER FOR THE MONTH, CONTACT BETH ORMSBY

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

- January 10--Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Kay Moore, Diane Purcell, Judy Moody, Joy Rector**
- February 14-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, Gary Link, Beth Ormsby
- March 13-Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Mike Minch, Doug Alter, Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf
- April 10-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Kay Moore, Judy Moody, Patti Gorman
- May 8- Natalie Alter, Jack Neil, Joy Rector, Beth Ormsby, Diana Purcell, Gary Link
- June 12-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Carol Ross, Janet Featherolf
- July 10-Dave Colborn, Mike Minch, Doug Alter, Judy Moody, Donna Swaneck
- August 14-Patti Gorman, Beth Ormsby, Kay Moore, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter
- September 11-Gary Link, Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith
- October 9-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Donna Swaneck, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Diana Purcell
- November 13-Doug Alter, Natalie Alter, Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman
- December 11-Gail Garman, Jack Neil, Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Gary Link
- December 24-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Beth Ormsby, Kay Moore, Donna Swaneck, Diana Purcell

Schedule of Ushers: If you would like to usher, please contact Gail Garman, Beth Ormsby or Carolyn Colborn.

Usher Team #1 (Jan, April, July, Oct): Gary Link, Jack Neil, Bev Neil

Usher Team #2 (Feb, May, Aug, Nov): Judy Moody, Mike Minch, Bill & Dorothy Aiken

Usher Team #3 (March, June, Sept, Dec): Jim Cheadle, Diana Purcell, Beth Ormsby

Worship Committee This is the schedule for the fellowship hour on the second Sundays:

January- Finance and Facilities; February- Session; March - Outreach Committee; April- Choir; May- Martha Circle; June - Session ; September- Outreach Committee; October- Martha Circle; November- Deacons; December- Ushers

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

Thanks to everyone in advance for your help with our fellowships. Gail Garman, Worship Committee co-chair.

Letter to Hoge Memorial Members from Tracy Keenan at Covenant Presbyterian Church

Dear Hoge friends,

Covenant is delighted to be partnering with you for 2016! We'll send you one of our preachers the second Sunday of each month to lead worship and offer the Lord's Supper, and we'll make sure you have good guest preachers the other Sundays of the month. I'll be moderating your session meetings each month, and after about 5 months, will be sharing this with other Covenant staff.

And you all are helping Covenant in a big way: you are allowing us to share in urban ministry with a home base that will become familiar to us over the months. We have various groups that are planning to do HM3 once a month, and are looking forward to bringing extra hands to the work of the food pantry and other Westside Urban Ministry projects you have going on.

Allow me to introduce the Covenant staff you'll be meeting over the coming months: I'm Tracy Keenan, the senior pastor at Covenant. I've been here for 11 years, having come from Pittsburgh where I served three other churches over the course of my ordained ministry. I love preaching, music (I'm a singer/songwriter), and riding my Harley.

Katie Kinnison is our newly ordained associate pastor, although she has been on staff at Covenant nearly as long as I have. She loves preaching, teaching, reading, and praying, and is wonderful at all of those.

Jim Mehler is our parish associate, and is also married to me. He is semi-retired, but spends a lot of time at Covenant. He loves hands-on mission projects, preaching, and doing "talks with children" for worship with his special friend, Puppet.

Scot Braswell is our transitional youth pastor, and loves to teach, preach, and is working on a degree in pastoral counseling. (He's a great listener, too.)

We are looking forward to sharing in ministry with you all, and to a rich and life-filled New Year!

Grace and peace,

Tracy

My email address is tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org; My phone number at church is 451-6677. Feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas, pastoral care concerns, requests, etc. I'll see you face to face on January 10th!

Updates and Reminders

Martha Muses (We meet the second Tuesday of each month except July and August)

We met at York Steak House on West Broad Street. We had the back room all to ourselves. It was comfortable and encouraged chatting and having a time set aside to enjoy each others company and the meaning of the season. We passed out cards and cookies and wishes for a happy Christmas.

We each selected are favorite foods then enjoyed conversations. The warmth of the atmosphere and sounds of the other families added to the comfort of the evening. The restaurant has a hobby size electric train scene set up. That got the attention of many of the guests.

The weather was perfect. Many times some of our members have trouble getting out because of cold, snow and ice. These ladies have wonderful attitudes about life and service to their community. It is a pleasure to share company with them. You should join us. Our next meeting will be January 12 at 7:00pm

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

-Jim Rudolph-lung disease

-Others: Richard Borrer, Altha Martin, Pat Newman, Doug Alter, Marge Kennedy, Pat Borrer, Marianne & Carl Black, Bud Dorn, Wilbur Smith

-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



We need volunteers from 10:00am to 2:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the church office. See Carolyn Colborn for information and dates

Services will be held in Wold Hall on the lower level of the church from January 3 thru February.

Hoge's Music, Message, Meal Ministry (HM3)

If you are interested in donating personal care items, call Robin at 614-783-9757. For helping with the meal call Mike Minch 614-557-8816. Thanks so much for all that you do to support this amazing ministry.



The photo above is of our Natalie Alter and two other Presbyterian ladies. Working at the Urban Ministry project at West High School Cowboy Bucks project.

When the reports come in for the:

- Special Adopt Holy Family families for Christmas gifts and Franklin Woods
- the HM3 gift card project and
- the Birthday Party for Jesus—No one came we will collect them and put them in the next month's newsletter.



Financial Update – November 30, 2015

The following is a summary of Hoge's current year financial activity through November 2015. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office.

Balances as of November 30, 2015:

Unrestricted cash	\$ 26,500.07
Restricted cash	15,397.19
Payroll Liabilities	<u>(297.80)</u>
Net liquid assets	\$ 41,599.46

Operating Income:

Contributions	\$ 70,505.48
Interest	187.89
Other income (building use)	6,271.00
Other income (other support)	5,176.93
Other income (flower dedications)	<u>1,022.00</u>
Total Operating Income	\$ 83,163.30

Operating Expenses:

Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 10,849.11
Building & Maintenance Exp	3,448.42
Committee Expenses	7,318.93 (includes Outreach activities)
Office Expenses	4,275.05
Non-Pastoral salaries	34,528.39
Pastoral Expenses	8,197.29
Utilities and Phone	<u>15,694.80</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 84,581.99
Difference - Operating Activity	\$ (1,418.69)

Designated Offerings / Donations during 2015:

Deacon's Funds: \$7,101.14 (includes donations from Worthington Presbyterian, Glenwood UM Church)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,515.26

Peacemaking Offering: \$395.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$4.56 (interest earned from designated savings account)

General Building Improvements Funds: \$1,228.01 (spent on new dehumidifiers)

Technology Upgrade: \$7,100.00

Memorial Funds: \$1,580.00 (utilized for Flat Roof)

Flat Roof Funds: \$20,450.00

HM3 Support: \$445.00 (donations from Westminster Presbyterian)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$2,985.00

Financial notes:


We continue to evaluate each of our administrative and operating expenses while making attempts to cut where possible. Please consider volunteering to help with coverage and related responsibilities of the office. These volunteer efforts bring needed relief to our financial position. Please know that your service to God and this community is greatly appreciated. The members of Personnel, F&F and session thank you for your willingness to accommodate this need. Keeping Hoge functioning administratively is as important as keeping it functioning for ministry and outreach.

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!

God is calling each of us to do our part to keep Hoge alive, providing mission and outreach to our community. Please consider your prayerful, physical, and financial support during 2015 and for Hoge's future.

Reminder: Please have all information in to the church office by the 3rd Sunday to be placed in the next month's newsletter.

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>3 10:30am Worship w/ Rev. Bill Leety 11:30am Deacons Meeting 12:00on AA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> <p>Today we begin Service in Wold Hall thru Feb.</p>	<p>4 12:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Outreach/Worship Meeting</p>
<p>10 10:30am Worship/Communion w/ Rev. Tracy Kennan 11:30am Fellowship Hour 12:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>11 12:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>12 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Martha Circle Meeting</p>
<p>17 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Bill Leety 12:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>18 12:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Session Meeting</p> 	<p>19 12:00pm AA Meeting 12:00pm Food Pantry 5:30pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>24 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Susan Warrenner Smith 11:30am Pot Luck Fellowship 12:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>25 12:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>26 12:00pm AA Meeting 12:00pm Food Pantry 5:30pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>31 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Keith Jones 12:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>		

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 12:00pm AA Meeting Church Closed <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm HM ³ / children 7:00pm AA Meeting
6 12:00pm AA Meeting 7:30pm NA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice 	7 12:00pm AA Meeting 2:00pm Mt. Carmel Medical Bus	8 12:00pm AA Meeting	9 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm HM ³ / children 7:00pm AA Meeting
13 12:00pm AA Meeting 7:30pm NA Meeting	14 12:00pm AA Meeting 2:00pm Mt. Carmel Medical Bus	11 12:00pm AA Meeting	16 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm HM ³ / children 7:00pm AA Meeting
20 12:00pm AA Meeting 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	21 12:00pm AA Meeting 2:00pm Mt. Carmel Medical Bus 7:00pm G.S. Leader Mtg.	22 12:00pm AA Meeting	23 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm HM ³ / children 7:00pm AA Meeting
27 12:00pm AA Meeting 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	28 12:00pm AA Meeting 2:00pm Mt. Carmel Medical bus	29 12:00pm AA Meeting	30 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm HM ³ / children 7:00pm AA Meeting

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Head of Staff: Jesus Christ

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Organist, Phil Leston

Various Committee Heads

Various Volunteer Office Staff

Heads of Various Programs and
 community service groups (Food
 Pantry, HM3, AA 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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