

HOGE HERALD

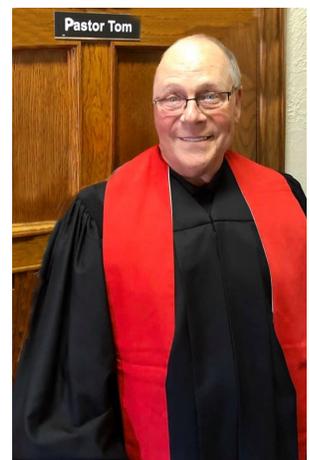
Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2020

June

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

During the first two weeks of May, our State is starting to re-open – restaurants will be open later in May, and by the first of June, most of our state's economy will be opened again, except for the large, crowded venues like live sporting-events and live concerts.....And, you may be wondering – What about the Church? When is Hoge going to open and resume our in-person worship activities? As your Pastor, it's my responsibility to all of Hoge's members, to insure that everyone who attends Hoge is in the safest environment, where we can actively worship God without any reservations of getting the COVID 19 virus. This is a tall order, but one your Pastor takes very seriously! I can pretty much guarantee that we cannot go back to a "business as usual" model of in-person worship – If we think we're all going to rush back to church and pick up where we left off – don't kid yourselves, it's not going to happen, or at least it shouldn't happen. We need to think and plan carefully so we do not endanger people simply because we let our guard down and believe that this COVID 19 virus crisis has passed. Now, as believers, let's agree to live by faith and not operate in fear, but let's also agree to be proactive and to act in wisdom towards our members and guests – especially, since most of our members are in the high-risk group according to age and health. Your Pastor and Session have a short time to prepare for the return to our church – and as I have thought about our return to church, I've listened to ministry experts and health-related experts regarding things that most of our churches are not thinking about in regards to opening back up. We can't let the excitement of finally coming back together cloud our judgment or cause us to ignore the "new normal".....Let's think through the things we must think about before our people come back to church, as we want everyone to have a meaningful and safe spiritual return to church. We will continue to observe safe-distancing and wear PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). We're fortunate at Hoge to be able to spread out in our large sanctuary to observe safe-distancing and remember to bring your instant hand sanitizer. We may have to make necessary adjustments to serving Communion, handling Baptisms, weddings, and other extra-curricular events at the church. Is a physical "passing-of-the-plate" for the offertory a thing of the past? Well, how would you feel if you were the 50th person at worship to touch the offering-plate that 49 people had just touched? Maybe instead, we should have strategically placed offertory plates placed in the sanctuary so you can drop in your offering. We will also plan to sanitize and sterilize our church building. Should we continue to offer "Virtual online" worship services? Many of you know that I'm currently offering 3 virtual online Facebook worship services per week, and we've been having 50-75 people viewing these on a regular basis – and our worship attendance is up because of this! Normally, we average 30 people for an in-person worship service on Sunday morning, so we're getting double the amount of people attending on-line! We may also find a significant number of our Hoge members who aren't ready to come back until a vaccine is readily available. So, as you can see, we have a number of questions to answer as we prepare to open back up.....But, the main thing to remember is – That God loves you, and we love you, and Jesus Christ loves you and has our backs as we begin to reassemble. Let me know if you need prayers, or an in-person contact, because we want you to come back to Hoge to feel the power of The Holy Spirit, and experience the love of Jesus Christ in your life! Remember, Pastor Tom loves you all very much, and our Lord Jesus loves you even more than I do! Looking forward to seeing you all real soon in-person!



Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- Dorothy Pemberton as she recuperates from heart surgery
- Marianne Black's family. Marianne passed away on April 16
- Alter family - Kylee diagnosed with the Coronavirus
- Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- Tama, recovering from breast cancer
- Tom Piecenski recovering from heart surgery
- Lois Sensenbrenner having health issues
- Lois Duey, recuperating at home
- John Martin, recent health challenges
- 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 will return after the coronavirus quarantines are lifted.

Food Pantry April Totals: 98 Families, 312 People served, Adults (60+) 43, Adults (59-18) 167, Children 102

Kids Say the Funniest Things

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid-afternoon, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking nonchalantly along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her mother, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"

A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice, "Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you...."

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 to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother tried to explain, keeping it simple. The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So, why's the groom wearing black?"

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were two boy kittens and two girl kittens." "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

On the first day of school, the Kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers." A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom. I KNOW they're my feet."





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 5-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Debbie Peters, Diana Purcell, Judy Moody, Joy Rector

February 2-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, Gary Link, Bev Neil

March 1-Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Mike Minch, Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf. Diana Purcell

April 5-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Judy Moody, Patti Gorman

May 3-Natalie Alter, Debbie Peters, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil, Gary Link

June 7-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Charlotte and Wilbur Smith, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross

July 5 - Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman

August 2-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil

September 6-Gary Link, Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith

October 6-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Debbie Peters, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Diana Purcell

November 3- Natalie Alter, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman, Bev & Jack Neil, Gail Garman

December 1-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



Due to Covid-19, I have decided not to coordinate a Fall Sale this year. The challenges around both sorting and marking, as well as having the actual sale, were just too many. I hope we can return to having our Fall Sale in 2021. If there is someone who wants to coordinate this type of event this year, please talk to Pastor Tom or a member of Session. Donna Swaneck

Here's a bit more from Nancy Loik's journal

I also remember the Easter Sunday (there was) a fire at the Ohio Penitentiary. We could see smoke from grandma's front porch.

(Bits and pieces:) There weren't any super markets, just neighborhood stores. Big dill pickles were 5¢ each, you reached in the brine barrel (to pick one) yourself. Peddlers came around in the summer to sell fresh produce. Sometimes we'd hear "strawberries, fresh strawberries". The rag man would go down the alley and yell "rags, oh".

September 1934 I started 7th grade at West Junior High School. We walked to school picking up another friend on each corner. Virginia would yell for me half a block away. Then we'd get Lois and pick Harriett up at Highland. Then on to Warren Avenue for Marybelle and Helen and Wilma. The school was so big. At the half year I started Latin. Once we walked to school when it was 17° below just to see if we could. We had to put snow pants in our lockers. No pants were allowed on females. We were the first class that got to wear socks. Before that we wore ugly lisle hose stockings. We got up a petition. Virginia and I were good at petitions. The next spring we got hundreds of signatures to open knot hole baseball to girls. They did! We went to games then 2 times a week, one on Ladies Day on Mondays and Knot Hole Day, sometimes double headers on Sunday.

Christmas 1935 - It was cold and snowy. All the family came to grandma's for holiday. We'd have turkey, ham, sweet and mashed potatoes, slaw, cranberries, gravy, baked beans, all kinds of pies and cakes and cookies. The kids would eat in the breakfast room. The dining room table would extend to the living room. After dinner (grandma sat with all sons' in-law in her glory) the (rest of the) women at the end of the table. After dinner, we'd play cards and talk. Sometimes we'd have (put on) a play in the basement. (I always organized it).



Finances

Financial Update – April 30, 2020

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

Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2020:

Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$25,000.00

Deacons Funds: \$960.54 (includes support from Worthington PC)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$146.09 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$3,206.17 (includes support from Covenant PC)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,426.49

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$151.72 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Recycling: \$24.00

Sound System Repairs/Replacement: \$1,500.00

Financial notes:

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

- We continue to evaluate quotes for replacements of our west side entry doors
- Our sound system is being further evaluated to determine if it can be repaired or needs replacement
- The Finance & Facilities committee will be meeting to discuss our most urgent needs and recommendations for efficient use of funds recently donated for building enhancements and improvements

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. We look forward to life returning within the building as group gatherings become safe, healthy and allowable. Patti Gorman-Conrardy, Treasurer

Balances as of April 30, 2020:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 143,283.78	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	61,211.38		
Payroll Liabilities	(157.12)		
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>204,338.04</u>		
Operating Income:			
Contributions	\$ 29,896.04	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 2,625.90
Interest	207.41	Building Maintenance	1,188.01
Other income (building use)	2,135.00	Committee Expenses	1,773.58
Other income (other support)	1,294.04	Office Expenses	1,261.91
Other income (flower dedication)	255.00	Non-Pastoral Salaries	9,620.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 33,787.49	Pastoral Expenses	6,551.41
		Utilities and Phone	<u>5,043.55</u>
		Total Operating Expenses	\$ 28,064.36
		Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 5,723.13

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

I had put out a request for folks to share their pandemic-isolation experiences but there hasn't been any response. There are reports in the news of folks around the city, I think I can use my personal synopsis of some of those that may be of interest.

This article is about how gardeners are adapting to online sales and all that goes with this keeping a distance that we have to practice right now. Garden centers and retail greenhouses are considered essential due to their place in food growth and production. One of the local greenhouse owners closed his business when the restrictions were passed down because of the pandemic. He was able to reopen them a few weeks later when the decision was made that they were essential. He is following the rules of no more than a certain number of people in the business at a time and wearing gloves and masks. He also encourages curbside pick up and on line orders. He has been trying to make adjustment to get as much on his online site as he can but he says he needs to learn more about what he thinks people want. One of the problems of setting up for the on line orders is that a description and photo are needed for the items for sale. Some nurseries are doing deliveries as well as the curbside pick ups. One reported that sales are actually higher than this time last year. One of the places that is doing deliveries is using a school bus that has been converted to accommodate plants. One of the nurseries states that it is more work to fill online orders and curbside pick up.

I hope this article can be a bit of a light-side to the news we hear/read over and over lately. The title caught my attention, *This little piggy went to get a haircut*. It mentioned that sometimes you want to know something about yourself that you can't see, like you have something in your teeth or toilet paper trailing on the outside of your pants. But what becomes a bit of a "slap in the face" is when someone tells you you have hair on your big toe. It seems the author of the article said her daughter told her mom as she stared at her mom's bare feet that she had three hairs on her big toe. Then the daughter said as she looked at the other toe "Oh! This one's hairy, too". The mom commented that there only three hairs, oops, that was on one toe. There are, OMG, seven on the other foot. Then her husband and her son also commented on the wayward hairs. The family gave her ways to get rid of them, wax them or shave them. Her son called them "Hobbit feet". The daughter gave her a hug and said "it's not big deal, we know you're an amazing mom..." Followed by "Hey Mom, did you know you have hair on your chin?"

Today's article is another idea for a way to pass the time in the stay at home time. It is about having pillow fights to release tension and bring on laughter. In the first paragraph "... No kicking, biting, scratching, punching or hair-pulling. Here are the essentials: Yelling, screaming, tackling, wrestling and hitting — with a pillow...". This was the idea of a lady from California who was home schooling her own fifth and third graders and that of teaching her law students remotely and all the disheartening news of the internet and computer. She and her children would take a break at intervals to have the pillow fights which would last fifteen minutes. There didn't have to be any disinfecting processes that followed any outdoor activity. It helped to release frustration, fear, sadness, and anger. The practice apparently has some "danger". There was an occasion when one member got smacked in the face with a fast moving pillow. There has been stoppage to how we shop and how we run in the park, a rumor that there would be no leaving without permission but we continue to have the pillow fights. "When the timer on my phone goes off, we're done: sweaty, out of breath, exhilarat-

Here is yet another way someone tried to beat the boredom of being isolated. This article is about a young girl, 11 years old, who tried to get through the boredom. She made the template for a tic tac toe game to be attached to the inside of the family mail box. The article said everyone knows how important it is where you put the first X. She taped the newly made game in the mail box. She was playing tic tac toe with the mail carrier. She had put her first game in the mail box on April 30 with a note that said "O=you, X=me, she also left a pen. The first day the mail carrier didn't realize it was for her. So she didn't put a mark. On the next day the family was in the driveway and asked her to put her O. She says that now every day that stop brightens her day. The 11 year old won the first round. She taped it on the outside of the mail box for all to see and started the next one.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Check online church calendar for updated information about opening or closing of the church, Sunday services, possible prayer vigils and cancellations of meetings. Calendar: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/r; Website: www.hogemempresby.org/calendar-2 then click on either "week" or "agenda" button or it will be announced in the bulletins</p>	<p>1 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>7 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>8 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>14 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Cindy McKay 11:20am Donut Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>15 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Session 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>16 12:00pm Food Pantry</p>
<p>21 10:30am Worship w/ TBA 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> 	<p>22 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>23 12:00pm Food Pantry <i>Happy Birthday Wilbur Smith</i></p>
<p>28 10:30am Worship w/ Rev. Wayne Morrison 11:30am Pot Luck Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>29 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>30</p>

Tips: Clean Dirty Pots and Pans-Older pots often get a burnt stain that seems like it would require a lot of scrubbing to get off. With just a bit of Hydrogen Peroxide, and some baking soda as a gentle abrasive, those stains come off super quick; Remove Residue from Produce-Have you ever picked fruit from an apple tree? Veggies and fruits come with wax on them and pesticides. Fill a clean sink up with water, add a few teaspoons of Hydrogen Peroxide. Then let them sit for about 15 min; Sanitize Toothbrushes- put each toothbrush in their own cup (cont.)

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 7:30pm NA Meeting	4 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed meeting	5 6:00pm AA Meeting	6 5:00pm HM ³ -Robin Wilson 6:00pm AA
10 7:30pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Judith Edwards</i>	11	12 6:00pm AA Meeting	13 5:00pm HM ³ Westminister
17 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	18	19 6:00pm AA Meeting	20 5:00pm HM ³ -Overbrook 6:00pm AA 
24 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	25	26 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	27 5:00pm HM ³ -Debbie Peters 6:00pm AA

Pecan Bars- 2 cups Flour, 1/2 cup Powdered sugar, 1 cup cold stick butter (do NOT use spread butter), 1 - 14 oz. Can of sweeten condensed milk, 1 Egg, 1 tsp. Vanilla, 1 pkg. Brickle chips, 1 cup Chopped pecans. Preheat over to 350°. In a bowl, combine flour, sugar and cut butter until crumbly. Press firmly on a 13 x 9 pan. Bake for 15 minutes, meanwhile in a large bowl, beat condensed milk, egg, and vanilla. Stir in brickle chips and pecans. Spread mixture over crust. Bake an additional 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool and cut into bars. Store covered in refrigerator. From Paw Paw Presbyterian Church, Paw Paw, MI.



(cont. from page 6) and add at least enough Hydrogen Peroxide to cover all the bristles. Then let it sit for a minute or two, they come out bacteria free; Germinate Seeds- If you soak your seeds in about a cup of water with a tea-spoon of Hydrogen Peroxide, it helps with germination; Freshen and Disinfect Kitchen-Disinfect them daily with a solution of 50 percent water and 50 percent Hydrogen Peroxide; Sanitize Your Refrigerator-After you've cleaned out your refrigerator and before you add that new box of baking soda, spray the inside with hydrogen peroxide to kill any lingering bacteria. Let it work for several minutes and then wipe down with plain water.

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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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