

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

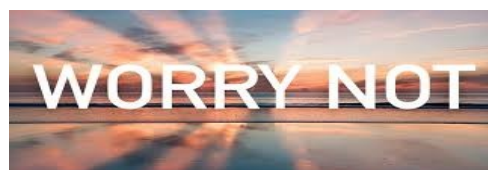
2021

February

“PASTOR TOM’S – LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE”

Read Matthew 6: 25-34

Hey! Do you have anything to worry about? Whew! I can worry almost about everything – COVID 19 pandemic – Economic recession – New administration in our nation’s Capital – How can we get the COVID vaccines to more of our population? How do we keep our congregation safe? When my worrying overcomes me, I look for signs of inspiration to help me cope. And I found such an inspiration in a most unlikely place this morning, as I took out the blue-recycling-bin for our bi-monthly pickup – A small bird was sleeping in a corner of our outdoor front porch – He was dry and safe, and brought to my mind the scripture lesson I’ve suggested today from Matthew 6 – Jesus tells us not to worry! He tells us to look at the birds, which never sow nor reap, because they are taken care of by God. I hope to become more trusting and to worry less, especially about the things that I cannot control. A loving, caring God looks over me and takes every step that I take – God has helped me deal with the effects of a well-worn life! Health challenges, financial troubles, raising children, and overcoming obstacles in life have become a routine part of my life. No one can go through life without some challenges, and I know that my future and all the worries that burden me are in God’s hands. I am confident that God will care for me – always! I look forward to each day and the signs that God gives to me, that remind me who is the giver of peace and joy – Our Lord Jesus Christ! I just need to remember, to turn my worries over to the Lord – I give my worries to Jesus Christ because he is the one capable to handle my worries and return me to the sanity of living life one day at a time! I pray that more of us can receive the COVID 19 vaccine, so we can build up our “Herd Immunity” so we can return to our normal lives and activities. I’m also praying for an opportunity we at Hoge have with the University of Dayton. The University of Dayton is looking for a partner in the Hilltop area to become the site to offer mental health services to the adolescent population on the west side of Columbus. Hoge will become a “Pod” where mental health services can be offered to struggling students – We will network with High Schools, Middle Schools, and Elementary Schools – and their social workers within those schools, to refer their students in need of mental health counseling to our program, where they will be assigned to counselors trained to help with their problems. The University of Dayton will supervise, train, and pay these student counselors while they are working with our troubled youth. This program will be financially supported through a Federal grant, which will build traction throughout the west side of Columbus. I will keep you posted on our progress with this mental health initiative, and we appreciate your prayers and support! February also brings us Valentine’s Day, so it is a month of love! Tap into the unconditional-love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be a creature of love for the entire month! What a blessing you’ll be to those around you! And, if no one has told you yet today that you are loved.....I’ll remind you – I LOVE YOU! And our Lord Jesus Christ loves you even more than I do! You can take that to the bank! May God bless you and keep you, until we meet again, and call me if I can help you! AMEN!



Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- The family of Mark & Janet (Gorman) Zappe coping with the passing of Mark's father, Jim Zappe
- Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross and Susan Barrett recovering from COVID
- Bob Christ, Barbara Mapes brother, has COVID,
- Jim Hastings, Judy Isel's brother passed from COVID
- Carolyn Colborn is recuperating at home after surgery on a hip and wrist
- Lois Sensenbrenner-family is requesting prayers for Lois to pass into heaven peacefully
- Lois Duey health issues
- Altha Martin recovering from some health issues
- Dorothy Pemberton family, member working in the health field
- Juanita Deweese, Barbara Mapes
- Police Officers and other front line responders
- 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

Families Served at HM3 returned to an adjusted way of serving, boxed type meals picked up in the hallway of the church. We continue to serve the meals along with a printed message and lyrics to a hymn.

Food Pantry December Totals: 70 Families, 260 People served, Adults (60+) 39, Adults (59-18) 134, Children 87

Fall Sale 2021 – Yes, No, Maybe so? We did not hold the fall sale in 2020 because of the pandemic. Will we hold a fall sale in 2021? No decision has been made at this time. Once we know that holding it is a healthy option, then we will move ahead with the planning. There needs to be enough people willing to sort and price as well as work the sale. I'll keep you posted. Donna Swaneck Fall Sale Chairperson

Care Pantry Needs-As part of Hoge's ministry and outreach, a Personal Pantry is 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: Disposable razors, Powder laundry soap, Please see Bev and Jack Neil or Kathy and Barry Schifferstein for additional information. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

There is Congregational meeting scheduled for March 7. For committee members and anyone who wants to add to the annual report please have your material to me (Joy) NO LATER than February 21.



Happy Birthday- February

Gail Garman, 4; Bob Garman, 10, Phil Leston, 14; Diana Purcell, 21; Mitch Peters, 23; Lois Duey, 24



An old man was grocery shopping with his grandson. The toddler was crying, and at times, screaming at the top of his lungs. As the old gentleman walked up and down the aisles, people could hear him speaking in a soft voice... 'We are almost done, Albert...try not to cry, Albert... Life will get better, Albert...' As he approached the checkout stand, he carefully brushed the toddler's tears from his eyes and said again, 'Try not to cry, Albert... We will be home soon, Albert...' As he was paying the cashier, the toddler continued to cry as a young woman in line behind him said, 'Sir, I think it is wonderful how sweet you are being to your little Albert.' The old gentleman blinked his eyes a couple of times before saying: 'My grandson's name is John.....I'm Albert....'



Lay readers: January-Mike Minch, **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-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 17-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Debbie Peters, Diana Purcell, Judy Moody, Joy Rector

February 21-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, 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.) 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

Joint Session/ Deacon Meeting - December 21, 2020. Meeting was opened with prayer by: Tom Billman. Deacons Present:

Judy Manley. **Clerks' Report** - Communion was served to (27) people on December 13. Sallie Wilson passed away

on December 3, 2020. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Tom continues to make phone calls every two weeks to

our shut-ins. Tried to Call Gary Link. Spoke with Carolyn Colburn while she was in the hospital. Spoke with Avis

Dorn, Lois Duey, Contacted Sallie Wilson daughter Amie who is only surviving child. Had prepaid funeral arrange-

ments with Schoedinger. Estate going through Probate. **Treasurer's Report** - Patti Gorman- No Report available.

Received some very generous donations. Doing well. No Big expenditures. Final Per Capita payment was made to

Presbytery. **Committee Reports:- Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** Gail Garman - Ministers that preached in

December. 12/6- Tom Billman 12/24, 12/27 - Tom Billman, 12/13 - Peggy Holcomb, 12/20- Rev Marion Sten-

ner. Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 pm. There will be vocal recordings played of various Christmas

songs. Poinsettias have been placed on the Alter. Candles have been placed in the windows. **HM3:** All meals are

covered with a Hoge person. I have Jack Neil for Hoge person on January 23 assuming they will be back from Flori-

da. Gift cards were given out on December 26th with Patti preparing the meal. Concord Presbyterian has expressed

an interest in getting involved with HM3 again. Cindy Rotolo is a Deacon there and has committed Concord to

provide the February 27th meal. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Postponed until April or May 2021. **Fi-**

nance, Facilities, and Stewardship - Janet Fetherolf/Mike Purcell, Pledge letters have gone out and waiting for

them to be sent back in. Received two bids to have 9 Shrubs removed. (4) on West (left) side of building, (1) Dwarf

Alberta by front doors, and (4) East (right) side of building. Cut down Clean-up and haul away brush and debris.

Grind out stumps 8" -10" below grade and fill holes back in. The Cost with All Season Landworks is \$779.38. Rob-

erts Electric came out to inspect all our lights fixtures and will send us a bill. Chemical Cleaning will be done in the

Spring. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- No Report. **Personnel:** - Carolyn Colborn - No Report. **Deacons Report:**

Deacons agreed to pay the difference for the Alter flowers for one year minus the donations received. **Deacons:**

November (Drive Up) Food Pantry: Served 83 Families. Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry: 550 coats

were given out to various schools. Cowboy bucks happened Again, this year. Go Fund me account was closed

out on December 21, 2020. General Assembly not coming in 2022. **Old Business:** Nothing to report. **New Busi-**

ness: Since we are streaming our services now Natalie had a concern that viewers can see who is giving money dur-

ing the offertory. It was suggested we post a slide with information on where to make a donation if viewers were

interested. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting:** January 18th. 2021

at 7:00 pm. **Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session**

Updates and Reminders

Recycling Memory - January 2021

For many years Bob Bukey picked up aluminum beverage cans in his neighborhood and brought them to the church to be recycled. Eventually he brought so many large trash bags of cans that they took up significant space in the boiler room. In order to alleviate this problem, I started driving to his house most Saturday mornings to pick up the cans in Tony and I's truck and drive them directly to Cyclemet.

Bob was a quiet person who said very little when I was there. One winter Saturday, I commented on how cold it was. The temperature was in the low teens. He told me he didn't think it was cold because he was in Alaska when he was in the service. Later that winter I was there and it was not even zero. I did not comment on the weather. As I was about to leave Bob looked at me, smiled and said, "Donna, it's cold." I said I would have to agree! Donna Swaneck

Dear friends at Hoge Memorial,

My wife, Lois is very ill from her Leukemia-Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia- which she has had for about nine years. She is extremely weak and cannot walk.

In addition she fell on November 3 and hit her head on the cement floor in the garage. She suffered a skull fracture and two brain bleeds. This was on top of a stroke she suffered on Sunday July 12th. She was in hospitals for eighteen days in July and recovered well. She had three rehab specialists (physical, vocational, and speech). She recovered well and was using a walker when she came home.

However, in November she was in the same rehab hospital for fifteen days but was unable to do much of the rehabilitation because she was too weak from the head injury.

Lois is in a hospital bed in our living room in Powell, Ohio. She is unable to walk or even move her legs. I hand feed her and give her drinks. Lois is under the care of Ohio Health Hospice. I do not know if she is going to live two or three weeks or two or three months. The physicians say she can not recover or get well. So I have made funeral plans. Lois has accepted that she is physically dying and so have I.

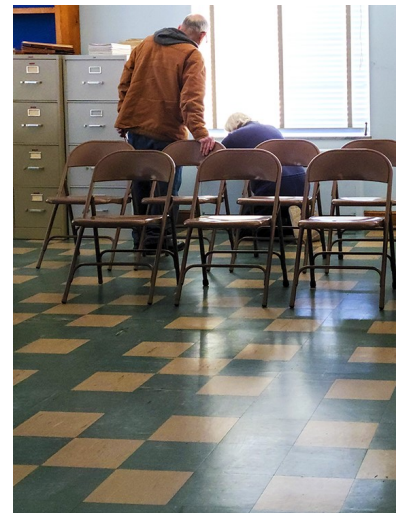
BUT, WE BELIEVE IN JESUS; WE BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD; AND WE BELIEVE IN LIFE ETERNAL WITH GOD!

Please pray for us as we pray for you! We send our love to you.

Rev. Ed. Sensenbrenner



Volunteers taking down the Christmas decorations to be put away for another year



Tony was back for a day giving Jim some tips

Financial Update

Financial Update – December 31, 2020-The following is a summary of Hoge’s 2020 financial activity through December. 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 a most unique and challenging year. THANK YOU!!!

Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2020:

- Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$50,073.99 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- Christmas Joy Offering: \$780.50
- Deacons Funds: \$6,883.84 (includes support from Worthington PC)
- Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$704.32 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$4,181.17 (includes support from Covenant PC & Westminster PC)
- Memorial Funds: \$200.00 (in memory of Warren Pemberton / In Honor of Linda Cosgray)
- One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,441.49
- Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$154.83 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- Permanent Ministries Grant from Covenant Presbyterian Church: \$10,000.00
- Recycling: \$72.50
- Sound System Repairs/Replacement: \$5,500.00
- Westside Urban Ministry, Cowboy Bucks Program: \$2,350.66 (includes support from Presbyterian Women United of Worthington PC and for Cowboy Bucks Program)

Financial notes:

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

- While working through technical challenges, live-streaming of Sunday worship services is now available via Facebook
- Love “purse” gift of \$800.00 was collected in recognition of Tony Barnett’s 30 plus years of service to Hoge
- Our inside light fixtures are being evaluated for safety and some will be replaced as needed
- The replacement of the west side entry doors has been completed
- Several bushes have been removed from outside of the building
- Air sanitizers/purifiers are being purchased and will be placed for use throughout the building on both levels




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 has returned to the building of Hoge and we need to keep it occurring.


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 November 30, 2020:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 195,574.67	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	92,320.43		
Payroll Liabilities	(0.00)		
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>287,895.10</u>		
Operating Income:			
Contributions	\$ 122,374.51	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 9,303.51
Interest	7,333.58	Building Maintenance	5,501.74
Other income (building use)	5,320.00	Committee Expenses	11,323.29
Other income (other support)	5,402.63	Office Expenses	4,811.40
Other income (flower dedications)	<u>1,726.00</u>	Non-Pastoral Salaries	26,463.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 142,156.72	Pastoral Expenses	21,243.10
		Utilities and Phone	<u>14,897.05</u>
		Total Operating Expenses	\$ 93,543.09
		Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 48,613.63

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Butterscotch Cake-Beat 2 eggs until very light. Add 1 cup sugar and beat again. Add dry ingredients: 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder and a pinch of salt. Heat 1/2 cup milk and 1 tablespoon butter. Pour over the batter while hot, plus add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat thoroughly. Bake 45 minutes in a 350 degree oven. While baking, mix: 3 tablespoons melted butter, 2 tablespoons sweet cream, 5 tablespoons brown sugar, 1/2 cup nuts (optional). When cake is baked, spread this uncooked frosting on cake and place cake in oven. Bake until light brown, remove and cool. First Presbyterian Church of Grinnell Iowa.</p> 		
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<p>21 10:30am Worship w/Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Happy Birthday Diana Purcell</i></p>	<p>22 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>23 12:00pm Food Pantry <i>Happy Birthday Mitch Peters</i></p>
<p>28 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Wayne Morrison 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Reduce the appearance of bruises-Rub a thin layer of Vicks onto the bruise, add a sprinkling of salt. This strange combination will help distribute the concentrated blood beneath the bruise, resulting in a lighter, less discolored patch of skin; Vicks could be the budget beauty product you've been looking for. Vicks is extremely rich and nourishing and will soothe skin to improve the appearance of dry skin on elbows, knees and more; Reduce the appearance of stretch marks- (page 7)</p>	

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Tricks with Vicks-Ease muscle -Rub Vicks into sore muscles; Headache remedy-Rub a small amount of Vicks into your forehead and temples. Massage, the mentholated scent will work to reduce tension and ease the pain; Treat toenail fungus-Vicks contains many natural ingredients, some of which have antifungal properties which are thought to treat toenail fungus, apply a generous dollop of Vicks to dry toenails every evening, leave overnight. Vicks works magic on cuts & bruises. One of the best things about Vicks is its antiseptic properties. Rub a small amount onto cuts to create a barrier to keep them clean; Stop earaches-while it won't cure an ear infection, it will reduce pain, rub some Vicks onto a ball of cotton wool and place it in your ear; (page 6 bottom)</p>			
3 7:30pm NA Meeting	4 7:00pm Outreach/ Worship/Christian Ed <i>Happy Birthday Gail Garman</i>	5 6:00pm AA Meeting	6 5:00pm HM ³ -ROBIN 6:00pm AA
10 7:30pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Bob Garman</i>	11	12 6:00pm AA Meeting	13 5:00pm HM ³ -Westminster 6:00pm AA
17 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Ash Wed service 7:30pm NA Meeting 	18	19 6:00pm AA Meeting	20 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA
24 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Lois Duey</i>	25	26 9:00am Newsletter Prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	27 5:00pm HM ³ -Patti 6:00pm AA

It's thought the cream works to moisturize and soften the skin, making them less prominent' **Get rid of acne-** Vicks VapoRub's three main active ingredients - eucalyptus, camphor and menthol - eliminate bacteria and have a cooling effect on the skin. These ingredients help diminish and soothe acne in just a matter of days; **Use Vicks to get soft feet**-Banish cracked heels for good!; How to potty train your pets-Vicks makes it an ideal; **DIY Insect repellent** using. Many people have found that Vicks is an extremely effective insect repellent; Dog chewing deterrent--Even a small taste of Vicks will deter pets. Rub Vicks on table legs, cupboard doors, sideboards and anything else they may have taken to their liking.

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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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