

# HOGE HERALD

*Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church*

2024

## July

**“PASTOR TOM’S LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE”**

**JULY 2024**

**Read 1 Peter 4: 8-11:**

One of my wife’s and my favorite hobbies we enjoy at home is feeding the birds! We have several feeding stations throughout our back yard, and it always gives our hearts a lift to put out some crumbs for the squirrels, chipmunks, and birds, then watch them go after their treats in their frenzy for a good meal! Although we know, it’s our heavenly Father who ultimately provides for all creatures, we love that we get to be an instrument of God’s grace for our feathered-friends. Linda and I love the fact that God’s care can flow through us to those wild creatures in need. Hey, we don’t have a lot of money, and we often feel frustrated that we can’t do more, yet, we give whatever we can and feel blessed to be able to do so! God reminds us in our scripture reading from 1 Peter in verse 11 that, “Whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Christ Jesus, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen!” There are many different ways for us to serve one another, and when we perform service for others, we are tempted to take the credit for our service, when the credit, glory and dominion belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ! Have you ever tried to serve someone while remaining anonymous? I am constantly challenging myself to perform “random acts of kindness” without the acclimation or recognition of being a known servant. This is more difficult to do than you realize, and a good place to practice random acts of kindness could be right here in church! You might feel so moved one day that you feel compelled to take out a bag of trash to our dumpster without anybody knowing about it! You could do something for someone without taking any credit, and then I remind myself that true wealth means having something, anything, to give someone else! Such wealth means sharing something of myself! It means being able to alleviate suffering or just to enrich another’s life! In addition, to whatever financial resources I have, my spirit rejoices when I can offer a kind word, a listening ear, a hot home-cooked meal, Godly advice, an encouraging smile, a thoughtful gesture, or simply my time. Even, if all we have to give are crumbs, I am indeed rich beyond belief when I give to others with love! Will you pray with me please, “Dear Holy Father, help us always to give cheerfully, as you so faithfully give to us, and we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen! Hope everyone has a spirited “Independence Day!”, and also hope to see you all at one of our services at Hoge this summer! You are treasure to us and we love you all very much!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Tom

# Special Announcements

## KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- Ann Parlin's family in her passing
- Rev. Susan Warrener Smith, for health issues with her eyes
- Bill Aiken experiencing health issues
- Ed Sensenbrenner family in his passing
- Mary in her son, Chim Mphande's his passing.
- Barbara Mapes, recovering from surgery at home
- Chad Coffman, continuing at home
- Joby Whitehead, recuperating at The Inn at Bear Trail
- Connie Pilkington health issues
- For Richard Kline experiencing health issues
- Jack Neil recovering from knee surgery
- Tenzin Blearsch, grandson of Jack and Bev Neil, is home recuperating
- 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** May Households, 125 Seniors 71 Adults 207, Children 136, Total Number of People Served 414

### Happy Birthday – July

Patti Gorman, 8; Carol Walner, 9; Patrick McGraw, 13; Daryl Woodard, 17;  
Jeff Colborn, 27



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

### Kids say the Funniest Things in Church

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!"

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook."

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Ya little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

A child came back from Sunday School, and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly the Cross I'd Bear".



**Lay readers:** January-Mike Minch, February-Patti Gorman, March-Judy Manley, April-Mike Minch, May-Judy Manley, June-Gail Garman, **July-Diana Purcell**, August-Gail Garman, September-Mike Minch, October-Judy Manley, November-Gail Garman, 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 7-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Diana Purcell, Joy Rector  
February 4-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil & Bev, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman,  
March 3 --Charlotte Smith, Mike Minch, Diana Purcell  
April 7-, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Patti Gorman  
May 5-Natalie Alter, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil  
June 2-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman,

**July 7 - Mike Minch, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman**

August 4-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil  
September 1- Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett  
October 6- Mike Minch, 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, Ann Adair  
December 24-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

**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-TBA; May-TBA;

June - Session; **July - Finance and Facilities**; August- Ushers; September- Outreach/Worship/Christian Ed; October- TBA;

November- Deacons; December- Ushers

**Regular Session Meeting.** February, March, April 2024. Moderator: – Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell. Communion served to (17) people on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & HM3 on February 3, 2024. Communion served to (20) people on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 & HM3 on March 2, 2024. The congregational Meeting was held on March 10th after worship service. Communion served to (15) people on April 7, 2024 & HM3 on April 6, 2024 General Assembly report has been completed, approved by Session, and Submitted to Presbytery. Rev Edward Sensenbrenner passed away February 3, 2024. Memorial Service will be held at Hoge on March 5, 2024, at 11:00 am with Rev.Richard Culp officiating. Family has requested a Luncheon be held in Wold Hall after the service. This was voted and approved via email. Session met on February 11, 2024, for a short meeting to meet with Theresa Kline and Susan Brumbach who want to become members. New Members were received into the Church on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, and the Deacons planned a small reception for them. The Annual Presbytery Reports have been completed for 2024 and Submitted to Presbytery. Our former Sexton Paul Russell passed away on March 7, 2024. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Visits made to Barbara Mapes (hospital), Roger Gorman, Dave & Carolyn Colborn, Dan & Judy Isel, Joby Whitehead, Darryl Woodward, Daniel, Jim Cheadle (Story Point), Bill & Dorothy Aiken. Phone calls made to Ron & Diane Line, Tom Piecinski. **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman-Conrardy: No actual report. Bills are being paid. Contributions are down. **Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed: February Ministers:** Pastor Tom Billman Feb. 4 & 18, Rev.Susan Kroeker Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be collected Feb.14-March 31, 2024, was approved at the February 1, 2024, Outreach meeting. Ash Wednesday service will be held on Feb.14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and Inviting Second Community Church to join us. We have been invited to join them for the Maundy. Thursday service on March 28 at 7:00pm. **March Ministers:** Pastor Tom Billman March 3,17,31 Peggy Holcomb March 10, Susan W Smith March 24. **April Ministers:** April 7,14 & 21 Pastor Tom Billman, April 28<sup>th</sup> Rev Susan W. Smith. **HM3:** We now have an updated Street Card, which is a listing of resources including free food, free clothing, Medical and mental health resources. HM3 meals are covered and a Hoge person for all meals in April, May. June is covered for meals with the exception of June 22, will either call Concord Presbyterian or ask Laurie McCleod for her help. Easter bags were presented to the HM3 attendees on March 30. There was actual colored Easter eggs, candy, and religious based crafts. There were approximately 70 bags. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Theatre is Closing, and is in the process of clearing out and selling various items. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Jack Neil / Mike Purcell. We received a request from Westgate Neighbors Association to use the church for an event in April (PET FBI) This is a program where people can bring their Dogs/Cats in to have an identifying microchip put in them in case they are lost, and the owners can be identified. The Event would take place (preferably one of the first 3 Saturdays) and can do it early morning/afternoon. This was voted & approved via text messages. The PET FBI is delayed (they are required to have a Vet on site which is causing a need for the change. Westgate Neighbors Association is also interested in allowing our Sanctuary to be part of the Home & Garden tour (June) and stated they would be interested in doing an HM3 meal in the future. They also held an event on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 in Wold Hall. Games, snacks, and basic food/beverages. (no alcohol). This request was voted & approved via text messages. Westgate Lodge has requested the use of our parking lot for overflow parking for a special meeting during the day on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> starting at noon and should be done before HM3. This was approved by motion and voted via text. Bridgette Bush wants to hold a family gathering for games, based on the theme of Wizard of Oz on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 25 people (mostly adults no young children) from 9:00-1:00 (probably come in early to decorate and set up.) Possible use of Stage area and round tables should work fine. They are willing to make a donation for building usage. This request was voted and approved via text messages. Buckeye Clinic is preparing to mow grass again this year. They came over to look at the mowers. One is in rough shape and needs multiple repairs. (continued on page 4)

# Notes and Photos

(cont. from page 3) One is in rough shape and needs multiple repairs. They are going to take it away and replace it with a different one which they are donating to Hoge. They expect to start mowing this weekend. We have a broken window in the Junior Room. The AA group discovered it and have it covered with cardboard as the other side faces the alley. We are looking at Plexiglas or Lexan (which is stronger) but a little more expensive than Plexiglas. We have a request for a Wedding to be held May 2025, needs to be voted and approved. Stan fixed the window in the Junior Room. Buckeye Clinic has started mowing the lawn and has offered to fill in the ruts with dirt and seed if we purchase it. Tom has a contact at Slinger Jones and is going to contact them for a Quote and how much would be needed. We have a preliminary request from another AA group for space to meet on Thursday nights and has 35-60 people in attendance. They are having a group meeting this week to discuss new locations (They have outgrown their current location.) They are asking if they can have their anniversary dinner on October 3 (Thursday). This has been voted and approved if they choose to meet at Hoge beginning in May or June. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter: No Report. **Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley: Will not be filling the Sexton position as this time. **Deacons:** February Food Pantry: Served 114. March Food Pantry: Served 110 Families. April Food Pantry: Served 100 Families. Susan's Report: Fall Sale will be held Friday & Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-1:00 pm. Set up will be on October 10, 2024. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Presbytery Kathy Nice mentioned two churches are talking about combining Galloway & Westminster as they have no ministers. Next Presbytery meeting in May. **Old Business:** No report. **New Business:** Westside Pastors are sponsoring My Circle Training on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm at Veritas West Church 12 S. Terrace Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43204. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session.

Visiting the past....some Bible/Peace School, some fellowships and the choirs of the past at Hoge  
*Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver; the other is gold. You have one hand; I have the other.  
Put them together; we have each other.*



# Message

## Children's Sunday School at Hoge

Easter Sunday, 2023 was the first time for Children's Sunday School at Hoge after a long break. We have been having Sunday School almost every Sunday since then. We use the room that was (and still is by many) called the Crib Room. That's because it was used for children birth to 3 years old for many, many years. We still have a section that has toys, a changing table, and a crib for those very young children. On the other side there are toys for children older than three, two tables with chairs, art and music supplies, books, and other treasures. We call the room our Sunday School Room.

At this point three young girls are in our class. Maddy, Jaylynn, and Violet. Maddy and Jaylynn will be in second grade when school starts again in the fall. Violet will be in first grade.

Austin joined us on Easter Sunday 2023 and Easter Sunday 2024. Another girl named Maddy joined us one Sunday as well. Neither of them lives in the Columbus area.

Donna Swaneck is the teacher. Baylee Richardson has come many times to do music with the class and then is part of the rest of the lesson. Jeni McGraw has agreed to come occasionally.

If you know a young child who would like to come join us, we would be happy to have them! Children are in the sanctuary with their families for the first part of the service, and then walk out with Donna to the Sunday School Room.

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Actually **Hoge began** in a building that was erected for other purposes. They met there for a short time before they moved to this building. Offered below are two of the functions that went on in the first church building.

## The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society


"In 1907 a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized with eight members enrolled. Meetings have been successively conducted once a month. The object, according to the Constitution, is "to unite the women of the Church in prayer for the evangelization of America and by diffusing information to secure systematic contributions for the support of Mission Schools and such other work as is carried on by the Woman's Board." This splendid goal has been sustained through these years. There has been a steady growth in membership. All apportionments have been promptly met. Barrel donations have been annually sent to the Mountaineers. Pound donations of groceries, and relief. Special foreign relief appeals have been answered. The newly elected officers can only hope to carry on this splendid work, so well begun. The first President was [Mrs. W.H. Deems](#) who was followed by Mesdames Hatfield, Haller, Davis, C.C. Cook, E.B. Hugins, Sperry, and Finley, President; Mrs. J.W. Dinsmore, Vice President; Mrs. W.D. Hughes, Secretary; Mrs. T.A. Jones, Treasurer."

## The Personal Workers Bible Class


The "Woman's Bible class" was organized in 1914, consisting of twenty members, with Mrs. Daniel Churton as president. Two years later the name was changed to "The Personal Workers Class." One member of the Class has been called to her rest (Mrs. John Millikin). In organization, in strength and numbers the Class has grown until thirty-eight are enrolled, one family in Christ. Of the amount raised this year, \$1137.00, \$70.00 were give to missions. Cheer has been given to the sick in the form of floral offerings. Christian sociability has been advanced by social-business meetings held monthly. The great object of the Class is Christian service and personal work in soul saving. Our motto for this year is: "More Souls Saved for Christ." Our aim will be: "Every one of the Thirty-eight members present every Sabbath morning on time at 9:15 A. M., ready for service."

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

# July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>“Our government was founded on the essential religious idea of integrity of the individual. It was this religious sense which inspired the authors of the Declaration of Independence: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.’”</p>	1 7:30pm NA	2 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting
<p>7 8:00am Iglesia Oasis De Esperanza Fasting 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am CMN 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Patti Gorman</i></p>	<p>9 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Carol Walner</i></p>
<p>14 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Peggy Holcomb CRE . 11:30am Doughnut Fellowship 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>15 7:00pm Session 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>16 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>21 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>22 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>23 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>28 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Mike Minch 12:30pm Iglesia Oasis De Dios Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>29 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>30 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>

**Mouthwash on a Budget-** Just mix a teaspoon of baking soda with a glass of warm water and swish! **Mildew Remover-**Create a paste with water and baking soda to scrub the inscrutable bathtub, shower, toilet, basin, and tiles. Afterward, make sure to rinse with water. If you want to go all out, spray the area with white vinegar to disinfect it even more. **Sunburn Relief**[-To help alleviate the pain, mix cold water and baking soda and apply it to the burns. **Heartburn Reliever-**Make sure to take one teaspoon of baking soda and mix it with a glass full of water. Mix well drink slowly. You should feel better almost instantly. **Stop a Cooking Fire-**Baking soda is (cont pg 7)

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	4 11:15am Lighthouse 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christen Ed 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders 	5 6:00pm AA Meeting	6 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA
10 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	11 6:00pm AA Meeting	12 6:00pm AA Meeting	13 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Westminster 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Patrick McGraw</i>
17 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Daryl Woodward</i>	18 6:00pm AA Meeting	19 6:00pm AA Meeting	20 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Covenant 6:00pm AA 8:00pm IDDN Esperanza Nightly Vigil
24 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	25 6:00pm AA Meeting	26 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	27 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Schieferstein 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Jeff Colborn</i>
31 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting	<b>Irish Mom's Steamed All-Bran Bread</b> -2 C All Bran Cereal, 1 C brown sugar, 2 C buttermilk, 2 C flour, 1 C raisins, 2 tsp baking soda, 2 tbl molasses, ½ tsp salt. Combine All-Bran, milk, raisins, molasses and sugar in a bowl by hand. Add flour, soda and salt to first mix til flour disappears. Use soup cans - grease well. Then fill greased cans 2/3 full. Cover tightly with brown paper sack cut to size or aluminum foil. Tie with string. Steam in large kettle with lid on top of stove for 3 hours. Keep 2 inches of water in bottom of kettle. Makes 6 loaves of bread. Freezes well. by Pat Borrer, Hoge Memorial Presby		

(cont from pg 6) an essential part of fire extinguishers. **Strip Paint with Baking Soda**-Mix baking soda with hot water and apply it to the surface you'd like to scrape paint from. Then use a tool and start scraping the paint. **Remove Unwanted Weeds**-. Sprinkle baking soda in the crevices of the pavement, and after a few days, you will notice them wilting away. **Remove Water Rings**-Simply mix baking soda with water and use a cloth to remove the water rings! **Vibrant Laundry**-Adding half a cup of baking soda to your liquid detergent will ensure your clothes to be brighter and more vibrant. It works on both colored and white. Besides the color enhancement, baking soda will ensure your laundry is odor-free.

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**Hogue Memorial Church Staff**

Head of Staff: Jesus Christ

Sexton, Paul Russell

Organist, Phil Leston

Pastor, Thomas (Tom) A. Billman

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

Check out the social media sites listed above  
in the return address section

*Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually*

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