

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2024

February

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

February 2024 - Read Ephesians 4: 1-6:

Since February has Valentine's Day, I always think of this month as the "Love" season, so we need to find outward, gracious ways to exhibit our love this month! Our Lord Jesus gave us 1 simple command to remember and live by, "Love one another, as I have loved you!" We humans have to admit that we've messed up this simple command from Jesus – Our fragile world is reeling right now due to several armed conflicts – Russia's invasion of the Ukraine is entering year two of their armed conflict with no end in sight! Israel and the Palestinians are killing each other again, as their ancient territorial disputes rage on. Several armed conflicts are also now happening on the African continent, and Iraq, Iran, and Syria continue their fighting against each other. Where is it all going to end? Who is a fault? How can we peaceful humans bridge the gaps that divide us? Can the answer possibly be as simple as "Loving Everyone?" I recently read an article about a tribe in northern Natal in South Africa. According to their tribal-custom, when someone does something detrimental or wrong to others in their tribe, the members of the tribe take the offender to the center of the village, and surround him or her. During 2 days, the tribe members tell the offender the good things he or she has accomplished. The purpose of the ritual is to restore the person and to affirm that he or she is essentially a good person, that had a bad moment. I think that too often, our tendency is to treat others unkindly, especially when they have made a mistake. We always make sure to remind them constantly of their errors, even in raising our children, we tend to emphasize the negative rather than to accentuate the positive! However, the Bible teaches us to love! In Matthew 22:39, Jesus says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." And Galatians 6: 1-2 reminds us that "Even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and therefore fulfill the law of Jesus Christ! Let us treat others the way we want to be treated, because in doing so, we will follow the example of Jesus, who loves us, even though we do not merit it! When we pray, we must confess that we're not perfect, so forgive us and teach us to follow your examples of love, forgiveness, and mercy! A couple of reminders for you regarding our calendar this month. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, happens this month on Valentine's Day, February 14th : We will be observing Ash Wednesday again this year at Hoge with our brothers and sisters at Second Community Church, with Pastor Brian Holland. Then we will join Second Community Church at their facility to celebrate Maundy Thursday, where we will experience the "Foot Washing" ritual that Jesus did for his disciples, which is humility at its essence! So, we at Hoge hope to see everyone during our "Lenten" celebrations, and until then, if nobody has told lately you are loved, let me assure you that you are greatly treasured and loved by your pastor and your church! Come and worship with us soon, because we love you and miss you, and know there is something here at Hoge that can fill your heart with love!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- Chad Coffman, continuing to improve at Dr. Hospital
- Joby Whitehead, rehab at Willow Brook Nursing Home
- Connie Pilkington health issues
- For Richard Kline experiencing health issues
- Chim Mphande, Mary's son, with health issues.
- Jack Neil recovering from knee surgery
- Tenzin Blearsch, grandson of Jack and Bev Neil, is home recuperating
- Barbara Mapes recovering at home
- 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 December: Households, 83 Seniors 46, Adults 144, Children 92, Total Number of People Served 282

Happy Birthday – February



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



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

Kids Say the Darndest Things. One day a space shuttle crashed to the ground in the yard of a preschool. When he finally struggled out of the wreckage, the astronaut shouted, "I'm free! I'm free!!!" At this point, one of the little children standing there shouted back, "Big deal, I'm four!" - A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "Does anyone here know what we mean by sins of omission?" A small girl replied: "Aren't those the sins we should have committed, but didn't?" - 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?" - Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers." 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?" - 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."

A Lenten Thought - They asked me how I know it's true that the Savior lived and died, And if I believe the story that the lord was crucified? And I have so many answers to prove His Holy Being, Answers that are everywhere within the realm of seeing. The leaves that fell at autumn and were buried in the sod. Now budding on the tree boughs to lift their arms to God. The flowers that were covered and entombed beneath the snow Pushing through the darkness to bid the spring "hello." On every side, Great Nature retells the Easter story. So who am I to question the Resurrection Story!" -- Helen Steiner Rice



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, 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-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 Agenda, November/December 18, 2023 Moderator: – Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell. No Session Meeting was held in November no **Quorum present**. No voting took place. Communion was served to (18) people on November 5, 2023, and at HM3 on Nov. 4, 2023 Communion was served to (20) people on December 3, 2034, and at HM3 on Dec. 2, 2023. Tracy Colborn suffered a stroke and passed away on November 30, 2023. She served as a Deacon/Elder, Helped with the Food Pantry and other activities of the church. Christmas Joy offering was approved at Outreach Meeting in December by motion, 2nd and moved. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report: November Visits/Phone Calls:** Jim Cheadle, Darryl Woodward, Dave & Carolyn Colborn, Rev Ed Sensenbrenner, Dan & Judy Isel, Fred & Barbara Mapes, Bev & Jack Neil, Mary & Chim McPhande, Joby Whitehead (Inn at Bear Trail, 8199 Monroe Dr. Lewis Center, Ohio 43035 **December Visits/Phone Calls:** Darryl Woodward, Dave & Carolyn Colborn, Rev Ed Sensenbrenner, Jim Cheadle, Dan & Judy Isel. **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman-Conrardy: Financial Report presented through November. Income is Down. Other Income is up. Operating Expenses are up. Building Expense is up. Outreach income is down. Worship is up. Operating Expenses are up. Other Salaries are down. Pastoral Services are down a little. Utilities are down. Non-Operating Income is up. Non-Operating Expenses are up. Total Revenues-Operating: \$83,199.7, Total Expenditures-Operating: \$(141,160.05), Operating (Deficit) Surplus \$(57, 960.28). **Committee Reports:Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** November: Pastor Tom Billman 11/5, 11/19, Open Date 11/12. Rev Susan W Smith 11/26. December Ministers: Pastor Tom Billman 12/3, 12/17, 12/24, 12/10 Mike Minch December 31- Mike Minch. Pastor Brian Holland with Second Community Church wants to have a joint Ash. Wednesday service at Hoge Memorial, and a Maundy Thursday Service there with Washing of the feet. **HM3:** Open dates for meals in 2024 are February 24, June 22, and December 28. Buckeye Clinic is helping with December 23 meal. We will be making gift bags to pass out. Covenant will have gifts on December 16 and Dave DeWeese will be there to lead Christmas Carols. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** No performances are planned for November or December. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Jack Neil / Mike Purcell. Dion & Naty Peachey has requested use of our building to house their Spanish church group and to rent the basement, Once a month. They would like to gather on the 1st Sunday of each month from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm or from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm. starting on November 5, 2023, and wants to know the cost. Electrical and Mortar Tuck Pointing Work is ongoing. Buckeye Clinic is doing odd jobs for church. Window work is still ongoing. Parking Lot needs Re-paired but is on hold until the spring. Wall still needs to be repaired. Slate work needs to be repaired as soon as possible. The Quote to replace 150 pieces is \$6,000.00. This has been approved by Finance and Facilities and Session members via email. Motion was made, approved, and moved to accept the Quote. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter: Noting to Report (continued on page 6)

Notes and Photos

(continued from page 5) **Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley: Paul is on Medical Leave Light-house and Buckeye Clinic willing to help Out. **Deacons:** October Food Pantry: Served 94 Families. Susan Reported: Harmon Elementary School delivered food for the Pantry on December 15, 2023. Donations have been received for the food Pantry. November Food Pantry: Served 104 Families. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Cowboy Bucks Christmas Store at West High and the Annual Coat Drive were a big success. **Old Business:** Nothing to Report. **New Business:** Partners in Education will be held on Saturday January 20, 2024, 9:00-2:30 pm at Columbus. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Drive, Columbus, Ohio. Personnel Committee met and have approved to give Pastor Tom a 4% increase in Compensation for 2024. Phil would receive a 3% increase for 2024. This has also been approved by Session Members via Email Communication. Motion was made, approved, and moved. Session has also made a motion to have the Christmas Eve offering split between the Deacons and the Christmas Joy Offering. This was approved and moved via Email Communication. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: January 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

HM3 Buckeye Clinic providing a meal in December



January Fellowship hour including Maddy's birthday party



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Message

1 John 1:5-10—English Standard Version

Walking in the Light

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Have you ever been sitting in a dimly lit room, straining to work on something, when someone else comes in and turns the light on? It's an immediate transformation, all made possible because someone else flipped a switch for you. You could've stood up and done it, but you didn't, for whatever reason. You sat there in the dark, and it was someone else who illuminated you.

The Gospel is similar to that. Finding our way out of sin isn't something we do on our own. If it required us to change our location on our own, we'd never find the way -- we'd be fumbling around in the dark, looking for a light switch that we're unable to find. Instead, what happens is that God walks into the room and throws a switch, immediately transforming our condition, not due to our own efforts, but due to God's efforts. We don't have to physically move from light to dark through deeds, but we do so through an act of faith, confessing our sins to the one who is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 13—English Standard Version

How Long, O Lord? To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

13 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, 4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.


How long? It's a question we've all asked. We've asked it in waiting rooms at doctor's appointments, as we wonder how long we'll be sick for. We've asked it reading the news, seeing another shooting death or another war breaking out. We've asked it when we've seen people standing at the end of freeway ramps, as we've wondered how long poverty will prevail. We've asked it as we sit in the hard pews at funeral homes, weeping for what is lost.

How long, the Psalmist asks, and we ask as well.




And yet watch as the Psalm develops. The Psalmist is clearly in a place of despair, but notice in verses 5-6 that there is already anticipation of delivery. The Psalmist continues to trust, and his heart still rejoices, because he knows the Lord will deal bountifully. He anticipates the coming salvation, even in the midst of despair. May we have the faith to do the same.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Lazarus Hearty Vegetable Soup - 2 qts. beef stock, 2 c chicken stock, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp black pepper, 1 bay leaf, ½ c potatoes, peeled and diced, 1/4 c corn, 3/4 c green beans, 3/4 c peas, ½ c carrots, diced, 3/4 c cabbage, diced, ½ c celery, diced, 2 Tbl onion, diced, 2 c. tomatoes, peeled, seeded, diced. Heat beef and chicken stock with the salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and add the potatoes, carrots, cabbage, celery and onion. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender. Add corn, green beans, peas, and diced tomatoes and continue simmering for 30 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Yields 1 gallon.</p> 		
<p>4 8:00am Iglesia Oasis De Esperanza Fasting 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 11:30am Deacons Meeting 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Gail Garman</i></p>	<p>5 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>6 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>11 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Susan Kroeker 10:45am Sunday School for Children 11:30am Doughnut Fellowship 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 1:00pm Ann Adair Piano Recital 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>12 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>13 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>18 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 10:45am Sunday School for Children 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 6:00pm District 34 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>19 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>20 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>25 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Susan Kroeker 10:45am Sunday School for Children 12:30pm Iglesia Oasis De Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>26 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>27 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>

Line the Fridge and Cabinets-use wax paper to keep the top of the fridge, inside the drawers, and shelves clean. **Make a funnel**, simply roll the wax paper into a cone and use it to pour liquids—it won't soak the paper. **Use It To Help Flatten Chicken Breasts**, Before pounding any meat to create cutlets, use wax paper in between it and your mallet to help avoid any unwanted stickiness and keep it in place. **Make a Disposable Spoon Rest**, Use Reynolds Kitchens Cut-Rite Wax Paper to create a spoon rest. **Keep the Microwave Clean**, wax paper as a splatter cover for all of your microwave woes," suggests Fries. Place a sheet on top of reheated leftovers to protect from any potential messy splatters.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Lord Jesus, You are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not. Martin Luther</p>	<p>1 7:00pm Outreach/ Worship/ Christian Ed 7:00pm Girl Scout Leaders</p> 	<p>2 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>3 5:00pm HM³—Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Bob Garman</i></p>
<p>7 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 7:30pm choir 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>10 5:00pm HM³—Grace 6:00pm AA</p>
<p>14 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting *7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service <i>Happy Birthday Phil Leston</i></p>  	<p>15 5:00pm Westgate Neighbor Association Community Night</p>	<p>16 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>17 5:00pm HM³-Covenant 6:00pm AA 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Nightly Vigil 7:00pm OOTBCT— Golden Boxes</p>
<p>21 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Diana Purcell</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Mitch Peters</i></p>	<p>24 5:00pm HM³- Patti 6:00pm AA</p>
<p>28 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Coffee grounds . They are great as fertilizer and a systemic pesticide, they are non-toxic to humans and pets. Let them cool and sprinkle around your plants and windows. Throw lemon and orange peels into the garbage disposal instead of the trash helps give your kitchen that citrus fresh smell.</p>	
<p>Dust the House, wrap the paper onto remote controls/consoles, glide the wax paper on tabletops/shelves to collect any dust. Polish Home Fixtures. Bathroom faucets, doorknobs, shower knobs, keep them all sparkly and shiny with some wax paper. Make Soap Coverings, wrap soap in wax paper Slicken a Snow Shovel, by rubbing the shovel's edge with wax paper to create a slicker surface, the snow should glide right off. Seal Paint Cans, to avoid any dried-up paint in the can, place wax paper directly on top of the paint before sealing it up, wrap paint brushes in wax paper. Unstick a Zipper, rub wax paper over the teeth. Recork Wine Bottles, just wrap the cork in wax paper. It seals it nicely and helps re-cork the bottle much less hassle.</p>			

* Ash Wednesday service is with Second Community Church—311 S. Highland Ave.

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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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