

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 2020

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

Happy New Year! I was recently at my eye doctor for my annual check-up, and he proudly announced....."You know, next year is the year of the optometrist....it's 2020!" Ha-Ha, Hee-Hee.....He ought to be a stand-up comedian, not an eye doctor – But I started thinking about what it means to have 20/20 vision, or perfect vision. At one time when I was much younger, I had 20/20 vision, and I remember, visually – things were in greater focus.....And so I'm on board with 2020 being the year of greater focus for Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church! We here at Hoge need to have clearer focus for 2020 – We need to examine and focus on our ministry to our neighborhood. How can we better serve our members and our neighbors? By focusing on the needs of others in our neighborhood and our community! I can assure you, that as your Pastor, I'm committed to serving you, the people of Hoge, as a servant to our Lord, Jesus Christ. To serve others in the name of our lord is an easy statement, but a much tougher reality – There is such great need in our neighborhood, and at times, if we let it, this need can be overwhelming.....But, how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time – How can we better serve our neighborhood? By one moment of love and compassion at a time. How hard can it be for all of us to focus on being more Christ-like? Jesus is all about the love and acceptance for all people, so we need to focus on being loving and compassionate to our neighbors and our members. We shouldn't have to buy this love by throwing money at it – I've noticed that our neighbors appreciate a kind word.....A smiling face.....A compassionate pat on the back, or a warm embrace. Our compassion in action exemplifies the fact that we are Christians! We promote inclusive love to all who cross through our doors here at Hoge, and I'm throwing out the challenge to you for 2020 – Be focused on showing that you are a Christian! Exhibit open, inclusive, Christian-Love to all you come in contact with – Invite them to worship – Encourage them to become a part of the solution here on the hilltop – Let them know that we'll make sure they feel our commitment to them through Christian love through a warm meal, or some personal-care items, or a warm sleeping bag, or a canister of propane gas. We are professed to be followers of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ – It's time to start acting like it.....It's 2020 – Time to focus on our ministry to remain vital here in our neighborhood! I'm on board, how about you? Hey, if nobody has told you today they love.....Guess what? I DO! I love each and every one of you reading this, and can't wait to see you in church!

Pastor Tom



Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- ~Lois Sensenbrenner recuperating at home from health issues
- Patt Martin, Veronica's mother, battling cancer
- Marianne Black, is recovering at home
- Lois Duey, recuperating at home (at new address)
- John Martin, recent health challenges
- Sally Wilson asked for prayers for Judy Knight and Jeff and Joe Miller
- Jeanne Grothaus, Mary Grothaus (Jeanne's daughter-in-law), and Jeanne's brother, Ross, passed away in December
- 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 for the month of Sept.: Adults 143, Kids 18, (Volunteers 24, Hoge Members 7), Total 192

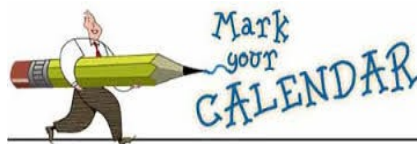
Food Pantry November Totals, 73 Families, 274 People served, Adults (60+) 30, Adults (59-18) 151, Children 93

Lost Man— A man had been lost and walking in the desert for about five days. One hot day, he comes to the home of a preacher. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the house and collapses on the doorstep. The preacher takes him in and nurses him back to health. Feeling better, the man asks the preacher for directions to the nearest town. The preacher tells him the directions, and offers to lend him his horse to make it. The preacher says, "However, there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop." Anxious to get to town, the man says, "Sure, okay," and gets on the horse. He says, "Thank God" and sure enough, the horse starts walking. A bit later he says louder, "Thank God, Thank God," and the horse starts trotting. Feeling really brave, the man says, "Thank God! Thank God! THANK GOD!" and the horse is soon up to a full run! About then he realizes he's heading for a huge cliff and yells, "Whoa!" But the horse doesn't even slow! It's coming up REAL QUICK and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop. "Whoa, stop, hold on!" Finally he remembers, "AMEN!!!" The horse stops a mere two inches from the cliff's edge, almost throwing him over its head. The man, panting and heart racing, wipes the sweat from his face and leans back in the saddle. "Oh!" he said, gasping for air, "Thank God."

Recipe for a **Happy New Year**. Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time. Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

January Birthdays

Ed Sensenbrenner, 6th and Carol Lewis, 11th



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

Regular Session Meeting--November 18th, 2019 - Meeting was opened with prayer by: Tom Billman Moderator: - Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** - Diana Purcell, Minutes from October 21st, 2019 are being presented for review and approval. Communion was served to (34) people on November 3, 2019. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** September 19th Tom visited Juanita Deweese. On October 10 Tom visited Lois Duey, Avis Dorn, Barbara Mapes. November 1st Tom visited Sallie Wilson will be visiting Marianne Black soon. Going to Presbytery meeting on November 19th in Circleville, Ohio. Tom would like to change the way Communion is served on December 1st. **Treasurer's Report** - Patti Gorman, Had a positive September. Contributions are up. Dividends and Interest are up. Operating expenses are up, Building expenses is down. Committee expenses are all down. Pastoral expenses are up. Utilities are down. (See page 5). **Committee Reports: Worship/Outreach/Christian Ed:** Gail Garman, Ministers to Preach in November: Tom Billman Nov. 3rd, Nov 10th, Nov. 17th, Nov. 24th- Wayne Morrison, Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 pm. **HM3:** All meals for November have been filled and a Hoge person. Make sure the kitchen and Wold Hall are Cleaned up and the building is empty, the lights are off, door is locked, and alarm is set. Please make sure all Highchairs are cleaned up. Check the bathrooms to make sure no water is left dripping and make sure there is enough bathroom tissue. Birthday Party for Jesus will be held Saturday December 21 during HM3 from 5:30-7:30. Natalie's friend Rodney will be our balloon man this year. Gift cards will be given out on December 14th. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Performance dates for The Games Afoot are December 6,7,8,13,14,15. Evening performances are at 8:15 and Sunday matinees are at 3:00 pm. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** - Janet Fetherolf, Have been in contact with two different companies about the doors. Neither one has yet emailed me with further costs or information. Strongly considering looking into metal doors as they are ready made. I will continue to look into this problem. Annie Gease with one of the AA groups hosts an annual Christmas party and her preference would Like to be Saturday Dec. 14th or Sunday Dec. 15th. It was decided Saturday December 14th, 2019 would be the best date. We are still working with some plumbing issues and am waiting for a written estimate from the plumber so we can decide what to do. The Pledge letters for 2020 are about to be completed and mailed soon. We are still looking into Having the parking lot lights checked and repaired, repairing tuck pointing on the front of the church and getting more quotes to install cameras on the outside of the building. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- Going to check with Judy Manley, Jim Cheadle, and Gail Garman and Diana Purcell about becoming Deacons and Elders. **Personnel:** - Carolyn Colborn - Nothing to Report. **Deacons:** October Food Pantry Served: Families 85 Total (see page 3) Deacons will be having their Annual Chili/Spaghetti Lunch on November 10th following worship service in Wold Hall.. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry:** Next Presbytery meeting will be held November 19th, At Circleville Presbyterian Church. On Tuesday will meet with Harmony Group and Doug Brown will ask for help with Cowboy Bucks project. Next Westside Urban Ministry will be meeting will be November 25th at 6:30 at Hoge Memorial. **Old Business:** None. **New Business:** Linda Hought (Daniel) son Izaiah Lopez has expressed an interest in being Baptized. Will be held December 15th or 29th. Diana Purcell Granddaughter Kailha Gallagher would like to get Married at Hoge Memorial on April 18th, 2020 at 2:30 pm. This was approved by motion made, 2nd and moved. Tom mentioned that Covenant has permanent endowment funds and would like to give Hoge some Seed Money around \$5,000-\$10,000. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting:** December 16th, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

History and Other Announcements

Memories of Hoge Memorial and Nancy Loik - Well, the next attempt was John Burroughs School. I was ½ block out of the district for Highland where all my protestant friends attended. My poor mom would take me to school and I'd run across the yard and try to follow her car. The janitor would catch me and bring me back. She bribed me with dimes. I'd take the money and run. Finally, I got smart. I'd vomit and tell them I was sick. Uncle Dell would get off work and come after me and take me to grandmas. Then I was better! Grandma said if I was too sick for school I couldn't play outside. This continued for several weeks. Finally they just kept me out until January when the new semester started and by then West High had opened. Highland had been redistricted. The first day I went to Highland, I remember I went by myself and in the boys' side of the playground. we were segregated at recess. One of my playmates, Milt Sebring, ran up and kissed me. He was our mailman's son. They lived on grandma's block of Midland. Well, from that day on I loved school! Does this show I was spoiled or what? But I knew what I wanted. Highland was an old school even then, high ceilings, big windows, wood floors. It was warm and had good teachers. I was home!

Soon after starting, I had to put my head on the desk (table). Some white girl took a colored boy's pencil and said she hadn't. I chimed up with "yes, you did". Our teacher made us all put heads down.

(Side note:) About this time, I told Mrs. Miller (yes, we knew her even then) not to tell my mother but I had a boy friend. Oh and earlier, I had an imaginary playmate for several years. Mom said I'd sit behind the couch and talk and play for quite a while.

I was 7 when I started Highland but I was skipped (grades) in the 1st half of 2nd grade. About 13 of us were - the school was crowded. In second grade I remember being kept in at noon because I couldn't write capital Es. See, I still can't. During this time, I usually went to grandmas for lunch. In third grade, I remember, our teacher read the *Wizard of Oz*. I was hooked. I loved to read. Starting in 3rd grade I was allowed to go to the Hilltop Library on Hague Avenue by myself or with a friend. I loved Howard Pyle's *Book of Pirates*. I read anything I wanted. Grandma had all Zane Grey and Harold Bill Wright and Curwood books. I started reading them in the 4th grade. I usually got books for Christmas (other things too). One year (for Christmas), I got a cowboy and Indian suit. We'd watch cowboy movies and then play cowboy - you know, stretch ropes across the "pass" and unseat unsuspecting enemies. We had holsters and cap pistols. That was lots of fun!

(About that time:) Also we played (jump) rope and double dutch. I was pretty good (at it). (Regarding other games: I was) the best runner (boy or girl) on the street. I had to be. I'd call names, I wasn't a fighter just a runner. One time some boy threw a rock and hit me in the head. I went home crying. Mom said "don't tell me about it. Fight your own battles." I think my folks gave me a lot of freedom but they also tried to make me independent. An only child has a great advantage. They know they are the apple of parents eyes (and also grandmas).



Views of some of the fun
at Hoge's 2019 Birthday
Party for Jesus

Financial Update – November 30, 2019 -The following is a summary of Hoge’s current year financial activity through November 2019. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office.

Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2019:

Deacon’s Funds: \$5,029.40 (includes support from Glenwood UM, Worthington PC & Special Events)
 Fall Sale Proceeds: \$1,411.08
 One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,685.00
 Peacemaking & Global Mission Offering: \$269.00
 Pentecostal Sunday Offering: \$100.00
 Presbytery Pastor’s Emergency Relief Fund: \$529.00
 HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$400.00 (includes support from Westminster PC)
 Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$4.60 (interest earned from designated savings account)
 Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$666.47 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
 Recycling: \$76.00
 Boiler Repairs: \$500.00
 Support for Office Supplies: \$200.00
 Memorials / Honorariums: \$1,515.00 (In Honor of Ed Sensenbrenner’s Birthday, Tom Billman / In Memory of Joe Pitt, Nancy Loik, Ronda Link)

Financial notes:

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


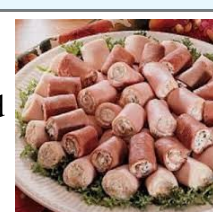

- ☐ An outside water connection and a small leak behind the stage around the water meter are still being evaluated for repairs
- ☐ Lights and electrical connections around the outside of the building are being evaluated as most are not consistently working
- ☐ Certain areas on the east side of the building need to have tuck pointing work addressed
- ☐ Please remember to prayerfully consider returning your pledge card for 2020

Contact members of the Finance & Facilities committee to inquire how you are able to help with any of these projects (physically and/or financially). Please continue to commit to Hoge in prayer, physical efforts, and financially. Thank you for your continued support. God is calling each of us to do our part to keep Hoge alive, providing mission and outreach to our community.

If you are not currently participating in any of the activities at Hoge, please prayerfully consider your willingness to do so. We have unique mission and outreach occurring here which is not happening anywhere else. You have to experience it to understand it! Patti Gorman-Conrardy, Treasurer

Balances as of October 31, 2019:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 127,098.45	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	33,039.64	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 9,372.92
Payroll Liabilities	(300.54)	Building Maintenance	8,640.74
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>159,837.55</u>	Committee Expenses	5,963.20
Operating Income:		Office Expenses	2,952.19
Contributions	\$ 84,450.31	Non-Pastoral Salaries	24,697.50
Interest	5,043.93	Pastoral Expenses	11,084.88
Other income (building use)	5,275.00	Utilities and Phone	<u>16,571.18</u>
Other income (other support)	6,346.45	Total Operating Expenses	79,312.61
Other income (flower dedications)	955.00		
Total Operating Income	\$ 102,070.69	Difference -Operating Activity	\$ 22,758.08



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Cream Cheese Rolls- 3 pkgs of Dried Beef, 1 pkg of Neufchatel cheese (or cream cheese), Minced onion, 1 tbsp milk, cream or water, Let the cheese stand until room temperature in a bowl. Add minced onion and the milk. Stir well. Lay each piece of beef on a cutting board and spread the cheese mixture on top. Roll the beef into a tube and cut into three small sections. Place on a serving tray. Serve with toothpicks. Paw Paw Presyterian Church, Paw Paw, Midhigan.</p>		
<p>5 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am - Worship/ Pastor Tom Billan 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Ed Sensenbrenner</i></p> 	<p>7 8:00pm NA</p> 
<p>12 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship/ Rev. Keith Jones 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>13 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>14 7:00pm Martha Circle 8:00pm NA</p>
<p>19 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Pastor Tom Jones 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>20 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA 7:30pm Session</p> 	<p>21 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA</p>
<p>26 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Wayne Morrison 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>27 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>28 12:00pm Food Pantry 8:00pm NA</p>
<p>Fix Your Ant Problem-If you notice ants entering your house, mix together equal parts baking soda and salt, and sprinkle the mixture anywhere you see ants coming in. Clean Out Your Microwave With Baking Soda- Sprinkle some baking soda onto a damp cloth and start scrubbing away. The baking soda will soften and hardened gunk in your microwave, and it will also deodorize the whole appliance. Say Goodbye To Diaper Rash- A great way to fight diaper rash is by putting two tablespoons of baking soda into the baby's bath water. This trick works for other types of rashes too. Get Rid Of Stubborn Crayon Marks-To get rid of crayon marks put baking soda on a (cont. bottom of page 7)</p>		

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:30pm NA Meeting	2 7:00 Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed	3 6:00pm AA Meeting	4 5:00pm HM ³ - Robin Wilson
8 7:30pm NA Meeting	9	10 6:00pm AA Meeting	11 5:00pm HM ³ - Patti Goran <i>Happy Birthday Carol Lewis</i>
15 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting 7:30pm Choir	16	17 6:00pm AA Meeting	18 5:00pm HM ³ - Covenant
23 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	23	24 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	25 5:00pm HM ³ -Schieferstein
29 12:00pm Food Pantry,	30	31 6:00pm AA Meeting	

(cont. from page 6) slightly wet cloth and lightly rub the wall. Then wipe the wall with a clean, dry cloth.

Soothe Itchy Insect Bites-If you're suffering from some nasty insect bites, mix baking soda and water together to create a paste. Then use it as a salve to treat the infected area to help it heal quicker. **Brush Your Hair With A Cleaner Hairbrush**-To remove oils and other residues on your comb or brush, soak it in a solution of water and baking soda. You just need about one teaspoon of baking soda in about a cup of water. Leave the hairbrush in the solution for ten minutes or so, and then let it air dry. **Get Softer Feet**- Create a solution with three table-spoons of baking soda and a small tub of warm water. Then soak your feet to soothe and soften them.

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groups, Girl Scouts, Urban Minis-
tries, Members of Out of the Box
Community Theatre

Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually

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