

# HOGE HERALD

*Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church*

2024

## November

**PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"**

**November 2024**

**Read Genesis 33: 1-11:**

As soon as the words left my mouth, I regretted saying them! I shook with anger from our argument, but I knew I needed to apologize to my wife Linda, but I struggled to apologize because of my manly pride. In the Bible, in Genesis 33, Jacob overcame his pride – He had stolen his brother Esau's birth rite, and when saw Esau coming at him with an army of 400 men, he knew he was in trouble. Just like I knew I was in trouble with my wife after our argument. I needed to humble myself like Jacob did – He bowed 7 times, as did his maids, wives, and children. They all humbled themselves because they needed mercy, and now I needed mercy too. I sought out my wife Linda, grabbed both her hands, told her I was sorry about what I said and asked for her forgiveness. As tears glistened in Linda's eyes, I could tell I had touched her with my apology. She squeezed my hands and told me she forgave me – she knew I didn't mean to say those things through my anger, but I needed to let her know how I regretted saying them. To err is human, but asking for forgiveness is divine! This story in Genesis reminded me that God opposes the proud, but gives His grace to the humbled (1 Peter 5:5). I didn't bow to the ground in front of my wife, but I did release my heart and put what God wanted me to do above my pride. That mending a relationship requires humility, which can help us overcome our pride. You see, humility can help us reconcile broken relationships. We must rely on God's grace to stay humble. In our broken human pride, we want to maintain our superiority over others, so we chastise and criticize! Pray to our Lord, Jesus Christ, and ask for humility, so we can remain right sized and willing to offer forgiveness. After all, we are human and subject to remain loyal to our precious pride! May God grant us the humility to bring grace and reconciliation back into our lives! I hope you grace us with your presence and humility sometime during the upcoming holidays, because we miss you and love you! We pray this in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.... Amen!

# Special Announcements

## KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- Danny Baxter, experiencing health issues
- Jack Neil, on going health issues
- Carolyn Colborn recuperating from hip surgery
- Rev. Susan Warrener Smith, for health issues with her eyes
- Bill Aiken experiencing health issues
- Barbara Mapes, on going health issues
- Connie Pilkington health issues
- For Richard Kline experiencing health issues
- 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** September Households, 109 Seniors 52 Adults 195, Children 118, Total Number of People Served 365

## Happy Birthday – November

Mike Purcell, 16; David Colborn, 17; Bev Neil, 18; Joey Alter, 23.

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



**The Fall Sale** was a tremendous success! We made \$2592.62!! Thanks to everyone who donated items, baked for the bake sale, sorted and priced, helped set up and clean up, worked during the sale, and did anything else that needed done. We appreciate you!

Donna Swaneck on behalf of the Board of Deacons

IN THE NAME OF JESUS"- Paul Harvey told about a 3-year-old boy who went to the grocery store with his mother. Before they entered the grocery store she said to him, "Now you're not going to get any chocolate chip cookies, so don't even ask." She put him up in the cart & he sat in the little child's seat while she wheeled down the aisles. He was doing just fine until they came to the cookie section. He saw the chocolate chip cookies & he stood up in the seat & said, "Mom, can I have some chocolate chip cookies?" She said, "I told you not even to ask. You're not going to get any at all." So he sat back down. They continued down the aisles, but in their search for certain items they ended up back in the cookie aisle. "Mom, can I please have some chocolate chip cookies?" She said, "I told you that you can't have any. Now sit down & be quiet." Finally, they were approaching the checkout lane. The little boy sensed that this may be his last chance. So just before they got to the line, he stood up on the seat of the cart & shouted in his loudest voice, "In the name of Jesus, may I have some chocolate chip cookies?" And everybody round about just laughed. Some even applauded. And, according to Paul Harvey, due to the generosity of the other shoppers, the little boy & his mother left with 23 boxes of chocolate chip cookies.



**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

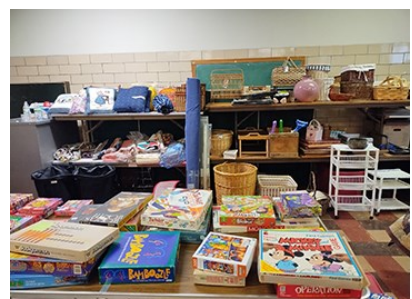
### **Dr. Hoge Is Instrumental In Church Establishing**

**Ohio's First Free Schools** In the early 1820's Dr. Hoge began to campaign for free public schools. He appeared before the legislature again and again to plead his case, and was aided by Cutler of Marietta, Gifford of Cincinnati and Atwater of Pickaway County. In 1825 the legislature passed a bill providing for funds from taxes for educational purposes. Two schools were opened in Columbus, one for advanced pupils and one for small children, and free public schools had a beginning in Columbus, largely through the work and influence of Dr. Hoge. Dr. Hoge also became interested in an experiment being tried in Hartford, Connecticut. Deaf people were being trained in a special school. He wanted these advantages for the deaf in Ohio. From 1824 he never ceased to work for that end. At last the legislature authorized Dr. Hoge to try the experiment with the Ohio deaf. As one legislature said, "I have no faith in the scheme but I have faith in Dr. Hoge."

In 1829 the first Ohio State School for the Deaf was opened in a rented room at the corner of Broad and High streets where the Deshler-Hilton Hotel now stands. The school grew until a permanent site became necessary. Dr. Hoge, Peter Sells and John McDowell offered to sell 10 acres of land for the nominal sum of \$300. This land became the location of the School for the Deaf located on Town Street. The first building was erected on this site in 1834. To learn more about the School for the Deaf he helped establish go to their website at [www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org](http://www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org). Dr. Hoge received many calls to other churches and was offered the professorship of theology at Hanover College in Indiana. He refused them all. In 1827, Miami University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. For several years he was a trustee there as well as Ohio University in Athens. Dr. Hoge and President William McGuffey, author of McGuffey Readers were fast friends. Dr. Hoge was a great reader and a profound scholar. His knowledge of state craft was so great that lawyers and legislators of the state consulted him and his influence over legislation was such that much of the Ohio law at that time was affected by him. One eminent jurist of that day said; "I believe Dr. Hoge to be the best statesman in our commonwealth." Dr. Osman Hooper.

# Notes and Photos

Part of our large successful Fall Sale of 2024



Holiday tokens from Roger and Jeanne for the folks visiting Food Pantry this month



Two of the Sunday School classes for October



Sunday School Class October 13, 2024 - Several months ago, when Maddy was the only Sunday School student, I did a lesson on the Tower of Babel. I gave Maddy some verbal prompts and she was able to retell the story to Violet. Then she built this tower. No worries - it did not reach to heaven!



Sunday School Lesson October 20, 2024 - Today we heard the story of God telling Abraham he wanted him to move. Maddy and Violet each packed up stuff from the room and moved across the room. You had to take what you could carry in one trip! It made it hard to choose what to take.



# Message

## Financial Update –September 30, 2024

The following is a summary of Hoge's 2024 financial activity through September. 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 the start of another unique and challenging year. THANK YOU!!!

### Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2024:

Buckeye Clinic support: \$266.60 (includes support for weekly lunches)  
 Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$70,164.28 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)  
 Deacon's Funds: \$5,797.00 (includes 2/3 of Mission support from Worthington PC and early Fall Sale proceeds)  
 Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$230.79 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)  
 HM3/Personal Care Pantry: \$511.84 (includes support from Westminster Presbytery)  
 One Great Hour of Sharing: \$220.00  
 Memorial Funds: \$4,150.00 (in memory of Rev Ed Sensenbrenner, Lois Duey, Ann Parlin)  
 Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$15.67 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)  
 Pastoral Idea Fund: \$20,960.56  
 Peacemaking Offering: \$20.00

### Financial notes:

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

Extensive tuckpointing work is being performed around most of the building (the building is now 70 years old and much of the mortar is deteriorating). In 2024, we have spent over \$54,000.00 on this project and we are about 3/4 around the building. While working through this project, we have the privilege of building our relationship with men from the Buckeye Clinic who get to see (along with the community) the outcome of their efforts and investment of time while working through their own journey of addiction recovery. The sustainability of our building for worship and outreach is dependent on this work.

We had slate roof repairs totaling \$6,000.00 earlier this year

We have estimated costs to replace and repair broken windows and screens throughout the building and exploring funding options

We are looking at options for parking lot maintenance and repairs

In June, we celebrated the tenure of Phil Leston as our Director of Music and Organist as he retired from Hoge. We are looking for a new Organist. We have hired a new Director of Music, please welcome Sam! We are also operating on volunteers for cleaning and maintenance of the building during 2024

Our copier lease is up in October and we are exploring options for a new copier lease

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.




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 can help with 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-Corardy, Treasurer

Balances as of September 30, 2024:			
Unrestricted cash	\$ 201,326.74	Operating Expenses:	
Restricted cash	89,523.93		
Payroll Liabilities	( 0.00)	Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 8,827.11
Net liquid assets	\$ 290,850.67	*Building Maintenance	12,870.65
		Committee Expenses	5,882.21
Operating Income:		Office Expenses	3,445.47
Contributions	\$ 49,485.87	Non-Pastoral Salaries	4,800.00
Interest	4,497.97	Pastoral Expenses	18,128.32
Other income (building use)	12,420.00	Utilities and Phone	14,728.03
Other income (other support)	3,011.03	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 68,681.79
Other income (flower dedications)	680.00		
Total Operating Income	\$ 70,093.97	Difference - Operating Activity	\$ 1,412.18

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

# November

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
<p><b>Cheese Cake Recipe</b> - 3 blocks cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup sour cream, 3 eggs, 2 tsp. vanilla, 2 Tbsp. flour, 1¾ cups graham crackers crushed (use blender), 3 Tbsp. margarine melted, 2 Tbsp. sugar. Mix together and put in bottom and sides of spring form pan. Mix cream cheese and sugar till smooth, then add remaining four items. Put mixture in spring form pan and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Leave in the oven ½ hour with the door open. Raspberry Topping. ½ cup seedless raspberry jam, 1 pkg. frozen raspberries, 1 Tbsp. corn starch. Heat together in a small sauce pan until jam is melted and all is blended . (continued on next page)</p>					
<p>3 8:00am Iglesia Oasis De Dios 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>4 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 7:30pm NA</p>		<p>5 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	
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Put **panty hose** over the vacuum hose to locate tiny things without sucking them up.-Rub a **walnut** on damaged furniture to cover up dings.-**Kool-Aid** cleans dishwasher pipes. Put in the detergent compartment & run a cycle. (will also clean a toilet.).-Make **ice cubes** out of vinegar or lemon juice & feed them down the garbage disposal. Run cold water through the drain and your disposal will stay smelling fresh.-**Pam cooking spray** will remove paint & grease from your hands.-Use a **hanging shoe rack** (the kind that hangs off a door) to hold cleaning supplies in your pantry.--Use **hand sanitizer** to help remove stubborn glue residue from labels.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Homemade Blueberry sauce 2 cups blueberries ½ cup water, ½ cup sugar, 2 Tbsp. lemon juice, 2 Tbsp. cornstarch mixed with 2 Tbsp. cold wa- ter, ½ tsp. vanilla extract, Zest of 1 lemon. From Montgomery Presbyterian Church in Montgomery Ohio.		1 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting	2 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Robin 6:00pm AA
6 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	7 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christen Ed 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders	8 9:00am Fall Sale 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting	9 9:00am Fall Sale 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Westminster 6:00pm AA
13 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 12:00pm Revive Ohio 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting 12:00pm Revive Ohio	14 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting	15 12:00pm Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting	16 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Covenant 6:00pm AA 8:00pm IDDN Esperanza Nightly Vigil <i>Happy Birthday Mike Purcell</i>
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Make your **shower curtain** glide back and forth without sticking by rubbing a piece of waxed paper along the curtain rod.-Place **waxed paper** on top of your kitchen's upper cabinets where dust and grease gathers. Switch out the paper every few months with a fresh sheet to keep cabinets clean without much work.-Use **Listerine** to clean dirty grout.-**Smelly fireplace?** Crumple old newspapers and sprinkle ground coffee on top. Light the paper and allow it to burn. The coffee aroma will clear the sooty odor.-Put a **penny** in the water to keep tulips standing tall.-Use **hot sauce** to shine copper.-Use a **can opener** to open those impossible clamshell plastic blister packs

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#### Hogue Memorial Church Staff

Head of Staff: Jesus Christ

Sexton, open

Choir Director, Sam Richards

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, Urban Ministries

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

*Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually*

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