

# HOGE HERALD

*Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church*

2023

## October

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

**October 2023**

**Read Colossians 3: 5-11:**

While golfing recently, I was paired up with a delightful man full of grace and wisdom. I've often said that the best way to get to know someone is to play a round of golf with them, because our true emotions will reveal themselves on the golf course. As we played together our discussion turned to politics, and I learned that my playing partner was an influential member of a political group I had all but cursed at earlier in the week. At first, I was conflicted and confused. How could I really like and respect my new friend, given our political differences? The next morning, as I prayed, I wrestled with the Lord over what to do with my dilemma, and I heard, "Grow up Pastor Tom, grow in my love!" After all these years as a follower of Jesus, and I'm still learning what it means to grow in Christ. Dallas Willard described growing in Christ as a "Golden Triangle" of spiritual transformation. By embracing my situation, and opening my life to the guidance of The Spirit, and practicing spiritual disciplines, I continually "Take off the old human nature with its practices and put on the new nature of a life lived in the likeness and integrity of Christ. All 3 sides of the triangle are essential to the transformation. On the first side of the triangle, we embrace our situation. Through the hard knocks of life, God challenged our self-sufficiency and stretch our ability to empathize with the suffering of others. We are not embracing the situation when we blame other people's hard headedness and immaturity for our trials and troubles. Jesus could have grumbled that life was unfair to him, complained that sinful people were unworthy of him, or asked God for a loftier, less humiliating assignment. Instead, as Paul reminds us, "Jesus emptied himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." And James wrote: "My brothers and sisters, think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy. After all, you know that the testing of our faith produces endurance. Let this endurance complete its work so that you may be fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing." On the second side of the triangle, we open our lives to the guidance of the Spirit. Jesus knew that we would need a helper as we strive to live a Christ-like life. When he departed, he gave us the Spirit, the very same helper who had helped him. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove. When launching his ministry, Jesus acknowledged the Spirit as the source of the courage and guidance he would need daily to respond in God-like ways to the people he encountered. A prayer that helps me start my day begins, "New day, every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you work for the good in our world." This simple reminder to me that God is already at work among us, and it stirs in me an openness to participate in what God is doing in our world. The third side of the triangle reminds us to practice spiritual disciplines. These are the ways we imitate Christ, share in His life, and make ourselves available to the Spirit for the transformation of our hearts and minds. Especially in the areas of our lives where we are selfish and self-absorbed. By meditating on scripture, we open our narrow minds to the mind of Christ. Through prayer, we open our little hearts to the big-heartedness of Jesus. When we serve our neighbors in need, we open our fists to the hands of Christ, and join in the work of mending this big, old world that God loves. With these and other spiritual disciplines, we "Put on the Lord", and day by day, guided by the Spirit, we grow in the likeness of Christ. Start by identifying which side of the triangle is most natural for you? Then, find which needs more practice as you grow with Christ. Enjoy the beautiful change of season that October brings, and know you are greatly loved and treasured! Hope to see you in the pews soon!

Grace & Peace are Yours,  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Pastor Tom

# Special Announcements

## KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- For Melissa, Dorothy and Bill's granddaughter, health issues
- For Richard Kline experiencing health issues
- For Curtis Hinton, Jr. recovering from surgery
- For Jim Aiken, Bill's brother, for his peaceful passing
- Rector family in the passing of Bob (Joy's son).
- Bev Neil recovering from surgery
- Charlotte Smith recuperating from surgery
- Chim Mphande, Mary's son, with health issues.
- Jack Neil experiencing health issues
- Tenzin Blearsch, grandson of Jack and Bev Neil, now home for long recuperation
- Judy Isel experiencing health issues
- Barbara Mapes recovering at home
- Jim Cheadle experiencing health issues
- Jeni McGraw's son for various health challenges
- 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 August Totals: Households, 126 Seniors 66, Adults 232, Children 87, Total Number of People Served 485

## Happy Birthday – October



Mike Minch, 2; Beth Ormsby, 3; Diane Line, 9; Tom Billman, 13; Kyle Barrett, 21; Amy Colborn, 26 Note: If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know and we will be glad to add it.



**The Cowboy and the Preacher**-One Sunday, a cowboy went to church. When he entered, he saw that he and the preacher were the only ones present. The preacher asked the cowboy if he wanted him to go ahead and preach. The cowboy said, "I'm not too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I'd feed him." So the minister began his sermon. One hour passed, then two hours, then two-and-a-half hours. The preacher finally finished and came down to ask the cowboy how he had liked the sermon. The cowboy answered slowly, "Well, I'm not very smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay."

The **Fall Sale** will be here soon. The dates for this year's sale are Friday October 13th and Saturday October 14th. Both days the sale will run from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We set up for the sale on Thursday October 12 th starting at 9:00 a.m. We need as many people as possible to do this job. In the beginning we are setting up tables and moving boxes of items into the appropriate rooms. Then we are taking items out of boxes and arranging them on tables. Come for any part of this process. The more people doing any of these tasks, the faster they get done.

# REMI NDER

**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 1-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Diana Purcell, Joy Rector

February 5-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil & Bev, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman,

March 5-Charlotte Smith, Mike Minch, Diana Purcell

April 2-, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Patti Gorman

May 7-Natalie Alter, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil

June 4-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman,

July 2 - Mike Minch, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman

August 6-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil

September 3- Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett

**October 1- Mike Minch, Diana Purcell**

November 5- Natalie Alter, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman, Bev & Jack Neil, Gail Garman

December 3-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;**

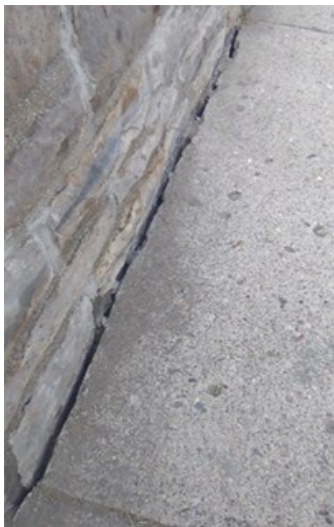
November- Deacons; December- Ushers

**Regular Session Meeting, August 14, 2023. Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell July Session Minutes are being presented for review and approval. Communion was served to (20) on August 6 and HM3 on August 5, 2023. Stuff the Bus August 12<sup>th</sup>. Junior Marquez & Anna Cruz Wedding 1:30 August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Rehearsal and Decorating the Church Saturday, Afternoon on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Piano Recital Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1:00 pm. Church Records were taken to First Presbyterian in Marysville on August 20, 2023, for Review and was approved with No Exceptions. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** In person visits to: Dave & Carolyn Colborn, Rev Ed Sensenbrenner, Dan & Judy Isel, Joby Whitehead. Phone calls to Barbara & Fred Mapes, Ron & Diane Line, Jerry Fetherolf, Charlotte Badgley, Dorothy Pemberton, Leila Parker. **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman-Conrardy: Financials sheets were presented through the end of July. Balance sheet was not available for review. Operating Revenues were up. Other Income was down. Operating expenses are down. Building expenses are down. Office expenses are up. Salaries are steady, Utilities are up. Non-Operating expenses are up. Non-Operating Income is down. **Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** Ministers to preach in August: Pastor Tom Billman Aug 6, Aug. 20, Peggy Holcomb Aug. 13, Mike Minch. The open date for preaching is October 8. Patti is going to talk with IDDN Esperanza Worship about changing their worship to another time in the fall when OOTBCT has Rehearsals and performances on Sunday. IDDN Esperanza also has third Saturday night vigils from 7:30 to Midnight. This includes music. Faith Based Recovery Bible Study is moving to Tuesday at 8:00 pm. **HM3:** HM3 is covered with a Hoge person for August and September. Need to update song books and A more structured Worship. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Will be performing Hounds of the Baskerville on October 20,21,22, 27, 28, 29. Evening performances on Friday and Saturday will start at 8:15 pm and Sunday Matinees will be at 3:00 pm. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Jack Neil / Mike Purcell: Received Quote from Junior with Buckeye Clinic to complete the Tuck Pointing on the bottom of the building the Christian did not finish. He did this type of Work with his family prior to entering the Buckeye program and would have at least 2 additional guys working him and get the work done in less than a week (weather permitting). Cost \$2,500 with a deposit of \$1,250. This has been approved by F & F and Session through email communication. Need to have lift chairs serviced. A used portable Air Conditioner was donated yesterday by Mike Clark & Stan Evans. Stan is an electrician and hooked it up in the Junior Room to see if it would work. Patti authorized the purchase of a second one from Home Depot. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter-No Report . (continued on page 4)

# Notes and Photos

**Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley – Paul is not working a full 5 hour shift a week. Discussed giving him a set of keys starting Friday. **Deacons: July Food Pantry:** Served 97 Families. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Samuel Monte was appointed Pastor for Condit Presbyterian. Coat Drive is starting and Sorting coats on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Hoge Memorial. Cap City Helping Hands is meeting on August 27, 2023. **Old Business:** Nothing to Report. **New Business:** Judy Manley reported on behalf of the Deacons. They are sponsoring a “Back to Church Sunday” With a Special Fellowship Hour Afterwards. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with the Lord’s Prayer. Next Session Meeting:** September 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm. **Respectfully:** Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

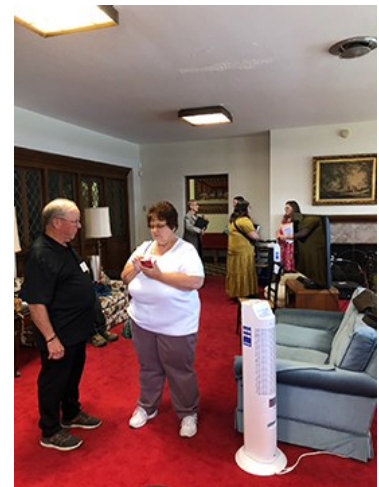
Work on the wall



Some of our flower garden beauties



Fellowship hour on the back to church Sunday



# Messages

From Rev. Keith Jones' blog

Mark 6:53-56—English Standard Version

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. 54 And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him 55 and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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What do you think the first followers of the Beatles thought of them? Do you think they knew how big they would get? How would they have acted differently if they knew, if they really knew, how popular they would end up being. It reminds me of reading stories about supermodels who were dumped by their boyfriends in high school for some minor reason -- do you think the boyfriends would have acted differently if they knew their girlfriend at the time would go on to be a famous model?

In Mark 6, this is still early in Jesus' ministry. Word about him is clearly getting out, and Jesus is becoming very popular. They bring the sick out into the market in the hopes that his clothes might make the sick well. They revere him and have great faith.

And this is all well before he rises from the dead. This display is but an iota of the ultimate power he'll demonstrate over sin and death. And still people stream from all around to come and see him.

The question it leaves me with is this -- do I, knowing the full story and the resurrection from the dead, revere him as much, if not more, than these people, who have only had a glimpse of his power? Or do I take it for granted and allow Jesus to fade into the background because I have other things that seem more urgent than attending to the personal relationship that the God of the universe wants to have with me?

So what do I need to change?

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Mark 6:37-44—English Standard Version

37 But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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If you make dinner reservations somewhere fancy, you're expected to show up in proper attire at the time of your reservations. If you are late, they are unlikely to send a car to find you, and while some places will have a coat if one is required, they don't have a full wardrobe ready in the event you show up underdressed. You have to come ready.

Jesus, however, meets us where we are. Crowds show up hungry and underprepared for the event, but Jesus has compassion on them. He sees them, he sees their needs, and he loves them, so he serves them. He brings about a miracle so that their needs can be met, and because he combines love and power and chooses to use these for the people, they are satisfied.

What's remarkable is that Jesus doesn't stop there. He combines love and power and ascends the cross -- no barrier is too high for Jesus. He'll do anything, such is his love. Even if he has to die.

You are deeply loved, and Jesus pursues you, wherever you are, no matter what. He starts with where you are.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

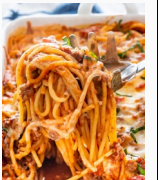
# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>1 8:00am IDDN Esperanza Fasting 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</p>	<p>2 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Mike Minch</i></p>	<p>3 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Beth Ormsby</i></p>
<p>8 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Ken Dillman 11:30am Donut Fellowship 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>9 7:30pm NA <i>Happy Birthday Diane Line</i></p> 	<p>3 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
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<p>22 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Peggy Holcomb 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 6:00pm District 34 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>23 7:00pm Session 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>24 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
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**Buff surfaces with olive oil**-Olive oil has many nutritional benefits (and can possibly increase longevity). Olive oil is a great option for cleaning stainless steel, such as pots, pans and appliances. Put olive oil on a soft cloth and rub in a circular motion to buff out any dirty spots. **Detox the garbage disposal** with lemons or limes- to clean and deodorize garbage disposals, use a fresh lemon or lime cut the citrus fruit into quarters, and while you have the water running put the lemon pieces one by one into the disposal. **Eliminate water stains with shaving cream**-To remove water stains from shower glass, apply the shaving cream and let it sit for 15 minutes, then wipe off. **Baking soda and vinegar will basically clean the tub** for you (cont. next pg.)

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
4	7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	5	9:00am Fall Sale Set up 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed. 7:00pm Girl Scout Leaders	6	9:00am Fall Sale 6:00pm AA Meeting	7	9:00am Fall Sale 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Robin 6:00pm AA
11	7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	12		13	6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Tom Billman</i>	14	5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> —Overbrook 6:00pm AA
18	7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	19		20	6:00pm AA Meeting OOBCT show “Hound of Bas- kerville”	21	5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Covenant 6:00pm AA 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Nightly Vigil <i>Happy Birthday Kyle Barrett</i>
25	12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	26	<i>Happy Birthday Amy Colborn</i>	27	9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	28	5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Grace 6:00pm AA

**LAYERED ITALIAN CASSEROLE**- 12 oz. uncooked spaghetti, 1½ lbs. lean ground beef, 1 large onion, chopped, 2 garlic cloves, minced, 2 cans (15 oz.) Italian tomato sauce, 3 Tbsp. minced parsley, 1 Tbsp. dried oregano, 4 cups (32 oz.) 1% cottage cheese, 2½ cups (10 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided, ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided. Cook spaghetti. Meanwhile, cook beef, onion and garlic until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add the tomato sauce, parsley and oregano. Combine the cottage cheese, 2 cups mozzarella cheese and ¼ cup Parmesan cheese. Drain the spaghetti. Spread 1 cup meat sauce into a 13x9 dish coated with cooking spray. Layer with: ½ spaghetti, ½ cheese mixture, ½ meat sauce, Repeat above one more time. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining cheeses. Bake 5-10



(cont.) Mix one cup vinegar, half a cup of baking soda with hot water and pour into an empty tub and allow to sit for five minutes. Fill the tub with hot water until it is approximately one-quarter filled, and let it sit for an additional five minutes. **Steam the microwave with lemon oil** You can also use essential oils to clean the microwave. Add 15 drops of lemon essential oil into one and a half cups water to a microwave-safe bowl, and microwave on high for five to 10 minutes, allowing the steam to condense on inside walls/ceilings of your machine. Once complete, simply wipe away the softened food with a sponge. **Lemon oil is a natural degreaser for the oven**-Spray a mixture of one cup water, one cup vinegar and lemon essential oil onto your stovetop and simply wipe clean.

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**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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