

# HOGE HERALD

*Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church*

2024

## June

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

**JUNE 2024**

**Read Matthew 6: 34**

Recently, on a Saturday evening, right after another inspiring HM3 worship service and meal, I was helping others clean up Wold Hall – It had been another interesting evening worship with a large crowd. At one time, our attendance for the message at HM3 was dismal – We were only having a hand full of people coming to hear the scriptures and a brief sermon, because the main attraction seemed to be the hot meal which follows the message. So, being concerned and worried about our worship numbers at HM3, I turned to prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ – All too often, I realized that I let the emotion of fear rule my life! Doubts and questions about our future here at Hoge raged in my mind. How can we survive the fiscal cliff looming ahead of us? How can we continue to manage our growing HM3 service? At one time not too long ago, we were serving 35-50 hungry folks each Saturday evening, and now we're serving 75-100 meals each week at HM3! Will our sponsor churches who support our weekly meals continue to do so? What will happen to our growing ministry on Saturday evenings if our sponsor churches pull out? Fear was consuming my life! I had to get a grip! As I lay on my back staring at the ceiling, I remembered the words of Matthew 6:34: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own!" I realized how much this never-ending cycle of fear, with my tossing and turning at night, and worrying obsessively during the day was hurting my spiritual life because fear was controlling my thoughts and actions! I remembered my acronym for F.E.A.R. – False Evidence Appearing Real: As the apostle John wrote, "Fear cannot exist where love is in complete control; If I fear, I'm not made in perfect love." But I know that my Lord Jesus loves me and died to save me! I suddenly wrote a gratitude list, naming some of the ways that Christ is blessing us here at Hoge! As I reflected on these blessings, I realized that through every trial and test we experience here at Hoge, Jesus was present with us and never failed to give us what we need. I took a deep breath, then prayed to God, to give me this deeper understanding of God's love for us, which will drive out all fear which has been encroaching on us. Remember, put the love of Christ first in your mind, and our routine fears will be smashed by Christ's love for us! I hope this first month of summer will give you relaxation and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. We love you and hope to see you all soon at one of our summer worship experiences! May God bless you and keep you!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom

# Special Announcements

## KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- 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** April Households, 100 Seniors 64 Adults 177, Children 101, Total Number of People Served 342

## Happy Birthday – June

Janice Bridger, 11; Andy Adair, 15; Jack Neil, 29



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

Casey asked her Sunday School teacher a question: "If the people of Israel are Israelites, and the people of Canaan are Canaanites, are the people of Paris called Parasites?"

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A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do? A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up!"

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One Sunday morning, the Pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex." "Good morning, Pastor." replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?"

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The Sunday School teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah had built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl raised her hand and replied enthusiastically, "To make gravy!"



**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;

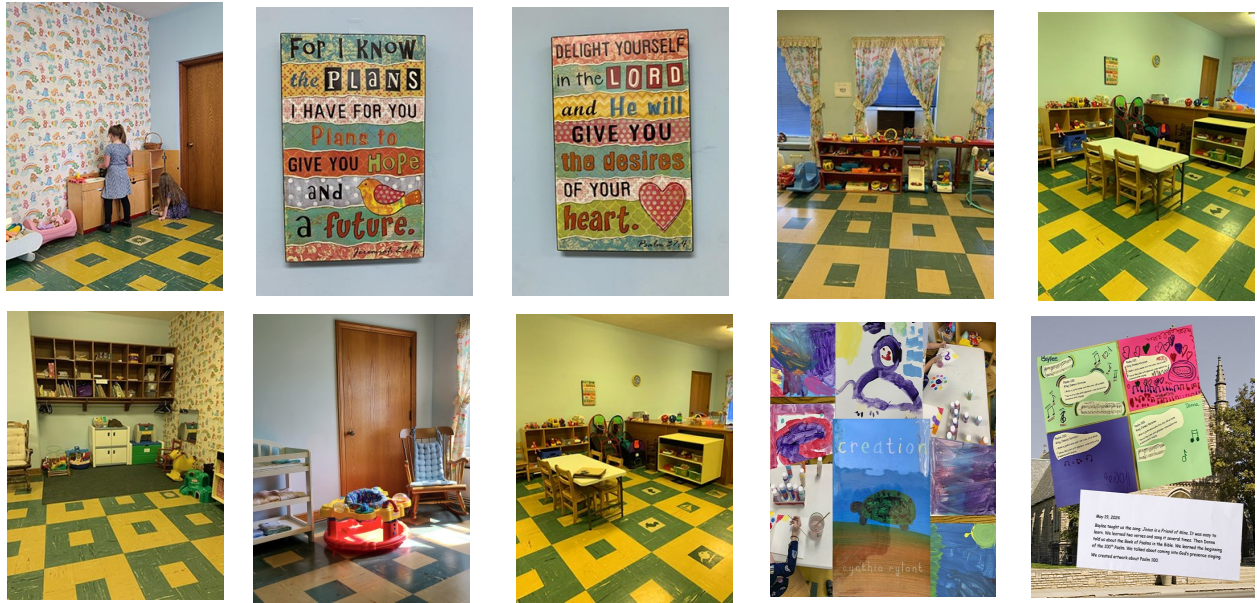
November- Deacons; December- Ushers

### **Rev. Hoge Accepts Pastorate Of Franklinton Church In 1807**

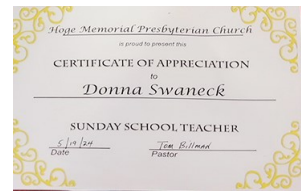
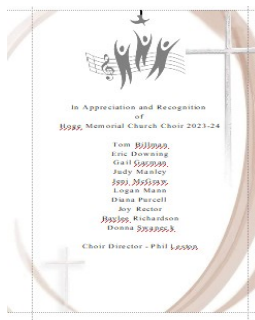
Hardships of the country and the severe winter proved too much for Rev. Hoge's frail constitution and in May, 1806, after six months in Franklinton he set out for his home in Virginia. He sought rest and restoration to health. Late in September he received a letter from the officers of the church in Franklinton, extending a call to become the regular pastor of the Franklinton Church. After much thought and consultation with his father and brothers he wrote his acceptance. By the following spring, 1807, his health had so greatly improved that he set out once more for the banks of the Scioto. On June 11, 1807, he was installed by the Chillicothe Presbytery. His parish extended from Dublin on the north to Circleville on the south and east to the Big Walnut. Membership soon increased from the original 13 to 50. Services were held in the Court House. By 1811 the congregation had raised enough money to begin the erection of a building. The War of 1812 came before the building was finished. General Hull, enroute north, took over the building for storing grain for horses. Heavy rains came and when the roof leaked the grain swelled and forced the walls of the brick building until it collapsed. Three years later in 1816, a new building was completed. This church was situated on the banks of the Scioto near Sandusky St. The ancient burying ground still marks the site of the first church in Franklinton. It was also in this same period, 1810-1812, that a new town site was laid out east of the Scioto River and named Columbus. Four men, Lynn Starling, John Kerr, Alex McLaughlin, and James Johnston formed the "Franklin Syndicate." They promised that if the legislature would establish on the east side of the Scioto the seat of the State Government they would agree to (1) to lay out a town according to a plan acceptable to the legislature: (2) to give to the state a square containing 10 acres for a public building; (3) to erect a State House and a penitentiary. Dr. Hoge conveyed to the "Syndicate" 80 acres of land with the provision that one-half of the lots laid out on this acreage were to be reconveyed to Dr. Hoge. Lots at Broad and High sold for \$200 to \$1000. These settlers were anxious for a church on the east bank of the Scioto. In 1814 a temporary building was erected, a log structure 25x30 feet built entirely of hickory logs, referred to ever after as Old Hickory Church. It was located at what is now Spring and 3 streets. Dr. Hoge conducted services in this church as well as in Franklinton. At the same time he kept in touch with people living in the country within 50 miles of Columbus. He spent so much time in the saddle that he was often referred to as "preacher on horseback." This kind of outdoor life may help to account for his apparently complete recovery in health. In 1818 Dr. and Mrs. Hoge moved to the east bank of the river. They built their home on E. Broad St. where the athletic club now stands. Here their first son, Moses Andrew, was born. ( Named for Dr. Hoge's father, Moses Hoge and Mrs. Hoge's father, Andrew Woods.) Dr. and Mrs. Hoge had 11 children, six of whom survived their father. In 1818, the congregation of the Old Hickory Church decided a larger building was needed to accommodate their rapidly growing congregation. Ten men subscribed \$100 each, the town authorities donated a lot of ground, and the congregation bought an adjoining lot for \$300. These lots were on the corner of Town and Front Streets. Here, a framed church 40 feet by 60 feet was erected costing \$1050. It seated 400 people and was really composed of three buildings constructed so that one might be removed from the others and sold as a residence. This church was known as "The First Presbyterian Congregation of Columbus." In 1821 the Franklin congregation united with this church.

# Notes and Photos

## Sunday School Room and two Sunday School Lesson Boards



## Recognition and Appreciation for Sunday School Teacher and Choir Members



# Message

From Rev. Keith Jones' Blog

Colossians 2:8-12

English Standard Version

8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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Do you ever wonder how far you would make it in a marathon or ultramarathon? I certainly couldn't run the whole thing, or half the thing. I could probably run a quarter of it and then would be looking for the shuttle. Maybe with the crowd urging me on, I could run a little farther. Finish it? Not a chance.

It's easy to think about faith in the same lens. We think that we'll do everything we can, and Jesus will do the rest. Maybe some people can get a little closer than others, but Jesus tops off all of us to make sure we're complete.

That's not the message of the Gospel. None of us are even close to good enough to justify ourselves before God. None of us have the power over death that God has. No, it depends on God, who joins us with Christ's burial in our baptism, and then raises us through faith. The same God who raised Jesus from the dead can and will raise us from the dead. We're foolish to believe we can get even close on our own.

This is great news -- it depends on God, who has proven to be more merciful than we can ever ask or imagine. In our baptism, we are buried with Christ (although we don't like to think about this part -- but to be raised indicates that we need to die first), and after our deaths, we are raised with Christ. What comfort, what joy, what peace can rest in our hearts when we look at death as the completion of our baptism, when we are finally and fully raised to new life in Christ.

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Psalms 91:14-16

English Standard Version

14 "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."


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You've heard the phrase If it bleeds, it leads in reference to the news. They know that people tune in for bad news, so the worse they can make it, the more viewers they'll draw. I remember back in the early 2010s when I would go to a nearby gym in mid-day, the cable news channels had all sorts of logos they'd put on the screen to draw your attention to how bad things were, even when they weren't really that bad. They were constantly trying to stir up anxiety within you so that you'd keep watching.

We all need this message from Psalm 91 piped into our hearts to offset the world's volume. We need to hear about God's provision in the midst of the storm. When we are in trouble, God will be with us, and we will be rescued and honored. We're all like Peter -- Jesus calls us out onto the water, but we take our eyes off Jesus and stare at the crashing waves, and we begin to sink, crying out in fear. Just like Peter, God reaches out and delivers us from the storm. May we rest in the miracle of God's salvation!

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

# June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p><b>Remove Grease Stain</b>-Save your favorite piece of clothing or material is to heavily sprinkle baking soda, let it sit for about 15 to 20 minutes and then scrub it with a damp sponge or cloth. <b>No More Bad Fridge Scent</b>-If you have a baking soda container, you can immediately solve your issue. Just poke a small hole, or make an opening in your soda carton and leave it in the fridge. <b>Say Goodbye to Lefrover Stains</b>-Soak your stained leftover containers in baking soda mixed with water for around half an hour and then use a sponge or moist cloth to clean the surface. <b>Splinter Remover</b>-Baking soda can help remove splinters and ease swelling. Mix water and baking soda, thus making a paste, and apply it to the swollen area. Cover it with a bandaid, leave it until the next day, and it will naturally come out.</p>		
<p>2 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>3 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>4 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
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<p>16 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>17 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>18 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
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<p>30 7:30am Breakfast 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/TBA 12:30pm Iglesia Oasis De Dios Esperanza Worship 6:00pm District 34 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>Grill Cleaner</b>-With baking soda, grill grimes are a thing of the past! The only thing you should do to clean the grill properly is let it cool down, use baking soda, gently rub it, and remove the grit with a brush. Grilling and cleaning have never been so easy! <b>Cankers Be Gone!</b>-To get rid of it, all you need to do is rub baking soda directly on the canker and then rinse with a mixture of baking soda and water. (cont. on pg. 7)</p>	

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>SWEET POTATO SOUFFEE</b>-1 large can (18 oz.) sweet potatoes, drained and mashed, 1 cup sugar (I use a little less), 2 eggs, ½ cup milk, ½ tsp. salt, 1/3 stick butter (melted), 1 tsp. vanilla, Mix well. Pour into buttered 8 or 9 inch square pan. Topping: 1 cup brown sugar, ½ cup flour, 1/3 cup melted butter, 1 cup pecans, chopped. Crumble topping over potato mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes uncovered. From Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Ohio.</p>			<p>1 5:00pm HM<sup>3</sup>—Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA</p>
<p>5 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>6 11:15am Lighthouse 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christen Ed 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>7 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 5:00pm HM<sup>3</sup>—Overbrook 6:00pm AA</p>
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<p>26 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>20 11:15am Lighthouse 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>28 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>29 5:00pm HM<sup>3</sup>-Carla 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Jack Neil</i></p>
<p><b>Relieve Bug Bites</b>-What you could try next time a nasty bug bites you is to create a paste from baking soda and water and apply it directly on the place where you've been bitten. <b>Pest Control</b>-In case some of the annoying bugs have infested your home, you don't need to call pest control, believe it or not! You should simply search for a package of baking soda in your kitchen or pantry and sprinkle it in all the holes you can find alongside walls and floors around your house! <b>Prolong Your Bouquet Lifespan</b>-If you want your flower bouquets to last longer, listen up! Sprinkle a bit of baking soda into the water inside your vase. You'll notice your flowers lasting longer than usual. If you want extra endurance, add an ice cube.</p>			

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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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