

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2015

August

AS IT WERE

**Hoge preached progressive ideas
By ED LENTZ Monday July 20, 2015 4:09 PM**



Virginia native James Hoge led the First Presbyterian Church in the early 1800s.

James Hoge was a man of almost endless energy and enthusiasm. The first minister in the first church in central Ohio, he was also an advocate of ideas that many of us take for granted today but which were considered in his day to be a bit ahead of their time. In the language of his own time,

he was a man who "cast a long shadow." Much of his story is the story of early Ohio and is worth retelling.

Hoge came from a long line of clergy, so it is not too surprising that he would eventually enter the ministry himself. Born on the Fourth of July in 1784 in Virginia, he was the son of one Moses Hoge D.D., who had served as an Army minister in the American Revolution. Young James Hoge was given a classical and theological education largely by his father and entered the ministry as a Presbyterian missionary in 1805. He undoubtedly could have stayed in the East. But like many young men of his generation, he had a restless desire to go west to the settlements on the moving frontier in what was then called the Ohio Country.

He set out for Lexington, Ky., in fall 1805 as a licensed Presbyterian missionary. Along the way, he stopped for the night in Wheeling in what was then still Virginia at the home of Andrew and Mary Woods. There he met their daughter Jane for the first time. He would marry Jane Woods five years later. Leaving Lexington, he arrived in Franklinton on Nov. 19, 1805. Franklinton had been founded in 1797 by Lucas Sullivant and was the first permanent settlement in central Ohio north of Chillicothe. A small village of mostly log houses, Franklinton was less than a day's ride from major settlements of American Indians. It was not a terribly elegant town in those days. For all of that, Hoge was heartily welcomed by Sarah Starling Sullivant, the wife of the founder of the town. Hoge preached the next day in a local home and stayed in town until April 1806, when he decided he had to return to Virginia. A persistent cough simply would not go away. He came very close to not making it back. Near Lewisburgh, Va., and alone on the trail, he began coughing up blood. Reaching a spring, he stopped to drink and collapsed. A local woman found him and nursed him until he was able to return home. After several months of recuperation and to the astonishment of his friends, he decided to return to Ohio in fall 1806. Hoge would stay in Ohio for the rest of his life. Despite his continuing frailty, Hoge was a man possessed of enormous personal drive and determination. He was constantly looking for ways to expand his congregation, which had formally organized as the First Presbyterian Church in February 1806.

For the first several years, the church met in private homes and later in the local courthouse. In 1811, Sullivant built a one-room brick church along the Scioto River. It was received with pleasure by Hoge and the congregation, but it did not last long. During the War of 1812, the building was used as a warehouse and filled from floor to ceiling with grain. During a rainstorm, the roof leaked, the grain expanded and the building literally exploded. A new building would not be built until the war ended in 1815. In the meantime, the entirely new capital city of Columbus was created on the Highbanks on the other side of the Scioto River. By 1814, services were being conducted there as well in a log house near the corner of Spring and Third streets. In 1821, the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus absorbed the Franklinton church and moved to a new site at the northeast corner of Front and Town streets. In 1830, the church would move to State and Third streets.

For more than 50 years, James and Jane Hoge tended to the needs of their growing congregation and were often at the head of movements to improve the community. Strong believers in the value of education, they urged the founding of schools to a population barely literate and not all that interested. Undeterred, they founded a Sunday school that also taught spelling and reading. It was not the first school in the area, but it became a popular one.

The Hoges also were advocates for public assistance to the blind, the deaf and the mentally ill and supported the creation of institutions in Columbus for their treatment. In the wake of a devastating cholera epidemic in 1835, Jane Hoge became the first president of the Columbus Female Benevolent Society, the oldest continuing charity in the city. In addition to all of these activities, the Hoges had 11 children, seven of whom lived to maturity. Jane Hoge died in 1861, one year after celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary. Her husband followed her two years later. They are buried in Green Lawn Cemetery.

Local historian and author Ed Lentz writes the As it were column for ThisWeek News.

Special Announcements

A MESSAGE TO ALL HOGE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FROM REV. SENSENBRENNER:

If you are in need of Pastoral care, please call Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner at 740-881-9843.

Speakers for August:

2 & 9 - Rev. Sensenbrenner; 16 - L. Kae Merold; 23 - Rev. William Leety; 30 - Rev. Keith Jones

During August we will not have the 4th Sunday Potluck fellowships, however, the 2nd Sunday fellowship hour will continue. All are welcome to join us after service.

August 4 - Worship/Outreach Meeting at 7 pm

August 17 - Session Meeting at 7 pm

August 18, 19, 25, 26 - Food Pantry at 12 pm

No choir practice or Martha Circle during July and August. We will return in September.

2015 PSV Mission Trip Opportunity:

Everyone has a talent to share or an inner desire to learn a new skill. There is a project waiting for you! The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is planning its 2015 mission trip. Participants are from multiple churches of the Presbytery. There is one trip being planned this year and will take place in October. This is an excellent opportunity to serve and work in mission and fellowship alongside others.

Dave Colborn, Patti Gorman, and Roger Gorman have participated on these trips in the past and know firsthand what a spiritual experience they can be. It is refreshing and fulfilling to get away from your daily life and be encompassed with others for awhile.

The trip is scheduled for **October 18 – 24 in Point Pleasant, NJ** and the group will again be working with PDA's (Presbytery Disaster Assistance) Hurricane Sandy disaster recovery. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Patti. Applications will soon be available at: <http://www.psvonline.org/>

August Fellowship Hour – In Honor of the family of Chris and Tim Crane

Chris and Gloria Crane along with their sons: Mathew, Mark and Tim will soon be moving out of state to live closer to their other son David and future daughter-in-law Olivia. We have had the pleasure of getting to know this family as they have become part of Hoge over the past few years. Please plan to attend our Fellowship Hour following the worship service on August 9 and wish them well on this journey.



Out of the Box Community Theatre (OOTBCT)

www.facebook.com/ootbct

Presents

“A Night of Entertainment!”

August 28-29, 2015

Saturday at 8 pm and Sunday at 4 pm

LOOK ing Ahead for Hoge

Layreaders: March-Beth Ormsby, April-Mike Minch, May-Carolyn Colborn, June-Diana Purcell, July-Bill Aiken, **August-Gail Garman**, September-Carol Ross, October-Mike Minch, November-Beth Ormsby, December-Donna Swaneck .

IF YOU CANNOT BE THE LAYREADER FOR THE MONTH, CONTACT BETH ORMSBY

Communion Servers - If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement and notify the worship committee.

August 2 - Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Kay Moore, Donna Swaneck, Natalie Alter, Doug Alter

September 6 - Gary Link, Jack Neil, Beth Ormsby, Joy Rector, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman

October 4 - Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Carolyn Colborn, Judy Moody, Diane Purcell

November 1 - Debbie Peters, Fred Mapes, Mike Minch, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross, Donna Swaneck

December 6 - Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Kay Moore, Beth Ormsby, Natalie Alter, Doug Alter

December 24 (Christmas Eve) - Gail Garman, Carolyn Colborn, Susan Barrett, Patti Gorman, Diane Purcell

Schedule of Ushers:

If you would like to usher, please contact Gail Garman, Beth Ormsby or Carol Colborn.

Usher Team #1 (Jan, April, July, Oct): Gary Link, Jack Neil, Bev Neil

Usher Team #2 (Feb, May, Aug, Nov): Judy Moody, Mike Minch, Bill & Dorothy Aiken

Usher Team #3 (March, June, Sept, Dec): Chris Crane, Jim Cheadle, Diana Purcell

Worship Committee This is the schedule for the fellowship hour on the second Sundays:

September- Outreach Committee; October- Martha Circle; November- Deacons; December- Ushers

January- Finance and Facilities; February- Session; March - Outreach Committee; April- Choir

May- Martha Circle; June - Session

No Potlucks on fourth Sunday in July, August, November and December


Thanks to everyone in advance for your help with our fellowships.

Gail Garman, Worship Committee co-chair.

******Directories of Hoge's members and friends are now available!!******

The Upper Room now available!!

Do you read your Bible daily? Do you spend daily time in prayer and meditation? While we all have the opportunity to do this, it can become difficult to put aside time for spiritual devotions. It is important that we do so. To assist and encourage this practice, the congregation of Hoge now has copies of the Upper Room available to them. This book of daily devotions is designed for two months at a time. We are distributing the books to shut-ins via flower deliveries and have copies available in the Narthex of the church for those who can attend Sunday services. Currently, all session members are participating in the devotions and it is our hope that everyone else will do so as well. The devotions are easy to read and understand and can become an integral part of your spiritual development. If you have not yet received the books and are not able to attend services, please contact the church office and request a copy be sent to you.



Every Saturday of the month at 5 pm. If you would like to assist with this mission, please contact Mike Minch.

UPDATES/EVENTS

Food Pantry Totals - June

Monthly Totals, 86 Families, People served 310, Adults (60+) 27, Adults (59-18) 168, Children 115

New Flat Roof Topping for Hoge!!!

As many of you are aware, Hoge has dealt with considerable issues affiliated with leaks resulting from holes and problems with the flat roof. Over the years, we have repaired both sections of the roof and interior building damage due to multiple leaks. There have been considerable efforts to resolve these issues as they are discovered and minimize the cost of repairs. We are now at the point where the issue needs to again be addressed. The choir room, parlor and main upstairs hallways currently have signs of leaks.

The session has decided to that just patching the roof is not a viable option and roofers are no longer providing warranties with patch work due to the overall condition of the roof. We have the opportunity to have a new covering over the entire flat roof at a cost of approximately \$22,000. We currently have a commitment of funds totaling \$16,625 if the congregation can come up with the remaining costs. The work comes with a 20 year warranty on the materials and 5 year warranty on the labor. This is a compromise between a complete new roof (estimated cost between \$45,000 - \$60,000) and on-going patching.

Please address questions with members of the Finance & Facility Committee (Janet Fetherolf, Chair) or Session. Please prayerfully consider your willingness to support this major maintenance need of our facility. Thank you – Finance & Facilities Committee

Please take some time to stop by our website! Joy Rector has done a fantastic job at updating it with loads of information. Go to www.hogemempresby.org



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KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER



-Vicki Ammon under Hospice Care
-Jim Rudolph - lungs working at 45% capacity, therefore difficult breathing.
-Doris Barnett - recovering at home from recent hospitalization
-Others:
Richard Borrer, Terri Easterling, Barbara Mapes, Howard Hicks, Altha Martin, Andy Martin, Pat Newman, Doug Alter, Marge Kennedy, Pat Borrer, Marianne & Carl Black, Lois Duey, Tim Crane, Bud & Avis Dorn, Dave Colborn

-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 bulletins and monthly newsletters.

Financial Update – June 30, 2015

The following is a summary of Hoge's current year financial activity through June 2015. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office through Paula Sellers, our secretary.

Balances as of June 30, 2015:

Unrestricted cash	\$ 25,014.74
Restricted cash	18,977.20
Payroll Liabilities	(0.00)
Net liquid assets	\$ 43,991.94

Operating Income:

Contributions	\$ 36,640.72
Interest	103.84
Other income (building use)	3,686.00
Other income (other support)	2,881.30
Other income (flower dedications)	703.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 44,014.86

Operating Expenses:

Admin & Other Expenses	\$ 5,936.24
Building & Maintenance Exp	1,470.86
Committee Expenses	4,712.76 (includes Outreach activities)
Office Expenses	2,054.44
Non-Pastoral salaries	20,581.67
Pastoral Expenses	3,147.09
Utilities and Phone	8,519.87
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 46,422.93

Difference - Operating Activity \$ (2,408.07)

Designated Offerings / Donations during 2015:

Deacon's Funds: \$4,064.29 (includes donations from Worthington Presbyterian, Glenwood UM Church)
One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,515.26
Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$2.47 (interest earned from designated savings account)
General Building Improvements Funds: \$1,228.01 (spent on new dehumidifiers)
Technology Upgrade: \$5,800.00
Memorial Funds: \$1,000.00
Flat Roof Funds: \$13,000.00

Financial notes:

Chris Colborn and Lee Ninde are coordinating technology upgrades to the building. We continue to evaluate each of our administrative and operating expenses and making attempts to cut where possible. We anticipate work on our flat roof to begin this summer. We are asking the congregation to consider donating to this project.

The ministry and outreach occurring at Hoge can at times, feel overwhelming but in a wonderful sense of spiritual challenge and renewal. 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!

God is calling each of us to do our part to keep Hoge alive, providing mission and outreach to our community. Please consider your prayerful, physical, and financial support during 2015 and for Hoge's future.

Patti Gorman, Treasurer

Reminder: Please have all information in to the secretary by the 3rd Sunday to be placed in the next month's newsletter. Thank You!

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
02 10:30am Worship & Communion w/Rev. Sensenbrenner 11:30am Deacons Meeting 12:30pm Mission IMT 7:00pm AA Meeting	03 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Mission IMT Prayer	04 7:00pm Worship/Outreach Mtg.
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 10:00am Blockwatch 5:00pm HM ³ 7:00pm AA Meeting
05 7:30pm NA Meeting	06 2:00pm Medical Bus	07	08 9:00am Stuff the Bus 5:00pm HM ³ 7:00pm AA Meeting
12 7:30pm NA Meeting	13 No Medical Bus	14	15 5:00pm HM ³ 7:00pm AA Meeting
19 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	20 2:00pm Medical Bus 7:00pm G.S. Leader Mtg.	21	22 5:00pm HM ³ 7:00pm AA Meeting
26 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	27 2:00pm Medical Bus	28	29 5:00pm HM ³ 7:00pm AA Meeting 8:00pm OOTBCT

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Physically & Spiritually!!*

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GOT MAIL ??

- Elders and Deacons -

If you have a folder in the roll-away mailbox near the office upstairs, please be sure to check it each Sunday for new mail and announcements.

