

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2024

September

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

September 2024

Read Numbers 6: 22-27:

I'm an "early to bed and early to rise" kind of person, so each day between 5:30 and 6:00 AM, I spend time in prayer and devotion to our Lord. I also find this time of day is the best time for me to engage in conversation with God and Jesus. I usually start out by praising and thanking God for each new day, by giving me blessings too numerous to count, and by giving me another day to serve our Lord Jesus. As I was meditating one morning recently, when a thought came across my brain. "What does God's smile look like?" And then, "What can I do to make God smile?" Just then, I received a text message from my son, Patrick, who is another early riser. He forwarded a new photo of my 3-year-old granddaughter, Kennedy Jane, who I fondly call KJ: The photo had KJ running through a sprinkler of water in their front yard and her smile was radiant! KJ was brightening up her grandfather's morning devotion by her huge, giggling smile! I must admit, every time I receive another new photo of KJ, she lights up my life! There's that familiar warm smile which I imagine could be God smiling up at me! A simple smile can bring encouragement to someone who is broken, lonely, and isolated. A way of saying to someone hurting, "Wait on the Lord! God loves you and so do I." A good deed, paired with a smile can calm the vulnerable, the aged, the sick & infirmed, orphans without parents or family. It can support a local farmer or vendor who works diligently to bring their supply of fresh fruits and vegetables to the market. A passing smile to those whom we come in contact with might just be the medicine someone needs to make it through their day. And, what does God's smile look like? You know, I think it looks like that smile each of us gives to a stranger. His smile looks like the joy that we bring others through our good works and deeds. God's smile is on each face of our volunteers as they serve you a delicious, piping, hot meal. God's smile is present when we give someone a tent or a sleeping bag to help keep warm during the cold, winter months. And, I know, when I return a smile, I know that God is smiling upon me as well. And, when I get a new photo of my granddaughter, Kennedy Jane, I know that God is smiling upon her as she experiences God's blessing of excitement in discovering her new world. God's world of love is all around us, so get out there and enjoy your life as God and Jesus continue to smile upon us through our human condition. Hope you all have a blessed end to your summer, and enjoy the September weather before we start feeling the chill of winter. Hope to see you soon at one of our worship services, and may our God bless you and keep you!

In Christ,

Pastor Tom

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- Judy Manley recuperating from a fall
- Jack Neil recuperating from knee surgery and complications
- Eric Downing recovering from an injury and surgery
- Carolyn Colborn recuperating from hip surgery
- Ann Parlin's family in her passing
- Rev. Susan Warrener Smith, for health issues with her eyes
- Bill Aiken experiencing health issues
- Mary in her son, Chim Mphande's his passing.
- Barbara Mapes, recovering from surgery at home
- Chad Coffman, continuing at home
- 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 July Households, 116 Seniors 57 Adults 203, Children 109, Total Number of People Served 369

Happy Birthday – September

Kylee Alter, 6; Jury Moody, 15; Veronica Martin, 17; Kevin Colborn, 25;
Rev. Marion Stenner, 25; Charles Stenner, 25; Judy Isel, 28.

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

A little child in church watched as the ushers passed the offering plate. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear. 'Don't pay for me Daddy. I'm under five.'

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, 'I've decided to become a minister when I grow up.' 'That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?' 'Well,' said the little boy, 'I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen.'

A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service. 'And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us.'

A mother was teaching her three-year-old The Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, the child repeated it after the mother. Then one night the child was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride to the carefully enunciated words, right up to the end. 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail'.

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' His son asked, 'What happened to the flea?'

After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!'



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

Regular Session Meeting, May, June, July 2024. The Session of Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church met for their regular meeting at 7:00 pm July 15, 2024. In the Church Parlor. Meeting was opened with prayer by: Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** – Diana Purcell. Communion served to (19) people on May 5, 2024, and HM3 on May 4th. Communion served to (20) people on June 2nd, 2024, and HM3 on June 1st. Communion served to (15) people on July 7th, 2024, and HM3 on July 6th. Ann Parlin passed away June 10, 2024 (91) Private Service. Phil Leston (Organist, Choir Director) is resigning on June 30, 2024. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Home visits to: Dave & Carolyn Colborn, Dan & Judy Isel, Joby Whitehead. Phone calls to Dorothy Aiken, Ron & Diane Line, Tom Piesciki, Mary Mcphade. Susan Barrett visited Jim Cheadle; Donna Swaneck visited Darryl Woodward. **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman-Conrardy: Bills are being paid. Funds are short, basically using funds from Our savings account. No Actual report to view. **Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** Donna Swaneck will be teaching Sunday school during the summer months. Donna will be recognized during the May 19 service for Sunday school teaching and choir will also be recognized. The next three months of preaching are as follows: **May Ministers:** Pastor Tom Billman 5th, 19, Peggy Holcomb May 12th, Rev Susan W Smith May 26th June Ministers: Pastor Tom Billman 2nd, 16, 30 Mike Minch June 9th, June 23 Hymn Sing, July Ministers: Pastor Tom Billman 7th, 21 July 14th- CRE Peggy Holcomb, July 28th Mike Minch. Baylee Richardson and her friend Henry will be singing a Duet on July 28, 2024. Outreach agreed to provide a lunch for 50 people during a Revive Ohio function in October it will be the week of October 13-19. Rob Mitchel is an employee of Revive Ohio and has also been an HM3 food provided along with his wife Rachel. Iglesia Oasis de Esperanza has celebrated their one-year anniversary of worshipping at Hoge. They have a Fasting service for Sunday May 5 at 8:00 am and a regular service at 12:30 pm. They also have a Bible Study. On Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Phil Leston is retiring on June 30, 2024. He has served Hoge for many years and We wish him well. We should have some kind of recognition of his service on June 30. We need a plan for how . We are going to provide music until a replacement is found. **HM3:** We now have an updated Street Card, which is a listing of resources including free food, free clothing, medical **and** mental health resources. Tom Baptized a brother and sister at HM3 on May 18th. HM3 was well attended and there are others interested in being Baptized. We are continuing to serve large numbers of people at HM3. Buckeye Clinic are still meeting weekday mornings in Wold Hall or the Junior Room and are cutting the grass. At the July 6 HM3 meal it was necessary to provide supplemental meals beyond the 75 that we have been Serving. Since providing a meal for 100 is above what most providers can do. We decided that we will keep something on hand that can quickly be provided should the need arise. Robin said that she will be making food for 100 in the future. Buckeye Clinic: They have requested use of the building on July 13th from 12:00-3:00 pm for education on "The Disease of Addication" and available resources. They also hosted their Sobriety Celebration at Hoge on June 27th from 12:00-3:00 pm with set up at 10:00 am. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Jack Neil / Mike Purcell: Tuck pointing continues on the West Side of the building. Patti has ordered 3 lightbulbs for the Sanctuary from Panic Lighting and are 300 watts costing \$8.00 per bulb, we currently have two burned out bulbs. They also have LED bulbs that would work in the fixtures and operate at 59 watts versus 300. They are brighter bulbs but can be dimmed. Th bulbs cost \$75 but come with a 5-year replacement warranty (should last longer). Rob Mitchell (Grace Fellowship) works with Revive Ohio and Has requested use of the building on July 25th and will also be having a pastor's meeting for Training/Mini-Outreach. This was approved by motion made and moved. (continued on page 4)

Notes and Photos

(Continued from page 3) Purchased 6 Dehumidifiers from Home Depot and have been placed in designated areas and are working. Rob Mitchel with Revive Ohio has requested use of the building and Sanctuary for all day training. Vinyl Fence on side yard was fixed after some of the Slabs had been removed. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter: Discussing asking new members. **Personnel:-** Natalie Alter/Judy Manley: Phil resigned, Ann Adair and Judy Manley have agreed to play for the services. **Deacons:** May Food Pantry Served 125 Families. June Food Pantry: Served 109 Families. July Food Pantry: Served (118) Families. Susan Barrett reported that she took flowers to Jim Cheadle, and Donna Swanek took flowers to Darryl Woodward. She said they are meeting Quarterly. **Presesbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Nothing to Report. **Old Business:** Nothing to report. **New Business:** Discussed changing Church hours to 9:00 am, and would affect some members not being able to attend. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: October 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

The Fall Sale will be here soon. The dates for this year's sale are Friday October 11th and Saturday October 12th. Both days the sale will run from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

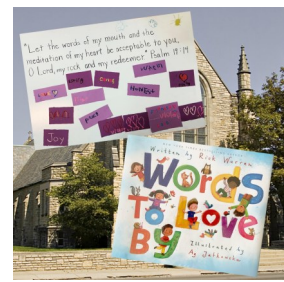
We set up for the sale on Thursday October 10 th starting at 11:00 a.m. We need as many people as possible to do this job. In the beginning we are setting up tables and moving boxes of items into the appropriate rooms. Then we are taking items out of boxes and arranging them on tables. Come for any part of this process. The more people doing any of these tasks, the faster they get done.

Remember, we always need bakers to make delicious baked goods for our bake sale. You can bring them to the church on Thursday, or early Friday morning. Help us make this a wonderful event!

One of the Fellowship Hours at Hoge



Two of the Sunday School Lessons



Message

Financial Update – July 31, 2024

The following is a summary of Hoge’s 2024 financial activity through July. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church of fice. 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: \$216.60 (includes support for weekly lunches)
- Building Enhancement & Improvements Funds: \$150.54 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- Deacon’s Funds: \$3,777.00 (includes 2/3 of Mission support from Worthington PC and early Fall Sale proceeds)
- Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$201.98 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- HM3/Personal Care Pantry: \$380.00 (includes support from Westminster Presbytery)
- One Great Hour of Sharing: \$220.00
- Memorial Funds: \$3,150.00 (in memory of Rev Ed Sensenbrenner, Lois Duey, Ann Parlin)
- Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$12.22 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)
- Pastoral Idea Fund: \$20,833.24
- 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 \$43,000.00 on this project and we are about half-way around the building. We have exhausted our restricted funds associated with this project and are utilizing unrestricted savings to continue. 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 Director of Music and Organist. 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-Conrardy, Treasurer

Balances as of July 31, 2024:			
Unrestricted cash	\$	155,340.19	
Restricted cash		67,747.88	
Payroll Liabilities		(13.55)	
Net liquid assets	\$	<u>223,074.52</u>	
Operating Income:			
Contributions	\$	38,212.87	
Interest		2,608.92	
Other income (building use)		9,510.00	
Other income (other support)		2,361.03	
Other income (flower dedications)		<u>680.00</u>	
Total Operating Income	\$	53,372.82	
		Operating Expenses:	
	\$	5,897.17	Admin & Other Expenses
		28,455.19	*Building Maintenance
		4,522.50	Committee Expenses
		2,846.40	Office Expenses
		4,800.00	Non-Pastoral Salaries
		13,948.93	Pastoral Expenses
		<u>10,811.12</u>	Utilities and Phone
	\$	71,281.31	Total Operating Expenses
	\$	(17,908.49)	Difference - Operating Activity
*includes cost of tuckpointing paid out of unrestricted funds of \$20,000.00			

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>1 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>2 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 7:30pm NA</p> 	<p>3 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>8 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am CMN 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Susan Warrener Smith 10:45am Sunday School for Children 11:30am Doughnut Fellowship 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>9 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>10 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>15 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Peggy Holcomb CRE . 10:45am Sunday School for Children 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Happy Birthday Judy Moody</i></p>	<p>16 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>17 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Veronica Mattin</i></p>
<p>22 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 10:30 Back to Church Sunday 10:45am Sunday School for Children 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>23 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>24 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>29 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Rev. Marion Stenner 10:45am Sunday School for Childrren 12:30pm Iglesia Oasis De Dios Esperanza Worship 5:00pm District 34 AA 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>30 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>In 1973, the first Grandparents Day in West Virginia was proclaimed by Governor Arch Moore. Their work culminated in 1978 when the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the 1st Sunday after Labor Day, National Grandparents Day.</p>

Put pantyhose over the vacuum hose to locate tiny things without sucking them up. Rub a walnut on damaged furniture to cover up dings. Make ice cubes out of vinegar or lemon juice and feed them down the garbage disposal. Pam cooking spray will remove paint and grease from your hands. Use a hanging shoe rack (the kind that hangs off a door) to hold cleaning supplies in your pantry. Remove pet hair from your upholstery with a damp dishwashing glove. Pour Morton salt onto wine stains and watch the wine get absorbed into the salt. Remove wax stains by placing a paper towel over the stain and ironing it. Use hand sanitizer to help remove stubborn glue residue from labels.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	5 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christen Ed 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders	6 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Kylee Alter</i>	7 5:00pm HM ³ —Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA
11 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	12 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting	13 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting	14 5:00pm HM ³ —Westminster 6:00pm AA
18 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	19 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting	20 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	21 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA 8:00pm IDDN Esperanza Nightly Vigil
25 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Kevin Colborn</i> <i>Happy Birthday Rev. Maion Stenner</i>	26 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Charles Stenner</i>	27 8:45am Buckeye Clinic 6:00pm AA Meeting	28 5:00pm HM ³ . Schieferstein 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Judy Isel</i>

Sausage Rigatoni - 1 lb. bulk Italian sausage, 1 pound rigatoni, cooked al dente and drained, 4 C tomato sauce, divided, ½ lb. provolone cheese, sliced, ¾ C sour cream, 2 tsp. dried basil, 2 tsp. dried oregano, ½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper, ½ lb. mozzarella cheese, sliced, ½ pound freshly grated Parmesan cheese. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. In large skillet, brown sausage, drain, and discard drippings. Place rigatoni in prepared pan. Top with 2 cups of the tomato sauce, provolone, sour cream, and sausage. Sprinkle with basil, oregano, and pepper. Top with mozzarella and remaining 2 C tomato sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan and bake about 30 minutes or until thoroughly heated.



Make your shower curtain glide without sticking by rubbing a piece of waxed paper along the curtain rod. Use Listerine to clean dirty grout. Get rid of lime buildup with a paste of 1 tsp vinegar and 2 tbsp salt. Rub with a cloth. Keep flowers fresh longer add 2 aspirin to the water, or 7-Up instead of water. Use a window squeegee to remove pet hair from carpet. Use a paste of hydrogen peroxide & baking soda to clean \ gunk from a stove top. Use a can opener to open those impossible clamshell plastic blister packs. Use hot sauce to shine copper. House smell amazing by putting two tbsp vanilla extract in an over-safe bowl. Bake ast 300 degrees for one hours. A penny in the water to keep tulips standing tall.

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Hogue Memorial Church Staff

Head of Staff: Jesus Christ

Sexton, Paul Russell

Organist, Phil Leston

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, 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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