

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2024

May

“PASTOR TOM’S “LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE”

May 2024

Read Acts 2: 7-8, 11:

May greetings from Pastor Tom! I grew up in a small, farming community in Indiana, where everybody knew everyone, and everyone I knew was a Christian. Our Christian faith was an undercurrent, a shared set of values that my friends and I rarely spoke about. When we did discuss our Christian values, I discovered that many of my friends were more insistent and vocal about their beliefs than I was. As a child, I often wondered whether my faith was lacking because I wasn't more outspoken about my belief in Christ. As I have grown in my faith over the years, through personal practice, church membership, and academic study, I have come to realize that there is no single right way to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The story of Pentecost shows us how God relates to us and how we can relate to others. It reminds us that the Holy Spirit speaks to each of us in a way that we can understand – in a way that is familiar. Likewise, God can work through each of us in a manner well suited to our unique talents, personalities, and capabilities – providing a myriad of opportunities for us to share our faith with others. Pentecost not only acknowledges, but celebrates the many ways we can authentically share our faith, and when we tell others about where we have seen Christ at work in the world, this is the most powerful witness of all! Similarly, Jesus had a mission. Jesus said, “I can do nothing on my own, as I seek not to do my own will, but the will of who sent me.” Although few people understood Jesus' mission, he remained focused on the work God had given Him. Like Jesus, we are all on assignment, we can ask, and Christ will guide us! When we know our assignment, we can remain focused on our mission – To serve our brothers and sisters in need on the “Hilltop”! To serve others through our food pantry, our sleeping bag and tent ministry, and our HM3 Saturday worship service and meal. To invite our neighbors to have a more intimate relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, which will help them to identify their own personal mission to the Lord! We are called to evangelize the name of Christ throughout our neighborhood. It's what Jesus is calling us to do! Enjoy the fire of Pentecost, and let me know how I can better serve each one of you! May our God continue to bless and keep you!

Grace & 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 March Households, 110 Seniors 68, Adults 198, Children 124, Total Number of People Served 390

Happy Birthday – May

Barbara Mapes, 4; Carolyn Colborn, 5; Roger Gorman, 7; Debby Peters, 7;
Ann Parlin, 14; Susan Barrett, 18



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

The **Deacons had a bake sale** on Palm Sunday. It was very successful. We received \$240.00 in donations. A big thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and to those who came to the bake sale. Donna Swaneck on behalf of Hoge's Board of Deacons.

Johna and the Whale. A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

(from page 3) . Tom has a contact at Slinger Jones and is going to contact them for a Quote and how much would be needed. We have a preliminary request from another AA group for space to meet on Thursday nights and has 35-60 people in attendance. They are having a group meeting this week to discuss new locations (They have outgrown their current location.) They are asking if they can have their anniversary dinner on October 3 (Thursday). This has been voted and approved if they choose to meet at Hoge beginning in May or June. Approval of Report: **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter: **Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley: **Deacons:** **January Food Pantry: Served 121 Families. February Food Pantry: Served 114 Families. March Food Pantry: Served 110 Families. Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands. Old Business. New Business.** The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: July 15th, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Dana L Purcell, Clerk of Session



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 \. February, March, April 15, 2024. Moderator: – Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report.** Communion served to (17) people on February 4th, 2024 & HM3 on February 3, 2024. Communion served to (20) people on March 3rd, 2024 & HM3 on March 2, 2024. The congregational Meeting was held on March 10th after worship service. Communion served to (15) people on April 7, 2024 & HM3 on April 6, 2024. General Assembly report has been completed, approved by Session, and Submitted to Presbytery. Rev Edward Sensenbrenner passed away February 3, 2024. Memorial Service will be held at Hoge on March 5, 2024, at 11:00 am with Rev. Richard Culp officiating. Family has requested a Luncheon be held in Wold Hall after the service. This was voted and approved via email. Session met on February 11, 2024, for a short meeting to meet with Theresa Kline and Susan Brumback who which to become members. New Members were received into the Church on March 3rd, 2024, and the Deacons, planned a small reception for them. The Annual Presbytery Reports have been completed for 2024 and Submitted to Presbytery. Our former Sexton Paul Russell passed away in March. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** Approval of Report: **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman-Conrardy: **Approval of Treasurers Report- Committee Reports:** **Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed: February Ministers:** Pastor Tom Billman Feb. 4 & 18, Rev. Susan Kroeker Feb. 11th & 25th. One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be collected Feb. 14-March 31, 2024 was approved at the February 1, 2024, Outreach meeting. Ash Wednesday service will be held on Feb. 14th at 7:00pm and Inviting Second Community Church to join us. We have been invited to join them for the Maundy. Thursday service on March 28 at 7:00pm. **March Ministers:** Pastor Tom Billman March 3, 17, 31 Peggy Holcomb March 10, Susan W Smith March 24. **April Ministers:** Pastor Tom Billman 7 & 21, Curtis Hinton Jr. April 14th, Susan W. Smith April 28th. **HM3:** We now have an updated Street Card, which is a listing of resources including free food, free clothing, Medical **and** mental health resources. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Theatre is Closing, and is in the process of clearing out and selling Various items. **Approval of Report: Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Jack Neil / Mike Purcell. We received a request from Westgate Neighbors Association to use the church for an event in April (PET FBI). This is a program where people can bring their Dogs/Cats in to have an identifying microchip put in them in case they are lost, and the owners can be identified. The Event would take place (preferably one of the first 3 Saturdays) and can do it early morning/afternoon. This was voted & approved via text messages. The PET FBI is delayed (they are required to have a Vet on site which is causing a need for the change. Westgate Neighbors Association is also interested in allowing our Sanctuary to be part of the Honey & Garden tour (June) and stated they would be interested in doing an HM3 meal in the future. They also held an event on February 15th from 5:30-8:00 in Wolf Hall. Games, snacks, and basic food/beverages. (no alcohol). This request was Voted & approved via text messages. Westgate Lodge has requested the use of our parking lot for overflow Parking for a special meeting during the day on Saturday April 6th starting at Noon and should be done before HM3. This was approved by motion and voted via text Bridgette Bush wants to hold a family gathering for Games. Based on the theme of Wizard of Oz on Saturday April 27th. Approximately 25 people (mostly adults No young children from 9:00-1:00 (probably come in early to decorate and set up.) Possible use of Stage area and round tables should work fine. They are willing to make a donation for building usage. This request was voted and approved via text messages. Buckeye Clinic is preparing to mow grass again this year. They came over to look at the mowers. One is in Rough shape and needs multiple repairs. They are going to take it away and replace it with a different one Which they are donating to Hoge. They expect to start mowing this weekend. We have a broken window In the Junior Room. The AA group discovered it and have it covered with cardboard as the other side faces the Alley. We are looking at Plexiglas or Lexan (which is stronger) but a little more expensive than Plexiglas. We have a request for a Wedding to be held May 2025, needs to be voted and approved. Stan fixed the window in the Junior Room. Buckeye Clinic has started mowing the Lawn and has offered to fill in the ruts with dirt and seed if we purchase it. (cont. on page. 2)

Notes and Photos



To the left is the choir singing a song for Maddy



These two are from the Deacons Bake Sale last month



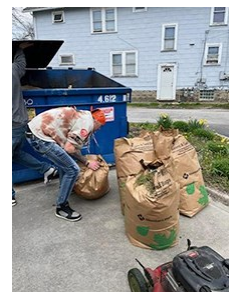
Volunteers dying eggs for Easter and putting together packets for Easter at HM3



Folks and parts of the Easter packets at Easter with HM3



Buckeye Clinic, one of the groups sharing our building, mowing and cleaning up the yards



Message

From Rev. Keith Jones' Blog

Psalm 121:1-2

English Standard Version

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Have you ever been down in a valley? I remember being in Zion National Park last year and looking up at the hills around. It's beautiful there, but there's definitely a sense of being surrounded. If I were in need, I couldn't climb up and out.

Thanks be to God -- the God who carved that mountain is willing to come down over the hills and descend into the valley. The Christian Gospel isn't a self-help message that trains us how to ascend the ladder to heaven. The Gospel is the Good News that God comes down to deliver us while we're still in the valley depths, and we are brought up to heaven through the grace and mercy of God.

From the Hoge Web Page (<https://www.hogemempresby.org/>)

Rev. Hoge Organizes First Church In Franklin County

James Hoge returned from his first visit to the Ohio country aflame with enthusiasm for the great opportunities his new land offered to young men of courage and initiative. On his return in 1804 he opened a school for boys near Harpers Ferry. It was attended by his three younger brothers and ten other boys. He continued his theological studies and in the spring of 1805 was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church. At his own request he was commissioned by the General Assembly in Philadelphia, April 17, 1805, as (quote) " A domestic missionary to Ohio and territory adjacent thereto. "

In the autumn of 1805, when he was 21 years of age, he set out on horseback for Ohio. He stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Woods; Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia) for a night's lodging. (There were no hotels in the town.) The daughter in the home attracted the young minister and in 1810 he returned to Wheeling and claimed Jane Woods as his bride.




He had arranged with Lucas Sullivant to meet him on the banks of the Hocking River and from there they traveled together. Throughout the third day they traveled with two federal judges who were going to Franklinton to open the first term of Federal Court ever held in Franklin County. James Hoge and Lucas Sullivant became fast friends. Rev. Hoge remained for some time as a guest of the Sullivant family in their fine brick residence. This house still stands as a part of the building now known as the Convent of the Good Shepherd, West Broad St. at Sandusky St. The whole history of Franklin County and especially the Westside and the Hilltop is tied into the life and activities of Lucas Sullivant. For more about his life and the founding of Franklinton and the Hilltop go to www.touring-ohio.com/profiles/lucas-sullivant.html.

On Nov. 19, 1805, Rev. James Hoge arrived in this new frontier country at the town of Franklinton, founded by Lucas Sullivant in 1797. It was this Thursday evening that the little party of men, James Hoge, Lucas Sullivant, and the two Federal Judges rode into Franklinton. On the following Sunday, Nov. 22, the judges offered Rev. Hoge the use of the court room for a church service. The court room was a room in the house of James Overdier. The judges and the members of the grand jury came to hear him preach his first sermon in Ohio. In the following weeks he continued to hold services every Sunday in the John Overdier house. He spent much of his time during the week riding about on horseback through the woods visiting families living in cabins on remote farms. These lonely people warmly welcomed the young preacher.

Franklinton had the reputation of being a "wicked and depraved community." Fighting and drinking were common among both white settlers and Indians. Not a bridge was over any stream within 100 miles, roads were all but impassable and mail was brought once a week on horseback from Chillicothe. On Feb. 8, 1806, Rev. Hoge organized a church with a membership of five men and eight women. As to our knowledge this was the first church of ANY denomination in all Franklin County which then covered parts of the present counties of Pickaway, Madison, Union, Licking and all of Delaware and Marion.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>TURKEY RICE CASSEROLE. 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil, 1 med onion, chopped, 1 clove garlic, chopped, 1 pound ground raw turkey, 1 tsp. dried oregano, 1 tsp. dried basil, ½ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, 1 celery stalk, chopped, 1 16-oz. can tomatoes, 1 8oz-can tomato sauce, ½ cup water, 3 cups long grain brown rice, cold, (2¼ cups rice and 2½ cups water), 1 cup low fat cottage cheese, 2 egg whites, 6 oz. part-skim mozzarella cheese, grated, ¼ cup freshly grated parmesan. Heat the oil, sauté the onion and garlic until tender. Add the turkey, until all pink has disappeared. Add oregano, basil, pepper flakes, celery, tomatoes, tomato sauce and water. Simmer for 25 minutes. Combine cottage cheese, egg whites and mozzarella. Mix turkey and tomato mixture. Layer in a 13x9 inch baking dish: turkey and tomato mixture, rice, cheese. Repeat for 2nd layer. Sprinkle with Parmesan and bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees. Montgomery PC, Ohio.</p> 		
<p>5 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 <i>Happy Birthday Carolyn Colborn</i></p> 	<p>6 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>7 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Roger Gorman</i> <i>Happy Birthday Debby Peters</i></p>
<p>12 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Peggy Holcomb . 10:45am Sunday School for Children 11:30am Doughnut Fellowship 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>13 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>14 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Ann Parlin</i></p>
<p>19 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 10:45am Sunday School for Children 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>20 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>21 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>26 7:30am Breakfast 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Rev Susan Warrener Smith 12:30pm Iglesia Oasis De Dios Esperanza Worship 6:00pm District 34 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>27 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>28 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>Tips and Tricks. Forget about having smelly shoes. Put a little bit of salt inside a fabric bag and then place it inside your shoes. It will absorb the moisture and odor from them. Stain free mugs. The absolute secret to getting rid of those stains is to mix warm water with baking soda. Pour the mixture into the mug and scrub it gently. Make your dishes sparkle by using baking soda. When you go to the kitchen, you notice tons of fat in the pans and pots. Sprinkle baking soda on the dirty surface. It immediately begins to bubble. Then wash the pots as you usually would, and that's it. Awful Smells From Your Kitchen Sink. The trick is to cut slices of any citrus fruit such as orange or lemon, put them in the freezer for a few hours, and then place them at your disposal. (continued on page 7)</p>		

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	2	11:15am Lighthouse 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christen Ed 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders	3	6:00pm AA Meeting	4	5:00pm HM ³ —Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Barbara Mapes</i>
8	7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	9		10	6:00pm AA Meeting	11	5:00pm HM ³ —Westminster 6:00pm AA
15	7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	16		17	6:00pm AA Meeting	18	5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA 8:00pm IDDN Esperanza Nightly Vigil <i>Happy Birthday Susan Barrett</i>
22	12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	23		24	9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	25	5:00pm HM ³ -Schieferstein 6:00pm AA
29	12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	30		31	6:00pm AA Meeting	Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn, Hundreds of bees in the purple clover, Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn. But only one mother the whole world over. By George Cooper	

If you ever get hurt, **bacon can heal you**. If you ever get hurt and have a splinter in your skin, put some bacon fat on the wound and stick it with a band-aid. Leave it overnight, and, magically, the splinter will have come to the surface where you can remove it without pain. **Water your plants on vacation**. You just need a thread of yarn and a bucket with water. Many yarn threads will connect the bucket to the plants, watering them anytime they need it. You can now leave your home in peace and enjoy your trip. Granny's tip to **prevent cracks while boiling eggs**. Sometimes, the egg starts to break and causes a mess inside the pot. To avoid this from happening, you just need to add a little salt to the boiling water. It will speed up the solidification process of the whites, and you will be able to enjoy your boiled eggs sooner without having to deal with a mess

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Head of Staff: Jesus Christ

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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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