

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2023

June

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

JUNE 2023

Read Jeremiah 29: 1-13:

This month's scripture reading came to me at a time when I was feeling hopeless! I was in the depths of addiction. And I was depressed about my current situation in life. Recently divorced, I was learning how to become a "shared parent" to my 3 sons, who I had alienated in my addiction. I had just lost another job because of my tardiness and bad attitude. I was angry! Angry at God for allowing all of this bad to happen to me, and angry at myself for putting myself in this compromising position. My 3 sons needed me at this point in their young, tender lives, but I didn't know how to become a responsible parent. Where was I to turn? How could I begin to recover from my own bad personal habits? Then it hit me – right between my eyes! Bad things can and do happen to good people. God never promised me a life free from pain and hardship. What God did promise, however, was enough love to wipe away my tears, and hold onto me when I didn't have the courage to go on. I have learned that it takes patience, perseverance, and precious time to begin to recover. It has taken a great deal of time, and I'm still recovering – from the selfishness and the compulsive attitude, but 1 thing I have learned is that in spite of all the bad circumstances, and in spite of the pain, our God is a compassionate God who understands our pain and will never forsake us or leave us, even when it feels like he has. All we have to do is to trust God's promises – cry out to our loving Father and persevere some more – When we do this, we can rest assured that we will one day be reunited with our loved-ones and friends in heaven. God will do the heavy lifting, it's our job to trust the process and give it back to God to handle! You see, God wants us to give ourselves to him 100% of the time. We need to spend time working on our relationship with our God! Yes, our precious time is what God wants from us, and just enjoying God's presence with no interruptions and no expectations! These precious visits becoming God conscious can and will change your life! It has made me more eager to spend time with God in scripture, in prayer, and in reflection. I've learned from my recovery experience that the Bible is not just a book filled with stories and sayings – It is God's word – of compassion, love, and grace to guide us to a more abundant life! So, thank you heavenly Father for your word, which speaks to each of us. Help us, as we study it to find a message of love from you! And God, thank you for the people whose faithful lives show us how to share your "Good News". Hope to see you all in the pews at Hoge very soon – we miss your presence among us! In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.....Amen!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- For Melissa Lambert, Dorothy and Bill Aiken's granddaughter, health issue
- Bob Rector (Joy's son), experiencing health issues
- Bev Neil recovering from surgery
- Charlotte Smith recuperating from
- Natalie Alter in the loss of her friend, Joel Peck. He passed away on February 14
- Chim Mphande, Mary's son, with health issues.
- Jack Neil experiencing health issues
- Tenzin Blearsch, grandson of Jack and Bev Neil, suffering brain bleed effects in Port Townsend, Washington hospital
- 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 April Totals: 91 Households, 39 Seniors, Adults 172 Children 110 Total Number of People Served 321

Happy Birthday – June

Janice Bridger, 11; Andy Adair, 15; Jack Neil, 29, Bryan Peters, 30



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



ACTS 2:38 An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, 'Stop -Acts 2:38!' (..turn from your sin...). The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, 'Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you.' 'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an AXE and two 38's!'

Summer Sale-Summer Sale? Yes, you read that correctly! The Deacons are having a one-day summer sale on Friday June 16th from 9 – 3. At this point, we have so many good things to sell we need to have a summer sale, so we can move out some of our sale inventory. Then we will have room to accept new items for our Fall Sale. This is also a good chance to sell items that are warm-weather focused. Additionally, our church and the Deacons will enjoy a mid-year boost from the profits of the sale. We need help with: *Set-up on Thursday June 15th. We start setting up additional tables at 9:00 a.m., then move in the merchandise and put it out. *Summer Sale – Friday June 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Wold Hall. *Clean-up starts at 3:00 and goes until we are finished. We also need bakers as we will be having a bake sale. Plan your baking now – we need all your delicious baked goods. Bring them to the church on Thursday June 15th or early on Friday June 16th. If you have any questions, please see Donna Swaneck. Thank you for supporting the Summer Sale!.

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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

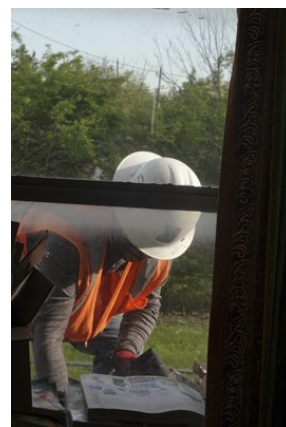
Regular Session Meeting- April 18 ,2023. Clerks' Report - Diana Purcell. Communion was served to (29) on April 2, 2023, and HM3 on April 1st, 2023. Congregational Meeting was held on March 19, 2023, after worship. Wedding for Linda Duey and Danny Baxter was held on Sunday April 16, 2023, at 1:30 pm with luncheon held in World Hall following. Annual Presbytery reports have been submitted. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** In person visits were made to Dan & July Isel, Dave & Carolyn Colborn, Joby Whitehead, Rev Ed Sensenbrenner, Charlotte Smith at Rehab and at home. Made calls to Jerry Fetherolf, Barbara Mapes, Mary & Chim, Eric Downing, Dorothy Pemberton, Ron & Diane Line, **Treasurer's Report** - Patti Gorman-Conrardy: No Actual report available. All bills are being paid. Received Donation of \$10,000 for the Deacons Fund. **Committee Reports:** **Worship/Outreach/Christian Ed:** April Ministers: Pastor Tom Billman April 2nd 9th & 16th. April 23rd, Rev Susan Warren-Smith, April 30th Rev Marion Stenner. (Read by Charlie Stenner Ministers are scheduled for the next three months. Agreed to color eggs and make up gift bags on April 8 at 11:30 AA District 34 will be meeting once monthly in Wold Hall on the first Thursday at approx... 11:00 am. AA Area 53 will be meeting on an as needed basis in Wold Hall for workshops. First New Members Class Will be held in May. Westside Christian School is asking for a volunteer to teach a one-hour class at the school. Located at Westside Baptist Church on a quarterly basis. Patti and Judy are thinking about doing this. **HM3:** All HM 3 meals are covered with a Hoge person for April and May with the exception of May 27. Open Saturdays for HM3 meals are August 26, December 9 & 23. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Nothing is planned yet due to Mimi and Lee being busy with their move. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** - Jack Neil / Mike Purcell: Flat Roof Repair has begun. Roberts Electric Came out and looked at lights that need to be repaired/replaced. Also looking at Camera's being hard wired on the outside. Will send us a Quote, Will be putting up 6 more cameras on the inside. Capital City Glass came out. to look at windows and wanted us to measure windows etc. before they would give us a Quote. This is on Hold for now. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter- No Report. **Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley - Tom on Vacation May 1st-May 5th. New Sexton has started and has been up and down. Seems to be doing a better job. **Deacons:** March Food Pantry: Served 102 Families, Judy Manley reported. Deacon's fund is running Low. Received donation of \$10,000.00 for Deacon's fund. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** Nothing to Report. **Old Business:** Nothing to Report. **New Business:** Received Request for an Adult Baptism for Cliff Bayer. Baptism will be held on Sunday May 21, 2023. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer. **Next Session Meeting:** May 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm. **Respectfully:** Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Notes and Photos

One of our Fellowship Hours in the Parlor



Some views of the new roof being constructed



Messages

Messages of Rev. Keith Jones

Psalm 46:4-7 English Standard Version- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A few years ago, I spent an hour in a deprivation tank. It was marvelous -- complete quiet for an hour, with no outside disturbances. There could've been aliens invading outside that tank, and I wouldn't have known about it. My phone didn't buzz, no one told me about things that needed to be done... it was peaceful.

I think about that when I read about the city of God. Inside those walls, there is peace. Nations may be raging on the outside, but we are in a fortress that shall not be moved. God's voice can melt every opposing force outside the city walls -- what are we to worry for if God can do that? It's like attacking a tiger with a toothpick when a hunter stands behind us, ready to defend us.

When we're in a place of peace, it doesn't matter what's on the outside. We spend our lives with a vision, with glimpses, of that promised heavenly kingdom, and we try and practice for it, living with the confidence of children. We won't know the full peace until we arrive in fullness in that place, but for now, let us try and capture a little bit of that peace each and every day.



Proverbs 1:20-24 The Message-**Lady Wisdom** 20-21 Lady Wisdom goes out in the street and shouts. At the town center she makes her speech. In the middle of the traffic she takes her stand. At the busiest corner she calls out: 22-24 "Simpletons! How long will you wallow in ignorance? Cynics! How long will you feed your cynicism? Idiots! How long will you refuse to learn? About face! I can revise your life. Look, I'm ready to pour out my spirit on you; I'm ready to tell you all I know. As it is, I've called, but you've turned a deaf ear; I've reached out to you, but you've ignored me.




I often watch with frustration as my kids do things that I've told them not to do... and I wonder at how God must feel the same way. God must look at us, God's children, and wonder at some of the choices we make. We pursue selfish things and then wonder why our lives aren't rich in relationships. We grab for short-term gains and then wonder why our long-term plans don't work out. We ignore one another and then wonder why others cry out in pain. We've turned up the volume on every other news source in our lives, and I don't know that things are going very well... when I look at the news, I see a society that is hurting and looking for answers. We're asking a lot of questions, but given that we've largely rejected the big picture answers, it's hard to hold a cohesive narrative that brings us together when we're all grabbing for the answers that each of us prefers individually. Lady Wisdom is shouting, but we're all tuned in to our own curated narratives and don't have the patience for anyone else to correct or lead us.

Is there room in your life to hear Lady Wisdom's daily cries? Are you open to correction, to being led, to recognizing the dangerous influences of the other things that would lead you in this life? God is ready to revise our lives, and like thirsty travelers, we're in need of drinking from the fountain of life. May we drink deeply, humbly, and with contrite hearts, ready to listen, ready to learn.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>LAYERED ITALIAN CASSEROLE- 12 oz. uncooked spaghetti, 1½ lbs. lean ground beef (I use ground turkey), 1 large onion, chopped, 2 garlic cloves, minced, 2 cans (15 oz.) Italian tomato sauce, 3 Tbsp. minced fresh 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 according to package directions. In a large nonstick skillet cook the beef, onion and garlic until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add the tomato sauce, parsley and oregano; heat through. In a large bowl, 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 of the spaghetti, ½ of the cheese mixture, ½ of the meat sauce. Repeat above one more time. This makes a LOT. Cover ,bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. (continued on pg 7)</p>		
<p>4 8:30am AA 9 :30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 1:30am Deacons Meeting 11:30 am Donut Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> 	<p>5 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>6 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>11 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Peggy Holcomb, CRE 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Janice Bridger</i></p>	<p>12 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>13 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Session 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>18 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> 	<p>19 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>20 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>25 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Curtis Hinton Jr. 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>26 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>27 2:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
<p>Canker sore disappear, it can speed up the healing. Dilute 3% hydrogen peroxide with water--no more than half and half. Apply the mixture to your canker sore. Either dip a cotton ball in the solution and press it to your sore, or swish the liquid in your mouth. Disinfecting your child's toothbrushes. Pour 3% hydrogen peroxide into a cup. Leave the toothbrushes in there until the liquid stops bubbling. Rinse the toothbrush thoroughly before use. Remove a label or a sticker. Set the product on a flat surface and spray the label or sticker with hydrogen peroxide. Let it sit. After about 10 minutes. Clean a shower from future mold. Fill spray bottle with 3% hydrogen peroxide. Spritz walls of shower, let it work its magic for 10 minutes. Wipe the mildew away. (cont. on pg 7)</p>		

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(cont. from pg 6) Uncover; sprinkle with remaining mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses. Bake 5-10 minutes longer. Montgomery Pres. Church, Montgomery OH. 	1 8:30am Lighthouse Residence West 7:00pm Girl Scout Leaders 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/Christian Ed	2 6:00pm AA Meeting	3 5:00pm HM ³ —Robin 6:00pm AA
7 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	8	9 6:00pm AA Meeting	10 5:00pm HM ³ —Overbrook 6:00pm AA
14 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting 	15 <i>Happy Birthday Andy Adair</i>	16 6:00pm AA Meeting	17 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA
21 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting 	22	23 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	24 5:00pm HM ³ - Grace 6:00pm AA
28 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	29 <i>Happy Birthday Jack Neil</i>	30 6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Bryan Peters</i>	

(cont. from pg 6) Commercial **carpet-cleaning**. Mix one part 3% hydrogen peroxide with five parts water. Spray it on the dirty spot and wait for a couple of minutes, and then scrub the stain away. **Mold** can develop within 24 hours. Add 3% hydrogen peroxide to a spray bottle. Saturate the mold-infected walls with the solution, and leave it there for ten minutes. After ten minutes pass, scrub the area to remove all the stains. Then wipe the surface to dislodge any remaining mold stains. If your **tools begin to rust**, pour a small amount of 3% hydrogen peroxide onto the rusted area and rub it with steel wool or a brush. If you need a stronger solution, mix the peroxide with borax.

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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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