

HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2024

February

PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

March 2024

Read Hebrews 12: 1-3

March greetings from Pastor Tom! The Month of March this year, is a full 31 days of the season of "Lent", since it culminates on Easter Sunday on March 31 st ! Lent is designed to set us believers on a sobering time of self-examination and repentance. To become more patient in our wait upon and preparation for the renewal given to us by God's Spirit in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the season of Lent, our church – Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, sets aside time for prayer, fasting, and reflection in order to grow closer to God. Each Lent, we relive Christ's temptation in the desert, His final weeks of ministry as he travels ever closer to Jerusalem, His final meal with his disciples in the upper room, and His eventual death on the cross. This season reminds us of our humanity and of the one who chose to take on human-form to save us! With the resurrection, we celebrate the renewal of life, hope, and joy, that God, who sent Christ to live among us, continues to work with and through us each new day. In a spirit of Lenten-reflection, and God's continual work in our world, I have been thinking about our Hoge forefathers, as I'm continually amazed by their foresight, faith, and courage of the many saints who have shaped and cared for this ministry over the many decades. Our Hoge saints prepared us for our neighborhood outreach – The way our monthly food pantry feeds hundreds of families with the daily sustenance needed for basic survival. How our weekly, Saturday evening HM3 service provides a message, music, and meal for our neighborhood, where we serve up to 75 people on an average evening. How our Christ's Cocoon helps us provide sleeping bags and tents for the housing challenged in our neighborhood. How we keep challenging ourselves and our "Hilltop" community that Christian discipleship is vital for all of our relationships, and it's a continuing process which implies growth, development, and enrichment. We are changing lives in our neighborhood and changed lives produce and reflect a changed world and make possible the establishment of the kingdom of God here on earth. And lives that are really changed, reflect a passion to share Christ with others, so make a commitment with God to desire a closer walk with God. One that includes a deeper, spiritual life in the church. One that has a revival of spiritual faith in God and Christ throughout the world. We all must seek enrichment of our spiritual lives by observing time each day for devotions that draw us closer to God. Which in turn, begs us to share Christ with everyone and endeavor to enlist them in Christ's service! We are Hoge are also celebrating two new members in our church-family. Susan Brumback and Theresa Kline will make their membership official on Sunday, March 3 rd . So, please welcome Susan and Theresa into our church family of God, and hope to see you soon in the pews! Your church loves you and misses you! Happy resurrection day on March 31st !

In Christ's grace

Pastor Tom

Special Announcements

KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

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

- Rev. Wayne Morrison in the passing of his brother Lloyd
- Ed Sensenbrenner family in his passing
- Mary in her son, Chim Mphande's his passing.
- Barbara Mapes, recovering from surgery, University Hospital
- Chad Coffman, continuing to improve at Dr. Hospital
- Joby Whitehead, recuperating at Willow Brook Nursing Home
- 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 January Households, 121 Seniors 70, Adults 229, Children 150, Total Number of People Served 449

Happy Birthday – March

Bill Aiken, 9; Marilyn Andrews, 20; Dan Isel, 29



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



Squirrel Infestation The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will. At the Baptist church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week. The Lutheran church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the baptists took down the water-slide. The episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do. But the Catholic church came up with a very creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter. And not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him.

New Minister Recently a large seminar was held for ministers in training. Among the guests were many well-known motivational speakers. One such boldly approached the pulpit and, gathering the entire crowd's attention, said, "The best years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman that wasn't my wife!" The crowd was shocked! He followed up by saying, "And that woman was my mother!" The crowd burst into laughter and he gave his speech, which went over well. About a week later one of the assistant ministers who had attended the seminar decided to use that joke in what was his first sermon to the congregation. As he shyly approached the pulpit one Sunday, he tried to rehearse the joke in his head. He was notably very nervous and getting to the microphone he said loudly, "The greatest years of my life were spent in the arms of another woman that was not my wife!" His congregation sat shocked. After standing there for almost 10 seconds the pastor finally blurted out, "...and I can't remember who she was!"



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, 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, January 15, 2024. Meeting was opened with prayer by: Tom Billman. Moderator: – Tom Billman. **Clerks' Report** – Diana Communion was served to (18) people on November 5, 2023, and at HM3 on Nov. 4, 202, Communion was served to (20) people on December 3, 2023, and at HM3 on Dec. 2, 2023, Communion was served to (20) people on January 7, 2024 Tracy Colborn suffered a stroke and passed away on November 30, 2023. She served as a Deacon/Elder Helped with the Food Pantry and other activities of the church. Partners in Education will be held on Saturday January 20, 2024, 9:00-2:30 pm at Columbus Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Drive, Columbus, Ohio. Short Congregational meeting was held after service on January 21, 2024, to approve Pastor Tom Billman Compensation Package for 2024. Quorum was present, and was approved by motion made, 2nd & moved. **Moderators/Pastoral Care Report:** In person visits were made to: Dave & Carolyn Colborn, Judy & Dan Isel, Joby Whitehead (Dublin Hospital) Darryl Woodward, Daniel, Rev Ed Sensenbrenner, Jim Cheadle, Chad Coffman (Doctors Hospital). Phone Calls were made to: Curtis Hinton, Barbara Mapes, Mary McPhande, **Treasurer's Report** – Patti Gorman-Conrardy: No actual report was presented. Bills are being paid. **Worship/ Outreach/Christian Ed:** Ministers in January: Pastor Tom Billman January 7, 21, Susan Kroeker January 14, January 28 Paul Workmaster (Christ's Cocoon), Second Community Church will join us for Ash Wednesday Service on January 14, 2024, and we at Hoge will be Joining them at Second Community for Maundy Thursday service on March 28. Iglesia Oasis de Esperanza is still in need of storage space. Several tables have been broken, one in Children's room, one in Wold Hall, and Stool in Ladies restroom upstairs. Patti getting donuts for Fellowship. **HM3:** All Meals are covered and a Hoge person for January and February 2024. Open Dates for meals are June 22, And December 28. There is still a need for music and worship to be more organized. **Out of the Box Community Theatre:** Closing and will be inventorying items to sell to other theatres on January 13 and will be having the sale on January 20 from 10-4 and January 21 from 12-5. **Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship** – Jack Neil / Mike Purcell. Dion & Naty Peachey has requested use of our building to house their Spanish church group and to rent the basement. Once a month. They would like to gather on the 1st Sunday of each month from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm or from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm. starting on November 5, 2023, and wants to know the cost. Tuck pointing around the Chimney is Now complete. Worked on Marque sign and sign on Wall, \$260, \$270. Received Quote for \$6,000.00 for repair of 150 slates. Tuck pointing continues. New Connector and pump were installed on the boiler going to the Sanctuary. Radico plumbing came out to work on drain in the kitchen and the Men's Urinal. Light Bulbs have been purchased. **Nominating:** - Natalie Alter: No report. **Personnel:** - Natalie Alter/Judy Manley: Personnel and Tom are meeting with Paul on Thursday Jan.18, 2024 to Discuss the next step before coming back to work. **Deacons:** December Food Pantry: Served 83 Families Deacons Report: Met in December, Food Pantry is doing well. Harmon Elementary delivered canned goods from their Food Drive. Jim Simpson donated funds for the Food Pantry. Deacons gave \$200.00 for church supplies, and \$600.00 towards Flower dedications. Next Meeting will be February 4th. Financially doing well. **Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Cap City Helping Hands:** No Report. Cowboy Bucks Christmas Store and Coat Drive were a success. **Old Business:** No report. **New Business:** Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on March 3rd after worship service. Need to have. Reports to Joy by February 18, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 8.20 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

Notes and Photos

What: A Bake Sale sponsored by Deacons

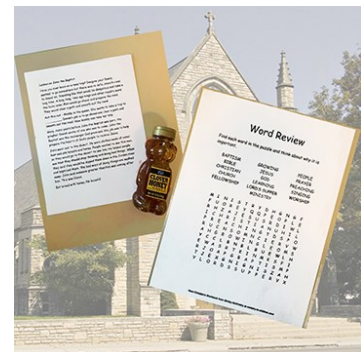
When: Sunday March 24th, Immediately Following the Worship Service

Where: The Parlor

We need all the bakers and buyers we can get. Bring any donated baked goods to the parlor before the worship service. Be sure to stop by and purchase some yummy treats before you head home!

Newest uploads to Instagram and Facebook

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Food Panty activities.....a Free Sweet Potato Drop Off... And a food pantry visit



Message

Psalm 18:7-12 English Standard Version

7 Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. 8 Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him. 9 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet. 10 He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water. 12 Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.

There's a story that I heard a preacher tell once about how they were taking a trip on the Queen Mary, a massive ocean liner, and an SOS cry went up from a small rowboat trying to cross the Atlantic. The code of the ocean is that the nearest ship responds to another ship in distress, and so this tiny rowboat with a single soul piloting it was met in their distress by the Queen Mary, which is 1,000 feet long and built for over 2,000 passengers. It was a study in contrast in terms of power, and I bet that rower felt like they were being transported onto something much more solid and stable in the midst of that rescue.

That's what I always think of when I read this passage. The picture that David paints is one of God's awesome and incredible power. God heard David's cry, and then God's might is unleashed as God comes to the rescue. The entire earth is rocked and devouring fire comes forth as God rides on the wings of the wind to rescue his beloved creation.

This is the God who comes to save you. We worship a God who is strong enough to save and cares enough to do so!

Psalm 18:4-6 English Standard Version

4 The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. 6 In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

Have you ever been so lost in the woods that no one can hear your cries for help? It's such a defeating feeling, to be that alone. It's scary and isolating.





But let's be honest -- we don't have to be deep in the woods for that to be true. We can feel that when we're surrounded by people. It's one of the paradoxes of our modern age -- we're more connected to people than ever, and yet we feel constantly alone. We feel isolated, and I don't even know that we know why. Maybe it's because so much of what is online feels fake and we're not making real connections any more. I wonder how many people have someone they can talk to about their deepest fears and insecurities. It all feels so vulnerable.

In Psalm 18, David is in a pretty bad place. There's cords of death and torrents of destruction, which is heavy. David is in despair.



And in the midst of this, God hears David's cry. Our prayers reach God's temple. Thanks be to God for that! God cares enough to listen, and as the Psalm continues, we see that not only does God hear, but also, God responds!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Pineapple Meringue Pie-1 cup sugar, 3 tbs. butter, 1/4 cup cornstarch, 1 tbs lemon juice, 1/2 cup water, 1 1/4 tsp. grated lemon rind, 1 cup pineapple juice, 1 1/4 cups well drained crushed pineapple, 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten. Mix sugar and cornstarch in saucepan. Gradually stir in water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil 1 minute. Slowly stir at least half the hot mixture into egg yolks. Then blend into hot mixture in saucepan. Boil 1 minute longer, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Continue stirring until smooth. Blend in butter, lemon juice, pineapple juice, and rind. Spread the crushed pineapple into baked pie shell, pour in the cooked mixture. Cover with Meringue. Bake. Serve as soon as cool. Submitted by Nancy Loik</p>		
<p>3 8:00am Iglesia Oasis De Esperanza Fasting 8:30am AA 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am CNM 10:30am Worship w/Tom Billman 11:30am Deacons Meeting 12:30pm Iglesia De Dios Nueva Esperanza Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>4 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>5 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting 11:00am Witness to the Resurrection for Ed Sensenbrenner;</p>
<p>10 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>11 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>12 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
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<p>24 8:30am AA 10:30am Worship w/Rev Susan Warrenner Smith 10:45am Sunday School for Children 11:30am Bake Sale in Parlar 12:30pm Iglesia Oasis De Dios Esperanza Worship 6:00pm District 34 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>25 7:30pm NA</p>	<p>26 12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Faith Based Recovery Group Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Floss Before You Eat - A piece of dental floss can be a huge help in the kitchen when it comes to cutting or slicing food. Use it to cut cake and pies. Use Soda Can Tab To Hang Frames Once you've finished your drink, pop off the tab and attach it to a photo frame or painting. Lighting Candles-dry spaghetti noodles make the perfect match for lighting a candle that is hard to light normally. All you need to do is light the end of the pasta, and then light the candle wick.</p>		1 6:00pm AA Meeting	2 5:00pm HM ³ –Robin/Carla 6:00pm AA
6 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	7 11:15am Lighthouse 7:00pm Outreach/ Worship/ Christen Ed 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders	8 6:00pm AA Meeting	9 5:00pm HM ³ –Grace 6:00pm AA <i>Happy Birthday Bill Aikens</i>
13 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	14 5:00pm Westgate Neighbor Association Community Night	15 6:00pm AA Meeting	16 5:00pm HM ³ -Covenant 6:00pm AA 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Nightly Vigil 7:00pm OOTBCT– Golden Boxies
20 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 7:30pm Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Marilyn Andrews</i>	21	22 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	23 5:00pm HM ³ - Schieferstein 6:00pm AA
27 12:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm IDDN Esperanza Bible Study 8:00pm NA Meeting	28 *7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with 2nd Community 	29 6:00pm AA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Dan Isel</i> 	30 :00pm HM ³ - Carla0 6:00pm AA
<p>Highlighter- Highlighter can damage a book. Grab a Q-tip, dip the cotton part in lemon juice, and gently rub it across the highlighted sections. Regulate Pet Food-To keep your puppy from eating too much, simply grab a piece of PVC pipe, a drill, and drill in a few well-positioned holes. The holes must allow the puppy kibble to fall out, and the puppy will stop trying to eat once it is full. Lego Needs A Bath-Too To sanitize Legos, simply fill up a mesh laundry bag, place it in the dishwasher, and let it run. Spruce Up Old Furniture-If you have a piece of furniture where your child got a little sticker happy with, don't worry about it. A blow dryer and a putty knife will remove those stickers in no time. The blow dryer heats up the adhesive, making them nice and easy to peel off. Always Hang Items Straight trusty piece of painter's tape should be used, along with a leveler to determine if the holes you are about to drill are straight.</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

Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually

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