# HOGE HERALD

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church

2020

# March

### PASTOR TOM'S "LITTLE CORNER OF HOGE"

March greetings from your Pastor! Hard to believe that the first day of spring is Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>! Seems like it's been a very mild winter, which I'm not sure if it's good or bad for us, but we'll take it, because our heating bills here at Hoge have been very manageable this winter! Sunday, March 1st will mark the return of our Sunday worship services to our beloved sanctuary – I enjoy the intimacy of Wold Hall for worship during January and February, but it sure is special to return to our gorgeous sanctuary – It makes your Pastor's heart sing! The season of lent is upon us –Ash Wednesday this year is Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, and as Lent begins for us again, we must take the time to reflect on our human condition. Lent gives us 6 weeks to reflect – We may spend the rest of the year running from our sinful nature, but Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider, to understand our Lord Jesus Christ a little deeper, so that when Holy Week arrives with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday, we will be ready to receive the overflowing grace of having our sins forgiven by our crucified Lord. Lent should be an intensely private, penitential time, as we examine our sinful natures and return to the God we have, through our rebelliousness and hurtful personalities – And ultimately, the purpose of lent does not stop at sadness and despair – It points to the resurrection and the day when all our tears will be dried up. Although the nature of suffering is not one that offers itself to easy explanations or simple answers – The answers we seek seem to make the most sense in light of the cross.....There's nothing in the world – No religion – No philosophy – No material comfort – That can offer such a powerful answer to life's toughest questions as the two slabs of wood on which our Savior died. Although our faith draws us in search of joy, it's the cross that should keep us coming back, day after day, and year after year. Lent is the time of year that we are reminded of what our Lord Jesus Christ did for us! When we realize the complexity of our Lord – The love of our Lord – The humanity of our Lord which shows through – And then we realize that God is not just some nebulous energy source, or a grandfather sitting in the clouds – Jesus Christ is so much more! The cross is where our faith stands, when all other faith falls.....Christ's sacrifice and resurrection are the true "Cruxes" of our Christian faith – Without one there would be no salvation, and without the other, no hope. This is why the season of lent holds a great deal of importance regarding our faith. So, I encourage you, reflect on your faith during Lent – Our humanness – Our frailties – Examine how you can build your relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ together with your brothers and sisters here at Hoge! We're looking forward to seeing you in worship, and if no one has told you lately that they love you, guess what? We love you, and will be here for you! May God be the glory! Enjoy your walk with God during Lent, and please join me in prayer.....Gracious and loving God, thank you for the gifts of this season of Lent - Thank you for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives, and for drawing us into a deeper communion with you throughout our Lenten season – In the name of our precious Savior Jesus Christ, Amen!

Blessings to all,

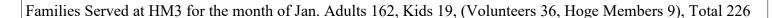
**Pastor Tom** 

# Special Announcements

# KEEP IN DAILY PRAYER

- -Tom Piecenski is having heart surgery
- Lois Sensenbrenner having health issues
- -Marianne Black, is recovering at home
- -Lois Duey, recuperating at home
- John Martin, recent health challenges
- -Sallie Wilson asked for prayers for Judy Knight and Jeff and Joe Miller
- -Mary Grothaus (Jeanne's daughter-in-law),
- -Avis Dorn's daughter, Jody health challenges
- -Juanita Deweese, Sallie Wilson, Barbara Mapes
- -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 bulletin and monthly newsletters either by phone or email.



Food Pantry January 68 Families, 246 People served, Adults (60+) 29, Adults (59-18) 126, Children 91

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

# March Birthdays

Janet Mullins, 4th and Dan Isel, 29th

**Springtime is a beautiful** time of the year. I along with so many others consider spring to be the most anticipated, exciting, and blessed season of the year. The cold weather, low temperatures, bracing wind, and even occasional snow and ice all pass away. The deadness of the trees, the barrenness of the gardens, and the colorless grass pass away, to be replaced with refreshing showers, delightful temperatures, and bright sunshine of March, April, and May. The summer's burning rays and burdensome heat have not yet arrived. Spring is a delightful time. Spring seems to bring a rebirth to all of nature. The blossoms arrive, the yellow daffodils and tulips show their colors, and the trees begin to display the light green shades of new leaves. Our gardens begin to show signs of new life as the vegetables rise from the soil. Spring means rebirth. Physical birth and spiritual rebirth the freshness of springtime resurrection after a previous death all of these combine to fill my heart with joy and hope. I hope that you will think beyond the fragrant flowers and blossoms, and beyond the cuddly baby you may see, and see the spiritual truths and realities that God wants to show us. Let us have eyes that really see! By Richard Hollerman

**Personal Care Pantry Needs** As part of Hoge's ministry and outreach, a Personal Pantry is part of our HM3 program. The pantry is open to the public on the second Saturday of each month. Donations of personal care items are always accepted for the pantry but the following items are currently in high need: Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Ibuprofen, Wash Cloths, Candles, Powdered laundry soap, AA & AAA Batteries, Lip Balm / Chap-Stick, Razors, Wipes / Tissues, Clean Blankets, Socks. Please see Bev and Jack Neil or Kathy and Barry Schieferstein for additional information. Thank you for your support of this ministry.





Lay readers: January-Debbie Peters, February-Patti Gorman, March-Debbie Peters, April-Mike Minch, May-Carolyn Colborn, June-Bill Aiken, July-Diana Purcell, August-Gail Garman, September-Carol Ross, October-Mike Minch, November-Debbie Peters, 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 5-Natalie Alter, Donna Swaneck, Debbie Peters, Diana Purcell, Judy Moody, Joy Rector February 2-Susan Barrett, Jack Neil, Patti Gorman, Gail Garman, Gary Link, Bev Neil

March 1-Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith, Mike Minch, Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf. Diana Purcell

April 5-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman, Judy Moody, Patti Gorman

May 3-Natalie Alter, Debbie Peters, Joy Rector, Jack Neil, Bev Neil, Gary Link

June 7-Susan Barrett, Gail Garman, Charlotte and Wilbur Smith, Janet Fetherolf, Carol Ross

July 5 - Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, Donna Swaneck, Gail Garman

August 2-Patti Gorman, Joy Rector, Diana Purcell, Natalie Alter, Bev Neil

September 6-Gary Link, Jack Neil, Gail Garman, Susan Barrett, Charlotte Smith, Wilbur Smith

October 6-Carol Ross, Janet Fetherolf, Debbie Peters, Mike Minch, Judy Moody, 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, Wilbur Smith, Ann Adair

December 24-Dave Colborn, Carolyn Colborn, Donna Swaneck, Diana Purcell, Debbie Peters, Bev Neil

Schedule of Ushers: If you would like to usher, please contact Gail Garman or Carolyn Colborn.

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

Usher Team #2 (February, May, August and November): Judy Moody, Mike Minch, Bill & Dorothy Aiken

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-Choir; May-Martha Circle; June - Session; July - Finance and Facilities; August—Ushers; September-Outreach/Worship/Christian Ed; October- Martha Circle; November- Deacons; December- Ushers

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

Regular Session Meeting- January 13th, 2020 - Meeting was opened with prayer by: Tom Billman - Moderator was Tom Billman. Clerks' Report - Diana Purcell Communion was served to (35) people on January 5th, 2019. Partners in Education held on January 11, 2020 at Worthington Presbyterian. Deacons and Elders will be Ordained and Installed on January 19, 2020. General Assembly Statistical Report was submitted to Presbytery. Moderators/Pastoral Care Report: Marianne Black admitted to Mt. Carmel Grove City for possible stroke. Pastor Tom visited Marianne Black, Juanita Deweese and Son David on December 16th. Visited Avis Dorn, Barbara Mapes on January 9th. Have people wanting to join the church. Tom will be taking a Pastoral care Training class through Presbytery (30 hours). Cost is \$250.00 and will be covered by the church. Treasurer's Report – Patti Gorman – December was a very generous month (see page 5). Committee Reports: Worship/ Outreach/ Christian Ed: Gail Garman Ministers to Preach in January: January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Pastor Tom Billman, January 12<sup>th</sup>- Rev Keith Jones, January 26<sup>th</sup>- Susan Warrner-Smith. Pastor Tom and Rev. Keith Jones will be having Bible Study at 9:30 am. Pastor Tom will be conducting an Ash Wednesday Service in Wold Hall on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Finance and Facilities is responsible for Donut Sunday and potluck fellowship in January. HM3: We discussed the need to make sure the building is empty before you leave if you are the Hoge person. Patti brought up a problem with a recent HM3 meal when the meal provider thought they could leave with people Still in Wold Hall. Patti made it clear that they could not leave until the building was empty. He or she must be there by 4:00 pm and must make sure the kitchen and Wold Hall are cleaned up. We still need meal providers for the second Saturdays in May, July, and September. I still need contact information for several meal providers. Connie Pilkington will be absent from HM3 twice a month for several months due to work responsibilities. Tom or the Flautist Erik Downing will conduct the worship service on those Saturdays. Natalie Alter is doing the meal in May. Out of the Box Community Theatre: The Play for February is The Curious Savage. Performances will be February 7,8,9,14,15 and 16. Finance, Facilities, and Stewardship – Janet Fetherolf -Robert Electric came out and gave estimate of \$900.00 to replace parking light with LED bulbs. Capital City Mechanical gave quote of \$975.00 to repair water leak coming into the building. Working on replacing Microphones in the Sanctuary. Received a quote of \$4000.00-5,000.00 to have cameras put on the building through Security Company. ADT came out and put in a new sensor on Zone 3 at no charge. Nominating: - Natalie Alter-NA. Personnel: - Carolyn Colborn - NA. Deacons: December Food Pantry Served: 56 Families Total New Families: 16 (see page 2) Presbytery of Scioto Valley/Urban Ministry: General Assembly will be coming to Columbus in 2022. Next meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will be reviewing the Charter Development lead by Jim Mehler Presbytery is cleaning up their website. Reviewing coat drive with Harmony project. Cowboy Bucks is Still ongoing. Old Business: Pastor Tom submitted paperwork for a \$10,000 grant through Covenant permanent funds, And will meet this month. Review Wedding prices. There has been a request for possibly another wedding To be held soon. New Business: Congregational Meeting will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup> after worship service. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next Session Meeting: February 17th ,2020 at 7:00 pm. Respectfully: Diana L Purcell, Clerk of Session

# History

# Memories of Hoge Memorial - by Nancy Loik

That summer we played lots of baseball and went to games at Red Bird Stadium. I was keeping some very good baseball scrapbooks. Later they were destroyed when mom made me clean the attic after my marriage.

I no longer worried about my health. I had started to menstruate at 10 years old. After that my heart was better. We had a homeopathic doctor in Pomroy that was great. He told me my heart was a muscle that needed exercise but when I got tired or it hurt I was to stop (jumping rope or whatever). So I did. This from the time I was about 5. Oh, I wore glasses. I looked like an owl but from 6 to 16 never broke a pair. I knew we couldn't afford to replace them

(On this page of the journal are three photo of Nancy with cousins and friends:) I loved going to see Aunt Gladys. I'd head for the outside privy and Betty and I would catch up on the news.

Aunt Gladys was a good cook. (She made the) best fried potatoes on a big iron stove. Once she made chocolate cup cakes. I ate almost 2 dozen. (I was a little older then.)

They had coal oil lamps and carried water up a steep hill. They didn't have electricity until Rural Electrification in the middle 30s.

(Bits and pieces:) Betty and her cousin, Cecil, tormented me about snakes. I tried to ride Betty's pony once-not successful. They had a spring house on the side of a hill. Water ran thru it. That's where they kept milk cold. Once I bit Betty (I was a bad kid). Mom tried to get her to bite me back but she wouldn't. Another thing we liked was sleeping together. We'd scratch each other's back. "You do mine 20 times and I'll scratch yours." Then I'd go to sleep and Betty wouldn't wake me. At their house I first learned there was no Santa. I was about 6 years old. I remember Aunt Gladys peeping thru the door to see if we were asleep (I wasn't).

The Kelly Family lived across the street from grandma. They filled up a large part of early elementary years. The 2 youngest girls, Alice and Agnes, were a bit older than I but they had just moved to Columbus. There were 3 older girls and 2 grown brothers and mom and pop. I was as comfortable (at their house) as I was at home. On Fridays the older girl made chocolate cake and they had homemade ice cream. We played Euchre. Once sitting on the piano bench I (accidently) put my foot in pops spittoon. I went to church at St. Al's every Friday at confession and during lent at Stations of the Cross. I went to church as much as a catholic except Sundays. Sundays I'd go to Glenwood. Our next door neighbors were catholic too. The oldest girl, Florence McDonald, was my friend. The next girl, Rita, was a brat. Florence didn't dare pick on her so I did. Once when she didn't take turns on my bike, I knocked her off - our parents didn't speak for years. Years later they invited us to their home on Three C Highway. Mom had been real good to them during several pregnancies. She took food over, soup, etc. when there was none in the house.

Once Florence and I had a Halloween party together in our basement. She invited kids she went to school with and so did I. We decorated the basement real spooky. In the front room, mom fixed an iron pot with a flash light in orange paper and she dressed like a witch then told fortunes. It wen well until we started arguing about the next Saturday's football game between OSU and Notre Dame.

There was some prejudice then but our family was very liberal. Everyone was "New Deal" Democrat and even kids followed politics . In fourth grade the teacher did a straw vote between Hoover and Roosevelt. It was 38 to 2 - me and Bill Conn. Even then the Hilltop was Republican. Aunt Lena was the 11<sup>th</sup> ward boss. We attended pot lucks and rallies for years, usually at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

(Bits and pieces:) Betty and I liked to go to Aunt Lean's on Eldon Avenue but once we got in Dodo's makeup. Aunt Lena was ready to kill us. During those years (depression) Aunt Laura took me downtown to the Union and bought me an outfit for Christmas and Easter. I mostly wore hand me downs.

**Financial Update – January 31, 2020** The following is a summary of Hoge's 2020 financial activity through January. Detailed financial reports are available by request to the church office.

### **Designated Offerings / Donations / Other Income during 2020:**

HM3 / Personal Care Pantry Support: \$100.00

Parking Lot/Building Maintenance Fund: \$150.43 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner Pastoral Care & Leadership Fund: \$112.10 (includes interest earned from designated savings account)

Recycling: \$13.00

### Financial notes:

We continue to address maintenance needs of the building and property:

- ☐ The leak behind the stage around the water meter has been repaired
- □Light fixtures on the outside posts around the parking lot have been repaired; the light post on the east side is being evaluated for repairs
- □We are seeking additional quotes for tuck pointing work around our stained glass windows; once this is taken care of, we can focus on repairing areas of peeling plaster inside the building
- ☐We are experiencing challenges with plumbing throughout the building and are addressing them one at a time and currently are focusing on our bathrooms

The Finance & Facilities committee appreciates your commitment to support Hoge with pledges of your 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 are able to help with any of these projects (physically and/or financially). Please continue to commit to Hoge in prayer, physical efforts, and financially. Thank you for your continued support. God is calling each of us to do our part to keep Hoge alive, providing mission and outreach to our community.

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! Patti Gorman-Conrardy, Treasurer

Unrestricted cash	\$ 137,673.98	Operating Expenses:		
Restricted cash	36,086.35			
Payroll Liabilities	<u>( 157.12</u> )	Admin & Other Expenses	\$	186.98
Net liquid assets	\$ <u>173,603.13</u>	Building Maintenance		237.67
		Committee Expenses		562.39
Operating Income:		Office Expenses		390.56
		Non-Pastoral Salaries		2,405.00
Contributions	\$ 5,847.00	Pastoral Expenses		1,903.57
Interest	44.86	Utilities and Phone	_	1,729.30
Other income (building a	use) 415.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$	7,415.47
Other income (other sup	port) 13.00			
Other income (flower de	dications) 0.00	Difference - Operating Activity	\$	(1,095.61)
Total Operating Income	\$ 6.319.86			

ONE Great Hour of Sharing-This Lenten Season Hoge will once again be contributing to One Great Hour of Sharing. The three programs supported by this offering—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) and Self Development of People (32%) all work is different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. We received a thank you from Bruce Wiebe, Director of Special Offerings for our support of these offerings – he informed us that they received \$1,685 for One Great Hour of Sharing last year from us. Let's see if we can go over that this year! Worship Committee



# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
1 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman 11:30am Deacons Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting	2 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	3
8 10:30am Worship w/ Rev Keith Jones 11:30am Doughnut Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting  Spring Forward!	9 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	10 7:00pm Martha Circle
15 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting	16 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Session 7:30pm NA	17 12:00pm Food Pantry  Happy St. Patrick's Day
22 10:30am Worship w/ Wayne Morrison 11:30am Pot Luck Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting Newsletter Deadline	23 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	24 12:00pm Food Pantry
29 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ Pastor Tom Billman 7:00pm AA Meeting  Happy Birthday Dan Isel	30 7:00pm AA 7:30pm NA	31

Vicks: Anti-mosquito-It is a nice mosquito repellent. Just a bit of VapoRub over your skin or clothes! Headache-The quickest way to forget about that splitting headache of yours is to smear a bit of Vicks VapoRub under your nose. Acne-Eternal fight with acne may be over in the easiest way possible. Place Vicks VapoRub over the affected areas a few times a day. Fake tears-fake tears than to smear some of VapoRub under your eyes. Anti-insect-Same as with mosquitos, all the other insects do not really like the smell of Vicks VapoRub. Stop bruises-Applying Vicks VapoRub over fresh bruise will help it heal faster. Moisturizer-There is no need for super expensive moisturizing lotions anymore just use Vicks Vapo-Rub! Tennis elbow-Vicks VapoRub is the best remedy for that tennis elbow, use it until pain is completely gone. (cont)

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	7:30pm Choir 7:30pm NA Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Janet Mullins</i>	5 7:00pm Outreach/Worship/ Christian Ed	6 6:00pm AA Meeting	7 5:00pm HM <sup>3</sup> -Robin Wilson
11	7:30pm NA Meeting	12	13 6:00pm AA Meeting	14 5:00pm HM³- Overbrook
18	12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting 7:30pm Choir	1st Dayor Spring	20 6:00pm AA Meeting	21 5:00pm HM³-Covenant
25	12:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm NA Meeting	26	27 9:00am Newsletter prep 6:00pm AA Meeting	28 5:00pm HM³~Natalie and Joel

**Pineapple Fluff**-1-16 oz Regular Cool Whip, 1-8 oz Regular cream Cheese,1 small instant French vanilla pudding - mix well, 1 can (heavy syrup) crushed pineapple drained, 1 can (heavy syrup) chunk pineapple drained. Mix together the Cool Whip, cream Cheese and instant French vanilla pudding. Add the crushed pineapple and the chunk pineapple. Prep Time: 30 minutes, cook Time: 15 minutes. Paw Paw Presbyterian Church, Paw Paw, MI.



(Vicks cont.) Cracked heels-Vicks VapoRub will help your cracked heels heal faster if placed on overnight. Nail fungus-Just apply Vicks VapoRub over your finger- or toenails twice a day. Congestion-decided to remind you of it, nevertheless. Anti-scratching—Cat scratching your favorite furniture? Just place a little of Vicks Vaporub over the areas where it likes to scratch and observe the effect. Minor cuts-To make the process of healing faster you can apply Vicks VapoRub over cuts. Stretch marks-Use VapoRub daily. Anti-cat ability-Just one open bottle of VapoRub in the favorite pee-place and you will see result! Eczema- it is helpful here too. Ear pain-just put some of VapoRub over a Q-tip and put it into your ear. Athlete's feet-Twice a day of VapoRub treatment to get rid of those.

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Feeding the Community Physically & Spiritually

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