

# HODGE *podge*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER HODGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AUGUST 2024



## WORDS FROM PASTOR JOE

### Life's Secret Recipe

*Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10*

Colonel Harland Sanders was fired from a variety of jobs throughout his career before he first started cooking chicken in his roadside Shell Service Station in 1930, when he was 40 years old, during the Great Depression. His gas station didn't actually have a restaurant, so he served diners in his attached personal living quarters. Over the next 10 years, he perfected his "Secret Recipe" and pressure fryer cooking method for his famous fried chicken and moved onto bigger locations. His chicken was even praised in the media by food critic Duncan Hines (yes, that Duncan Hines). However, as the interstate came through the Kentucky town where the Colonel's restaurant was located in the 1950s, it took away important road traffic, and the Colonel was forced to close his business and retire, essentially broke. Worried about how he was going to survive off his meager \$105

## Church Events

- 1 – Youth Hall reserved
- 4 – Deacon's Meeting @ 9:00  
Worship @ 10:00  
Sunnyview Service @ 2:00  
BBQ & swim party @ 6:00
- 6-13 – Linda on vacation
- 11—Worship @ 10:00
- 14—Session at 5:30
- 15—31 Joe & Pam gone on Vacation
- 18 — Worship @ 10
- 25 — Worship @ 10:00  
Fellowship meal

*monthly pension check. He set out to find restaurants who would franchise his secret recipe—he wanted a nickel for each piece of chicken sold. He drove around, sleeping in his car, and was rejected more than 1,000 times before finally finding his first partner.*

*What a powerful and amazing story that teaches us to never quit or give up on a dream that comes to us from God. Fortunately, God's recipe for life is neither secret or hidden. This verse from John's first letter is the essence of that recipe. It was a love like no other, expressed like no other, by One like no other. His love deserves all of our commitment all the time. In that famous verse from John 3:16 do this today. Replace the "whosoever" with your own name and feel how it reads.*

*Blessings, Pastor Joe*

The Christian Ed committee would like to thank VBS leaders, Taylor Ormsby & Amy Guthrie, Pastor Joe, the biblical characters, shop keeper teachers, helpers, food workers/providers & all that assisted with VBS in any way!

There were approximately 50 children who participated each night. VBS was an outstanding success!

Deacon's meeting August 4 at 9am

**GOD bless our  
students, teachers  
and school  
employees**

## **August**

11th Communion Sunday  
18th & 25th— Shawn McNabb  
filling the pulpit

## **SEPTEMBER**

September 8 worship services  
move inside

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1 Dan Maxey
- 2 Pam MacDonald
- 4 Parker Lober
- 6 Tim Hodge  
Dale & Barbara Stone (47 yrs)
- 8 James Guthrie
- 9 Bob & Shirley Shields (66 yrs)
- 15 Dwayne Slater
- 17 Beth Mack
- 21 Megan Lober
- 25 Sadie Dunkin
- 26 Terri Critten
- 27 Mallory Hooyman  
Lindsay & Jordan Ripley
- 28 Gary & Jamie Hooyman
- 29 Kenny Weaver
- 30 Scott Sharp
- 31 Sutton Buenemann  
Ana Todd  
Richard Witten

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our elderly & shut-ins,  
Jean Endecott, Finis  
Brundage, Lisa Wallace,  
Pam & Torrey Thrash, Sully  
Tow, Dallas Hall, Chance Golden, Leslie  
West, Dan Maxey, Larry Swann, Josh  
Stocker, Richard Stocker, Mackenzie  
Cunningham, Daniel Schmitz, Jeanie  
Stewart, Janet Axsom, Cindy Bowers,  
George Brundage, Helen Holck,  
Randall Baker, Boo Peterie, Macy  
Lambert, Linda Lynch, Vernon Norris,  
Debra Moore Huffstutter, Janice  
Vanderslice, Leslie Arnold, Lisa Guy,  
Gretchen Ralston, Martha Maloney,  
Kim Cleeton, Daniel Schmitz, Daniel  
Troyer, Chris Altes, Mike King, Doug  
Eller, Linda Cowling, Jack Distefano,  
Nicole Neal, Tom Powell, Leisa  
Rorebeck, Jack Bain, Richard Key.

Our church leaders, local, state and  
national leaders, our military & families,  
people of Ukraine, people of Israel,  
Gaza, hostages & families, victims &  
families of those involved in shooting  
tragedies and the United States of  
America.

**SYMPATHY TO FAMILY of Marylin  
Whisler-Hoffman**

If your birthday/anniversary hasn't been  
acknowledged this year on the calendar in the  
newsletter or on the screen in the sanctuary, it  
is probable that the office does not have your  
date on the master calendar. Please inform  
the office so we can get that list updated!



## Hodge ALL-CHURCH Pool Party & BBQ

Riverside Country Club

Sunday, August 4

Eat - 6 pm

Swim - 6:30-8:30 pm

Hotdogs, Buns, Condiments, and paper products  
will be provided by the Mariners

Please sign up to bring a SIDE DISH or DESSERT

**\*\*Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs**

There will be a brief Mariners meeting after we  
eat.

Please respond to Dana if  
you are planning to attend  
(or think you might be). We  
need to get an idea of how  
many hot dogs and paper  
products to purchase.



Thank you!

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**MARINERS PROGRESSIVE DINNER (Adults only)**

Sunday - August 18, 2024

5:00 pm

**APPETIZERS - Angie & Doug Tye (3601 E. 10th  
Street)**

**MAIN COURSE - Ann & Bruce Constant (325  
Town & Country)**

**DESSERT - Cindy Guthrie (126 Riverside)**



**Christmas in August!**



Hodge is working with a family at Leisure Lake to put the finishing touches on their new small house. The main needs at the moment are to finish the electrical work, put insulation in the ceiling and put tin/drywall on the walls and ceiling. There will also be some painting and yard work to be done. If you would like to donate toward this project, take an envelope off the wreath that will be in the yard/sanctuary for the month of August. For more information on the scope of this project, talk to Lynn or Deanna McCarter, Connie Hoffman or Ronda Lickteig. This is an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of a local family!

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If you know something on the prayer concern list that can be updated, please let the office know.

**THANK YOU!!!!**

The tenderloin drive-thru held on July 28th was a great success. With your support, Hodge will be able to provide shoes for many students in Grundy County during the Bright Futures Back-to-School event and fill shoe needs during the school year.

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered time, or made monetary donations to make this event a continued success. Thank you for stopping by to grab a tenderloin sandwich or sharing our post on Facebook. Every action to support this cause is a huge blessing.

Thank you for being dedicated to our community and helping students start the year with happy feet.



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