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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

We are winding down on our journey to Jerusalem. Our theme of *"Giving Up For Lent"* has focused each week about things that God wants us to give up, not just for 40 days, but forever. As we approach Holy Week there are a number of Special Services to help us finish our season of reflection and renewal:

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April 13th, 2014 Palm/Passion Sunday

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship

10:45 AM Traditional Worship

Theme: *Giving Up Popularity*

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

April 17th, 2014 Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Service of Lessons and Candles with Communion

Theme: *Reflections on Pilate*

Scripture: John 18:28-19:22

April 18th, 2014 Community Good Friday Service

12:00—3:00 PM at Grace Episcopal Church

April 20th, 2014 Easter Sunday

6:45 AM Sunrise Service at Winter Haven Park on the Beach

10:45 Sanctuary Celebration

Theme: *Giving Up Death*

Scripture: John 20:1-18

As always, we will be blessed by the presence of powerful music and liturgy. More importantly, we will be blessed by the Presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope you will choose to be present with us during these times of worship and renewal. May God Bless You All!

Pastor Bill

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ASSISTANT PASTOR



TAXES!!! ARGHHHHH! My husband and daughter will tell you that there is **NOTHING** that infuriates me more than **TAXES!** In recent years, I have refused to even **THINK** about taxes until March 1st because for years prior to that, my blood would start boiling January 2nd, continue to boil throughout my procrastination, until April 15th loomed just around the corner and I was forced to sit down and deal with it before the "lid" blew off!

Waiting until March 1st the last few years has helped somewhat since this allowed a two-month reprieve before the "simmering" started. But, like clockwork, the smoldering soon followed and grew to the point where you could almost see the smoke steaming out of my ears until completion of this painful annual ritual.

This year was somewhat different, thanks to the Upper Respiratory Infection which knocked me off my feet. Yes, I am giving thanks for the flu bug for diverting my attention another 12 days from taxes, and for mellowing me out long enough to complete the task at hand. In retrospect, I now realize this was a God "thing."

Jesus said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." (Matt 22:21) This year I was able to gather and organize our tax information without anger because I remembered to give thanks for all that we are taxed UPON, and the joy these belongings bring to us. This year I remembered to give thanks for all which can never be taxed -- the love and joy of family and friends, surpassed only by the immeasurable love and grace of God. This year I thanked God for opening my eyes a bit wider, and now I pray this gift of awareness be present in my heart for tax years to come.

Peacefully,

Pastor Beverly

NURSERY MINISTRY : We currently have only one Nursery-aged child coming twice a month while her father attends the early service, and we will be given a schedule in advance of those dates. It is my goal to have a team of volunteers available on-call for each service in the event of newcomers with small children, and/or visiting young relatives of members. For Safe-Church purposes, these teams will be comprised of either two adults or one adult and one Youth aged 14 or older. You may want to consider volunteering for the service you generally do NOT attend, or just be available in place of the service you normally attend. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Contact Pastor Beverly if you have any questions.



Financial Update

Operational Budget as 2/28/2014



	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Feb. 2014</u>	<u>Feb. 2014</u>
Income	\$32,518	\$30,035
Expenses	\$28,270	\$29,837
Net	\$ 4,248	\$ 198

We are still doing well for the year overall and better than budgeted. I'm looking forward to a great and prosperous year. I would like to remind everyone that in order to avoid a bank charge, all checks must be made out to POUCC (or Port Orange United Church of Christ) and not to the individual offerings. Thanks for your continued support. Respectfully submitted by Susie Greiff, Treasurer

OPERATIONS TEAM



Our Operations Team has been busy addressing issues around the property and listed below are the highlights of the March Meeting:

1. Veterans Chapel - We are in the process of receiving bids for a walkway from the parking lot to the pavilion. Tracy Davis is preparing an estimate for construction of a grill and fire pit which will complete Phase One of this project. Thanks to Jack Barrick who is donating the slate for the fire pit.
2. Roof Repairs - After receiving a number of bids from various roofers, it was decided to accept and forward to Council Shields Roofing quote of \$18,746 to replace the Sanctuary and Jim Reed roofs and gutters.
3. Janitorial Services - As of March 28th, we have canceled our contract with Coverall. It was decided to hire a custodian to work 10 hours a week. Bob Gaither will conduct interviews.
4. POUCC Insurance Policy - Renewal date for this is May 8th and due to costs and coverage concerns we are considering returning to our previous provider The Insurance Board of UCC. Sher Buller will meet with the agent to discuss our options.
5. Space Issues, Sunday School, Youth Group & Parking - To help eliminate our space problems, the Team discussed the possibility of making some changes to current rooms. The topic of a storage unit or small building for our youth's weekly usage as well as their fundraising for this project was discussed. The issue of the limited parking on the West Property was discussed and signs will be ordered and placed (See article below).

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for **Monday April 14, 2014 @ 6:30pm.**

In Faith, *Sherian Buller, Chair of Operations*



In order to ease exiting problems, when parking in the West Lot, please don't block entrances to grassy areas that are used as well. Look for the signs! Thanks to Ric Pountain for mounting and posting the signs!

DEACONS CORNER



The Ministry
of Deacons

Fellow POUCC Members and Friends, Thank you for your responses and suggestions with regard to the recent survey taken on Summer Combined Services. Now, that I had some time to contemplate my own thoughts along with the survey results and the thoughts from many of you regarding the pros and cons of a combined service schedule, I would like to share with you how I feel. Our church is unique and very special. I have felt since I joined POUCC and have stated many times that "we have a BIG church in a small church". Our two worship service approach - one Contemporary and one Traditional is unique to a church our size. Another thing that is unique is the fact that we all get along with each other. On the 2-3 times a year that we have combined services, you can see and sense the power within the sanctuary from all of us worshipping together. In these few times where we have our Praise Music Team and our Choir supported by Dr. Tom's wonderful musical abilities the services are a memorable spiritual journey for all in attendance. Based on the fact that significant portions of the congregation like their service styles and times and the fact that we want to provide multiple factors for seekers to help make us grow, the schedule for summer services will remain the same with the exceptions of **May 4th and Confirmation Sunday, June 8th.** Our survey of members on March 23rd proved one key thing. We have a wonderful congregation filled with members, families and friends who really enjoy seeing each other and who are willing to participate in any task when asked. That is when we are "combined". That is what a true spiritual family does. The disciples of Jesus did not agree on everything but just look at what they accomplished!

Bob Brewster, Chair of Deacons

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS



Our Tuesday evening gatherings have been well attended and the new format is proving to be popular with the youth as well as the adults. The meals continue to be delicious thanks to Sue Turner and Lauren Scalf is doing a great job as our new Youth Leader. The youth activities this past month included a “sweet” fundraiser and a “wet and wild weekend.” If you haven’t made it to one of our Tuesday evening gatherings, make a point to check it out. It’s great fun and fellowship.

On Friday, February 28th members of the congregation gathered to support our youths’ *Spirit Night at Sweet Frog Yogurt Shop*. Not only was the yogurt terrific but a great time was had by all. A big thank you from our youth for your generosity which raised \$200 for upcoming events. Thanks to Lauren Scalf for coordinating the event.



PEACE RIVER YOUTH EVENT: On March 7th, *Payton Bryan, Aydan, Blake, Elijah & Tommy Buller, Trey & Van Thompson, and Selena Wheeler* along with chaperones *Sher Buller, Lauren Scalf and Tracy Davis* departed for the weekend camping event which included a 9-mile canoe trip down the Peace River. This was an incredible experience for all. The event afforded our youth the opportunity to reunite with friends they made on previous retreats and enjoy fellowship and fun (especially making the S’mores) in God’s great outdoors. The closing worship service was awesome. It is such a pleasure to see our young people join in with others of faith. Thanks to Lauren Scalf for a terrific power point presentation to the congregation on March 16th..

CONFIRMATION 2014

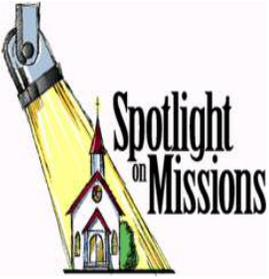


Our Confirmands continue studying and preparing to receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. On **March 23rd**, Payton Bryan and Van Thompson began the group’s Memory Verse Presentations to the congregation and they did a great job. Listed below is the presentation schedule for the remaining of the students. We look forward to hearing from each one:

Sunday, April 6th - Aydan Buller (John 15:17) and Blake Buller (Revelation 2:10c)

Sunday, April 27th - Travis Dotson (Colossians 3:20) and Tyler Dotson (I John 4:8)

MISSION NOTES



We continue to be blessed by your generosity to all of our projects. We recently delivered bags of stuffed animals, a high chair, swim vests, diapers, infant cloths and supplies to the Pregnancy Crisis Center. Your contributions to the Mission Boxes continue to aid Sophie's Circle and your donations to the Sock Box aid those in need during these cool Spring days. Thanks to all who have shown an interest in our monthly Palmetto House Mission. We continue to meet with Tina Howard from Spruce Creek Elementary School in an effort to develop our partnership agreement. Presently their greatest need is mentors for the children. It only requires a half an hour a week and they provide training. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to this worthwhile project. If interested, contact the Church Office. Many thanks for your contributions. Together we do great things for many people. God Bless. *Joe Thompson, Member of the Missions Team*

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2014 CAMPAIGN—WE ARE ONE:

This UCC Offering provides support to health, education, refugee, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries. Thanks to your generosity to date we have collected \$978 which includes \$300 in contributions from the United Ash Wednesday Service.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Our church is so fortunate to have loyal Thrift Store customers, volunteers, and donors (or donors - it seems they are both words). The Thrift and Gift Store thanks and appreciates them all. Because of a couple of larger donations of jewelry lately, the store is on the way to having a pretty good year. Many other new and nearly new items donated have also added to our stock. It is spring time and time to clean out that cupboard, dresser or closet (or jewelry box) and bring those good but no-longer-needed items to the store. Your Store and your Church needs them. And remember your Gift and Thrift Store when you need to buy items. The store has lots of nice items or knickknacks, giftware, pictures, and the like. Check it out! *Ric Pountain*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, April 6th is our next collection day and will benefit the Epiphany Food Pantry. Over 44 bags of food were collected last month which benefited VFW Post #3282 "Food for the Homeless Veterans' Project." Thanks to Leree and Bill Nichols for coordinating, loading and delivering the food.

If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers). There is a specific need for rice, tuna, pasta items and sauce, soups, canned meats and vegetables, breakfast cereal, condiments and peanut butter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Fellowship Dinner

Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room. Join us for an evening of delicious food and great fun!

Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, April 10th. It's our Easter Dinner—Ham will be provided and donations accepted! Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board. Please note new format which will ensure a full variety of foods.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows:

April - Thrift Store

May - Fellowship

June - Missions



LADIES LUNCHEON



Will meet this month on **Thursday, April 17th** at Noon to share a bite and fellowship at the Olive Garden. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary or contact Jeanette Campbell (788-4959). All are welcome!

SPIRITUAL LIFE GROUPS



On **Sunday, May 4th**, we will have a **Combined Service at 9:45 AM** featuring our Spiritual Life Team #2 and a special program entitled "*Going with the Flow.*" The program will include special music highlighted by a theme song written by Kay Schweitzer and projection and testimonies on sensing and responding to God's presence in our daily paths and lives. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this special service.

NOTES OF THANKS



We wish to thank everyone for their calls, cards, prayers and well wishes during Jack's recuperation. Your concern was greatly appreciated. *Jack & Harriet Rogers*

I wish to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes I received for my birthday last month. You are all so thoughtful. *Pastor Bill*

We recently received a note from Pregnancy Crisis Center thanking us for our contribution of a high chair, infant clothing, stuffed animals, swim vests, diapers, wipes and bath items. The agency is so appreciative of our continued support.



NEWS & Notes



Sunrise Service Volunteers Needed

Easter is just around the corner and we will need help to setup for the Sunrise Service at Winter Haven Park. If you can help on **Saturday and/or Sunday, April 19th & 20th Time (TBA)**, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the rear of the Sanctuary.

EASTER FLOWERS: See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Please note if your flower donation is "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" Loved One(s), purchase the flower(s), put your name on the bottom and deliver your flower(s) to the Jim Reed Room no later than **Thursday, April 17th** so that they may be arranged for the 10:45 AM Easter Sunday Service. Please sign-up by **Sunday, April 13th**.

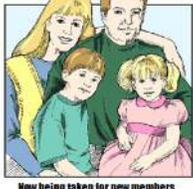


We have been seeing more and more new faces at our Sunday Services and invite all who are interested in joining the Congregation to attend our Welcoming Service on **Easter Sunday, April 20th at the 10:45 AM Service**. We are happy to have you and hope you will consider becoming a member. If interested, please contact Pastor Bill. Following that service please join us for fellowship to welcome our new members.

WEB SITE UPDATE: Thanks to Bob Brewster, it is up and running and it's great! Check it out. If anyone is interested in sponsoring our site (cost is \$30 @ month), see Pastor Bill or Bob Brewster.



PHOTOS



How being taken for new members

If you are a "newcomer" since the publication of our Pictorial Directory last year; if you missed the opportunity to have your photo taken in time for that Directory; if you are a "Snow-Bird" or regular visitor who thinks it is unnecessary to have your picture in our Directory -- YES, WE WANT YOUR PICTURES INCLUDED SO WE ALL MAY CALL YOU BY NAME EACH SUNDAY! Bob Brewster will be setting up his portable "studio" Sunday, **April 6th** in the Jim Reed Building, but it would be most helpful if you call Pastor Beverly at 295-6838 to set up an appointment.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Tyler Dotson who placed first in the 1K and 5K Special Olympics Bike Races. Tyler will be moving on to the Regional Meet in Jacksonville and hopefully the State Meet. *Way to go Tyler!*



Honoring One
of Our Own
Firefighters



Congratulations to Jack Barrick who was recently promoted to Lieutenant in the Orange Park Fire Department. *We're very proud of you!*

And how about Colten Pack who achieved the green/blue stripe belt in Tae Kwon Do as well as had a casting call in Jacksonville. *Great Job!*



On a sad note, Margaret Proctor will be moving back to St. Louis effective **April 28th**. Her new address will be: 1290 Springdale Village Drive, St Louis, MO 63146, 314-878-2575 (H), 314-952-7783. Thank you Margaret for your service to the congregation as a volunteer in the Thrift Store and as a willing worker on the Fellowship Team. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you when you visit.

Happy Birthday!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS*

Shelia Fisher	4/1
Kay Russell	4/3
Alice Lynn Feldman	4/4
Saira Ramoutar	4/5
Margaret Yaeger	4/14
Louise Johnson	4/18



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES*

Mac & Mary McDonald	4/23/1983
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PRAYER REQUESTS*

Ted Batturs	Member of POUCC
Delynn Brooks	Niece of Drew Knock
Fred Campbell	Member of POUCC
Dee Carroll	Mother of Sher Buller
Ingrid Claunch	Member of POUCC
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Diana Cole	Daughter of Dee Dardeen
Lucille Coulter	Member of POUCC
Dotson Family	Member of POUCC
Karen Donahue	Sister of Harold Kransi
Amelia Dyer	Friend of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Bill & June Ebbert	Members of POUCC
Sarah & Wes Fuchs	Family Members of the Fishers
Tyler Graf	Grandson of John & Ann Shaw
Pat Hilgenberg	Member of POUCC
Scott & Emily Hill	Val Hill's Nephew and his wife who are both Missionaries
Albert & Richard Hobson	Erika Hobson's Sons
Joellen Hopkins	Member of POUCC
Nancy Hosford	Bill Wheeler's Sister
F/F of Douglas Johnson	Former Member of POUCC
Killebrew Family	Terri Zinke's Sister's Family
Leslie Knorr & Child	Granddaughter of June Ferreri
Jarvis Lynn	Friend of Sher Buller
Floyd Malcolm	Friend of Bob & Sheila Fisher
Brian Manchester	Son of Sheila & Bob Fisher
Gayle Martin	Friend of Sue Batturs
F/F of Luke Zachary	Infant Friend of the Wiggins'
Mills Family	Family of Sonnie & Ron Zinke
Art McPhearson	Friend of the Gaither's
F/F of Rev. J. Montgomery	UCC Clergy
Gideon Perkins	Great-Nephew of the Turners
Margaret Procter	Member of POUCC
Georgeanne Schore	Friend of the Greiff's
John Stewart	Husband of Mary Ann Stewart
Patty Stoner	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Rich Thole	Member of POUCC
Walker Family	Sister & Family of Doreen Wheeler
Rose Williams	Member of POUCC
Dan & Dean Warmcastle	Friends of the Batturs
Bob Wood	Sher Buller's Mother's Boyfriend

In Care Facilities:

June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Facility in PA)
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Special Needs:

All of Our Military & Their Families

Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or to add a Prayer Concern.

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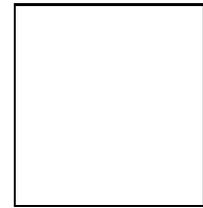
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Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

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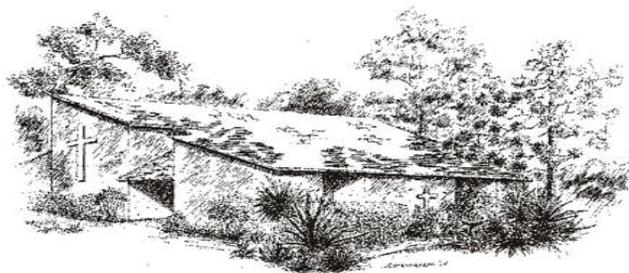
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Sunday School

9:45 AM

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