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Pastor's Message

Sunday Worship

Contemporary

8:45am

Traditional

10:45am

All Are Welcome

POUCC Website

www.PortOrangeucc.org

Dear Friends,

As we have been traveling through our Lenten season together, we have considered some of the “nails” of life. We have learned many lessons as we approach the glorious Easter celebration but the cross still looms ahead. We must go through the passion of Christ to truly understand and appreciate what Easter is all about – just as we must experience failure and regret to truly understand and appreciate what grace and mercy are all about as God’s children and disciples of Jesus Christ. Each week in our Lenten journey, we have considered some of the truths we learn mostly the hard way. Below are a few other ones for your consideration:

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Rules For Being a Child of God

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period.
2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full time informal school called Life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons – whether you like them or not.
3. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons.
4. A lesson is repeated until learned. Failures are inevitable.
5. There are no failures greater than God’s love. Growth is a process of struggle and grace.
6. “There” is no better than “here.” When your “there” has become “here” you will simply obtain another “there” that will again look better than “here.”
7. You can harm yourselves and others but remember that others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects something you love or hate about yourself.
8. What you make of life is up to you and the choices you make. God has given you all the tools, gifts, and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you.
9. God will never abandon you and is all around you - all you need do is look, listen and trust.
10. You will sometimes forget all of this but you can remember it whenever you want.

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Rev. Dr. Bill Wassner
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Easter Bound But Still Learning and Trusting,

Pastor Bill



Pastoral Assistant

March was an exciting month during which we successfully shared not only a new time schedule, but new educational and fellowship opportunities as well. Our two adult Christian Ed classes on Sunday mornings between services were well received with 34 enrolled. The "Harvard" class has settled in Classroom #1 in the Sunday School Wing, and the "Angels" continue on in the Sanctuary (Thanks, "Angels," for quietly continuing your class while the choir rehearses).

We now have two paid Nursery Attendants from 8:30-Noon on Sundays. Grace and Becca are very reliable, mature, wonderful young ladies certified in Child CPR, and are "graduates" of the child care course at Spruce Creek High School. We are very fortunate to have them. Even if you don't have nursery-aged children, please stop by the Nursery and give them a warm welcome!

Sher Buller and I are working together with the Kindergarten and 1st-2nd Graders. We are concentrating on having a fun project each week for this age group which ties in well with a brief lesson in order to hold their attention and to keep things fun and interesting. Miss Blanche continues on beautifully with the older children, and Pastor Bill, of course, is meeting with the Confirmands.

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS has attracted quite a mixed age group, and we're having a good time! You've gotta come at least once to check out FARKLE with the adults at 5:30 before dinner! No, you're not getting any hints -- you've just "gotta show up!" I'm particularly pleased with how many Youth are attending Tuesday nights, and who are bringing friends! Our Tuesday night focus for Youth is just good, old-fashioned Christian fellowship!

Life is good at POUCC!

Joyfully Yours in Christ,

Beverly

Beverly Schafer

Pastoral Assistant



Operations Team Financial Update

Operational Budget as of 2/29/12

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	thru FEB 2012	thru FEB 2012
Income	\$ 32,918	\$ 30,545
Expenses	\$ 27,479	\$ 35,072
Net	\$ 5,439	\$(4,527)

We are doing much better than budgeted in that our income is higher than budgeted and expenses are lower so far this year. We continue to be on the right track with income vs. expense. A big thank you to all those members who submitted their Florida Conference Dues (\$14.50 per member) recently. If you haven't paid yours yet, please consider doing so soon as we have already sent the full amount to the conference.

Respectfully submitted, **Susie Greiff**, Treasurer

OPERATIONS TEAM

SINCE THIS IS STILL EARLY IN THE YEAR, THIS SPECIAL REPORT WILL HIGHLIGHT MANY AREAS ABOUT WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES TO ASSURE OUR CHURCH FUNCTIONS PROPERLY AND IS WELL MAINTAINED.—DALEN MILLS, CHAIRMAN

The POUCC Operations Team has been busy. We have already implemented cost savings changes. We are currently looking at other potential cost savings changes. We are going to look at establishing short and long term plans for our church's physical plant and campus. This would essentially be a proposed financial plan based on a conversation with the Church Council on a list of: Must do now, should do soon, have to do in the future and prioritize the list. Spending our church's hard earned finances must always be done with great stewardship in mind.

As your Operations Team chairman you should know that my personal philosophy toward our church's finances is this: We should set aside money into a contingency fund that ONLY goes toward capital expenditures. It should be in an interest bearing account. We should always replace big ticket items with a look to "how efficient is it?" For example; I'd rather we spend "extra" money on a much more efficient air conditioner/heat pump system and have savings every time it is used as opposed to buying a cheaper system that chews up more money every time it comes on. Short term extra expenditure for a long term saving. I believe that is good stewarding of our church finances. Less expensive (or cheaper) will most certainly cost us more over time. Just because it's cheaper is NOT a good use of our church finances in my opinion.

We are taking a detailed look at our budget, identifying areas that can possibly save us money by doing things differently, and moving on those suggestions. We are being careful to make sure we are always comparing apples to apples. Need vs. want is a question we are constantly looking at.

1. Florida Power & Light (FP&L) has done a free energy audit. The Operations team has looked at the information in the evaluation and will make recommendations to the Church Council regarding our findings.
2. We looked at another large expenditure, our office equipment lease. This has resulted in us securing new copiers—that are more efficient, faster, and at less cost to the church as well We used a little bit of the savings to expand our cleaning contract to be able to clean the Thrift Store. A win-win for all.
3. We consolidated all of our media needs—phone lines, internet, and long distance with AT&T for less expense as well. As a bonus for the bundle, we were able to save even more money by providing a cell phone for Pastor Bill.
4. We have invested monies from the Henderson Estate with an aggressive more long-term strategy.
5. We are currently talking to a representative from YP.COM involving our account with Yellow Pages to see if we can get more of a bang for our dollars spent with them. Advertising is essential.
6. We are addressing lighting changes in our sanctuary to go with CFLs to increase brightness and reduce electricity costs. In addition, replacing window tinting that has come loose.
7. We have found out that an ancient water heater that used to run the old kitchen is STILL there in the closet taking up valuable space and doing absolutely nothing. (Nobody seems to know how long it hasn't been on or used). The removal of it has been discussed and a recommendation will be made to the Church Council to remove it and have some much needed expansion of closet space in the Sanctuary area.
8. We are looking at alternatives to fully re-doing the whole asphalt parking areas on campus. The areas that need immediate attention are the edges where cars park, but aren't parking areas. That use has broken down the asphalt and needs repair. If the repairs aren't done soon, we will not have any alternative but to re-surface everything. We can hopefully delay the inevitable and financially plan ahead in the meantime.

OPERATIONS TEAM (continued)

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9. We are talking to our insurance company to see if anything can be done to lower that cost. We are also talking to other commercial carriers for some comparisons.
10. We have given a copy of our lawn care contract (less the amount contained in it) to another lawn care company for bid. Who knows where that will lead but nothing ventured nothing gained.
11. Looking at our budget, looking at ways to improve our church's physical plant and it's infrastructure is still a work in progress.

The POUCC will always need our church membership to be aware of what our budget is and how do we live within it. How do you help? Maybe if we remember not to park near edges just because it's a little closer. Maybe remember to pay your conference dues because if you don't it has to come out of the budget. Maybe remember to turn off a light in the bathroom when you leave. Maybe be a little less comfortable and not turn up the AC thermostat that "extra" two or three degrees. Maybe say it's OK to use tap water instead of bottled water. Maybe change our hours of use to more accommodate "off hours" electrical use rather than "peak time" electrical use. Maybe you don't need to turn on all the lights in the Jim Reed room when it's a sunny day outside.

For example: If we start retrofitting our lights (something that we can easily do ourselves and that must be done soon because of the new florescent bulbs required) the cost per light would be less than \$40.00. You might "buy" a retrofit package and change a light. Similar to buying a brick for the prayer garden. Probably only 60% or so would come under the "retrofit them now" category so we are looking at 30 or so lights being "purchased". Retrofitting isn't in the budget, but the cost of operating them is. Think about it.

There are still things in the budget that are under review and information is still out as yet. We will keep you all advised as we try very hard to stay within our budget, maybe save some money here and there, and streamline our services and get the biggest bang for our money spent.

And last but certainly not least. Our present Operation Team would like to thank previous teams. Their work and care have given us a great foundation to build upon. Bill Greiff and his team did a great job. Thank you Operations Team 2010-11 in particular.

Your POUCC Operations Team:

Tom Buller, Bob Gaither, Roger Harper, Tim Holby, Russ Karel, John Shaw and Dalen Mills, Chair



POUCC RECYCLE BIN - the recycle bin located on church property benefits our church youth. A recent change now allows for the bin to accept Catalogs, Magazines and White Office Paper, plus any newspapers. (No Phone Books).

NEW INSTRUMENTS DEDICATED



Instrument Dedications

“NEW ORGAN and PIANO”

Our new organ was finally completed and installed in mid-March with additional speakers and an enhanced chancel niche. Special thanks to Jack Rogers and his friend Bill Smith for chancel renovations. Dr. Tom is practicing and setting stops, etc. *Proceeds from the Mary Henderson Estate made this purchase possible.*

Our new piano has been repaired, tuned, cleaned, and new casters installed. Special thanks to Tim Holby for his efforts and work on it! *Memorial contributions for Sue Holby made this purchase possible.*

Both instruments will be dedicated in the 10:45 service on Sunday, April 1st!

THANK YOU



“BIG THANK YOU” for all the cards, gifts, and wishes I received for my birthday. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Priscilla Bill

As we approach our Sunday Sunrise Service on the beach, you may want to take a moment to reflect on the words of the following poem:

Footprints In the Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. “Lord, You said that once I decided to follow you, You’d walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.” The Lord replied, “My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I Carried You.”

CONFIRMATION CLASS



Meet
Our
Confirmands

The curriculum we are using is *Making Disciples (Logos)* written by William Willimon. Each student has a work booklet, homework assignments and an adult mentor. The classes are held on Sunday mornings between services in the Pastor's Office and each student meets weekly with their mentors as well. We are excited these children have made the commitment to participate in the Port Orange UCC Confirmation class! Students and Mentors for the class include:

Hunter Bryan – Kathy Cratin
Elijah Buller – Bob Brewster
Tommy Buller – Bonnie Morisset
Dallas Davis – Tim Holby
Trey Thompson – Dalen Mills
Lauren Scalf – Faith Coppolo
Kaylei Wierzbicki – Jackie Gaither

Students have chosen Memory Verses, which they will present a testimony on in worship over the next two months. **Graduation is Pentecost Sunday, May 27th!**

Note: A Group Picture will be taken this Sunday April 1st

Confirmand's Memory Verses Chosen:

Hunter Bryan – JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Elijah Buller – PSALM 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Tommy Buller – 1 JOHN 4:8b

God is love.

Dallas Davis - ECCLESIASTES 7:20

There is not a righteous human on earth who does what is right and never sins.

Trey Thompson – REVELATION 2:10C

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Lauren Scalf – HEBREWS 13:5

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Kaylei Wierzbicki – JOSHUA 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The POUCC **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** total, so far is \$956. We thank everyone for their generosity!

Did you know that One Great Hour of Sharing is over fifty years old? This nationwide united effort by America's Christians has an importance far beyond the practical goal of fund raising. For this great joint program will not only strengthen the vitally important relief and rehabilitation work of the churches overseas, but will also prove to all the world how great is the power generated when Christians unite in a common cause.



The purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing has remained the same: to collect special gifts to assist those in need. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. 100% of all donations go toward these efforts.

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

National Donate Life Month, which is celebrated every April, is a time when the country unites to heighten visibility of organ, eye and tissue donation & donor designation while honoring those that have shared the greatest gift—the Gift of Life.

We are having a representative from TransLife come to our church on **April 22nd** during Sunday School to help us learn more about the importance of being a donor. Jeanette Campbell will tell the story of their son Richard who received a liver transplant in 2006, has had no signs of rejection and share a few other issues.

Brochures will be available and questions answered about this important mission of love!

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & FAITH FOR ALL AGES

5:30 PM Class & Crafts for Kids (Classroom #1 with Beverly) Outdoor Basketball and/or Volleyball (Youth) Classroom Study Hall (Youth in Classroom #2) Cards and/or Board Games Adults and Youth in Jim Reed Bldg.

6:15 PM Dinner (Pizza & Salad)

6:45 PM Adult Bible Class through April 3rd in Sanctuary by Pastor Bill—alternative programs afterwards through May

7:30 PM Home

Please indicate on the Sign-Up Sheet if you do not drive at night but would like to participate so we can arrange for transportation. Call Beverly (760-0265) if you have any questions.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND THE ENTIRE 5:30-7:30PM TIME. YOU CAN JOIN US FOR A PORTION OR ALL.

FELLOWSHIP



Second Thursday Fellowship Dinner

Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the church's Jim Reed Building. If you have attended, you already know that we EAT, TALK, LAUGH, SING and ENJOY each others company. If YOU have not attended, isn't it time for you to put this time on your calendar?

The food is Pot Luck and it is delicious! **Just bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert.** We also have special meals for Thanksgiving, Easter, St Patrick's Day and other dates. Watch for announcements.

Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday April 12th. The meal will be pot luck. Bring a main dish, a side dish, salad or dessert, plus your appetite & laughter.



Holy Week Services Schedule

Thursday, April 5th - Maundy Thursday "Service of the Nails" & Communion at 7:30 p.m. - Please bring your nail with you.

Friday, April 6th - Community Good Friday Service "The Seven Last Words of Jesus" at Grace Episcopal Church (4110 S. Ridgewood Avenue) from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. - - Pastor Bill will preach on the Seventh Word @ 2:30 -2:45 and Lisa Wassner and Terri Zinke will play and sing "Blessings" by Laura Story in the Seventh Word as well.

Easter Sunday, April 8th:

Pastor Bill's Sermon: "The 'Hammer' of HOPE"

Easter Sunrise at 6:50 a.m.- Winter Haven Park (32nd Year!), at Ponce Inlet Beach

Easter Celebration at 10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary worship with Special Choral Presentations

EASTER FLOWERS SIGN-UP ARE DUE APRIL 1ST FOR DELIVERY TO POUCC OFFICE GOOD FRIDAY BEFORE NOON

Special Note:

The Thrift Store and church office will be closing at Noon on Good Friday.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Community Care

Community Info/Empowerment

Port Orange Police Department Crime Prevention Officer Serena Besuden dropped off a lot of good information on the following programs they offer:

1. Wanderer's Assist Program for the elderly with free bracelets
2. Reporting and Checking on Crimes
3. Self-Defense for Women programs upcoming (Classes May 1st and 15th)
4. Grandparent Scams on Seniors
5. Prescription Take Back Initiatives (April 28th from 10-2 at POPD)
6. Vacation Watch Programs
7. Bicycle Registrations
8. Volunteers in Policing Program

More info can be obtained on the above by calling Serena at 506-5822 or emailing her at sbesuden@port-orange.org

Also by checking into the City of Port Orange Police Department's website (www.Port-Orange.org), or logging into www.citizenobserver.com



Your Food Basket Donations

All the food that you donate goes to H.U.M. (Halifax Urban Ministries). Below is a list of items that are needed most: **Canned Vegetables & Fruit:** Green Beans / Corn / Potatoes / Sweet Potatoes **All Canned Beans:** Pork & Beans / Pinto Beans / Navy Beans / Black Beans / Kidney Beans / Red Beans, etc. **All Canned Fruit.** **Other Canned or Jarred Food:** Soup / Pasta / Chili / Beef Stew / Tuna / Ham / Peanut Butter / Pasta Sauce (regular size) **Dry Food:** Cereal / Rice / Pasta (regular size) / Pasta Sides / Macaroni & Cheese / Dry Milk / Instant Hot Cereals

If you or someone you know is in need of the services of the H.U.M. food pantry in Port Orange, it is located at the Grace Episcopal Church on US 1, just south of Dunlawton Ave. The food pantry is open from 9 – 11:30 AM on Mon, Wed & Fri.

For questions visit the pantry or call H.U.M. at 252-0156

Birthdays* April

Alice Lynn Feldman	4/4
Saira Ramoutar	4/5
Jaden Wilson	4/7
Margaret Yaeger	4/14
Louise Johnson	4/18
Athena Wilson	4/23

Anniversaries* April

Mary & Mac McDonald 4/23/1983

Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your birthday or anniversary.

ABOUT MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Helen Holmes who is recuperating from surgery at:

Sandalwood Rehab
1001 S. Beach St. Rm. #134
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
(386) 258-3334

Mary Daigneau who is residing at:

Terrace Nursing Home
1704 Huntington Circle Rm. #302
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
(386) 254-1949

Howard Brey is alive and doing well. Last month we mistakenly reported that Howard had passed away (that was Howard Bray!). Our Howard Brey's wife Arlene passed away March 16th at age 87. Both Howard & Arlene were active POUCC members before moving away. Howard made our beautiful stained glass windows that surround our front door. Our deepest condolences!

PRAYER REQUESTS*

All of Our Military & Their Families

POUCC MEMBERS: Tom Buller, Gloria Clark, Mo Claunch, Joanne Flatt, Helen Holmes, Helen Van Nostrand, and Carol Strickland.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Rosemond Ali (Aunt of Saira Ramoutar); Cecile Kearney (friend of Jeanette Campbell); Darwin Rathbun (husband of Rowan Schafer-Ramoutar's teacher); Marie Buller (Mother of Tom Buller); Hilary Farnum - Friend of Elaine Johnson, George Franklin - Friend of Bob & Jackie Gaither, Joe Kelly - Friend of Charlie & Molly Baskin, Sherry Crawford - Friend of Carol Strickland.

ON-GOING PRAYERS*

Helen Acri, Harry Balmes, Mo Claunch, Thea Cloutier, Kimberly Comfort, Gary Crippin, Carolyn Hoffman, Dwight Flatt, Kim Hunt, Alan Jerousek, Bob Kirlin Sr., Lawson Lewis, Isalene and Dean Montgomery, Alice Morsey, Charlene Mullins & Mother, Terry Ruedmer, Ricky Sawyer, Kristel Smith, Rosemary Smith, Roy Spiller, Jeanne Taylor, Steven Teeter, Will Welch, Jean Wishart

The Prayer Chain prays regularly for the entire church family of POUCC in addition to those listed above. Please contact the **Church Office (788-0920) or **Jeanette Campbell** with your prayer requests. If you wish a request to be confidential, just mention this and it will not be published. Your request will remain in the bulletin for two weeks.*

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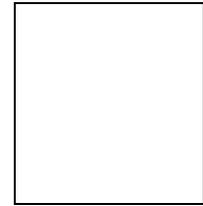
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8 WORSHIP Easter Sunrise Beach 6:50am Easter Service 10:45am	9 Operations Team 7pm	10 Terrific Tuesdays 5:30 – 7 :30 pm	11 Chime Choir 6:15pm Senior Choir 7:30pm	12 Dancing Angels 5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	13 CPT 6:30pm-9pm	14
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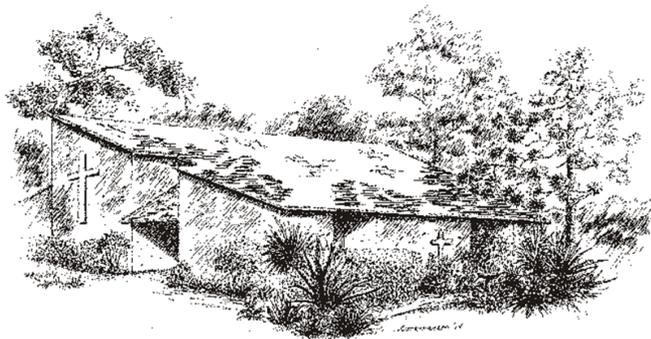
Monday—Friday

Sunday Services

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM



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