
POUCC Impressions

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Newsletter of *Port Orange United Church of Christ*

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Dear Friends,

We deal with and read signs all around us everyday. Some signs are easy to read and follow and others are confusing. Signs can

also be either directive or indicative – that is, they can tell us literally how to do something or figuratively how something or someone is doing. I want you to think with me about “signs” in a figurative sense and an indication of health. When we are sick and go to a physician, we will be asked about symptoms we are experiencing and then the doctor will conduct an exam to look for signs of what may be going on to cause our illness. Such “signs” may be found in our pulse, blood pressure, temperature, swelling, throat exam (say “AHHH”), cultures, x-rays, etc. We have all had those types of exams and know some of the signs of illness.

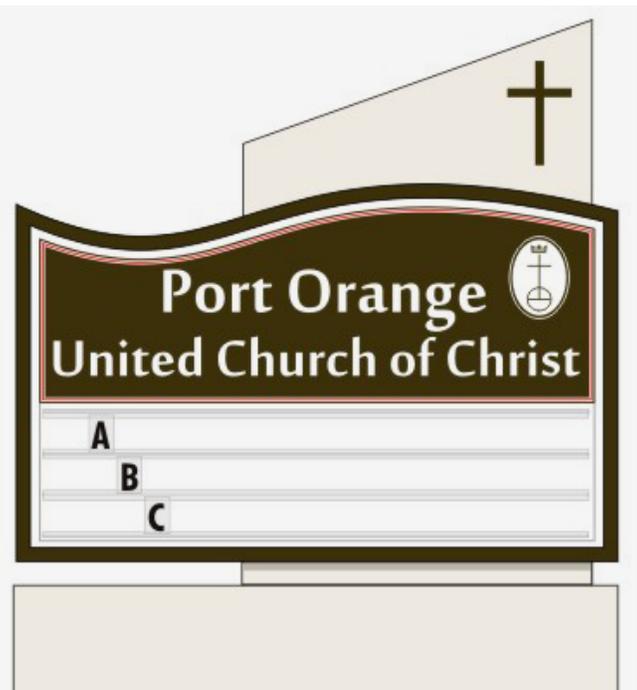


Organizations, like people, have physical and literal signs of health. When people are checking out a church for example, they examine the property, the building, the people, the worship service, and the pastor among other things. In a nation of church shoppers, we are challenged by many who are convenience and consumer oriented in their outlook and ambition. We have great people (I'm not convinced about the pastor yet!) but our property and building (among other items) do need attention and updates. One of the most prominent has been our church sign, at the corner of Taylor Road and Country Lane, which is in very poor health. I know you have been talking about replacing it for years because it is old, rusty, rotting, no longer serviceable, and does not meet our needs any longer. The difference is that this time we're going to do it! Bill Greiff and I have received drawings and bids to replace the sign with a larger, illuminated, and

attractive sign from Don Bell Signs (see picture below.) The total costs for the sign, installation, permits, etc. will be approximately \$7,000.

I know you're thinking, “How are we going to pay for it?” Well the good news is that we have a few people who have already pledged over \$1,000 towards the cost. I know we can make up the difference so we're requesting special donations to cover the remaining costs. The Operations Team and the Council have both approved this project and we need your support. If you are able to donate to this much needed improvement, please mark your envelope or check, “**Church Sign.**” And if you have any questions please contact Bill Greiff or myself. Let's make a statement to our community, to those who pass by, and to ourselves that God indeed has a purpose and place for us in the future and that our church has another “sign” of improving health!

Blessings,



Missions Activities



Update ~ July 2011

HEIFER PROJECT: WHAT A GREAT TIME FOR ALL OF US!! YOU Donated \$690.80 and the Missions Team decided to add to it from our undesignated funds to bring the amount to an even \$700.00. I wish you could have been in the room when the children chose the animals they wanted to give to families who will then be able to use these animals to improve their lives AND, in case you didn't know this, every animal that is sent is pregnant and the family receiving the animal is to give the offspring to another family in their village!!



Here is the list of what was purchased and by which child:

Elijah Buller	\$250.00	1 Water Buffalo
Van Thompson	60.00	1 Flock each of Chickens, Ducks and Geese
Aydan Buller	50.00	1 share of a Cow (heifer)
Trey Thompson	150.00	1 Llama
Tommy Buller	10.00	1 share of a Goat
Blake Buller	30.00	Honey Bees
Alex Stierli	60.00	Bunnies (Rabbits)
Nick Stierli	60.00	Tree Seedlings
Kaylei Wierzbicki	20.00	2 shares of a Sheep
	<u>\$700.00</u>	



The youth of POCC, teachers, parents & others - What a wonderful thing for the children to be able to buy shares of animals. Those shares will be matched with other shares and the animals will go to their new home! THANK YOU!!!!

MILITARY DONATIONS: Currently we are collecting items for our Military folks who are serving in harm's way. The box is filling up and your generosity is wonderful. We (Your Missions Team) are so thankful that we are a part of this congregation. YOU are the best and always support the activities that we are involved with. We will dedicate these supplies during the July 3rd Sunday services and they will be delivered to the Army Reserve Readiness Group who ships the items overseas. We will also include a check for \$35.00 to help with the mailing.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE: During the month of July we will once again collect school supplies for the children in our area who need them. A list of items is posted on the bulletin board along with lists that you can take with you when you shop. Items needed are:



Crayons (box of 24)	Washable Markers (box)
Highlighter Markers (yellow)	Large Pink Erasers
Pencil Cap Erasers (packs)	Fiskar Scissors
Glue Sticks	Boxes of #2 Pencils
Spiral Notebooks	3-Ring Notebooks (1 inch)
Composition Books	Notebook Paper
3 Prong & Pocket Folders	Plastic Pencil Boxes
Reams of White Copy Paper	

Lunch Boxes are always needed as well as Backpacks. If you wish to donate money, there are envelopes designated BACK PACK PROJECT on the table in the sanctuary or note it on the memo line of your check. Each child needs multiples of these items and there are many stores you can find these supplies at a reasonable cost. **Please bring your donations in by August 7th.**

Please remember the **Mission Boxes** as this is our only source of income for the many things we are able to do and help with. Put in your loose change and you will be surprised how much that change can do when combined with other folks' loose change!!!

THANK YOU!!!! WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT THESE THINGS WOULDN'T HAPPEN.

*Jeanette Campbell
and Your Missions Team*



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Help Wanted: Sprinkler repair person(s), experienced or not (if willing to learn), to work on the church lawn sprinkler system. Time required: about one day per month to check system and other times for emergency repairs. No pay and probably no one will realize you do it but it is a vital job for our church and God will know. If you are willing to help your church in this way, contact Ric Pountain at 756-6551. Thank you in advance.



Represent Your Church!!



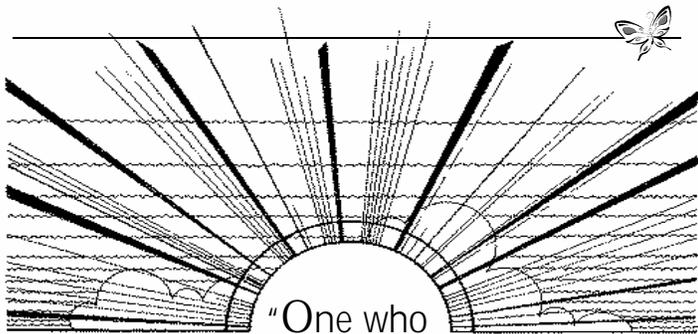
The white Tee-Shirts, with the picture of the Church on them, are available to purchase for \$10.00



each. Also, the blue golf shirts, with the Church's name on the front, are available to purchase for \$20.00 each. Please place your order on the bulletin board, or you may call the Church office. Please include the size(s) you need so the order can be placed soon.



The month of August will be **"Choose Your Sermon"** month. There is a Sign-Up sheet on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. You can choose your topic and/or scripture text. If there are too many requests for the available Sundays then Pastor Bill will choose among them. Here's your opportunity to hear a sermon on a text or topic you really want to learn more about so sign up!



"One who gives little with a smile, gives more than one who gives much with a frown."

From the Pregnancy Crisis Center



June 2, 2011

Thank you so much for your generous donation. On December 8th, 2010 our 9000th baby was born since opening in 1989. By the end of the year 9,051 babies had been born. This year we've had 161 babies born and 639 babies yet to be born by the year's end.

Because of donations like your congregation's we were able to help 173 mothers. 40 babies were born and we were able to give 51 mothers supplies for their babies. We also helped with expenses for two mothers taking the Certified Nursing Assistant program at Daytona State College and one mom enrolled in the RN program there.

May God bless you for all that you do for His children.

Beverly Strott, President

Father's Day Special Music by Kay Taylor



Kay Taylor sings and plays special music on the autoharp for the children on Father's Day. Next in the order of worship were the Dancing Angels dancing with parents and then chocolate bars given out with love.



Drew's Goodies

- 2 packages Butterscotch Chips (morsels)
- ½ Cup Peanut Butter
- 3 Cups Corn Flakes
- 1 – 12 oz. can Salted Nuts

In large pot melt butterscotch chips and peanut butter over low heat. Remove from heat and add nuts and corn flakes. Stir until thoroughly combined. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheets lined with wax paper. Refrigerate 30 minutes until set.

*Drew Knock brought these delicious delights to the last Fellowship Dinner and they were a huge hit!!



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Operations Team Update

POUCC's Financial Picture
Operational Budget - as of 5/31/11

	<u>ACTUAL</u> thru May 2010	<u>Budgeted Amt.</u> thru May 2011	<u>ACTUAL</u> thru May 2011
Income	\$ 81,180	\$ 74,014	\$ 77,782
Expenses	67,865	65,768	63,157
Net	13,315	8,246	14,625

*Although income is down from the same period last year, it is better than we anticipated with the budget. Expenses are also less than both last year and the budgeted amount. We are still cautiously optimistic about the summer months.

Susie Greiff, Asst. Treasurer



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Our Camp Out Experience

By Kay Taylor, Camping Coordinator

The Youth of POUCC had a BLAST camping at Blue Spring State Park in June. The weather was perfect, especially for swimming and tubing down the spring run! Nights were cool and comfortable, accompanied by a few mosquitoes and the sounds of frogs, whippoorwills and owls!

Seven tents housed a total of thirteen youth and five adults. Alexandra and Nick Stierli attended along with Van and Trey Thompson. Tommy, Elijah, Aydan and Blake Buller also attended and brought their friends Aaron, Devon and Jake. Levi Zinke, Kaylei Wierzbicki and Trey Thompson were our designated junior counselors who helped to set-up the campsite along with Nick Stierli and his dad, Ron. Our junior counselors accepted a lot of responsibility in helping to supervise the younger campers and Nick led the campers in some rousing bouts of rugby and soccer!

Friday evening the kids took a dip in the spring then we cooked hot dogs and s'mores over hot coals! We had a pretty giddy camp that night because everyone was so excited!



Saturday morning there were reports that a bear had come through our camp during the night – but it turned out to be rabbits! (Somehow, those little sounds during the night get exaggerated – but it made for a good story!) That morning Christine and Ron Stierli made some delicious coffee and scrambled eggs on our camp stoves and we learned that Nick is a talented breakfast cook! Sausage cooked over the coals was also delicious and

everyone was stoked up and ready for a day of swimming and tubing at the spring!



The water in the spring is a constant 72 degrees, crystal blue and perfect for snorkeling! Elijah, Van and Trey really enjoyed watching the array of fish underwater. Elijah touched 32 gar with his bare hands! And Van and Trey were excited to spot alligators and a manatee! Blake & Tommy were seen taking a relaxing tube ride down the spring run. Again, we want to thank Levi and Kaylei for helping to supervise the tubing and swimming as well as Sher and Tom Buller and Christine and Ron Stierli.

Later Saturday afternoon the campers were ready to “chill” at the campsite. Aydan said his best memory of the camp out was playing games, especially card games in the tent. Alex said her favorite memory was time spent with “big sister,” Kaylei. Tommy said his favorite memory was “camping!” and Blake had fun with his friends!



Junior counselors, Levi Zinke and Kaylei Wierzbicki, chillin’ out at the campsite.

Pastor Bill, his wife, Lisa, and the Thompsons stopped by the campsite for a visit and Nick and Levi kept the rugby and soccer games going while tin foil dinners cooked on the coals. We learned that cooking outdoors can be challenging – some of our hamburgers turned into hockey pucks but we had a delicious dinner anyway, followed by s’mores! Levi played his guitar and, after dark, I (Kay) played the autoharp. We ended the evening with refrains of “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” and “Kum Bay Ya.” Prayers of thankfulness came naturally, led by Sherian Buller, and all the campers nestled down quietly to sleep under a beautiful moon.



Sunday morning there were reports of raccoons in the camp and this was confirmed by hundreds of raccoon prints! Kaylei said she watched a family of five raccoons come through during the night. After breakfast the campers returned to the spring, for more swimming and tubing, while Tom Buller and I sadly dismantled the campsite – we could have stayed for a week!

We especially want to thank Shannon Wierzbicki and Janna Thompson for driving a lot of gear and supplies out to the campsite on Friday. Shannon, who donated marshmallows and gallons of drinking water, also came on Sunday morning to help take some of the gear back to Port Orange. Without Shannon and Janna’s help it would have been impossible to get all the coolers, tents and bedding out to the campsite! **Thank you so much!**

We also want to thank all of you who donated supplies and gear! Many thanks to the Thrift Store for donating sleeping bags, cookware and other things. Thanks to the Greiffs, the Schafers and Mary Ann Stewart for the coolers, utensils, games, bubbles, tarps and lantern that they loaned us. Thanks to my friend, Mari Reed, who donated two tents and lots of gear. Thanks to the Stierlis, who donated a large table and other supplies (and all their physical help!) And thanks to Diane

Sheehan, who provided coolers, cheese balls (yum!) huge marshmallows and cookies. **All of your contributions were *much appreciated!***

So, campers and parents, we made lots of great memories . . . When are we going to do it again?



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Kay Taylor for all of her work in organizing a wonderful camp out for the youth. Kay put in countless hours of planning, shopping, coordinating, cooking, etc. The children enjoyed special music from Kay around the campfire (charcoal pit), making s'mores, and praising God for all of our blessings and the beautiful nature we were able to enjoy.

Thanks also to the parents who stayed overnight: **Ron and Christine Stierli** and **Tom and Sher Buller**; the parents who provided transportation of camping supplies to Blue Springs **Shannon Wierzbicki** (Kaylei's mom) and **Janna Thompson**. Thanks to the junior counselors, **Levi Zinke** and **Kaylei Wierzbicki**, for their special mentoring and attention to all of the children and to **Trey Thompson** for helping as a junior, junior counselor.

Everyone was very supportive and helpful in setting up and taking down the campsite, in helping to cook, carry out garbage, and ensuring all had a great time. This would not have happened without the guidance of Kay Taylor. A wonderful time was had by all!

Thank you again and God Bless You, Kay!!!

Sherian Buller, Moderator



Family News Column

Celebrate our Accomplishments!!

We would like to share your family news in the monthly POUCC Newsletters! We know a lot is happening this summer and ALL the time! So please write a note to or email Diane in the church office or let Kay Taylor know if you have something you would like to share in the monthly Newsletter!

Correction: In last month's Newsletter it was mistakenly reported that **Garrett Zinke** graduated from Atlantic High School when it should have read Spruce Creek High School. Congratulations, Garrett, much love and prayers go with you as you start on the next chapter of your life at Carnegie Mellon University.



Aydan & Blake Buller attended Cub Scout Camp in June. They both received certificates for the Shooting Sports Program (archery and BB guns.) Also, they both received recognition for the highest score for BB's in Den #4, tying each other at 27.

Other accomplishments of the Buller boys



Aydan received awards for earning Straight A's in mathematics and the Principal's Award for Overall Excellence.

Blake received awards for Independent Work and the National Physical Fitness Award.

Elijah received awards for Respect and Straight A's for one marking period

Tommy received awards for straight A's for the entire year.



Five Guys Burgers and Fries has teamed up with the Daytona Cubs to donate \$5.00 for every strikeout this season. **Tommy Buller** was asked to be an honorary guest at the June 4th game and to change the numbers at the Cubby's ball field. He took down the 98 and placed 107 for the number of strikeouts so far this season. The whole family was treated to a night out at the game by Josh Lawther, Assistant Manager at the Daytona Cubs stadium. We all enjoyed a fabulous ball game followed by fireworks.



This family photo of the Bullers will be published in the Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida's newsletter, *DownTown*.

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the silence and said, "I think I'd throw up."



Prayer Requests

(From 5/23 – 6/26, 2011)

Deborah Jones	Dolly & Vernon Hayslip
Beth & Chris Brown	Aiden Schwalbe
Rev. Christopher Graham	John Middlebrooks
Helen Holmes	Parents of Lisa Wassner
Bill Steed	Family of the Wheelers
Milford Cox	Norm Fisher
Tom John	Barry Arrasmith
Charlie Baskin	

k Family & friends of *Mary Henderson*

k Family & friends of *Pat Sanborn*

k Family & friends of *Karen Killmeyer-Wenger*

On-going Prayers:

Ingrid Claunch	Thea Cloutier
June Ebbert	Judy Lee

In Loving Memory of Mary Louise Henderson

A memorial service for Mary was held on **Sunday, June 26, 2011** at **12:00 PM** with a luncheon following. Mary was a vital member of POUCC's Church family. In addition to managing the Church's card ministry for over 10 years, she was a member of the Altar Guild which included regularly changing the paraments in the sanctuary, handling the flowers and taking care of the pastor's robes and vestments. Out of love for her Church Mary always worked behind the scenes helping to make sure things ran smoothly and, most recently, coming in every Friday to fold the Sunday bulletins. Mary will be remembered as an avid conversationalist with a servant's heart and she will be very dearly missed by all who knew her.

*"I am going to prepare a place for you."
John 14:2*



The Old Man



As I came out of the supermarket that sunny day, pushing my cart of groceries towards my car, I saw an old man with the hood of his car up and a lady sitting inside the car, with the door open. The

old man was looking at the engine. I put my groceries away in my car, and continued to watch the old gentleman from about twenty five feet away. I saw a young man in his early twenties with a grocery bag in his arm walking towards the old man. The old gentleman saw him coming too, and took a few steps towards him. I saw the older gentleman point to his open hood and say something. The young man put his grocery bag into what looked like a brand new Cadillac Escalade. He then turned back to the old man. I heard him yell at the old gentleman saying: "You shouldn't even be allowed to drive a car at your age." And then with a wave of his hand, he got in his car and peeled rubber out of the parking lot.

I saw the old gentleman pull out his handkerchief and mop his brow as he went back to his car and again looked at the engine. He then went to his wife and spoke with her; he appeared to tell her it would be okay. I had seen enough and I approached the old man. He saw me coming and stood straight. As I got near him I said, "Looks like you're having a problem."

He smiled sheepishly, and quietly nodded his head. I looked under the hood myself and knew that whatever the problem was, it was beyond me. Looking around, I saw a gas station up the road and I told the old man that I would be right back. I drove to the station and went inside. I saw three attendants working on cars. I approached one of them and related the problem the old man had with his car. I offered to pay them if they could follow me back down and help him.

The old man had pushed the heavy car under the shade of a tree and appeared to be comforting his wife. When he saw us he straightened up and thanked me for my help. As the mechanics diagnosed the problem of an overheated engine I spoke with the old gentleman.

When I shook hands with him earlier, he had noticed my Marine Corps ring and had commented about it. Now he was telling me that he had been a Marine too. I nodded and asked the usual question, "What outfit did you serve with?" He told me that he served with the first Marine

Division at Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal. He had hit all the big ones and retired from the Corps after the war was over. As we talked we heard the car engine come on and saw the mechanics lower the hood. They came over to us and as the old man reached for his wallet, he was stopped by me. I told him I would just put the bill on my AAA card.

He still reached for the wallet and handed me a card that I assumed had his name and address on it and I stuck it in my pocket. We shook hands all around again and I said my goodbyes to his wife.

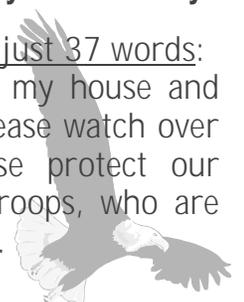
I then told the two mechanics that I would follow them back up to the station. Once at the station, I told them since they had interrupted their own jobs to come along with me and help the old man. I wanted to pay for the help but they refused to charge me. One of them pulled out a card from his pocket, looking exactly like the card the old man had given to me. Both of the men told me then that they were Marine Corps Reserves. Once again we shook hands all around and as I was leaving, one of them told me I should look at the card the old man had given to me. I said I would and drove off.

For some reason after I had gone about two blocks, I pulled over and took the card out of my pocket and looked at it for a long, long time. The name of the older gentleman was on the card in gold leaf and under his name was written: "*Congressional Medal of Honor Society.*"

I sat there motionless, looking at the card and reading it over and over. I looked up from the card and smiled to no one but myself and marveled that, on this day, four Marines had all come together because one of us needed help. He was an old man all right, but it felt good to have stood next to greatness and courage, and an honor to have been in his presence. Remember, *OLD men* like him gave you *FREEDOM* for America. **Thank you to those who served and still serve**, and to all of those who supported them, and who continue to support them.

Remember, freedom *isn't* free; thousands have paid the price, so that you can enjoy what you have today.

Take a minute for this prayer in just 37 words:
God, our Creator, walk through my house and take away all my worries; and please watch over and heal my family; and please protect our freedoms, and watch over our troops, who are defending those freedoms. Amen.





Birthdays

Tommy Buller	7/2
Teddy Yaeger	7/11
Art Van Nostrand	7/16
Bonnie Morisset	7/24
Helen Holmes	7/24
Nicolas Yaeger	7/25
Leree Nicholls	7/26
Van Thompson	7/26
Carol Rogers	7/27



Anniversaries

Billy & Peggy Wiggins	7/3/77 (34 years)
Maurice & Ingrid Claunch	7/5/97 (14 years)
Don & Kay Schweitzer	7/7/09 (2 years)
Reid & Mary Hughes	7/11/09 (2 years)
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	7/19/58 (53 years)
Rev. Raymond & Cora Hargrove	7/20/01 (10 years)

"When the people fear their government,
there is tyranny;
When the government fears the people,
there is liberty."

~ Thomas Jefferson ~



Calendar for July 2011

7/1 - 7/5	Thu.-Tue.	General Synod/Tampa
7/2	Sat.	9-11 AM Praise Dancers
7/3	Sun.	9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Coffee House 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
7/4	Mon.	 <i>Independence Day/Office Closed</i>
7/6	Wed.	5:30 PM Palmetto House Mission Outreach
7/7	Thu.	6:00 PM <i>Line Dancing</i>
7/9	Sat.	9 – 11 PM Praise Dancers
7/10	Sun.	9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
7/11	Mon.	7:00 PM Operations Team mtg.
7/14	Thu.	6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner
7/16	Sat.	9 – 11 AM Praise Dancers
7/17	Sun.	9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
7/18	Mon.	7:00 PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Council meeting
7/20	Wed.	5:30 PM Palmetto House Mission Outreach
7/21	Thu.	6:00 PM <i>Line Dancing</i>
7/23	Sat.	9 – 11 AM Praise Dancers
7/24	Sun.	9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
7/28	Thu.	6:00 PM <i>Line Dancing</i>
7/30	Sat.	9 – 11 AM Praise Dancers
7/31	Sun.	9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Traditional Worship



**POTLUCK
DINNER**

Thursday, July 14th
at 6:00 PM

