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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Stewardship is a powerful biblical term that stresses the primacy of our faithfulness to God by wise management of the resources God has placed in our care.

I want to speak with you for a few moments about stewardship – no, don't worry – I'm not going to plead with you for money. That may be an easier "sell" than what I want you to think about with me. I want you to think about our stewardship of God's creation. Please, let's not talk about "global warming" – that phrase is both maligned and misleading. We need to focus on climate change. While we may disagree about the rates of change and all of the causes, there simply can be no denying that our world - its resources, creatures, and climate – are changing: species are dying, water is polluted, the soil is poisoned, and storms are increasing in both unpredictability and veracity. The wonder of it all is that the God who formed the heavens and the earth, whose glory is shown in the silence of a sunset and the cry of an infant, who sustains all things by loving power, actually has put Divine trust in us to manage the resources of the earth wisely. We are small, certainly. We are weak and confused and selfish and destructive and often hateful. Yet we are the ones on whom God is banking for the care of the wonderful creation. What is really going on? What are we doing? What can we do? Those are several questions we will address in a special five-week Sunday school class I will lead between services beginning July 13th. I will have curriculum with DVD presentations to help us all understand a little better what is going on and then we can think and pray about what we can do. As Jim Wallis puts it in a recent issue of Time:

Here is the moral narrative. What will your grandchildren's grandchildren ask about why we, and why you, did not do what was necessary for them? Why were we so selfish and short-sighted? Why didn't we care enough about the future of our world and theirs, to take care of our descendants? And here is the biblical and spiritual narrative: does care for God's creation really allow us to exploit the earth and its resources for short term economic self-interest? Is that good stewardship and the humble worship of God? It's time to stop denying science, denying our created instructions, and denying the sovereignty of God. Instead, let's start acknowledging our moral responsibilities.

Pastor Bill

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ASSISTANT PASTOR



Looking forward to a summer vacation? I know I am! After a rough month health-wise for both Tim and me, I am soooo ready for a week of just "vegging" out with nary a care in the world with my beloved family at our favorite vacation spot.

Nary a care in the world. Easier said than done. Even if I vow not to read the newspaper or watch the news for a week, my prayer list for "praying the news" grows daily with even more international, national and local tragic and horrific news -- very few of which stories ever seem to resolve, so they remain on my prayer list. "What difference does it make?" A lot to me, and even more to God! What would happen to our faith if we let ourselves believe that "old news" was no longer important to God? Perish the thought -- and perish we would! We MUST care, and we MUST share our concerns with others and certainly with God through prayerful meditation with dedication.

Going on vacation? When packing your suitcase, be sure not to leave your prayers behind!

Faithfully Prayerful,

Pastor Beverly

SPECIAL NOTES

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH will be a time for outdoor fun and games between services.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS will continue with The Wired Word until July 13th when Pastor Bill starts a five-week study on environmental issues which will incorporate use of our audio/video equipment for dramatic emphasis. This class will meet in the sanctuary between services, and all adults as well as interested youth are invited to participate.



SQUARES & PRAYERS: I have, for our church, joined a group called "Prayers and Squares" with the approval of both Pastors. This is an interfaith outreach organization that combines the gift of prayers with hand tied quilts. It's not about the quilt as it is about the prayers that are said for the person in need of God's blessing and help. A heavy thread or yarn is put throughout the quilt and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for the person who is in need. The love of God flows through that person to the person receiving the quilt. These quilts are made only with the consent of the recipient and are not sold. It is a gift of love and hope. If you can sew straight seams or put yarn in quilts, please call me at 316-1624, and if you have any extra fabric in your stash, I could use it! For more information and the group's history, go to "Prayers & Squares" on your computer. Thank you, *Marian Wolff*

Financial Update



Operational Budget as 4/30/2014

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Apr. 2014</u>	<u>Apr. 2014</u>
Income	\$66,363	\$57,251
Expenses	<u>\$55,021</u>	<u>\$54,166</u>
Net	\$11,342	\$ 3,085

We had a great April, thanks in part to our wonderful Sunrise Service on the beach Easter Sunday, which brought in \$3,000. This helped bring our income up which is very good since our summer months are usually lighter when our "snowbirds" go back up North. Luckily our expenses are in line with what was budgeted so far this year. Thanks for your support! Respectfully submitted by Susie Greiff, Treasurer

OPERATIONS TEAM



Our Operations Team has been busy addressing issues around the property and usage of our facility. Listed below are the highlights of the May meeting:

1. Sunrise Service - Discussion was held on what we learned and could do better next year with regard to additional speakers and an enlarged platform.
2. Roof Repairs - New decking and shingles were installed and inspected as of 5/22.
3. POUCC Insurance Policy - New policy with the Insurance Board effective 5/8 and paid in full for 2014.
4. Veterans Chapel - Walkway & grill pad completed on 5/22. Construction of fire pit will take place in the near future as well as the addition of bamboo blinds and ceiling fan.
5. Use of the Sanctuary for La Petite Pre-School Graduation on 6/2 was approved.
6. PayPal Link to New Website was approved allowing donations online (4 areas: general, missions, special and memorials) to be made to the church via the website. Further information will be forthcoming.
7. Spring Mulch Day was a success and it was approved to purchase and additional three pallets of mulch for the church grounds.
8. Plans for the Congregational Picnic on June 8th were also discussed.

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2014 @ 6:30pm.



SPECIAL THANKS: To Jackie Clough, Kathy Cratin, Cindy Deitch, Cindy Pierson, Blaine & Clay, Bob Brewster, the Buller Family, Tracy Davis, Jim Eagan, Bill Greiff, Chuck Henderson, Bob Russell and Rich Thole for their time and hard work on the grounds. With everyone's help, we were able to weed and mulch in record time. As you can see, the grounds look fabulous. *Great Job! Bob Gaither*



VETERANS CHAPEL



WE'VE COMPLETED PHASE 1: As of May 22nd, our "Chapel in the Pines" has a walkway from the parking lot for easy accessibility by all members and a permanent grill area for future outings. Thanks to all who contributed to make this a reality. Future plans include installation of a ceiling fan as well as bamboo blinds to cool and shade the chapel.



SPECIAL REQUEST

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: Is a fund set-up to confidentially help members in need. This separate account has aided a few members over the past few months and will continue to do so with your generosity. *Thank you, Pastor Bill*

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS



Terrific Tuesdays

We wrapped up our weekly meetings for the summer. As a final fund raiser and a Mother's Day project, the youth painted mason jars and filled them with orchids (donated by Steve & Sherri Wronski of the "Flower Cottage") which sold for \$5.00 and candy which sold for \$4.00. Thanks to your generosity, it was a great success. Not only did they have a great time creating the crafts they raised \$209. Thanks to Sue Turner for her weekly dinners, Lauren Scalf for her great programs and activities and Pastor Bill for his wonderful Bible Studies each week. We'll keep you posted on our start date in the fall. *See you in September!*



CONFIRMATION 2014



Our Confirmands, *Payton Bryan, Aydan & Blake Buller, Travis & Tyler Dotson and Van Thompson*, concluded their classes on May 18th and are ready to receive the Holy Spirit and become members of the congregation at a special **Combined Service on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th at 9:45 AM**. As a final project, the group met at Whim Wham Art Studio in Ormond Beach on Tuesday, May 20th and decorated chalices to commemorate the occasion. They worked very hard and their individual designs are reflected in their finished creations which will be displayed on Communion & Confirmation Sundays. Special thanks to Pastor Bill and the students' mentors: (*Payton Bryan-Lisa Wassner, Aydan Buller- Jim & Sue Turner, Blake Buller-Kathy Cratin, Travis & Tyler Dotson- Pastor Beverly and Van Thompson-Tracy Davis*) for their continued support. It will be a special day for these six youth so please plan to attend and join in the celebration.



DEACONS CORNER



The Ministry of Deacons

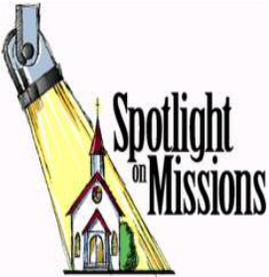
Fellow POUCC Members and Friends,
The Deacons as well the entire congregation are looking forward to **Confirmation/ Graduation Recognition Sunday on June 8th**. This special liturgy will not only celebrate our six confirmands but also include recognition of Levi Zinke who will graduate with honors from Mainland High School. **On Communion Sunday, June 1st**, our confirmands will present the chalices they designed and painted as their final project. We look forward to sharing in both these special liturgies highlighting our youth and hope you will make it a point to join us. *Bob Brewster, Chair of Deacons*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Some of the Thrift Store snow birds have departed. However we have had additional folks step up to help in the Store. There is always room for more helpers. We are all volunteers and we are all customers! We are fortunate to receive many terrific donations from members of the Church and others. Recently we have been blessed with donated antiques and collectables as well as everyday household items. The new banner was recently installed and has brought some new customers to us. We are indeed a Gift Store to many. Of course, we continue to support many missions programs and individuals in need. *Barb Pountain*

MISSION NOTES



Your Missions Team continues to go about our work of reaching out to those in need. Mark your calendars because June 8th is a big day...Confirmation Sunday, the Strengthen the Church Offering will be taken up (see article below), as well as our Congregational Picnic. We will continue our collection for the Pregnancy Crisis Center (see article below). Please don't forget our Mission Boxes which benefit Sophie's Circle. Keep in mind that prayer shawls are available for friends, neighbors and loved ones. First Sunday Food Collection continues to be a success and aid many in the community. Glasses and can tabs are always welcome. Keep up the good work of filling all these needs.

Our afghan collection for Boggy Creek continues to grow and will be delivered in the Fall. A big thank you to Louise Eagan for the donation of her handmade bears to be donated to our Boggy Creek Mission. These special labors of love will light up the lives of seriously ill children.

Joe Thompson, Member of the Missions Team



SCHOOL INITIATIVE PROGRAM: Through our partnership with this vital POMA program we have been able to aid two families in the past month. The Thrift Store provided clothes and shoes to a family that lost all to fire and we were able to make a gas payment of \$100 to aid another young family. With your generosity we continue to aid those in need.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH COLLECTION "INVEST IN THE VISION":

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the UCC. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in many ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news, that "God is Still Speaking." **This special offering will be received on Sunday, June 8th-envelopes in bulletins.**



Our Pregnancy Crisis Center Collection continues. Please bring a baby item or a monetary contribution for the Center to be given to a mother in need. We need things like maternity clothes, cribs, car seats, diapers, wipes, bottles, sleepers, receiving blankets and infant clothing for babies up to 12 months.

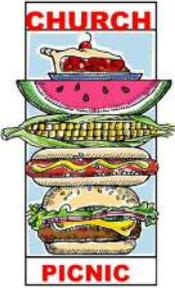
YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, June 1st is our next collection day and will benefit the Grace Episcopal Food Pantry. Over 27 bags of food were collected last month which benefitted the "Homeless Veterans Project."

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.



CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC



Our usual second Thursday of the month Fellowship Dinner will be replaced this month with our **Congregational Picnic on Sunday, June 8th following the 9:45 AM Combined Confirmation/Recognition Service.** What better way to celebrate not only our Confirmands and Graduate but our entire Congregation's accomplishments? Hamburgers & hot dogs will be provided, you bring the side dishes. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted. Seating will be available in the Jim Reed Room and tables will be available outside but you will have to bring your own chairs. This is sure to be a special event so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows: **June - Missions, July - Deacons & August - Teaching.**

LADIES LUNCHEON

Will meet this month on **Thursday, June 19th** 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 MESSAGE



RA-TA-TA-TAT—A God Moment from Pastor Beverly

While walking along a peaceful secluded road, I heard the sound of a ra-ta-ta-tat coming from one of the trees nearby. "It's gotta be a woodpecker," I thought as I approached the area from where the sound was coming. I narrowed it down to three trees and focused more closely upon them -- looking up, down and all around. No woodpecker in sight, but still the ra-ta-ta-tat continued. One of the trees appeared to be dead, which, for a woodpecker, would hold the most attraction. "Okay, Mr. Woodpecker, I KNOW you're there!" I then slowly walked around that particular tree, searching up, down and all around for the elusive bird -- elusive, yet sharing its message loud and clear. Ra-ta-ta-tat, ra-ta-ta-tat. Again I walked around the tree from where the sound definitely was coming, looking up, down and all around. Still, no bird in sight. "Could he be inside the tree?" I thought. I doubted it because the trunk was MAYBE 5 or 6 inches in circumference. One final time, to the tune of ra-ta-ta-tat, I walked around that tree, yet no woodpecker was to be seen. It was then that the prayerful refrain arose from within me: "Be still and know, that I am God," and I continued my walk, softly singing that introit with a smile upon my face, knowing that I, indeed, was in the presence of God. As if that wasn't enough, God affirmed his presence spectacularly 10 minutes down the road when, much to my ultimate delight and awe, appeared not one, not two, but THREE pileated woodpeckers flitting from tree to tree just above me! Tears of joy welled up in me as I spoke aloud -- "My God, How Great Thou Art!"

SPECIAL NOTE: SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAMS will combine for meetings throughout the summer. Our first meeting together will be June 2nd at 2:00 PM, at which time we will schedule additional summer meetings. LECTIO DIVINA (Latin for Divine Reading) will be our summer focus, along with continuing to share our God moments.



We bid farewell to John & Ann Shaw who recently moved back to New Hampshire but hopefully we will see them during the winter months. Their new address is: 21 Southbrook Circle, Newbury, NH 03255.

NEWS & NOTES



WE NEED A WARDROBE ANGEL. Our new group of Dancing Angels is searching for a “Special Angel” or “Angels.” That would be someone who is blessed with skills in costuming, who can help us find and make decisions about dancing outfits, who can measure and knows about sizes, and will be in charge of care and repair. We are lucky to already have on board an assistant for you. Joanne Flatt, an Angel who sews has volunteered her talents. We do not use new costumes every time we perform but we are starting out from scratch with left over outfits from former Angels to work with. The Dancing Angels would also like to thank Pamela Schafer, Saira Ramoutar and Louella Kransi for their contributions to our scrapbooking projects.

A big thank you to Bonnie Morisset and the Dancing Angels for their special performance on Mother’s Day Sunday. Our angels include: Sher, Aydan & Tommy Buller, Milissa & Skylar Davis & Jenna Geist, Madison Hobson, Kathryn Manning and Pamela Schafer & Rowan Schafer-Ramoutar. In appreciation of all her time and hard work, the troupe recognized their leader Bonnie Morisset with a special thank you.



We are raising money to get Tyler our wonderful son a service dog. Tyler has autism, seizures, asthma and a few other medical issues. If you can help, please go to www.gofundme.com. To date, we have raised \$325 of our \$1,000 goal.

Thank you, *The Dotson Family*

REMEMBRANCES: A celebration of the life of Dee Carroll, Sher Buller’s Mother, will take place on Saturday, **June 7th, 1:00 PM at Holly Hill Congregational Church.** A reception will follow.

The Ebbert Family will host an Open House for people wishing to celebrate June’s life on **Saturday, June 22nd from 2:00-4:00 PM** in their apartment at Bishop’s Glen.



Our own Levi Zinke will graduate from Mainland High School on **June 1st.** Levi has had a outstanding career at Mainland excelling in academics and athletics receiving the Medallions of Excellence Award given by THE DAYTONA NEWS JOURNAL and was recently named Volusia County’s Boy Scholar Athlete by Brighthouse Sports Network. *We are so very proud of you Levi and wish you best of luck in your college career.*

Congratulations to Tommy Buller who placed 5th and received a silver medal in the recent state competition for Special Olympics at Disney World. *Way to go Tommy!*



In softball news, Payton Bryan’s Team-the Rockies -won the championship game on May 23rd against the Astros—*Way to go Payton!*

Also, we congratulate Ric Pountain who was recently presented the 2014 Volunteer Award by the Orlando VA for his 2,905 hours and 8 years driving certificate. *Great job Ric and thank you for your service!*



Congratulations to Bob & Ruth Brewster whose article on their service together in Vietnam appeared in the Sunday May 25th issue of THE DAYTONA NEWS JOURNAL. *What a story of love and service!*

Happy Birthday!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS*

Diane Kirlin	6/1
Bob Gaither	6/2
Ruth Brewster	
Delana Pack	
Liz Mills	6/5
Jack Rogers	6/6
Nancy Snow	6/7
Jeanette Campbell	
Madison Hobson	6/8
Trey Thompson	
Rowan Schafer-Ramoutar	6/10
Pam Protko	6/13
Joan Brown	
Lisa Wassner	6/15
Thomas Besaw	
Helen Acri	6/21
Bill Greiff	
Charlie Baskin	
Bill Ebbert	6/22
Elijah Buller	6/25
Tim Schafer	6/26
Louise Eagan	
Lauren Scalf	6/28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES*

Roger & Shirley Harper	6/1/1948
John & Mary Ann Stewart	6/2/1951
Bobby & Kimberly Dotson	6/10/2006
Bob & Kay Russell	6/12/1960
Pastor Bill & Lisa Wassner	6/21/2007
Tim & Beverly Schafer	6/28/1962



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Bernard "Rusty" Ashley	Member of POUCC
Delynn Brooks	Niece of Drew Knock
F/F of Dee Carroll	Mother of Sher Buller
Diana Cole	Daughter of Dee Dardeen
Lucille Coulter	Member of POUCC
Dee Dardeen	Member of POUCC
Karen Donahue	Member of the Kransi Family
Amelia Dyer	Friend of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Bill Ebbert	Member of POUCC
Joanne Flatt	Member of POUCC
Sarah & Wes Fuchs	Family Members of the Fishers
Allan Henry	Father of Lisa Wassner
Scott & Emily Hill	Val Hill's Nephew and his wife who are both Missionaries
Ruth Oberender	Val Hill's Mother
Richard Hobson	Erika Hobson's Son
Marilyn Hooper	Mary McDonald Sister-in-Law
Nancy Hosford	Bill Wheeler's Sister
Russ Karel	Member of POUCC
Leslie Knorr & Joel Patrick Knorr	Family Members of June Ferreri
Jarvis Lynn	Friend of Sher Buller
Brian Manchester	Son of Sheila & Bob Fisher
Gayle Martin	Friend of Sue Batturs
Mills Family	Family of Sonnie & Ron Zinke
Norma (Sunny) Monat	Daughter-in-Law of Marge Monat
Blanche Northcutt	Member of POUCC
Leree Nicholls	Member of POUCC
Gideon Perkins	Great-Nephew of the Turners
Margaret Procter	Member of POUCC
Georgeanne Schore	Friend of the Greiffs
Owen Sowers	Grandson of Pastor Bill & Lisa
John & Mary Ann Stewart	Members of POUCC
Patty Stoner	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Doreen Villegas	Sister of a Friend of the Eagans
Walker Family	Family of Doreen Wheeler
Rose Williams	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities

June Ferreri Member of POUCC (Care Facility in PA)

Special Needs

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

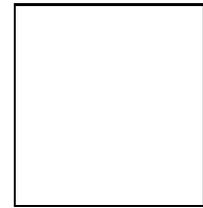
POUCC June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Spiritual Life Meeting 2:00 pm LaPetite Graduation 7:00 pm	3	4 CPT 6:30 pm	5 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	6	7 Dancing Angels 9:00 am Dee Carroll's Service Holly Hill 1:00 pm
8 Confirmation Sunday Combined Service 9:45 am Picnic 11:30 am	9 Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:30 pm	12 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	13	14 Dancing Angels 9:00 am
15 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	16 POMA Band Camp 9:00-11:00 am Council Meeting 7:00 pm	17 POMA Band Camp 9:00-11:00 am	18 POMA Band Camp 9:00-11:00 am CPT 6:30 pm	19 POMA Band Camp 9:00-11:00 am Line Dancing 6:00 pm	20	21 Dancing Angels 9:00 am
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Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*

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Sunday Worship

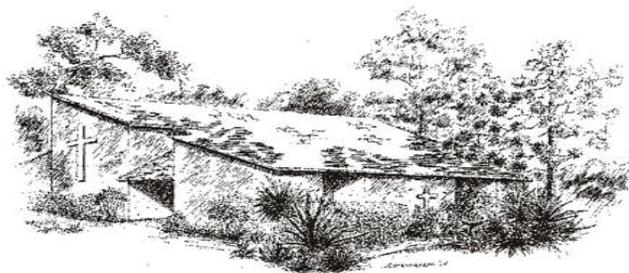
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

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6:00 PM



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