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Senior Pastor's Message



Dear Friends,
I have seen this list (or similar ones) in many places. I do not know the original source, but I appreciate their wisdom. I shared them with my oldest son, Jon, a couple of weeks ago. I wish someone had shared them with me years ago. We cannot move on to the next chapter in our lives if we keep “re-reading” the last ones:

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10 Things You Must Give Up to Move Forward

1. **Letting the opinions of others control your life.** – In the end, it’s not what others think, but what you think about yourself that counts.
2. **The shame of past failures.** – You will fail sometimes, and that’s okay. Your past does not equal your future. All that matters is what you do right now.
3. **Being indecisive about what you want.** – You will never leave where you are until you decide where you would rather be. It’s all about pursuing your passion.
4. **Procrastinating on the goals that matter to you.** – There are two choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing it.
5. **Choosing to do nothing.** – You can only decide how you are going to live, right now. Choose to see the best in others, and to show your best to others.
6. **Your need to be right.** – If you keep on saying you’re right, eventually you will be wrong. Aim for success, but never give up your right to be wrong.
7. **Running from problems that should be fixed.** – Face these issues, fix the problems, communicate, forgive and LOVE the people in your life who deserve it.
8. **Making excuses rather than decisions.** – Life is a continuous exercise in problem solving. Failures can be corrected—decide to stop making excuses.
9. **Overlooking the positive points in your life.** – What you see often depends on what you’re looking for. Be thankful for the good things in your life right now.
10. **Not appreciating the present moment.** – We do not remember days, we remember moments. The greatest part of life is made up of the little things. Cherish each precious moment.

Now, let’s continue moving forward as individuals and as a church family!

Pastor Bill

Assistant Pastor



We had the honor last month of recognizing Blanche Northcutt for her more than 50 years of teaching Children's Sunday School -- 35 years of which were devoted to her church "up north," and the following years here at POUCC. Can you imagine how many young lives have been touched by this Angel of a Sunday School Teacher? Just off the top of my head, I remember Wheeler and Zinke kids being in Miss Blanche's class, plus the Buller boys and Colten Pack more recently. One year in particular, I recall being rather concerned as to how poor Miss Blanche was going to cope with a rather "challenging" class. (I refuse to reveal the year in order to protect the innocent!) Anyway, it turned out that this group of children absolutely LOVED and RESPECTED Miss Blanche, and they had an amazingly wonderful year together. That's our Miss Blanche -- our ANGEL OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER. What a Blessing she has been -- not only to our children, but to us all -- and we thank God for bringing her to POUCC! See story on Page 7.

Joyfully, *Pastor Beverly*

P.S. SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE: Students beginning Middle School in August are now welcome to become members of the Youth Group Sunday School with Reid Hughes and Pastor Beverly in Classroom #1 on Sunday mornings.

LATE SERVICE ONLY: Elementary School children will meet with Pastor Beverly following the Youth Message.

Deacons Corner



The Ministry of Deacons

One of the deacons' responsibilities is to prepare and set out the Communion table each month. We try to accommodate everyone by providing bread for intinction (the act of dipping the bread into wine so that the communicant receives both together), as well as the small individual cups for those who desire that method. We also provide grape juice for those who would prefer to use grape juice either with intinction or with the individual cups.

The new sound system is a major improvement for our service. If you have looked at the control board you will see a bewildering panel of switches and blinking lights. Please refrain from using unless you are trained.

The Deacons are here for you. If you have questions or concerns about our services or any matter relating to the spiritual life of the church, please talk to one of the Deacons. As a reminder, that includes Joey Thompson, Janna Thompson, Sher Buller, Sandy Kransi, Bob Brewster, Ruth Brewster, Tim Holby, Bill Greiff, Bonnie Morisset and myself. *Tim Schafer*



Financial Update

Operational Budget as of 1/26/13

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Jan.-April 2013</u>	<u>Jan.-April 2013</u>
Income	\$65,432	\$59,100
Expenses	<u>\$61,231</u>	<u>\$56,336</u>
Net	\$ 4,201	\$ 2,764

Our income has been better than projected through April, which has compensated for the fact that our expenses have also been higher than projected. Overall we still remain in the black and are doing well thus far this year.

Respectfully submitted, Susie Greiff, Treasurer

OPERATIONS TEAM



Your Operations Team is busy with ongoing and new projects around the church.

- Susie Greiff presented the Treasurer's Report and stated that we are doing better than projected through April. We will be transferring \$75,000 from the Benevolent account into a CD where it will earn more interest.
- Shredder Day was held on Saturday May 21st and we were able to purge and dispose of old files.
- The "No Parking" striping in the front and rear of the church was completed Tracy & Dallas Davis.
- A "**Mulch Day**" to trim bushes, weed and mulch will be held on **Saturday, June 1st** (see article below).
- Pastor Bill gave an update on the Veterans Chapel.
- APS security systems joined us to discuss an estimate for updating our alarm system and making it a monitored system. (See article below.)
- Downspouts will be cleaned out in June.
- Roof was checked for leaks and repaired.

Next Operations Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 10th at 6:30 PM.**

Tim Holby, Operations Chairperson

MULCH DAY: Mark your calendars and plan to come out and help trim bushes, weed and spread mulch on **Saturday, June 1st beginning at 9:00 AM.** We need your help to keep the grounds looking great.



No Parking

I'm sure you all have noticed, thanks to Tracy & Dallas Davis, we now have designated **NO PARKING ZONES** around the perimeters of the Church. This will help us to preserve the curbing. Also, the Staff Parking will be moving to the east side of the building so that we can upgrade and expand our Handicapped Parking area. **Tracy and Dallas, you did a super job and let's all observe the new No Parking Zones!**

We are upgrading and expanding our alarm system for the Sanctuary and also the Jim Reed Room. Please note, anytime after **3:00 PM** the alarm will be set and if tripped, the police will come.

Since there are so many duplicate keys floating around, the outdoor and office locks are being rekeyed. New keys will be signed out of the office. We want to insure staff and lay leaders have access that they need and deserve, but we also want to limit unnecessary access and improve building security. Both actions we take will make POUCC a safer place for all and will save money on our insurance.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Daily we receive many positive comments from happy shoppers who frequent our store. Listed below are some of the many responses we received when asked: **“Why Do You Shop at the POUCC Gift & Thrift Store?”**

Because of the quality of merchandise and the friendliness of all the wonderful workers. This is my favorite and I always recommend it to others. *Ruth Lee*

The store is always well stocked and BRIGHT. Smells good too! I find what I want and what I don't need but always buy it anyway. *Yvonne*

The women that volunteer here are extremely pleasant. Prices are wonderful and they have the neatest/cleanest merchandise. Also, all proceeds benefit our local church! *Brittany*

I just found it this morning and I think it's fantastic. Good Quality! *Bob*

And when asked **“Why Do I Volunteer at the POUCC Gift & Thrift Store?”** here are a few of the responses we received:

I work here because I feel I am needed. The Thrift Store helps so much to the church and people in need.

My “small” contribution to the church and God, my “small” contribution to my church and community.

It helps me as well (I hope) as it helps the church. Keeps a senior citizen's mind stimulated.

Happy Customers and Happy Volunteers...what a great combination!

SPECIAL NOTE: Year to Date (through May 21st) we have received \$10,453 and averaged 100 shoppers per week. *Barb Pountain*

POSITIVELY POSITIVE

You can rebuild your life. Even in the most difficult times...you have the power to change the course of your life. Even now...even here...in spite of how difficult your Situation might be. Because no matter what else may be happening, life is what you choose to make it. You have the power to get back everything you've lost. You can regain your health. You can earn more money and get back on your feet.

There is no shortage of ways that you can create value and make a strong comeback.

People like you do it everyday—in all sorts of ways. You can too...once you make up your mind. You have GREATNESS within you! Begin to live your dreams now. You deserve it!!! *Les Brown*

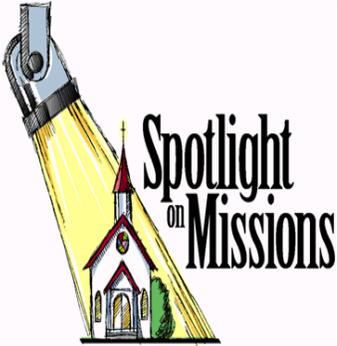


CONGRATULATIONS: To Aydan & Tommy Buller for their recent awards. Aydan received the Louis Armstrong Award from the Port Orange Music Academy and Tommy received a Science Medal at a recent Science Fair.



SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH.....to all the Fathers in the congregation we wish you a great day and thank you for all you do. Enjoy your day!

MISSION NOTES



As in the past, you have all continued to be generous with your giving to all mission projects. We have dedicated Palmetto teams, but could use more volunteers for this project. Our first Sunday food basket finds itself full to overflowing each time. We are blessed with an increase in Boggy Creek afghans by the knitting club that Molly Baskin belongs to these will be delivered soon. We have a nice supply of prayer shawls for those who need comforting so please let us know if someone you know needs one.

Our mission boxes will need some replenishing so we can give a good donation to the Pet Project Sophie's Circle in the fall. Don't carry around that loose change in the bottom of your purses, give it up for the pets of the world.

Socks keep filling up the box at the door, keep them coming too. I delivered a bassinet from the Thrift Shop to the Pregnancy Center and they were elated. They are always in need of infant supplies.

Our Strengthen the Church offering was collected the last two Sundays, but we will continue to collect additional offerings for at least a month before sending out the funds. To date we have collected \$335 and we are grateful for your generosity. So if you forgot, please consider a donation. Missions are what we do and each of you continue to do it well. Love to all. *Jackie Gaither, Mission Chairperson*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



We continue to collect food items to donate to the Episcopal Help Center. **Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday.** Over 32 bags of food were donated on the first Sunday last month. 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 and peanut butter...PLEASE donate ONLY 1 pound bags of rice and 1 pound jars of peanut butter so they can be given to individual families. **June 2nd is our next collection!**

UCC WOMEN'S 2013 SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

CONNECTING LIVES IN CHANGING TIMES: *October 18-20, 2013* at the Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference Center in Live Oaks, FL. Conference Highlights include:

- Scripture Study: Isaiah 43:19a (The Message).
- Activities include : 2 general sessions, 2 workshop sessions, worship, vespers, morning devotions, music, exhibits, fellowship, community building.
- Tentative Workshops: Connecting Electronically 101, Connecting through Domestic Mission, Connecting to Kenya, Connecting to the Spirit through Reading, Connecting through Justice, Global Ministries and Mission Education
- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Sandra Gourdet, UCC Area Executive for Africa, Partner Relations Ministry Team, Wilder Church Ministries.



For more information contact Jeanette Campbell at 788-4959 or see flyer on bulletin board.

YOUTH NEWS



Terrific Tuesdays

Thanks to Lauren Scalf and our youth, our Terrific Tuesday Worship Services are very inspirational and uplifting. Our goal is to add our youth Summer which will enhance the service even more. Our Summer Program begins on June 4th and listed below is the schedule of events for the month. *Looks like a great time...mark your calendars and join us for a summer of fellowship and fun. Fun begins at 6:00 PM.*



<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
JUNE 4	- BEACH OUTING, COOKOUT & WORSHIP Winter Haven Park
JUNE 11	- USUAL FORMAT AT CHURCH
JUNE 18	- COOKOUT & POOL PARTY Joey Thompson's Mother's House
JUNE 25	- USUAL FORMAT AT CHUCH



DISASTER MANAGEMENT

We Respond to Disasters



Before disasters happen, we meet with our disaster ministry partners and we decide on unique tasks for each of us. The United Church of Christ has declared itself to be dedicated to doing long-term recovery. Other partners do the thing they declared to be what they do best. So some partners are best at doing immediate debris removal, some are best at moving a mobile kitchen into the disaster area and preparing meals, and all of the other partners have their unique tasks.

This being the case, we will wait until the people of Moore, Oklahoma, are organized and ready for our volunteers to come and help them to rebuild. It will probably take six to ten months for this to happen.

It has taken eleven months for the people of Columbia and Suwannee Counties to organize and prepare for volunteers to come to them to help repair flood damaged homes. We need volunteers now to help more than 400 families recover from the damage done by Tropical Storm Debbie. In the future, when they are ready for us, we will be seeking volunteers to go to Moore, Oklahoma. Now, during the week of June 22-29, we need fifteen to twenty volunteers who can help repair roofs, help replace damaged dry wall, and other similar projects.

Through Church World Service, which we support, many cleanup bucket kits, hygiene kits and baby kits have already been sent to Oklahoma. We now need your help to replace the kits which were sent so that when the next disaster occurs we have a new supply of kits to send to those people.

Bill Wealand
Disaster Ministry Coordinator

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room. If you have attended, you already know that we EAT, TALK, LAUGH, SING and ENJOY each other's company.

*Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday June 13th.
Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.*

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows:

June - Missions
July - Deacons
August - Teaching



LADIES LUNCHEONS



The ladies are taking the summer off and will begin meeting once a month to share a bite and fellowship beginning in September.

NOTES OF THANKS



We recently received a note from the Pregnancy Crisis Center thanking us for our recent donation of a bassinet and infant clothing.

On Sunday, May 26th, we honored Blanche Northcutt on her 50 year commitment to teaching Sunday School. We are so lucky to have such a caring, loving individual to teach our children the Word of God. ***Blanche, thanks for being an angel of a teacher!***



A big thanks to the Terrific Tuesday gang and Joey Thompson for moving and cleaning the choir loft for our Summer Services. ***You all did a great job!***

Florida Conference Note: The Florida Conference Annual Report for 2012 is now posted on the Conference website at this link: [http://www.uccfla.org/uccfla/Celebrate Florida.html](http://www.uccfla.org/uccfla/Celebrate%20Florida.html).

NEWS & Notes



Welcome to Dr. Tom as he expands his duties as Director of the Praise Team. The team will be meeting **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM** and welcomes any new members. We are working together with Pastor Bill to integrate song lyrics and full projection in our Contemporary Services by Fall.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Thursday, June 20th, 6:00-7:30 PM in the Jim Reed Room. Mended Little Hearts is co-sponsoring this event which will feature Nels Matson, spokesman for Hearts Without Boundaries (a support group for Cambodian children with heart problems). The event will include a DVD presentation on the worthwhile work this organization provides. Donations will be accepted and all are welcome.



1st Annual Bernie Hunt Cubs' Outing: Mark your calendar and plan to attend **Saturday, July 13th, 7:05 PM** the Cubs will battle the Jupiter Hawks and fireworks will follow the game. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Further details to follow.

ZINKE CORNER: We bid a sad farewell and best wishes to Terri Zinke on Sunday, May 19th. Terri has served us for many years as a member of the Praise Team and for the last several as our Praise Team Leader and member of the Church Staff. Terri is moving in a new and exciting phase of her life as a Massage Therapist. Thank you Terri for all you did for POUCC!



We wish to share with all of you in celebrating Sierra's graduation May 4th, 2013 from the University of South Florida! Sierra graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance Dance with a Modern focus. Her future plans include auditioning with Surfscapes, a local professional dance company right here in Volusia County! Hopefully you will get a chance to see her perform. Thank you for all of your love and support during Sierra's college career. Love, *The Zinke Family*

Lastly, the Zinke Family photo was inadvertently missed in the Pictorial Directory. We apologize for the mistake and have published it in this issue of the newsletter.



CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME: On Sunday, May 19th, we welcomed into our congregation Terry McCormack, Valerie Hill and Cindy Pierson at the Contemporary Service and Erica Hopson (with Madison!) and Beverly Woodacre at the Traditional Service.





WEST PROPERTY UPDATE

The metal pavilion is being constructed and the drawing and specifications for the building and foundation are being submitted to the City of Port Orange so that we may obtain our permit to assemble the building. Thanks to all who have so generously contributed. To date our total contributions total \$10,420. **If you would like to donate, please do so as soon as possible.**

Bernard (Rusty) Ashley

Charles & Molly Baskin

Ted & Sue Batturs

Eva Brewster-In Memory of Husband Charles

Robert Brewster

Ruth Brewster

Tom & Sherian Buller

Mo & Ingrid Claunch

Kathy Cratin-In Memory of Parents

Rev. & Mrs. Harley Patterson &
Husband Ed

Mary Daigneau, Peter & Nancy Gulbrandsen

Dee Dardeen

Guy Ferrelli

Jackie Gaither

In Memory of Jack Lewis Barrick

Bill & Susie Greiff -In Honor & Memory

of Eckerson & Greiff Family &

In Honor of Deb Pack

Jack & Pat Hilgenberg

Valerie Hill

In Memory of Lodus E. Hill &
Herman D. Pennington

Russell Karel

Chuck Konopsky

Harold & Sandy Kransi

Mac & Marion McDonald

Dalen & Liz Mills

Marjory Monat

Bill & Leree Nicholls

Ric & Barb Pountain

Margaret Procter & Bob McLaughlin

Dwight Sanborn

Tim & Beverly Schafer

Don & Kay Schweitzer-In Honor
of Trey Zinke

John & Anne Shaw

Joe & Janna Thompson-In Memory of
of Joe Thompson Sr. & Tom Yungclas

Thomas & Judy Van Camp

Arthur & Helen Van Nostrand

Pastor Bill & Lisa Wassner

Billy & Peggy Wiggins

Marian Wolff

Ted Yaeger, Jr.

Theodore & Margaret Yaeger, Sr.

Ron & Sonnie Zinke

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	
Trey Thompson	6/8
Rowan Schafer-Ramoutar	6/10
Pam Protko	6/13
Joan Brown	
Lisa Wassner	6/15
Helen Acri	6/21
Bill Greiff	
Charlie Baskin	
Bill Ebbert	6/22
June Ebbert	
Alexandra Stierli	6/23
Elijah Buller	6/25
Tim Schafer	6/26
Mary Daigneau	6/28
Lauren Scalf	

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES*



Roger & Shirley Harper	
Mary Ann & John Stewart	6/2/1951
Bob & Kay Russell	6/12/1960
Pastor Bill & Lisa Wassner	6/21/2007
Bill & June Ebbert	6/22/1951
Bill (Sr.) & Doreen Wheeler	6/24/1972
Tim & Beverly Schafer	6/28/1962
Jim & Joellen Hopkins	6/29/1979

Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date.



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Bernard (Rusty) Ashley	Member of POUCC
F/F of June Carl	Member of POUCC
Dee Carroll	Mother of Sher Buller
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Dan Dale	Friend of Pastor Bill
John DuBrule	Son of Linda DuBrule
Karen Donahue	Sister of Harold Kransi
Amelia Dyer	Friend of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Tyler Graf	Grandson of John & Anne Shaw
Susie Greiff	Member of POUCC
Sue Gordon	Family of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Cheryl Harper	Daughter of JoEllen Hopkins
Scott & Emily Hill	Nephew of Val & Missionaries
Nancy Hosford	Bill Wheeler's Sister
Robert Houghman	Friend of the Greiff's
Bob Horn	Friend of Sue Batturs
F/F Bernie Hunt	Member of POUCC
Cecilia Kearney	Friend of Jeanette Campbell
Gloria Kirlin	Mother-in-Law of Diane & Scott Kirlin
Tristan Kaphan	Heart Recipient
Phil & Barbara Laucks	Friends of POUCC
Helen McGuffie	Member of POUCC
Art McPhearson	Friend of the Gaither's
Jill Park	Friend of the Deitch's
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
Kay Russell	Member of POUCC
Harry Scharadin	Member of POUCC
Steve Sharp	Friend of the Grieff's
Tucker Snyder	Great-Grandson of the Gaithers
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Larry & Carol Strickland	Members of POUCC
Mary Ann Sumners	Member of POUCC
Nilene Tromley	Stepmother of Cassie & Sara
Walker Family	Sister of Doreen Wheeler
Billy Wiggins & Family	In Loss of his Brother Aubrey
Beverly Woodacre	Grandmother of Shannan Wierzbicki
F/F Ruby Wortman	Former Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities:

Robert McLaughlin	Member Relocated to St. Louis
Rosemary Smith	Member (Sterling House)

Special Needs:

All of Our Military & Their Families

POUCC June 2013

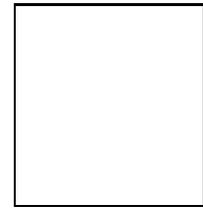
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Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

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Sunday Worship

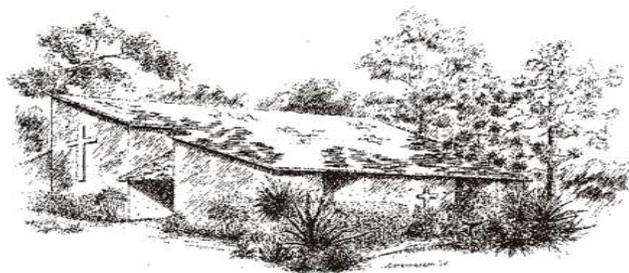
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Tuesday Youth Worship

7:00 PM



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