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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

What an awesome Easter we had! Yes, the weather at Winter Haven Park was less than desirable AND not what had been forecast – 25+ mph winds were howling with sand and misty rain flying! We had

some issues with the sound, the setup, serving communion, what to do with jelly beans given in the offering plates, and my chalice fell and shattered on the sand, etc.! WHO CARES? The Easter miracle still happened again as 700-800 bravely came out to worship on the Beach. The Praise Team and volunteers for the Sunrise service worked very hard to get ready and overcame the conditions with thanksgiving. The Sanctuary Choir and Dr. Tom's music was awesome at the second service! We celebrated a baptism on the Beach and welcomed three new members in our Sanctuary service as well – God is good! I am thankful (as I know you are) to so many who helped make Easter here both meaningful and memorable. The picture on this page was given to me by John and Linda Councilman of Port Orange this Easter from last year's service. That's what it is all about! Christ is Risen - Alleluia! What do we do now and how do we live in the meantime as children of God and disciples of Jesus Christ? We still struggle and have challenges every day. Paul Brandeis Rauschenbush put it this way:

Easter does not erase crucifixions of oppression and personal trials that humans face. It does not have that power, nor that goal...Easter does not erase any of it -- instead it shines a spotlight on those crucifixions and proclaims that the power of death and sin can and has been shattered by the power of love... Easter matters because it reminds us that God is with us, and loves us, even amidst all of our sufferings. Easter matters because it proclaims a faith that even in 2014, God is pouring forth the powerful spirit of new life to resurrect our personal lives and our world. Easter is a call upon the Christian to turn to face the crucifixions in our lives and in the world; encouraged and emboldened by Christ, to believe that we too can rise.

Behind Every Easter Is a Crucifixion, Huffington Post, April 19, 2014

Brothers and Sisters, I hope that through Christ's example and the power of God's love, you will rise above your circumstances in the coming months. I pray that you will help someone in need, stand. I hope you will experience a love you desperately need and will have the courage to share it. I hope that the Resurrection (if it has not already) becomes real for you until we meet on the Beach next year – I hope and pray that you can acclaim: "I have seen the Lord!"

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Bill

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ASSISTANT PASTOR



I have not yet seen the movie NOAH, but ask our Countryside Lakes residents what they think about FLOODS! With all the rain we had in March and early April, I was sure that was the cause; but, as it turns out, it was a break in the water line that feeds into the indoor sprinkler system which suddenly burst and seriously damaged cars, pets, furniture, and even between the walls. Dwight Norian commented on how shocked he was when he looked out the window and saw a powerful "waterfall" cascading down the side of the building! The entire B Wing had to be evacuated immediately for the safety of the residents -- all of whom found comfortable lodging elsewhere until they can return to their Countryside Lakes apartments late April or early May. What an ordeal!

Inconveniences which take us out of our "comfort" zones truly can be a nuisance, to say the least. But every now and again they can be a blessing as they shake us up and often times wake us up to new viewpoints, new approaches, new considerations, new hopes and dreams. How about New Life, which is what Easter is all about. I hope you all had a blessed Easter, and are refreshed and renewed with the Good News that Jesus is ALIVE, He IS alive -- and He has chosen YOU to be a disciple. May we all blossom in the warmth and sunshine of May, and in the warmth and sunshine of HIS love!

Still Growing in the Faith,

Pastor Beverly

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



SQUARES & PRAYERS: If you are interested in making or learning to make quilted coverlets for shut-ins, please contact Marian Wolff at 316-1624, or Pastor Beverly at 295-6838.

Financial Update

Operational Budget as 3/31/2014



	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Mar. 2014</u>	<u>Mar. 2014</u>
Income	\$49,858	\$42,993
Expenses	\$41,741	\$41,507
Net	\$ 8,177	\$ 1,486

We are doing very well so far this year, with our income being better than budgeted and our expenses being very close to our expected budget. As a reminder, please make sure all checks are made out to POUCC (or you can spell out Port Orange United Church of Christ) and to special Missions/projects. The Mission or project should be noted in the memo sections of the check. 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 April Meeting:

1. Veterans Chapel – Through a donation that was given to be used for the Chapel, a concrete walkway will be installed and a grill will also be purchased (see article below).
2. Roof Repairs – Work to be started in May weather permitting.
3. Janitorial Services – Debbie Viola is our new custodian. She has been doing an excellent job.
4. POUCC Insurance Policy – Our agent has all information needed to submit a quote to us very soon.
5. Kim Nyght was approved to use our church for a recital on May 4th.
6. Spring Mulch Day – Scheduled for May 3rd at 9 AM. The gutters will also be cleaned on the Charlie Mix Bldg.
7. POMA Summer Band Camp Weeks of 6/16 & 6/23 were approved by our team.

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for Monday May 12, 2014 @ 6:30pm.

In Faith, Cindy Pierson, Operation Team Member

As mentioned above at April's Operations Meeting, the team approved replacing the roof on the Sanctuary and the Jim Reed Room and we have contracted Shield's Roofing to do the job. Due to the inclement weather the start of this project has been delayed but is scheduled to begin this month. Once completed, it will be a vast improvement to our property. *Keep your eyes open!*



VETERANS CHAPEL



Thanks to a contribution from the Gulbrandsen Family, Mary Daigneau's daughter and family, we are in the process of putting the finishing touches on Phase 1 of the chapel. Within the month, Parking Lot Pros will be installing a concrete walkway to lead from the parking lot to the chapel. A grill is on order and thanks to Jack Barrick, who donated the slate, we will construct a fire pit. We hope all will be completed in time for our Congregational Picnic on June 8th. What a celebration that will be! Thanks to all who have made this project possible.

DEACONS CORNER



**The Ministry
of Deacons**

Fellow POUCC Members and Friends,
What a celebration on the beach on Easter morning! Although the weather didn't cooperate, the service was awe inspiring and attendance was great. The process of making the service happen is a "whole church effort." Volunteers arrived at 5:00 AM to move and coordinate the set-up of the stage which included placement of the amplifiers and sound system, which was not easy in 25 mph winds, chilly temperatures and a slight mist but thanks to you all we made it happen. The Contemporary Praise Team did a great job. The Sanctuary Service which featured a special musical celebration by the choir was a memorable celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Our services continue to grow in numbers and we are thankful for your support and input.

Bob Brewster, Chair of Deacons

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS



Terrific Tuesdays

Our Youth Group will wrap up their Tuesday evening program for the Summer on May 13th. The meetings have been well attended and Lauren Scalf has done a great job developing and presenting a very interesting program for our youth. Highlights of this year include the group's trips to the Walk on Water Retreat in January and the Peace River Event in March as well as the Halloween Party and our Haunted House Mission Project at Silver Sands Bridle Club. They were very successful in their fund raising ventures which included bake sales and the "Sweet Frog" yogurt night. Many thanks to Sue Turner & Jackie Gaither for their meals throughout the year. Thanks also to Pastor Bill for his guidance and wonderful Bible Studies. Have a wonderful summer and keep your eyes open for our start-up date in September!

CONFIRMATION 2014

Confirmation Class



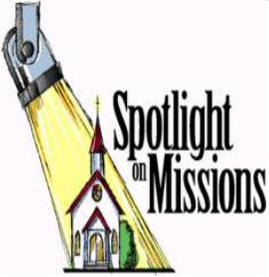
Our Confirmands, *Payton Bryan, Aydan & Blake Buller, Travis & Tyler Dotson and Van Thompson*, continue studying and preparing to receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. Throughout the months of March and April our Confirmands presented their Memory Verses and each did a great job. In preparation for their graduation, they will participate in the distribution of Holy Communion on May 4th Communion Sunday. As a congregation, we will celebrate their achievement with a **Combined Service on Sunday, June 8th at 9:45 AM followed by a Congregational Picnic at Veterans Chapel**. It will be a special day for these six youth so please plan to attend and join in the celebration.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



On July 20th our Gift and Thrift Store will mark it's 15th Anniversary of operation. It all began thanks to an idea from Roberta Sparks, Gracye Beeman, the 1999 Church Officers and Rev. Bill Mulford for their willingness to try something new. From our humble beginnings which included one room for sales, one room for donations, 9 volunteers, one set of old shelving rescued from a dumpster and a first deposit of \$16.00, we were on our way. Under the capable co-management of Sandy Deardorff and Barb Pountain and countless volunteer members of the congregation we have grown to become known as one of the cleanest, friendliest and most successful gift and thrift stores around town. Over the years, an astonishing number of 77 people have served or are still actively involved with the mission of the Gift and Thrift Store which includes providing clothing to Christ Team as well as the Pregnancy Crisis Center. To date the Store has deposits totaling \$386,721 which not only greatly help our congregation but helps us help many others. If you haven't yet visited our store, make it a point to stop by Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM and don't forget we are always accepting donations. A special thank you to all the great volunteers who make our mission possible! **Special Note: The Gift & Thrift Store will be closed Memorial Day, May 26th.**
Barb Pountain

MISSION NOTES



Your Missions Team wishes to thank all those who have contributed their time, talent, and donations that “help us to help others.” To date through your donations to the two Mission Boxes located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Jim Reed Room, we have collected \$224.36 for Sophie’s Circle to aid God’s special creatures. Your generosity has enabled us to provide food for the hungry both at Palmetto House and through our monthly “Fill the Food Basket Sunday.” Thanks to all who have shown an interest in joining the feeding teams at Palmetto House....we could always use more! Our prayer shawls are available to anyone who needs them, just ask. We could always use glasses donations as well as can tabs. On Mother’s Day, we again will participate in the Pregnancy Crisis Center Collection for Mothers & Babies (see article below). Through this collection and throughout the year you provide necessities for mothers and precious infants in need. *Joe Thompson, Member of the Missions Team*

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

This UCC Offering provides support to health, education, refugee, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries. Thanks to your generosity to date we have collected \$1,043.50 which includes \$300 in contributions from the United Ash Wednesday Service.



Beginning May 4th and on Mother’s Day, May 11th there will be a decorated box in the Sanctuary for your donations. Please bring a baby item or a monetary contribution for the Pregnancy Crisis 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.

Last year, with your support, the Center was able to help 2,194 mothers; 841 mothers received baby supplies and we celebrated the birth of 553. To date this year, they have aided 543 mothers and have celebrated the births of 121 babies. Your donations to this special collection are greatly appreciated and will benefit those in the greatest of need.

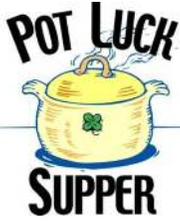
YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, May 4th is our next collection day and will benefit the Grace Episcopal Food Pantry. Over 23 bags of food were collected 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, tuna, pasta items and sauce, soups, canned meats and vegetables, breakfast cereal, condiments and peanut butter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



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

Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, May 8th.

It's a Pot Luck

Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

On Sunday, June 8th following the 9:45 AM Combined Confirmation Service, we re planning a picnic in our new Veterans Chapel. What better way to celebrate not only our Confirmands but our entire Congregation's accomplishments? This is sure to be a special event so mark your calendars. More information and signup sheets will be forthcoming.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE



Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows:

May - Fellowship

June - Missions

July - Deacons

LADIES LUNCHEON

Will meet this month on **Thursday, May 15th** at Noon to share a bite and fellowship at the Olive Garden. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary or contact Jeanette Campbell (788-4959). All are welcome!



SPIRITUAL LIFE GROUPS



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

NOTES OF THANKS



We would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and well wishes. We are so lucky to have such support from so many members of the congregation. *Ted & Sue Batturs*



WE WISH ALL THE MOMS OF THE CONGREGATION A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

EASTER 2014



What glorious celebrations to the risen Lord! Over 850 people battled the elements to celebrate at the Easter Sunrise Service on the beach. Although the wind was raging and clouds hung over the beach, as the Praise Team began to sing “Morning Has Broken” the sun rose marking the resurrection of our Lord. As an added highlight to this year’s celebration was the baptism of Remy Ann Barrick, daughter of Jack Barrick and Melissa Gabriel.



Our Sanctuary Service was well attended. Our Sanctuary Choir provided beautiful hymns of celebration, especially the Hallelujah Chorus in praise of the Resurrection. The service included welcoming into the Congregation three new members by transfer and reaffirmation of faith: Paul and Carole Neiss and Patricia Kirkley. Paul and Carole



transferred from the First Christian Church of Ohio and Patricia from St Luke’s Anglican Church. Welcome to all, we’re happy to have you. Thanks to all who helped to make our Easter Services such moving celebrations. Our Music Ministry, and Deacons, set-up and tear-down team, bulletin folders, office help, flower dedications and the entire congregation helped to celebrate our Risen Lord. As in other years, a special thanks to Lt. Max Binz of the Ponce Inlet Police Department for his officers’ hard work and professionalism.

NEWS & NOTES

MULCH & GUTTER CLEANING DAY: Saturday, May 3rd beginning at 9:00 AM we need your help. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE: Deb Viola who is our new custodian. Deb lives in Port Orange and joined our team on April 9th. She is here M-W-F and we are glad to have her as a member of the team.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Tyler Dotson and Tommy Buller who won ribbons in the Special Olympics Bike Races in Regional Competition in Jacksonville.

Way to go Tyler & Tommy!



And what about our own Levi Zinke who received THE DAYTONA BEACH NEWS JOURNAL Medallions of Excellence Award. This award goes to Volusia and Flagler high school seniors with outstanding records of academic excellence, leadership, school activities and community service. Levi is the son of Terri and Keith Zinke and plans to study to become a marine biologist after his graduation from Mainland High School next month. *We are so proud of you Levi and wish you the best!*



Correction to Margaret Procter’s address listed in last month’s newsletter: 12904 Springdale Village Drive, St Louis, MO 63146, 314-878-2575 (H), 314-952-7783 (C).

Happy Birthday!



MAY BIRTHDAYS*

Sonnie Zinke	5/5
Grace Kern	
Cindy Pierson	
Ted Yaeger, Sr.	5/6
Sue Batturs	5/7
Billy Wiggins	
June Ferreri	5/9
Cora Hargrove	5/13
Charla Manning	5/14
Beverly Woodacre	5/15
Pat Hilgenberg	5/17
Tom Buller	
Dwight Sanborn	5/18
Tim Holby	
Peggy Wiggins	5/19
Ann Shaw	5/20
Travis Dotson	
Mary Ann Stewart	5/22
Richard Devins, Sr.	5/27
Judy Van Camp	5/30
Martha Mason	
Ingrid Claunch	5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES*



Faith & John Coppolo	5/6/1988
Jackie & Bob Gaither	5/8/1982
Sher & Tom Buller	5/22/1993
Suzette & Keith Wheeler	5/24/1997
Liz & Dalen Mills	5/26/2001
Ann & John Shaw	5/27/1961

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



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Ted & Sue Batturs	Members of POUCC
Delynn Brooks	Niece of Drew Knock
Fred Campbell	Member of POUCC
Dee Carroll	Mother of Sher Buller
Ingrid Claunch	Member of POUCC
Diana Cole	Daughter of Dee Dardeen
Lucille Coulter	Member of POUCC
Karen Donahue	Sister of Harold Kransi
Amelia Dyer	Friend of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Bill & June Ebbert	Members of POUCC
Sarah & Wes Fuchs	Family Members of the Fishers
Allan Henry	Father of Lisa Wassner
Scott & Emily Hill	Val Hill's Nephew and his wife who are both Missionaries
Richard Hobson	Erika Hobson's Son
Joellen Hopkins	Member of POUCC
Nancy Hosford	Bill Wheeler's Sister
Russ Karel	Member of POUCC
Killebrew Family	Terri Zinke's Sister's Family
Leslie Knorr & Joel Patrick Knorr	Family Members of June Ferreri
Jarvis Lynn	Friend of Sher Buller
Floyd Malcolm	Friend of Bob & Sheila Fisher
Brian Manchester	Son of Sheila & Bob Fisher
Gayle Martin	Friend of Sue Batturs
Mills Family	Family of Sonnie & Ron Zinke
F/F of Art McPhearson	Friend of the Gaither's
Leree Nicholls	Member of POUCC
Gideon Perkins	Great-Nephew of the Turners
Margaret Procter	Member of POUCC
Georgeanne Schore	Friend of the Greiff's
John Stewart	Husband of Mary Ann Stewart
Patty Stoner	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Rich Thole	Member of POUCC
Walker Family	Sister & Family of Doreen Wheeler
Rose Williams	Member of POUCC
Bob Wood	Sher Buller's Mother's Boyfriend

In Care Facilities:

June Ferreri Member of POUCC (Care Facility in PA)

Special Needs:

All of Our Military & Their Families

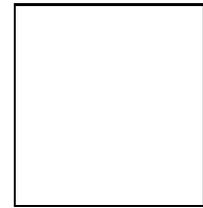
POUCC May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  National Day of Prayer Line Dancing 6:00 pm	2	3 Mulch Day-Dancing Angels 9:00 am Special Olympics 3:00 PM
4 Spiritual Life Sunday Combined Service 9:45 am Piano Recital 2:30 pm	5	6 Terrific Tuesday Supper & Meetings 6:00 pm	7 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	8 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	9	10 Dancing Angels 9:00 am Special Olympics 3:00 PM
11 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	12 Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Terrific Tuesday Supper & Meetings 6:00 pm	14 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	15 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	16 POMA Meeting	17 Dancing Angels 9:00 am Special Olympics 3:00 PM
18 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	19 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Confirmation Chalice 6:00 pm	21 CPT 6:00 pm	22 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	23	24 Dancing Angels 9:00 am Special Olympics 3:00 PM
25 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	26 Office & Gift & Thrift Store Closed 	27	28 CPT 6:00 pm	29 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	30	31 Dancing Angels 9:00 am Special Olympics 3:00 PM

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

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Sunday Worship

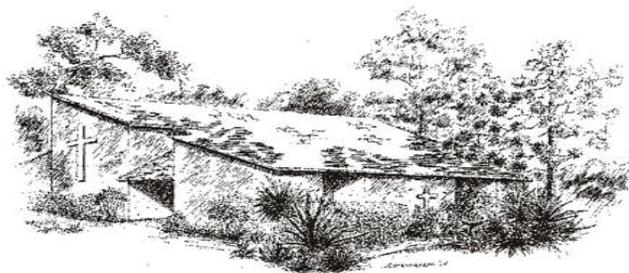
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday

6:00 PM



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