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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone,

Where is God in your life?

It's okay to take some time to think about that question. Some of you will have strong statements of knowing exactly where God is within your relationship with Him. Others of you are continuing to desperately search for God within your life. And then unfortunately there are those who do not have a relationship with God and have never thought to even look for one.

As Christians; as human beings, I believe most of fall into the category of working on finding a better relationship with God. We try to figure out how God plays a part within our daily lives. We read His holy words from the Bible, we pray to Him, we give Him thanks for everything we have. Heck sometimes we even drag ourselves out of bed, get dressed and go to church in order to learn a little bit more about God and to worship Him.

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." Mark 5:36 (NIV)

There are many, many bible verses telling us about our loving God who cares for us, who loves us, who gives us peace. We have all known times when life seems unbearable and find it hard to believe there is a God let alone a loving and caring God looking over us. Believe me, I understand those thoughts. But I know God is always there for us and there is great comfort in knowing God is always with us.

We need to continue to keep searching and find a good relationship with God within our lives. Yes, there will be rough spots and times of trouble and heartache but God will always be with you no matter what.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27 (NIV)

We are so blessed to have been given Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. The Prince of Peace has walked in our shoes. He knows our human hearts. Do not be afraid, open your heart and let the Holy Spirit rule within you. Continue to get to know God a little bit better every day of your life.

God's blessings to all,

Pastor Glenn

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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE & THOUGHTS



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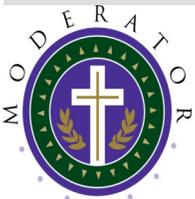
Thank you to Bob Gaither and all of the Thrift Store helpers for your continued hard work and smiling faces. Need a lift? Go to our Thrift Store and laugh with this great crew.

Thank you to our Operations Team for their continued time and effort they give to this congregation. It was great to see our church was well prepared for Dorian's potential.

It has been a pleasure helping one of our youth members, Colton Pack. Colton has been working on another Boy Scout emblem. This one is called God and Life. I have found it interesting because of the positive reinforcement of the Confirmation Class Colton has been a part of this past year.

Thank you to all who have helped Colton over the years as he earned his Eagle rank a year ago. Colton continues to grow; physically, mentally and spiritually. It's great to have a nice young man among us. Keep up the good work Colton.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty.

I will praise You in this storm.

Your will Lord, not mine.

Thank you Father for Your kindness and love.

These are things I prayed very hard about this past month when we had a hurricane of biblical proportions bearing down on us. I was in a constant state of concern as I am sure you all were too as to what would be the outcome of this event. But I give you my take and it is only my perspective. I will give you we were a praying group of persons whom God heard. People, that was a monster, the most outrageous hurricane I have ever seen and we were spared. The Bahamas wasn't spared at all and I continue to pray for them and for the teams of people going there to minister to them mind, body and soul.

How did you feel as this thing passed by Joe? Well I tell you, I felt weak and helpless until I said, prayed and spoke into existence that I was God's child and His will be done. That is not easily done but after I realized I could not leave and seek shelter elsewhere in the country I put it in God's Hands and you know what He made everything alright. Thank you Lord! Thank You for Your mercy and grace. Maybe there is a lesson here for our church; we should let God lead us more and not man. We should take His lessons from the past and apply them here.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock is one of my favorite heart messages. We have an opportunity soon to pick leadership for our upcoming year. Allow God to lead us into stewardship and I believe we will be alright.

Thank you to the staff, teams, members and friends who make this church a wonderful place to be a part of. If you are asked I hope you will consider a role or continuing a role in the work of this church. God bless you and keep you safe. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*



OCTOBER 13TH is "Invite a Friend/Neighbor to Church Sunday".

DEACON'S TEAM



FROM THE DEACONS

The October meeting of the Deacons will cover the yearly evaluation of the Senior Minister. As part of this evaluation we will cover preaching, pastoral care, outreach and management. The deacons would benefit from the input of our members and friends. As with all of our meetings, we have a place on the agenda for members and friends input. We also review letters received on this subject, as well as other Church concerns. You may also express your opinions to any deacon. Your input is important and we will listen to you.

The Deacons and Pastor will continue to work on stewardship. To help the Church better plan for next year's programming and budget process, we will again be asking for your assistance in letting us know what you anticipate to give to God and the Church next year. Your financial and active participation in Church ministries is important. Would you like to work in the Thrift Shop, help in mission programming, sing in the choir, serve on a Team or committee, etc.? Please, let us know of your plans.

According to our Constitution and By-Laws, we need to be updating our Church roles and a letter will be sent to those whose membership needs to be reviewed.

The Deacon Team currently has seven members: Faith Coppolo, Sheila Fisher, Jackie Gaither, Barbara Horton, Sharon Williamson, Ted Yaegar and myself, Charlie Baskin.

Charlie Baskin, Chair of Deacons

MISSION NOTES



Our Mission Team focus on Spruce Creek High School's Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth (HUY) continues this month. We will be collecting funds for these students' SAT/ACT test fees and Votran Passes for those that do not have a car or way to classes. **Also, we will be collecting personal care items such as toilet tissue, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, men's new socks, and \$5 gift cards to McDonald's and Chick-Fil-A (cards used as a "Good Job Done" or "Goal Accomplished").**

As always, Sophie Circle, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collection continues year round. Thanks for your continued support. *Your Mission Team*



Neighbors in Need Offering "Love of Children": Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. This offering will be received **on October 6th**.

THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE

Another month has almost gone by and the Store is doing well. If sales continue we could hit \$28,700 for the year. That puts us ahead of last year by \$8,000. None of this could be done without our dedicated volunteers, our church members and the community. Thanks to everyone. Keep the donations coming, and we need plastic bags both large and small. Thank you, *Bob Gaither, Manager*



OPERATIONS



We are all very fortunate to have dodged a "Big Bullet" with Hurricane Dorian. Even though we prepared the church for the storm it would not have been enough had we received a direct hit. Right now your Operations Team is looking at how we can more easily ready our property for the next "big" storm. Part of this is making sure our buildings are as secure as possible from wind damage and also from water intrusion. Wind is difficult to defend against and water can be very challenging if it floods. Our church sits on higher ground so the risk of flooding is low but we are still at risk for windblown water entering around doors and windows. Because of this we have purchased enough "Flood Dams" to block water from intruding under doors. Combined with sandbags, plastic and duct tape, we can reduce or prevent damage from most storms. In addition we are resealing the sanctuary's west side windows. This was done a number of years ago but needs to be redone periodically due to weathering and the heat we experience year round. Other things we are doing involve making sure we are not at risk for falling trees. To that point we are seeking bids for the removal of the tall pine tree directly in front of the church entrance and also for the cedar tree that is behind the church near the pastor's office. One estimate to do both has come in at \$2,000 but we will be seeking at least two more bids. Obviously, if you know of anyone with tree removal skills and equipment who would donate all or a portion of this removal, please let us know. There are things we can do in return for such giving. We are also looking at how our grounds are maintained and kept trimmed and neat looking. In the past we have been able to hold semi-annual work days with plenty of church members attending to keep up with trimming, mulching, weeding, etc. We can no longer count on work days helping and must rely on professionals for this work. This will increase our costs. At present we are spending \$375/mo but we are not receiving the type of work we expect or that is listed in the contract. We are seeking bids for maintaining our grounds and expect that it may cost us more, if the present vendor is unable to comply with contract provisions. We ask everyone to point out when you see something out of place or needing maintenance/service. A simple note or call to Kathy at the church office will alert us to what you see and allow us a chance to fix or repair it. There is always preventative maintenance and it is much less costly to fix things before they break or become a problem. Lastly, but very important is the **Operation Matching Funds Campaign** that is running now until the end of the year Dec 31st. For every dollar donated to church Operations for maintenance of the property, we will receive a matching dollar up to a total match of \$5,000. If the campaign is 100% successful, this will result in \$10,000 being deposited in our church operations account. To date we have receive \$800 in funds. Please do what you can and spread the word. Thank you to Art Horton and Trey Thompson for being on the Operations Team and we need to add more members. If you have the desire and want to help on Operations, please let Kathy at the office know or you can contact Bob Brewster, Chairman. Blessings to all, *Bob Brewster and the Operations Team*

Financial Update - Operational Budget as 8/31/2019



	AUGUST 2019	YTD	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 12,353.76	\$ 107,034.61	\$ 96,641.64	\$ 10,392.97
Expenses	\$ 16,296.02	\$ 110,550.29	\$ 110,896.80	\$ (346.51)
Balance	(\$ 3,942.26)	(\$ 3,515.68)	(\$ 14,255.16)	\$ 10,739.48

As in July, August is also a month when many members are away which again resulted in lower than average income for the month. We have a year-to-date lose of \$3,942.26 at the end of August which is partly due to the placement of the gutters and guards on the Mix building for a cost of \$1,790.00. Our Operating account balance at the end of August is \$6,202.59. We continue to have some challenges ahead and need your continued support to take us through the end of the year. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, October 6th is our next collection day and will again benefit Halifax Urban Ministers Pantry. Over 15 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. We recently received a note from Halifax Urban Ministers thanking us for our recent donations. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky & Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food each month. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers).

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room.

*Our next fellowship dinner is October 10th. It's “Italian Night”!
Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Sunday Services.*



Italian Dinner

NEWS & Notes



Joy Cogle's Funeral will take place on *Saturday, October 12th, 11:00 AM* at *Crossroads Baptist Church* (her daughter's church) 1851 S. Clyde Morris Blvd. Daytona Beach.

NEW ADDRESS: We recently bid farewell to Jack and Pat Hilgenberg and we thank them both for their service to the Church. Their new address is: 2474 NW 77th Blvd., Suite 5002, Gainesville, FL 32606, Jack's phone # 386-589-8716.



Every first Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM there will be a “Wired Word” Bible Study at the Church. This month's lesson will deal with “Face App Reveals Future Older You”.

LADIES LUNCHEON: For October will be held at on Wednesday, October 9th, 11:30 AM at Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet, 1320 International Speedway Blvd. Sign-up sheet will be circulated at Services. See you there!



Welcome Fall
& Snowbirds



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

Sara Bryan	10/1
Tom Summers	10/4
Cindi Harper	10/5
Levi Zinke	10/8
Ron Zinke	10/13
Roger Harper	10/17
Cheri Yaeger	
Doreen Nicholls	10/18
Payton Bryan	10/19
Leonard Lussier	10/28
Jackie Gaither	
Mary Ann Summers	10/29
Aidan Bryan	10/30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Brad & Barbara Boon	10/8/1966
Bill & Leree Nicholls	10/11/1958
Todd & Alice Lynn Feldman	10/27/1985



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & John Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
John Baker	Family of the Fodor's
Linda & Al Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Jim Brubaker	Friend of Don & Denise Gates
Michelle Buonanno	Family of Pat Kirkley
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Faith Coppolo	Member of POUCC
F/F of Joy Cogle	Friend of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Jim Farmer	Friend of the Stewart Family
Roger & Shirley Harper	Members of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Frank Hilgenberg	Brother of Jack Hilgenberg
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Eric Holbrook	Nephew of the Brewster's
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Diane & Scott Kirlin	Member & Friend of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Member of POUCC
Archie Pickels	Brother of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Joe & Carol Rogers	Members of POUCC
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
Judy Van Camp	Member of POUCC
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Al & Frieda Wilson	Friends of Sheila Fisher

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center, MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Ruth Gilbert	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Nancy Horn	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center, DB)
Eloise Wottke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center, NY)

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

Broader Concerns

Victims of Hurricane Dorian

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

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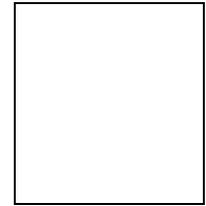
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Wired Word Bible Study 6:00 pm	2	3 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm	4	5
6 World Communion Sunday Contemporary 8:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	7 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacon's Mtg. 6:30 pm	8	9 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	10 POMA 4:30 pm UCC Fall Gathering— Orlando Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	11 UCC Fall Gathering— Orlando	12 UCC Fall Gathering— Orlando
13 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	14 POMA 4:30 pm Operations 6:30 pm	15	16 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	17 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm	18	19
20 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	21 POMA 4:30 pm Council 6:30 pm	22	23 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	24 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm	25	26
27 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	28 POMA 4:30 pm	29	30 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	31 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm		

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – noon

Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1:00 PM

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services.

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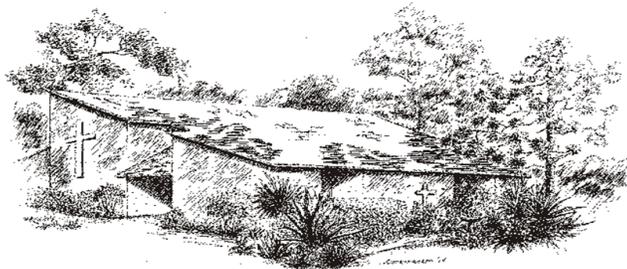
Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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