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**SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE**



Dear Friends,

One of the biggest fears I have is making a wrong choice-- deciding on a path or deciding on something I might regret later. I can get "paralysis of analysis" in the process of choosing.

Perhaps that's one of the reasons why I love buffets? Ever hear

of Ron Wayne? He was one of the founders of Apple, along with Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak. He helped to steer the computer company in its early days, and had a hand in designing the famous Apple logo. Wayne owned 10 percent of the company, while Jobs and Wozniak each owned 45 percent. But Wayne decided to hand back his stake, fearing that he would be liable for a portion of a \$15,000 loan if the company went under. Apple succeeded, of course, and if Wayne had held on to his stake, it would now be worth more than \$37 billion. Does he have any regrets? Surprisingly, no: "I made my decision on the information I had at the time," he told James Thomson of *SmartCompany* (October 17, 2011). "I've got my health, my family and integrity -- and that is the best fortune you could ask for." We all make choices. Sometimes we will choose the wrong path or option. That's life. We all have regrets. There's an Arabian proverb that says, "Four things do not come back: the spent arrow, the spoken word, time passed and the neglected opportunity." How true. We all know the regret of a missed opportunity, the pain of remembering a moment we let slip away, never to return. At the end of our earthly lives, how will we look back on our choices and decisions? A nurse, Bonnie Ware, specializing in care of the terminally ill has recorded the most common regrets of the dying. The top five regrets reported by her ([The Guardian](http://www.theguardian.com), February 1, 2012) include:

5. *I wish that I had let myself be happier.* People admit that they feared change in their lives, so they pretended that they were content. They wish they had laughed more and allowed themselves to be sillier.

4. *I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.* People feel badly that they were so caught up in their own lives that they let important friendships slip away.

3. *I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.* Many people suppress their feelings in order to keep peace with others.

2. *I wish I hadn't worked so hard.* This regret was expressed by every male patient. Every one of them.

1. *I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.* This is the most common regret of all. "Most people had not honored even a half of their dreams," says Ware, "and had to die knowing that it was due to choices they had made, or not made."

Do these big regrets ring true? What would you regret if this were your last day on earth? I find comfort that the word "regret" in the Greek manuscripts of our NT (metamelomai) also means "change of mind." We all change our minds. We can only do the best we can with what we know at the time when a decision is needed. I can say that the only decision I have made that I will never regret is turning my life over to God.

*Pastor Bill*

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## ASSISTANT PASTOR



Even though our kids returned to school two weeks ago, Labor Day Weekend still traditionally signifies the end of summer with picnics and traditional family togetherness. Family values are quite evident among POUCC children and youth, as I witness on a regular basis, but the overnight Youth Lock-In of 8/9-8/10 was my first opportunity to witness this during a lengthy activity. Travis and Tyler Dotson, newcomers to POUCC, as well as Stephen Higgins, visitor, were warmly welcomed into the "fold," and adult leaders were treated with respect while at the same time being included in on the fun. There was no misbehavior -- only fun and camaraderie. By 11:00 PM, everyone was tucked in and quietly watching a movie, so I took my leave until the next morning. Sue Turner and Sher Buller stayed with the kids. Chef Sue and two or three fellow night owls shared quiet time in the kitchen while the others slept -- Sleepy Sher included.

I returned at 8:30 the next morning to Sue preparing breakfast while the others were just beginning to wake up. After devouring breakfast, the kids "appeared" to willingly pitch in and clean up from all the activities. I heard no whining whatsoever as Sue, Sher and I directed the kids on what and how to clean. By 10:00 AM, when parents were told to pick up the kids, all was spic n' span.

I know I sound like a broken record when I say our kids are AWESOME -- but it's the TRUTH! Christian and family values taught at home and in church are the reason why. Thank God POUCC is doing its part in the teaching of values!

Joyfully,

*Pastor Beverly*

## Financial Update

Operational Budget as of 1/26/13



	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	<u>Jan.-July 2013</u>	<u>Jan.-July 2013</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$103,549	\$102,641
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$107,380</u>	<u>\$ 97,413</u>
<b>Net</b>	- \$ 3,831	\$ 5,228

*We have spent \$3,831 more than we took in through July this year. Most of the unexpected expenses were in the building maintenance category and office equipment (with the needed purchase of two computers). I am still confident that we will end the year in the black and, in the meantime, our account remains in good shape at this time. Respectfully submitted by Susie Greiff, Treasurer*

## OPERATIONS TEAM



After the summer break, the Operations Team will resume meeting on **Monday, September 9th at 6:30 PM.** We have had a relatively quiet August with the exception of the air conditioner unit in the Thrift Store which needs to be replaced. *Service 1st* is providing us with options for replacement and it will be discussed at the upcoming meeting. We will keep you posted on the resolution.

And a big thank you goes to Bob Gaither and Ric Pountain for replacing our old mailbox that recently rusted and fell over. *You did a great job!*  
*Tim Holby, Operations Chairperson*

## VETERANS CHAPEL



As I'm sure you have noticed, we are moving along with the completion of the Veterans Chapel. The concrete piers and pad have been poured and the steel reinforcements placed and delivery of the pavilion will be within the next two weeks. We are targeting the beginning to mid October for the Dedication so that many of our snowbirds can join in the celebration. A big thank you to the Thompson family for their donation to cover the cost of additional tree removal and to Billy Wiggins who is handling the electrical work. We are very grateful to all who have generously contributed to make this project a reality. With recent donation by Margaret Procter and Arthur & Helen Van Nostrand, we have collected \$11,585, but we are still in need of contributions to fill in the gap created by the need for additional concrete. If you are interested in making a contribution, please do so as soon as possible.



## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



### September Gift and Thrift Store Tidbits

Well, summer is winding down and hopefully, with school starting and the return of snowbirds, our customer numbers will increase again. Thanks to one of our church members who has downsized from a house and moved, we have received many nice items donated by her and we thank her. Best wishes to Betty in her new apartment.

Jewelry donations have been slow this summer. When you donate broken items, those missing stones or lone earrings, they sometimes can be refurbished. For example, a lone large, faux diamond earring was turned into a pendant and placed on a chain. It sold the first week it was on display. A lone opal earring was also turned into a pendant and placed on a chain. It also sold quickly.

Another item was a bracelet with many stones that needed replacement of 6-8 missing stones and they were replaced. The bracelet sold the first day it was on display. One earring had many dangling beads on wires that was remade into two pairs of earrings—both pair sold. So folks, turn in your jewelry in all kinds of conditions and hopefully it can be refurbished or help to refurbish other items.

As mentioned previously, keep your donations coming. Also remember that all items (except electronics, TV's, and large furniture) are welcome.

It is very helpful to the volunteers if the clothing is laundered and folded neatly in boxes or on hangers. Linens should be laundered as well and folded neatly. If you think of it, put a note on the linens showing their size. Kitchen items, vases, and knick-knacks should also be dusted and/or washed before coming to the store. The volunteers give you a big thank you for that.

We now have four new volunteers added to our crew, but unfortunately we had to say goodbye to one who moved back to North Carolina. We wish Linda much happiness in her new home (see Pg. #7 for her new address). *Respectfully submitted by Harriet F. Rogers*

**SPECIAL NOTE:** In observance of Labor Day the store will be closed *Monday, September 2nd.*

## 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 September 12th. It's Italian Night. Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows:

**September - Operations**

**October - Thrift Store**

**November - Fellowship**



## MISSION NOTES



Your Missions Team continues its projects throughout the summer months. Thanks to all who answered the call for socks. The Sock Box is overflowing which is a good thing. Thanks for your continued contributions to the Mission Boxes that benefit Sophie's Circle and your generous food donations. Below is an article on our next mission offering Neighbors in Need. Again, your generosity is a great help to many.

*Jackie Gaither, Chair of Missions*

**IMAGINING ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE:** The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on **October 6th**, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCC TakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservation and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the US.



**Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support.  
Please give generously.**

## 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 23 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. **September 1st is our next collection!**

## UCC WOMEN'S 2013 SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

**CONNECTING LIVES IN CHANGING TIMES:** **October 18-20, 2013** at the Camp Weed & Cerveney Conference Center in Live Oak, FL. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Sandra Gourdet, UCC Area Executive for Africa, Partner Relations Ministry Team, Wider Church Ministries. **Deadline for registration is Sunday, September 15th.** For more information contact Jeanette Campbell at 788-4959 or see flyer on bulletin board.



## YOUTH NEWS



### Terrific Tuesdays

Our first overnight LOCK-IN together August 9/10 was a BLAST, thanks to our chaperones Sue Turner and Sher Buller, and also Pastor Beverly. We started off with dinner Friday night, which was followed by a crazy scavenger hunt for movie candy which Pastor Beverly cleverly hid here, there and everywhere. After that, we spent a good part of the evening signing each other's T-Shirt for which Lauren Scalf designed a logo and ironed onto each shirt. If you attended the early service that Sunday, you saw us proudly wearing our Lock-In "designer," brick-red T-Shirts. We ended our activities Friday night by settling down with freshly popped popcorn, then snuggling into our sleeping bags while watching a movie which Miss Sher provided for us. Some of us made it through the entire movie while others zzzzzzzz. We awoke Saturday morning to the wonderful aroma of bacon, eggs and Miss Sue's awesome gravy biscuits, ate breakfast, cleaned up our over-night mess, and headed home at 10:00 AM following our first fun-filled fellowship LOCK-IN.



*Signing Their Shirts*



*Fun & Games*



*Sleeping Angels*

On Tuesday, August 13th our Terrific Tuesday golfers which included *Kathy Cratin, Larry & Cindy Deitch, Travis & Tyler Dotson, Bob Gaither, Madison Hobson, Lauren Scalf, Pastor Beverly, Rowan Schafer-Ramoutar, Sue Turner, Trey & Van Thompson, Pastor Bill & Lisa and Kaylei Wierzbicki* played a challenging round of putt-putt golf at Pirates Island. As you can see from the pictures below it was great fun and thanks to Larry Deitch we received a discounted rate!



*Happy Golfers*



*Cutest Pirates Ever  
Rowan & Madison*



*The Challenging Course*

**SPECIAL NOTE:** We will begin our Fall Meetings on *Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with Dinner at 6:00 PM* and a discussion to follow on the groups' Fall format, participation in the Haunted House Mission Project and our annual Christmas Play. *Mark your calendars and plan to attend!*

# NEWS & Notes



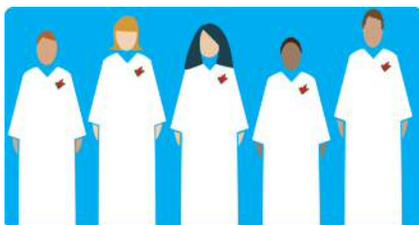
Anyone interested in joining any one of our choirs are urged to join us on Wednesday evenings beginning with **Chimes TBD, CPT at 6:00 PM and Choir at 7:30 PM**. All are welcome.

Choir Practice Resumes

**LITURGISTS NEEDED:** If you are interested in reading the Scripture at Sunday Services, please see the sign-up sheets for both services on the Sanctuary bulletin board.



**MEMORIAL BRICKS:** We would invite members of the congregation interested in ordering a brick in memory of or in honor of a loved one to contact the Church Office. To date, we have 14 brick orders which will be a great addition to the Prayer Garden. The cost is \$35.00 which includes a 4x8x21/4" brick, engraving and shipping. If interested, please have your order in by **September 15th**. Production and delivery will take approximately 4-6 weeks.



CONFIRMATION  
CLASS

In preparation for Confirmation on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**, class will begin for our youth on **Sunday, October 20th at 9:45 AM**. Each child will be given a notebook and course book for the class. They will also need a Bible (preferably a modern translation such as the New Revised Version, the New Living Translation, or the Contemporary English Version) which you can secure at Family Christian Bookstore. They will need to bring these resources to every class. The class schedule, students and mentors will appear in October's newsletter.

**REMINDER:** Sunday School for the youth begins on **Sunday, September 8th at 9:45 AM** with Pastor Beverly & Reid Hughes.



**#Empowered**

**UCC FALL YOUTH RETREAT: October 4th - October 6th, 2013, Commotion @ the Community Church.** Open to students in grades 6 through 12. Check in at 6:30 PM (after dinner) on Friday, October 4th. Check out Sunday, October 6th, following morning worship (around 11:00 AM). Cost is \$50 per student, \$30 for chaperones. All payments and registration forms due to the Conference office no later than **Friday, September 20th**. Any interested youth should see Pastor Beverly for registration forms.



We bid a fond farewell to Linda Caudle who recently moved to North Carolina. Thanks Linda for your volunteer service in the Gift & Thrift Store. You will be missed. Her new address is: 228 Dartcrest Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28791.

Happy Birthday!



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS\*

Eloise Wottke	9/2
Harriet Rogers	
Barb Pountain	9/3
Cynthia Scott	9/5
Pamela Schafer Ramourar	9/9
Kay Taylor	9/12
Helen Hedges	9/13
Ric Pountain	9/14
Bill Wheeler, Jr.	9/17
Dwight Norian	9/18
Colten Pack	9/21
Sandy Kransi	9/23
Cassie Higgins	9/26
Christine Sterli	9/27
Mary Hughes	9/28
Marge Monat	9/30



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES\*

Arthur & Helen Van Nostrand	9/15/1951
Ted & Suzanne Batturs	9/23/1961
Billy & Erika Wheeler	9/29/2002

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Al Boegele	Uncle of Doreen Wheeler
Dee Carroll	Mother of Sher Buller
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Lois Dean (loss of mother)	Friend of Joey Thompson
John DuBrule	Son of Linda DuBrule
Karen Donahue	Sister of Harold Kransi
Michael Dotson	Son of Bobby & Kimberly Dotson
Amelia Dyer	Friend of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Tyler Graf	Grandson of John & Anne Shaw
Gael & Chris Graham	Friend and his Sister of Sher Buller
Scott & Emily Hill	Nephew Val Hill & his Wife
Tom Hearton	Kay Schweitzer's Son
Nancy Hosford	Bill Wheeler's Sister
Robert Houghman	Friend of the Greiff's
Bob Horn	Friend of Sue Batturs
F/F of Russ Johnson	Friend of Pastor Bill & Lisa
Cecilia Kearney	Friend of Jeanette Campbell
Gloria Kirlin	Mother-in-Law of Diane & Scott Kirlin
Beth Anne Martin	Daughter of the Batturs
Helen McGuffie	Member of POUCC
F/F of Bob McLaughlin	Member of POUCC
Art McPhearson	Friend of the Gaither's
Jill Park	Friend of the Deitch's
Joanne & Glenn Payne	Cousins of Kathy Cratin
Margaret Procter	Member of POUCC
Beryl Reece	Niece of Friend of Greiff's
F/F of Joe Rodriques	Cousin of Sher Buller
Jeanne Roth	Admin. Asst, for the FL Conference
F/F of Al Sattler	Friend of Pastor Bill & Lisa
F/F of Ralph Schindel	Brother-in-Law of the Greiff's
Bob Schweitzer	Brother of Don Schweitzer
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
John Stewart	Husband of Mary Ann Stewart
Strickland Family	Members of POUCC
Mary Ann Summers	Member of POUCC
Nilene Tromley	Stepmother of Cassie & Sara
Walker Family	Sister of Doreen Wheeler
Bob Wood	Sher Buller's Mother's Boyfriend

### In Care Facilities:

Mary Daigneau	Member of POUCC (The Terraces)
Rosemary Smith	Member (Sterling House)

### Special Needs:

All of Our Military & Their Families

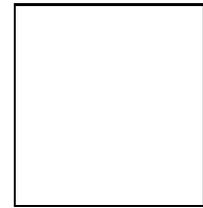
# POUCC September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	<b>2</b>  <b>Thrift Shop &amp; Office Closed</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Chime Choir</b> TBD <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	<b>9</b> <b>Operations Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	<b>10</b> <b>Spiritual Life Team #2</b> 4:30 pm <b>Terrific Tuesday</b> 6:00 pm	<b>11 Palmetto House</b> 5:30 pm <b>Chimes TBD</b> <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	<b>12</b> <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> 6:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	<b>16</b> <b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	<b>17</b> <b>Terrific Tuesday</b> 6:00 pm	<b>18 Chime Choir</b> TBD <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	<b>19</b> <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Spiritual Life Team #2</b> 4:30 pm <b>Terrific Tuesday</b> 6:00 pm	<b>25 Chime Choir</b> TBD <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	<b>30</b>					

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

*Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services*

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**Office Hours**

9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Monday—Friday

**Thrift Store Hours**

9:00 AM—3:00 PM  
Monday—Friday

**Sunday Worship**

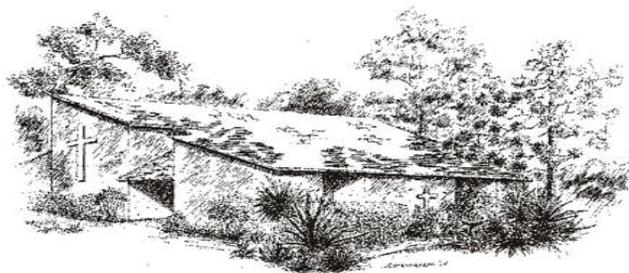
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

**Sunday School**

9:45 AM

**Terrific Tuesdays**

6:00 PM



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