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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Easter greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If you are reading this at the beginning of the month, I pray you are getting ready for Passion week. Unless we are quarantined by the Coronavirus, we will be worshipping on Maundy Thursday at 5:00 pm, Good Friday at noon at Grace Episcopal Church and Easter Sunday Sunrise on the beach at 6:45 am. I look forward to worshipping with all of you at these worship

services. **Prior to publishing, things have changed and there will be no worship services through the month of April.**

As we move to the middle of April, I want to wish all of you a very Happy Easter! The season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and last for 50 days. During this period of time we find ourselves focusing on the risen Christ.

The risen Christ ... How often have you thought about the risen Christ?

I remember as a child, and even a young adult, being somewhat unconcerned about Christ's death on the cross. I guess it was due to the fact I'd heard the story so many times and in such a matter of fact way, that I really didn't understand exactly what my Savior had actually gone through.

It was almost as though I had this image of a painless crucifixion that should be skipped over as quickly as possible, in order to get to the time we are in right now ... you know, the good part ... the days immediately following the day of resurrection.

Somewhere in my life, I must have decided to try to feel what Jesus felt on Good Friday and then on Easter Day and during the 40 days before ascending to heaven. I believe the story of doubting Thomas, and how Jesus had shown his hands and side to him, was a turning point when my eyes were opened and I realized how much Jesus, being fully human, must have physically hurt.

We know it had to have hurt him. It cost him everything he had to give, and yet, he willingly paid the price for one reason ... love!

So, in the words of the writer of Hebrews, this Easter season and always, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2 NIV.)

Hallelujah! Not even death could not hold him down!

He is risen; and lives and reigns forever!

Praise God,

Pastor Glenn

WORSHIP SERVICES

INFORMATION ON SERVICES WILL BE BROADCAST VIA ONECALL NOW
AND ALSO THE WEBSITE: portorangeucc.org.



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



God has a way, he has a way to remind me of what is important . Let me explain. I was home after having a stress test for cardiac testing today and that went fine but it wasn't till I got home that I sat and watched again the movie "The Shack". Man you talk about me getting re-centered it was just that. If you have not seen it talks about love and forgiveness and letting go and letting God. Too often I get caught up in what's happening around me in the world, and I forget that it is by Gods love we have anything and everything. I

believe we need to take the time to enjoy and love more than we are now, not that we aren't but we could do more. There are people who need desperately our help getting through what they are dealing with, and God wants us to tell them how much they are loved and cared about. Yes I'm talking to you my friend. I'm talking to the one who can make a difference today in someone's life that can last a lifetime. Be that person! It can so help someone who really needs it. The story spoke about not being right but being helpful to direct people souls to the light. We have a choice to make each and every day I pray that choice is for us to help each other on our journey to feel loved.

God bless you always, *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

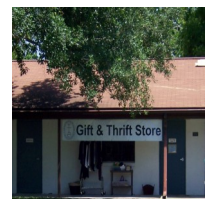


Financial Update - Operational Budget as 2/29/2020

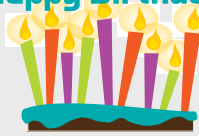
	ACTUAL	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
	<u>Feb. 2020</u>	<u>Feb. 2020</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Income	\$ 11,386.79	\$ 22,717.95	\$21,322.28	\$ 1,395.57
Expenses	\$ 16,149.40	\$ 31,478.04	\$27,505.40	\$ 3,575.97
Balance	\$ (4,762.61)	\$ (8,760.09)	\$ (6,183.12)	\$ (2,576.97)

We have a loss greater than \$4,000 for February and greater than \$8,000 year-to-date which is primarily due to the \$5,000 that we spent to put a new irrigation pump. Other than the cost of the new pump, we have a profit of \$237 for the month of February a loss of \$3,760.09 year-to-date. **Please note: Your weekly tithes and offerings may be mailed to the church office or we now have a new GIVING BUTTON ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE WEBSITE.** Thanks you for your continued generosity and support. *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

THE THRIFT STORE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL MAY 1ST.



Happy Birthday!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS*

Shelia Fisher	4/1
Alice Lynn Feldman	4/4
Kurt Rice	4/6
Patricia Kirkley	4/8
Louise Johnson	4/18

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

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Amy & Lamont	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jennifer Anderson	Member of the Batturs Family
Linda & Al Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Ruth Brewster	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Michelle Buonanno	Family of Pat Kirkley
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Faith Coppolo	Member of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
Jim Farmer	Friend of the Stewart Family
Bill & Susie Greiff	Members of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Chuck Henderson	Friend of POUCC
George & Madison Hobson	Family of Erika Hobson
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Grace Kern	Member of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
F/F of Cole Lambert	Friend of Kathy Cratin
Teresa Leib	Daughter-in-Law of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Emily McLean	Friend of POUCC
Bret McFarland	Friend of the Batturs Family
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Member of POUCC
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
Karen Sanford	Friend of the Boons
Oakley & Michele Solms	Friends of POUCC
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Lowan Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Rita Wren	Friend of POUCC

In Care Facilities

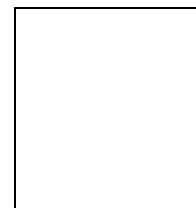
Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center, MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Nancy Horn	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center, DB)
Eloise Wotke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, WI)
Beverly Woodacre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

Special Needs

Victims of the Caronavirus and Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus
 All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
 Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
 First Responders Everywhere



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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

9:00 AM—Noon

Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM

‘Wired’ Word Bible Study

First Tuesday of the Month

6:00 PM