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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Continued Lenten greetings everyone,

"A man is only as good as his word" - Mishnieniwei

I'm sure everyone reading this has made a promise to someone at one time or another. When we promise to do something for someone, the person being promised expects you to fulfill the promise. A fairly simple expectation because you gave your word.

I'm also pretty sure at one time or another we've all broken a promise. Sometimes circumstances beyond our control force us to break a promise. Sometimes we find ourselves breaking a promise because we made the decision not to fulfill the promise because, _____ ... you fill in the blank. I'm sure most of you are like me, I know I feel terrible when I can't keep a promise. People promising to do something came to my mind while preparing for possible new members to join the church. I keep reading the questions of the candidates and wonder how so many Christians have made these promises to God and have not lived up to them.

In order to have joined a Christian church, I'm sure most of you promised in the affirmative to these or very similar questions:

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?
Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom in the new life in Christ?

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in the world?

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

I'm sure these promises were answered in the affirmative before a congregation and God. Lent is the season where we are to take time to reflect on our lives. This is a great time of the church year to atone for not fulfilling your promises.

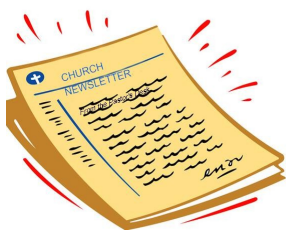
Jesus fulfilled his promise to God for all of us on the first Easter morning. I pray you fulfill your promises to God's church during these seasons of Lent and Easter and all seasons.

God's blessings to all,

Pastor Glenn

ASSISTANT MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Assistant Moderator's Message



Marching into April let's try an exercise! No, not bending or jogging or jumping jacks but a mental exercise. You can be as honest as you want and I think the results will make you think. Let's take a word; what could we use? Hey, ok take hey. How many ways can you say hey and have a different meaning? Did you try it? Good job! Now, try really. Say it as many different ways as you can say really. Try the word lovely. Just say it as many different ways as you can. Got it? Good deal! Try the word okay. I know, I know it's getting redundant but try hard to say it different ways. Thanks! Question how many different inflections could you come up with for each word? A lot right? How many were inquisitive, how many were endearing, how many were forceful, how many were demeaning, how many were sad? My point of this exercise for myself and you was to bring to light the possibilities we possess in the inflection, not the definition of our words. We have complete control over the rhythm and tempo of our words and how they will affect other people and to me that is a powerful tool. We find that we are a product of our environment, either for or against we must be careful.

Back to the words:

Hey (its)

Really (up to each of us to be)

Lovely (to one another) to make sure we are Okay!

God bless you always, *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES



Sunday, March 28th — Regular Sunday Schedule with distribution of palms.



Thursday, April 1st — 6:00 PM — Special Combination Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Service commemorating the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples and his crucifixion on Good Friday. Holy Communion will be celebrated.



April 4th — 7:00 AM — 40th Annual Sunrise Service here at the Church — and the **10:45 AM Sanctuary Service** with choral and instrumental music.

EASTER FLOWERS: See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Please note if your flower donation is "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" Loved One(s), put your name on the bottom and deliver your flower(s) to the Jim Reed Room no later than **Wednesday, March 31st**.



Thanks to your donations the sock box was overflowing and we were able to deliver socks to Palmetto House as well as the Salvation Army.

FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, April 4th is our next collection day. Over 28 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. **Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.**



OPERATION AND FINANCE TEAM REPORT



We are happy to report that the underground water leak of about 40 gallons per hour or roughly almost 1,000 gallons a day...has been found. Roots from a nearby hedge planted some 40 years ago finally broke the main pipe coming from the water meter to the church wall. This leak was first detected in late January thanks to Port Orange's Water Hawk program that monitors water usage and sends out alerts through emails when it exceeds forecast. This leak was repaired on Friday 3/19. Our water usage immediately dropped to about 10 gallons per day. Not much else to report because church usage has been at a minimum and normal wear & tear has been almost non-existent. The Thrift Store remains our busiest use and it is holding up well. Financially, we will be launching our **"Spring into Life"** campaign shortly into which funds can be donated and dedicated to maintaining our church property and buildings. Regarding other finances, we are doing OK thanks to some less than expected expenses and the continued generosity of everyone's giving including our Thrift Store that is continuing to out perform forecasted revenues. Our church grounds are also looking good for the coming hurricane season with much of the trees trimmed and pruned. Until next month, if you see anything requiring maintenance, fixing, replacing or out of place, please let us know by calling the church office.

Sincerely, *Bob Brewster, Chair Operations & Finance Team*
(Art Horton, Harold Kransi & Trey Thompson)

Financial Update - Operational Budget as 2/28/2021



	<u>FEBRUARY ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$13,571.86	\$ 24,779.86	\$ 22,645.32	\$ 2,134.54
Expenses	\$ 14,267.45	\$ 28,412.97	\$ 28,400.29	\$ 12.68
Balance	\$ (695.59)	\$ (3,633.11)	\$ (5,754.97)	\$ 2,121.86

We had loss of \$695.59 for the month of February; much, much better than we budgeted for that period. We still have many challenges ahead of us this year but we are very grateful for our amazing team at the Thrift Store and for everyone's continued generosity and support. With God's blessing, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*

THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE



What a week we've been through! It started with the La Costa Village Yard Sale. We received 79 donations and the girls went to work Saturday at 12:30 PM and worked till 8:30 PM sorting and organizing. We had seven volunteers working on this project and four of them aren't members of the congregation. We filled two 20' U-Haul trucks plus we had two other trucks and two vans. We now still have two storage bins full of donations. LASTLY, sales for the week were \$1,474 which brought sales so far this year to \$11,000. God bless our volunteers they're great people!

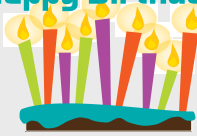
SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER IS BACK

POUCC has a wonderful monthly Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. Entertainment follows the monthly dinners.

Our Next Dinner is Thursday, April 8th. It's a Pot Luck!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.



Happy Birthday!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS*

Shelia Fisher	4/1
Kurt Rice	4/6
Patricia Kirkley	4/8
Alice Lynn Feldman	4/9
Louise Johnson	4/18

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



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harriet Barton	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Denise Brewster	Daughter-in-Law of the Brewster's
Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Linda Cochrane	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
June Ferreri	Former Member of POUCC
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
King Floyd	Friend of the Thompson Family
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Don Gates	Member of POUCC
Debbie Geosits	Sister of Pastor Glenn
Tony Grover	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Helen Holmes	Member of POUCC
F/F of Bob Johnson	Husband of Louise Johnson
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Grace Kern	Member of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Teresa Leib	Daughter-in-Law of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Lorraine Miklos	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
Kay Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Craig Smith	Friend of Sharon Williamson
T.J.	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Stephanie Whitman	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Daren Weeks	Son of Faith Coppola
Rita Wrenn	Friend of POUCC


In Care Facilities

June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Margie Hoebing	Friend 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

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

POUCC APRIL 2021

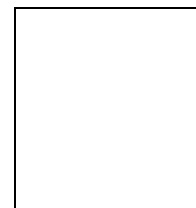
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Combination Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Servicer 6:00 pm	2	3
4 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am Traditional 10:45 am	5	6	7	8 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	9	10
11 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	12	13 Special Election  ELECTION DAY	14 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	15	16	17 Council Meeting 10:00 am
18 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	26	27	28	29	30	

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

Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm



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Office Hours

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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9:00 AM—Noon

Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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