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**MODERATOR'S MESSAGE**



According to several studies, in the U.S. some 4,000 to 4,500 churches close each year. Churches with less than 200 members are the most vulnerable. Conversely, an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 new churches of all sizes start each year. Some of these are Mega churches with thousands of members but even these churches are not immune to closing as their scale creates financial and leadership pressures as they grow.

Big or small, the pressure to keep a church open and functioning is still present. It is projected that the trend will show more church closings than openings and the gap for closings will grow more concerning in the coming years. **Here at POUCC**, we see several churches around us growing in both members and new facilities. It takes years for a church to develop resources in both people and financial support. This is part of the Ebb and Flow that churches, especially Christian churches, have experienced through the millennia. This up and down growth is not new, but when you belong to any church, it is tempting to compare why one church is growing and another is shrinking. **Here at POUCC we are not immune to asking such a question.**

This is why I want to share a thought with you. Each Sunday, when our church service begins, I am so happy to see many familiar faces and a few new ones. The conversations and greetings both before, during and after the service mean to me that this is the right place for all of us to be. Where we can together experience the Light of Spiritual Renewal in a world that often appears Dark and Cold. Nowhere else can you find this mix of seeing and greeting each other while at the same time worshipping a God who has promised us a New Life after this one is done. Ruth and I have been part of many different organizations throughout our lives, and we are still active in many today. Outside of church, these organizations all provide a way to rekindle old relationships while making new ones. They all have a purpose that goes beyond just being social. They also are active in programs and actions that help others. These organizations provide incredible support to their members and communities in ways that no single individual could. I am purposely not naming any specific organization that I might not mention. The motivation to join an organization is universal. People want to belong to something bigger than themselves. because there is not enough space here and I do not want to slight any These civic organizations provide a way to do that. But, as great as all these organizations are in what they can accomplish through their members focused on a task or mission, none can provide the Core Spiritual Connection that can be achieved from a Spirit driven church worship service.

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Churches also provide services to their communities; many support missions and missionaries both here and abroad. However, nothing replaces a church worship service where the focus is on the Bible and the lessons written in it for us to learn and apply. One or two hours per week may not seem like much when comparing it to all seven days but it can be the power that drives everything else that week. Here at POUCC, we have seen and experienced that when a church service is focused on the Bible and that focus is placed on the specific teaching of a scripture or scriptures that can be directly applied to our lives. The results can power our entire week or even more importantly provide power for our life. So many of us have grown up in some type of church and I am sure most of us have good memories of things we did with others in church that could not be done in almost any other non-faith-based organization. There is something that makes us feel “warm” inside when we can worship together and at the same time experience the Bible’s teachings along with others who are also Believers. Belonging to Civic organizations, Clubs, Social Groups may provide some type of unity in thinking and deeds. But how many are focused on the next life? The life promised to us if we follow Jesus. Jesus told us that He is the light and the way to Heaven (John 8:12). This is why we need church on Sunday. This is why we need to make the time to be together. To worship. To Sing. To Learn. To Pray. To be Humble. Nowhere else can you submit yourself to God’s will and know that He is watching over you, listening to you, and above all else showing His Love for you. **Our church may be small in numbers, but I believe we are big in God’s eyes when we are together in worship.** Prayerfully Submitted, *Bob Brewster, Moderator*

## OPERATION AND FINANCE TEAM REPORT



Welcome to April and the rebirth of all nature. Thanks to Steve Burton and crew the grounds and facility are in great shape. We are awaiting an estimate to have a walkway installed to access the Thrift Store shed in the rear of the Sanctuary.

### Operating Budget to Actual as of 2/28/2026

	<u>February Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	15,652.75	28,085.42	32,197.10	(4,111.68)
Expenses	<u>13,542.70</u>	<u>23,686.54</u>	<u>28,790.15</u>	(5,103.61)
Profit/(Loss)	2,110.05	4,398.88	3,406.95	991.93

### CD & MM Income as of 2/28/2026

YTD Interest  
Income:                      390.12



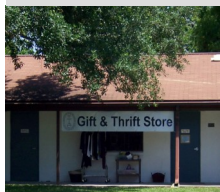
Combined Profit/(Loss)    4,789.00

We had a profit of \$ 2,110.05 for the month of February and profit of \$ 4,398.88 for the two month period. We had a total profit of \$ 4,789.00 for that period which includes the interest income of \$ 390.12. As always our thanks go out to our wonderful volunteers and to all who support our Church.

*Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Horton, Treasurer*



## THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE



Dear Church Family,

Spring has officially arrived! We find ourselves in sacred anticipation, drawing nearer to the week that Jesus rode into Jerusalem, fully surrendered to the Father's will.

We are blessed with so many donations. I hope that our servant hood values are evident to all who come to the store and I hope we represent Christ as we best understand what He expects of us. If you're looking for a fulfilling way to volunteer and give back to your community, then we'd love to connect with you.

Blessings, *Rachel Sitepu, Manager*

## FOOD BASKET SUNDAY



**Communion Sundays** are designated as “**Fill the Bags**” Sundays. which benefits a local food pantry. As a reminder **April 5th** is our next collection date. Thanks to for delivering the food. Please make sure all donations have **NOT** passed their expiration dates.

## SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

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

*Our Next Dinner is Thursday, April 9th. It's an Pot Luck!  
Ham will be provided . See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Service.*



## REMINDERS



**EASTER FLOWERS:** See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Service. 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 **Wednesday, April 1st.**

**In observance of Easter the Church Office will be closed Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Thrift Store will be closed Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.**



## MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT UPCOMING EVENTS

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – SATURDAY – 4/18/26 FROM 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.**

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE – 5/31/26**



Happy Birthday!



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS\*

Shelia Fisher	4/1
Alice Lynn Feldman	4/9
Louise Johnson	4/18
Emily McLean	4/20

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Larry & Susan Belzac	Canadian Friends of Shelia Fisher
John Castelli	Friend of Bob & Ruth Brewster
Ingrid Claunch	Member of POUCC
Dallas Dale Davis	Former Member of POUCC
Bob Gaither	Member of POUCC
Steve Grant	Member of POUCC
Erica Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Eric Hollbrook	Nephew of Bob & Ruth Brewster
Chuck Konopsky	Member of POUCC
Jose León	Father of Pastor Javier
Pastor Yarisis León	Member of POUCC
Douglas Paul	Family of Janey & Dan Weimer
Potenza Family Members	Family of Denise & Don Gates
Liz Mills	Former Member of POUCC
Lydia Nevarez	Mother of Pastor Javier
Robert Stein	Friend of Bob & Ruth Brewster
Bob Traver	Friend of Bob & Ruth Brewster

### In Care Facilities





Margie Hoebing Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO)

### Special

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families  
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

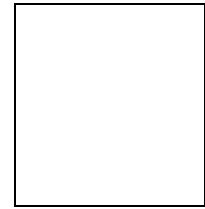


# POUCC APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Grief Share Meeting 7:00 pm	2 Weight Watchers 9:30 am 	3 Office Closed 	4 Weight Watchers 7:30 9:00 am Thrift Store Closed
5  Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am MOL* Worship 3:00 pm	6 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	7 Weight Watchers 9:30 am	8 Grief Share Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Weight Watchers 9:30 am Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	10	11 Weight Watcher 7:30 & 9:00 am
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*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2 pm,  
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—2:00 PM  
Monday—Friday

**First Two Saturdays  
of the Month**

9:00 am—Noon

**Sunday Worship  
Service**

9:30 am



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