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## SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I enjoy playing with words – like puns, for example:

*I tried to catch the fog but I mist.*

*Did you hear about the guy hit in the head with a can of soda? Luckily it was a soft drink..*

*I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy.*

*My Red Cross card said my blood was Type A but it was a Type O.*

*My friend's bakery burned down last night. Now his business is toast.*

*To write with a broken pencil is pointless.*

*I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.*

*There was once a cross-eyed teacher who couldn't control his pupils.*

*Don't trust people that do acupuncture, they're back stabbers.*

*I did a theatrical performance about puns. Really it was just a play on words.*

*The experienced carpenter really nailed it, but the new guy screwed everything up*

*People are choosing cremation over embalmment. It shows they are thinking out of the box.*

*No one knew she had a dental implant until it came out in a conversation.*

*The dead batteries were given out free of charge.*

5 Had enough? Yes, I know – they can be lame - but they make you think! Definitely, “The pun, also called paronomasia, is a form of word play that suggests two or more meanings, by exploiting multiple meanings of words, or of similar-sounding words, for an intended humorous or rhetorical effect” (Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary). Puns were found in ancient Egypt, where they were heavily used in development of myths and interpretation of dreams. In ancient Iraq, about 2500 BC, punning was used by scribes to represent words. The Mayans are known for having used puns in their hieroglyphic writing. Believe it or not, Jesus used word play in his teachings to both get people’s attention and to make them think. For example, in John 12:25, Jesus used two words virtually identical in their English translation, which lost the nuances of the original Greek. “*He that loveth his life (ζωήν, pronounced zōēn) shall lose it; and he that hateth his life (ζωήν again) in this world shall keep it unto life (ζωήν, psuchēn) eternal.*” In Greek, though, the meaning might be closer to something like this: “*If you are obsessed with just your earthly, day-to-day living, you could lose out on the broad sweep of Life in you and all around you, even into Eternity.*” To me, God and the kingdom is to be found in the simple and mundane things of everyday life. If we focus only on ourselves and our wants and responsibilities, we can lose sight of the bigger picture - that’s how and where God is working – for, with, and through us. Therefore, I say, “**Love God and Love others.**”

Not Playing or Punning!

*Pastor Bill*

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## ASSISTANT PASTOR



As I sit here in the quiet of pre-dawn listening to the mesmerizing sounds of cardinals communicating with song across the skies, I praise God and am reminded of how often our God communicates with us through the hymns we sing. Take, for instance, the hymn "This Is My Song" which we sang July 6th in celebration of our Nation's birthday. God really got my attention when we came to the phrase "O hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine."

Another good example of God Moments, for not only did the hymn become a prayer, as was its writer's intent, but I added my own personal prayer for world peace. That prayer became even more intent July 17th when Israel was pressured into defending itself from Hamas aggression, and on that same day when an airliner carrying nearly 300 souls tragically fell victim to a missile while flying over Ukraine.

"Coincidentally," when I stopped into the Thrift Store July 11th for a friendly hello and hugs for Roger Harper and Sharon Williamson -- being sure to send hugs home to Shirley via Roger as well -- I noticed a stack of books on the counter. While I was looking through them, Sharon said Roger had brought them from home, and they were free, so I had her add two DAILY GUIDEPOSTS to my already-accumulated collection of treasures. A few days later when I picked up one of the Guideposts and randomly opened it, what did I find as the theme but "Praying the Hymns." Another God Moment, and all in God's timing because our Newsletter deadline was just around the corner for which I had not yet chosen a focus. "Praying the News" was my theme last month, and I believe "Praying the Hymns" is a perfect follow up.

Consider this a gentle reminder to all that not only do we sing hymns of our faith to make a joyful sound to God -- we also lift the WORDS of those hymns in prayerful praise and supplication to God in times of joy and celebration, and in times of sorrow or deep concerns. In other words, we need to allow the words of our hymns to register in our hearts and minds as we match them to the melody we are singing. And if this "distracts" you from singing by directing you to prayers from your heart, that's okay because it's a God Moment!

Prayerfully,

*Pastor Beverly*

## SPECIAL NOTE



**FIVE WISHES DOCUMENT:** A representative of Vitas Hospice has contacted us in regard to their "Five Wishes" document, the first living will that talks about your end of life personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. It was written with the help of The American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging and is recognized in 42 states and the District of Columbia. Pamphlets are available in the church office or call 800-723-3233.

## Financial Update



Operational Budget as 6/30/2014

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	Jan.-June 2014	Jan.-June, 2014
Income (incl. \$14,800 CD transfer for roof)	\$ 107,331	\$85,872
Expenses	\$ 108,457	\$89,030
Net Income Actual	\$ -1,126	\$-3,158

*Our expenses were greater than our income through June mainly due to the roof replacement. However, I am still hopeful that we will end the year in the black. Respectfully, Susie Greiff, Treasurer*

## OPERATIONS TEAM

With the roof replacement completed, the Operations Team is taking a break and will resume meeting in September. One pending issue is that of the broken air conditioning unit in the Finance Office. We have a bid of \$2,700 from Service 1st for replacement of the old unit. Donations to help defray the cost would be greatly appreciated.

**The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014 @ 6:30pm.**

*In Faith, Cindy Pierson, Operations Team Member*



## DEACONS CORNER

Fellow POUCC Members and Friends,



**The Ministry  
of Deacons**

We are in need of a member to fill an opening on the Deacons' Team. Our Deacons serve as assistants to Pastor Bill in the planning and preparing, as well as the nature and content, of the worship services. This includes preparation and distribution of the sacraments, music, special events such as confirmation, ushering and care giving. Your service to this ministry of the Church is very rewarding. If interested, please contact me or see Pastor Bill. *Bob Brewster, Deacons Chairman*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows:

**August - Teaching, September - Operations, October - Thrift Store**

Our Coffee Fellowship is a welcomed ministry for all to enjoy each Sunday morning. Please consider making a donation as you grab your coffee and snack.



## SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Fellowship  
Dinner



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

*We're taking the month of August off so keep your eyes open for our September 11th theme.*

*Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.*

## LADIES LUNCHEON

Our Ladies Lunch Bunch will be taking the summer off and will resume meeting **Thursday, September 18th at Noon**. For more information, contact Jeanette Campbell at 788-4959.



## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** It's a great time of year to go through closets, drawers and cupboards and bundle up those items that you've accumulated and no longer use and donate them to The Gift & Thrift Store. We're always accepting donations and remember when you drop them off, make it a point to spend some time shopping. You're sure to find all types of treasures at great prices! Thanks for your continued support which allows us to help the church as well as those in need. *Barb Pountain*

## MISSION NOTES



Thanks to all who contributed to our Military Collection to benefit our local “Homeless Veterans Project” here in Volusia County (see article below). Your generosity to our veterans not only in this collection but the July “Food Basket Sunday” Collection is so appreciated by the residents at Haven Recovery.

Our August Mission project theme is “Going Back to School” and is twofold-local and international. Our local school initiative “Sneakers for Spruce Creek” will be a monetary collection to provide required Physical Education sneakers for families in need at neighboring Spruce Creek Elementary School. In working with the administration and counselors at the school, we have become aware of the great need that exist in our own neighborhood. Your response to the Angel Tree Project in December was overwhelming and so appreciated by those at Spruce Creek and we are excited to have the opportunity to again make a difference in a child’s life.



On the global scene, we are partnering with UCC Disaster Ministries and Church World Service to provide School Kits for distribution in Syria, the Sudan, Dominican Republic and other areas throughout the world. Our goal is to raise \$250 in gifts and in-kind donations which will aid us in purchasing, packaging and shipping the kits.

These kits will give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning. Thanks to Louise Eagan for making the bags.

Donations may be placed in the “Back to School” box in the Sanctuary. Please designate to which Missions project your contribution should be applied and if you are writing a check, please make it out to POUCC. As always, thank you for your continued support.

*Joe Thompson, Member of the Missions Team*

## ANNUAL MILITARY COLLECTION



This year, we switched our focus from care packages to overseas service men and women to a local project for transitional veterans who are in need. Haven House of Volusia County provides housing for 16 homeless veterans. They do receive government assistance but are most appreciative of the donations received not only from this special collection of snacks and toiletries (over 35 bags) but also July’s “Fill the Food Basket Sunday” Collection which yielded 35 bags of food for these deserving veterans. Thanks to all of you the box is overflowing and your generous support is greatly appreciated.

## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

**Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, August 3rd is our next collection day and will benefit “Grace Episcopal Food Pantry.”** Over 35 bags of food were collected last month which benefitted our Homeless Veterans Project.”

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, tuna, pasta items and sauce, soups, canned meats and vegetables, breakfast cereal, condiments and peanut butter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## NEWS & NOTES



**CUBS OUTING:** On Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 34 members of the congregation enjoyed an evening at the ball field at our Third Annual Bernie Hunt Memorial Cubs Outing. Although the Cubs suffered a 3-5 defeat at the hands of the Ft. Myers Miracle, it was team photo night and the evening ended with a spectacular fireworks display.



**PRAYERS & SQUARES MINISTRY:** On Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Marian Wolff (our Prayers & Squares representative and talented quilt maker) presented her first quilt to Sher Buller. After each service, members of the congregation were invited to tie a knot on the quilt while offering a prayer for Sher and her family. As you can see Marian did a beautiful job and if you are interested in helping in this loving ministry, please contact Marian at 316-1624. *Great job Marian!*



Our web site is up and running and we have added the PayPal feature that allows those visiting the site to make contributions online. *Check it out!*

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Will begin on **Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM** and the first Anthem will be sung on **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome to join us! *Dr. Tom Naus*



## SPECIAL THANKS



We recently received a note from the Pregnancy Crisis Center thanking us for the car seats and stuffed animals we recently delivered. They are most appreciative of our continued support.

*What a wonderful church we have!* I would like to thank the congregation, Pastor Bill and the Missions Committee for the contribution of food every other month for the transitional house at Haven Recovery. The 16 veterans that were homeless, now have a home and thanks to your generosity their pantry is well stocked. *Leree Nicholls*



I would like to thank Bob Brewster for preaching the weekend of July 6<sup>th</sup> so that Lisa and I could enjoy a weekend with family. Also, Bob purchased a new remote for the projector so that we are able to better utilize power points of the music and scripture at Sunday services. *Pastor Bill*

Rose Moats, Sharon Williamson's sister-in-law, recently sent us a note thanking the congregation for their prayers and the beautiful prayer shawl she received. Both the prayers and the shawl are aiding in her recovery.

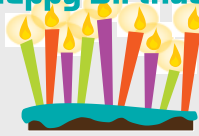


I wish to thank everyone for your love and support during my Mom's illness. You have surrounded me with your prayers and I have experienced God's love through you. Blessings to all. *Sher Buller*

A special thanks to George & Debbie Nelson, Mary Daigneau's daughter & son-in-law for their donation of the peace lily in memory of Mary.



## Happy Birthday!



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS\*

Harold Kransi	8/1
Eva Brewster	8/5
Skylar Davis	8/7
Blanche Northcutt	8/8
Doreen Wheeler	
Sher Buller	
Rusty Ashley	
Janna Thompson	8/9
Harry Scharadin	8/10
Bill Nicholls	
John Stewart	8/11
Bobby Dotson	8/15
Joe Rogers	8/17
Joanne Flatt	8/19
Elaine Johnson	
Carol Strickland	8/21
Joellen Hopkins	8/22
Mac McDonald	8/24
Jeannie Taylor	8/27
Dr. Tom Naus	8/29

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES\*

Joe & Carol Rogers	8/5/1966
Joe & Janna Thompson	8/17/1990
Tom & Mary Ann Summers	8/26/1989
Jim & Louise Eagan	8/26/1965



### PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Ted & Sue Batturs	Members of POUCC
Tim Blackburn	Brother-in-Law of the Deitchs
Delynn Brooks	Niece of Drew Knock
Christopher	Friend of the Baskins
Heaton Cochran	Grandson of the Schweitzers
John Coppolo	Husband of Faith Coppolo
F/F of Lucille Coulter	Member of POUCC
Jeff Cunningham	Friend of the Thompsons
Dee Dardeen	Member of POUCC
Karen Donahue	Member of the Kransi Family
Michael Dotson	Son of Kimberly & Bobby Dotson
Amelia Dyer	Friend of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Louise Eagan	Member of POUCC
Rev. Bill Ebbert	Member of POUCC
Joanne Flatt	Member of POUCC
Susan Gustamachio	Friend of the Campbells
Allan Henry	Father of Lisa Wassner
Scott & Emily Hill	Val Hill's Nephew and his Wife
Richard Hobson	Son of Erika Hobson
Joellen Hopkins	Member of POUCC
Nancy Hosford	Bill Wheeler's Sister
Steven Horsey	Doreen Wheeler's Brother
Elizabeth Jackson	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Russ Karel	Member of POUCC
Gayle Martin	Friend of Sue Batturs
Steve Newcomb	Friend of the Wiggins
F/F of Phyllis Noonan	Sister of Bill Wheeler
Blanche Northcutt	Member of POUCC
Ruth Oberender	Val Hill's Mother
Shelby Painter	Granddaughter of the Turners
Kathryn Powers	Mother of Milissa Davis
Tim Schafer	Member of POUCC
Robert Ross	Son-in-Law of Marian Wolff
F/F of Bob Schweitzer	Brother of Don Schweitzer
Duane Smith	Friend of Diane Kirlin
Issac Snyder	Friend of Gaither's granddaughter
John & Mary Ann Stewart	Members of POUCC
Patty Stoner	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Walker Family	Family of Doreen Wheeler
Rose Williams	Member of POUCC
Patty Yungclas	Aunt of Janna Thompson

### In Care Facilities

June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Facility in PA)
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### Special Needs

All of Our Military & Their Families

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

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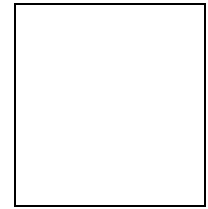
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13 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:55 am Traditional 10:45 am SLT 5:30 pm	11	12	13 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:30 pm	14 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	15	16
17 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	18	19	20 CPT 6:30 pm	21 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	22	23
24 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	25 Spiritual Life Team Meeting 2:00 pm	26 Election Day 7:00 AM-8:00PM	27 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	28 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	29	30

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Contemporary  
8:45 am  
Sunday School  
9:45 am  
Traditional  
10:45 am

*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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9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Monday—Friday

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**Sunday Worship**

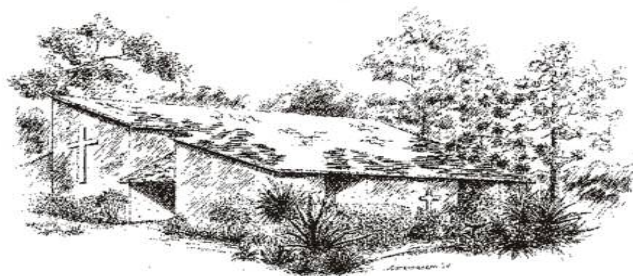
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

**Sunday School**

9:45 AM

**Terrific Tuesday**

6:00 PM



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