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**A MEMBER'S MESSAGE**



August in Northeastern New York means hot dry weather, haying, and swimming. For farmers it's long workdays and hard, sweaty labor, punctuated by cold drinks of "switzel," a vinegary refresher, and stops at the Creamery for giant scoops of ice cream, made right at the farm,

"from our cows to your cone." For us there's time for gathering friends and family and teasing our city-bred brother-in-law about the Sasquatch in the woods behind our house. For me, August offers time for contemplation.

This summer, my thoughts about Port Orange UCC have been charged with the excitement that always surrounds change. Of course we'll miss Pastor Bill, but last fall he set us on a path to help us manage change when he introduced us to Phyllis Tickle's book, *The Great Emergence*. She demonstrated that the church has experienced cataclysmic change at regular intervals, and that, yes, it can be painful, but that good things always come from it.

We've been given the opportunity by the leaders of the church to think about what our church means to us and how we can help. We're not being asked to come up with ideas off the tops of our heads, we've been given reflection time. And we have the skills, the imagination, and the will to accomplish and implement plans for the future of our church.

In fact, I'm really looking forward to our first workshop, where we'll consider what we could do better (Weaknesses) or where we should tread lightly (Threats). We'll also look at our Strengths, what we are *really* getting right, and our Opportunities, as we recognize our congregation's impressive brain power and awesome creativity.

We are blessed to have leadership with the expertise to lead our Crossroads venture. We will use methods that have helped corporations, non-profits, and school systems find their own way forward. We will learn to use those methods ourselves, but we – all of us – have to participate to make it work.

Many of us are retired, but God's work hasn't. We know from our own experience that change is inevitable. Now is the time to decide whether to manage that change or just let it run over us like a semi.

Blessings,  
*Kay Russell*

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## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome Reverend Steven R. Mitchell



The interim search committee recommended and the church council approved calling the Reverend Steven R. Mitchell to be our Interim Pastor. Pastor Mitchell will begin his call in Port Orange on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Steven is a member of the Mountain View United Church in Aurora, Colorado. He is an Ordained Minister with full standing in the United Church of Christ. Pastor Mitchell's standing with the UCC is with the Rocky Mountain Conference by the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Denver Association.

A quote from Pastor Mitchell's profile: "As I look back over my life and examine 'my call' to ministry the best I can say is, 'God has and is continuously cultivating' me for ministry. There is not one person that has been in my life who has not had some kind of impact in the development of my gifts, talents and skills that I use in the role of Pastor."

Special thanks go to the search committee of Susie Greiff, Bonnie Morisset, Louise Eagan, and Billy Wiggins, Sr. who chaired the committee. The members, friends, and greater community of Port Orange look forward to working and worshipping with Pastor Mitchell.

**Pastor Mitchell will be looking for housing in the Port Orange area in mid August. He NEEDS OUR HELP! Please share any information you have regarding rental properties available that you might own or be aware of. Provide this information to Kathy via phone, email, or in person in the church office.**

## ASSISTANT PASTOR



Just two days ago, the Dallas shootings occurred where five policemen were killed in the midst of what was, until that very moment, a peaceful demonstration against the unnecessary fatal shooting by a policeman of a citizen in Baton Rouge the prior week, and yet another in Minnesota. What comes next? Will this put our nation into spiraling episodes of similar violence? As if we didn't have enough to worry about! Let me share with you a timely quote regarding worry that I read this morning which was written by an author unknown.

"There are two days in every week about which we should not worry; two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is YESTERDAY with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone forever. The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW. With all its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and its poor performance, Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is yet to be born. This leaves only one day, TODAY. Any person can fight the battle of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities Yesterday and Tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives a person mad. It is the remorse or bitterness of something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow may bring that renders a person wild with anxiety. Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time."

I would like to add the critical ingredient of Prayer, for it is through that gift from God that we release all feelings of fear and apprehension, anxiety and worry.

Prayerfully,

*PASTOR BEVERLY*

## DEACON'S CORNER



During this hot and steamy summer, I often reminisce about growing up in Connecticut. Back then I would escape the heat by riding my bike to a spring fed lake or fast flowing river for a reinvigorating swim. In the lake the water was actually very cold down deep and the river was always cold. If I could hold my breath long enough and stay underwater, I could get so cold that coming back to the surface or climbing out into the hot air was a welcome change. It is interesting that something I was trying to get away from (the heat) actually felt good when I came back to it. Isn't life the same way? We search for a change in our daily life only to find out after doing something different that our life was not so bad after all. Even a small change can make us realize it. Just like jumping into a cold lake or river makes us feel good when the weather is hot so does doing something different in our lives give us a different perspective. This change could be a vacation or spending some time away from work where we can relax. After these brief changes, we return and things always look a little bit different, perhaps even better than before we left. I think going to church or attending a church function can have the same effect on us. We live our lives throughout the week by being busy with all sorts of distractions both positive and negative. Then along comes a church Fellowship Dinner, a Sunday service or some church related event where we can be with friends and other spiritually minded people. In these brief periods, we hopefully gain a little spiritual renewal and our individual world plus the greater around us looks a little bit better. Think about this. *Bob Brewster, Chair of Deacons*

## OPERATIONS TEAM

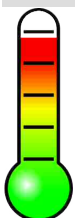
Even though the Operations Team will not meet formally again until September, projects around the church continue to move forward.

- Stripping, scrubbing, and waxing of the Sanctuary floors was completed week of June 27th.
- Service 1st completed installation of the air conditioning unit for the Charlie Mix Building on July 20th and a fund raiser to offset the cost has begun (details below).
- AED Defibrillator - Due to a final matching contribution our goal has been met. Thanks to all who donated. The defibrillator will be purchased in mid August.



**Operations Meeting scheduled for September 12, 2016 @ 6:30pm.** *Tom Buller, Chair of Operations*

## AC FUNDRAISER



We needed to pay \$5,230 for this new unit in the Charlie Mix Building. To cover these funds, we got creative and broke the cost down into 70 degrees. Now let's all pull together to get this job done. **To date, we are 15 degrees (\$1,095) closer to our goal.** Members and friends are encourage to purchase as many degrees or parts of degrees as they can or get together to buy a degree with a group. Thanks for your generosity.



### Financial Update Operational Budget as 6/30/2016

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Jan.- June 2016</u>	<u>Jan.- June 2016</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 88,712	\$ 84,148
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 96,546</u>	<u>\$ 83,222</u>
<b>Net Income Actual</b>	\$ - 7,834	\$ 926

*We are further in the red for the year through June. This does not include the expense we will incur for the air conditioner in the Charles Mix Wing. We will need to watch our expenses through the lean summer months, but hopefully we can make headway by the fall. Respectfully, Susie Greiff, Treasurer*

## MISSION NOTES



Again this year, “Sneakers & Socks” will be our August Mission Project. This monetary collection will provide required Physical Education sneakers and socks for families in need at neighboring Spruce Creek Elementary School. Donations may be placed in the “Sneakers” box in the Sanctuary or the offering and if you are writing a check, please make it out to POUCC (special envelopes are on the table as well).

**ATTENTION ALL BAKERS:** We need your talents for the **Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, August 30th**. Baked goods must be at the Church by **Monday August 29th between 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM**. Cash donations are welcome. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary.



**PALMETTO HOUSE CHRISTMAS BAGS:** Never too early to start! Again this year, we will collect donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, cosmetic bags (new or gently used) holding a soap case & bar of soap and bath sponges for the residents. You can drop off your donations in the church office. The bags are a small token of the holiday season but to the residents they are of great comfort.

Please remember the Mission Boxes in the Sanctuary and Jim Reed Room which benefit Sophie Circle the local pet food pantry as well as the Sock Box, can tabs and eye glass collections. Your continued support of all of our projects is appreciated within the church as well as the community. Together we continue to change lives. *Jackie Gaither, Chair of the Missions Team*

## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

We’ve had another great month in sales and donations at the Thrift Store. Thanks to all our loyal and many new customers, as well as our “Christmas in July Sale,” sales to date have hit over \$13,000. We are most appreciative of all donations and are especially in need of jewelry, men’s clothing, and kitchen items. We are always looking for volunteers. If interested, just give me a call 290-2726 or stop in the store. **Also with all the schools in the county instituting a uniform policy, the Thrift Store is collecting blue, black, and tan slacks and shorts to aid families in the area.** As always, thank you for your continued support.

*Bob Gaither, Manager of the Thrift Store*



## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, **August 7th is our next collection day and will benefit “Grace Episcopal Food Pantry.”** Over 19 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. Join us for an evening of delicious food and great fun!

*After taking the Summer off, make your plans to come to the next dinner on Thursday, September 8th. It’s “Pot Luck!”*

*Keep your eyes open for the Sign-up Sheet on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.*

## YOUTH CORNER



By the time you receive this edition of the Newsletter, the kids will be preparing to head home from the National Youth Event in Orlando, I can report to you that they are all very excited as the time is quickly approaching. We ask for prayers for a wonderful experience and safety for all. Thank you for all of your support. We were overwhelmed at the financial support, but more importantly by the enthusiastic encouragement our youth has received from our congregation. From the bottom of our hearts, Thank You! *Sher Buller, Youth Leader*

## NEWS & NOTES

**CARE GIVING MINISTRY:** During this “searching” time, we are grateful to have Pastor Beverly who is available for those in need. Please contact her at 295-6838 or the church office in the event of an emergency, hospitalization or just a member in need of some care or support.



For your information, the Pastor’s email [uccp01@bellsouth.net](mailto:uccp01@bellsouth.net) will continue to be available and will be monitored by Assistant Pastor Beverly Schafer.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Will begin on **Wednesday, August 31<sup>s</sup> at 7:30 PM.** We need new members! Please plan to join us. *Dr. Tom Naus*



## SPECIAL THANKS



For all the thoughts and prayers for Cindy during her recovery from her May surgery.  
*The Pack Family*

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls throughout the past months. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and we are touched by your thoughtfulness.  
*Mo & Ingrid Claunch*



Mary McDonald would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and concern after her recent fall. She promises to stay on her feet. Also, thanks for your prayers for her brother Russ. He is doing fine.

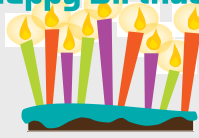
## SPECIAL MENTIONS

Colten Pack had the opportunity to go to Philmont, NM with some fellow Boy Scouts. He was there from 7/18-7/31 hiking/backpacking in the Rocky Mountains.



On June 4<sup>th</sup> the Pack family celebrated Delana’s 13<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party here at the Church. The Peanuts themed party was enjoyed by Delana and her friends with food, cake and a magic show.

Happy Birthday!



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS\***

Harold Kransi	8/1
Eva Brewster	8/5
Skylar Davis	8/7
Blanche Northcutt	8/8
Doreen Wheeler	
Sher Buller	
Janna Thompson	8/9
Harry Scharadin	8/10
Clyde Bussard	
Bill Nicholls	
Nancy Horn	8/11
Bobby Dotson	8/15
Joe Rogers	8/17
Joanne Flatt	8/19
Joellen Hopkins	8/22
George Milukas	8/24
Bill Mulley	
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\***

Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
F/F of Fred Campbell	Member of POUCC
Mo & Ingrid Claunch	Members of POUCC
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Karen Donahue	Member of the Kransi Family
Anne DuBrule	Daughter of Janet DuBrule
Rev. Dr. Bill Ebbert	Member of POUCC
Russ Grose	Friend of Schafer-Ramoutar Family
Jack Hilgenberg	Member of POUCC
Ted & Roberta Johndrow	Uncle & Aunt of Cindy Johndrow
Russ Karel	Member of POUCC
Drew Knock	Member of POUCC
Liz Mills	Member of POUCC
Gerald Pack	Father of Deb Pack
Susan Patterson	Sister-in-Law of Kathy Cratin
F/F of Susie Ruth	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Rosemary Sansevero	Sister of Tom Buller
Angelo & Helene Surace	Friends of Bob & Sheila Fisher
Joe Thompson	Member of POUCC
Jim Turner	Husband of Sue Turner
Lauren Tromley	Member of POUCC

**In Care Facilities**

June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Facility in PA)
Bob Fisher	Member of POUCC (Gold Choice in Ormond Beach)

**Special Needs**

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

**Broader Concerns**

Victims of the Fort Myers Shooting  
First Responders Everywhere  
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

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

*\*Please contact the Church office (788-0920) with your prayer requests.*

# POUCC August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Compassionate Friends 7:00 pm	2	3 CPT & Wacky Wed. 6:00 pm	4 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	5	6
7 Combined Service 9:45 am Food Basket Sunday	8	9	10 CPT & Wacky Wed. 6:00 pm	11 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	12	13
14 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	15	16	17 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT & Wacky Wed. 6:00 pm	18 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	19	20
21 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	22	23	24 CPT & Wacky Wed. 6:00 pm	25 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	26	27
28 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	29 Bake Sale Drop Off 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	30  Primary & Bake Sale 7:00 am-7:00 pm	31 CPT & Wacky Wed. 6:00 pm  Choir 7:30 pm			

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

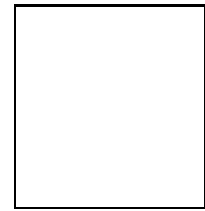
*Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*

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

**COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:**

**AUGUST – TEACHING TEAM, SEPTEMBER – OPERATIONS**

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Monday—Friday

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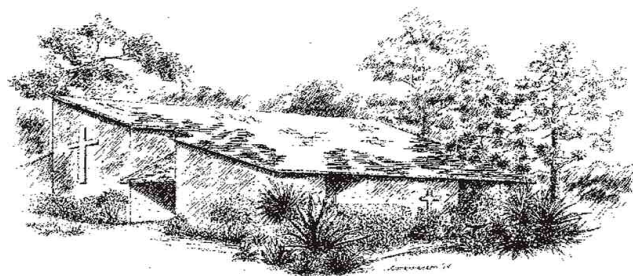
9:00 AM—3:00 PM  
Monday—Friday  
9:00 AM—Noon

**Sunday Worship**

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

**Sunday School**

9:45 AM



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