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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

The middle of summer ... what an interesting time in our lives.

It is a time most people make time to take a well deserved vacation. This is a great time to settle back and reflect on all you do, those you help, those who help you, and your relationship with God.

We do need time away from our daily stresses and busy lives. We need to find some time to relax, to kick back and unwind. I pray for all of you who are traveling this summer. I pray you find rest, relaxation, fun, safe travel, and reunite with friends and family members living close or far away.

This is also a great time to make time to talk with God; yes pray. Finding time to speak and listen to God is not always easy. Make time to pray. It doesn't need to be formal or in a certain place. Matthew 6:5-6 Jesus speaking -- *"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

Praying can be done in a few seconds or take hours. You can pray indoors or out, in a car, plane or motor-home. It really doesn't matter where you are, praying with God can be done anytime. Take some of your time off and spend it in prayer with God.

Matthew 21:22 Jesus speaking – *"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."*

God be with you,

Pastor Glenn



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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Well now we are in the middle of summer and boy do we know it in Florida. I begin this newsletter hoping this finds you well. Many things go through my mind to speak to you about but this is on my mind. I find that our Church is something unique, and by that I mean we overcome adversity and remain guardedly optimistic. I appreciate each person in each role that helps this Church remain a sanctuary for the soul. There are so many missions that go on a daily basis that we minister to it is truly inspiring. From our Thrift Store to our Youth Group to our Sunday School discussions to both services, we provide a place for the heart to refill for the heart to be loved. Take the continued time to welcome and engage our growing number of guests. Making them feel welcome is a blessing in a world that can be all to unwelcoming. I think we should focus on this and let the love that Christ gives us

shine in all we do. Never underestimate the power of a handshake, a hug, a smile; it could save someone's life literally and isn't that what we are here for? *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

NEWS & Notes



Please note beginning Monday, July 29, we will have a new email address:

poucc651@gmail.com

LADIES LUNCHEON: For August will be held at **Lost Lagoon, US 1 in New Smyrna Beach, on Wednesday, August 14th, 11:30 AM..** Sign-up sheet will be circulated at Services. See you there!



CHOIR & CPT PRACTICE: Will begin on **Wednesday, August 28th, Contemporary Praise Team at 6:00 and Choir at 7:30 PM.** There are openings in the both groups for new voices who wish to praise God. Please plan to join us.

CONGRATULATIONS: to our own Nick Yaeger who won three State and possibly one National Power Lifting records in the Sunshine Games held on June 29th. *Way to go Nick!*



From the Pack Family for all the thoughts, prayers and cards for Deb during her cancer treatment. She is home and doing therapy to get her strength up. It's slow going but making progress every day.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Will resume on **September 12th.** More information will follow in next month's Newsletter. Mark your calendar and plan to attend for what's sure to be great food, fun and entertainment!



AUGUST 11TH is Invite a Friend/Neighbor to Church Sunday.

OPERATION'S TEAM



ATT & SPECTRUM

1. The Switch from AT&T to Spectrum is still scheduled and will result in a much faster Internet and more reliable phone service, on top of savings us about \$50/mo in costs.

MIX BUILDING ROOF

1. The replacement roof work will take place August 13, 14 & 15.
2. New gutters will be installed directly after the new roof is finished.
3. Our total cost will \$1,000 for our deductible and \$900 for new gutters.

PROPERTY INSURANCE

1. Our annual property insurance bill is over \$12,000 per year. We are looking at our insurance coverage for savings and also making sure we are properly insured for the correct amounts.

SANCTUARY HVAC

1. The main HVAC unit in the sanctuary was serviced and cleaned under an annual service agreement.

VETERAN'S CHAPEL PROPERTY

1. The grounds surrounding the Veteran's Chapel are badly overgrown and we are looking at ways to have it cleared and made more presentable. This effort may take several months before the improvements are clearly visible.

CHURCH GROUNDS

1. The grounds are looking shaggy around the main buildings. All weeds were sprayed on 7/13 and should last for 6-months until it is required again.

SANCTUARY DOOR NEAR PASTOR'S OFFICE

1. The broken glass is in process of being removed and Lexan protective sheet reinstalled. At this time there is no need to replace the door.

CHURCH INVESTMENT FUNDS & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

1. Operations has recommend to the church council that all available funds held in CD's be invested with a financial management firm, Moran- Edward to increase the return on investment from the present 2.75% to 8.0-10.0%.
2. The Operations team also looked at UCC's Cornerstone Fund but determined the return was about the same as we what we have been experiencing.
3. In addition it is recommended that all banking accounts be moved to Wells Fargo for better control and management.
4. The Operations Team also decided that it was time to install a new Treasurer to replace Hal Francis who has been filling that role until a capable replacement could be found. Operations has nominated Barbara Horton to be the new Treasurer along with Janna Thompson as Assistant Treasurer.
5. Operations also extends a special thank you to Hal Francis for the many years of work he has contributed as our Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Operations Team Art Horton and Trey Thompson.

Bob Brewster, Chair





Financial Update Operational Budget as 6/30/2019

	ACTUAL <u>Jan.- June 2019</u>	YTD	BUDGET <u>Jan.- June 2019</u>	DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 12,599.45	\$ 85,375.05	\$ 71,900.00	\$ 13,475.05
Expenses	\$ 15,287.46	\$ 83,141.10	\$ 84,287.00	\$ 1,145.90
Balance	(\$ 2,688.01)	\$ 2,233.95	(\$ 12,387.00)	

June is a month when some quarterly bills (property/liability insurance and A/C maintenance) were due and paid, hence in part, the reason for the \$2,688.01 loss in June. We had a year-to-date gain of \$2,233.95 at the end of June which is great news, since we budgeted a year-to-date loss of \$12,387 for that period. Our operating account balance at the end of June is \$9,128.03. Things are looking quite good for now but we need your continued support to take us through the end of the year. Income will decrease in the next six months due to the fact that some members paid their annual pledge monies with a one-time donation at the beginning of the year which is reflected in the higher than normal income for the first six months.

Thanks you for your continued generosity and support. *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

YOUTH MESSAGE

Summer is here and we are into our once a month Youth Events.

We had a great time at the beach for our June outing. It was the perfect day! Beautiful sunshine, good water temperature and the all important continuous breeze. Fun in the Sun, Water, and a Walk Along the Beach. It's important to take a break to remind ourselves of God's beauty in the world and Life Is Good!



Friday, July 26th was our "lock-in" sleep over at the church. We all had a great night enjoying pizza, popcorn and movies...ALL NIGHT!

Saturday, August 10th will be our **Go-Kart City outing at 10 AM.-12 PM** Come join us for go-karts, batting cages, and putt-putt golf course. Open to all Middle and High School ages. **Go-Kart City 4114 S Nova Rd, Port Orange, FL 32127.** *Sher Buller, Youth Leader*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **August 4th** is our next collection day and will benefit "Halifax Urban Ministries." Over 27 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food to the pantry. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. Please make sure your donations have not exceeded their expiration date. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



MISSION NOTES



Spruce Creek Elementary School was our Mission's Team focus on May-July. Our thanks to all who have so generously donated. Your donations aid in providing students in need with a variety of necessities to aid in their education.

A trip was made to **Boggy Creek** to deliver 15 afghans and a big bag of men's ties. Thanks to all who donated their time and talents for this worthy cause.

August 1st begins our Mission's Team focus with **Spruce Creek High School's Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth (HUY)**. As in the past, we will be collecting funds for these students' SAT/ACT test fees and Votran Passes for those that do not have a car or way to classes. **Also, we will be collecting personal care items such as toilet tissue, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, men's new socks, and \$5 gift cards to McDonald's and Chick-Fil-A (cards used as a "Good Job Done" or "Goal Accomplished").**

As always, **Sophie's Circle**, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collections continue year round. *Your Missions Team*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

Here it is, the end of July and the Thrift Store is doing very well. If this stays on course sales for the seven month period will total \$21,000. We have reached this with the help of the community and their donations and with the help of our volunteers and their tireless effort. Please, if your run into one of the volunteers thank them for all they do!

The furniture room has gotten a lot of compliments for the way it looks; they say it looks like a "showroom".



Not only is the Thrift Store of great help to the church, our wider mission serves the homeless, fire victims and many more in the community as you can see from the list below.

100 Tee Shirts to the Homeless	600 Pairs of Jeans to High School
46 Bags of Clothes to Christ Team	40 Bags of Clothes to Homeless
20 Blankets & Sheets for Dogs	20 Pairs of Pants to Homeless
15 Pairs of Shoes to Homeless	2 Bags of Clothes to Fire Victims
2 Bags of Baby Clothes to Mothers in Need	10 Formal Dresses to High School
15 Backpacks to Grade School	

This gives you an idea of what happens at the Thrift Store.

We still need volunteers for Mon., 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Tues. and Fri., Noon-3:00 PM.

I would like to especially thank Pam Protko for all that she does for the Thrift Store. Our Store is truly blessed. *Bob Gaither, Manager of the Thrift Store*



Happy Birthday!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS*

Harold Kransi	8/1
Eva Brewster	8/5
Skylar Davis	8/7
Akira Carrig	
Doreen Wheeler	8/8
Sher Buller	
Janna Thompson	8/9
Bill Nicholls	8/10
Nancy Horn	8/11
Joe Rogers	8/17
Joanne Flatt	8/19
Denean Zemba	8/22
Bill Mulley	8/24
Dr. Tom Naus	8/29

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES*



Joe & Carol Rogers	8/05/1966
Joe & Janna Thompson	8/18/1990
Tom & Mary Ann Sumners	8/26/1989
Jim & Louise Eagan	8/26/1965

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & John Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
John & Rose Baker	Family of Peggy Fodor
Brad Boon	Member of POUC
Wendy Bumpass	Friend of the Buller Family
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Aydan & Blake Buller	Members of POUC
Michelle Buonanno	Family of Pat Kirkley
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Andrea Dannehour	Friend of the Thompson Family
Roger & Shirley Harper	Members of POUC
F/F of Barbara Harris	Former Member of POUC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Frank Hilgenberg	Brother of Jack Hilgenberg
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUC
Eric Holbrook	Nephew of the Brewster's
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Kristin Keeling	Friend of POUC
Diane & Scott Kirlin	Member & Friend of POUC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Margaret Matyok	Sister of Ernie Fodor
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Friend of POUC
Archie Pickels	Brother of Bonnie Morisset
Barbara & Ric Pountain	Member & Friend of POUC
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Joe & Carol Rogers	Members of POUC
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
F/F of Jeanne Taylor	Member of POUC
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Al & Frieda Wilson	Friends of Sheila Fisher

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUC (Care Center in MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUC (Care Center in PA)
Ruth Gilbert	Member of POUC (Care Center in PO)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUC (Care Center in PO)
Nancy Horn	Member of POUC (Care Center in PO)
Marge Monat	Member of POUC (Care Center in DB)
Eloise Wottke	Friend of POUC (Care Center in WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUC (Care Center in NY)

Special Needs

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

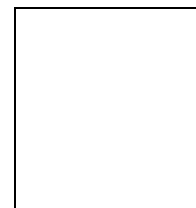
Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date.

POUCC August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	2	3
4 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion & CPT 9:45 am	5 Compassionate Friends Meeting 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 6:30 pm	6	7	8 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	9	10
11 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion & CPT 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	12 Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	13	14 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 AM Lost Lagoon Palmetto House 5:30 pm	15 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	16	17 Jean Taylor Memorial Visitation 10:00 AM Service 10:30 am
18 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion & CPT 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	19 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	20	21	22 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	23 POMA Parent's Meeting 6:30 pm	24
25 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	26	27	28 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	29 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	30	31

*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am - 3 pm, Sat. 9 am - Noon
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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Thrift Store Hours

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Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Education

9:45 AM



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