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## SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Summer Greetings to all,

The Congregation of Port Orange United Church of Christ continues to be challenged. Our congregation has seen many challenges during the 41 years God has allowed us to come together and worship Him.

Somehow all the many challenges over the years have been met and made this congregation a better one. Our building was built, added on to, revamped, cleaned up and today stands proud as a home for the worship of God.

This congregation has seen many pastors, musicians and members come and go. There always seems to be a movement of people here within this congregation. The latest, most notable is Dr. Tom Naus leaving to follow his call to Orlando. As in the past, we will search and find someone to lead our music portion of worship.

We also continue to face changes in our membership. I have noticed a half-dozen or so people attending worship on a regular basis who are not official members of POUCC. I'm looking forward to having them officially join our congregation.

Our current members in Leadership positions are doing a great job but we are short-handed in filling all our leadership positions. I'm praying some of you will step forward and help make the job of leading our congregation easier for those who are currently shouldering all of responsibilities to keep this house of worship moving forward.

Our Thrift Store continues to be a great asset to the congregation and our local community. A few more volunteers are always welcome.

Believe it or not, a strong congregation is only as strong as its volunteers. Many hands make light work. I understand the majority of our congregation are retired people who may have some extra time on their hands. If you are looking for an opportunity to help others, please offer your time and talents to help POUCC to continue being a House of Worship for our God Almighty.

Shalom,

*Pastor Glenn*

## ASSISTANT MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Assistant  
Moderator's  
Message



Hello and welcome to August !

I am speaking to you today about possibilities. Is it possible you have an idea? Do you want to see things happen? Do you feel the urge to have the United Church of Christ make a difference more than it is now? Can you take the time to help a church move up towards the heavens by being apart of the solution? Rather than be constructive from afar why not try getting right in the middle of the action. That's right, you in the action moving Gods church forward. It only takes one thing to move you from the sidelines to the field and you know what that is - **Choice!** And I hope you will choose to help this church and it's members and it's family become all they can. It's really up to you and I pray you are moved by the Spirit to act as a body not an individual for the glory of God's church. Amen.

*Joe Thompson, Moderator*

## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, August 1st is our next collection day and will benefit "Halifax Urban Ministries." Over 6 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. **Please make sure your donations have not exceeded their expiration date.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



When you receive this Newsletter we will be pushing to have made \$29,000 for the year. Thanks to the community. We're having a busy time keeping up with the donation but we are very THANKFUL! **Mark your calendars and plan to shop our BIG SALE Friday, August 20th, 50% of f the entire Store.** God bless all of our volunteers. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

## SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks to Jackie Gaither and her committee, and you the members, for the great and varied dishes that were shared at the monthly Fellowship Dinners. We will be taking August off with the second Thursday of the month Fellowship Dinners returning on September 9th at 6:00 PM in the Jim Reed Room.



## OPERATION'S TEAM



**"Buy one Fish & Chips for the price of two and receive a second Fish & Chips ABSOLUTELY FREE!"**.....Think about it. Sometimes in life when you read or see something it makes perfect sense until you think about it for a while and then say to yourself "What?...something's not right here". Well I am happy to report that every thing is going right for our church building, grounds and surprisingly for our finances. Things we need such as fixing toilets, doors and normal wear & tear are being handled as they come and things like replacing our sanctuary computer due to it being old and in need of technology advances is being taken care of as I write this update. With COVID-19 and its mutations still haunting us, we are continuing to keep our sanctuary chairs separated and hand sanitizers available. Masks are optional during services but we still have a supply available at the front door for those who want one. Thank you to all of you who graciously continue to provide financial support to our church. Your donations whether through regular giving, special gifts, Thrift Store purchases or just placing something extra in the offering plate on Sundays all add up. I need to remind everyone that we also have a **GIVING button** on our church website. When you go to [www.portorangeucc.org](http://www.portorangeucc.org), you will see a big red button on the first page. Clicking on that button allows anyone, anywhere in the world to make a donation of any size to our church. Some of you are already giving remotely. These donations go directly into our church bank account. Thank you! Hurricane & Tropical Storms...just a quick note to remind everyone that the two forces we need to be concerned about are WIND & WATER INTRUSION. Like your homes, our church has a roof, doors and windows. All are vulnerable. Fortunately, our Jim Reed & Mix building roof s were new last year. Our sanctuary roof is near 10-years old and could be a problem in powerful easterly winds. Our doors and windows for the most part are secure and any water intrusion will come from the wind blowing water under or through them. We have a good supply of "Flood Dams" which can be placed on the floor behind every outside opening door in our church. These flood dams absorb large amounts of water and will help reduce damage inside. Each storm requires these flood dams to be placed down and then removed for reuse after the storm passes. Be sure to take care of your own homes when a storm is coming. One last point, our church has an excellent social room, kitchen and sanctuary. All are available for to be rented. The church council must approve each use and rent amount but we have a rent schedule already prepared should a request be made. Pass the word. We are selective but whenever possible we want to say yes, if it makes sense. That is all for now. Please have a safe and healthy summer. Stay Spiritually connected!

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

### Financial Update Operational Budget as 6/30/2021

	<u>ACTUAL JUNE</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 9,212.00	\$ 74,809.62	\$ 67,642.04	\$ 7,167.58
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 14,042.36	\$ 85,857.96	\$ 85,061.36	\$ 796.60
<b>Profit/(Loss)</b>	\$ (4,830.36)	\$ (11,048.34)	\$ (17,419.32)	\$ 6,370.98



We had a loss of \$4,30.36 for the month of June; things seem to be slowing down for the summer (except our expenses). We are still doing better than budgeted for the year and truly appreciate everyone's continued support. With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*

Happy Birthday!



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS\*

Harold Kransi	8/1
Eva Brewster	8/5
Doreen Wheeler	8/8
Janna Thompson	8/9
Bill Nicholls	8/10
Joe Rogers	8/17
Joanne Flatt	8/19
Denean Zemba	8/22
Betty Shepherd	

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES\*

Joe & Janna Thompson	8/18/1990
Tom & Mary Ann Sumners	8/26/1989



## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Larry Boyd	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Denise Brewster	Daughter-in-Law of the Brewsters
Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Jesse Calmer	Friend of the Thompson Family
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Linda Cochran	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Adele Echenique	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Alice Lynn Feldman	Member of POUCC
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Debbie Geosits	Sister of Pastor Glenn
F/F of Joel Gillner	Nephew of Pastor Glenn
John Hamer	Friend of the Horton's
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Joan Harvey	Friend of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Chuck Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Bill Hooker	Friend of POUCC
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Lorraine Miklos	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Kay Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Viola Wears & Boy	Friends of POUCC
Joseph Williamson	Son of Sharon Williamson
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
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

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

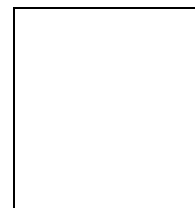
**Note: \*Please contact the church office to  
update our records if we missed your  
special date.**

# POUCC August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Communion Sunday</b> 8:45 & 10:45 am  <b>Adult Discussion &amp; CPT 9:45 am</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>8 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion &amp; CPT 9:45 am</b> <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	9	10	<b>Palmetto House</b> 5:30 pm	12	13	14
<b>15 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion &amp; CPT 9:45 am</b> <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	16	17	18	19	20	<b>21 Council Meeting</b> 10:00 am
<b>22 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion</b> 9:45am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>29 Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion</b> 9:45am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	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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**Office Hours**

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Monday—Friday

**Thrift Store Hours**

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Monday—Friday

9:00 AM—Noon

**Sunday Worship**

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

**Adult Education**

9:45 AM



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