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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends,

Here is our Lenten Season Overview which is focused on the theme of the "Twenty-Third Psalm."

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February 10th Scripture	Ash Wednesday Psalm 23:1a	The Lord is my Shepherd
7:00 p.m. Worship with area UCC churches at Seabreeze UCC.		

February 14th Scripture	First Sunday in Lent Psalm 23:1b	What We Want
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February 21st Scripture	Second Sunday in Lent Psalm 23:2	What We Need
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February 28th Scripture	Third Sunday in Lent Psalm 23:3	God's Guidance
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March 6th Scripture	Fourth Sunday in Lent Psalm 23:4a	Dealing with Loss
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March 13th Scripture	Fifth Sunday in Lent Psalm 23:4b	Seeking the Presence
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March 20th Scripture	Palm/Passion Sunday Psalm 23:5b	Anointed for Service
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March 24th Scripture	Maundy Thursday Psalm 23:5a	Guess who's coming to Dinner?
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March 25th Worship with Port Orange area churches at Grace Episcopal Church.	Good Friday	Noon to 3:00 PM
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March 27th Scripture	Easter Sunday Psalm 23:6	Goodness and Mercy Forever
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7:00 a.m. Sunrise Beach Worship
10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Pastor Bill

Staff

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Sher Buller

MISSION NOTES



Our new Mission Project for 2016 is “Holy Joe’s Cafe” a coffee house ministry for UCC Chaplains and Troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. Chaplains invite U.S. Service Members into a safe and informal “coffee house” where they can receive spiritual care and good coffee. The project came into being in 2006 and it is responding to 172 Military Chaplains who have requested supplies from Holy Joe’s Cafe. Please support this vital and worthwhile cause by placing your monetary donations in the coffee can in the front of the Sanctuary.

Please remember the Mission Boxes in the Sanctuary and Jim Reed Room which benefit Sophie’s Circle. With cold weather upon us, don’t forget the sock box in the rear of the Sanctuary. Your continued support of all our projects is greatly appreciated. *Jackie Gaither, Chair of Missions*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, February 7th is our next collection day. Over 20 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Grace Episcopal Food Pantry. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.



SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, February 11th, 6:00 PM. It’s “Pot Luck.” Desserts will be provided. Sign-up sheet on Sanctuary bulletin board.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

The new year is off to a good start and your continued support is greatly appreciated. Donations needed especially jewelry, board games, stuffed animals, kitchen items, and knick-knacks. Volunteers are always welcome. *Bob Gaither, Manager*



2015 ANNUAL MEETING



On Sunday, January 24th, following a Combined Worship Service, 59 congregation members gathered for the Annual Meeting. The 2016 Budget was approved as well as the 2016 Slate of Officers. Joe Thompson was recognized for his service as Moderator over the past year. Copies of the 2015 Annual Report and the 2016 Directory are available in the church office.

Financial Update



Operational Budget as of End of 2015

	ACTUAL		BUDGET
	<u>Jan.-Dec. 2015</u>		<u>Jan.-Dec. 2015</u>
Income	\$163,092	Income	\$162,060
Expenses	\$159,772	Expenses	\$161,013
Net	\$ 3,320	Net	\$ 1,047

We have finished the year in the black, which is good news. We were fortunate that our expenses were a little less than our projection for the year. If we can keep our expenses in line, we should be able to make 2016 even better. Thank you to everyone for your continued love and support for our church. Your 2015 Contribution Statements are available in the Jim Reed Room. Respectfully submitted by *Susie Greiff*,

YOUTH RETREAT **Walk on Water**



We traveled with seven youth (Selena Wheeler, Travis Dotson, Aydan Buller, Elijah Buller, Tommy Buller, Skylar Davis, and Jenna Geist) to West Palm Beach on January 15th for the three day Walk On Water Youth Retreat. The theme was "We are the World." The weekend was filled with lots of fun, fellowship, and special presentations by Rev. Karen Thompson, Ecumenical & Interfaith Ministries and Nate Bailey, Global Mission intern working in Jordan. Rev. Karen led a workshop on learning about the many different religions in the world. Nate Bailey shared his experiences while living in Jordan and Bethlehem over the past two years. Saturday afternoon spent at the beach was the highlight for everyone. After a service held on the beach, the afternoon was open to swimming and fun in the sun. It was wonderful to see the friendships that developed over the weekend. Thank you to Tracy Davis for being a fearless chaperone for the weekend. Without the love and support of our church family these experiences would not be possible. Thank you for supporting our youth. *Sher Buller, Youth Leader*

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

The meetings continue to be well attended with dinner beginning at 6:00 PM. Thanks to Sue Turner for her great meals every week. The youth did a great job in converting the Nursery into a youth meeting space and invite all members of the congregation to stop in and take a look at their creation. The group is busy making plans to attend the Peace River Camping trip March 4th-6th. **Please note: There will be no youth meeting on February 2nd.**



Study Group

During Lent, Kay Russell and Pastor Bill will continue co-leading the Terrific Tuesday's Adult Study at 6:30 under the rubric of "Where Do We Go From Here?" We will be looking at Diana Butler Bass' book entitled: *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* (Harper One, 2006). It is not necessary to purchase the book but you can check portions out on the internet in preparation for the study to begin in mid-February. Remember, you are welcome to join us for a light supper served with our youth at 6:00 at the suggested donation of \$3 per person. Please call the office to make your reservations. for dinner. **Note: The Adult Study Group will be taking two weeks off and will meet again on February 16th.**

NEWS & NOTES



It's hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is only two weeks away. To begin our Lenten journey, we will join in worship with area UCC churches at **Seabreeze UCC, 501 N. Wild Olive Ave., on Ash Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM.** Please plan to attend this special service.



To Kay and Don Schweitzer for their generous donations which were used to purchase new Lenten and Easter Banners for the Sanctuary. *What a blessing!*

CONGRATULATIONS: To Anna Grace Hartmann, daughter of Raymon & Jenifer Hartmann who was baptized on Sunday, January 10th at the 10:45 AM Service.



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATE!



Luke Moss, son of Cindy Harper & grandson of Roger & Shirley Harper who graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton on December 10th. *Way to go Luke!*

Delana Pack is taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies between Sunday Services. You have two options available: you can order and receive the cookies at a cost of \$4.00 @ box or the cost of a box of cookies can be donated to our service men and women or our coffee hour.



Happy Birthday!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS*

Thea Cloutier	2/5
Russ Karel	2/7
Kathryn Manning	2/10
Sierra Walsh	
Trey Zinke	
Valerie Hill	2/12
Sharon Milukas	2/13
Carole Neiss	2/26
Fred Campbell	2/27



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

Bob & Ruth Brewster	2/14/1971
Jack & Harriet Rogers	2/20/2005
Jim & Sharon Williamson	2/24/1967
Clyde & Emily Bussard	2/25/1956

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

Valentines Recipe

4 small kisses
 6 giant hugs
 1 cup of kindness
 3 cups of love
 5 tsp of happiness
 2+ caring hearts

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Mix together and spread the love



PRAYER REQUESTS*

F/F of Rusty Ashley	Member of POUCC
Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Audrey Besaw	Mother of Tom Besaw
Denise Brewster	Daughter-in-Law of the Brewsters
Sandy Cicero	Family Member of the Gaithers
Karen Donahue	Member of the Kransi Family
Amy Dyer	Friend of the Fishers
F/F of Shaun Furlong	Sister of Gail Besaw
Cindy Johndrow	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Peter Gulbrandsen	Member of POUCC
Phyllis Heath	Wife of Rev. Steven Heath
Rev. Richard Hills	POMA Minister
Carolyn Hoffman	Mother of Lisa Wassner
Drew Knock	Member of POUCC
Delores Mann	Friend of Diane Kirlin
Dalen Mills & Tremont CC	The Mills Home Church in Maine
Pam Protko	Member of POUCC
Jill McClure	Friend of the Deitch Family
Tim Schafer	Member of POUCC
Krystal Smith	Friend of Diane Kirlin
Arthur Van Nostrand	Member of POUCC
F/F of Alice Ward	Eva Brewter's Sister
Bill Wheeler	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities

Emily Bussard	Member of POUCC (Port Orange Rehab)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

Broader Concerns

- Victims of the Recent Storms
- Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
- First Responders Everywhere

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



SPECIAL THANKS

We recently received a note from Pregnancy Crisis Center thanking us for the donation of infant clothing.

Sophie Circle was most appreciative of the donation of \$170.19 that will enable them to buy a large amount of dog and cat food.

POUCC February 2016

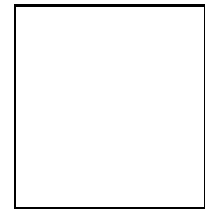
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 POMA 3:45 pm Compassionate Friends 7:00 pm	2	3 POMA 4:00 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	4 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	5	6
7 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	8 POMA 3:45 pm Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	10 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Combined Service 7:00 PM Seabreeze UCC	11 POMA 3:45 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	12	13
14 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	15 Bobbi McKay 2:00-4:00 pm POMA 3:45 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm	16 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm Adult Study 6:30 pm	17 POMA 4:00 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	18 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	19	20
21 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	22 POMA 3:45 pm	23 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm Adult Study 6:30 pm	24 POMA 4:00 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	25 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	26	27 Peter Gulbrandsen Memorial Service 11:00 am
28 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	29 POMA 3:45 pm					

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

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY-TEACHING, MARCH-OPERATIONS.

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Office Hours

9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

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Monday—Friday

Sunday Worship

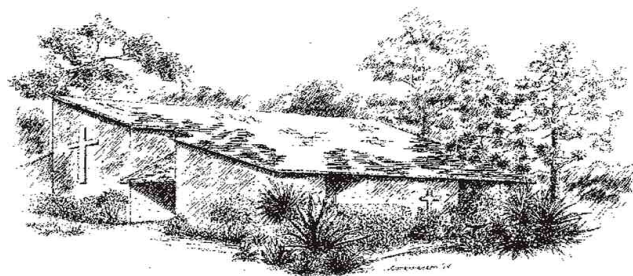
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday

6:00 PM



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