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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Our church has started a new year and it is full of hope and optimism for what is to come. I am writing this AFTER our church Annual Meeting held on January 29th and am inspired by this meeting's attendance along with what was accomplished this past year in review. Now, as we move forward in 2023, I am reminded of something I learned through all my business sales and marketing courses. When successfully completing a task, the tendency is to relax and slowdown to recover and enjoy the success from our efforts. However, on the other hand the success we experienced will bring another reaction from those we helped and that is - "What are you going to do for me next?" Yes, we did better financially this past year then what was expected and yes, we successfully went from two Sunday services to one service that now better serves everyone's needs. The future of our church still looks bright for the coming year and hopefully this will continue for many years after but, we cannot relax. We must take on an attitude that the mission of our church for spreading the word of Jesus Christ to others is never ending and if we strongly desire to be a place of worship and spiritual renewal, we must continuously work to grow our church with new members. We must become more than a Thrift Store with a church attached to it. We must increase Sunday church attendance. We must continue strongly supporting our church missions and ability to reach out into our community no matter how small that effort may appear. We are living in an ever more dangerous world! We can see and sense this daily as we are bombarded with news events that we cannot avoid. The need for people to hear reassuring words that they are not alone; the need for people to know that the reason we are here is to live a better life, to meet the challenges thrown at us and that no matter how serious or life altering these challenges are there is hope; that there is life after this this. This needs to be our church's purpose. This not only helps all of us who are already members and friends of our church but this message will help others, if we can get them to hear it. We have two wonderful Pastors helping us. Reverend Bill Dunlap and soon again Reverend Pat Holcomb.

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Their messages on Sundays need to be heard by more than us who are already here. Let's spread the word. We worry about recharging our cell phone batteries, or our car batteries but we should be even more worried about recharging our spiritual batteries. That's our mission....to stay plugged into God's messages and to help others do the same.

Prayerfully submitted,
Bob Brewster
Moderator

2022 ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP



On Sunday, January 29th, congregation members and friends gathered for the Annual Meeting. The 2023 Budget, 2023 Slate of Officers were presented, voted on, and unanimously accepted. Copies of the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Directory are available in the Church Office.

OPERATION'S & FINANCE TEAM

Financial Update—Operational Budget as of December 2022

	<u>December Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	\$ 15,423.47	\$ 16,057.23	\$ 133,423.00	\$ 2,628.23
Expense	\$ <u>13,357.06</u>	\$ <u>15,608.75</u>	\$ <u>14,616.53</u>	\$ (12,922.22)
Profit/Loss	\$ 2,066.41	\$ (18,551.52)	\$ (8,187.53)	\$ (10,363.99)



We had a profit of \$2,066.06 for the month of December due to receiving \$1,000.00 in other offering, \$2,500.00 in Memorial donations and our amazing Thrift Store team exceed their budget again in December in excess of \$2,000.00. Please fill out a 2023 Pledge Card as soon as possible to help us plan for the new year. Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*



Wednesday, February 22nd - 6:00 PM

Please plan gather to begin our Lenten journey with a Worship Service lead by Rev. William Dunlap in which we will celebrate Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



We were blessed with enough donations to raise \$70,000 in 2022. We have begun the New Year with many new items and have doubled our customers coming in with 60 plus a day. Many are first timers due to our spreading the word through Facebook, Marketplace and word of mouth by new shoppers. A very important reason we have such success in the store is the dedication of the 18 volunteers who do great work and show kindness to all our customers. Please continue to donate and we will continue to do the best we can to provide the church with the funds it needs to be an active church to the community and their needs. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, February 5th is our next collection day. Over 25 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. In their recent thank-you note the Panty included the following **Totals for 2022; # of Households Served - 2,860, # of Bags - 3,180, Total People Served - 6,835, New People Served - 463.** Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food, **Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.**



SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

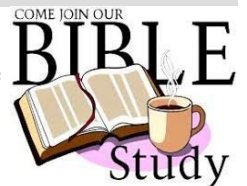


Every Second Thursday at 6:00 PM POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room.

*Our Next Dinner is Thursday, February 9th.
It's a “Pot-Luck” Dinner.
Sign-up Sheet will be circulated during Worship.*

BIBLE STUDY

POUCC Wired Word Bible Study will always be held on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month at **11:00 AM.** (right after church service 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 am). They will be held at the Henderson home (5961 Broken Bow Lane, Port Orange, 32127) only 2 minutes from the church. Snack luncheon provided.



February 5, 2023 1st Sunday Lesson - Science shows how religion makes life better.

February 19, 2023- 3rd Sunday lesson -How to handle our enemies and find common ground with those who believe different from us.



Happy Birthday!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS*

Thea Cloutier	2/5
Kathryn Manning	2/10
Jeannie McDougal	2/23



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

Bob & Ruth Brewster	2/14/1971
Jim & Sharon Williamson	2/24/1967

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

Valentines Recipe



Mix together and spread the love

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Jennifer Anderson	Family of the Batturs
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Barbara Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Rafael Castels	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Pat Dalton	Friend of POUCC
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Bob Gaither	Member of POUCC
Brad Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Sgt.. Jack & Heidi Hearton	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Lisa K. Hearton	Daughter of Kay Schweitzer
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Rocket Kearsch	Friend of Ann Tobin
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Linda Panzarella & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisett
Kay & Don Schweitzer	Members of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Faith & Fred Shreck	Family of the Zinkie's
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Dr. Phillip Tomaselli	Son-in-Law of Kay Schweitzer
Grant Tobin	Friend of POUCC
Judy Turcotte	Friend of POUCC
Seth Wanie	Family of Bill & Susie Greiff
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
The Yaeger Family	Members of POUC

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)

Special Needs

Victims of Caronavirus & Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus
 All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
 Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

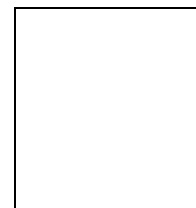
***Please contact the Church office (788-0920) with your prayer requests.**

POUCC February 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Worship Service 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	6 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	7	8	9 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	10	11
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Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2 pm, Sat. 9-Noon.
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

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9:00—Noon

Saturday

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM



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