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## A WORD FROM PASTOR ELECT REV. GLENN S. RICE

### FROM THE PASTOR ELECT



Wow! This certainly is an exciting time in our lives. I feel honored to have been called as Pastor of the Port Orange United Church of Christ congregation. As I write this article, I want to thank all of you who we have met: your fine search committee, the council and staff members. We

were fortunate enough to speak to many of the congregation on Saturday, November 11 and between worships on Sunday. I feel confident the rest of the congregation will be as warm and welcoming as your leadership has shown us.

My wife Sue and our son Kurt are looking forward to getting to know all of you as my ministry begins to unfold.

The search committee at Port Orange UCC showed me their spirituality, hospitality and honestly answered my questions. I have felt extremely at ease and welcomed from the first contact by your fine chairperson, Kathy Cratin.

This is a time of new beginnings for my family, myself and the entire congregation. I plan to start my ministry on Thursday, March 1 and lead worship for the first time as your full time pastor on Sunday, March 4.

We all have new opportunities every day of our lives. What we do with them is up to us. God has called me to Port Orange UCC as your pastor. We are coming together to share the good news of the church of Jesus Christ with each other and the wider community. I have been told this congregation wants to grow in membership and spirituality. I pray the current members will all be active and we will work together to share the love of Christ with others; our neighbors and friends.

I look forward to getting to know all of you as we worship, commune, pray and play together, becoming one with each other and our one triune God.

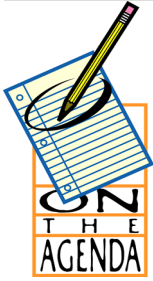
Blessings,

*Pastor Glenn*

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**Interim Pastor:**  
Rev. Steven Mitchell  
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Beverly Schafer  
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## ANNUAL MEETING



On **Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 9:45 AM between Services** we will have our Annual Meeting. Topics to be presented are the 2018 Budget as well as nomination and election of officers for the year. A list of nominees are posted on the Sanctuary bulletin board as well as listed below. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting. Annual Reports are due by **Friday, January 5th and will be available on Sunday, January 21st for your review**. Please type your report in Microsoft Word for easy compilation and e-mail it to the Church Office ASAP.

## PROPOSED 2018 LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Kathy Cratin\*      Treasurer: Hal Francis  
Church Clerk: Sandy Kransi\*      Assistant Moderator: Susie Bussard\*  
Asst. Treasurer: Tom Besaw\*

### DEACONS TEAM

Tim Schafer\*    2019  
Sheila Fisher\*    2019  
Charlie Baskin\*    2019  
Ted Yaeger\*    2019  
Louise Eagan\*    2019  
Ruth Brewster    2018  
Sherian Buller    2018  
Bonnie Morisset    2018  
Sandy Kransi    2018

### OPERATIONS TEAM

Jim Eagan\*    2019  
Bob Brewster\*    2019  
Tracy Davis    2018  
Linda Rodgers    2018  
Rich Thole    2018  
Billy Wiggins    2018

### FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Mary Ann Stewart\*    2019  
Susie Bussard \*    2019  
Pat Kirkley\*    2019  
Sue Barhite    2018  
Jackie Gaither    2018  
Diane Kirlin    2018  
Sharon Williamson    2018

### MISSIONS TEAM

Sue Batturs\*    2019  
Gail Besaw\*    2019  
Louise Eagan\*    2019  
Milissa Davis    2018  
Cindy Deitch    2018  
Sheila Fisher    2018  
Leree Nichols    2018  
Jackie Gaither    2018  
Peggy Wiggins    2018

### TEACHING TEAM

Gail Besaw\*    2019  
Linda Rodgers\*    2019  
Sherian Buller\*    2019  
Tom Buller    2018  
Beverly Schafer    2018

### THRIFT STORE

Bob Gaither    Molly Baskin  
Sue Batturs    Sue Barhite  
Susie Bussard    Susie Greiff  
Sheila Fisher    Joellen Hopkins  
Ruth Brewster    Dorothy Manser  
Louise Johnson    Sonnie Zinke  
Mary Ann Sumners    Ron Zinke  
Sharon Williamson

\*Denotes being nominated at this annual Meeting.

The year listed after a person's name indicates the term ends at the completion of that leadership year.  
2019 term ends on 02/01/2020.

The Church Council consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Church Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and representatives from the Deacons, Teaching, Operations, Missions, Fellowship and Thrift Store Teams.

## OPERATIONS TEAM



The Operations Team met on December 11th and the following topics were discussed.

### Old Business:

- **Storm Mission** - Council has tasked us with coming up with a plan to prevent damage to our church property. Water entering the building under the doors on the east side, kitchen and Jim Reid Room are one issue. Sand bags and plastic sheeting have been mentioned as a solution. Motion made to order two packs.
- **Jim Reed Room Hallway** - Hallway between Jim Reed room and kitchen is next to be renovated.
- **Piano in Hallway** - Was given to a member of the congregation on December 16th.
- **Kitchen Stove Pilot Light** - Option discussed and it was voted to leave pilot lit all the time.
- **Bathroom Floors** - Bathrooms between kitchen and Jim Reed room need to have the floor retiled. Billy Wiggins is arranging to have done.

### New Business

- **Sound Booth** - Motion was made and accepted to mount board on wall to prevent the sheet rock from being damaged by the chairs rubbing the wall.

**Next Operations Meeting Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM.**

*Respectfully Submitted, Jim Eagan, Operations Chairman*

## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

December was a busy and profitable month for the Store. Our vast Christmas inventory, which was beautifully displayed by our talented volunteers, attracted customers old and new looking for that special gift. In fact, we exceeded our approved budget numbers for this year with sales totaling \$27,000. Many thanks to the hardworking volunteers, our valued customers, and all who continue to donate items to the Store. We look forward to a great 2018!

*Bob Gaither, Manager*



### **Financial Update** Operational Budget as of 11/30/17

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 13,446	\$ 144,668	\$ 127,852	\$ 16,816
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 13,359</u>	<u>\$ 156,203</u>	<u>\$ 151,591</u>	\$ 4,612
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 87	\$(11,535)	\$(23,739)	

*Thank you for your continue support. Please note Missions Income of \$815.78 and Missions Expense of \$2,267.26 not included in totals. In 2017 there were 43 pledges totaling \$85,873, so far for 2018 there were 34 pledges (including three NEW pledges) totaling \$84,510. Hal Francis, Treasurer*

## YOUTH NEWS



## Walk on Water

The Florida Conference Walk on Water Youth Retreat is scheduled for Jan. 19-21 at Union Congregational Church, 5088 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33415. Cost is \$50 per person.

Once again this year, Rev. Drew Willard, pastor of United Church of Christ at The Villages, will regale us all with his unique brand of storytelling on the beach. In addition, Rev. Neal Watkins from The Community Church of Vero Beach will be the featured musician for "Friday Night Live," and UCC Ecumenical and Interfaith Minister Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson will be our special guest on Saturday. Conference Minister Rev. John Vertigan will wrap up the event with a sermon at the closing worship service on Sunday.

And at Walk on Water, everyone is invited to take part in the experience. Every youth group is encouraged to participate and contribute to the event, whether that be in the form of helping to prepare meals or getting up on stage and sharing special gifts during the Youth Talent Show. Plus, WOW will include a youth-led beach worship service, as well as fun and fellowship around the evening bonfires, creative play and other fun activities.

So please, spread the word! Come rekindle friendships with participants from previous years, and make new friends, too! All participants are asked to bring bedding, toiletries, plastic utensils, towels, snacks to share, beachwear and comfortable attire for outdoor activities in the evening.

Registration deadline is Jan. 15. **No exceptions!**

For more information, [download the event flyer](#) or contact Rev. Dr. Sheila Guillaume at [sheilag@uccfla.org](mailto:sheilag@uccfla.org).

## NEWS & NOTES



The 2018 Edition will be available at the Annual Meeting. If you have any address or contact changes, please notify the Church Office as soon as possible.

**REMINDER:** Yearly Conference Dues are \$15 per participating member and the check should be made out to POUCC with Conference Dues in the memo line. **The total amount due is paid to the Conference up front each year by the Congregation and your contribution towards this reimburses the Church for that mandatory fee.**



It's not too late to submit your Annual Stewardship Pledge Card. Simply drop it in the Offertory on Sunday or mail it to the Church Office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Marge Monat's new address is: Magnolia Manor, Room 122, 252 Forest Lake Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32119.





## MISSION NOTES



**Spruce Creek Elementary's** December Angel Tree Mission was a tremendous success with one hundred twenty-five angels on the Sanctuary Christmas Tree. Our Members and neighbors brought their gifts in, and they were delivered on December 11th! Missions thanks each and everyone of you that helped make these children's Christmas a happy one!

Three trips were made to the **Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center** with six knitted baby blankets by an anonymous church member, as well as a car seat, two Pack N' Plays, a stroller, crib sheets and receiving blankets from Bob and the Thrift Store. A Big "THANKS" to all!



Bob continues to get and give **Spruce Creek High School** girls and boys jeans and tennis shoes.

A trip was made to **Boggy Creek** on December 11th with 19 afghans (twelve from the Knit Wits, four from Beverly, one from Jackie and two brought into the Thrift Store and given to us by Bob. Also, 48 ties from the Knit Wits and nine from Bob were taken. Thank you for all your hard work!



January 1st begins our mission of funds for **Holy Joe's Café** an informal coffee house where soldiers can receive a good cup of coffee as well as spiritual care. Please remember these brave men and women who keep us safe, and think of how easy it is for us to grab a 'cup of joe' whenever we want and sit and enjoy it in the comfort of our homes. Not so for these soldiers. Please be generous! A coffee can will be up front in the Sanctuary for monetary donations as well as checks which should be made out to POUCC with Holy Joe's in the memo line. Thank you all!

*Peggy Wiggins, Chair of the Missions Team*

## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

We continue to collect food items to help the hungry. **Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. Our next collection will take place on January 7th.** Over 36 bags of food were collected last month for Halifax Urban Ministry's Food Pantry. 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 clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers.



## SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room.

*Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, January 11th.  
It's a "Pot Luck."*

*Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Sunday Worship.*

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CONFERENCE



Who would have realized that farm workers in a small unincorporated community in south-central Florida are having such an impact for the human rights of farm workers in our country and bringing large retail buyers such as Subway, Whole Foods, and Walmart in agreement not to purchase produce from farms that do not adhere to the Fair Food Program.

This past December 7, the Florida Conference of the UCC, hosted pastors to attend an educational tour of the headquarters of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and an onsite visit to Sunripe Certified Brands farm (the first major grower to have signed an agreement with the CIW in 2010.) CIW has been leading the fight for human rights and safer working conditions since the hunger strike by six Immokalee farm workers in 1997, lasting for 30 days, hoping to be heard by their employers about poverty, violence, and exploitation in the Florida tomato fields. President Jimmy Carter ended this hunger strike by stepping in and bringing growers and workers to the table to discuss the environment of sexual violence, forced labor, and inhuman working conditions that existed on most farms. In attendance at this workshop was General Minister and President of the UCC, Rev John Dorhauer and Rev Tracy Blackman, Executive of UCC Justice and Witness Ministries, and your interim, Pastor Steven .

Discussions were lead by Lupe Gonzalo and Gerardo Reyes-Chavez of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers about the conditions faced by farm workers, including sexual violence and forced labor; the development of the Campaign for Fair Food and resulting profound industry changes through the implementation of the aware-wining Fair Food Program; and the potential of Worker-driven Social Responsibility to expand human rights to low-wage workers around the globe. <http://www.ciw-online.org/>



**Top Left: Rev. John Dorhauer & Pastor Steven**

**Top Left: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hargrove & Pastor Steven**

**Lower Left: Tracy Blackman, Rev. Dorhauer & Farmers**



## FLORIDA CONFERENCE WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY



### **Don't miss the free 'Examining White Privilege' Workshop Jan. 11, 2018**

"Racism is the preeminent social justice issue of our time," Rev. Dr. Alice Hunt, president and associate professor of Biblical Hermeneutics and Religious Leadership at Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS), said recently after the school released the short video "White Privilege Glasses", designed to highlight the pervasiveness of racism and white privilege in our society. "The purpose of this spot is to challenge people to see the oppressive ubiquity of racism in our world — and inspire dialogue."

Hunt will lead a workshop entitled "Examining White Privilege" Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Florida Church House, 9300 University Blvd., Orlando, FL 32817.

"While the project isn't focused on audiences of color but on white people instead," Hunt added, the school wants to share the video widely. To that end, it is supplementing the video with additional resources. The seminary has discussion guides and other materials available for schools, churches and organizations that wish to have their own discussions on racial privilege.

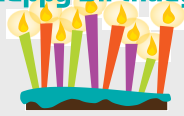
"At CTS, we believe the racial divide will only change when [people] not only understand the concepts of privilege but together begin to identify and correct the systems that advantage one group over the other," said Rhonda Brown, CTS vice president for advancement. "We intend for 'White Privilege Glasses' to spark discussions about a very serious issue. 'White Privilege Glasses' is not just a video; it's a movement." To view this video go to YouTube "White Privilege Glasses."

Admission to this workshop is free, and lunch will be provided. Costs related to this event will be underwritten by the Wilson Fund, a fund of the Florida Conference. Authorized ministers with standing in the Florida Conference may count this as one unit of professional ethics training.

If you are traveling from outside of the Central Florida area to attend this workshop and would like to stay over the night before, we've arranged for discounted accommodations at the nearby Hilton Garden Inn for \$119 per night, which includes breakfast for one person. Please call the Conference office and ask for Dave Cyril by no later than Jan. 6 if you wish to reserve a room, or you may email [dcyril@uccfla.org](mailto:dcyril@uccfla.org).

To register go the [uccfl.org](http://uccfl.org).

Happy Birthday!



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS\*

Margaret Procter	1/2
Blake Buller	
Aydan Buller	
Richard Devins, Jr.	1/4
Don Schweitzer	1/7
Grayson Carrig	1/8
Shirley Harper	1/9
Jack Hilgenberg	1/10
Erika Wheeler	1/13
Dee Dardeen	1/15
Peter Marshall	
Mary McDonald	1/20
Warren Feilbach	1/24
Kay Schweitzer	1/26
John Shaw	1/27
Luke Moss	
Deb Pack	1/29
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hargrove	1/31

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES\*

Harold & Sandy Kransi	1/1/1982
Tracy & Milissa Davis	1/16/2000



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

## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Cecilia Airaldi	Friend of the Schafer-Ramoutar Family
Gerry Baldwin	Friend of the Schafer Family
Brooke Bryan	Family Member of Pastor Beverly
Tom Buller	Member of POUCC
Gene Clark	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
F/F of Kelvin Evans	Friend of the Schafer-Ramoutar Family
Goss Family	Friend of the Batturs Family
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Dale Hill	Sister-in-Law of Valerie Hill
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
John Holbrook	Brother of Ruth Brewster
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
Lannie	Friend of the Batturs Family
Joe Maddern	Friend of Sue Batturs
Joe Magsamen	Friend of Sher Buller
Sandie McClellan	Friend of the Deitch Family
Tommy McDonough	Stepbrother of Joe Thompson
Joyce Nead	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Lesile Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Roberta	Friend of Sheila Fisher
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Stephanie & Eva	Friends of the Buller Family
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Carol Strickland	Friend of POUCC
Pat Timesch	Aunt of Pastor Steven
Jim Trout	Brother of Peggy Fodor
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Donna Weber	Niece of Dorothy Manser
James Wood	Friend of Sher Buller

### In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center in MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center in Daytona Beach)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Life Care Center in Collegedale, TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Onalaska Care Center in Onalaska, WI)

### Special Needs

All of Our Military & Their Families

### Broader Concerns


Victims of Terrorism Worldwide

Pray for Peace in our World

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



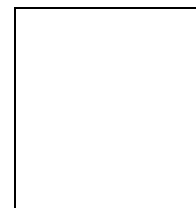
# POUCC January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  <b>New Year's Day</b> Office & Thrift Store Closed	2  Thrift Store Closed	3  CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	4  Line Dancing 6:00 pm	5	6
7 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	8  POMA 4:30 pm <b>Operations</b> 6:30 pm	9  Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm <b>Genesis Bible Study</b> 6:30 pm	10 <b>Palmetto House</b> 5:30 pm  CPT 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	11 <b>POMA</b> 4:30 pm  <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> 6:00 pm	12	13
14 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	15 <b>Compassionate Friends</b> 6:00 pm <b>Council</b> 6:30 pm	16  Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm <b>Genesis Bible Study</b> 6:30 pm	17 <b>POMA</b> 4:30 pm  CPT 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	18 <b>POMA</b> 4:30 pm  <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	19  <b>Walk on Water Retreat</b>	20  <b>Walk on Water Retreat</b>
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*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9:00-Noon  
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*

*Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services  
Fellowship for January: Missions*

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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—Noon

Saturday

### **Sunday Worship**

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

### **Children's Sunday School**

8:45 AM

Adult Discussion &  
Middle School Sunday School

9:45 AM

### **Terrific Tuesday**

6:00 PM