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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Continued Christmas greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter into the new calendar year of 2022, we continue celebrating the joy of the Christmas season until January 6; the beginning of the season of Epiphany.

This is as joyous time of year when we see so many celebrations of 'new':

Advent – beginning of the church calendar year

December 21 – beginning of the season of winter

December 25 – celebration of the birth of Christ

January 1 – beginning of a new calendar year

Epiphany – beginning of making Jesus known to the world

Today – the beginning of all of our tomorrows

The term **epiphany** means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." It remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by doing so "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

So how can we, modern Christians, reveal Christ to others who have no idea who Jesus Christ is?

- Although we are all sinners we don't have to continue to live a knowing sinful life. What a great time to begin anew. For the most part, we all know when we sin. Learning from our past, we can live a less sinful life by being honest with ourselves and revealing our sins so that we stop, repent and move forward leaving those old sinful ways behind us. This is a great model for others to follow.
- Ask someone to join you in worship on a Sunday morning. A personal invitation from a friend is by far the best evangelism tool any church has available.
- Eagerly, lend a hand to someone needing help.
- Do a random act of kindness.
- Read and study your Bible. It is true our bible contains the answers to all of our life questions. Knowledge is power which can help others.
- Step up and become an **active** member of our fine congregation. Share your talents making this an even stronger congregation.

By offering ourselves to others we become better Christians. I look forward with great anticipation to having a wonderful half-year with all of you; the family of Port Orange United Church of Christ.

Yes, you did read half-year. I have officially announced my retirement from ministry. I will be leaving here at the end of the Easter season which is the end of May. I pray your Council members, the Florida Conference of the UCC and God will work together during the next few months to find a new pastor who will help lead this congregation forward.

Pastor Glenn

Happy New Year,

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STAFF

Senior Pastor:

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Office Manager:

Kathy Shaffner

Custodian:

Ronnie Servant

Thrift Store Manager:

Bob Gaither

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Bob Brewster &

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MODERATOR PRO TEMPORE MESSAGE



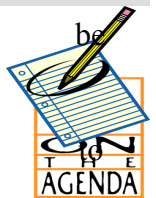
Greetings to All in this New Year 2022! Certainly, the past 2-years (2020 & 2021) have without a doubt disrupted everyone's life. In many respects the pandemic has forever changed many things we once took for granted. Our church has not gone untouched by these changes, and we will face many new ones in the coming year. To the credit of everyone involved in our church from the staff (Pastor Glenn, office manager Kath & church custodian Ronnie), our Thrift Store led by Bob Gaither and his superior team of volunteers, to our various teams of Deacons, Missions, Fellowship & Operations all headed and run by super dedicated volunteers, we as a church have weathered a great storm and can proudly state that we are still here providing a place for worship and spiritual renewal. Without all of you, our church members and friends, and your efforts, we would not have survived the pandemic thus far. However, there are still tough days ahead. In January, we will have our church's Annual Meeting. At this meeting we will review where we are as a church and look ahead at where we might be going. We will be presenting ideas based on the new reality we must face as a church in this changed world. The message of Jesus has not changed - it has grown stronger during these times we are experiencing. The need to spread HIS message has not changed. It is now more critical than ever that people hear it. The message of Love & Hope is still here...that we need each other and that in this life we are not alone. In the coming months we as a church will be asked to make some difficult decisions. These decisions will determine where we will be in six months, twelve months, the following year and beyond. Please make it a point to be there at this Annual Meeting. Clear your schedule and help this church, a church of people, a church of YOU, decide who we will be and where we will be going.

Now, I mentioned above that there are many special people who have dedicated their time, talents and whole spiritual energy to assist our church. Two of these people are leaving us for a new phase of their lives. Joe & Janna Thompson are starting a new adventure now that they are "empty nesters". They have been POUCC members for 30-years and during that time they have done much in our church, held every position, and been key to our church family. They raised their two sons, Trey & Van in our church, who are now two excellent young adults out on their own with spiritual foundations that will stay with them their entire lives. Let us all send our prayers and best wishes with them for whatever they do.

Finally, on behalf of the church council, I am wishing every one of you and your loved ones a Very Healthy & Happy New Year 2022. Sincerely, *Bob Brewster, Moderator Pro Tempore*

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 30, 2022 following a Combined Service of Worship at 9:45 AM. Topics to presented are the 2022 Budget as well as nomination and election of officers. Annual Reports are due by **Friday, January 7th and will be available on Sunday, January 23rd for your review.** Please type your report in Microsoft Word for easy compilation and email it the Church Office.



The 2020 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.**



PROPOSED 2022 LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Bob Brewster* Assistant Moderator: Open Treasurer: Barbara Horton

Asst. Treasurer: Open

Church Clerk: Barbara Boon*

DEACONS TEAM

Jackie Gaither 2022
Sheila Fisher 2022
Ted Yaeger 2022
Barbara Horton 2022

OPERATIONS TEAM

Art Horton 2022
Trey Thompson 2022

MISSIONS TEAM

Jackie Gaither 2022
Sheila Fisher 2022
Pam Protko 2022

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Susie Bussard 2022
Jackie Gaither 2022
Diane Kirlin 2022
Sharon Williamson 2022
Jean Hale Trawinski 2022

THRIFT STORE

Bob Gaither, Sue Batturs, Sheila Fisher, Jeanette Kearsh, Tony Sciallo, Judy Turcotte, Emily McLean, Susie Bussard, Susie Greiff, Ruth Brewster, Mary Ann Stewart, Louise Johnson, Ann Tobin, Diane Powell, Sharon Williamson, Bill & Sharon Tinney, Barbara McLaughlin,

1. *Denotes being nominated at this Annual Meeting.
2. The year listed after a person's name indicates the term ends at the completion of that leadership year. 2022 term ends on 02/01/2023.

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.

The Church Council welcomes new people to any of the teams shown above. You can join anytime. If you have a desire to participate on any team contact the church office or Bob Brewster.

OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM

As I stated in Last month's article, my job as Chairman of the Operations & Finance Team, as I see it, is to inform the church membership about the financial health as well as the condition of our assets (church building and property).



This month I will update the membership of our progress since December's article.

The church council has met a number of times and agreed the following repair and/or update projects are necessary to maintain and/or enhance our church buildings, grounds, the landscaping project donated by Tuff Turf Landscaping last year and present to the community we are a viable, growing church community in our mission of helping others, especially the older population but, if necessary we are willing to grow in other areas such as a viable youth program, or whatever it requires for our church to continue with our mission.

Irrigation System: As set forth in the December article, the old well failed. Tuff Turf was hired to drill a new well, place a pump and rework the existing irrigation system, testy and certify the new system. K&D Electric was hired to complete the conduit and wiring to the new pump. The new irrigation system installation should be completed and operational by the time you read this article. Cost to drill the well, pump and system operational test. \$6,300.00 K&D Electric, \$600.00 Total cost \$6,900.00.

Mix Building Roof Supports: The Mix Building (Thrift Store) roof (walkway) steel supports in the front and rear have been cleaned of corrosion, new supports welded on several posts, rusted through areas repaired, all work cleaned and painted with corrosion resistant paint by Johnson Welding & Fabrication at a cost of \$851.86

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Building Structure Rot: Areas of water intrusion and degrading of the window and wall structure was found above the church main entrance window area. Malibu Construction was hired to remove the degraded/rotted wood, window, trim and any other rotted or degraded areas, replace and/or rework the existing structure and make the area water tight. The cost is \$1,500.00

Toilet/Plumbing Issues: Ladies Toilet, men's urinal and prior pastor's office sink/plumbing issues were attended to by Shaffer Plumbing Service.

Site & Interior Lighting LED Retrofit: In a continuing effort to reduce our monthly electric bill exterior site lighting fixtures, and many interior fluorescent fixtures are being replaced with energy efficient LED fixtures and/or lamps. The fixtures and lamps have been donated by a church family; the church is paying for the installation. Installation cost \$1,000.00 Work is ongoing, expect completion end of December.

Exterior Structure Power Wash and Painting: All the exterior surfaces of our church buildings are in serious need of power washing, crack filling, painting of all exterior walls, doors, trim, metal posts and the cross. Your church council agreed this project is way past due and allocated \$10,000.00 for the project. Bids were sought and Premier Restorations provided the low bid of \$10,700.00. Through negotiations the owners agreed to complete the project for the allocated funds with a \$700.00 donation to our church. Please consider Premier Renovations for your next project. They are located right here in Port Orange. Work will commence January 10, 2022.

Security Cameras added to the Security System: Due to the need for additional security in/and around our facility the church council agreed to add a camera system to the existing security system.

APS Security & Fire System (our existing security system vendor) has been hired to install the new cameral system at a cost of \$3,195.00

Tree Work: Don's Tree service will trim and/or remove dead limbs, trees, etc., around the church property. Further they will remove a group of trees in the swale to the right of the Veterans Chapel. The cost is \$2,000.00.

Phone System: Our phone answering system is antiquated at best. Presently there is no direct phone answering available except when Kath is in the office Monday to Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm or when Pastor Glen nor someone else stops at the office and listens to the answering machine. The Thrift Store (presently a huge asset to our church family) has not phone answering capability. Kath has research options and found a system that will utilize the two existing Spectrum phone lines and allow an up to date answering system. Phone calls will be answered with a short welcome, next a caller will be prompted to select 1 through 6 for the Church Office, Pastor Glenn, Thrift Store, etc., that will be directed to that person's cell phone, except for Kath which will ring at her desk. The service is an additional \$79.00 per month.

Pest Control: Our pest control contractor has visited the church property and found evidence of rodent activities and has placed the required control devices. Part of the service contract, no additional cost.

Attic Space Above the Front Entrance: We need help sorting through the "stuff" stored in the space, removal and final cleaning. Anyone for a work party? Or do you know of a handyman that you can hire to complete this work?

Parking Lot Sealing & Restriping: Our asphalt parking areas are in desperate need of resealing. The sealing product protects our asphalt surfaces from degrading, when that happens the surface cracks and eventually requires replacement. We sought three bids to clean all paved surfaces, apply two coats of Polyner Seal Coat and restripe all parking and directional striping, replacement of broken curbs will also be completed. The low bid from locally owner Better Barricades was \$6,850.00

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Financial Help: As you can see, we have many projects in progress to maintain, enhance our “look” to the community and generally make our buildings and property safe, maintained and look presentable to our members, non-members and the community at large, won’t you consider taking on and supporting financially one of these projects? We sure could use everyone’s help financially. Year-end donations are very welcome. To date we have 2- \$5,000.00, 1-\$2,000.00 donation thus far and \$4,150.00 in the spring to life campaign.

Please consider sponsoring one of the above projects. Art Horton, *Operations Chair*

Financial Update Operational Budget as of 11/30/21



	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	\$ 17,436.50	\$ 139,218.43	\$ 123,525.32	\$ 15,693.11
Expenses	\$ 10,879.79	\$ 144,574.20	\$ 150,661.52	\$ 6,087.32
Profit/Loss	\$ 6,556.71	\$ (5,355.77)	\$ (27,136.20)	\$ 21,780.43

Another good month with a profit of \$6,556.71 primarily due to the hard work from the Thrift Store team. The income from the store was over \$10,000.00 in November. We also received a \$1,000.00 donation to our Spring Into Life Campaign. We are truly blessed for all our members, friends and team workers. Thanks go out to all. With God’s blessings, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

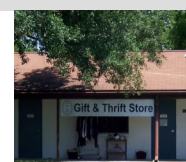
MISSION'S TEAM



Beginning this month we will again raise funds in support of “Holy Joe’s Café. Holy Joe’s Café is a global ecumenical ministry that originated at the First Congregational Church in Wallingford, Connecticut in 2006 and provides U.S. Service Members a safe and informal “coffee house” where they can receive spiritual care and good coffee. Our mission is to provide coffee to Military Chaplains that serve in deployed locations around the world as well as in the United States. Our UCC Chaplains serve everywhere the military is located. Please your monetary donations in the coffee can in the front of the Sanctuary. As always, Sophie Circle, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collection continues year round. *Your Mission Team*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

This is the last report for this year! We have had a great year so far. By the time you read this, we hope to have reached \$57,000 in sales. Thanks to all the volunteers, patrons and those who have donated to help us have such a successful year. *Bob Gaither, Manager*



FOOD BASKET SUNDAY



Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. Our next collection date is January 2nd. Over 20 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.

Our Next Dinner is Thursday, January 13th. It’s a Pot Luck!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.



Happy Birthday!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS*

Richard Devins, Jr.	1/4
Don Schweitzer	1/7
Jack Hilgenberg	1/10
Sue Rice	
Bill Tinney	
Kathy Cratin	1/16
Mary McDonald	1/20
Warren Feilbach	1/24
Kay Schweitzer	1/26
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hargrove	1/31



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

Pastor Glenn & Sue Rice	1/31/1981
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PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
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
Susan Grillo	Niece of the Zinke's
Gary Haines	Cousin of Bob Gaither
John Hamer	Friend of the Horton's
Brad Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Erika Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Diane Kirlin	Member of POUCC
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Emily McCleary	Friend of POUCC
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Kay Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Bill & Sharon Tinney	Friends of POUCC
Grant Tobin	Friend of POUCC
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson

In Care Facilities

June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in PO)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB)
Eloise Wottke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in NY)

Special Needs

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

A NEW YEAR


- * Renewed Hope
- * New Opportunities
- * New Adventures
- * New Ways to Give and Love.

May this be
your best year ever!

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



POUCC January 2022

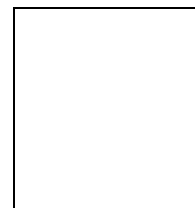
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						 Office & Thrift Store Closed
2 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 AM	3	4	5	6	7	8
10Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	10	11	12	Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	14	15 Council 10:00 am
16Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Contemporary 8:45 am Traditional 10:45 am Followed by Annual Meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29

30 Combined Service
 9:45 am
Followed by Annual Meeting

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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—Noon

Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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