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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Lenten greetings everyone,

This year we find ourselves celebrating the seasons of Lent and Easter a little later than most years. Ash Wednesday comes on March 6, when we will be celebrating Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

The Lenten season is a time for us to reflect on who we are and how our spiritual lives are doing. We all know the end of the season of Lent is quite a mix of emotions. First the death of our Lord and Savior followed by Easter morning when Christ rose from the dead; new life.

There are many ways to look at human beings. We can be divided into many different categories. There are male and female, young and old, a variety of skin and hair colors, the haves and the have nots, all experiencing a plethora of ways of worshipping God. But there is a most important division of people from God's point of view; dead or alive. All people throughout the world can be classified as being either dead in their sins or alive in Christ.

We are human beings who wake up with many of us going to work or school, playing and watching sports, cleaning our homes, doing the yard work, raising our families and thinking of ourselves as being alive. But without Christ, even though we are physically alive, we are spiritually dead. If we live without regard for God and His son Jesus, we have no hope of eternal life.

Those who believe in Jesus Christ live a life of celebration. In Christ we are assured we live today and for eternity. Just as Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected some 2,000 years ago, we too have been raised to a new life. As we continue to live for Jesus and place our trust in him, we have the assurance as stated in the book of John 3:16, "that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

Come and join in Christian fellowship to worship our God who promises us eternal life.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Glenn

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family,

February is almost done and we march on towards well March. As we take this journey together, let us give thanks to God for our many blessings. We are in the process of organizing our setup crew for the Easter Sunrise Service. We could use volunteers for that project so please contact the church office or Bob Brewster (341-0423). We have the permits and are setting up the sound system for this wonderful event. Thanking everyone who participates in any and all activities in this church you are very appreciated for your time and effort.

Joe Thompson, Moderator

DEACONS CORNER

The Deacons Team held its first meeting after the Church's annual meeting in January. We welcomed a new member to the Deacons – Sharon Williamson. Sharon is well respected in our Church life and will be a strong asset to the Deacons. We welcome back Faith Coppolo who is rejoining the Deacons. Her previous service on the Deacons was excellent and her willingness to serve again on the Deacons is well appreciated. Linda Rodgers resigned from the Deacons. We appreciate her service on the Board.

Deacons
Message



Charlie Baskin was elected to serve as Chair, Jackie Gaither as Vice Chair and Sheila Fisher as Secretary. The balance of the meeting was utilized to review the Deacons' responsibilities throughout the year.

Peace,

Charlie Baskin, Secretary of Deacons

LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES



On **Wednesday, March 6th, 7:00 PM** we will gather to begin our Lenten journey with a Worship Service in which we will celebrate Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Please plan to attend.

Sunday, April 14th — Regular Sunday Schedule with distribution of palms.



Thursday, April 18th — Maunday Thursday, 7:00 PM — Service commemorating the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified.

April 19th, Noon to 3:00 PM — Good Friday — During the afternoon we are invited to attend the Port Orange Ministerial Association's Good Friday Ecumenical Service "The Last Seven Words of Christ" at Grace Episcopal Church.



April 21st — 6:30 AM — 39th Annual Sunrise Service — Winter Haven Park, Ponce Inlet and the **10:45 AM Sanctuary Service** with choral and instrumental music.

OPERATIONS TEAM



Your Operations Team is seeking 2-3 additional members. Operations is responsible for oversight on all church financial matters, plus is responsible for managing & maintaining the church facilities and grounds. If you are interested, please call Bob Brewster at 386-341-0423 or send an email to bob@bobbrewster.com. We normally meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM but when the agenda & topic allows, we can also review and make decisions through emails and phone.

At present there no pressing issues regarding our buildings and property, however, we are in the process of reviewing security cameras to cover certain outside areas. We are considering putting a security fence around the air conditioning systems located at the West end of the classroom building where vandals have turned on the water faucet causing a small lake to form in the parking area. Most recently they have also been playing with the AC system master electric "On/Off" switch, which can potentially cause serious damage or complete system failure. Most likely we are going to do both a fence and cameras.

Operations requests that if anyone observes a maintenance issue or see something that requires attention, please let Kathy at the church office know, so that we take action.

Blessings to all,

Bob Brewster, Chair of Operations

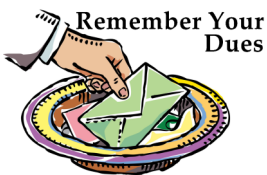
Financial Update — Operational Budget as 1/31/2019

	JANUARY	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 20,952	\$ 20,952	\$ 11,983	\$ 8,969
Expenses	\$ <u>12,577</u>	\$ <u>12,577</u>	\$ <u>14 048</u>	(\$1,471)
Balance	\$ 8,375	\$ 8,375	(\$ 2,065)	



Please note that the income and expenses do not include Missions.

January is a fairly typical month, expense wise, but was an unusually good month, income wise, because a few people/families paid their entire annual tithe commitment in a single payment. This added \$8,455 to the income amount for January. This is certainly good news but this income must last the entire year. Thanks for your continuing generosity. Hal Francis, Treasurer



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.**



**REMINDER: INVITE A NEIGHBOR TO CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH!**

MISSION NOTES



March Missions: The Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center provides mothers "in need" with "Welcome Home Baby Packages". "Wish List" Items: **Diapers (size 1), Wipes, Bath Items, Bottles, Sleepers, Onesies, Blankets, Infant Clothing up to 12 months. New and gently used Cribs, Car Seats, Strollers, Pack-n-Plays, and Maternity Clothes as well as monetary donations are always needed for operating expenses.** There will be a box in the Sanctuary for the smaller items. Larger items can be taken to the Thrift Store. ***Sophie's Circle*** a non-profit organization that rescues and rehabilitates dogs and adopts them out to loving homes. There will be a box in the Sanctuary for canned and dry dog and cat food donations. Make checks out to **POUCC** for either of the missions, please specify in the memo line which mission you are giving to.

As always, our Sock Box collection is in the Sanctuary and our Eyeglass donation basket is in the Jim Reed Room. We are collecting Aluminum can tabs for Cancer Research and they can be placed in the water container in the Jim Reed Room. Also, remember we still collect newspapers and these can be deposited in the big paper container outside (rear parking lot). These four mission will continue year-round. Thank you for your continued support of all our Mission Projects.

Mission's Committee

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2019 CAMPAIGN — "MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE" — MARCH 31ST—This offering enables the UCC to reach people and communities affected by disaster, displacement or poverty. Through OGHS, we provide assistance to families and communities around the world helping them to become stronger, healthier and better equipped to address hardships and catastrophes. Please be generous in support of this mission



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



We started off the new year with robust sales totaling to date \$5,500. Our inventory is low and we are in need of all varieties of donations especially furniture and clothes. If you're doing some housecleaning, don't throw it away, donate it! We are also in need of volunteers and if you can spare three hours a week, please give me a call at 290-2726. It's a great way to help the Church, meet fellow church members, and it's fun!

SPECIAL NOTE: On Saturday, March 30th, 9:00 AM–Noon all proceeds from sales at the Thrift Store will benefit the Choir's trip to New York to perform at Carnegie Hall in November. Please make it a point to come in and shop everyday but especially on March 30th! *Bob Gaither, Manager*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **March 3rd is our next collection day.** Over 17 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. Currently the pantry is distributing 35 bags of food a week. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. our generosity is greatly appreciated. Please 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, March 14th. It's an "Irish Pot Luck". Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Services.

YOUTH CORNER

February was another great month for our youth. We celebrated Valentine's Day with fun, food, and fellowship. There was also a special visitor at our Valentine's party, our former youth and now US Marine. We are continuing our book study with Joyce Meyer's "Battlefield of the Mind for Teens."

Youth Group Meets Tuesday 6-8p.m. and is open to all Middle and High School.



A Big Thank You to Linda Rodgers and Gail Besaw for all your work with Sunday School. You made learning about God and Jesus a great adventure. We Love You!



In Faith, Sher Buller Youth Leader

NEWS & NOTES



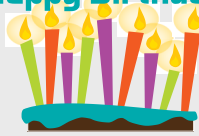
LADIES LUNCHEON: Wednesday, March 13, 12:30 PM at San Diego Grill. All are welcome to attend. Sign-up sheet to be circulated at Worship Services

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KATHY CRATIN: We recently received an email and picture from Kathy and she was in Arica, Chile. She's been in Panama, Columbia, Peru and Chile which she says is the driest spot in the world averaging only 1-2 inches of rain a year!



DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH.

Happy Birthday!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS*

Sharon Williamson	3/4
Ruth Gilbert	3/5
Faith Coppolo	3/6
Gail Besaw	3/12
Dave Whitman	
Jim Eagan	3/15
Bill Wheeler, Sr.	3/16
Molly Baskin	3/24
Brad Boon	
Lauren Tromley	3/25



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES*

Charlie & Molly Baskin	3/03/1962
Richard & Vivien Devins	3/24/1984
Chuck & Erika Henderson	3/25/1972

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Connie & John Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jeff Batturs	Son of Ted & Sue Batturs
The Blake Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Wendy Bompas	Friend of the Buller Family
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Elijah Buller	Member of POUCC
David Butters	Family of Joe Rogers
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Melanie Finley	Friend of the Rogers Family
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearton	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Shelly Hill	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Eric Holbrook	Nephew of the Brewster's
Dave Holder	Friend of the Buller Family
Joellen Hopkins	Member of POUCC
Scott Kirlan	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Robert Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Dayle & Elmo Orciani	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Shon Owezarsak	Grandson of Mary Ann Stewart
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
Joyce Pierce	Friend of the Thompson Family
Scott Powell	Member of the Gaither Family
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
The Root Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michael St. Marie	Friend of Beth Harris
Rich Thole	Member of POUCC
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Sierra Walsh	Member of the Zinke Family
Al & Frieda Wilson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
James Wood	Friend of the Buller Family

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member POUCC (Care Center, MA)
June Ferreri	Member POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Marge Monat	Member POUCC (Care Center, DB)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member POUCC (Care Center, TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member POUCC (Care Center, WI)

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families


Broader Concerns

Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

First Responders Everywhere

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

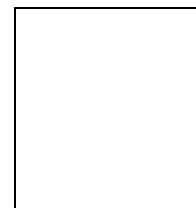
POUCC MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	4 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacon's' Mtg. 6:30 pm	5 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	6  7:00 pm	7 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	8	9
10 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	11 POMA 4:30 pm Council Meeting 6:30 PM	12 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	13 Palmetto 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	14 POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	15	16
17 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	18 POMA 4:30 pm	19 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	20 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	21 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	22	23
24 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	25 POMA 4:30 pm	26 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	27 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	28 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	29	30 Thrift Store Choir Fundraiser 9:00 am- Noon

31 Contemporary
8:45 am
Adult Discussion
9:45 am
Traditional
10:45 am

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.

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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
Saturday—9:00-Noon

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM

Tuesday

Youth Meeting

6:00 PM



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