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**SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE**



Lenten Season Greetings to all,

Our congregation family is exactly like all of the families making up the congregation. We all have our good and bad days; we laugh and cry together; we celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays; we need to keep our income and spending balanced and most of all, we love each other.

And just like individual families, loving each other is not always done in a loving manner. Family life is a mixture of love and laughs with bumps, bruises and even death along the way. The good news is we seem to find a way to get past those few negative moments in our family times and continue to mature and love.

The Christian Church season of Lent is here and during Lent we will find ourselves in a more reflective mood. We should be trying our best to realize the sins we have committed and those we just can't seem to refrain from doing. In other words, we need to cleanup our act and ask God for forgiveness. We also are preparing ourselves for our walk with Jesus during his last weeks and days of walking on earth.

As I look back over the past few months, I see our church family as a stronger and better family than ever. I continue to be amazed at the strength and love this family offers each other especially in times of need. We are blessed to have such loving and caring leadership who continue to rise up and meet every challenge thrown their way.

I have said it from the very first time I met with the pastoral search committee, "this is a congregation who celebrates life and worships God the way Jesus Christ taught us to do." Every member of this family can be proud to be a part of Port Orange United Church of Christ. I know I am proud and honored to be both a member and the pastor.

In Christian Love,

*Pastor Glenn*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to March at POUCC,

Thanking everyone for their hard work and effort in making our church a place where persons feel welcome and comfortable. Please remember we are in a mode of trying to be as economical about expenses as possible so if you see a light on or fan or water on please take a moment and turn it off. Every penny counts! Help share the love of Christ by inviting a neighbor or friend to enjoy services with you. It can be the greatest gift you can offer a person. The church looks great and the members and staff should be happy that we have such a wonderful place to worship. Thank you for all you do and see you in church. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*



## LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES

**Sunday, April 5th** — Regular Sunday Schedule with Communion and distribution of palms.



**Thursday, April 9th — Maundy 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 10th, 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 12st — 6:30 AM — 40th Annual Sunrise Service** — Winter Haven Park, Ponce Inlet and the **10:45 AM Sanctuary Service** with choral and instrumental music.



**Exploring the Jesus Prayer presented by Rev. Susan McCaffrey, Deacon, Saturday March 7th, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM at Grace Episcopal Church, 4110 S. Ridgewood Avenue.** Breakfast will be served. \$10.00 donation at the door. RSVP no later than Saturday, February 29th, 386-676-3583.



**Reminder: Invite a Friend/Neighbor to Church Sunday – March 8th.**

## OPERATIONS CORNER

Your Operations Team is working hard to make our church both attractive and very functional. We have managed to reduce some costs significantly. For example, the costs for electricity may drop as much as 40% with proper management and cooperation of everyone who uses our church. This will save us almost



\$5,000/yr. There may be some times when the Air Conditioning may be off during peak demand periods and fans will be the only air movement. We are adding more fans for these times. On February 13<sup>th</sup> we had a new deep well irrigation pump installed along with replacing all the well pipe. The cost of this was \$5,000. The results are an outstanding irrigation system that will preserve our lawn and foliage. On this note, we are very excited to announce a second Matching Funds Campaign to raise funds for the continued maintenance the church grounds and buildings. The new Campaign is called “**SPRING INTO LIFE**”, which signifies its launch in the Spring and also that our church is very much alive and full of life! Since **Spring into Life** will be a matching campaign, we are asking for campaign matching fund pledges. Anyone pledging is agreeing to match funds raised 1 for 1. For example, a pledge of \$2,500 means that if we raise \$2,500 the pledger will match that amount with \$2,500 or will match dollar for dollar any amount up to \$2,500. In this case, a \$50 do-

nation will be matched by the pledger with \$50 all the way up to the maximum pledge of \$2,500. If we have multiple pledgers - \$500, \$1,000, \$2500, \$5000, etc., each pledger is agreeing to match 1 for 1 every dollar raised up to the maximum amount of their pledge. Our first goal in the **Spring into Life** campaign is to first raise enough to reimburse ourselves for the \$5,000 irrigation system expense followed by our ongoing goal is to raise as much money as possible so that our Operating Account will have enough funds to handle the costs of maintaining the church property well into the next few years. The **SPRING INTO LIFE** campaign will run from March 1 to May 31, 2020. Anyone wanting to pledge can contact either Bob Brewster or Barbara Horton. Pledges can be made anonymously or openly.

Thanks for all your support,

Operations Team

*Bob Brewster, Art Horton, Trey Thompson & Harold Kransi*



### Financial Update — Operational Budget as 1/31/2020

	<u>JANUARY 2020</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD DIFFERENCE</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$11,478.15	\$11,478.15	\$11,280.64	\$197.51
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,320.73</b>	<b>\$15,320.73</b>	<b>\$15,197.86</b>	<b>\$122.87</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>(\$ 3,842.58)</b>	<b>(\$ 3,842.58)</b>	<b>(\$ 3,917.22)</b>	<b>\$ 74.64</b>

*The good news is that we are right on budget. The bad news is we are showing a loss of \$3,842.58. We are still working on trying to find ways of saving money but we still need to find way of increasing our income to support the cost of running our business. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

*Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

## MISSION NOTES



Thanks for your contributions to our February Mission which benefited the **Women's Pregnancy Center**. Donations include diapers, wipes, infant clothing, a bassinet, baby swing, Pac-n-Play and an assortment of toys.

We recently received a note from Cindy Handy, Program Office Manager for Camp Boggy Creek thanking us for the 45 beautiful afghans, 43 men's ties and disposable briefs and wipes that Jackie Gaither and Kathy Cratin recently delivered (see thank you note on Sanctuary bulletin board). Thanks to all those who contributed their time and talent so that each camper feels warmth and love.

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. Thank you for your continued support of all our Mission Projects. *Mission's Committee*

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2020 CAMPAIGN — “INVEST IN FURTURES” — MARCH 22ND**—Through the OGHS offering we are planting seeds of new life. Together, we are investing in communities world-wide, providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all.



## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Time is flying by too fast, here we are at the end of February. The Store is doing well. In fact, from February 10th-15th we hit a weekly total of \$1,000! Our year to date sales total \$5,400. Thanks to Bob Brewster for the new shelves in the back room. God Bless our volunteers for the help and the community for their donations.

*Bob Gaither, Manager*

## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, **March 1st is our next collection day**. Over 22 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. We recently received a note from Harry Jennings of HUM thanking us and he noted that in 2019 HUM had distributed on average of 221 bags of food per month and that food helped 216 families helping to feed 498 adults and children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.



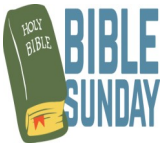
## SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



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

*Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, March 12th. It's a "Pot Luck". Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Services.*

## NEWS & NOTES



Every first Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM there will be a "Wired" Word Bible Study at the Church. **The March 3rd** lesson topic is "How to Cope with Pressures and Trials". All are welcome to attend.

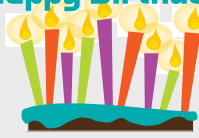
**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Thursday, March 12th, 11:30 AM, at Lost Lagoon on Route 1, New Smyrna Beach. All are welcome to attend. Sign-up sheet to be circulated at Worship Services



***DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH***



Happy Birthday!



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS\*

Sharon Williamson	3/4
Ruth Gilbert	3/5
Faith Coppolo	3/6
Jim Eagan	3/15
Bill Wheeler, Sr.	3/16
Molly Baskin	3/24
Brad Boon	



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES\*

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Amy & Lamont	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jennifer Anderson	Member of the Batturs Family
Linda & Al Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Ruth Brewster	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Michelle Buonanno	Family of Pat Kirkley
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi Family
Faith Coppolo	Member of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Jim Farmer	Friend of the Stewart Family
Susie Greiff	Member of POUCC
F/F of Roger Harper	Member of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Chuck Henderson	Friend of POUCC
George & Madison Hobson	Family of Erika Hobson
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Teresa Leib	Daughter-in-Law of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Bret McFarland	Friend of the Batturs Family
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Member of POUCC
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Karen Sanford	Friend of the Boons
F/F of Tim Schafer	Friend of POUCC
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Lowan Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson

#### In Care Facilities


Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center, MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Ruth Gilbert	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Nancy Horn	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center, DB)
Eloise Wottke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center, NY)

#### Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families  
 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.**

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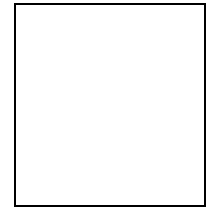
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	2 Deacon's Meeting 6:30 pm	3 Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm "Wired" Word Bible Study 6:00 pm	4 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	5 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	6	7
8 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	9 Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	10	13 Palmetto 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	12 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	13	14
15 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	16 Council Meeting 6:30 PM	17 Presidential Preference Primary 7:00 am-7:00 pm 	18 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	19 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	20	21
22 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	23	24	25 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	26 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	27	28
29 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	30	31				

*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

**First Tuesday of the Month**  
**“Wired“ Word Bible Study**

6:00 PM



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