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## INTERIM PASTOR'S MESSAGE



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I have a poster above my desk that comes from the “God is still speaking” era that says, **“I love my church because it’s sort of like *The Wizard of Oz* – it’s about having a heart and a brain. And courage!”** From the moment that I arrived to Port Orange UCC and started to serve you as your interim, I would hear from everyone how marvelous the Sunrise Worship at Winter Haven Park was! “There are hundreds of people who come and join us as we sing and greet Easter at sunrise.” Talk about being intimidated. I have never spoken in front of “hundreds” of people at one time. What do I say at a beach worship? Is it like doing a wedding out in the cow pasture or wilderness area? And most pressing, what does one wear to a beach sunrise worship? For seven months I fretted over this particular worship.

Then the actual Easter morning arrives. It is unusually warm at 67\*, cloudy, and a mild breeze. I arrive about 20 minutes early and see a good sized crowd of people already sitting, anticipating the breaking of dawn. Ultimately, it is estimated that we had right around 700 folks gathering to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! As the offering was being collected, you could see a red ball of fire rising between the horizon of the Atlantic Ocean and the clouds. When it came time for me to give the reflection, rain fell! A first as I understand. During communion, a bird flew down to partake, landing on the large loaf of bread, I felt like St. Francis of Assisi. It truly was a morning to remember!

I speak about the beach sunrise worship as it relates to the poster on my wall. It takes a church with heart to rally support to present such a worship. A number of people who load, unload, set up the stage, pack it back up when over, then put it away till next year. The praise team offering music at sunrise, and the deacons who prepared and served communion to a large crowd. It takes brains to orchestrate this event each year, with much of the paper work being followed through by our office administrator Kathy Shaffner. A number of hours of phone conversation by Jim Eagan with county and state officials to have our trailer at site, on the beach, making set up and tear down easier. Then there is the courage of all who wander out onto the beach at such an early hour, to celebrate our Lord’s resurrection.

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### Staff

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As a church that follows the teachings of Jesus, it takes all three: heart, brain, and courage to confront a world that would rather not like to be reminded that we are one family, all brothers and sisters, all children of God and that God continues to speak to a world of hurt, fear, and selfishness.

Let us through the coming summer months not lose sight of our mission to Port Orange. It will take heart, brains, and courage to continue to work our goals! Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

Peace,

*Pastor Steven*

## OPERATIONS TEAM



Our Operations Team has been busy addressing issues around the property and listed below are the highlights of the April Meeting.

### Old Business

- **All Church Manual:** This continues to be a work in progress.
- **Kitchen Sink Grout & Valve on Gas Stove:** Projects completed.
- **Repair or Replacement of Down Spouts and Extensions:** Project is ongoing.
- **Secure Finance Area/Divide Room:** The wall is under construction.
- **Chancel Railing:** Awaiting estimate to construct a single rail behind the Pastor's seats and along the organ pit.
- **Parking Bumpers:** Estimate will be obtained to repair the broken bumper.

### New Business

- **Settled Pastor Selection Committee Salary Recommendation:** Operations voted to give the Selection Committee the recommendation of starting with the current salary we are paying the Interim Pastor. This recommendation was forwarded to the Council for approval.
- **Restroom Skylight:** Church security was breached Tuesday April 4th. The ladies' room skylight was broken and brought to the attention of Pastor Steven and a police report was filed. As a result, damage has been repaired and roofing has been placed over both restroom skylights.
- **Kitchen Repairs:** Leaking faucets (north wall sink) and water stained ceiling tiles will be replaced.
- **Windows** Will research replacing sun blocker on the two doors on the east side of the building as well as replacing the screen on the church office window.
- **Outside Prayer Box:** Box is unable to be opened. Will verify if box is being used and if so will either replace the lock or the entire box.

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for **Monday May 8, 2017 @ 6:30 PM.**

*Jim Eagan, Chair of Operations*



### Financial Update — Operational Budget as 3/31/2017

	ACTUAL	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
	<u>Mar. 2017</u>	<u>Mar. 2017</u>	<u>Mar. 2017</u>	<u>Mar. 2017</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 14,329	\$ 44,119	\$ 34,869	\$ 9,250
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 15,768	\$ 43,896	\$ 41,343	\$ 2,553
<b>Net</b>	\$ - 1,439	\$ 223	\$ - 6,474	

## MISSION NOTES



The Council on Aging became our Mission's Team focus on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank You to those who have donated and we hope to continue with many more donations coming in of the following needed items: Ensure and Boost nutritional drinks (vanilla and chocolate preferred), Depends for men and women (not diapers), new bed sheets (any size), towels, shampoos, conditioners, cleaning supplies and packages of Cookies.

The Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center sent a request for Mother's Day aid and we are happy to say that we have received a beautiful afghan and several functional items, as well as, clothing for these Moms and their babies. Thank You to all who have donated.



Boggy Creek's supply of Afghan's is still low and we need your knitting and crocheting skills. As always, thanks to Molly Baskin's 'Knit Wits' group for all they contribute!

Sophie's Circle, the Sock Box, and Eyeglass collections continue year-round.

Thank you for your continued generous support of all our Mission Projects that benefit our church, as well as, the community.

*Peggy Wiggins, Chair of Missions*

*Special Offering*



**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH—June 4th:** When you invest in the vision supported by the Strengthen the Church, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and help develop the spiritual lives of our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that “God is Still Speaking.”

## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

Thanks to the patrons, donations, and our wonderful volunteers, April was a great month for the Store with sales year to date totaling \$9,500. Remember us when doing Spring cleaning of your closets, cabinets, and garages. We are thankful for your clean, new or slightly used donations. New volunteers are always welcome. Volunteering at the shop is fun and a great way to spent time with fellow members. If interested, stop by the shop or give me a call 290-2726. By donating, volunteering, and shopping at the Store, we continue to help the Church and our community. *Bob Gaither, Manager of the Thrift Store*



## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

**Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, May 7th is our next collection day and will benefit Halifax Urban Ministers.** Over 22 bags of food were collected last month which benefited the Pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky for loading and delivering the food. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. There is a specific need for rice, tuna, pasta items and sauce, soups, canned meats and vegetables, breakfast cereal, condiments, and peanut butter. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.





## YOUTH CORNER



Our youth worked hard this past month preparing for the Palm Sunday Service and Easter Egg Hunt. There were 500 eggs filled with candy. Small treat bags were also filled for the kids. Our creative projects included making three bunny wreaths and Easter candy vases for the youth group. Palm Crosses were also folded for the Palm Sunday Services. Thank you to all who donated eggs and candy. Thank you to our youth!

Youth Events for May are:

**May 9th - 6:00 PM - Favorite Song Night - Bring your favorite song with words!**

**May 30th 6:00 PM - End of School Bash - Miniature Golf (Meet at the Church)!**

The Youth are planning two activities each month for the summer months. Stayed tuned for details!



*Sher Buller, Youth Leader*

## FELLOWSHIP CORNER



Wow, what a busy month it was. Great fellowship was had by all. Thank you to all who made April's fellowship events successful! On another note, we've been seeing a number of UFO'S (Unidentifiable Food Objects) in the refrigerator and freezer. Please, if you are going to put any food in the refrigerator or freezer, label it with a date and name and/or purpose of the item.

***Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, May 11th. It's "Picnic Time" - Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be provided you bring your favorite picnic sides or desserts. Sign-up on Jim Reed Room bulletin board. (When signing up, please check to make sure you are not signing up more than once.)***



*Thanks from your Hospitality Committee: Sue Turner, Sue Barhite, Sue Bussard, Jackie Gaither, Pat Kirkley, Diane Kirlin, & Sharon Williamson*

## UCC NATIONAL NEWS



Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends (new and old). From **June 30th through July 4th**, thousands from across the country (and abroad) including Pastor Steven, will gather for General Synod 2017 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Together, we will discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. We will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness. And we will join together in worship each day to lift up the Stillspeaking God. For more information and registration go to [synod.uccpages.org](http://synod.uccpages.org).

# NEWS & Notes



**RIBBON CUTTING:** On Tuesday, April 4th, over 20 congregation members, along with the South Daytona Chamber of Commerce officials and members and the Port Orange Mayor Donald O. Burnette gathered to celebrate and welcome us as new members of the Chamber with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Membership in the organization affords us the opportunity to network and advertise as a way to increase membership.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** for girls currently in Grades 5th-8th will meet with Pastor Beverly from **9:45-10:15** on Sunday mornings in the Nursery beginning **April 30th**. The girls are encouraged to bring friends who are also current 5th-8th Grade girls. **CRAFT ACTIVITIES** with Linda Rodgers for this age group will also be offered in the same classroom immediately following choir, and will end at 10:40 AM. **ACOLYTE TRAINING** with Tim Schafer is available for those in this group who may be interested. **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** are needed (one each Sunday) to be present in the classroom to fulfill our Safe Church guidelines. Please contact Pastor Beverly (295-6838) if interested.



Pastor Steven will begin a sermon series **“Living a Beatitude Filled Life”** beginning **Sunday, May 14th**.

**POEMS, PRAYERS, AND PROMISES** is a book written by our own Kay Russell. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Jim Reed Building if you would like to order a copy price pending to fulfill the 10-copy minimum.



Kay's Synopsis: We make promises, we keep promises, we rely on promises, and we pray about all of them. Poems, Prayers, and Promises names promises from God, promises from Jesus, promises from our country, promises we make to our country, promises we make to each other, and, finally, promises we make to God. Each promise is accompanied by a poem touching on that promise and a prayer reflecting it. Whether used with a group as a discussion starter, or alone, as a personal devotional, Poems, Prayers, and Promises provokes thoughtful contemplation. It can also prompt the lively generation of ideas about other promises around which decisions are made.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If you were unable to attend the Palm Sunday's Special Service and are interested in viewing it, a DVD is available in the church office.

## NOTE OF THANKS



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of me and Bob's family I would like to thank you all for helping to provide a beautiful and fitting celebration of life for my dear husband on March 11th. The food was incredible, the service was just as I had planned, and the friendship, caring, love and warmth was felt by everyone who attended. I know Bob was there and loved every minute of it. Thank you for everything that you all did for me and my family. It was just incredibly perfect.

Love to you all, *Sheila Fisher*



**WE WISH ALL THE MOMS OF THE  
CONGREGATION A VERY  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

Happy Birthday!



## MAY BIRTHDAYS\*

Sonnie Zinke	5/5
Grace Kern	
Cindy Pierson	
Sue Batturs	5/7
Billy Wiggins	
June Ferreri	5/9
Cora Hargrove	5/13
Charla Manning	5/14
Beverly Woodacre	5/15
Pat Hilgenberg	5/17
Tom Buller	5/18
Dwight Sanborn	
Peggy Wiggins	5/20
Ann Shaw	
Travis Dotson	5/22
Mary Ann Stewart	5/27
Richard Devins, Sr.	
Judy Van Camp	5/30
Ingrid Claunch	5/31

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES\*



Cindy Johndrow & Deb Pack	5/06/2015
Jackie & Bob Gaither	5/08/1982
Kristin & Peter Marshall	5/16/2015
Sher & Tom Buller	5/22/1993
Suzette & Keith Wheeler	5/24/1997
Ann & John Shaw	5/27/2001

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Sherry Bonnell	Sister of Gail Besaw
Eva Brewster	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Karen Donahue	Member of the Kransi Family
Karen Holland	Former Associate of Larry Deitch
Shirley Harper	Member of POUCC
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
John Holbrook	Brother of Ruth Brewster
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
Sharon Milukas	Friend of POUCC
Sandy Morris	Sister of Pastor Steven
Elsie Neal	Aunt of Pastor Steven in Hospice
David Pickels	Brother of Bonnie Morisset
Rev. Gary Scheuer	Father of Terri Zinke
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Carol Strickland	Former Member of POUCC
Larry Timesch	Cousin of Pastor Steven
Jim Turner	Husband of Sue Turner
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC
Trey Zinke	Member of POUCC

### In Care Facilities

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

### Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

### Broader Concerns


Victims of Recent US Storms

Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

First Responders Everywhere

**REMINDER:** Pastor Steven will be on vacation from April 27<sup>th</sup>-May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Beverly with any pastoral needs. Rev. Larry Deitch will conduct services on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

# POUCC May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 POMA 3:45 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm	2 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	3 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	4 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	5	6
7 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	8 POMA 3:45 pm Operations 6:30 pm	9 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm "Favorite Song Night"	10 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	11 POMA 3:45 pm Fellowship Picnic 6:00 pm	12	13
14 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	15 POMA 3:45 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	17 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	18 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	19	20
21 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	22 POMA 3:45 pm	23 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	24 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm	25 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	26	27 Trey Thompson Graduation Party Noon – 4:00 pm
28 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	29 Office & Gift & Thrift Store Closed 	30 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm "End of School Bash"	31 CPT 6:00 pm			

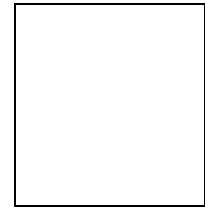
*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – Noon*

*Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*

*Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services*

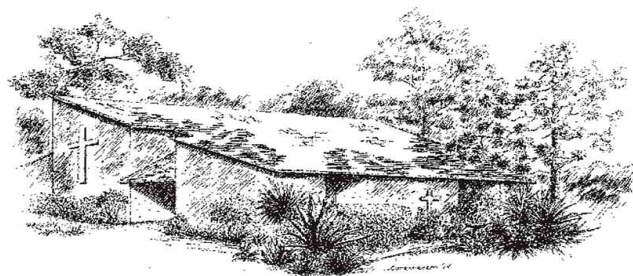
**COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: MAY—FELLOWSHIP, JUNE—MISSIONS**

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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 AM—Noon  
Saturday

**Sunday Worship**

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

**Sunday School**

9:45 AM

**Terrific Tuesday**

6:00 PM