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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Continued Easter Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We are an Easter people currently living in the season of Easter. I pray we all live every day as Christians knowing how Jesus was raised from death and ascended into heaven. Jesus followed God's ways to take away our sins and promise us eternal life.

How often do you think about the greatness God has shown us through his son, Jesus Christ? Just on Easter Sunday, maybe a few days during Holy Week, maybe even on Christmas or at the beginning of Advent? How about **every day** you are taking breath on this planet?

The Bible tells us Christ lived in human form, Christ died, Christ was raised from death, Christ ascended into heaven, and promises us Christ will come again. During the past few weeks we have:

- celebrated Jesus riding into Jerusalem, with shouts of Hosanna
- celebrated his last supper
- remembered his horrific death
- got out of bed early to celebrate his rising from death.

During May we continue to celebrate his new life. At the end of the month we will come together in worship to remember his ascension into heaven where he sits at the right hand of God the Father. Ascension Day worship will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 30. Plan to be a part of this worship service as we remember Christ's ascension which means in heaven there is one who, knowing firsthand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join you in worshipping on one of the most important days in our Christian calendar. I'm not aware of any other area protestant congregations who come together in worship to celebrate the ascension of our Lord and Savior into heaven. I feel blessed to be part of a congregation who understands the magnificence of this most holy day.

The Holy Spirit is living among us and will certainly help us celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Christian Church; Pentecost Sunday. Come and be in celebration on Sunday, June 9 as we rejoice together in Holy Communion and rejoice in having three youth confirm their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Pastor Glenn

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



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Hospital Admission Policies

When being admitted to area health care facilities, please have a member of the family or a close friend contact the Pastor or church secretary of the admission. The United States Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for the HIPAA Rule which prevents health care facilities from contacting the church or pastor unless you specifically give them permission and ask them to do so.

Thank you: Joe and Trey Thompson for fixing the picnic tables.
Barbara Boon for weeding our flowerbeds.
Bob Brewster for his continued help sprucing up our church property.
The Thompson and Brewster families for donating our new wall hangings.
To all of our Thrift Store Volunteers.

To everyone who played a part in another successful Easter Sunrise Service at the beach.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter to all, and here's to all the persons, staff, members and friends that made the wonderful Easter Services happen, thank you. It's a lot of work time and effort to make this church go and I want to tell you thank you. Thank you for making it a place of worship. Thank you for making it a place for persons to find refuge from a world that can be quite bitter and greedy. Thank you for taking the time to greet visitors and make them feel welcome. We get to see a lot of negative things everyday that can influence or at least taint who we are as people. But seeing how the power of the Holy Spirit can positively influence a person's perspective is absolutely amazing, and I tell you that I have seen this first hand. I hope this message finds you well, God Bless. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*



DEACON'S CORNER

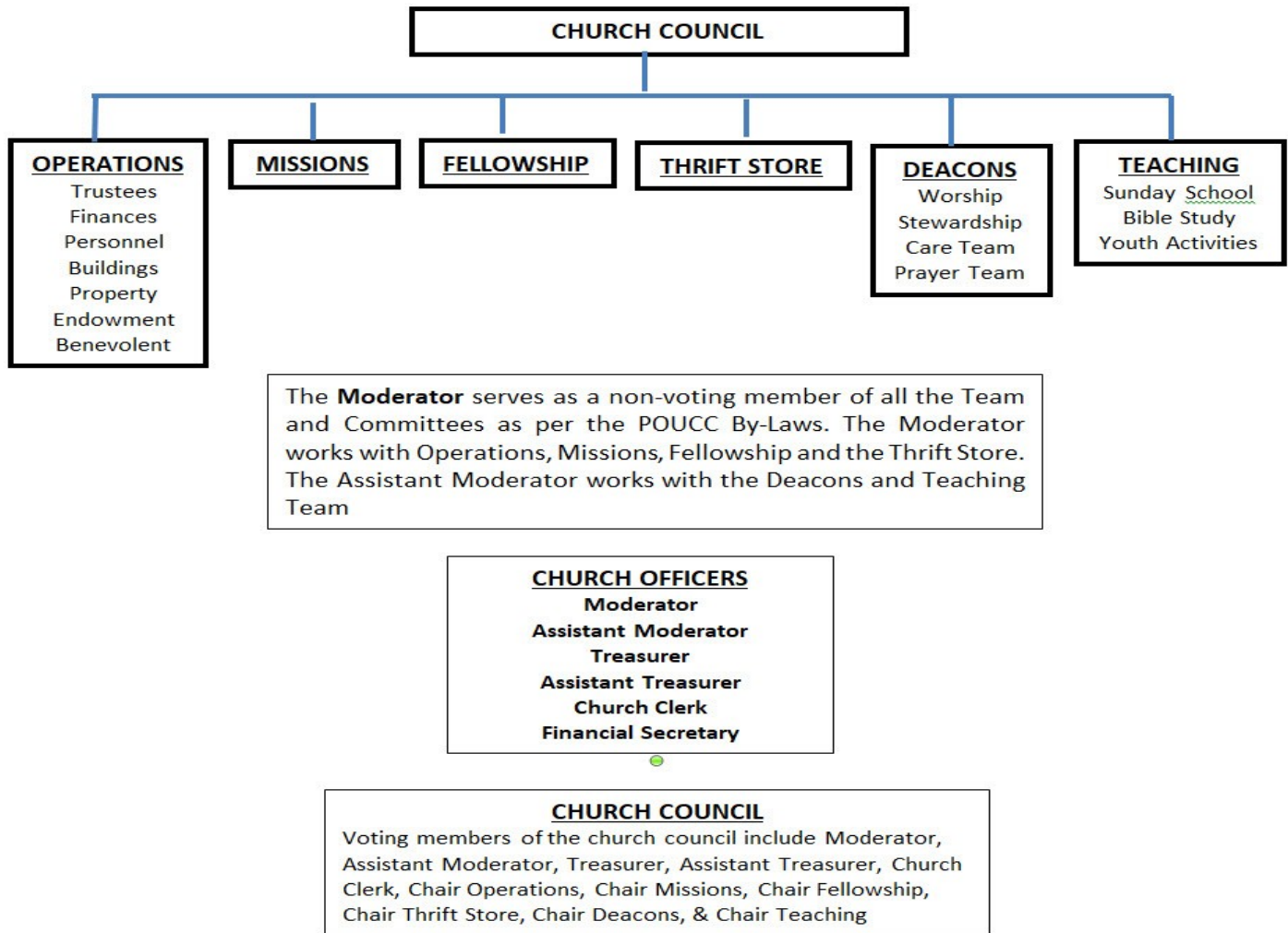


Two members of our faith community, Port Orange United Church of Christ, have passed on to be with our Lord. Both played important roles in the life of our Church for many years. Joellen Hopkins died on March 2, 2019 and is now at peace. Joellen served our Church in the Thrift Shop and within the Church life and mission. Her community service also played an important role in her life for which we will always be grateful. Rich Thole passed away on April 4, 2019 (Memorial Service is May 4th, 11:00 AM). Rich served on the Operations Team for many years and will also be remembered for greeting and ushering during the second services. Those wishing to memorialize Joellen and/or Rich for their service to our Church, may do so through a gift to our Church's Benevolent Fund in her/his memory. Donations should be made out to Port Orange United Church of Christ Benevolent Fund and in the memo line place the name of the person being remembered.

The Benevolent Fund utilizes gifts made in honor of a deceased person, especially a relative or a member/friend of our Church. The purpose of this fund is to enhance the mission and outreach of POUCC. This fund is generated from many sources, including gifts honoring individuals and memorials. In addition to cash donations, the funding may come through bequests in wills, charitable trusts, annuities, and/or the transfer of property. Some people give yearly memorial donations in remembrance of a person. The Church's Operation Team acts as the custodian of the Fund. It is responsible for receiving money towards it, management of it and any distributions. Respectfully, *Charlie Baskin, Chair of Deacons*

OPERATIONS TEAM

POUCC ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



As you look at the POUCC Organization chart, try to picture where you might be able to contribute assistance through your time or knowledge. The **Operations Team** especially needs a couple more members. Right now we have three members - Art Horton, Trey Thompson and Bob Brewster, Chair. We need a couple others who understand the importance of overseeing our church finances, buildings, grounds, endowments and benevolent accounts. This is no small task but much easier to handle with a team of five to six versus three members. If you are interested, please contact Bob Brewster. The Operations Team meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM or can also utilize emails for communications and decision making when the need arises. Everyone should know that the Kitchen Air Conditioning Unit is on its last legs. We recently had it serviced and a new thermostat installed and a broken wire on the unit repaired. The present unit is 5-ton in size. A tremendous "overkill" when considering it only does the kitchen area and two bathrooms. A unit one-half its size could do better, be more efficient and cost less to operate. Over the summer we will investigate the cost of replacing this unit. At the same time, we may obtain an estimate for replacing the classroom building roof, which was installed in 2004. A new LED light fixture was installed in the children's classroom bath. This replaces the old fluorescent light fixture that stopped working. Finally, a BIG Thank You! to everyone who pulls weeds, trim bushes or does something outside to keep our church grounds looking neat and trim. May you all have a blessed month of May! *Bob Brewster, Chair Operations Team*



Financial Update — Operational Budget as 3/31/2019

	ACTUAL	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
	<u>Mar. 2019</u>	<u>Mar. 2019</u>	<u>Mar. 2019</u>	<u>Mar. 2019</u>
Income	\$ 14,636	\$ 45,988	\$ 35,950	\$ 10,038
Expenses	\$ 15,708	\$ 42,875	\$ 42,144	\$ 732
Net	\$ (1,072)	\$ 3,113	\$ (6,194)	

Please note that the income and expenses do not include Missions. March is one of the four months with extra quarterly expenses, namely the property insurance \$2,684. On the plus side was the fact that we had five Sundays. We were only \$1,072 short this month. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Hal Francis, Treasurer

MISSION NOTES

Spruce Creek Elementary became our Mission's Team focus on April 2nd. Again, this year our theme is "**KASH FOR KIDS**" - monetary donations rather than shopping for items. This way specific needed items can be bought by the school when a student is in need.



A trip was made Boggy Creek on April 12th with afghans thanks to Molly Baskin's and her "Knit-Wits" Group.

Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering one bag of dog food and a basket full of assorted animal food to Sophie's Circle.

Sophie's Circle, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collections continues year round. Your *Missions Team*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



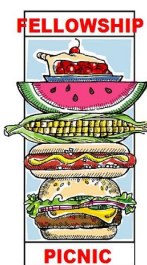
Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, May 5th is our next collection day and will benefit Halifax Urban Ministers. Over 35 bags of food were collected last month which benefited the Pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for loading and delivering the food. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store is still doing very well. We have been averaging \$600 or better in sales every week. To date we are on target to reach \$13,000 by the end of April. Again, a special thanks to our volunteers for the bang-up job they do. Our furniture inventory is running low, so if you have any items sitting around the garage please call us and we will make arrangements to pick it up. Thanks for your support. *Bob Gaither, Manager*



FELLOWSHIP CORNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 PM, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. March's dinner was well attended with a great variety of food and super entertainment.

Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, May 9th. It's a "Picnic". Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided you bring the sides. Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Services. We will be taking the Summer off and will resume our monthly Fellowship Dinners in September.

YOUTH NEWS

April was another great month with the youth. During this Lenten Journey we talked about Jesus' journey, the Prodigal Son (sometimes we are the younger brother, the father, or the older brother in our lives), and the Amazing Grace of God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Future Events:

*We are planning an Ecumenical Blessing Bag event that will take place either the end of May or beginning of June. Details to come once dates have been confirmed.

*For the Summer Youth Group will do some special events – Bowling, Beach Day, Go Cart City, Youth Lock In (Overnight at the Church). Calendar of events will be forthcoming.

Sunday School Update:

A BIG THANK YOU to Kathryn Manning who has agreed to be my Sunday School Assistant.

It is wonderful to have Kathryn join us for the Youth Message and in the class room.

*NOTE: There will be no Children's Sunday School for the month of May as Miss Sher will be serving at the Deltona UCC church for the month.

*Sunday School will resume after Labor Day - September 8th.

In Faith, *Sher Buller Youth Leader*

NEWS & NOTES



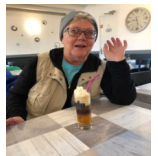
Worship Service Thursday, May 30th, 7:00 PM. The Ascension is an important Christian holiday that attests to the reality of Jesus Christ, God and human, returning to the Father, to return again in the future second coming. The Ascension is the final component of the *paschal mystery*, which consists also of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection.

LADIES LUNCHEON: Wednesday, May 15th, 11:30 AM at Houligans. All are welcome to attend. Sign-up sheet to be circulated at Worship Services.



BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY: Second of each month, **Sunday, May 12th**, Mother's Day is our next Sunday. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KATHY CRATIN: Kathy is on the last leg of her world cruise and is taking in the sites in her final ports of calls before arriving home. She wrote in a recent email "It was a good Irish coffee!"



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 Hill	
Sue Batturs	5/7
Billy Wiggins	
June Ferreri	5/9
Gary Zemba	
Cora Hargrove	5/13
Charla Manning	5/14
Beverly Woodacre	5/15
Pat Hilgenberg	5/17
Tom Buller	5/18
Pastor Glenn	
Dwight Sanborn	
Peggy Wiggins	5/20
Ann Shaw	
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, and with any Prayer Concern updates.

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & John Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jeff Batturs	Son of Ted & Sue Batturs
Linda & Al Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Wendy Bumpass	Friend of the Buller Family
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Aydan & Blake Buller	Members of POUCC
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Frank Hilgenberg	Brother of Jack Hilgenberg
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Eric Holbrook	Nephew of the Brewster's
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Kristin Keeling	Friend of POUCC
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Margaret Matyok	Sister of Ernie Fodor
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
Archie Pickels	Brother of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Jack & Harriet Rogers	Former Members of POUCC
The Root Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michael St. Marie	Friend of Beth Harris
F/F of Rich Thole	Member of POUCC
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Sierra Walsh	Family of Ron & Sonnie Zinke
Al & Frieda Wilson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
F/F of Don Yungclas	Family of the Thompsons

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (PA)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (DB)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (NY)

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide &
First Responders Everywhere

POUCC May 2019

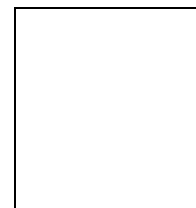
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CPT & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	2 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	3	4 Rich Thole Memorial Service 11:00 am
5 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am	6 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacon's 6:30 pm	7 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	8 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT & Conf. Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	9 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	10	11
12 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	13 POMA 4:30 pm Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	15 CPT & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	16 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	17	18
19 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	20 POMA 4:30 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	22 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	23 POMA Concert 6:30 pm	24	25
26 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	27 Office & Gift & Thrift Store Closed 	28 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	29 CPT & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	30 Ascension Day Service 7:00 pm	31 Van Thompson Graduation Party 1:00-4:00 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

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Office Hours

9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—3:00 PM
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9:00 AM—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM

Tuesday

Youth Meeting

6:00 PM



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