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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



VOTE! PRAY! As Christians, we all believe in the Life Eternal and with that belief comes the responsibility of leading a life that displays our love for one another while being responsible for our own actions. Jesus told us that... **We are to be responsible for the way we act toward others** (Luke 10:30-37). **We are to be responsible for the way we treat our families** (1 Timothy 5:8). **We are to be**

responsible to study God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15). **And we are to be responsible for the way we handle money** (Hebrews 13:5). Included in this responsibility is to take action when we can help others, not because we expect to benefit or feel good from our actions but because it is the right thing to do. As a conscious act on our part, **VOTING** is to be responsible because it is a collective way of helping others. Here in the United States, our entire system of government from the very local to the very highest levels requires us to vote on what we, as people, want to see happen. Our individual vote counts because it is an individual responsibility that we must take seriously. Voting is a physical act. It is something that we physically do whether filing out a mail-in ballot or marking a ballot at the voting poll. Also, we must accept the fact that we do not always get what we vote for, whether it be for an individual or some action. So, why am I writing about Voting? On November 8th, this month we ALL need to vote in our local, state and national election. That is our personal responsibility in a system that was created to help us defend ourselves while creating ways to live a prosperous life. It is also our responsibility to vote regardless of our position on issues because it also protects our freedoms of which one is **Religious Freedom**. I am also sharing a thought that occurred to me, which is that PRAYER is a form of voting. When we pray, we are asking God for help in protecting or doing something. Perhaps we are asking for ourselves or for someone else. When we pray, we are telling God how we feel about something and how we want God to help. Individual prayer is a very powerful but when many people pray together for the same thing, it is tremendously more powerful. Prayer is our vote to God. It is not a physical act but it is a Spiritual Act. We do not need to wait until a certain day, time or place to pray, we can do it anytime, anywhere. So, here are the final thoughts on Voting & Prayer. Both require taking individual responsibility to do. Both are actions stating what we want for ourselves and others. Both have consequences.

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Voting is a physical act and Prayer is spiritual act. Both are required for our life here on earth. But here is where they greatly differ. Voting can only be done at certain times and there is a human factor that can be applied to how your vote is counted. **Prayer on the other hand goes directly to God.** There is no waiting, no special place required and no time limits on when we can pray. Prayer is the most powerful way we as individuals can make a difference in our personal lives and in the lives of others. It is our plea directly to the ONE that can help us the most. Please vote this election day and please say a prayer whenever you want God to help you or others.

Prayerfully shared,
Bob Brewster, Moderator



MY PERSONAL GOAL TO GOD AND TO PORT ORANGE UCC

Out of gratitude for God's gifts and trusting God's enabling power, I/we have made the following faith-promise:

☐ \$125 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$ 25 ☐ \$ 10

☐ \$100 ☐ \$35 ☐ \$20 Other _____

☐ \$ 75 ☐ \$30 ☐ \$15

☐ Monthly _____

☐ Yearly _____

☐ Weekly _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM

Financial Update - Operational Budget as 9/30/22



	<u>SEPT. ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$ 7,168.00	\$ 96,248.61	\$ 99,527.40	\$ (3,278.79)
Expenses	\$ 9,623.43	\$ 114,078.18	\$ 111,383.44	\$ (2,694.74)
Profit/Loss	\$ (2,455.43)	\$ (17,829.57)	\$ (11,856.04)	\$ (5,973.53)

Our income continues to be more than \$2,000.00 per month less than our monthly expenses which leaves us with a year to date loss of \$17,829.57 at the end of September. That year to date loss is almost \$6,000.00 more than we had budgeted and that is due primarily to the drop in the Tithes and Offering giving . The rental income which began in October will offset some of those losses but we all need to find creative ways to increase our membership and, in turn, our giving. It is now the time of year to think and pray about our giving and fill out our Pledge card for next year's giving. As always our thanks go out to our Thrift Store team and all who support our church . With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



As our mission to help others, the Thrift Store has been donating our excess to the First Baptist Church of Port Orange Mission to Africa. Recently the missionaries were in town and Jackie and Pam attended an informative discussion where they described the living conditions in the villages. They sleep on dirt floors in mud huts and eat only one meal a day. Through your donations you not only aid our Church and our community but those in need in Africa. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **November 6th is our next collection day and will again benefit "Halifax Urban Ministry"**. Over 26 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. **Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.**



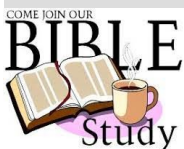
THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP DINNER



POUCC has a wonderful monthly Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. Entertainment follows the monthly dinners.

***Our next Fellowship Dinner is Thursday, November 10th.
It's a "Thanksgiving Feast" -- Turkey Provided! You bring the Sides
& Desserts. Sign-up Sheet will be circulated during Worship Service.***

BIBLE STUDY



POUCC Wired Word Bible study will always be held on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month at **11:00 AM** (right after church service 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 am.) . They will be held at the Henderson home (5961 Broken Bow Lane, Port Orange, 32127) Only 2 minutes from the church. Snack luncheon provided.

November 6, 2022: Lesson-"On how God uses us through our careers"

November 20, 2022:. Lesson: "How to deal with anxiety over our health with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and God's word."



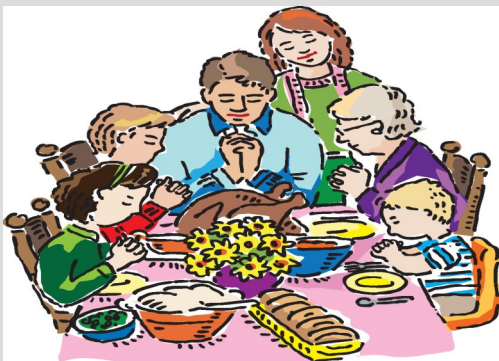
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Peggy Fodor	11/2
Vivien Devins	11/5
Jack Barrick	11/6
Bob Brewster	11/12
Don Gates	11/16
Barbara Horton	11/19
Ted Yaeger, Jr.	11/22

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*



Diane & Scott Kirlin	11/2/1996
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*"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."*

Revelation 7:12, NRSV

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

**Please note the Church Office will be
closed Thursday and Friday, November 24
& 25. The Gift & Thrift Store will be
closed Thursday but will reopen on
Friday.**

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

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Jennifer Anderson	Family of the Batturs
Anthony & Tony	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Barbara Boon	Member of POUCC
F/F of Eva Brewster	Mother of Bob Brewster
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Pat Dalton	Friend of POUCC
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Alice Lynn Feldman	Member of POUCC
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Steve Gaunt	Friend of Sheila Fisher & Larry Janelle
Gary Haines	Cousin of Bob Gaither
Brad Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Sgt.. Jack & Heidi Hearton	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Lisa K. Hearton	Daughter of Kay Schweitzer
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Art Horton	Member of POUCC
Rocket Kearsch	Friend of Ann Tobin
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Grace Manning	Member of POUCC
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Linda Panzarella & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisett
Scott Powell	Son of Bob Gaither
Kay & Don Schweitzer	Members of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty Shepherd	Member of POUCC
Faith & Fred Shreck	Family of the Zinkie's
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Dr. Phillip Tomaselli	Son-in-Law of Kay Schweitzer
Grant Tobin	Friend of POUCC
Caroline Wallace	Family of Sheila Fisher
Seth Wanie	Family of Bill & Susie Greiff
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Alhmet Wilson	Friend of Sheila Fisher

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)

Special Needs

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

POUCC November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship Service 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	7 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	8	9	10 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	11	12
13 Worship Service 9:30 am MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	14 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 Worship Service 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	21 Council Meeting 10:00 am MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	22	23	24  Office & Thrift Store Closed	25 Office Closed	26
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Fellowship Hour: Following Sunday Worship

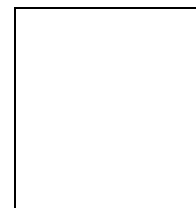
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Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm



Remember We Fall Back An Hour Sunday, November 6th.

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Office Hours

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Monday—Friday

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9:00 AM—Noon

Saturday

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM



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