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Greeting fellow Protestant Christians,

What do you think of when you hear the word October? I believe most of you may think of Halloween; the last day of the month. It's not a Christian holiday but it is a day and evening to have some light-hearted fun with. I remember October 31 this year as the fourteenth anniversary of my ordination as a UCC pastor.

When I hear someone speak of October I think of World Communion on the first Sunday of the month and of Reformation Sunday; the last Sunday in October.

During the celebration of World Communion I can imagine Christians of every denomination coming together in communion. Isn't that a pleasant thought? I enjoy knowing Christians all around the globe are having their eyes opened so we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for who Christ died. It is just an awesome power of the Holy Spirit.

During this autumn month, if you drive a full day north of here, much beauty is seen in the beautiful colors of the dying foliage. Nature is preparing itself for the upcoming cooler winter months by shedding itself of the past and relaxing during a time of being dormant (sounds like some football fanatics.)

This month our congregation is having a few special events. The first being a Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, October 11. If you haven't been to one yet, give it a try. The different foods are all very good and the special entertainment is always enjoyable. The other special event is on Sunday, October 21. I will officially be installed as your full time called pastor. This will occur during one combined worship service beginning at 9:45 am followed by a luncheon.

On Sunday, October 28 we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday. The Protestant movement began 501 years ago on the eve of October 31, 1517. A man by the name of Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to a castle door which started the Protestant branch of Christianity. There had been others before him who had similar thoughts but he happened to be at the right place at the right time. He was one of the first to spread the good news of Jesus Christ using the new machine called the Printing Press. Can you imagine Martin Luther with today's technology?! Thanks to Luther and others like him, the bible became available to the masses. God's word was now being devoured on one's own time. The religious world was changed forever.

I'm sure you all have your own thoughts concerning this most beautiful month of October. I pray you have a good month and that I see you in worship and around the church.

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:**

To Billy Wiggins for lending his scissor lift to the church. Billy also needs to be thanked for having one of his employees change out all the light bulbs in the nave area of our church. The new bulbs cast out a much more pleasant light and are also dimmable.

Thank you to Bob and Ruth Brewster for using the scissor lift to clean the windows and fans. Bob also installed a new solar film and stained-glass look film on the windows.

DEACON'S TEAM

The time is fast approaching when our Church needs to start developing the plans that are needed to move forward towards a successful 2019 year. One might think 2019 is far away but it isn't.



Our Church is currently examining the current income and spending for the first nine months of 2018 to see how things might project into 2019. Teams are being asked about their financial priorities. For example, the Deacons are working on the replacement of key components of the sound system that we use for the Easter Sunrise Service. The salt air has made our current system unusable. New components are needed in order to continue our outreach on Easter Sunday.

Starting on October 28, we will begin the process of outlining where we are financially as a Church and what will be needed to reach our goals as a Church.

On November 4, between worship services, there will be an important informational program for people approaching or have reached 70 years old and hold Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). This program will explain recent changes in tax laws and how you might benefit under these new changes.

Tom Besaw will give a power point presentation during both services to help explain our Church's financial picture.

Sunday, November 18 will find David and Stephanie Whitman leading the worship services. They have been well received in the past and we are looking forward to their leadership.

As in the past couple of years, we have not been using pledge cards but, instead, have been asking members and friends to make their personal goal to God and Port Orange UCC. The use of personal goals has been better received and wider acceptance. These personal goals may be mailed or handed in to the Church Treasurer or put into the Sunday offering plate. We urge everyone to participate by November 18. We will announce the results on the following Sunday, November 25.

Our Church plays an important part in the lives of our members, friends and community. We all appreciate your past financial support and welcome your participation in helping forecast next year's projected church income that will be available towards God's mission for our Church.

Charlie Baskin, Chair of Deacons

OPERATION'S TEAM

The Operations Team is busy looking at all expenses associated with keeping our church property maintained and in good working order. Through the generosity of members, we have received gifts to cover the expenses of (1) \$1,000 for putting new low energy/high efficiency lights in the sanctuary (2) \$250 for putting sunscreen film & stained-glass film on the sanctuary windows \$175 for repairing the sanctuary door on the church's east side (4) \$360 for the sanctuary digital camera & accessories. There are other gifted expenses covering many other items such as garbage disposal in the kitchen, faucets in the bathrooms, etc. We recently experienced slippery sidewalks during the voting operation when it rained. This will require pressure washing & cleaning the sidewalks at least two times per year to prevent slipping. In the August newsletter we printed a list of things we identified as possible future expenses over the next couple years. Some of these items can be deferred and done when funds are available. Other items will need to be taken care of when required. Some items will be surprises when they break or when a storm cause damage. All in all, the church grounds and buildings are in very good condition. We thank everyone who has contributed money, labor or both to help make this happen. As we enter the stewardship season, we have requested each church team to submit its budget for 2019. This is a very important step for determining our financial capabilities going forward. A second critical step is how much money our members will set as their personal goal to God and POUCC. Every pledge is very important and every gift is very important. Our church is a "mission orientated church". This means that we require funds to give to others in need. Our Thrift Store is a mission which generates money for our church programs and where we generate material gifts (clothing, furniture, personal items, books, etc.) that help others. Our church two services and fellowship dinners are missions where we provide spiritual and emotional support to all who attend. Our various church missions (not listed here) number in the dozens where we help families, students, other people with money, gifts and food. The list keeps going because of the generosity of POUCC church members and friends. In summary, we are all being asked to give somewhere including to POUCC. We know there are multiple opportunities to give outside our church but this year and next, we are specifically asking that you give more than you have in the past. Our church membership is at a level where we need extraordinary assistance from everyone if we are to continue to care for our facilities and also continue supporting our missions. We have a very valuable asset in our church. We need to protect it and treasure it. Yes, we need new members who can help and yes, they will come when they learn about who we are and what we do. Please do what you can to spread the word. Our church is bright because we are doing all we can do to advance God's word in a spiritually challenged world. Thanks to all of you reading this newsletter who are making a difference! *Bob Brewster, Co-Chair of Operations*



Financial Update - Operational Budget as 8/31/2018

	ACTUAL	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 12,998	\$ 109,506	\$ 96,920	\$ 12,586
Expenses	\$ 12,378	\$ 113,383	\$ 113,149	\$ 234
Balance	\$ 620	\$ (3,877)	\$ (16,229)	

*Please note that the income and expenses do not include Missions. In August, we just about broke even again, mostly due to the receipt of a sing payment annual pledge. **The Operating Account has run out of money.** We have been forced to use the benevolent/emergency fund to pay some of the Church's expenses through the end of the year. Thanks for your continuing generosity. Hal Francis, Treasurer*

YOUTH CORNER



Another great month with the youth. We have been busy filling Blessing Bags, creating decorative pumpkins out of toilet rolls, handing out Kindness Rocks to the community, and writing letters of encouragement to our Recruit at Parris Island. *Sher Buller, Youth Leader*

Youth Group meets Tuesday Evenings from 6– 8 p.m. and is open to all Middle and High School youth.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



I think it's that time of the month to write something for the newsletter. Please remember the dates, **January 15th and 16th, 2019**. Lifetouch will be taking pictures for our new pictorial directory. More information will be provided to you over the next few months.

October 21st, the church will be celebrating Pastor Glenn's Installation Service. We will have one service that day, starting at **9:45 AM**, followed by a reception. Let's come and support another important milestone in our church life.

We soon will have our Stewardship Campaign. This is also very important and vital for our congregation. No one wants to ask for money, but we do need it, so we can continue all of many programs in our church and in the community of Port Orange. Please prayerfully think how you can support our church. Thank you.

Kathy Cratin, Moderator

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

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

*Our next fellowship dinner is October 11th. It's a "Pot Luck" !
Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Sunday Services.*



NEWS & NOTES



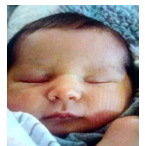
WELCOME: To our 10 new members Donald & Denise Gates, Grace Manning, and Bill & Betty Shepherd who joined by Affirmation of Faith; Brad & Barbara Boon, Rev. Glenn & Susan Rice and Kurt Rice joined by Letter of Transfer. We are very blessed and happy to have you all.

REMINDER: We are still recycling newspapers, and magazines for which we are reimbursed. The dumpster is located at the rear of the West Property.



We recently received a note from Tom & Sher Buller thanking the congregation for the wonderful farewell service and reception for Elijah as he headed off to the Marines. As Sher stated "It was very meaningful for Elijah to see the outpouring of love and support."

CONGRATULATIONS: To Kathy Cratin who became a great grandmother on September 15th. Morrison James Pilgrim was born to parents Emilia and Hunter Pilgrim.



Bob & Ruth Brewster visited Jeanette Campbell on 9/21 in Sandwich, Ma. where she is now living. She is in wonderful sprits, living in a beautiful assisted living home, and sends her love to everyone. She misses her church family!!

LADIES LUNCHEON: For October will be held at **Aunt Catfish on Wednesday, October 17th at 11:30 AM**. See you there!



We have received information that Sharon Milukas has passed away. She and her husband, George were snowbirds that visited about 4 months during the winter. Sharon sang in the choir and participated in line dancing.

OCTOBER 14TH is "Invite a Friend to Church Sunday".

MISSION NOTES



On August 1st **Spruce Creek High School's** Homeless Unaccompanied Youth (HUY) became our focus Mission. After speaking with our liaison on 9/14, Dr. Donna Wilkes, we found out that SCHS has 37 homeless/foster students so far this year. That is a dramatic increase from last year. We ask that you continue to remember these student in your daily prayers and in your giving. Also, personal care items are still needed.

We received a thank you note from **Spruce Creek Elementary** Principal Hall thanking the Church for it's generous donation. It is posted on the Sanctuary Bulletin Board. The PO OBESERVER posted an article highlighting our commitment to SCE on their website: <https://www.portorangeobserver.com/article/your-town-port-ornage-church-of-christ-boost-spruce-creek-elementary-with-dollar2k-dconation>.

A trip was made to Boggy Creek by Linda Rodgers and Peggy Wiggins with 10 afghans and one Christmas quilt from Molly's Knit Wits, along with a bag of men's ties from Bob and the Thrift Store.

The Primary Election Bake Sale was a great success and we made over \$400. Thank you to all the bakers and volunteers that stood by. We will be having the General Election Bake Sale on 11/05 and will be asking you again for your talents and time. Thank You!



The owners of the home that had the Countryside Halloween Display last year has generously offered to donate their proceeds again this year, to POUCC for the Spruce Creek Elementary Students. More information to follow It was an amazing display and I'm hoping that everyone will visit it and will tell friends and family about it. Thank You!

As always, Sophie's Circle, the Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collection continue year round. *Peggy Wiggins, Chair of Missions*



Upcoming Mission offering is the **Neighbors in Need Collection** that will take place on **Sunday, October 7th which is World Communion Sunday**. This offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE

Thanks to all who have visited and patronized our store. To date, our sales exceed \$20,000. With the holidays fast approaching, we are in need of donations-especially small furniture and knick-knacks. We also need volunteers and if you can help, please call me at 290-2726. Your donations and support helps the church and the community.

Bob Gaither, Manager



YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **October 7th is our next collection day and will again benefit Halifax Urban Ministers Pantry**. Over 35 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. We recently received a note from Halifax Urban Ministers thanking us for our recent donations (posted on bulletin board). Thanks to Chuck Konopsky & Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food each month. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers).



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

Sara Bryan	10/1
Tom Sumners	10/4
Cindi Harper	10/5
Levi Zinke	10/8
Ron Zinke	10/13
Roger Harper	10/17
Cheri Yaeger	
Doreen Nicholls	10/18
Payton Bryan	10/19
Leonard Lussier	10/28
Jackie Gaither	
Mary Ann Sumners	10/29
Aidan Bryan	10/30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Brad & Barbara Boon	10/8/1966
Bill & Leree Nicholls	10/11/1958
Todd & Alice Lynn Feldman	10/27/1985



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Beth Brown	Daughter of Sheila Fisher
Wendy Bumpas	Friend of the Buller Family
Elijah Buller	Member of POUCC
Carol	Friend of the Buller Family
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
F/F of Moe Claunch	Member of POUCC
Erika Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Dale Hill	Sister-in-Law of Valerie Hill
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
Shelly Hill	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Dave Holder	Friend of the Buller Family
Carol Jarvis	Friend of Carol Rogers
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
The Lynch Family	Friends of POUCC
F/F of Sharon Milukas	Friend of POUCC
Scarlet Miller	Friend of POUCC
Shon Owezaezak	Grandson of Mary Ann Stewart
Beth Ann Martin	Daughter of Ted & Sue Batturs
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Michael St. Marie	Friend of Beth Harris
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
James Wood	Friend of Sher Buller

In Care Facilities

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

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

Broader Concerns

Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
First Responders Everywhere
Victims of the Hurricane Florence

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

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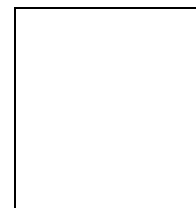
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 POMA 3:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacon's Mtg. 6:30 pm	2 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	3	4 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	5	6
7 World Communion Sunday Contemporary 8:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	8 POMA 3:30 pm Operations 6:30 pm	9 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	10 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	11 UCC Fall Gathering— Naples UCC POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	12 UCC Fall Gathering— Naples UCC	13 UCC Fall Gathering— Naples UCC
14Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	15 POMA 3:30 pm Council 6:30 pm	16 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	17 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	18 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	19	20
21 Adult Discussion 8:45 am Pastor's Installation Combined Service 9:45am	22 POMA 3:30 pm	23 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	24 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	25 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	26	27
28 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	29 POMA 3:30 pm	30 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	31 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm			

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

Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1:00 PM

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Children's Sunday School

8:45 AM

Adult Discussion and Middle School Sunday School

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesdays

6:00 PM