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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

*Go and make disciples ... teaching them to obey everything
I have commanded you*
(Matthew 28:19,20 NIV).

Rules! We all have so many rules in our lives. Some of us play by the rules while others of us play by the rules we like and then maybe bend or break those we don't care for.

God gave us rules ... The Ten Commandments. These are not referred to as "The Ten Things You Really Should Try To Do If You Feel Like It." No, God gave us Ten Commandments to live our lives by.

I believe most of us try hard to live our lives by following these very simple rules:

- We have one God and one God only.
- Don't worship anything or anyone other than God and love God by keeping these commandments.
- Do not use the Lord's name in vain.
- Remember to keep the Sabbath day a holy day.
- Honor your parents.
- Don't murder.
- Don't commit adultery.
- Don't steal.
- Don't bear false witness against your neighbor.
- Don't covet what others have.

You have to admit, God's commandments really aren't that hard to live by...or are they?

Look all around us. There are many gods being worshipped in this world; this country. The Lord's name is certainly used in vain. There isn't a day that goes by without hearing someone use the Lord's name in vain (much more often on TV than it used to be.) Here's a big one ... keeping the Sabbath as a Holy Day. This is probably one of the toughest to keep in our current society. Why? Because we've allowed ourselves to be caught up in the need of **things**. I understand there are some people who need to work on the Sabbath (First Responders, Health Care, Hospitality, Clergy) but there many who choose to work or play rather than worship and praise God. Honoring your parents and not murdering seem easy enough. Not committing adultery has become a tough one for so many.

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Again our culture almost promotes promiscuity. Lying and stealing round out the last three. Too many people are refusing to follow God's rules. I believe too many people are not even aware of God's rules. We Christians need to follow the rules and lead an exemplary life so others see us and want to be God-seeking people.

Be a leader ... take the high-road and follow **all ten** of God's Commandments, for we are warned that if we break **one** commandment, we are guilty of breaking them **all** (James 2:10).

Be the way God wants us to be,

Pastor Glenn

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Hello to all and welcome to October. As we get to the end of our year priorities direct us to ask ourselves what can we do for our church in the coming year. Well there is an answer to that and it is for us to walk with Christ, act like Christ, and work like Christ. Every single one of us likes our church and wants to see it continue to succeed. Well, for that to happen, we have to have persons on committees to help steer this ship towards heaven. Believe me, we need to have each and every available person look at yourself and say, "What can I do?". My uncle used to tell me Joe, if it is to be it's up to thee. Great words and words we all should heed. Please give some serious thought to your service to this church. It is a service that reaches all the way up into heaven.

Joe Thompson, Moderator

MISSION NOTES

Neighbors in Need Offering "All Children Have the Right to Simply be Children":

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. This offering will be received **on October 4th**.



YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, October 4th is our next collection day and will again benefit Halifax Urban Ministers Pantry. Over 20 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 noting that the pantry food requests are up from an average of 498 per month to 535 requests (note on Sanctuary 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).**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER IS BACK



After a seven month hiatus due to the virus our Fellowship Dinners are returning!

Make your plans to come and join us on Thursday, October 8th, 6:00 PM in the Jim Reed Room. It's a "Pot Luck". Sign-up sheet will be circulated at Sunday Services.

OPERATIONS

Dear Members & Friends,

This past month we had a couple air conditioning problems in the old nursery and the main sanctuary. The nursery A/C repair was \$390 and the main sanctuary bill has not been presented. All our air systems are under a maintenance contract so that we may pay lower service fees and get better service when needed. Thank you to everyone that has made a contribution to our fund raising campaign that maintains our church grounds and facilities. As we enter Fall and then Winter, we will be looking at several overdue projects. One project is how to preserve the wonderful & unique main sanctuary mural. It is showing some small signs of wear and tear that need to be attended to before they grow worse. Another overdue project is the painting of the sanctuary walls. The church grounds are looking great as we keep up with the ever growing weeds, bushes and trees. One project still being researched is how to build a small bridge across the west property retention ditch so that property on the other side can be better utilized when needed. Finally, for those who have asked, the Line of Credit funds applied for from the UCC Cornerstone Fund are now available to us when required. Our plan is to use these funds only when absolutely needed. In closing, if anyone sees anything requiring maintenance attention, please report it to one of our Operations Team members or to Kathy in the church office. *Prayerfully submitted, Bob Brewster Team Chair*
(Operations & Finance team - Art Horton, Trey Thompson & Harold Kransi)



Financial Update - Operational Budget as 8/31/2020

	AUGUST 2020	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 11,901.82	\$ 103,715.82	\$ 81,572.28	\$ 22,143.54
Expenses	<u>\$ 12,835.00</u>	<u>\$ 109,933.41</u>	<u>\$106,810.45</u>	<u>\$ 3,122.96</u>
Balance	\$ (933.18)	\$ (6,217.59)	\$ (25,238.17)	\$ 19,020.58

Again Bob and his team at the Thrift Store along with the generosity of our church members helped us reach close to \$12,000. of income for the month of August; however, it is not enough to cover all of our costs. Even though we have done much to control and lower costs we are operating at a loss each month which totals \$6,217.59 year to date. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. With God's blessing, Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Horton, Treasurer

THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE



Here we go, another month is passing by. September has been a pretty good month. Last week sales averaged \$200 a day. We are receiving a number of new donations which helps boost sales especially in the furniture room. In fact, in one morning furniture room sales totaled \$100. I want to thank Anne Tobin, Susie Bussard, Judy Turcotte, Mary Ann Stewart, Ruth Brewster and Susie Greiff for covering for me as I was out with back problems. God bless the girls that worked extra hours. *Great Job Ladies! Bob Gaither, Manager*



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

Tom Sumners	10/4
Cindi Harper	10/5
Ron Zinke	10/13
Cheri Yaeger	10/17
Doreen Nicholls	10/18
Leonard Lussier	10/28
Jackie Gaither	
Mary Ann Sumners	10/29



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES*

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

Special Request: We recently received information that the Buller boys in the Marines are desperate for letters to lift their spirits! Here are their addresses:

LCPL Buller, Elijah MCAS MRAMAR
P.O. BOX 454097
SAN DIEGO CA 92145

Recruit Buller, BLAKE
2nd RTBIX Echo Cu PLT 2073
P.O. Box 16250
Parris Island SC 29905-6220

Recruit Buller, Aydan
2nd RTBIX Hotel Co. PLT 2070
P.O. Box 16250
Parris Island SC 29905-6250



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Amy & Lamont	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Cathy Archer	Friend of POUCC
Charlie Baskin	Member of POUCC
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Faith Coppolo	Member of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
Dan	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Ashley Dyson	Friend of the Batturs'
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
George & Madison Hobson	Family of Erika Hobson
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Grace Kern	Member of POUCC
Pat Kirkley	Member of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Harold Kransi	Member of POUCC
Teresa Leib	Daughter-in-Law of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Lorraine Miklos	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Bret McFarland	Friend of the Batturs Family
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Lucas Montagno	Friend of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Bill Nicholls	Member of POUCC
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
John Sedgewick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Oakley & Michele Solms	Friends of POUCC
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family Member of Sheila Fisher
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Rita Wren	Friend of POUCC

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)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in NY)

Special Needs

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

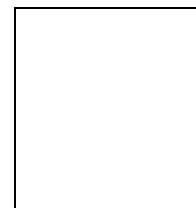
Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or you have a change to the Prayer Requests.

POUCC October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 World Communion Sunday Contemporary 8:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	5	6	7	8 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	9	10
11 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	12	13	14 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	15	16	17 Council Meeting 10:00 am
18 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	26	27	28	29	30	31

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – noon
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1:00 PM

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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—12:00 Noon

Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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