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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Greetings wonderful friends,

What do the following Biblical people have in common?

Aquila, Aristarchus, Clement, Demas, Epaphroditus, Luke, Mark, Philemon, Priscilla, Stachys, Timothy, Titus, and Urbanus.

They are all New Testament characters described as **workers** for the kingdom of God. **Workers** who helped spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

They weren't described as people who belonged to a new Christian church so they could espouse their following of Christ. They didn't come together to eat, raise money, build churches, and exchange pleasantries. I'm sure they may have done some if not all of those things but the real reason they came together is because these people were fellow **workers** in Christ. They were representatives of the churches who were proactive in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Workers for Jesus Christ. Representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ (2 Cor 8:23). These people were committed followers of Christ. It is because of their hard and persistent **work**, we are able to know the love of Jesus Christ for all of humanity. These early Christians **worked** long and hard every day of their lives to spread the gospel of Christ. They were challenged every step of the way. The Jews and Romans couldn't figure them out and try as they might, they could not stop them from growing in numbers and faith.

It was, and continues to be, only through hard **work** the gospel is spread to others. I pray by this time you have realized the key word to allow others to know the good news of Jesus Christ is **WORK**. It is not easy spreading the gospel of Christ. Never has been, probably never will be. It is work; wonderful work.

We must study the Bible, live good Christian lives according to God's laws, help those needing our help, worship God in the community of others, and pray unceasingly. While continuing to learn and serve others wherever we can, we must take the good news out of our church building and allow others to know our Lord and Savior; Jesus Christ.

I pray you enjoy your Labor Day weekend where we honor the hard-working United States laborers. These people have worked hard to make our country a great nation. I also pray all of these workers have found or do find the good news of Christ. It is our duty to work hard to care for our families and those less fortunate. It is also our duty and honor to work hard in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

The best job in the world is teaching others the gospel of Christ. It is hard work but the end result is worth much more than we can ever give of ourselves.

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you,

Pastor Glenn

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Invite a Friend to Church

Hello and welcome to the September edition of POUCC newsletter! After a successful meeting with the congregation, we are moving forward with the line of credit from UCC Cornerstone Fund pending no issues with the contract as stated in our meeting. Please know how glad I am that everyone was engaged and interested in the meeting. One point I want to make again is simply it is up to us as members and friends of the POUCC to make this work. New persons in our Sanctuary to enjoy our services will make us meet our goals and help fill persons' spiritual cups. Lord knows we need that today! As always, may God bless you and keep you well.

Joe Thompson, Moderator

MISSION NOTES

Upcoming Mission offering is the **Neighbors in Need Collection** that will take place on **Sunday, October 4th 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.



YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, September 6th is our next collection day and will again benefit "Halifax Urban Ministry". Over 12 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 be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



It's the last week of the month and we'll be glad to get out of the August heat and rain which has kept our sales down. But, we rebounded at the end of last week and with a good week we could hit \$22,000 year to date. If you see a volunteer when you're out and about thank them for the job they do. God bless them for their service; we couldn't survive without them. Thank you, *Bob Gaither, Manager*



OPERATIONS TEAM



There is little to report this month but that is good. Lower usage of the church facilities has resulted in lower wear & tear and lower expense. The A/C thermostat controls we added earlier this year are managing that expense very well throughout the church buildings. For those who attended the Church Meeting on August 16th, you heard more information about how we have reviewed all church expenses for more efficiencies and will continue to watch for addition areas where we can improve upon costs. As a rule of thumb, without any staff expenses, it takes about \$6,500-\$7,000 to operate our church every month. This expense will be incurred whether we use the church or not. During the most recent shutdown when we suspended church services, we saw that this number is what can be expected. Some months are higher because a quarterly or semi-annual payment is due that month but on average it is \$6,500-\$7,000. We are looking at ways we can rent portions of the church, such as the Jim Reed Room, without increasing our expenses. Further, we are looking at opportunities where we might be able to share our church with another compatible religious group where expenses could be shared and where the usages would not conflict with each other. The Thrift Store portion of our church is doing all it can to help and we cannot call upon it to do more. Bob Gaither and his stellar team of volunteers are doing a remarkable job at maximizing both the income and mission opportunities each day it is open. The Veteran's Chapel and West Property are now much more usable since clearing it a few months ago. The addition of a foot bridge across our storm ditch will add to this usability. It may be possible to rent this area on a single use basis to various groups during the year with any income having very little expense offset. Now that we are no longer a voter polling location for elections, we have lost that income and the opportunity for associate bake sales but there may be other opportunities to replace them. Certainly the bake sale was a wonderful chance to highlight our church's baking skills and this could happen again if we find a way to piggy back it on to some event. Creative ideas are always welcome in any of the above. If you have a thought that could lead to a greater church facility use and income without creating a major expense offset, please let us know. If you hear about any group seeking a facility where that group's usage would not conflict with our usage, please let us know. The results of the COVID-19 Pandemic will be with us for a very long time. We have already adjusted for this and now we are on the very positive path to grow our church. People need us and we need them. Remember, Mark 10:27... "*Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."*"

LET'S GROW OUR CHURCH!

Prayerfully submitted, *Bob Brewster, Chair*

Operations Team (Art Horton, Harold Kransi & Trey Thompson)

Financial Update—Operational Budget as 7/31/2020



	JULY ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 9,298.42	\$ 91,814.00	\$ 71,530.60	\$20,283.40
Expense	<u>\$ 13,269.01</u>	<u>\$ 97,098.41</u>	<u>\$ 93,678.01</u>	<u>\$ 3,420.40</u>
Profit/(Loss)	\$ (3,970.59)	\$ (5,284.41)	\$(22,147.41)	\$16,863.00

Our monthly income is beginning to flatten out to a new normal. We had some very generous one-time donations the first half of the year but are now seeing a more normal amount of income which, unfortunately, is not enough to cover our monthly expenses. We have a loss of \$3,970.59 for the month of July and a loss of \$5,284.41 for year-to-date ending July 31. We appreciate all that you do and thank you for your continued generosity and support. Barbara Horton, Treasurer.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Sharon Ostrander	9/19
Colten Pack	9/21
Ernie Fodor	9/22
Sandy Kransi	9/23
Remy Barrick	9/24
Marjory Monat	9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Ernie & Peggy Fodor	9/20/1980
Gary & Danean Zemba	9/21/1974
Ted & Sue Batturs	9/23/1961



Amy & Lamont	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Cathy Archer	Friend of POUCC
Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Linda & Al Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Charlie Baskin	Member of POUCC
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Michelle Buonanno	Family of Pat Kirkley
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Faith Coppola	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
Teresa Leib	Daughter-in-Law of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jim Manchester	Family 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
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
Oakley & Michele Solms	Friends of POUCC
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppola
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

PRAYER REQUESTS*

In Care Facilities


Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Friend of POUCC (Care Center in PO)
Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB)
Friend of POUCC (Care Center in WI)
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

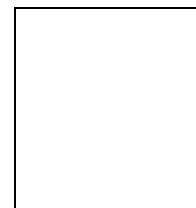
Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or to add a Prayer Concern.

POUCC September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion & CPT 9:45 am	7  LABOR Day Office & Thrift Store Closed	8	9 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	10	11	12
13Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	14	15	16	17	18	19 Council Meeting 10:00 am
20Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	28	29	30			

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

Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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