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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Greetings friends in Christ,

"Share with others. Find somebody to interest yourself in. Share with him or her your love ... of life, of love, of sunlight, of dark. Find a passion to share and exert that love - show it to another person, and find out how they can love it too." - Jill Rice

I share this writing I found while looking through our daughter's writings. She wrote this when she was 16. There are many good quotes in her journaling days and I have chose this one to share with you. It seems fitting as we come together after a hot and sticky summer.

2 Autumn holds great expectations for us all. School buzzers making their strange noise (used to be school bells ringing), beach traffic thinning out, Sunday School classes beginning, daylight growing less and less, and maybe cooler temperatures ... yes summer is ending and autumn is beginning,

3 New beginnings ... sharing with others - the two seem to go hand in hand at times. My prayer for the congregation of POUCC is to be a little bolder. Get
4 yourself up on a Sunday morning and go to Sunday School and Worship. While
5 you're there learning, strike up a conversation with someone you may never have spoken to other than a "Good morning" or "Peace be with you." You may find someone to interest yourself in.

Sharing a passion, a love may lead someone else to find a new love of something. Prayerfully, maybe some of you will take the love of God outside of our four church building walls and share your passion with others who may never have met the Jesus we love.

People are searching (some do not know what they are missing; what they are searching for) ... they are searching for the love of God. We need to be listening and sharing our love with others.

So Get Up! Be a bit Bolder! Learn, Teach, Love!

God's blessings,

Pastor Glenn



ASSISTANT MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Assistant Moderator's Message



Dear Members and Friends of the Port Orange United Church of Christ,

It has been my pleasure to serve you in the role as Assistant Moderator as well as Moderator for the past three or four years. Very soon we will be requesting nominations for the Council positions that have not been filled as well as the Moderator and Assistant Moderator positions. At which point, my intentions are to sing in the choir and help with the audio visual of the Church. Thank you for everything that you have done to keep this Church alive and well and I am hopeful that it will be alive and well for years to come. May God bless you and keep you in His hand and may His light shine upon you so that your life can shine on those who stand in the darkness. *Joe Thompson, Assistant Moderator*

MISSION NOTES

Upcoming Mission offering is the **Neighbors in Need Collection** that will take place on **Sunday, October 3rd 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 5th is our next collection day and will again benefit "Halifax Urban Ministry". Over 11 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



Well the sale is over and we made \$830 plus \$647 for the week which gives us a total of \$1,477 for the week. We need \$200 more to reach \$33,000 in sales to date. It was a successful week! Thanks to Sharon Williamson, Anne Tobin, Ronnie Viola, Pam Protko and Sharon Ostrander. God bless our volunteers. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP RETURNS

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

Our Next Dinner is Thursday, September 9th. It's a Pot Luck!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.



OPERATIONS & FINANCIAL TEAM



As Ruth and I are on a cruise to the Western Caribbean (Hurricane Grace and all), we both realize how lucky we are to have a church like POUCC. On Wed. we visited a small Methodist church in Roatan, Honduras. It was a wonderful experience. The people were very humble and gracious. Their small church also has experienced a decline in attendance. No children. No choir. Covid has affected them, too. But, their spirit is still there and strong. We want to remind everyone who has seen our own church shrink and who questions why it is happening to also be thankful for what we do have. The people who attend, support, participate and otherwise depend on our church are our true valuables. They are to be treasured. Our church is a place to worship and renew our spiritual souls. A place to renew our faith in God and our friend Jesus Christ. Regardless of the numbers, our church is there for those who need it. One person, twenty, fifty or hundreds....it does not matter. We are so lucky! Spread the word. *Bob Brewster, Chair Operations Team*
(*Art Horton, Harold Kransi & Trey Thompson*)

Financial Update—Operational Budget as 7/31/2021



	JULY ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 10,556.75	\$ 85,366.37	\$ 78,708.66	\$ 6,657.71
Expense	<u>\$ 13,994.26</u>	<u>\$ 99,852.22</u>	<u>\$ 97,507.56</u>	<u>\$ 2,344.66</u>
Profit/(Loss)	\$ (3,437.51)	\$ (14,485.85)	\$ (18,798.90)	\$ 4,313.66

We had a loss of \$3,437.51 for the month of July, but we are still doing better than budgeted for the year thanks to the great efforts of the Thrift Store volunteers and everyone's continued support. With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted, 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
Ted & Sue Batturs	9/23/1961



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Larry Boyd	Friend of POUCC
Jesse Calmer	Friend of the Thompson Family
Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Adele Echenique	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Alice Lynn Feldman	Member of POUCC
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Susan Grillo	Niece of the Zinke's
John Hamer	Friend of the Horton's
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Joan Harvey	Friend of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Erika Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Linda Holmberg	Sister of Sonnie Zinke
Helen Holmes	Member of POUCC
Bill Hooker	Friend of POUCC
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Lorraine Miklos	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
F/F of Gerald Rice	Father of Pastor Glenn
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Kay Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Viola Wears & Boy	Friends of POUCC
Joseph Williamson	Son of Sharon Williamson
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Rita Wrenn	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

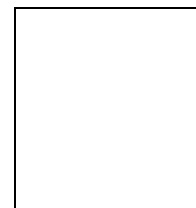
Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or to add a Prayer Concern.

POUCC September 2021

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