POUCC Impressions

Newsletter of *Port Orange United Church of Christ* September 2011

651 Taylor Road ~ Port Orange, FL 32127 ~ (386) 788-0920

Sunday Services

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM - Traditional Worship

Church Staff

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Bill Wassner Pastoral Assistant: Beverly Schafer Pastor Emeritus: Rev. C. William Ebbert Minister of Music: Dr. Tom Naus Worship Team Leader: Terri Zinke Dancing Angels Leader: Bonnie Morisset Office Manager & Newsletter Editor: Diane Sheehan

Office Hours

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Monday - Friday

Website: portorangeucc.org



Dear Friends,

Sue Batturs sent me this simple yet powerful - story in an email:

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating

breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said, "she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About a month later, the woman was surprised to see nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband. "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the window through which we look.

Each of us has "windows" or filters through which we view the world, make decisions, and understand life. Churches have them as well. This month marks six months that we have been worshiping, serving, and having fellowship together. I am so thankful God has called Lisa and me here! During this time we have been getting to know one another and building a foundation of trust from which to move ahead and co-create with God a new future for our church. Inevitably, as we begin to do that, we shall have to look at the "windows" through which our church sees itself and our world when making decisions about priorities and programs. Sometimes these "panes" may need to be "cleaned" in order to see more clearly the new ways we can live and serve as a portion of the body of Christ. God has a brighter future for us if we allow the Spirit to do a cleaning.

We take our first step forward on November 20th (please see article of Upcoming Events on page 4 and save that date.) Please be in prayer as we consider more deeply who we are and where God may be calling us!

In Christ, Bill

Pastoral Assistant Beverly Schafer Accepted!

Dear Friends.

I have been accepted into the Clinical Pastoral Education program (CPE) which is scheduled for August 29th -December 22nd at Florida Hospital in Ormond Beach. This is a requirement towards my Licensure, and one from which I know I will benefit tremendously. I truly look forward to being a part of this small group of three or four additional candidates for the ministry as we train in a hospital setting under the close supervision of a qualified supervisor mainly for the purpose of getting a better understanding of ourselves as pastors and caregivers. I understand that this program is quite intense, so I will need the prayers and support of my beloved POUCC family during this upcoming four month chapter of my journey to the ministry.

Faithfully, **Beverly**

Missions & Outreach



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE: WOW!!! YOU DONATED

SO MANY WONDERFUL SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!

In addition to the many school supplies YOU donated we received 24 Backpacks, 17 pencil boxes and 2 Lunch Bags. These supplies all went to the Palm Terrace Elementary School; the same school that we connected with for our Angel Tree last year. We learned then that 90% of the children in that school are "Title One" students; children living at the Star Center (the center that is the location of the daily feeding program for the homeless) go to this school and there is a lot of "turnover" there as families come and go from living at that facility. Carol McCarthy, the volunteer Family Liaison who "works" at the school, helps the children and their families through donations when possible. She came to our Church to pick up the donations and as we were talking with her we found out that there are many day to day needs that the children have. For example many come to school with just flip flops on their feet. She told us that if we can find some "gently used" sneakers or shoes, she can use them. She also said socks and underwear are much needed so we went to our Thrift Store and Barbara Pountain gave her some children's shoes that hadn't been selling and Carol was overwhelmed with such a gift!

We already have the "Socks Box" and we are going to add another box for Children's Socks and Underwear. If you have any of these items that your children have outgrown and that still have some good wear in them, or if you see them on sale and wish to buy some, please bring them in and we will get them to the school. Everyone knows that times are difficult for many people and, if we can, we will help when we learn of a need.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH: We will be receiving the **Strengthen the Church** offering on the first Sunday in September (**September 4th.**) This donation goes toward helping New Church Starts and Renewing Existing Churches. Our Church has benefited from this offering twice; the first time when our Church was started and then several years later, when we wanted to change the Choir Loft so we could accommodate our Contemporary Worship Team. We received a \$5,000 Grant in order to do that. Now we have the opportunity to help other churches with our donations to this fund.

WE, your Missions Team, are always open to needs and hopefully we can count on your help in supporting the appeals that we share with you.

Please keep in mind OUR ONGOING ACTIVITIES: the Food Basket located by the front door of the sanctuary, the Eyeglass Basket located in the Jim Reed Bldg., where your old glasses get renewed for those who can't afford new ones, the white Diaper and Formula Basket in the back of the sanctuary for the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia (a critical need as mothers must make a decision whether to buy these two items or food for their family) the Campbells Labels for Education where the receptacle is located in the Jim Reed Bldg., the Pop Top Tabs from soda and other cans that go toward the cost of cancer research. These are all examples of how YOU support these outreach projects which benefit the many people that we will never meet but who are God's children as we all are. Read further in this Newsletter to see how else you can help others with needs that we have recently been informed of.

As we enter into the Fall Season, there will be opportunities for us to share and be a part of a better world for our neighbors. Feel free to contact anyone on the Missions Team or Pastor Bill to share information about a need that you are aware of. We may not always be able to meet that need but we will certainly take it into consideration and get back to you.

REMEMBER THE MISSION BOXES. YOUR DONATIONS ARE VITAL TO THE MISSION WORK OF THIS CHURCH!! YOUR "CHANGE" ALONG WITH OTHER PEOPLES' CHANGE ADDS UP!!!!! The boxes are located in the back of the sanctuary and by the outer door of the Jim Reed Building.

THANK YOU!

Jeanette Campbell, Kathy Cratin, Sue Batturs,

June Ferreri and Kay Taylor





Meet Me in the Stairwell

You say you will never forget where you were when you heard the news on September 11, 2001.

Neither will I.

I was on the 110th floor in a smoke filled room with a man who called his wife to say, "Good-bye."

I held his fingers steady as he dialed. I gave him the peace to say, "Honey, I'm not going to make it but it's OK . . . I'm ready to go."

I was with his wife when he called as she fed breakfast to their children. I held her up as she tried to understand his words and as she realized he wasn't coming home that night.

I was in the stairwell of the 23rd floor when a woman cried out to Me for help. "I have been knocking on the door of your heart for 50 years!" I said. "Of course I will show you the way home – only believe in Me now."

I was at the base of the building with the priest ministering to the injured and devastated souls. I took him home to tend to his flock in Heaven. He heard My voice and answered.

I was on all four of those planes, in every seat, with every prayer. I was in the very hearts of the believers there, comforting and assuring them that their faith has saved them.

I was in Texas, Virginia, California, Michigan, Afghanistan. I was standing next to you when you heard the terrible news. Did you sense Me?

I want you to know that I saw every face. I knew every name – though not all knew Me. Some met Me for the first time on the 86th floor.

Some sought Me with their last breath. Some couldn't hear Me calling to them through the smoke and flames; "Come to Me . . . This way . . . Take My hand." Some chose, for the final time, to ignore Me, but I was there.

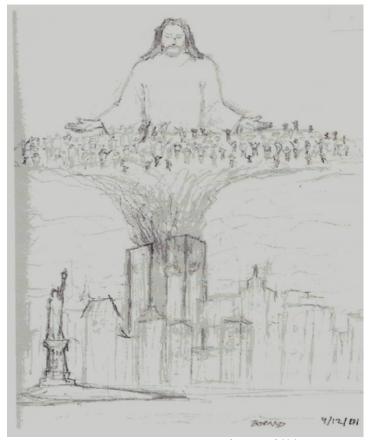
I did not place you in the Tower that day. You may not know why, but I do. However, if you were there in that explosive moment in time, would you have reached for Me?

September 11, 2001 was not the end of the journey for you. But some day your journey will end. And I will be there for you as well. Seek Me now while I may be found. Then, at any moment, you know you are "ready to go."

I will be in the stairwell of your final moments.

God

(Author unknown)

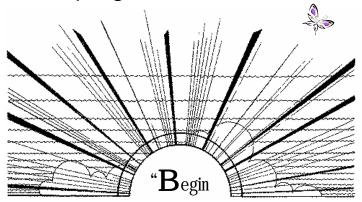


Picture drawn and emailed the day after the 9/11 tragedy.



9/11 Remembrance Service

A Community Service of Remembrance, Respect, and Renewal will be held at the **Port Orange Amphitheater** on Sunday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. The service will mark the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and hopes to bring our community together as a sign of unity in the midst of all types of diversity and the peace we all long for through healing that will instill hope in the hearts of people. This event is co-sponsored by the Port Orange Ministerial Association and the Halifax Health-Hospice Volusia/Flagler Counties. POUCC's own Rev. Dr. Bill Wassner serves on POMA's planning committee for this event and will deliver the Protestant prayer. The Port Orange Police and Fire Departments will participate along with the American Legion, Embry-Riddle University, area faith leaders, guest soloists, and a special Community Choir under the direction Constance Poitier. The Community Choir is open to all area churches and individuals and will practice on Tuesday and Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. prior to the event at All Saints Lutheran Church on Dunlawton Ave. in Port Orange. If you would like to share your voice and be included in this service you may email Constance Poitier at: crpoitie@volusia.k12.fl.us.



doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand – and melting like a snowflake."

~ Francis Bacon ~

A Frayer for America

Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage, we ask that we may always be mindful of Your goodness and glad to do Thy will.

Save us from violence and discord, from confusion; from pride, from arrogance, and from every evil. Defend our liberties, and help us to be a united people.

Confer upon us the spirit of wisdom, especially upon those in whom we entrust the authority of government, that there may be peace and justice at home.

In time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, help us to keep our faith and trust in You.

This we ask in Your holy name. Amen.



(Author unknown)

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events

<u>Sunday, September 11, 2011</u> – There will be a Special Service of Remembrance at both services on September 11^{th} . They will include prayers, litanies and **communion** which replaces the usual first Sunday communion of September 4^{th} .

* Please remember the Community Service at 6:00 PM at the Port Orange Amphitheater.

<u>Sunday, November 13, 2011</u> – There will be a combined service at 10:00 AM for the Installation of Pastor Bill with special guest, UCC Florida Conference Minister, Rev. Kent Siladi. A luncheon will follow the service.

<u>Sunday, November 20, 2011</u> – There will be a combined service at 10:00 AM to celebrate POUCC's 32nd anniversary!! A luncheon will follow this service and a Congregational Consultation, led by Joe Coury of *Awake Leadership*, will be presented on the theme of, "Where Do We Go Now?" More information on this will be announced closer to the date.

More Ways to Help Others:



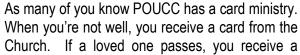
The Babies Need Our Help!

The Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia is in desperate need of diapers. Three sizes in particular are needed right now – Newborn, size 4 (22-37 lbs.) and size 5 (over 37 lbs.) If you are able to help with this request please put the diapers in the white basket in the back of the sanctuary and Carol Strickland will make sure they reach the young ones who need them.

Bath Towels Needed

Hospice of Volusia and Flagler Counties is in need of very large adult bibs and Church member Pam Protko would like to fill that need. Pam will make these bibs out of bath towels that are in good condition and that you no longer need or use. If you have any towels to donate for this project please donate your towels to the Thrift Store and mark the bag "Towels for Hospice." If you would like to make the bibs, contact Pam at 527-4731 for information.

Greeting Cards



card. Do you have any "Get Well" or "Sympathy" cards to donate to this ministry? If you do just put them in the box on Diane's door or drop them off at the Thrift Store and they will reach Sue Batturs who handles this special ministry on behalf of the Church. Thank you.

Spread the Word About this Support Group



Mended Little Hearts is a support group for families who have a child affected by congenital heart defect. A member of POUCC's congregation, Shannan Wierzbicki, has an

adorable little boy, *Roman*, who has had four open heart surgeries during his young life and she wants to make people aware of this important group and how it helps the kids and their families. They meet once a month and occasionally have guest speakers. They hold fund raisers where the proceeds go toward the cost of parties and other

fun events for the children. For more information you may contact Shannan at 386-681-7790 or email her at heartmom11909@cfl.rr.com.

Your Continued Caring is Appreciated . . .

August 8, 2011

Dear Members,

Thank you for your generous donation of four large boxes of Care Package supplies for the deployed soldiers of the *Daytona Beach Army Reserve/Readiness Group*. They will be included in our next shipment overseas. Your continued demonstration of support towards our military and their families is commendable and very much appreciated. Our goal is to send Care Packages every three months.

Sincerely, *Tom Coriale*Family Readiness Group Leader

August 15, 2011

Dear Rev. Bill Wassner and Congregation:

Your generous contribution of the many boxes of assorted school supplies for the students of *Palm Terrace Elementary* is sincerely appreciated. Needless to say, all these supplies will be utilized quickly and your kindness will long be remembered.

Again, my deepest personal thanks to your office manager and to Jeanette Campbell for their organizational skills.

Sincerely, Carol McCarthy Family Liaison

Our Choir Is Returning!



Choir rehearsals start back up on **Wednesday**, **August 31**st. We welcome their return to the 10:30 Sunday services and hope that they had a most enjoyable summer. **There's always room for more in the choir!!** If you would like to blend your voice in with POUCC's outstanding choir please let Dr. Tom know. Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM and **you would be a welcomed addition!**

Attention: Women of POUCC!

If you are wondering what other UCC women are doing to "stay connected," I have a great invitation for you!!!! Come be among the 200+ UCC women from the Southern Region (i.e. Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Mississippi, North Carolina and western Virginia) gathering in Blowing Rock, NC from October 7 - 9, 2011! Usually there is a big group from Florida attending these biennial events. You will return renewed, rested (maybe) and revived in the strength of UCC Women!!

The theme is "A Faith Inspired Look Toward Wholeness." The Keynote Speaker is Ms. Barbara Baylor, MPH, Minister of Health Care Justice of the UCC, with the theme based upon the scripture, Proverbs 3-7 (NIV.) Please take the information sheets, available on the table in the sanctuary, about this Regional Meeting of UCC Women. If you have further questions, please contact Jeanette Campbell who has been attending these biennial conferences for the past 18 years.

There will be a chartered bus going that will pick up in this area if there are enough attendees.

Have You Been to POUCC's Website Lately?

Would you like to hear some of the Special Music that was performed during Sunday services over the summer? See a video of the Car Wash fundraiser held here at the Church? How about the Celebration of the Church's Youth during the August 14th services? You can see all of this and more on the Church's website – **portorangeucc.org** - that is masterfully managed and kept current by our own **Bob Brewster**. We truly appreciate Bob's knowledge of today's technology and how he shares his knowledge with the Church. Thank you, Bob, for this and everything else you do for your Church!!

After School Care

All Saints Lutheran Church in Port Orange is now accepting registration for their 2011 - 2012 after school program. They offer a Christian-based atmosphere, a positive, caring environment, computer centers, homework time, music, arts & crafts, outdoor play and more. This

program is open to students in Kindergarten – 5th grade and transportation from Cypress Creek, Horizon, Sweetwater, Port Orange and Sugar Mill Elementary schools is offered plus pick-up is available for students participating in after school activities. You may choose full or part time care and there are discounts for multiple full time children. The cost is \$50 per week but you MUST REGISTER SOON as space is limited.

For more details and information you can call the school at 386-846-1150 or email the school at afterschool@allsaintslutheranchurch.org or visit their website at www.afterschool.allsaintslutheranchurch.org



Easy Key Lime Pie (Or Lemon Pie)



- 1 pre-made crust; Short Bread, Nilla Wafer or Graham flavor (found in baking aisle)
- 1 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 large eggs (separate 1 egg)
- 1/2 Cup fresh lime juice (lemon juice can be substituted)
- 1/2 tsp. lime zest (lemon zest can be substituted)
- 1 8 oz. tub Cool Whip

Preheat oven to 350. Remove plastic liner from crust and save to use as lid. Brush crust with egg white and bake 5 minutes.

In medium bowl combine sweetened condensed milk, all eggs (including unused egg white from brushing the crust,) lime juice and zest. Pour into crust and bake 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cool to room temperature. Cover with plastic lid and refrigerate 2-3 hours. Spread entire container of Cool Whip over the top. Garnish with a slice of lime or lemon in the middle. Cover and keep refrigerated.

Submitted by Diane Sheehan

(So easy to make and delicious! I bake a few of these pies for every Bake Sale the church has and they always sell!)

Operations Team Update POUCC's Financial Picture

Operational Budget – as of 7/31/11

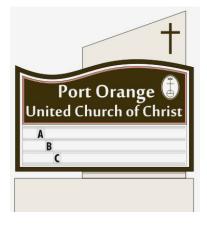
	ACTUAL Budgeted Amt.		ACTUAL	
	thru July 2010	thru July 2011	thru July 2011	
Income	\$106,338	\$ 99,125	\$103,836	
Expenses	92,233	92,825	93,222	
Net	14,105	6,300	10,614	

*We are doing well year to date. Our income is about \$4700 over what was budgeted which is very good! Our expenses are also over what was budgeted but only by about \$400. Overall we are doing pretty well.

Susie Greiff, Asst. Treasurer

A Healthier Looking Church Update –

GOAL ACCOMPLISHED!!



As of Sunday, August 14th, we have received \$7,180.50 for the new Church sign! The costs for the purchase, permits, installation, etc. are just under \$7,000 so we made it! A great big -YOU THANK everyone who prayed and contributed toward our Church's need. The

sign has been ordered and the permit process has started and we hope to have the sign in place by mid fall. We will then dedicate the sign one Sunday morning during services. I especially want to thank Bill Greiff for the time and effort he put in for this project on behalf of the Church.

Pastor Bill

"I f we all did things we are capable of doing, we would astound ourselves."

~ Thomas A. Edison ~

Noteable Quotes . . .

"The best years of your life are the ones in which YOU decide your problems are your own. You do not blame them on your mother, the ecology, or the president. YOU realize that you control your own destiny."

Albert Ellis

"The only thing wrong with doing nothing is that you never know when you're finished."

Unknown

"If you know someone who tries to drown their sorrows, you might tell them that sorrows know how to swim."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"All are tempted. There is no one that lives that can't be broken down, provided it is the right temptation put in the right spot."

Henry Ward Beecher

"Calm self-confidence is as far from conceit as the desire to earn a decent living is remote from greed."

Channing Pollock

Thank you for sharing these beautiful thoughts, Mary Ann Stewart:

On Love . . .

Love is God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things.

Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day.

And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.

~ Pyodor Dostoyrsky ~

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."

~ Anatole France ~





Prayer Requests

(From 7/25 - 8/24, 2011)

Kimberly Comfort Jeanne Taylor Mark Mills Bev & Tom McDonough Bernie Hunt

Judy & Tom Van Camp

Michael King Robert Kirlin Shawn Killebrew Harriet Restifo Pam DiBartolomeo Jeanette Campbell



Family & friends of Gene Masterson

Gene passed away in his sleep on Sunday, August 14th. He and Barbara attended POUCC for many years and were much loved. If you would like to send a card to Barbara her

address is:

Barbara Masterson Sugar Creek Station 351 Causeway Drive, #702 Franklin, PA 16323

On-going Prayers:

Ingrid Claunch Thea Cloutier June Ebbert Judy Lee Carolyn Hoffman Helen Holmes Milford Cox Charlie Baskin Sue Gordon Kathy Duffell

The Prayer Chain prays regularly for the entire church family of POUCC in addition to those listed above. Please contact Jeanette Campbell (788-4959) or the Church office (788-0920) with your prayer requests. If you wish a request to be confidential, just mention this and it will not be published. Thank you.



Thank You . . .

Many thanks for all of your prayers, calls, cards and emails after Charlie's accident. He is doing much better and is well on the road to recovery. It is very comforting to know that so many people are thinking of you and wishing you well.

Thanks again, Charlie & Molly Baskin

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, concern and kindness. June and I are blessed to have such a caring Church family. Milford Cox



Your Food Basket Donations

All the food that you donate goes to H.U.M. (Halifax Urban Ministries) no matter what it is, and they are very appreciative. Below is a list of items that are needed most. We must remember that some people receiving food don't have a microwave or stove to heat their food and many times it's eaten right from the container.

H.U.M.'s Most Needed Items:

Canned Vegetables & Fruit:

Green Beans

Corn

Potatoes

Sweet Potatoes All Canned Fruit

All Canned Beans:

Pork & Beans Pinto Beans Navy Beans **Black Beans** Kidney Beans Red Beans, etc.

Other Canned or Jarred Food:

Soup Pasta Chili

Beef Stew

Tuna Ham

Peanut Butter

Pasta Sauce (regular size)

Dry Food: Cereal Rice

Pasta (regular size)

Pasta Sides

Macaroni & Cheese

Drv Milk

Instant Hot Cereals

If you or someone you know is in need of the services of the H.U.M. food pantry in Port Orange, it is located at the Grace Episcopal Church on US 1, just south of Dunlawton Ave. The food pantry is open from 9 - 11:30 AM on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. To qualify you must fill out a one-time application and present a photo ID and verification of your current address, i.e. a piece of mail with your name & address or a current rent receipt. You will receive a form of ID that you bring when you go to the pantry to which you are entitled to go to once a month. For questions visit the pantry or call H.U.M. at 252-0156.

THINK GREEN!

RE-GIFT AND RECYCLE AT THE PORT ORANGE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST THRIFT & GIFT STORE





Eloise Wottke	9/2
Harriet Rogers	9/2
Barb Pountain	9/3
Cynthia Scott	9/5
Kay Taylor	9/12
Helen Hedges	9/13
Ric Pountain	9/14
Bill Wheeler	9/17
Colten Pack	9/21
Sandy Kransi	9/23
Christine Stierli	9/27
Marge Monat	9/30



A nniversaries

Arthur & Helen Van Nostrand	9/15/51 (60 years)
Ted & Sue Batturs	9/23/61 (50 years)
Billy & Erika Wheeler	9/29/02 (9 years)



During the 9:00 service on August 14th Jaden Katana Wilson was baptized into the United Church of Christ faith and POUCC's Church family. Jaden was born on April 7, 2011 to her parents, Athena & Robert Wilson and her two sisters, Dallas & Katie.

Calendar for September 2011

9/1 9/3	Thu. Sat.	6:00 PM 9-11 AM	Line Dancing Praise Dancers
9/4	Sun.	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Coffee House Traditional Worship
9/5 9/7	Mon. Wed.	7:30 PM	Labor Day/Office Closed Choir Rehearsal
9/8	Thu.	6:00 PM	Fellowship Dinner
9/10	Sat.	9 – 11 PM	Praise Dancers
9/11	Sun.	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
		10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Coffee Hour Traditional Worship
		6:00 PM	9/11 Community
Observance Service at the Port Orange Amphitheater			
9/12	Mon.	7:00 PM	Operations meeting
9/14	Wed.	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Palmetto House Mission
		7:30 PM	Staff Meeting Choir Rehearsal
9/15	Thu.	6:00 PM	Line Dancing
9/16	Fri.	1:00 PM	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
9/17	Sat.	9 – 11 AM	Praise Dancers
9/18	Sun.	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
		10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Coffee Hour Traditional Worship
9/19	Mon.	7:00 PM	Council meeting
9/21	Wed.	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
9/22	Thu.	6:00 PM	Line Dancing
9/24	Sat.	9 – 11 AM	Praise Dancers
9/25	Sun.	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
		10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Coffee Hour Traditional Worship
9/28	Wed.	5:30 PM	Palmetto House Mission
		7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
9/29	Thu.	6:00 PM	Line Dancing



Come join us for dinner!

Share your food, bring
r appetite and show your s



your appetite and show your smile!