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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

What can I say? God was present in a powerful way in both of our Easter Services! Over 700 combined joined us in both of our worship services. The Beach

Sunrise Service was awesome as always and the Sanctuary worship with choral and instrumental music was inspiring indeed. Thanks to all who helped with the enormous project the beach service is every year. A special thanks to our wonderful staff for the extra efforts. Thanks again to the Schweitzer's for the new banners. Thanks to you for your presence and participation. You are the ones who make Port Orange United Church of Christ special!

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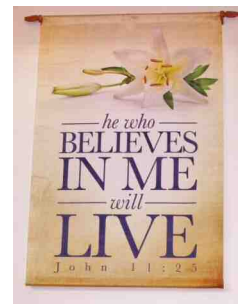
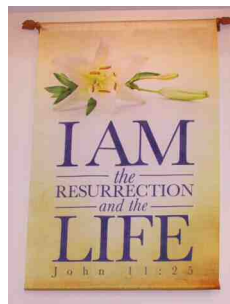
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Pastor Bill



OPERATIONS TEAM



Our Operations Team has been busy addressing issues around the property and listed below are the highlights of the March Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Benevolent Fund – Charlie Baskin attended and reviewed the parameters and use of the Benevolent Fund, Operating Procedures, and the General Fund/Benevolent Fund earmarked for use/purposes. Operations will establish a committee of 3 persons who will oversee and monitor the Benevolent Fund.
- Sanctuary Floor – Will be stripped, cleaned and waxed by Brite Day Solutions Monday & Tuesday, June 27th & 28th.
- Parking Lot Repairs & Repaving – Parking signs were installed by Tracy Davis. On-going maintenance, yellow and blue handicapped painting to be completed. Tracy Davis will hang the kitchen plaque in Memory of Lois Winsemius.
- Easter Sunrise Service – All necessary arrangements for the Service were completed.
- Orientation Meeting – NEW DATE: Sunday, April 3rd, after Combined Service at 9:45AM

NEW BUSINESS

- Operations Chairperson – Selection of new Chair for the Operations Committee was tabled until next month, April 2016 for a full committee attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Operating Funds – Operations put together a proposal to forward to Council on approval of the use of funds up to \$1,000.

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for **Monday April 11, 2016 @ 6:30pm.**

In Faith, *Sherian Buller, Chair of Operations*

Financial Update

Operational Budget as 2/29/2016



	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Feb. 2016</u>	<u>Feb. 2016</u>
Income	\$29,696	\$28,586
Expenses	<u>\$30,701</u>	<u>\$29,021</u>
Net	\$ -1005	\$ -435

Unfortunately we ended February in the Red but I have faith that we can recover and be in the black again soon. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted by Susie Greiff, Treasurer

DEACONS CORNER

Our new and returning Deacons met for a very helpful training and orientation session on Saturday, March 5th. We went over the Deacon's responsibilities with particular focus on setting up for our Communion Services. In addition, we also put together a Serving Schedule through March of 2017.



In addition, I want to express my appreciation to all the Deacons and volunteers who helped out at our 36th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Winter Haven Park. Your efforts in helping with the setup and conducting the Communion Ceremony enabled us both to serve the estimated 650 in attendance and to make the worship service another success.

We have chosen the hymnal which we will be purchasing soon. We are excited about the ways this new tool will help support corporate worship and enhance congregational singing. Special thanks to Pastor Bill and Dr. Tom for working on this with me.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Brewster, Head of Deacons

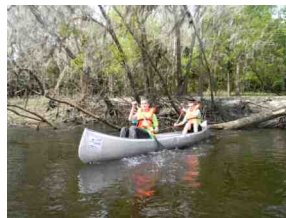
PEACE RIVER RETREAT



Nine youth (Thomas, Elijah, Aydan & Blake Buller, Sophie Bogdan, Skylar Davis, Travis Dotson, Jenna Geist & Selena Wheeler) and our two fearless leaders (Tracy Davis & Sher Buller) attended the retreat this year. A great time was had by all!

It was wonderful to see the kids reunite with others they had met on previous retreats, to create new friendships, and to share in the adventure of canoeing down Peace River. What an incredible way to experience the beauty of God's creation. We also talked about what it means to "Be The Church" and how we, as individuals can, "Be The Church" in our daily lives. The insights and experiences that the kids shared were profound.

It is an honor and a blessing to be a part of our youth's lives. To help plant the seeds for a foundation of faith that will be with them forever. Helping to nurture their relationship with God, to develop relationships with their peers, and to see their place in the world as a Child of God. These experiences will help carry them through the joys and challenges that life brings. Without the love and support of the church we would not have been able to do this...so a BIG THANK YOU from the youth and leaders to the congregation!



SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room. Join us for an evening of delicious food and great fun!

***Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, April 14th.
It's "Pot Luck" - Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.***

MISSION NOTES



Our Election Day Bake Sale was a big success with proceeds totaling \$428.34! Thanks to those who baked the delicious variety of cakes, pies, breads, cookies and fudge. A special thank you to our Bake Sale Workers: Sue Batturs, Gail Besaw, Faith Coppolo, Louise Eagan, Pat Kirkley and Leree Nicholls.

We recently received a very special note from Thomas Jastermsky contact person for Holy Joe's Café expressing his thanks for our generous donation to their mission to provide coffee and Chaplaincy support to our brave service men and women serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. In his note he recounted what Chaplain Greg Woodbury wrote: "When troops saw all the coffee they were in awe and wanted to know who would donate this wonderful gift! They were blessed to know that you and your people would care so much about them. Your coffee is being enjoyed by a very large number of warriors. On an even more important note, an officer came by for coffee and then asked to speak with me, and after counseling with the officer, I had the honor of leading this person to Christ. God used coffee to bring this individual to my office. Now isn't that a blessing!" (Note & pictures are posted on the Sanctuary bulletin board.)



Your continued support of all our Mission Projects benefits those in need here and around the world. Many thanks for your generosity. *Jackie Gaither, Chair of Missions*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2016 CAMPAIGN: This offering reaches victims of disasters near and far, sometimes changing the life of someone in distress around the world. Thanks for your generosity to date we have collected \$813.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



We've had a busy March in the Gift & Thrift Shop with sales topping \$5,000 to date. On Election Day we had 112 shoppers in the Store and 60 sales. Many thanks for all your support and donations. Please keep the donations coming so that we can continue to help the church and the community. We are also trying to aid the number of homeless graduating high school seniors in the area, by collecting clothes to be distributed so that they may attend their graduation ceremony. Items requested are: Boys-long sleeve white shirts, black dress pants (any size), black & dark blue ties, and black shoes, Girls-dresses appropriate for under the gown and black shoes. If you can help, please deliver items to the Thrift Store. Donations are coming in daily. Many thanks to all who have donated to this worthy cause.

Bob Gaither, Manager of the Thrift Store

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, April 3th is our next collection day and will benefit the Grace Episcopal Food Pantry. Over 21 bags of food were collected last month which benefited the Pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky for loading and 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.



NEWS & Notes

On Sunday, April 3rd following a Combined Service beginning at 9:45 AM, there will be a general orientation, training and Q&A session for all Officers, Servants and Team Members. Please plan to attend both the service and the workshop.



WARNING
DETOUR AHEAD

FDIT I-95 Detour Update: Beginning on April 3rd through April 6th, widening of the I-95 bridges crossing over Dunlawton Avenue in Port Orange will begin. A portion of each existing northbound and southbound bridges at SR 421 Dunlawton Avenue/Taylor Road and I-95 interchange will be removed. Please keep this in mind as you prepare to attend the Combined Service beginning at 9:45 AM.

We recently received an update from Bill Wealand, Disaster Ministry Coordinator for the Florida Conference on the amount of damage caused by the recent tornadoes in Pensacola. There were 60 homes completely destroyed, 73 received major damage and 99 received minor damage. Workers are now beginning to meet with homeowners to determine the amount of assistance they will require. On the basis of previous similar disasters, it is probable that more than half will need financial and volunteer worker assistance to restore their homes. Donations to help the victims can be made payable to the Florida Conference and designated for "Disaster Recovery." Funds are urgently needed.



Help those in need



We are pleased to announce that Pastor Beverly's Licensure as Assistant Pastor has been renewed for another year by the Committee on Church and Ministry.

NOTES OF THANKS



I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards, gifts and well wishes I received. Your kindness is most appreciated and I was touched by your love. *Pastor Bill*

We recently received a note from the Pregnancy Crisis Center thanking us for the recent donation of infant and children clothing, diapers, and wipes. They are very appreciative of our continued support of their mission to aid mothers and babies.



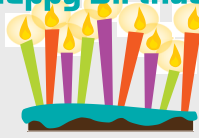
PORT ORANGE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION



At a recent POMA Meeting Imam Belal Mohamed from the Islamic Society of Daytona Beach beautifully spoke about the need for education and fighting misconceptions about the Koran, Muslim people and the Islamic faith, and combating Islamophobia. He shared with the group about an outreach event at the Islamic Society (347 S. Keech St.) on **April 16th** - further details to be out soon. Pictured from left to right, front row: Father Chris Hoffman, Deacon Michael Pettit, Imam Belal Mohamed, Rev. Susan McCaffrey, Rev. Cara Gee, back row: Pastor Bill, Rev. Rick Burhans, Rev. Jeff Sumner, Rev. Bob Anderson, Rev. Devon Jones and Rev. Richard Hills.

Deacon Michael Rosolino of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church shared with the details of the **May 14th, 8:00AM-2:00 PM, "Coastal Laps 4 Life" project at Father Lopez High School** to raise funds for Ultrasound Equipment and support for Pregnancy Centers in the Great Diocese of Orlando. For more information or to register, visit www.coastallaps4life.org or call 386-492-7483

Happy Birthday!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS*

Shelia Fisher	4/1
Kay Russell	4/3
Alice Lynn Feldman	4/4
Saira Ramoutar	4/5
Patricia Kirkley	4/8
Diana Mulley	4/13
Louise Johnson	4/18
Paul Neiss	4/19



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES*

Bob & Sheila Fisher	4/12/1990
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PRAYER REQUESTS*

Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Audrey Besaw	Mother of Tom Besaw
Denise Brewster	Daughter-in-Law of the Brewsters
F/F of Emily Bussard	Member of POUCC
Fred Campbell	Member of POUCC
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Sandy Cicero	Friend of the Gaithers
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Karen Donahue	Member of the Kransi Family
Amy Dyer	Friend of the Fishers
Randy Ewing	Husband of Lisa Wassner's Coworker
Bob Fisher	Member of POUCC
Katrina Flagg	Daughter of Billy Wiggins
Ernie & Peggy Fodor	For Lost & Ill Family Members
F/F of George Green	Friend of Bob & Kay Russell
Lilly Garcia	Friend of the Buller
Dr. Raymond Hargrove	In Loss of his Uncle Raymond
Kaela Harvey	Friend of Sher Buller
Jack Hilgenberg	Member of POUCC
Carolyn Hoffman	Mother of Lisa Wassner
Bob Johnson	Member of POUCC
Drew Knock	Member of POUCC
Delores Mann	Friend of Diane Kirlin
Dalen & Liz Mills	Members of POUCC
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC
Jill McClure	Friend of the Deitch Family
Margaret Procter	Member of POUCC
Rosemary Sansevero	Sister of Tom Buller
Jim Turner	Husband of Sue Turner
Arthur Van Nostrand	Member of POUCC
Bill Wheeler	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities

June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
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Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

Broader Concerns

Victims of the Recent Flooding in Texas & Louisiana

Victims of the Pensacola Tornado

Victims of the Brussels & Pakistan Attacks

Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

First Responders Everywhere

**Please contact the Church Office (788-0920) with your prayer requests.*

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

POUCC APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Combined Service 9:45 am Leaders Workshop 11:00 AM	4 POMA 3:45 pm Compassionate Friends 7:00 pm	5 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	6 POMA 4:00 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	7 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	8	9
10 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	11 Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	13 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	14 POMA 3:45 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	15	16
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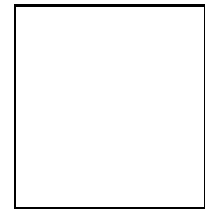
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Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

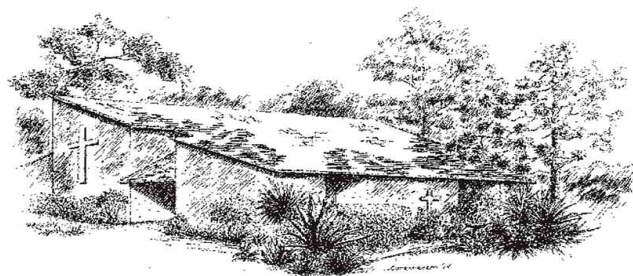
COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: APRIL—THRIFT STORE, MAY—FELLOWSHIP

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

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Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday

6:00 PM