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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone,

During the month of April we Christians will find ourselves experiencing many different emotions. We begin the month in the middle of the season of Lent. This is the time of year we are slowing down, maybe even stopping for a few minutes, and reflecting upon our own lives. Thinking about how we can become better people and seeing what God has given us. Taking some quiet time to see ourselves as we really are; sinful human beings.

This is a somber time of the year. Everyone of us knows we have sinned. My prayer for you is to reflect on your sins, learn from them and move forward doing your very best not to repeat those sins.

As we move deeper into the month we find ourselves celebrating the arrival of Jesus Christ, coming into Jerusalem while everyone is shouting Hosanna, Hosanna. Palm Sunday is a great, joyous day for all Christians. We welcome our Messiah with great celebration. But we all know our excited emotions are about to be shattered on Good Friday.

Why is the day Jesus was brutally murdered called GOOD Friday? It certainly was a dark day when Jesus took his last breath. So just what is so good about the day Jesus died? The answer is, we are covered by his blood through his sacrificial death on the cross. Our sins are now paid for and we no longer have to die an eternal death. We receive **eternal life** through Jesus Christ. That is why Jesus had to die and we remember Good Friday and his rising to an eternal life on Easter morning.

Yes, we will be celebrating again on Easter morning. We will be breathing in the salt ocean air while watching the sun rise, singing Hallelujahs, enjoying our praise team and choir making beautiful music and our sorrows will be turned into great joy.

Are you ready for this roller-coaster month of April? Come and experience the highs and lows and the ultimate celebration of Christ rising from the tomb. Rejoice!

In Christ's name, *Pastor Glenn*



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES



Sunday, April 14th — Regular Sunday Schedule with distribution of palms.

Thursday, April 18th — Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM — Service commemorating the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified.



April 19th, Noon to 3:00 PM — Good Friday — During the afternoon we are invited to attend the Port Orange Ministerial Association's Good Friday Ecumenical Service "The Last Seven Words of Christ" at Grace Episcopal Church.

April 21st — 6:30 AM — 39th Annual Sunrise Service — Winter Haven Park, Ponce Inlet and the **10:45 AM Sanctuary Service** with choral and instrumental music.



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



April is here and we are gearing up for Sunrise Service and Easter Service. Thank you to all committee members for your continued work in each of your respective committees your efforts and dedication.

Here's to wishing you and yours a blessed and wonderful month. May God be with you always. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

DEACON'S CORNER

The Deacons are starting a review of how we can generate more income, both from our congregation and outside sources.

This October our Church will celebrate our 40th anniversary. While the Council will be primarily responsible, the Deacons, Operations and Fellowship should be playing important tasks in making this important landmark a truly great occasion. We have much to celebrate!!!

Our sound system for the Easter Sunrise service will need to be tested. Presently, all indicators point to the system performing as desired.

Respectfully, *Charlie Baskin, Chair of Deacons*

Deacons
Message



**REMINDER: APRIL 14TH IS
"INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH
SUNDAY!"**

OPERATIONS TEAM



Good things are happening around our church! Other than a one-time backed up toilet, we have had no issues this past month. All systems are operating properly. We appreciate everyone who experiences or observes something in our sanctuary or other buildings telling us about it. This is a great help and keeps us ahead of "the Curve" when making repairs or doing preventative maintenance. Some **new additions** to our church - (1) The sanctuary **podium** has a new **microphone** that will make it a lot easier to hear speakers without having to stand very close to it. This new high impedance dynamic mic was a donated by a church member. (2) We have two **new sanctuary banners** white in color. We needed these banners to supplement our white Easter banners when white is required. These banners are a gift from the Thompson and Brewster Families. (3) We have two (2) **new outdoor Flag Banners** with the message on each of "**Welcome**". These banners will be put out Friday evenings and brought in Monday mornings and are especially appropriate since we do Welcome ALL who are seeking spiritual feeding and enrichment. **Beach side Easter Sunrise Service** preparations are almost complete. There will be some significant changes to the beach setup this year. You will have to attend to see what they are. Let's pray for a glorious sunrise without rain or fog. Finally, we are very pleased to announce that the **Operations Team** has two **new members**. At the last Church Council meeting, both **Trey Thompson** and **Art Horton** were voted upon and approved as new Operations Team Members. We are very blessed as a church to have both of these individuals assisting with this important part of our church's management and oversight. **Coming in the future....** your Operations Team is currently evaluating how we manage our church finances, exploring a camera security system for the church grounds outside, and working on options for preserving the sanctuary mural.

May everyone have a blessed month! *Bob Brewster, Chair Operations Team*

Financial Update - Operational Budget as 2/28/2019

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
	<u>Feb. 2019</u>	<u>Feb. 2019</u>	<u>Feb. 2019</u>	<u>Feb. 2019</u>
Income	\$ 10,400	\$ 31,352	\$ 23,967	\$ 7,385
Expenses	\$ 14,590	\$ 27,167	\$ 28,096	(\$ 929)
Balance	(\$ 4,190)	\$ 4,185	(\$ 4,129)	

Please note that the income and expenses do not include Missions. February was a fairly typical month with no unexpected or quarterly expenses. I was, however, authorized to pay off the Jim Reed Room A/C loan. That increased our expenses by \$2,600 but will be a savings of \$200 a month for the next 13 months. Not counting the loan payoff, we did spend \$1,589 more than we collected. Thanks for your continued generosity
Respectfully, *Hal Francis, Treasurer*

MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE — Pay yearly \$15 Florida Conference Dues.
INACTIVE — Does not pay yearly \$15 Florida Conference Dues.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

We started the month with a bang! Sales totaling \$906 the first week and the next week \$864. Sales continue to be strong totaling \$7,081 for the last two months and we will top over \$9,000 for the year by the end of March. Donations continue to come in daily. Our volunteers are doing a great job. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact me at 290-2726 or stop in the Thrift Store. Thanks to all for your contributions and patronage. *Bob Gaither, Manager of the Thrift Store*



YOUTH CORNER



The Youth Group enjoyed getting our exercise with a fun game of kickball this March. It was great to be outside enjoying ourselves. Fresh air, friends and fun! As we entered the season of Lent we reflected upon how Faith gives us Hope, which leads us to God's Love, which leads us to God's Grace. We will continue to meet during April, Tuesday's 6-8 PM and are open to all Middle and Senior High youth. There is also a light supper \$3/person.

Children's Sunday School will resume in April meeting at 9 AM. Miss Sher missed you all during my time away. I am Happy to be back with you this month. I was humbled and honored to be invited to serve as Supply Pastor for the Deltona UCC during March. It was a lovely experience. I have been invited back to participate in an ecumenical Tenebrae /Maundy Thursday Service. This is one of my favorite services and I am grateful to be asked to participate in this special service. I have also been asked to serve as Supply Pastor again for May and I have accepted the invitation. Due to my absence I will not be available for the Children's Sunday School during May. Remaining In Faith, *Sher Buller, Youth Leader*

NEWS & NOTES



Saturday, April 27th, 8:00-10:00 AM at Applebee's on Dunlawton Ave. to help fund the choir's trip to New York in November to sing at Carnegie Hall. Tickets are **\$5.00 @ person** and include 3 pancakes, 2 sausage links and choice of coffee, tea, juice or soda. Tickets will be available at a later date.

Special City Council Election Day is Tuesday, April 30th. We are looking for anyone that would like to contribute with homemade baked good which will also benefit the choir's trip. Baked goods must be at the Church by **Monday, April 29th between 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM.** Cash donations are welcome.



EASTER FLOWERS: See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Please note if your flower donation is "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" Loved One(s), put your name on the bottom and deliver your flower(s) to the Jim Reed Room no later than **Wednesday, April 17th** so that they may be arranged for the 10:45 AM Easter Sunday Service.



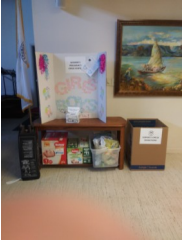
Thursday, April 18th, 10:00 AM to help fold the Easter Sunrise Servicer Bulletin. Also, volunteers are needed for Easter Sunrise Service set-up on both **Saturday, April 20th, Noon at the Church and Sunday, April 21st set-up time to be determined at the beach.**

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KATHY CRATIN: New Zealand is a beautiful pristine country but they have a lot of earthquakes. I am in Australia visiting several cities, right now we are at the Great Barrier Reef. It is hurricane season here! We did experience some very rough seas about a week ago, and had sustained winds at 55 miles an hour.

We were on Komodo Islands in a rain forest. Two komodo dragons are in the background, they are not fenced or kept away from us! They can be as big as our alligators and are very fast, when they move. There are deer all over this island and that is the dragons favorite food. We were in Indonesia at the time. Currently we just left Singapore which is a beautiful city, and are on our way to Sri Lanka. Having fun but miss my Church Family!



MISSION NOTES



Thanks to all who contributed to our February and March Mission Projects. Through your generosity we collected \$391 in support of The Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center and \$435 to aid Sophie's Circle the local food pantry for our furry friends. Along with the monetary contributions we were also able to deliver diapers, a pack n play, infant clothing, and bath items to the Center.

April 1st we will again begin our support of Spruce Creek Elementary's "KASH FOR KIDS" Mission and this will last through July. This mission helps provide children in need with a variety of necessities to aid in their education.

A trip will be made in the near future to Boggy Creek to deliver ties and afghans which are much appreciated by the campers.

Please remember that Sophie Circle, Eyeglass Donations, The Sock Box, Aluminum Can Tabs and Newspaper Collections Continue Year Round. Thank you for your support of all our Mission Projects!

Respectfully submitted by: *Missions Team*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2018 CAMPAIGN: This offering reaches victims of disasters near and far, sometimes changing the life of someone in distress around the world. Offering will be received **Sunday, March 31st**.

FOOD BASKET COLLECTION

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **April 7th** is our next collection day. Over 25 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. 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. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers).



SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



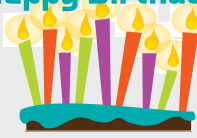
Every Second Thursday at 6:00 PM, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. March's dinner was well attended with a great variety of food and super entertainment.

Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, April 11th. It's "Pot Luck". Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Services.

EASTER BASKET RAFFLE: The night will also include the drawing for the Easter Basket Raffle to help fund the choir's trip to New York. Tickets for the basket will go on sale March 31st. See choir members for tickets.



Happy Birthday!



**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS***

Shelia Fisher	4/1
Kay Russell	4/3
Alice Lynn Feldman	4/4
Kurt Rice	4/6
Patricia Kirkley	4/8
Louise Johnson	4/18
Paul Neiss	4/19
Paul Allen	4/29

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



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & John Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jeff Batturs	Son of Ted & Sue Batturs
The Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Wendy Bumpass	Friend of the Buller Family
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Aydan & Blake Buller	Members of POUCC
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Shelly Hill	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Kristin Keeling	Friend of POUCC
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Doreen Nicholls	Member of POUCC
Shon Owezarszak	Grandson of Mary Ann Stewart
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
Archie Pickels	Brother of Bonnie Morisset
Joyce Pierce	Friend of the Thompson Family
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Jack & Harriet Rogers	Former Members of POUCC
The Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michael St. Marie	Friend of Beth Harris
Rich Thole	Member of POUCC
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Sierra Walsh	Family of Ron & Sonnie Zinke
Al & Frieda Wilson	Friends of Sheila Fisher

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (PA)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (DB)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (NY)

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide &
First Responders Everywhere
Victims of the Recent Flooding in the Midwest

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

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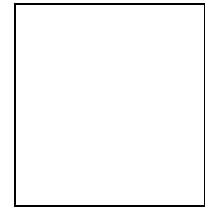
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm	2 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	3 CPT 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	4 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	5	6
7 Communion Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	8 POMA 4:30 pm Operations Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	10 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT & Conf. Cl. 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	11 POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	12	13
14 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	15 POMA 4:30 pm	16 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	17 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	18 POMA 4:30 pm Maundy Thurs. Service 7:00 pm	19 Ecumenical Service Grace Episcopal Church Noon-3:00 pm	20 Sunrise Service Service Loading Noon
21 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am Traditional 10:45 am	22 POMA 4:30 pm	23 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	24 CPT & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	25 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	26	27
28 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	29 POMA 4:30 pm	30 Special Election & Bake Sale 7:00 am-7:00 pm 				

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

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services



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9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

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Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Children's Sunday School

9:00 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM

Tuesday Youth Meeting

6:00 PM