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## SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone,

Greetings to you from God our Father and the **risen Christ**.

Yes, Christ has risen, He has risen indeed! I pray this means something to all of you.

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The disciples of Christ, even though Jesus had personally explained everything to them, didn't get it. When the body of Jesus was missing, the disciples went into hiding. They feared for their lives. It was only after Christ came to them, they believed everything He had told them.

Remember, the disciples lived with Jesus on a daily basis for three years. Three years of getting to know the real Jesus. Three years of listening, watching and loving the son of God; learning from God's son in the flesh. And yet, they just couldn't refrain from going into hiding and not believing what they had been taught.

So ... are you like the disciples before meeting the risen Christ? Are you in hiding? We have just begun the season of Easter. This is the time when the disciples came to realize the risen Christ truly was the son of God. I pray this is a time in all of your lives that you too, if you haven't already, come to find the risen Christ in your life.

It's time to come out of hiding and to accept Christ as your savior. Living for Christ sounds wonderful ... and it is! But it's hard. It isn't always easy to be a Christian. Even though it's hard, it's worth it! Accepting Christ and living for Christ changes you ... it will change you for the better.

I pray you can truly tell Christ you are His ... all His. That is when you can allow Him to use you however He chooses. It certainly won't make your life easier but it most certainly will make it better.

Moving forward in Christ,

*Pastor Glenn*



## LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES



**Sunday, April 10th** — Regular Sunday Schedule with distribution of palms.



**Thursday, April 14— 6:00 PM** — **Special Combination Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Service** commemorating the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples and his crucifixion on Good Friday. Holy Communion will be celebrated.



**April 17th — 7:00 AM** — **40th Annual Sunrise Service here at the Church** — and the **10:45 AM Sanctuary Service.**



**EASTER FLOWERS:** See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services. 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 **Wednesday, April 13th.**



*Easter is a time of love,  
A time of grief and pain undone,  
So we may know the power of  
The love that lives in everyone.  
Each love we feel, each love we know,  
Redeems what would to darkness go.*



## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



*"April Showers Bring May Flowers!"* Spring has arrived here in Port Orange and with it comes new growth. I am not just referring to trees, flowers and lawns but to our church and our church family. Over the past few years, including the unwanted interruption by Covid-19, our church has been changing. Some will classify this change as a negative (we have been losing members) and others will classify it as a positive (we are still here in spite of losing members). Both are correct. Now, over the next couple months until the end of May we must prepare for the future for after Pastor Glenn retires. The last Sunday in May will be one service followed by a luncheon as we all wish Pastor Glenn and his family a wonderful, happy & healthy

retirement or possible new exciting adventures in their lives. However, before that date comes, we must start now in preparing ourselves as a church for what comes in June when we will not have a full-time pastor. The effort for this planning has already started when the church council voted to seek out a part-time pastor versus trying to find a full-time pastor. In addition, several of you, our church members, have been asked if you would be on the search committee for this effort. Unlike past search committee responsibilities, this committee will be looking at candidates to fill a part-time pastor position with very limited responsibilities and time required. The profile of what we will require of a part-time pastor is being written now and once completed it will be sent to the UCC Florida Conference for distribution throughout UCC churches nationally. In this process we may hear back from retired pastors already here in Florida who are seeking something part-time. Or, we may hear from retiring pastors nationally who want to continue part-time in a warmer climate such as Florida. Either way, we are expecting good responses. Again, this effort will start in April and continue until we reach a decision on a specific individual or possibly individuals, if we are so fortunate as to have a couple respond to our request. In many ways this is an exciting time and in other ways it is a difficult time. Our church has great members, volunteers and a great staff. We are highly blessed in many ways. It will take everyone through this transition to be involved with an understanding that the decisions coming before us will be for the church as a whole, for our church as a family and for continuing into the future our church missions that may be the same or may be new ones as we discover our role as a church body in what looks like a new world emerging before our eyes each day. The message of Jesus has not changed in over 2,000 years. The mission of the church he started has not changed in that time either. We need to continue sharing the lessons he taught and shared with us. As the Spring of 2022 moves forward with new growth, so will we as the Port Orange United Church of Christ move forward with new growth, new energy and a bright future where we are headed next. I urge all of you to spread the word that the Port Orange United Church of Christ is **"OPEN FOR BUSINESS"**. Blessings to all of you. *Bob Brewster, Moderator*



## OPERATION AND FINANCE TEAM REPORT



An update on the progress since our last newsletter article. As has been reported in the past two months of operations reports, much of the exterior upgrades and projects have been completed. We all feel the exterior of the church and grounds look much better.

### Mix (Thrift Store) Building Doors:

The new aluminum diamond plate covers for all the Mix building doors have been installed by Malibu Construction, protecting the doors from further damage and/or degrading.

### Parking Lot Lighting:

All paperwork has been signed with FPL, we hope to have the new LED site lighting installed very soon. We are monitoring the installation progress schedule with FPL. It will enhance not only the visual appearance of the Church and the parking areas but the security of all our property

### Security Camera System:

Five new cameras have been installed around our buildings to enhance security. The system was installed last month, a monitor and loop feed recorder are installed in the church office.

Our Spring into life campaign for 2022 commenced January 1, so far \$ 3,200.00 + has been donated, won't you consider donating so we can cover the remaining costs from the exterior projects?

We are holding off on any major maintenance projects on the interior (painting, etc.) until we receive donations to cover the remaining costs of the exterior projects, we have detailed in the past three months articles.

Our church is looking clean, bright and welcoming on the exterior, our new irrigation system is keeping the sod green and our landscaping is being maintained well. The committee wishes to thank the members as well as non-members who have supported the exterior projects we have completed, you all have made a significant impact on our church. *Art Horton, Chairman*

### Financial Update - Operational Budget as 2/28/2022



|                 | <u>FEBRUARY ACTUAL</u> | <u>YTD ACTUAL</u> | <u>YTD BUDGET</u> | <u>YTD DIFFERENCE</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Income</b>   | \$ 12,124.85           | \$ 22,240.19      | \$ 22, 523.20     | \$ ( 283.01)          |
| <b>Expenses</b> | \$ 14 ,587.67          | \$ 29,038.85      | \$ 29,265.80      | \$ ( 226.95)          |
| <b>Balance</b>  | \$ ( 2,462.82)         | \$ ( 6,798.66)    | \$ ( 6,742.60)    | \$ ( 56.06)           |

We had a loss in February of \$2,462.82 and a loss year to date of \$6,798.66 Which is only \$56.06 above the loss that was set for the budget. We received \$2,800.00 for our "Spring into Life" Campaign in February and need to continue to fund the Campaign, in or to cover the cost for all the improvements we have just completed. Thanks go out to all who have contributed the Campaign and who support our church in general. With God's blessing, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*



**I AM YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPE:** I would like to talk with you for I am part of your church life. I may be a complete stranger to you, but I can help you be a better Christian. I like to go to worship on Sunday, for I help you be Christ's partner. I am very small, but I am the keystone of your church program. I am a weekly reminder of your daily blessings. I dare you to be as good to God as He has been to you. I am only paper, but I carry the full gift of a generous heart. I am the only pocketbook you need on Sunday, and I promise not to be a burden. I am your chance to preach, for I am a silent sermon of your devotion.



## THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE



We are continuing to get donations which we use to stock the Store.. When we are overstocked, we send the surplus to other locations that helps supply their stores. We delivered clothes and backpacks to the First Baptist Church which they are sending to their missionary in Africa. Thanks to all the volunteers for their dedication. Bob is back in the store for short visits and thanks for all the prayers and concern.

*Jackie Gaither*

## FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, April 3rd is our next collection day. Over 14 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.



## THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



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

*As Maundy Thursday falls on April 14th our Next Dinner is Thursday, April 21st, 6:00 PM. It's a Pot Luck!  
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.*



*Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the first Sunday of each month Combined Service of Worship at 9:45AM.*

Happy Birthday!



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS\*

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Shelia Fisher      | 4/1  |
| Kurt Rice          | 4/6  |
| Patricia Kirkley   | 4/8  |
| Alice Lynn Feldman | 4/9  |
| Louise Johnson     | 4/18 |

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

|                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Corinne & Jim Anderson     | Friends of Sheila Fisher         |
| Jennifer Anderson          | Family of the Batturs            |
| Jordan Armbruster          | Friend of POUCC                  |
| Charlie & Molly Baskin     | Members of POUCC                 |
| Barbara Boon               | Member of POUCC                  |
| Beth & Chris Brown         | Family of Sheila Fisher          |
| Susie Bussard              | Member of POUCC                  |
| Betty & Hank Clausen       | Friends of POUCC                 |
| 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             |
| Gary Haines                | Cousin of Bob Gaither            |
| Brad Hansen                | Friend of POUCC                  |
| Shawn Hansen               | Friend of POUCC                  |
| Sgt.. Jack & Heidi Hearton | Family of Kay Schweitzer         |
| Lisa K. Hearton            | Daughter of Kay Schweitzer       |
| Elmer Hodges               | Friend of POUCC                  |
| Susan Jones                | Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset |
| Rocket Kearsch             | Friend of Ann Tobin              |
| Roger Kobert               | Friend of Sheila Fisher          |
| Harry & Jim Manchester     | Family of Sheila Fisher          |
| Tonya Montisano & Family   | Friends of POUCC                 |
| Leslie Neese               | Friend of the Stewart Family     |
| Archie & David Pickels     | Brothers of Bonnie Morisset      |
| Kay & Don Schweitzer       | Member of POUCC                  |
| John Sedgwick              | Friend of Sheila Fisher          |
| Betty Shepherd             | Member of POUCC                  |
| Mary Ann Stewart           | Member of POUCC                  |
| Judy Turcotte              | Friend of POUCC                  |
| Grant Tobin                | Friend of POUCC                  |
| Caroline Wallace           | Family of Sheila Fisher          |
| Betty Weaver               | Friend of POUCC                  |
| Lowin Willoughby           | Friend of Sharon Williamson      |
| Ahmet Wilson               | Friend of Sheila Fisher          |

### In Care Facilities

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| June Ferreri     | Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA) |
| Margie Hoebing   | Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO) |
| Marge Monat      | Member of POUCC (Care Center, DB) |
| Eloise Wottke    | Friend of POUCC (Care Center, WI) |
| Beverly Woodacre | Member of POUCC (Care Center, NY) |

### Special Needs

Victims of the Caronavirus and Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus  
 All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families  
 Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide  
 First Responders Everywhere

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



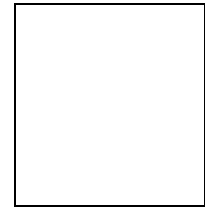
# POUCC APRIL 2022

| Sun  | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu   | Fri | Sat                                 |
|--|-----|-----|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
|  |     |     |     |   | 1   | 2                                   |
| 3<br>Communion<br>Sunday<br>Combined<br>Service of<br>Worship<br>9:45 am | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9<br>Council<br>Meeting<br>10:00 am |
| 10<br>Contemporary<br>8:45 am<br><br>Traditional<br>10:45 am             | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14<br>Combination<br>Maundy Thursday<br>& Good Friday<br>Service<br>6:00 pm | 15  | 16                                  |
| 17<br>Easter Sunrise<br>Service<br>7:00 am<br>Traditional<br>10:45 am    | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21<br>Fellowship Dinner<br>6:00 pm  | 22  | 23                                  |
| 24<br>Contemporary<br>8:45 am<br><br>Traditional<br>10:45 am             | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30                                  |

*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2 pm, Sat. 9-Noon  
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*



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**Custodian:** Ronnie Servant  
**Thrift & Gift Store Manager:** Bob Gaither  
**Media Communications:** Bob Brewster

**Office Hours**

9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Monday—Friday

**Thrift Store Hours**

9:00 AM—2:00 PM  
Monday—Friday  
9:00 AM—Noon  
Saturday

**Sunday Worship**

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

**First Sunday of the Month**

**Combined Service of  
Worship**

9:45 am



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