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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Summer greetings everyone,

Are you aware this year the congregation of Port Orange United Church of Christ will be 41 years old? For a few of you here, I'm sure it's hard to believe what you started 41 years ago here in Port Orange.

I sometimes wonder if those first members of the new church start-up believed their efforts would last 41 years and help hundreds of people find Christ in the greater Port Orange area.

You know, that's what we are doing today. We are the congregants, who through our current efforts, are bringing others to Christ. At 41 years old, we are the current members who are allowing this congregation to grow in the love of Jesus Christ and to share his love and great joy with all who we meet.

Yes we do have a wonderful history here at POUCC. I believe it is because our congregation saints understood how through faith in Christ, we can know God and that is a most joyful thing. We Christians today, have something to shout about. *"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved"* Joel 2:32 (NIV). **Everyone**, that means you and me, everyone!

Do you know not everyone has read the book of Joel or the Old Testament or the Gospels or any of the Bible? Everyone does not know how they can confess and believe in Jesus and be saved.

Please don't take the Joy of Salvation for granted. Don't assume everybody understands or even knows. Go out and share your faith and rich heritage with others in this world who have never heard of these wonderful truths that you know by faith.

Go and spread the Good News,

Pastor Glenn

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This month I wish to focus directly upon the wellbeing of our Port Orange United Church of Christ. I want each and every member to take the responsibility given to us by Jesus himself when he said to go and teach the gospel of the living God.

These are strained times at best nowadays, and people, even ourselves can lose sight of the light, the way, and the life. We must be good stewards of the lessons we have been taught since our youth. The lessons of love, the lessons of compassion, and the lessons of faith. You know these past years have seen plenty of changes in all our world from loved ones leaving this earth for heaven above. We have seen changes in our society, we have seen changes in the church and we have seen changes in the way we live daily. I have since thought many times, "Are these the times I read about in the Bible?" Well maybe it is and so I keep watch for signs and pray for knowledge. In those prayers a realization came to light. No matter what the times are right now it is time for us to act as followers of Jesus. We need to offer Christ's promise of eternal life to all. In my humble opinion, we can not wait because the force opposite the light of Christ is lying and luring us away from the precious light. We must act now as followers of Christ to present the good news because he died we now live.

Help me my brothers and sisters by inviting people to our Worship Services. It is such a simple task made hard by excuses. It is a feeling of love when you get the opportunity to present God's plan for eternal life with Him. I am intermittently going to speak directly with the congregation on this important cause and hope you can find it in your heart to be a part of this most precious mission.

May you have the peace of God always,

Joe Thompson, Moderator

COMBINED SERVICE & SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregational Meeting



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Church Council has voted for a **Congregational Meeting** to be held **August 16th, 10:45 AM following a Combined Service of Worship beginning at 9:45 AM.** This meeting is to discuss church finances and your attendance is most appreciated and requested. Thank you in advance for your participation. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, August 2nd is our next collection day and will benefit "Halifax Urban Ministries." Over 26 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food to the pantry. **Please make sure your donations have not exceeded their expiration date.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Our Thrift Store is doing well. In the last three weeks we have sold \$2,600 worth of merchandise. And during this time we had to stop taking clothes donations three times because we had no room for them, but within a few days we began accepting them. We would like to thank everyone for their donations and for their understanding when we refuse donations. God bless our volunteers. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

OPERATION'S TEAM



The summer has been quiet so far. Fewer activities in our church means less wear & tear but even then things still break. The Jim Reed Building men's room needs new urinal plumbing mostly due to old age and the fact that the water will not stop when flushed. The team has been carefully looking at our church finances where we have both very good, good and some not so good news to report. We expect to discuss most of this at the **Special Congregational Meeting August 16th**, so will not discuss it here. One thing we need to ask everyone...Do you now where we can obtain three used telephone poles? Our plan is to begin obtaining the materials to build a foot bridge across the drainage ditch located on the church's west side property. A bridge will allow us to have events outside where we can use the property around the Veteran's Chapel. If you know of surplus poles or where they can be obtained, please call Bob Brewster. And always, please let us know about any church grounds or building maintenance needs. Have a blessed month of August and please... Stay Safe & Healthy!

Bob Brewster, Chair Operations Team (Art Horton, Harold Kransi & Trey Thompson)

Financial Update Operational Budget as 6/30/2020



	<u>ACTUAL JUNE</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$ 11,895.57	\$ 82,515.58	\$ 61,488.92	\$ 21,026.66
Expenses	\$ 12,489.54	\$ 83,829.40	\$ 80,545.57	\$ 3,283.83
Profit/(Loss)	\$ (593.97)	\$ (1,313.82)	\$ (19,056.65)	\$ 17,742.82

Bob and his team at the Thrift Store along with the generosity of our church members helped us reach close to \$12,000. in income for the month of June. The Thrift Store is back in business full time and the Church services are back on Sunday mornings. It is great to see everyone, even at a distance. We have been successful in controlling our costs and hope to continue that trend. Great job, everyone! Thank you for your continued generosity and support. *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*

NEWS & Notes

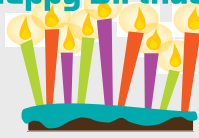


Thank you to everyone for all the love, prayers and support during this very difficult time. We are very thankful for everyone and hope to be able to see you soon.
Love, *The Pack Family*

CONGRATULATIONS: To Colten Pack who graduated from Atlantic High School on July 10, 2020 at the Ocean Center. He will be attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in the Fall.



Happy Birthday!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS*

Harold Kransi	8/1
Eva Brewster	8/5
Akira Carrig	8/7
Doreen Wheeler	8/8
Janna Thompson	8/9
Bill Nicholls	8/10
Joe Rogers	8/17
Joanne Flatt	8/19
Denean Zemba	8/22
Betty Shepherd	
Dr. Tom Naus	8/29

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES*



Joe & Carol Rogers	8/05/1966
Joe & Janna Thompson	8/18/1990
Tom & Mary Ann Summers	8/26/1989
Jim & Louise Eagan	8/26/1965

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Amy & Lamont	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Cathy Archer	Friend of POUCC
Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Linda & Al Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
F/F of Phil Bussard	Brother of Susan Bussard
Michelle Buonanno	Family of Pat Kirkley
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Faith Coppolo	Member of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
Ashley Dyson	Friend of the Batturs'
June Ferreri	Former Member of POUCC
F/F of Valerie Harper	Sister of Darlene Thomas
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
George & Madison Hobson	Family of Erika Hobson
F/F of Nancy Horn	Member of POUCC
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Grace Kern	Member of POUCC
Pat Kirkley	Member of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Teresa Leib	Daughter-in-Law of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Bret McFarland	Friend of the Batturs Family
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Lucas Montagno	Friend of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
Oakley & Michele Solms	Friends of POUCC
Joe Thompson	Member of POUCC
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family Member of Sheila Fisher
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Rita Wren	Friend of POUCC

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center in MA)
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

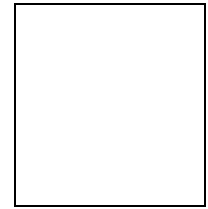
Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date.

POUCC August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion & CPT 9:45 am	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion & CPT 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	10	11	12 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	13	14	15 Council Meeting 10:00 am
16 Combined Service of Worship 9:45 am Congregational Meeting 10:45 am	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	31					

*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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9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—3:00 PM
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Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM
Adult Education
9:45 AM



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