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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



As a church, we are very fortunate to have the services of Pastor Pat Holcomb and her husband Alan supporting our church. Beginning with her first Sunday service June 12th, we have had a powerful message from Pastor Pat each Sunday. As most of you know we have extended an invitation to Pastor Pat and Alan to be with us for a longer period of time that may possibly continue into the future

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for as long as they want to be with us. Her official position within the UCC definitions will be as a "Bridge Pastor". This designation is between an "Interim Pastor" and a "Called Pastor". Her position will be Part-time regarding her responsibilities but nevertheless we have already seen that Pastor Pat is a "people person" who has an immediate ability for "getting to know you" when she meets people face to face. Alan, her husband, has the same warm ability to meet people and immediately enjoin in conversations that are warm and open. For those familiar with "Pastor Search Committees" and all the time and dedicated work required to find either an Interim (Temporary) or Called (Permanent) Pastor, the church council has made a decision not to go forward with a search committee effort at this time. We are praying that things will work out that Pastor Pat and Alan will be able to be with us for as long as they like.

Staff

Pastor
Rev. Patricia Holcomb
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Ronnie Servant
Thrift Store:
Bob Gaither
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Bob Brewster

Behind the scenes everyone is working hard to make Pastor Pat's and Alan's relocation to our area possible. The one-way two-hour drive from Ocala each Sunday is not a long-term situation. Efforts have already started for finding an affordable property for them to purchase along with selling their existing home near Ocala. These two events alone are challenging as everyone knows who has ever sold and purchased a property involving a move of packing and unpacking. The present real estate market is a tough one for both a lack of properties and the rapid increase in selling prices over the past 2-3 years. All alternatives are being investigated to include renting or leasing until a property becomes available that matches their needs. The search for a property does not need to be just Port Orange but can include the surrounding area within 30-minutes of the church. I ask everyone to be alert and if you hear of a property becoming available, please let me know so that I can help research it for Pastor Pat & Alan. The goal is to be in the price range of \$250,000 to \$300,000 +/- and that the home be a single family with at least two bedrooms and two baths (ideally three bedrooms).

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Finally, I need to urge everyone to share news about our church at every possible opportunity. We need to grow! We have a mission and that mission involves reaching out to older (more mature) individuals and couples who need spiritual support. There are many cures for health problems but there is no cure for growing old. Our outreach for people to join us in church does not have an age requirement and it can include families and children. But, if there was a definition for who we are seeking it would be “empty nesters”, “retired”, those who relocated away from friends and family, anyone who has lost a spouse, those that are lonely, those who are seeking answers, and many more who are in need of a church where they can become part of a church family. Our mission is to find people who are possibly slowing down physically and mentally, where they now realize that life has a physical end and that the immortality felt in their youth no longer applies. People who are already believers or who want to believe in a life after this life and who now see it coming closer and closer. These are the people who we need to find. These are the ones that need us and we need them! And, if in this process along the way families & children join us... then we are truly blessed! Blessings to all of you! *Bob Brewster, Moderator*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, August 7th is our next collection day and will benefit “Halifax Urban Ministries.” Over 22 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



Thanks to our volunteers, our “**Christmas in July**” Sale is doing very well and will end on **Saturday, July 30th**. We see many new faces each day and average 40 customers a day. New donations continue to come in and merchandise continues to go out daily. As needed, we continue to donate to various missions.

Bob Gaither, Manager



OPERATION'S & FINANCE TEAM



Welcome to August:

My August Operations Committee report is commencing with a few words about our future: We have been blessed by God almighty for sending us Reverend Pat and her husband Alan. In four weeks, they have invigorated our church! Her sermons are from the heart, she speaks to each and every one of us. She and Alan greet our members and guests as they arrive, spend time visiting with them, conduct services, meet the folks after service and spends time with everyone at coffee hour. They have, in 4 short weeks become involved with our church. Your church council is working with them to have them continue for years to come. They are both a bright star for our church. If you have not had the pleasure of meeting Pastor Pat and Alan, I strongly recommend you attend a service sooner than later. Our service is 9:30 every Sunday.

Operations Report: We are working on final planning for the new HVAC systems in the Church proper. The concrete pad for the old chiller will be extended to make room for the new HVAC units. A new fence will be installed around the area once the units are installed. A new electrical panel has been installed to accommodate the new units. Once installed we should see a significant drop in utility costs as the old chiller units was very inefficient.

Our new irrigation pump and system is working extremely well, the grounds have not looked better! Our new landscaper is working hard to stay ahead of the rapidly growing grass now that it's being irrigated on a regular schedule. Our fertilizing and weed control contractor is also working hard to help make the grounds and beds look super. The ditch behind the veterans chapel has been cleaned and it will continue to be on a regular basis. The prayer walk pavers will be removed, new base installed and the pavers reinstalled this fall. You may have noticed there are some preliminary wear spots on the driveway sealer. The contractor has been contacted, they are going to come back and re-seal the areas that have prematurely worn. Our security contractor has been hired to adjust two of the existing units. We have issues with "dumpster divers" at night and folks rifling through the donations left at night at the Thrift Store donation door. Hopefully the adjusted cameras will deter this issue. As I stated at the beginning of my article, I am very excited about the future of our church, presently our main mission, the Thrift Store is "knocking it out of the park" every day, week and month. Alan, Pastor Pat's husband, a US Navy (Go Navy) veteran has presented the council with a great idea. Sponsor a veteran's walkway from the Veterans Chapel to a new "bridge" from the chapel area to the other side of the drainage ditch so we could use that area for family picnics, etc. We would sell bricks (like the prayer walkway) but it would be to the Port Orange community and surrounds. Bringing awareness to the veteran's chapel but also to our church.
Art Horton, Chairman

Financial Update Operational Budget as 6/30/202

	<u>ACTUAL JUNE</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$ 7,740.50	\$ 68,082.86	\$ 66,525.60	\$ 1,557.26
Expenses	\$ 9,724.13	\$ 81,211.24	\$ 80,042.88	\$ 1,168.36
Profit/(Loss)	\$(1,983.63)	\$ (13,128.38)	\$ (13,517.28)	\$ 388.90



June is the beginning of the summer and with that our attendance goes down and our income goes down as reflected in our loss of \$1,983.63 for the month of June. Of course we have had some increase in attendance with the arrival of a new Pastor and our hope is to see a greater increase in the future as the word gets out that we have a wonderful new experience with the combined service and the opportunity to get to know Pastor Pat and her husband Alan. As always our thanks go out to our Thrift Store team and all who support our church. With God's blessings, Respectfully
 Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*

Happy Birthday!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS*

Eva Brewster	8/5
Doreen Wheeler	8/8
Bill Nicholls	8/10
Joe Rogers	8/17
Joanne Flatt	8/19
Betty Shepherd	8/22

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES*

Tom & Mary Ann Summers 8/26/1989



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
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Pat Dalton	Friend of POUCC
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Alice Lynn Feldman	Member of POUCC
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Steve Gaunt	Friend of Sheila Fisher & Larry Janelle
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
Linda Panzarella & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Archie & David Pickel	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Kay & Don Schweitzer	Members of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty Shepherd	Member of POUCC
Faith & Fred Shreck	Family of the Zinkie's
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Dr. Phillip Tomasel	Son-in-Law of Kay Schweitzer
Judy Turcotte	Friend of POUCC
Grant Tobin	Friend of POUCC
Caroline Wallace	Family of Sheila Fisher
Seth Wanie	Family of Bill & Susie Greiff
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Alhmet Wilson	Friend of Sheila Fisher

In Care Facilities

Eva Brewster	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in PO)
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 request.*

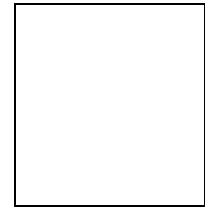
Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date.

POUCC August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday Combine Service of Worship 9:30 am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Combine Service of Worship 9:30 am	15	16	17	18	19	20 Council Meeting 10:00 am
21 Combine Service of Worship 9:30 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Combine Service of Worship 9:30 am	29	30	31			

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

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Office Hours

9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—2:00 PM
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9:00 AM—Noon

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM

Fellowship Hour

10:30 AM



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