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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,
Here is our Lenten Season Overview on the Theme of "The Questions Christians Ask":

February 18th Ash Wednesday (Communion and Imposition of Ashes) with area UCC churches at New Smyrna Beach 6:00 PM.

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All Sunday services (except Easter Sunday are at 8:45 and 10:45 AM)

February 22nd Scripture	First Sunday in Lent Matthew 4: 1-11	Questioning Scripture
March 1st Scripture	Second Sunday in Lent John 9: 1-41	Questioning Authority
March 8th Scripture	Third Sunday in Lent John 4: 5-42	Questioning Forgiveness
March 15th Scripture	Fourth Sunday in Lent John 3: 1-17	Questioning Baptism

March 22nd
Scripture **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
John 9: 1-9 **Questioning Suffering**

March 29th
Scripture **Palm/Passion Sunday**
John 11: 1-45 **Questioning Faith**

April 3rd **Good Friday**
Community Service with Port Orange area churches at Grace Episcopal Church from Noon to 3:00 PM.

April 5th **Easter Sunday**
Scripture John 20: 1-18 **Questioning the Resurrection**

7:00 AM Sunrise Beach Worship
10:45 AM Sanctuary Worship

NOTE: Both services will have communion

Staff

Senior Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Bill Wassner
Assistant Pastor:
Beverly Schafer
Pastor Emeritus:
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Dr. Tom Naus
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Bob Brewster
Custodian:
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Pastor Bill

SPIRITUAL LIFE WORKSHOP



On Saturday, January 24th, 24 people joined us for an all day Workshop on spirituality and sensing God more deeply in our daily lives. Thanks to Dr. Bobbie McKay, our leader, and to all the members of the Spiritual Life Team who helped with preparation for this event. A special thanks to Jackie Gaither and Sue Turner - members of the Fellowship Team for hosting the event.



DEACONS CORNER



The Ministry of Deacons

Being a Deacon is a very rewarding spiritual journey for those who serve on the Team. We are the lay person ambassadors to visitors and church members who need to have a conversation with someone from the church other than the Senior and Assistant Pastors. We need more people to service as Deacons on this important team. The need is for at least four more people. Please let us know if you would like to serve as a Deacon (no prior experience necessary). *Bob Brewster, Chair of Deacons*



Financial Update

Operational Budget as of End of 2014

	ACTUAL		BUDGET
	<u>Jan.-Dec. 2014</u>		<u>Jan.-Dec. 2014</u>
Income	\$182,910	Income	\$170,400
Expenses	<u>\$ 201,841</u>	Expenses	<u>\$164,467</u>
Net	\$ -18,931	Net	\$ 5,933

Our expenses were \$18,931 more than our income for 2014. We did cash in a CD for \$14,800, to help pay for the roof replacement which, if figured in, would still leave us with a \$4,131 deficit. We had several unexpected expenses such as the roof and two air conditioner replacements for the year. Were it not for the generosity of members who made bequests to the Church, we would not have been able to pay for these unbudgeted items. Please consider including our Church in your Wills to insure our Church's future.

I am looking forward to a more uneventful year in 2015. Thanks everyone for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by *Susie Greiff, Treasurer*

As a reminder: Please make sure all checks are made out to POUCC and if you are donating to a particular mission, this would be shown in the memo section of the check. Also, make sure the **written** amount of the check matches the number amount and that you sign your check. These are a few of the items that have occurred this past year. Your attention to these details will be greatly appreciated.



Are Available in the Jim Reed Room.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

I Am
Blessed...
To Be A
Blessing

If you have not returned your 2015 Pledge Form (additional copies are on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary), please fill it out and place it in the collection plate or mail it to the Church Office. To date, we have received 32 pledges totaling \$62,778. Many thanks for your past, present and future support.

OPERATIONS TEAM



Your Operations Team met on January 12th and the following is a summary of what was discussed at the meeting.

Susie Greiff presented the Treasurer's Report. The 2014 P&L ended with a \$4,100 deficit - Susie will put a summary together to add to the Annual Report explaining why we had this deficit.

Old Business:

- Winsemius Bequest – The home has sold. The church will be receiving 10% of this sale after the closing. The family has requested the gift to go to needed kitchen upgrades and renovations.
- Spiritual Life Retreat on 1/24/2015 went well. We had 24 attendees at the workshop.
- 2015 Stewardship Campaign – The congregation has been informed and we have received 32 pledges totaling \$62,778.
- Parking Lot Repair & Repaving – Will be completed when weather permits.
- Website/PayPal – No new information at this time.
- Tree Removal on West Property – The tree has been removed. A replacement must be planted by 6/15 and Rich Thole will talk to Blaine about what might be the best choice of tree to replant.

New Business:

- New Faucet Men's Sanctuary Bathroom – Has been replaced by Dalen Mills.
- Toilet Repair in Ladies Bathroom Jim Reed Room – The flapper has been replaced by Dalen Mills.
- Scheduled Spring Workday – to be Saturday, April 18th.
- Sanctuary Dimmers – All switches need to be either replaced or labeled correctly. Dalen Mills to contact Billy Wiggins or Joey (Economy Electric) for a quote.
- Use of Parking Lot for Special Olympics – Committee decided to continue to let them use it from 1 to 3 PM on Saturdays with Liability Insurance verification.
- Easter Sunrise 2015 – Beach Permit application and Insurance Certificate have been submitted.
- Prayer Garden – The new bricks have arrived. The garden will need to be weeded, and sand added.

The next Operations meeting will be **Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM.**

Respectively submitted by *Cindy Pierson, Operations Team*

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

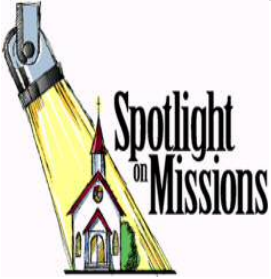


After taking off over the Christmas holiday, 25 youth and adults welcomed the New Year with a cookout and bonfire on Tuesday, January 13th and it was great. Thanks to Jackie Gaither for providing the food, Pastor Bill for preparing and manning the grill, Dallas Davis for the beautiful music and to the Turners for donating the firewood. Next week, **February 3rd**, will be Game Night. So plan to



join every Tuesday beginning with dinner at 6:00 PM (\$2.00 @ person and please call the Church Office to make a reservation).

MISSION NOTES



We welcome our new team members Gail Besaw, Cindy Deitch, and Louise Eagan. We are happy to have you.

Our February Mission Project for Dr. Deb Walter's who was kayaking from Maine to Guatemala to raise funds for the children living in the Guatemala City garbage dumps is now on hold due to an injury to her spine. We'll keep you up dated on this project. To learn more about Deb's mission go to safepassage.org/kayak.

I'm sure you've noticed that we continue to pray for Scott and Emily Hill, Val Hill's nephew and wife, who are missionaries that serve among the Hausa in West Africa. The family, which includes Lucy and the newest addition Amos, are not only in need of our prayers but our support. At present, we are gathering additional information for our continuing support of the family. We'll keep you posted. To learn more about their life in Africa go to the internet and read their blogs on "To the Hilt."

Please remember the Mission Boxes in the Sanctuary and Jim Reed Room which benefit Sophie's Circle. With cold weather upon us, don't forget the sock box in the rear of the Sanctuary. Your continued support of all our projects is greatly appreciated. *Jackie Gaither, Chair of Missions*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, February 1st is our next collection day. Over 34 bags of food were collected last month which benefited our local VFW Post #3282 "Food for Homeless Veterans Project."

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.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Total donations for 2014 = \$21,747.00. We have a very loyal group of customers. We need to increase the size of that group. Thanks to each of you who have donated and shopped at our store. Very special thanks to all of the volunteers for their tireless work and time. *Barb Pountain*

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room.

Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, February 12th. It's "Pot Luck." Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.



LADIES LUNCHEON



Will NOT meet this month, but will resume meeting at Noon to share a bite and fellowship at the Olive Garden on **Thursday, March 19th**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary or contact Jeanette Campbell (788-4959). All are welcome!

NEWS & Notes



ANNUAL MEETING: On Sunday, January 25th, 68 members of the Congregation attended the meeting and provided a quorum. Reviewed and approved were the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes, the 2014 Annual Report, 2015 Slate of Officers and 2015 Budget. Copies of the 2014 Annual Report as well as the 2015 Phone Directory are available from the Church Office (one per household).

OUR CONGREGATION IS GROWING: On Sunday, January 25th, we welcomed by Reaffirmation of Faith seven new members: Carole Crippen, Janet DuBrule, Ernie & Peggy Fodor, Nancy Horn, and Kristin Adams & Peter Marshall. Not pictured is Warren Feilbach who joined the congregation on Sunday, January 18th. Congratulations and Welcome!



We recently received notification that our congregation and Pastor Bill personally were nominated by Spruce Creek Elementary School to receive the Volusia County School District's Family and Community Involvement Award for our continued support throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Margaret Yaeger who was recently elected Commodore of the Halifax River Yacht Club. Margaret is the second woman to be elected to the position in the history of the club which was founded in 1896.



PERSONALIZED PRAYER GARDEN BRICKS: Have arrived. If you have a preference for placement of the brick, please contact the Church Office. We'll keep you posted on when they will be placed.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: Delana Pack is selling Girl Scout Cookies between services. This year you have two options available: you can order and receive the cookies at a cost of \$4.00 @ box or the cost of a box of cookies can be donated to our service men and women.



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: Our own Dallas Davis will be performing at Hidden Treasure Restaurant, 5993 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Port Orange, on **Thursday, February 5th, 6:00- 9:00 PM.** Make plans to enjoy an evening out and show Dallas our support.

HALIFAX HOSPICE: Cordially invites you to a special interdenominational memorial service to remember those who have recently died. The service will be held on Thursday, **February 12th, 2:00 PM** at Epiphany Catholic Church, 201 Lafayette St., Port Orange.



NOTES OF THANKS

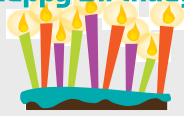


From the Homeless Veterans Project: "We would like to thank you for your continuing support of our veteran population through your monthly food collection. We truly appreciate all of your efforts."

"What an incredibly wonderful surprise!" was the reaction from Sophie's Circle (the local pet food pantry) for our generous donation of \$416.66 to God's special creatures. Thanks to all who contributed to our Mission Boxes in 2014 to make this possible!



Happy Birthday!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS*

Thea Cloutier	2/5
Tessie Sanfratello	
Russ Karel	2/7
Kathryn Manning	2/10
Sierra Zinke	
Trey Zinke	
Valerie Hill	2/12
Sharon Milukas	2/13
Carole Neiss	2/26
Fred Campbell	2/27



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

Bob & Ruth Brewster	2/14/1971
Jack & Harriet Rogers	2/20/2005
Jim & Sharon Williamson	2/24/1967

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Delynn Brooks	Niece of Drew Knock
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Marilyn Chutjian	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Kimberly Comfort	Friend of Beverly Schafer
Nancy Conger	Extended Family of Sandy Kransi
Anthony Constanza	Student at Spruce Creek Elem.
Karen Donahue	Member of the Kransi Family
Rev. Dr. Bill Ebbert	Member of POUCC
Warren Feilbach	Member of POUCC
Bob Gaither	Member of POUCC
Phyllis Heath	Wife of Rev. Steven Heath
Pat Hilgenberg	Member of POUCC
Scott & Emily Hill	Family of Val Hill
Joellen Hopkins	Member of POUCC
Tom Hopkins	Family of Joellen Hopkins
Steven Horsey	Doreen Wheeler's Brother
Drew Knock	Member of POUCC
Luella Kransi	Mother of Harold Kransi
Rev. Dick Manny	Friend of the Zinkes
Mary McDonald	Member of POUCC
Corinne Mondoux	Daughter of Marjory Monat
F/F of Ian Moreau	Cousin of Kaylei Wierzbicki
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC
Jim Olson	Nephew of the Zinkes
Jim Severin & Family	Friends of Sher Buller
Tim Schafer	Member of POUCC
Alissa & Greg Schwipps	Extended Family of Sandy Kransi
John & Mary Ann Stewart	Members of POUCC
Doreen Wheeler	Member of POUCC
Rose Williams	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities

June Ferreri Member of POUCC (Care Facility in PA)

Special Needs



All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

Broader Concerns

Victims of the Recent Storms
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
First Responders Everywhere

Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or to add a Prayer Concern.

POUCC February 2015

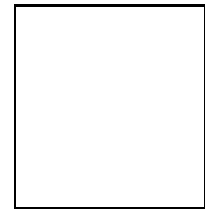
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	2	3 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	4 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	5 Line Dancing 6:00 pm Dallas Davis at Hidden Treasure 6:00-9:00 pm	6 POMA 3:45 pm	7 Special Olympics 1:00 pm
8 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	9 Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	11 Palmetto House 5:30 PM CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	12 Memorial Service Epiphany CC 2:00 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	13	14 Special Olympics 1:00 pm 
15 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	16 Council Meeting 7:00 p	17 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	18  Combined Service 6:00 PM-NSB	19 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	20	21 Special Olympics 1:00 pm
22 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	23	24 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	25 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	26 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	27	28 Special Olympics 1:00 pm

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY-TEACHING, MARCH-OPERATIONS.

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Sunday Worship

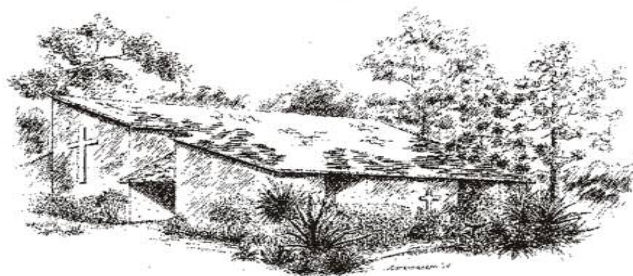
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday

6:00 PM



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