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## SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Winter greetings to all,

February is the month of Love. Most North Americans attribute this to the fact we celebrate St. Valentine's Day midway through this month. We have a special opportunity to share our love and a meal with each other on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14. Yes, we will be coming together for a love feast!

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I pray we all know the real source of love comes from God. Out of the love of God He gave His Son and Holy Spirit to build us up. The Holy Spirit has and continues to spread the message of those who believe in Jesus, receive the gift of salvation. This message now belongs to us. We need to learn as much of this message of salvation as we can and then go out and tell it to others. Learn from Jesus' teachings so we can teach others.

Learning and then teaching can be difficult at times just like the many changes which occur in our lives. We all change, like it or not, because life around us causes us to change. Some of us have a hard time moving on from the loss of a loved one. Some of us will be leaving from or going to school or home of family. Some of us are facing the loss of our health or a loved ones or even life.

Remember, no matter where you are, moving toward or away from change, God is always with you. God does know your pain and fear; God fully understands. God also knows what you need to move on and has already provided it. God has given us Christ Jesus. The Son of God is with you wherever you go.

Accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. He will always love you and will forgive your sins because He is the way.

Shalom,

*Pastor Glenn*

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## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



I First want to say thank you Kathy Cratin for all of her hard work and to everyone on every committee for the last year for all of their work.

The coming year will definitely have challenges but I think that we are up to the task. I am looking forward to working with all of you on making this church a safe and pleasurable experience to worship.

Our purpose remains clear to bring persons to Christ and I am certain that we will continue to be **"The Church that Cares and Shares"**. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

## DEACON'S CORNER

February 1 rings the bell for the start of the new year for the Church Council and the Church Teams. This means the Deacons, along with others, will see changes in their membership.



FROM THE DEACONS

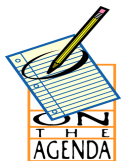
The Deacons consists of 6 to 12 members being elected to 2 year terms. In addition, the Moderator or designated Assistant Moderator serves as a non-voting, ex-officio member. The goal is to have as many as possible qualified members on the Deacons, reaching the upper limit of 12.

The Deacons have several responsibilities. While the Senior Minister serves with professional freedom as a spiritual leader of the congregation, the Deacons work with the Senior Pastor in the planning and preparing, as well as the nature and content, of the worship service. The Deacons have accepted the responsibility for the preparation and serving of the sacraments. On occasions, Deacons may ask non-Deacons for assistance in serving communion.

The Deacons are responsible for the yearly evaluation of the Senior Pastor and provide consultation to the Senior Minister for the evaluation of Staff connected to our spiritual programs.

Currently, the Deacons meet on the First Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are open to all and all are welcome to address their thoughts on making our Church better. *Charlie Baskin, Deacon Chair*

## 2018 ANNUAL MEETING



On Sunday, January 20th, 52 congregation members and friends gathered for the Annual Meeting. The 2019 Budget, 2019 Slate of Officers were presented, voted on, and unanimously accepted. A big thank you to Kathy Cratin outgoing Moderator for a job well done over the past year. Copies of the 2019 Annual Report and Directory are available in the church office.

## NEWS & NOTES

**LADIES LUNCHEON: Tuesday, February 12th 11:30 AM at Houligans.** All are welcome to attend. Sign-up sheet to be circulated at Worship Services.



**UCC WOMEN ST JOHN'S AREA REGIONAL MEETING: Saturday, February 23, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM, First Congregation UCC of Lake Helen Parish House, 107 N. Euclid Ave. Lake Helen., \$5.00 per person includes Lunch.** See flyer on Sanctuary bulletin board or call Vicky, 386-218-5976.

## OPERATION'S TEAM



POUCC is entering both **exciting** and **challenging** times. Your **Operation's Team** has been tasked with managing a "faith based" budget using actual expenses from 2018 and projected financial expenses for 2019. **This is nothing new!** We have successfully done it in the past and truthfully, as a church family (members & friends), it is healthy for us to continue looking at ways we can improve our church services while looking at more efficient or less costly ways to do things. POUCC receives no subsidies and relies almost totally on giving from its members and friends, plus what we can utilize from sales at the Church Thrift Store. During the year we see "bumps" from special giving like the Easter Sunrise Service or one-time giving for purchases such as new air conditioning services, technology services, etc. but for the most part we operate totally from the generosity of you, our members & friends. There is nothing wrong with this! What is very clear with POUCC is that we are a **MISSION ORIENTATED CHURCH**. We provide mission support to a wide variety of needs both inside and outside our church. Inside through our two worship services (Contemporary & Traditional), which fill the need of each person attending them. Our youth events, our fellowship dinners, our contributions - to schools, the homeless, the disadvantaged, and the various charities we support. All are important! Based on membership size our church is unique in this respect and we should all be proud of the fact that we are able to support the spiritual needs of such a diverse group of people. **Feeding the spiritual soul is the PRIMARY reason we are here!** This need is growing! The greater community surrounding POUCC is changing and within that change are more and more people with a *spiritual hunger* that needs feeding. Setting financial concerns aside, our church's mission is to provide the platform and place where people can come to find this "spiritual food" in the manner that Jesus would approve. We are achieving that goal and it is being done by everyone who gives their time and financial support. As we plan for 2019, it is important that everyone understand how important POUCC is in this community and why there is a greater purpose at work than what we can simply define by the condition of our buildings and financial condition. This purpose is growing in importance and we invite ALL of you to share the word to others why we are here and why our purpose is filled with real challenges and great rewards. After all, when we leave this life do we want to look back and say "I lived a life that was easy because I avoided challenges" or do we want to say "I lived a challenging life full of rewards and personal spiritual growth!" In summary, some may "*run away*" from difficulties and challenges but for true personal growth, for true spiritual growth, where growth comes from helping and loving others like we do through our missions here at POUCC, I choose to welcome these challenges head on. **How about you?** *In Spiritual Love, Bob Brewster, Chair, Operations Team*



### Financial Update—Operational Budget January-December 2018

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 20,887	\$ 168,805	\$ 145,380	\$ 23,425
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 16,062	\$ 173,104	\$ 169,724	\$ 3,380
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 4,825	\$ ( 4,299)	\$ (24,344)	

*Please note that the income and expenses do no include missions.*

*December is a month with some extra/special expenses including property/liability insurance and Workmen's Comp Insurance. On the plus side, we did receive a "Christmas Gift" from AT&T. They paid us \$2,000 for the option to consider our property for a cell tower.*

*Thanks to some extra tithe and Christmas gifts, six services and the AT&T payment, we finished the month in the black. It was so nice to put my red pen away for a month. Thanks for your continuing generosity.*

*Hal Francis, Treasurer*

## MISSIONS NOTES

The Year is starting off with Mission's focusing on Holy Joe Café and to date we have received \$311.13. Thanks to all who have donated to this worthwhile mission.



A trip was made to Boggy Creek on 1/22 by Gail and I with 17 afghans from Molly and the "Knit Wits" and 60 men's ties and one beautiful quilt from Bob and the Thrift Store. Thank you both, as always.



As was done last year, we will have two mission projects in February and March. The Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center provides mothers "in need" with "Welcome Home Baby Packages". The following are their "**Wish List**" Items: **Diapers (size 1), Wipes, Bath Items, Bottles, Sleepers, Onesies, Blankets, Infant Clothing up to 12 months, 0-3 & 3-6 Months Clothing. New and gently used Cribs, Car Seats, Strollers, Pack-n-Plays, and Maternity Clothes as well as monetary donations** are always needed for operating expenses. There will be a box in the Sanctuary for the smaller items. Any larger items can be taken to the Thrift Store where Bob will keep it for Missions to take to **WPCC**.

Sophie's Circle is a non-profit organization that rescues and rehabilitates dogs and adopts them out to "fur-ever" loving homes. There will be a box in the Sanctuary for canned and dry food donations. Cat food donations are always welcome, as well. Checks can be made out to POUCC for either of the above missions, but please make sure to specify in the memo line which mission you are giving to.



As always, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collections continues year round.

I want to thank the Mission's Team and all of POUCC's members and friends that made these past two years of being chairman of Mission's such a great experience for me. I know you will all continue to help them keep Mission's success going. POUCC is a mission oriented church and we have proved our slogan of being "**The Church That Cares and Shares**". Thank you again and God bless.

*Respectfully Submitted, Peggy Wiggins, Chair of Missions*

## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



We started the new year off on a positive note with sales totaling \$3,100 Thanks to all our patrons, volunteers and those who support us with their donations. We are in need of knick-knacks and furniture. Volunteers are always welcome. If interested, please call Bob Gaither, 290-2726. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

**Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, February 3rd is our next collection day.** Over 15 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 be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.



## 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 14th, 6:00 PM. It's "Italian Night." Sign-up sheet will be circulated at Sunday Services.*

Italian Dinner

***SWEETHEART BASKET RAFFLE:*** *The night will also include the drawings for the two Sweetheart Baskets to help fund the choir's trip to New York. Tickets for the two baskets will go on sale February 1<sup>st</sup>. See choir members for tickets.*



## YOUTH CORNER

It's been another adventuresome month with the youth. What a joy is it to work with the little ones in our Church. They are excited to be a part of the worship with the youth message and they carry this excitement with them into the Sunday school room. Kudos to Linda Rogers for keeping that energy up. They love being with you! From having Jesus in our hearts, to lifting our hands to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, to doing the Hokey Pokey to Spread God's love around, the kids are seeing "That's What It's All About!"

Youth group continues to meet Tuesday evenings (6-8 / middle and high school). We have been focusing on looking to the New Year with Hope. We are sharing the stresses of life and seeing how scripture addresses such things. During our studies a single chime is rung before and after the reading of scripture. I love seeing the kids take turns with the chime and reading! We are also going over the Joyce Meyer book "Battlefield of the Mind – for teens." Life certainly brings its challenges. My personal belief is that we need to help prepare our children on how to deal with all that may come their way. Knowing that they are a child of God is the beginning.

On a fun note, we had a special visitor in January. One of our former youth group members who is now in the Army, married, and just had a baby came to visit! Such a joy to have a little one to hold. Thank you Skylar for sharing your beautiful baby with us.

Other exciting news... Saturday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> was one of the best days ever! Elijah officially achieved the title of United States Marine. Another one of our youths making their way in the world.

Also that day, I was approved by the FL UCC Committee on Church and Ministry to renew my Pastoral Licensure standing with the FL Conference for 2019. My Youth Ministry with Port Orange United Church of Christ continues. What a Joyous Day! *Sher Buller, Youth Leader*



Happy Birthday!



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS\*

Thea Cloutier	2/5
Kathryn Manning	2/10
Valerie Hill	2/12
Carole Neiss	2/26



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES\*

Valerie & Cindy Hill	2/12/2017
Bob & Ruth Brewster	2/14/1971
Jim & Sharon Williamson	2/24/1967

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

## Valentines Recipe

4 small kisses  
 6 giant hugs  
 1 cup of kindness  
 3 cups of love  
 5 tsp of happiness  
 2+ caring hearts

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Mix together and spread the love

## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Connie & John Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jeff Batturs	Son of Ted & Sue Batturs
The Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Wendy Bompas	Friend of the Buller Family
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Elijah Buller	Member of POUCC
David Butters	Family of Joe Rogers
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Melanie Finley	Friend of the Rogers Family
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearton	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Shelly Hill	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Dave Holder	Friend of the Buller Family
Scott Kirlan	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Robert Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Dayle & Elmo Orciani	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Shon Owezarsak	Grandson of Mary Ann Stewart
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
Scott Powell	Member of the Gaither Family
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
The Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Tim Shay	Friend of the Wiggins Family
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Shane S.	Friend of the Buller Family
Michael St. Marie	Friend of Beth Harris
Rich Thole	Member of POUCC
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Sierra Walsh	Member of the Zinke Family
Al & Frieda Wilson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
James Wood	Friend of the Buller Family
Ted Yaeger, Sr.	Father of Dr. Ted Yaeger, Jr.

### In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center, MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center, DB)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center, TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center, WI)

### Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

### Broader Concerns

Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide  
First Responders Everywhere

*\*Please contact the church office with your prayer requests.*

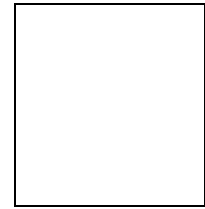
# POUCC February 2019

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sweetheart Basket Raffle Tickets Sale Begins	2
3 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	4 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 6:30 pm	5 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	6 CPT & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	7 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	8	9
10 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	11 POMA 4:30 pm Operation's Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	13 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	14 POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner & Sweetheart Basket Drawing 6:00 pm	15	16
17 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	18 POMA 4:30 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	20 CPT & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	21 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	22	23
24 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	25 POMA 4:30 pm	26 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	27 CPT & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	28 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm		

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

*Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services.*

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**Office Hours**

9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Monday—Friday

**Thrift Store Hours**

9:00 AM—3:00 PM  
Monday—Friday  
9:00—Noon

Saturday

**Sunday Worship**

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Children's Sunday School

8:45 AM

**Adult Discussion**

9:45 AM

**Tuesday**

**Youth Meeting**

6:00 PM



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