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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Continued Epiphany and winter greetings,

1 John 4:19 (NIV)

We love because he first loved us.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Do everything in love.

Three very good quotes from our Epistle scripture readings. All of them speak of love. The month of February has become the month of love because of Saint Valentine's Day coming on the 14th.

As with most days of celebration, Valentine's Day has both secular and religious connections associated with it. There are a few legends of how this day for lovers began but they all point back to a Catholic saint named Valentine. Depending on which legend you believe is not the important piece to our celebrating love.

We love because God first loved us.

What makes love so wonderfully amazing? To begin with, it is what motivated God the Father to send His only Son to die for us. Without love, there would not have been a redemption for mankind. Not only would we be without true love, but without the redemption which was caused by love, we would not have faith or hope. You see, without love nothing else really matters. It is the foundation for every other good thing there is in our lives.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever (Psalm 107:1).

Love,

Pastor Glenn

Pastor's Thoughts

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Hello and welcome to 2020! I hope everyone has had a great new year and are available and active in our ministry for Christ. In the upcoming year one of the goals is for members and friends to recruit membership and the main purpose of this is to have persons learn about Christ and the healing he can provide. Search your minds and hearts to see where you can contribute to the Port Orange United Church of Christ. Every little bit counts so much towards our success so please seriously consider having your level of participation. May god bless you and keep you safe.

Joe Thompson, Moderator

DEACON'S CORNER

Lent is fast approaching. Lent is a 40 day period of time (not counting Sundays) before Easter that represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and was tempted. As the date of Easter is calculated on the cycles of the moon, the date of Ash Wednesday will vary year to year. Ash Wednesday, February 26 is the beginning of Lent this year.



Our Church will hold a special Ash Wednesday service, starting at 5:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian heart on prayer and repentance from sin. We can enter into the Lenten season solemnly, while also looking forward in greater anticipation and joy of the message of Easter and Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death.

Ash Wednesday is celebrated different ways from congregation to congregation. Some churches utilize the ashes prepared by burning the palm ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday. The pastor or priest may invite those present to receive ashes on their foreheads. This follows the long tradition of churchgoers being marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes to symbolize the death and regret for past sins.

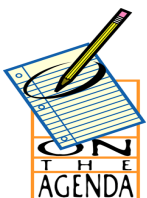
Ash Wednesday also leads into the start of Lent where many Christians fast in one form or another. Some follow the true meaning of fasting. Others do things like giving up chocolate. It's a matter of degrees.

Port Orange United Church of Christ – Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday Special Service @ 5:00 PM

Respectively, *Charlie Baskin, Deacon's Chair*

2019 ANNUAL MEETING



On Sunday, January 26th, 44 congregation members and friends gathered for the Annual Meeting. The 2020 Budget, 2020 Slate of Officers were presented, voted on, and unanimously accepted. A big thank you to Joe Thompson, Moderator, for a job well done over the past year. Copies of the 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Directory are available in the church office.

OPERATION'S TEAM

First, we need to welcome a NEW member to our Operations Team—**Harold Kransi**. We know Harold will be a great addition and will bring both his experience and insight to what we will be doing during the year. Starting a new year is always filled with anticipation and planning. Your Operations Team is excited about what was accomplished last year and is now planning what we can do to continue the momentum of maintaining and advancing the appearance of our church. Inside and outside we are now looking at all areas. In addition, we are also continuing deep reviews of all church expenses for recommendations to be more cost effective without reducing what needs to be there for our church to accomplish its various missions. The recent Annual Meeting approved a deficit budget and provides us with a real challenge for what we can do and what we must do going forward. The generosity shown and demonstrated last year for our church was amazing and we hope that that it will continue. Having stated that, we are announcing a **NEW MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN for Operations**. We just learned that our church irrigation system - pump and drop pipe to the well needs replacing. Some of you may have noticed that the water pressure is very low and the system is only spitting out water. This system is needed to keep our church grounds from browning and shrubs from dying. Like the last campaign we are seeking a donor(s) who will seed the matching portion. Our last campaign started with \$5K and it raised over \$13K total. These funds were both wisely invested and greatly improved the looks of our church. Can we do this again? Please call Bob Brewster at his cell 386-341-0423 if you want to be a startup donor or contact Barb Horton, Church Treasurer, if you want to keep your donation confidential. Our goal is to help grow our church so that our place in the community remains important and our missions remain very relevant to the people we serve. This means new members, new giving, new ideas and of course new energy. God has a mission for us and it is our job with your help to make sure it gets done! Prayers to all for a healthy and prosperous year. Regards, *Bob Brewster, Chair*



Financial Update—Operational Budget January-December 2019

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	\$ 14,862.85	\$ 157,924.51	\$ 143,800.00	\$ 14,124.51
Expenses	<u>\$ 13,455.01</u>	<u>\$ 168,758.31</u>	<u>\$ 168,574.00</u>	<u>\$ 184.31</u>
Balance	\$ 1,407.84	\$ (10,833.80)	\$ (24,774.00)	\$ 13,940.20

We are continuing to struggle with having enough income to cover our expenses. Due to having five Sundays and Christmas Eve offerings we were able to cover our costs for the month but, as you can see, our total loss for the year is \$10,833.80

We have raised an outstanding \$12,922.79 for our Matching Funds Campaign. Our Church and grounds look wonderful. Many thanks to all who have mad this possible.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Barbara Horton, Treasurer

MISSIONS NOTES

The Year is starting off with Mission's focusing on Holy Joe's Café and to date we have received \$220. Thanks to all who have donated to this worthwhile mission.

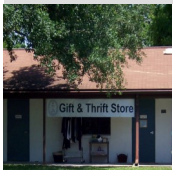


Our February Mission Project is The Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center which provides mothers "in need" with "Welcome Home Baby Packages". The following are their "**Wish List**" Items: **Diapers (size 1), Wipes, Bath Items, Bottles, Sleepers, Onesies, Blankets, Infant Clothing up to 12 months, 0-3 & 3-6 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**.

A trip to Boggy Creek was made by Jackie Gaither, Kathy Cratin & Shelia Fisher to deliver afghans for the campers. Thanks to all who donated their time and talents to provide each camper with a warm afghan.

As always, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collections continues year round. *Respectfully, Your Missions Team*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



We started the new year off with a couple of good weeks with sales totaling \$3,200. We're getting a lot of donations. Please keep them coming! God bless our volunteers and thanks to all who support the Store. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, February 2nd 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.



NEWS & NOTES

LADIES LUNCHEON: Wednesday, February 12th place TBD. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information. All are welcome to attend. Sign-up sheet to be circulated at Worship Services.



Every first Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM there will be a "Wired Word" Bible Study at the Church. The February 4th lesson will deal with "How Mediation Can Be A Godly Work And To Help Us See Where We Might Do That Work in Some Situations that Life Presents Us".

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 13th, 6:00 PM. It's a "Pot Luck". Sign-up sheet will be circulated at Sunday Services.

RECIPE CORNER

MOLLY BASKIN'S SUMMER SQUASH CASSEROLE

2 lbs. zucchini or yellow squash, about 6 cups sliced

1/4 to 1 cup chopped onions

Salt (optional)

1 can (10.75 oz.) condensed cream of broccoli cheese soup

1 cup sour cream

1 cup shredded carrots

1 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs

1/2 (1 stick) melted butter

Heat over to 350. Combine squash and onions in large saucepan. Cover with water. Season with salt, if desired. Cook 5-8 minutes. Drain. Combine soup and sour cream in large bowl. Stir in carrots. Fold in squash and onions. Combine bread crumbs and butter. Spread half into bottom of 13x9x2 baking dish. Spoon in vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with remaining bread crumbs.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until heated thoroughly. Serves 8.



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

Happy Birthday!



FEBRUARY

Thea Cloutier 2/5
Kathryn Manning 2/10



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

Bob & Ruth Brewster 2/14/1971
Jim & Sharon Williamson 2/24/1967

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Amy & Lamont	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jennifer Anderson	Member of the Batturs Family
Linda & Al Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Ruth Brewster	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Michelle Buonanno	Family of Pat Kirkley
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi Family
Faith Coppolo	Member of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Jim Farmer	Friend of the Stewart Family
Susie Greiff	Member of POUCC
Roger & Shirley Harper	Members of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Chuck Henderson	Friend of POUCC
George & Madison Hobson	Family of Erika Hobson
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
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
Bret McFarland	Friend of the Batturs Family
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Bob Morris	Friend of Pam Protko
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Member of POUCC
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Karen Sanford	Friend of the Boons
Tim Schafer	Friend of POUCC
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center, MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Ruth Gilbert	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Nancy Horn	Member 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

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.*

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

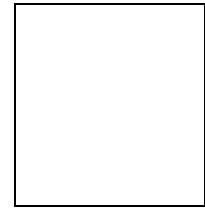
POUCC February 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 AM	3 Deacon's Meeting 6:30 pm	4 "Wired Word" Bible Study 6:00 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm	5 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	6 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	7	8
9 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	10 Operation's Meeting 6:30 pm	11	12 Ladies Luncheon 12:30 pm Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	13 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	14	15
16 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	17 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19 CPT & 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	20 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	21	22
23 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	24	25	26  5:00 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	27 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	28	29

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 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

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM

Tuesday

Monthly “Wired Word”

Mid Week Bible Study

First Tuesday of the Month

6:00 PM



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