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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Mid-winter greetings everyone,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you ever been to a really nice dinner function, be it at a fancy ballroom or an expensive restaurant? If you have, you may have checked your coat and/or hat. There is a person who will watch your garments and give you a number matching the one they place on the garment. When you return the number, the person will retrieve and give you your garment back. Normally, a tip for the person is in order.

When you enter into our church building, you won't find a coat/hat rack in the Narthex for you to use and there certainly isn't a person checking your garment and expecting a tip to keep it safe. What you can check, while in the Narthex, is all your mental baggage and other mental non-God worshipping activities and thoughts.

Entering into the worship area (Nave) of the church should bring your thought process to God. Coming to worship is just that ... coming to worship our God.

As we settle in, expect the Holy Spirit to be with you. Open your senses and try your best to allow the Holy Spirit to be with you - and you with it. During worship there are many different parts all working together toward one goal; the worship of God.

We sing hymns of praise, we pray different prayers; those of thankfulness, those of welcome, those of confession, those lifting up our friends and family members who are in ill health, the Lord's prayer taught to us by Jesus, prayers of adornment, prayers for our giving to be used wisely, prayers of going out of our church building and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, etc. We read and listen to God's word from our bibles, we hear an interpretation of the scripture readings (sermon), we pass the Peace of Christ to all those around us. We witness new members joining our congregation. We witness the Baptism of new Christians. We remember Jesus Christ and are one with him through Holy Communion. We come together to support each other in learning, love and worshipping God.

When leaving our time of worshipping together, I pray you pick up your coats and hats but leave behind your mental baggage you checked on the way in. Let the Holy Spirit be with you.

Please allow me to leave you a tip --- God loves when we worship Him. Love God and come to worship!

God's continued many blessings,

Pastor Glenn

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings and salutations and welcome to February! I hope that all of you had a good New Year. As we look forward to another year here at the Port Orange United Church of Christ with fellowship, communion and praise given to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We certainly have challenges that we will have to meet, goals we need to obtain, and only time will tell us how successful we can be. Being successful has many definitions and I am hopeful that one definition is that we are able to make available the gospel of Jesus Christ for absolutely as long as we can. May God bless you and keep you always. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

2020 ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

On Sunday, January 24th, 35 congregation members and friends gathered for the Annual Meeting. The 2021 Budget, 2021 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 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Directory are available in the Sanctuary.



LENT BEGINS



Wednesday, February 17th, 6:00 PM

Please plan gather to begin our Lenten journey with a Worship Service in which we will celebrate Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, February 7th is our next collection day. Over 45 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. We recently received a thank you note from Harry Jennings (on bulletin board) stating “the Pantry provided food for 2,651 households, 479 of whom were new, for a total of 6,453 people served”. 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

Fellowship
Dinner



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 PM POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room.

***As of this date the February Fellowship Dinner is on hold.
Please check the bulletin for further updates.***

OPERATION'S & FINANCE TEAM

Thanks to all who attended the January Annual Meeting. In the annual report and at this meeting, we highlighted the fact that we had a good year for both lower than expected expenses and good income for taking care of our church property inside and outside. Your generous gifts went a long way to making this possible. This year we will be launching another campaign seeking support dedicated to continuing the maintenance of our church property. On the horizon, we see no predictable major expense but we all know that things like this are unpredictable. Several projects are on our "to-do" list. One is building a foot bridge across the west property drainage ditch so that easy accessibility can be made from the other side. We located a source of older telephone poles for this purpose and only need to have them transported to the church by trailer. Please have anyone with a larger trailer call Bob Brewster to discuss getting this done. We are also looking at the church sanctuary walls for repainting. If you see other things please let us know. Regards, *Bob Brewster, Team Chair (Art Horton, Harold Kransi & Trey Thompson)*



Financial Update—Operational Budget January-December 2020

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	\$ 11,385.63	\$ 172,405.43	\$ 122,639.00	\$ 49,766.13
Expenses	<u>\$ 13,963.01</u>	<u>\$ 163,263.05</u>	<u>\$ 159,519.93</u>	<u>\$ (3,743.12)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ (2,577.38)	\$ 9,142.38	\$ (36,880.93)	\$ 46,023.01

We had a loss of \$2,577.38 for the month of December BUT we closed the year with a profit of \$9,142.38. We were able to obtain \$22,463.45 from the Payroll Protection Plan which was 100% forgiven as well as receiving some very generous contributions from members and friends. We also have our great Thrift Shop team who continue to do amazing thing even during trying time. With God's blessing, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

I hope this finds everyone is doing well! The Store is off and running again. We've done \$2,100 of business to date and we have another week in the month. If you haven't read the annual report, the Store had a great year for being closed for two months. Our total for the year was \$38,800 with expenses around \$600 so our final total was \$38,200 with 8,871 sales. Thanks again to all our great volunteers.

Bob Gaither, Manager



SPECIAL REQUEST



Delana Pack can get Girl Scout cookies for those who want them. **They are \$5 a box except for the gluten free which is \$6. We will take orders only until February 14th. You may text anytime or call in after 5 PM your order to 386-290-2590.** Payment will be due on delivery and we will hand deliver the cookies to your home this year. Thank you for supporting Delana and Girl Scouts!



Happy Birthday!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS*

Thea Cloutier	2/5
Kathryn Manning	2/10
Jeannie McDougal	2/23



FEBRUARY

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*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harriet Barton	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Linda Cochrane	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
June Ferreri	Former Member of POUCC
King Floyd	Friend of the Thompson Family
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Don Gates	Member of POUCC
Tony Grover	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Helen Holmes	Member of POUCC
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Grace Kern	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
Harry Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Lorraine Miklos	Friend of Sheila Fisher
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
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Oakley & Michele Solms	Friends of POUCC
Craig Smith	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Shirley Steiner	Friend of Sharon Williamson
T.J.	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Bill Wheeler	Member of POUCC
Stephanie Whitman	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Joe Wintermeyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Rita Wren	Friend of POUCC

In Care Facilities

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

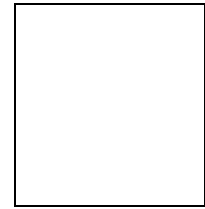
Victims of Caronavirus & Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus
All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

POUCC February 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 AM	8	9	10 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	15	16	17  6:00 pm	18	19	20 Council Meeting 10:00 am
21 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
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***Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9-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—3:00 PM
Monday—Friday
9:00—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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