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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

So far, the weather this winter has been very nice; a little warmer than normal. To me, even normal temperatures beat "up north" winter weather. Now I realize there are those who prefer cold, snow and ice over our beautiful Florida days. They enjoy skiing, ice skating, sledding and such. We are all different and are able to find God's beauty no matter where we live.

Good and bad are in every aspect of our lives. Some see this winter weather as good while others do not. Life is full of conditions we see differently. God's word, the Bible, really is no different. It's almost scary to see how some interpret the bible for their own personal gain while other interpretations are used to create war and hatred.

I rejoice in knowing most readers of God's holy word find answers to every question concerning our lives. Whenever you need an answer to one of life's questions, go to the bible and do a little research ... I'll bet God has given you the answer you need.

I'm always amazed at how one verse or maybe a small group of verses can be read or heard by a few (or many) and how the viewed outcome of those verses are as varied as there are people hearing the word. It certainly is interesting to hear how my interpretation of scripture (my sermon) is heard differently by those who hear it.

The cooler and gloomy days will come. Enjoy them, as they are creations of God just like the warm sunny days are. While sitting indoors enjoying the warmth, pull out your bible and read about world history, violence, love, sex, humor, war, poems, the life of Jesus, etc. God's word is meant to be read, heard, interpreted and shared. Spend a few minutes each day with your bible. It's the number one selling book in the world ... let's open the cover and read it.

May the Love of Christ be with You,

Pastor Glenn



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



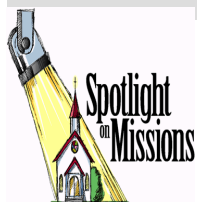
Happy February Everyone! By now, we will have had our church's 2022 Annual Meeting which gave us the opportunity to review 2021 as well as the chance to look forward into the future for where our church path may take us next. I won't dwell on the fact that the pandemic has changed a lot of thinking and actions for almost everything we do both inside and outside of our church. What I want everyone to focus on is what we are going to do going forward. For one I do not believe in looking back. Ruth often accuses me of being stubborn about turning around when we are driving and have missed our turn. I look for an alternative way to get to where we want to go without turning around. The key is knowing where we want to go. Without a clear destination it is possible to keep making turns and never arrive where we want to go. Here at POUCC, we have had a wonderful history of doing things that often are only reserved for much larger churches with lots of resources. Our church has always had limited financial resources but always had plenty of people to make things happen. Good things... that would have other churches wondering how we were doing them. Today, we are facing dwindling financial resources but even so, that is not as important as the fact that we are also facing dwindling people. At a time when people should be flocking to our church in droves, we are finding it very challenging to get our message out there about who we are and why we are important. I have polled many of you over the past month about our church's direction and because I am writing this BEFORE our annual meeting, I am assuming that we also discussed the need for setting a direction and goal for where we need to go. If we cannot go back to where we were does that mean we cannot go forward? I believe that the answer is clear. "Keep It Open...and THEY Will Come!" Do whatever it takes to keep our church functioning and serving the needs of those people we already have and THEY will come. Who is "THEY"? Could it be new pastors or a pastor and family after our own Pastor Glenn retires in May? Could it be a new group of people seeking out our church to join or partner? Could it be a special mission that brings people to us and from which we grow? I do not have the answer. Perhaps, you as an individual do not have the answer either. But I am positive that as a church body – both members & friends of our church – we collectively together have the answer. Tell others that we need people for our wonderful Thrift Store. We need people to help run worship services with musical talent for both our praise team and playing our piano and organ. Tell people we want a church choir again for singing wonderful songs of praise and thanks. We need people who hear God's calling to join a church where they can be part of an active church body for doing local mission work and helping others. Keep praying for all this and more! And, always be positive. God is with us. Jesus is walking with each of us and we are never alone. Prayerfully written, *Bob Brewster Moderator*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, February 6th is our next collection day. Over 14 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.**



MISSION'S REPORT



Thanks to all who donated to Holy Joe's Café Mission Project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our February project is to help supply twin sheets and single pillowcases to Palmetto House in Daytona Beach. Palmetto House is the largest temporary housing facility in Volusia and Flagler counties servicing the homeless. *Your Mission's Team*

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

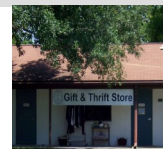


Every Second Thursday at 6:00 PM POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room.

Our Next Dinner is Thursday, February 10th. It's a "Soup, Salad & Bread Dinner. Sign-up Sheet will be circulated during Worship.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store has been very busy thanks to your great donations. WE really need volunteers— hours are 9:00 AM -Noon—Noon-2:00 PM. Any or all times are available. If you can help please contact Jackie Gaither (295-3050). *Bob Gaither, Manager*



OPERATION'S & FINANCE TEAM



This month's article will be short and sweet. First, I welcome two new members to the Operations Team, Sean Senko and Walt Barton. Both stepped up and volunteered to be on the team, welcome aboard.

Our hope is you have/will (depending on when you read this article) attend our church Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022. The meeting will/did present an up-to-date overall view, financially, spiritually and how our churches physical plant is.

Over the past few months, I have presented in our team's newsletter articles and in-depth view of where our buildings and grounds "physical plant" are with respect to the needs for maintenance and upkeep.

As stated in our annual report, many exterior and interior maintenance and upkeep as well as interior long term cost savings with respect to changing out old fluorescent lighting to LED have been or are in the process of completion.

Our exterior "physical plant" is now in a position where we should only need "normal" maintenance for the foreseeable future.

Hopefully in later 2022 or early 2023 we can commence interior maintenance, painting, etc.

I and/or Bob Brewster have presented at each church service; we have donations at the present time for 50% of the projects we have completed and/or are in stages of completion, we are approximately \$15,000.00 short of the donations we need. We sure could use you help. Pick a project and help your church. 2022 & 2023 will be building years for our church, not only financially, spiritually and growth. Please invite a friend, neighbor, associate, whomever to come to church with you. We have a wonderful family at POUCC, we just need to get the word out to the community and surrounds. Until next month, see you in church. *Art Horton, Chair of Operations*

Financial Update—Operational Budget January-December 2021

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	\$ 20,949.00	\$ 160,167.43	\$ 134,619.00	\$ 25,548.43
Expenses	<u>\$ 27,979.14</u>	<u>\$ 172,550.34</u>	<u>\$ 163,021.30</u>	<u>\$ 9,529.04</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ (7,027.14)	\$ (12,382.91)	\$ (28,402.30)	\$ 16,019.39



We ended the year with a loss of \$12,382.91 but we did \$16,019.39 better than we had anticipated when we can up with the budget at the end of 2020. The main reason for this was, of course, the Thrift Store. Their over-budget income was in excess of \$20,000.00. Congratulations to Bob and his *super team*. We are truly blessed for all our members, friends and team workers. Thanks go out to all. With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*.

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
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	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Adele Echenique	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Alice Lynn Feldman	Member of POUCC
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Susan Grillo	Niece of the Zinke's
Gary Haines	Cousin of Bob Gaither
John Hamer	Friend of the Horton's
Brad Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Shirley Harper	Former Member f POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Erika Henderson	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Jack Hilgenberg	Former Members of POUCC
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Emily McCleary	Friend of POUCC
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Kay Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty Shepherd	Member of POUCC
Bill & Sharon Tinney	Friends of POUCC
Judy Turcotte	Friend of POUCC
Grant Tobin	Friend of POUCC
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Ahmet Wilson	Friend of Sheila Fisher

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

**Please contact the Church office (788-0920)*

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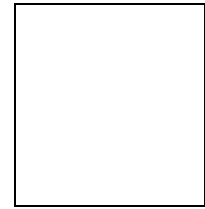
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 AM	7	8	9	10 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	11	12
13 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	14 	15	16	17	18	19 Council Meeting 10:00 am
20 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional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

Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

UPCOMING REMINDER: LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND.

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Office Hours

9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Monday—Friday
9:00—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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