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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Continued Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year,

Looking forward; starting anew. What a great time of the year January is. We all find ourselves excited because this is the time of year when the calendar tells us the year is brand new. We are in the very beginning of the new year 2019. On Sunday, January 6 we are beginning the new church season of Epiphany. We are also witnessing the amount of daylight is now increasing every day. We can feel we are moving forward.

New ... there's something about "new" that cheers us up. Although "new" almost always means change, somehow we seem to embrace change when it is presented as new.

As humans, we all have done some pretty dumb things. I'm sure we have all committed errors and wish we had a mulligan; a do-over to erase the bad decisions we made. How is your life going? I pray you are headed in the right direction and the path you have chosen is a good one for you. Maybe you have tried a new path; a new direction recently. Maybe we all need to realize our new beginnings, new paths, excited new directions can be looked at as times of repentance.

The word **repent** means:
taking a new direction
diverging from the direction you were heading
taking a new path
taking a turn toward good
turning toward the light
turning toward God

Repent; become anew. Turn toward God; focus on what is good. Wow, talk about a great New Year resolution ... REPENT!

God's blessings,

Pastor Glenn



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



- **Contacting the Pastor:**
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- **Hospital Admission Policies**

When being admitted to area health care facilities, please have a member of the family or a close friend contact the Pastor or church secretary of the admission. The United States Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for the HIPAA Rule which prevents health care facilities from contacting the church or pastor unless you specifically give them permission and ask them to do so.

- **Thank you:**

Sue and I thank you for all of your kind words, thoughts, actions and prayers during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

To all who helped decorate the church for Advent and Christmas during the week of November 26. It looked beautiful.

To the seven families who came forward during our Advent worships to light the Advent candles: Brad and Barbara Boon, Bob and Ruth Bruster, Don and Denise Gates, Ted and Sue Batturs, The Thompson family, our youth, and our Thrift Store family members: Sue Batturs, Sheila Fisher and Mary Ann Stewart.

DEACON'S CORNER

Our Church has had to dip into its Benevolent Fund to help pay current expenses. It is important for everyone to know about the Fund's purpose and how it operates.

The purpose of this Fund is to enhance the mission and outreach of the Port Orange United Church of Christ. Both the income and principal, under certain restrictions, may be used. The Operations Team shall make decisions supporting the concept that the Fund is for long-term purpose versus short-term immediacy.

The Church's Operation Team acts as Custodians of the Fund. The Operations Team may establish a committee of not more than three Church members to advise on the management of the Benevolent Fund. The Operations Team is responsible for reporting to the Church Council on the Fund on at least a quarterly basis and to the congregation at its annual meeting.

Donations to the Benevolent Fund come from memorial donations in remembrance of deceased persons and honoring certain people for their service to God and Church. The Funding may come to the Benevolent Fund through bequests in will, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, assignment of life insurance and/or transfer of property (cash, stocks, bonds real estate, etc.)

The distribution of the funds is somewhat restricted to protect our Church and the Fund. A yearly draw of 4% may be taken each year. The Church Council, by action requiring a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote, may withdraw additional funds. No more than 50% of the Funds assets may be withdrawn within a 12 month period by this type of action. Withdrawing greater than 50% of the Funds assets within a 12 month period requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Church Council and a majority vote of the congregation. While the Fund is to be used for long-term management of the Church and its mission, the use of this Fund for current spending may be justified.

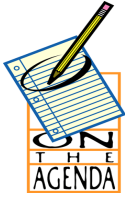
Currently within our Benevolent Fund are donations memorializing many members that are deceased. A very large donation has been placed in the Fund through a bequest in a will. I understand others within our Church life have placed a bequest to our Church in their wills. It is a well thought out "thank you".

Charlie Baskin, Chair of Deacons



FROM THE DEACONS

ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 9:45 AM between Services. Topics to be presented are the 2019 Budget as well as nomination and election of officers for the year. A prospective list of nominees is listed below. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Annual Reports are due by **Friday, January 4th and will be available on Sunday, January 13th for your review.** Please type your report in Microsoft Word for easy compilation and e-mail it to the Church Office

PROPOSED 2019 LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Joe Thompson* Treasurer: Hal Francis* Asst. Treasurer:
Church Clerk: Assistant Moderator: Kathy Cratin*

DEACONS TEAM

Jackie Gaither* 2019
Sheila Fisher* 2019
Charlie Baskin* 2019
Ted Yaeger* 2019
Linda Rogers* 2019
Barbara Horton* 2019
Sharon Williamson* 2019

OPERATIONS TEAM

Bob Brewster* 2019
Rich Thole* 2019
Billy Wiggins* 2019

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Mary Ann Stewart* 2019
Susie Bussard * 2019
Pat Kirkley* 2019
Sue Barhite* 2019
Jackie Gaither* 2019
Diane Kirlin* 2019

MISSIONS TEAM

Sue Batturs* 2019
Pam Protko* 2019
Sheila Fisher* 2019
Jackie Gaither* 2019
Peggy Wiggins* 2019

TEACHING TEAM

Linda Rodgers* 2019
Sherian Buller* 2019

THRIFT STORE

Bob Gaither Molly Baskin Sue Batturs
Sue Barhite Susie Bussard Susie Greiff
Sheila Fisher Jo Ellen Hopkins Ron Zinke
Ruth Brewster Dorothy Manser Sonnie Zinke
Louise Johnson Barbara Boon Ann Tobin
Judy Turcotte Mary Ann Sumner
Sharon Williamson

1. *Denotes being nominated at this Annual Meeting.
2. The year listed after a person's name indicates the term ends at the completion of that leadership year. 2019 term ends on 02/01/2020.

The Church Council consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Church Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and representatives from the Deacons, Teaching, Operations, Missions, Fellowship and Thrift Store Teams.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Here it is January, 2019! Happy New Year! I do hope this will be a good and prosperous year for Port Orange United Church. We all certainly need it. 2018 was an interesting one for us. We said goodbye to Pastor Steven and sent him off to the cold in Nebraska. In March, we welcomed Pastor Glenn, Sue and Kurt to our fellowship. We were fortunate to have others join us. Now it is up to the rest of us in our church to welcome and bring in more people to get involved in our many activities and programs. Let's make 2019 fun! *Kathy Cratin, Moderator*

OPERATIONS TEAM



Looking back on 2018, we have been very fortunate with our church property that no one single event happened to cause damage or significant costs. Mostly routine and preventative maintenance were the norm. We cannot expect to be so lucky every year as past years have proven. In this coming year we are anticipating possible replacement of another AC system for the kitchen and a new roof for the Jim Reed Building. Our sanctuary is now showing signs that a fresh coat of paint is coming due. Our driveway also needs a good treatment of crack filler along with an overall sealing. This will also require painting new parking space lines. The list goes on and on but again, avoiding storm and hurricane damage will be our best chance for also avoiding significant expenses. Insurance is there to help but the rest is up to us through donations and fundraising to do what we can when needed.

From everyone on the Operations Team, we wish all of you and your families a very **Healthy & Happy New Year 2019!**

Bob Brewster & Billy Wiggins, Co -Chairman Operations Team

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

December was a busy and profitable month for the Store. Our vast Christmas inventory, which was beautifully displayed by our talented volunteers, attracted customers old and new looking for that special gift. In fact, we exceeded our approved budget numbers for this year with sales totaling \$29,350. Many thanks to the hardworking volunteers, used customers, and all who continue to donate items to the Store. We look forward to a 2019! *Bob Gaither, Manager*



YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

We continue to collect food items to help the hungry. **Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. Our next collection will take place on January 6th.** Over 28 bags of food were collected last month for Halifax Urban Ministry's Food Pantry. 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 clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers.



Financial Update Operational Budget as of 11/30/18



	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$13,091	\$147,918	\$133,265	\$14,653
Expenses	\$14,389	\$157,042	\$155,580	\$ 1,462
Balance	(\$ 1,298)	(\$ 9,124)	(\$ 22,315)	

*Please note that the income and expenses do not include Missions. November was a fairly typical month with the only extra expense being the payment of our annual UCC Conference Dues. These normal expenses did put us in the red, however, because our income continues to be less than we need to have a balanced budget. **The Operating Account has run out of money.** We are continuing to use the Benevolent/Emergency Fund to pay some of the Church's expenses through the end of the year. Thank you for your continued generosity.*
Hal Francis, Treasurer

2019 Boxed Envelope Sets are available in the Jim Reed Room.

YOUTH NEWS



There certainly were Angels Among Us on December 23rd!

The journey started in September with an Alabama song “Angels Among Us.” From there the teens helped to brainstorm and come up with our script. Three months later, with 22 people involved, the youth were able to host the entire service and present Angels Among Us! What a Fabulous Job they did!

Thank you to all the youth who made this a wonderful day of celebration; Akira, Ariel, Aydan, Blake, Colten, Danielle, Delana, Grayson, Remy, Sean, Thomas, and Will. And Van for the collecting the offering.



Thank you to the adults for your support and participation; Gail Besaw, Cyndy Carrig, Hal Francis, Deb Pack, Dr. Tom Naus, Linda Rogers, Stephanie Whitman, and Dr. Ted Yaeger. And Bob Brewster for filming!

MISSION NOTES



Spruce Creek Elementary's December Angel Tree Mission was a tremendous success with 136 angels on the Sanctuary Christmas Tree. Our members and friends brought their gifts in and they were delivered on December 11th. The Mission Team thanks each and every one of you that helped make these children's Christmas a happy one.

A heart warming “thank you” was received from Spruce Creek High School for the check POUCC presented to them last month. It is posted on the Sanctuary bulletin board and hopefully, everyone will read.

Bob and the Thrift Store continue to get and give **Spruce Creek High School** girls and boys jeans and tennis shoes, and even a new pair of football cleats, Thank you Bob!

January 1st begins our mission of funds for **Holy Joe's Café** an informal coffee house where soldiers can receive a good cup of coffee as well as spiritual care. Please remember these brave men and women who keep us safe, and think of how easy it is for us to grab a 'cup of joe' whenever we want and sit and enjoy it in the comfort of our homes. Not so for these soldiers. Please be generous! A coffee can will be up front in the Sanctuary for monetary donations as well as checks which should be made out to POUCC with Holy Joe's in the memo line. Thank you all! *Peggy Wiggins, Chair of the Missions Team*



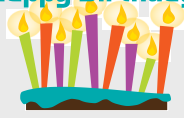
SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



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, January 10th. “It's a “Pot Luck.” Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Sunday Worship.

Happy Birthday!



JANUARY

Blake Buller	1/2
Aydan Buller	
Richard Devins, Jr.	1/4
Don Schweitzer	1/7
Grayson Carrig	1/8
Shirley Harper	1/9
Jack Hilgenberg	1/10
Sue Rice	
Kathy Cratin	1/16
Mary McDonald	1/20
Warren Feilbach	1/24
Kay Schweitzer	1/26
John Shaw	1/27
Luke Moss	
Deb Pack	1/29
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hargrove	1/31

JANUARY



Harold & Sandy Kransi	1/1/1982
Tracy & Milissa Davis	1/16/2000

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Connie & John Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jeff Batturs	Son of Ted & Sue Batturs
Wendy Bompas	Friend of the Buller Family
Joan Brown	Friend of POUCC
Elijah Buller	Member of POUCC
David Butters	Family of Joe Rogers
Chris	Friend of the Buller Family
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Dale Hill	Sister-in-Law of Valerie Hill
Shelly Hill	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Dave Holder	Friend of the Buller Family
James	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Carol Jarvis	Friend of Carol Rogers
Scott Kirlan	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Dayle & Elmo Orciani	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Shon Owezarzak	Grandson of Mary Ann Stewart
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Tim Shay	Friend of the Wiggin's 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-
James Wood	Friend of the Buller Family

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center in MA).
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center in TN)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in NY)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center in WI)

Special Needs

All of Our Military & Their Families


Broader Concerns

Victims of Terrorism Worldwide
Pray for Peace in our World

**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.

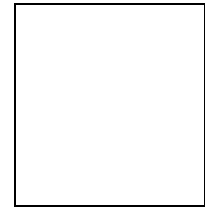
POUCC January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Office & Thrift Store Closed	2 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	3 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	4	5
6 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	7 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacon's Mtg. 6:30 pm	8 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	9 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT/ Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	10 POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	11	12
13 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	14 POMA 4:30 pm Operations 6:00 pm Council 6:30 pm	15 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	16 CPT 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	17 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	18	19
20 Contemporary 8:45 am Annual Meeting 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	21 POMA 4:30 pm Council 6:30 pm	22 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	23 CPT 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	24 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	25	26
27 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	28 POMA 4:30 pm	29 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	30 CPT 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	31 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm		

*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9:00-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
Youth Meeting
6:00 PM