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## SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year,

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new calendar year. Most of us believe the holidays are over and well behind us but the truth is (if you are reading this prior to January 6) we are still officially in the Christmas season.

Most of us feel relieved knowing all of the hubbub and scurrying around has subsided and the retailers have backed off from their mammoth advertisement campaigns but take some time to continue celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior.

The season of Epiphany begins on Monday, January 6 and continues until the beginning of the season of Lent, Ash Wednesday, February 26.

The term **epiphany** means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." It remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by doing so "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

The Epiphany season is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.

Our Missions' Committee is working to help others here in the Port Orange area and elsewhere. This is a wonderful time of the year to become a part of the missions work done at Port Orange UCC and/or financially support the work of those able to share their time and abilities to those less fortunate.

Joyfully and lovingly working together,

*Pastor Glenn*

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## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



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- **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 on Saturday, November 30. It looked beautiful.

To the those who came forward during our Advent worships to light the Advent candles:

Kathy Cratin, Sheila Fisher, Charlie and Jean McDougall, Joe, Janna and Trey Thompson, Harold and Sandy Kransi, Dr. Tom Naus and Karen Klima, Bob and Jackie Gaither, Peggy Fodor, Sue Rice, Cindy Johndrow, Deb, Colton and Delana Pack.

To our wonderful choir. The Carols and Lessons service was great!

I'd like to thank all of the committee members for all of their hard work, time and energy during the past year. You are a big part of making this church such a wonderful place to worship and to be in fellowship with.

Thank you to the entire congregation for being a congregation of love and joy.

## DEACON'S CORNER

January 1 is fast approaching. Are you ready to ring in the New Year?

2019 was a year that many of us look back on with its share of successes and some failures. Yes, we probably had some things go wrong, but no one can go back in time to change what has happened, only learn from it. Good things in our personal life and in our Church community can be utilized as a foundation for forward progress.



**FROM THE DEACONS**

One of the good things that had happened in 2019 was the combined service of our Church on December 15 that featured our choir led by Dr. Tom Naus. They performed the music they sang at Carnegie Hall on November 19. The Church was filled with members, friends and guests to worship and hear our wonderful choir. Well done!!!

Think of the New Year as the opening of a blank book. With pen in hand, we start to write in the pages ourselves. The book could feature our opportunities that we develop or are presented to us and how we react to them. Hopefully in a positive manner that will lead you on the right path.

And finally, may God fill your new year with a deeper faith, more laughter, good health and increased love. Fill your life and the life of others with sunshine. Let God's shining light be your guide.

Have a blessed new year,

*Charlie Baskin, Deacons Chair*

**REMINDER: INVITE A NEIGHBOR TO CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH!**



## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

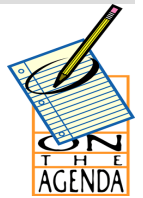


Greetings and welcome to January,

We enter a new year here at the POUCC and we look for positives to build on for the future of our church. The biggest positive I can think of is the people that make up this church. You are wonderful people, diverse in many ways but altogether a loving group of people and that is special. So many people to thank if I tried I would miss some one or more and I would feel bad about that so let me say thanks to you now for being a part of this church's life. To the staff you are a wonderful group of people we love you for your dedication and work ethic. To the people on committees bless you for what you do it is so appreciated and makes a huge difference in the life of this church. This coming year has its challenges, but it does every year and the difference that makes a church successful is each member and friend going forward with the ministry of Christ however you can. Please consider it as a matter of the heart. I look forward to the Annual Meeting and seeing you there. It should be a good day for us to work together as a whole to meet our goal of delivering the good news that Jesus is with us, and that my friends is a blessing. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 26, 2020 following a Combined Service of Worship at 9:45 AM .** Topics to be presented are the 2020 Budget as well as nomination and election of officers for the year. **A "Pot Luck" Luncheon will follow the Meeting.** Annual Reports are due by **Friday, January 3rd and will be available on Sunday, January 19th for your review.** Please type your report in Microsoft Word for easy compilation and e-mail it to the Church Office.



### PROPOSED 2020 LEADERSHIP.

Moderator: Joe Thompson*	Treasurer: Barbara Horton*	Asst. Treasurer: Janna Thompson*
Church Clerk:	Assistant Moderator: Kathy Cratin*	
<b>DEACONS TEAM</b>	<b>OPERATIONS TEAM</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP TEAM</b>
Jackie Gaither*      2020	Bob Brewster*      2020	Susie Bussard *      2020
Sheila Fisher*      2020	Art Horton*      2020	Jackie Gaither*      2020
Faith Coppolo      2020	Trey Thompson*      2020	Diane Kirlin*      2020
Ted Yaeger*      2020	Joe Thompson      2020	<b>MISSIONS TEAM</b>
Barbara Horton*      2020	Harold Kransi      2020	Jackie Gaither*      2020
Sharon Williamson*      2020		Sheila Fisher*      2020
Kathy Cratin*      2020		Pam Protko*      2020

### THRIFT STORE

Bob Gaither	Molly Baskin	Sue Batturs	Sheila Fisher	Louise Johnson	Jeanette Kearsh
Tony Sciuillo	Susie Bussard	Susie Greiff	Ruth Brewster	Mary Ann Sumner	Ann Tobin
Mary Ann Stewart	Dorothy Manser	Barbara Boon	Judy Turcotte	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. 2020 term ends on 02/01/2021.

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.

## OPERATIONS TEAM



Your POUCC Operations Team (Bob Brewster, Art Horton & Trey Thompson) want to thank everyone who contributed to our Operations Matching Funds Campaign. **The monies raised so far exceed \$12,500 and even though the official matching funds campaign stops on December 31, we hope that the giving will continue.** All funds raised are being used 100% for maintaining the church property – inside and outside. The results of this investment can be easily seen when viewing the church grounds outside. The clearing of unnecessary trees, bushes, brush and plants around the church was a major start. Next came the sodding of all the cleared areas to bring back our lawn making the church more visible and eye appealing. This has been followed by the landscaping of the church front entrance area along with the driveway center island. Added to this was the relining of all parking spots and no parking zones. Inside the church we had new programmable thermostats installed with a customized heating & cooling management system that is set for year round conditions. You will now see fans in all areas to help keep these costs down. This system is projected to save about an estimated \$3K-\$5K per year in electrical costs. We are also looking at our insurance costs and are projecting another possible \$2K-\$3K saving there also. There is still a lot more to do but without your financial contributions and the donations from businesses like **Don's Tree Services and Tuff Turf Landscaping**, we would not be able to present you with all these positive changes and results. You will be reading more in the Annual Report coming in January.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & MAY YOU ALL HAVE A HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

*Bob Brewster Chairman Operations Team*

## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

Thanks to our generous customers, December has been a great month for the Thrift Store. We may not reach our goal of \$40,000 for the year but to date we have had robust sales totaling \$39,000. God bless our volunteers and thanks to all who donate.

*Bob Gaither, Manager*



### Financial Update Operational Budget as of 11/30/19

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$11,577.00</b>	<b>\$154,921.66</b>	<b>\$132,041.60</b>	<b>\$22,880.06</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,618.74</b>	<b>\$163,199.18</b>	<b>\$151,690.23</b>	<b>\$11,508.95</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>(\$ 4,041.74)</b>	<b>(\$ 8,277.52)</b>	<b>(\$ 19,648.63)</b>	<b>\$11,371.11</b>

Despite the generosity of our congregation, we continue to struggle with a loss each month. November's loss is \$4,041.74 and the year-to-date loss is \$8,277.52. Our Operation account balance at the end of November is \$7,175.75, \$5,000 of which was transferred from our Wells Fargo account and includes a balance of \$715.60 in the Matching Funds account.

Due to the generosity of all who donated to our Matching Funds Campaign, we have been able to greatly improve the appearance of our Church and it can now be seen by all who pass by. Thank you for your continued support. *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

**2020 Boxed Envelope Sets are available in the Jim Reed Room.**





## MISSION NOTES



**Spruce Creek Elementary** December Angel Tree Mission was a tremendous success with 67 angels on the Sanctuary Christmas Tree. Our members and friends brought their gifts in and they were delivered on December 9th. The Mission Team thanks each and every one of you that helped make these children's Christmas a happy one.

We recently received a thank you note from Spruce Creek Elementary School expressing their sincere thanks for our generous donation of food and turkeys which made a number of families' Thanksgiving a much happier holiday. Spruce Creek High School also sent a note of thanks for our generous monetary donations as well as the tubs of personal care items you donated to help the Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth Program. Notes are posted on the Sanctuary Bulletin Board.

Beginning this month we will again raise funds in support of "Holy Joe's Café" a coffee house ministry for UCC Chaplains and Troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait.

The project came into being in 2006 and provides U.S. Service Members a safe and informal "coffee house" where they can receive spiritual care and good coffee. Please support this vital and worthwhile cause by placing your monetary donations in the coffee can in the front of the Sanctuary. As always, Sophie Circle, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collection continues year round. *Your Mission Team*



## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



**Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. Our next collection date is January 5th.** Over 27 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.

## SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room.

*Due to the "Pot Luck" Luncheon following our Annual Meeting on January 26th, our next Fellowship Dinner will be held on February 12th*

## NEWS & NOTES



The 2020 Edition will be available at the Annual Meeting. If you have any address or contact changes, please notify the Church Office as soon as possible.

**REMINDER:** Yearly Conference Dues are \$15 per participating member and the check should be made out to POUCC with Conference Dues in the memo line. **The total amount due is paid to the Conference up front each year by the Congregation and your contribution towards this reimburses the Church for that mandatory fee.**

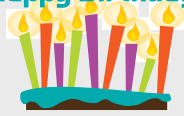


Every first Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM there will be a "Wired Word" Bible Study at the Church. The January 7th lesson will deal with "Planning for the New Year".

**JANUARY LADIES LUNCHEON: Wednesday, January 15th, 12:30 PM place TBD. Watch the bulletin insert for more details.** Sign-up sheet will be circulated at Services.



Happy Birthday!



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS\*

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 ANNIVERSARIES\*

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Amy & Lamont	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jennifer Anderson	Member of the Batturs Family
John Baker	Brother-in-Law of Peggy Fodor
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
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Karen Sanford	Friend of the Boons
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
Judy Van Camp	Member of POUCC
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.**

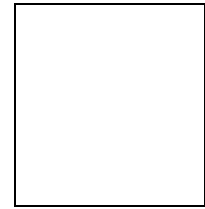
# POUCC January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  <b>Office &amp; Thrift Store Closed</b>	2 <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	3	4
5 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:45 & 10:45 am <b>Adult Discussion</b> 9:45 AM	6 <b>Deacon's Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	7 <b>"Wired Word" Bible Study</b> 6:00 pm <b>Compassionate Friends</b> 6:00 pm	8 <b>Palmetto House</b> 5:30 pm <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	9 <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	10	11
12 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	13 <b>Operations</b> 6:00 pm	14	15 <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	16 <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	17	18
19 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Annual Meeting</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	20 <b>Council</b> 6:30 pm	21	22 <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	23 <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	24	25
26 <b>Combined Service</b> 9:45 am <b>Followed by Annual Meeting &amp; Luncheon</b>	27	28	29 <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm	30 <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	31	

*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  
Adult Discussion  
9:45 AM

**“Wired Word” Bible Study**

First Tuesday of Each Month  
6:00 PM



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