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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

ALREADY! Yes, it's already another new year. I was having a conversation in early December, when someone mentioned the term Y2k. I believe most of us remember the big hullabaloo concerning computers crashing when midnight struck on January 1, 2000. Well, very little changed and the end of the world didn't occur; the earth continued to spin and all is well.

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I remembered I was still working with computer software and knew the media hype was nothing more than another angle to sell their print and airtime. I also remember being amazed at all of the bright people I knew who believed the media-hype and believed my colleagues and I knew nothing or were trying to cover up our short comings.

Trying to tell the truth -- to a world that loves to hear about disaster, death and mayhem is a difficult place to be because there are so many negative sooth-slayers spreading their negativity.

Can you imagine what it must have been like knowing how a new baby had just been born and he was to be the Messiah?

If you were Mary, most people who knew you didn't believe you were still a virgin. If you were Joseph ... well they were still trying to figure you out; were you the father or not? If you happened to be in Bethlehem for the census; did you hear about the greatest king ever being born in the dirty barn out back while you slept in comfort? Were you feeling ashamed? If this was truly the birth of the Messiah, why would he be born in Bethlehem, to a young, unmarried peasant? There were no celebrations; no mention in the morning news; nothing. There didn't seem to be anything special about a baby being born. Besides the baby's parents and immediate family, who cared?

God cared! God cared so much for the world, He gave his only eternally begotten son to us. God brought Jesus into the world in the every day, normal paced way of human life. Nothing fancy; nothing out of the ordinary; no big deal. It turned out God in human flesh was a big deal and the few who knew and believed the truth of Jesus Christ had a difficult time trying to tell the truth to others without being criticized or being made fun of.

In today's world, we Christians continue to have the same problem Mary, Joseph, and other early Christians did. Confessing to others how we believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not always a simple matter. Somehow it can make us, and others around us, a bit uneasy. Christianity continues to be hard work. As the new year begins, my challenge to you is to go out and tell others of the love and joy you have for the King of kings and Lord of lords. Really, it's okay to profess your belief in Jesus Christ as the Messiah; the babe who was born some 2,000 years ago. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere! Peace of Christ be with You,

Pastor Glenn

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MODERATOR'S & ASSISTANT MODERATOR MESSAGES



Greetings brothers and sisters and welcome to the new year. We are blessed to be here and operating in an environment that does not lend itself to what we are able to do. Heading into the new year, I look for us to be ever vigilant to provide worship and spirit filled praise for our Lord and Savior. Can you imagine the joy in heaven that we haven't let the worldly affairs as distracting as they can be get in the way of us worshipping god. Please take this moment to pat each other on the back and say good job. It ain't easy to be a Christian nowadays. People in the social media world have an instant retort on any position on any subject they choose to debate and do so quite fervently I might add some times to a painful effect. But there is a calming balm a soothing sound and a comforting arm that is with us every single step of the way and all we have to do is lean on those wonderful arms Jesus will do the rest. You know my grandmother, god rest her soul, used to tell me "God will never put on ya more than you can stand, cause he loves ya and he wants you to help someone else that needs love a bit more than you, so expect to be pushed". Well we certainly have had that lately but I feel more than ever his daily influence to get up and go tell it from the mountain Jesus Christ is born and died for us that we might live. Nothing on earth tops that: you're right Gramma you're right. God bless you and keep you safe and feel his love always *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 24, 2021 following a Combined Service of Worship at 9:45 AM . Topics to be presented are the 2021 Budget as well as nomination and election of officers. Annual Reports are due by **Wednesday, January 6th and will be available on Sunday, January 17th for your review.** Please type your report in Microsoft Word for easy compilation and email it to the Church Office.



PROPOSED 2021 LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Open Assistant Moderator: Joe Thompson* Treasurer: Barbara Horton
Asst. Treasurer: Janna Thompson Church Clerk: Open

DEACONS TEAM

Jackie Gaither 2021
Sheila Fisher 2021
Ted Yaeger 2021
Barbara Horton 2021
Sharon Williamson 2021
Joe Thompson 2021*

OPERATIONS TEAM

Bob Brewster 2021
Art Horton 2021
Trey Thompson 2021
Harold Kransi 2021

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Susie Bussard 2021
Jackie Gaither 2021
Diane Kirilin 2021

MISSIONS TEAM

Jackie Gaither 2021
Sheila Fisher 2021 Pam Protko 2021

THRIFT STORE

Bob Gaither Sue Batturs Sheila Fisher Dorothy Manser Jeanette Kearsh Tony Sciullo Judy Turcotte
Susie Bussard Susie Greiff Ruth Brewster Mary Ann Stewart Louise Johnson Ann Tobin
Sue Battures Sharon Williamson Bill & Sharon Tinney Barbara McLaughlin

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. 2021 term ends on 02/01/2022.

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, January 14th. It's a Pot Luck!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.***

A FOND FAREWELL



This will be my last post for the newsletter. In mid January I will be moving to Jacksonville. My sister and her husband, the ones I cruised around the world with, in 2019, will also be moving. We are going into Cypress Village, which is a retirement center very near Mayo Clinic. My parents lived there during the 1990s, so we are very familiar with all the activities that are available. My husband, Ed and I joined POUCC back in 1986, and have been involved with so many different aspects of the church. I will miss you, but it is the right time for me to make this change. Please continue to work and support our church in Port Orange. *Kathy Cratin, Assistant Moderator*

OPERATIONS TEAM



The Operations & Finance Team Report this month is brief because we will have a more detailed report for the POUCC Annual Meeting in January 2021. As you already know, through the support of our members and friends, plus help from Federal Government's Payroll Protection Program (PPP), we have been able to meet all the financial challenges thrown at us this year. It has been tough and next year looks like it will be more of the same just not as severe. Getting through the year without a major storm or hurricane has been a big help. Also, not having any major maintenance issues with our church grounds and buildings has allowed us to maximize our limited funds in other areas. Again, thank you from the entire Operations & Finance Team for everything you have done - big and small. It all adds up. We are a very fortunate church body in many different ways but perhaps most significant is that through good times and bad times, we are still able to laugh, cry and worship together. If all else fails we have each other and the spiritual connection we all share to our God Almighty who watches over each and everyone of us. God Bless all of you during this holiday season. Merry Christmas!
Bob Brewster, Chair, Operations Team (Art Horton, Harold Kransi, Trey Thompson)

Financial Update Operational Budget as of 11/30/20

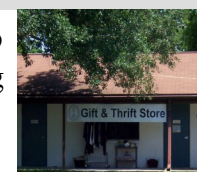


	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	\$ 15,056.67	\$ 138,556.35	\$ 111,697.32	\$ 26,859.03
Expenses	\$ 12,636.55	\$ 149,300.04	\$ 146,387.49	\$ (2,912.55)
Profit/Loss	\$ 2,420.12	\$ (10,743.69)	\$ (34,690.17)	\$ 23,946.48

Thanks to all who made it possible for us to make a profit of \$2,420.12 for the month of November! We are still operating at a year-to-date loss of \$10,743.69 but doing much better than our budget loss of \$34,690.49 for the eleven month period. Also, thanks to all the hard work from our volunteers at the Thrift Store. With God's blessing, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

It's hard to believe this is the first Newsletter of the new year. We had a good 2020 taking in to consideration that we were closed for two months. Sales have been great in December reaching \$38,000. Please thank the volunteers for a job well done. We are very lucky to have such good workers. We have 14 volunteers and 7 of them aren't members of the congregation. Thank you to all for your support. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! *Bob Gaither, Manager*

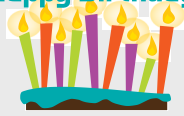


FOOD BASKET SUNDAY



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. Our next collection date is January 3rd. Over 30 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.

Happy Birthday!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS*

Blake Buller	1/2
Aydan Buller	
Richard Devins, Jr.	1/4
Don Schweitzer	1/7
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
Luke Moss	1/27
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hargrove	1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

Harold & Sandy Kransi	1/1/1982
Pastor Glenn & Sue Rice	1/31/1981



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harriet Barton	Friend of POUCC
Charlie Baskin	Member of POUCC
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family 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 Thompsons
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Don Gates	Member of POUCC
Helen Holmes	Member of POUCC
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Grace Kern	Member of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Teresa Leib	Family of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends 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
Doreen Nicholls	Member of POUCC
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
Shirley Steiner	Friend of Sharon Williamson
T.J.	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family of Sheila Fisher
Bill Wheeler	Member of POUCC
Stephanie Whitman	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Joe & Lynn Wintermeyer	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Rita Wren	Friend of POUCC

In Care Facilities

June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in PO)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB)
Eloise Wottke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in 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

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

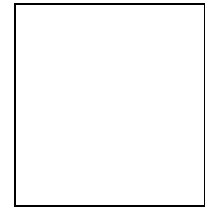
POUCC January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  New Year's Day Office & Thrift Store Closed	2 Thrift Store Closed
3 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 AM	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	11	12	13 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	14 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	15	16 Council 10:00 am
17 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Combined Service 9:45 am Followed by Annual Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Contemporary
 8:45 am
Adult Discussion
 9:45 am
Traditional
 10:45 am

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – 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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