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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



As we enter a new year, much of what I want to share with you will be in the Annual Meeting Report coming in January 2023.

As I look back at this past year, we have had many challenges and at the same time many reasons to be very thankful. **Challenges** from storms, things needing repairing and in general financial concerns. **Thankful** for our church

members and friends who have faithfully given of both time and financial resources.

I would like to thank everyone by name but that would use of much of the space in this newsletter, however, there are a few I want to single out because they have been there for our church "rain or shine". **Chuck Konopsky** and **Mary Ann Stewart**, have on every first Sunday of the month faithfully picked up and delivered our church food donations to the local Food Bank. **Bob and Jackie Gaither**, who have faithfully overseen the operation of our church Thrift Store six days a week. Collectively all our **Thrift Store volunteers** who without their help, our church thrift store could not function. **Sharon Williamson** and **Jean Trawinski**, who have setup our Fellowship Dinners and after church service Fellowship Hour. **Ronnie Servent**, who kept our church looking neat and clean. **Kathy Shaffner**, for being our "hub" of communications whether it is this newsletter, the church bulletins, the One Calls, or in generally being our first person contacted when someone calls or stops by our church. **Barb Horton**, who has managed to keep our finances in an understandable manner so we can see where we are and where we need to go. **Art Horton**, who has used his experience and insight to oversee our church facilities and property. **Pastor Pat Holcomb** and her husband **Allan** for making the 2.5 hour each way drive on Sundays at a crucial time when we needed to hear the powerful and caring messages she delivered to us every Sunday. Our **Praise Team** (Ted Yaeger, Barb Boon, Jackie Gaither, Bob & Ruth Brewster) for leading our services with music. Special mention must be made that **Dr Tom Naus** has continued a once per month visit for the recording of organ and piano music that we can use during services. **Collectively** all those individuals who pitch in when needed without being asked such as taking the offering during church services, greeting visitors or just generally being a welcoming presence for everyone else who attends our church and Fellowship Dinners.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND THANKS TO EVERYONE NAMED OR UNNAMED FOR ALL YOU DO IN OUR CHURCH.

Prayerfully submitted, *Bob Brewster, Moderator*

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STAFF

Pastor:
 Rev. Patricia Holcomb
Office Manager:
 Kathy Shaffner
Custodian:
 Ronnie Servant
Thrift Store Manager:
 Bob Gaither
Media Communications:
 Bob Brewster

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29, 2023 following a Combined Service of Worship at 9:30 AM . Topics to be presented are the 2023 Budget as well as nomination and election of officers. Reports are due by Monday, January 9th and will be available on Sunday, January 22nd for your review. Please type your report in Microsoft Word for easy compilation and email it to the Church Office.



PROPOSED 2023 LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Bob Brewster Assistant Moderator: Open Treasurer: Barbara Horton
Asst. Treasurer: Open Church Clerk: Open

DEACONS TEAM

Jackie Gaither 2023
Sheila Fisher 2023
Ted Yaeger 2023
Barbara Horton 2023

OPERATIONS TEAM

Art Horton 2023
Walter Barton 2023
Sean Senko 2023

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Sharon Williamson 2023
Jackie Gaither 2023
Diane Kirlin 2023
Jean Hale Trawinski 2023

MISSIONS TEAM

Jackie Gaither 2023
Sheila Fisher 2023
Pam Protko 2023

THRIFT STORE

Bob Gaither, Jackie Gaither, Sue Batturs, Barbara Boon, Sheila Fisher, Jeanette Kearsh, Tony Sciuлло, Judy Turcotte, Emily McLean, Susie Greiff, Ruth Brewster, Mary Ann Stewart, Louise Johnson, Ann Tobin, Diane Powell, Wendy Pride, 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. 2023 term ends on 02/01/2024.

The Church Council consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Church Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and representatives from the Deacons, Operations, Missions, Fellowship and Thrift Store Teams. The Church Council welcomes new people to any of the teams shown above. You can join anytime. If you have a desire to participate on any team contact the church office or Bob Brewster.



The 2023 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.**



OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM



Financial Update Operational Budget as of 11/30/22

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	\$ 10,525.50	\$ 120,633.76	\$ 121,525.56	\$ (894.80)
Expenses	\$ 11,481.20	\$ 141,251.69	\$ 131,457.40	\$ (9,749.29)
Profit/Loss	\$ (955.70)	\$ (20,617.93)	\$ (9,928.84)	\$ (10,689.09)

Our loss for the month of November is considerably lower than previous months due to all the hard work done by our Thrift Store volunteers. We had a year-to-date loss in excess of twenty thousand which is ten thousand less than budgeted thanks to the Thrift Store team and all who support our church. Please fill out a 2023 Pledge Card as soon as possible to help us plan for the new year. Merry Christmas and Happy New to all. With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store had very robust sales throughout the holiday season. A huge THANK YOU to our dedicated volunteers who make our success possible. We also thank all those who donate and our loyal patrons. Best wishes for a 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 1st. Over 10 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

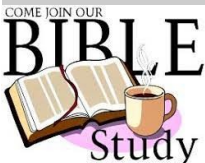
Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room.

*Our Next Dinner is Thursday, January 12th. It's Italian Night!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.*



Italian Dinner

BIBLE STUDY



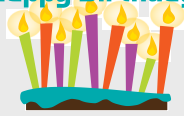
POUCC Wired Word Bible study will always be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM (right after church service 9:30 AM. to 10:30 AM). They will be held at the Henderson home (5961 Broken Bow Lane, Port Orange, 32127) only 2 minutes from the church. Snack luncheon provided.

January 1, 2023 - Science shows how religion makes life better.

January 15, 2023- How to handle our enemies and find common ground with those who believe different from us.



Happy Birthday!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS*

Richard Devins, Jr.	1/4
Don Schweitzer	1/7
Bill Tinney	1/10
Kathy Cratin	1/16
Mary McDonald	1/20
Warren Feilbach	1/24
Kay Schweitzer	1/26
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hargrove	1/31



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Jennifer Anderson	Family of the Batturs
Anthony & Tony	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Barbara Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Bec Caller	Friend of Larry Janelle & Sheila Fisher
F/F of Jewel Carter	Friend of POUCCr
Rafael Castels	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Pat Dalton	Friend of POUCC
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Steve Gaunt	Friend of Sheila Fisher & Larry Janelle
Gary Haines	Cousin of Bob Gaither
Brad Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Sgt.. Jack & Heidi Hearton	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Lisa K. Hearton	Daughter of Kay Schweitzer
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Rocket Kearsch	Friend of Ann Tobin
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Grace Manning	Member of POUCC
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Linda Panzarella & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisett
Scott Powell	Son of Bob Gaither
Kay & Don Schweitzer	Members of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Faith & Fred Shreck	Family of the Zinkie's
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Dr. Phillip Tomaselli	Son-in-Law of Kay Schweitzer
Grant Tobin	Friend of POUCC
Caroline Wallace	Family of Sheila Fisher
Seth Wanie	Family of Bill & Susie Greiff
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Alhmet Wilson	Friend of Sheila Fisher
The Yaeger Family	Members 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)

Special Needs

- Victims of Covid & Those on the Front Lines Fighting the Virus
- All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
- Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

A NEW YEAR

- * Renewed Hope
- * New Opportunities
- * New Adventures
- * New Ways to Give and Love.

May this be your best year ever!

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

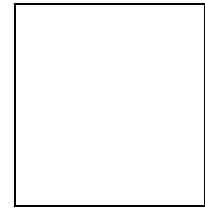


POUCC January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	2 Office & Thrift Store Closed MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	9 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	13	14
15 Worship Service 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	16 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	17	18	19	20	21 Council 10:00 am
22 Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	21 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25	26
29 Worship Service 9:30 am Followed by Annual Meeting MOL* Worship Service 6:00 pm	30 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	31	*Mountain of Light Church			

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2pm, Sat. 9 am – Noon
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

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9:00—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM



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