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INTERIM PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Matthew 13:8 *“But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”*

I love to garden. I enjoy both vegetable and flowering gardens, but my favorite are the flowering gardens. This Spring I spend some time in choosing plants at the nursery, buying the pots and the soil to plant them with. There were also several ‘already potted planters’ that found their way to our patio. Almost all of these plants have flourished to date.

I also purchased one tomato plant to round out the garden, as there is nothing tastier than a freshly grown, vine ripened tomato. I have tried to give this plant particular care. In my attempt to baby it, I even gave it some liquid fertilizer. Too much evidently, as many of the leaves turned brown and died, but with continued watering, it bounced back. Over this past week, we have had some very heavy rains and thinking it was receiving enough water, I left it unattended for about three days. When I saw it yesterday, I was horrified to find that again the leaves were withering and the plant dying because of the lack of water. In just one day of watering it has once again sprung back to life.

I love gardening because it reminds me of relationships and how much care and tending they need. People are very much like plants and faith communities represent the gardens. With the right amount of attention, watering, and feeding, we flourish. Without this attention, in just a short time a garden becomes stressed and on the verge of dying.

As we are now in our summer months, it is important that we keep intentionality in tending this garden called Port Orange UCC well watered. Watering means, keep working the “Invite someone to church” program, or when we note that someone hasn’t been in worship for a couple of Sundays, instead of asking the pastor if he knows why, call them yourselves – it is far more powerful a message of “we are concerned about you.”

This month we are stepping out in faith (once again) and hosting a VBS for the first time in years. As of this writing we have 5 children pre-registered. As a follow-up to the one day event (Saturday the 22nd), we will have a combined Sunday worship focusing on VBS on the 23rd, with a church family picnic following. These events are designed to build community.

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It is through your participation in events such as this that we flourish as a family of faith.

I take heart in knowing that God is always tending to our needs. Likewise, it is through our tending to those in our community that we are able to plant seeds of love, compassion, and hope. These are the elements that each of us needs to thrive and be healthy. During the heat of the summer, let us remember to refresh ourselves with the spiritual waters from God!

Peace,

Pastor Steven

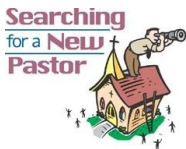
ASSISTANT PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Many of you are adding your names to the Friendship Pad each week, and I thank you for that as it will be quite helpful in our caregiving ministry. If you are listed in our church directory, you need only to legibly write your name on the attendance sheet. My plea, however, goes out to those of you who may assume I have seen you each Sunday and, therefore, choose not to add your name to the Friendship Pad. As I scroll down my list, however, I think to myself: "Was it this Sunday or the week before I last saw this person?" Also consider the secondary purpose of this Sunday "ritual" -- that of those sitting in your row perhaps learning your name and vice versa as the book is passed from person to person and back again. Thirdly, sometimes your pastors need help learning your name through association with those in your row of whom they are certain. So when you receive that red Friendship Pad next Sunday, please remember that by adding your name to the form, you are helping your pastors serve you better while at the same time sharing your name with others.

Lovingly,

Pastor Beverly



The Settled Pastor's Search Committee continue working with Rev. Dr. Raymond Hargrove of the Florida Conference and are putting the finishing touches to the profile for final submission to the Conference. Thanks to the Committee for all their hard work.

SPECIAL THANKS



We recently received a thank you note from Gerie Spenser of the Florida UCC Women, St. Johns Region for the contribution of snacks for their meeting.

Thanks to Sher Buller for her hard work on the mobiles in the Sanctuary. Your beautiful creations add a special touch to our Services.



And thanks to Paul Allen who served as guest organist for two Sunday's in June while Dr. Tom was on vacation. Great Job Paul!

In a note from Bunny Rock, President of the Pregnancy Crisis Center she expressed her thanks and appreciation for our recent donations of two Pac & Plays, a portable high chair, diaper bag and umbrella.



OPERATIONS TEAM



The Operations Team met on May 8th and the following topics were addressed:

Old Business

- **Church Manual:** This continues to be work in progress.
- **Repair or Replacement of Down Spouts and Extensions:** Project is ongoing.
- **Ceiling Repairs and Painting of Jim Reed Room:** Ceiling repairs are ongoing and painting on hold until repairs are completed.
- **Charlie Mix Building Roof Repairs:** Project is ongoing.
- **Secure Finance Area/Divide Room:** Painting has been completed.
- **Chancel Railing:** The railing has been installed.
- **Parking Bumpers:** Estimate will be obtained to repair the broken bumper.
- **Kitchen Ceiling Repairs:** Ceiling tile has been purchased and will be installed.
- **Window Coating & Screen Replacement:** Both projects are ongoing.
- **Repair/Replacement Outside Prayer Box:** Project is ongoing.
- **Sprinkler System:** System is fully operational and new larger cover boxes will be installed to protect the switches.
- **Air/ Heat :** Service 1st contract for one year.

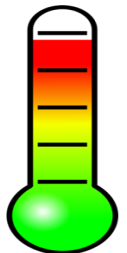
New Business

- **Broken Water Pipe:** We recently had a broken water pipe and thanks to Tom Besaw and Hal Francis who took the lead on this problem the pipe has been repaired.
- **Operational Expenses:** As we have recently incurred heavy expenses the it was decided by the Committee to inform the congregations. Tom Besaw made presentation to congregation on June 18th.

Next Operations Meeting is August 14th at 6:30 PM.

Jim Eagan, Chair of Operations

EMERGENCY PLEA: To help underwrite unexpected expenditures on building maintenance such as sky light break-in, broken water line, and sprinkler system of approximately \$6,700. To date, we have had donations towards this of \$3,370. We're hoping that you might find it possible within your budget to help us make up this deficit of \$3,330. Donations may be placed in Offertory with Maintenance Fund notation.



Financial Update—Operational Budget as 5/31/2017

	ACTUAL	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
	<u>May, 2017</u>	<u>Jan.-May, 2017</u>	<u>Jan.-May, 2017</u>	
Income	\$ 10,231	\$ 71,960	\$ 58,115	\$ 13,845
Expenses	<u>\$ 14,228</u>	<u>\$ 70,820</u>	<u>\$ 68,905</u>	\$ 1,915
Net	\$ (3,997)	\$ 1,140	\$ (10,790)	

MISSION NOTES



A **BIG THANK YOU** to those who donated to our April and May **Council on Aging Mission**. We were overwhelmed with the number of wonderful items we collected from you. These items were picked up on June 1st and delivered. Thank you to Kathy Shaffner for arranging the pick up and helping load the items into the truck.

June 1st began our focus Mission on **Spruce Creek Elementary** for the months of June, July and August with a **KASH FOR KIDS** theme. We were lucky to have Ms. Tina Howard, SCE Social Worker, speak to the congregation's first service about the needs of so many of the children at her school. After hearing a few of her stories, many tears were shed by POUCC members. Church members are stepping up to our request of 'matching funds' to a dollar (\$) amount of their choice.



Kathy Cratin and I went to Boggy Creek Friday and took 11 afghans (9 crocheted by our own Molly Baskin and the KnitWits) and the other two by a Fairy Afghan Angel, 4 large quilts donated by Economy Electric and a small bag of men's neckties donated by our Thrift Store. Their supply of afghans is very low and they are in desperate need of more for the Campers.

A trip to the **Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center** in early June was made with items that Bob Gaither donated to us from the thrift store, for this worthwhile cause. Thank You Bob!

Sophie's Circle, the Sock Box and Eyeglass collection continue year-round. As always, thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to those in need.

Peggy Wiggins, Chair of Missions

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING : Thanks to your donations to date we have collected \$411 for the Strengthen the Church Offering. Your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and help develop the spiritual lives of our youth and young adults.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



I continue to be excited and pleased with how well the Thrift Store continues to grow. To date, our sales have topped \$14,000. Our success is due to your generous donations and the hard work of our very talented volunteers. Thanks to all who volunteer and please keep the donations coming. Thanks to your donations we were able to provide in the past six months 12 bags of clothes to the homeless and Christ Team, uniforms and prom dresses to Spruce Creek students, and children's cloths to the Methodist Church Day Care. Income from our sales makes up 1/6 of the budget income of the Church's budget. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, July 2nd is our next collection day and will benefit Halifax Urban Ministers. Demand on the Food Band continues to run high and they have depleted their fund for the year and are waiting for Fall grants to arrive. Over 25 bags of food were collected last month which benefited the Pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky for loading and delivering the food. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers).



YOUTH CORNER

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July 2017

Summer activities continue with the youth group. We had a great time bowling at Ormond Lanes on June 10th and trampolining at Hanger 15 Trampoline Park on June 23rd.

July Activities:

A Day At The Beach—Saturday, July 8th, meet at the Church at **10:00 AM**, returning by **1:00 PM**
Vacation Bible School (assisting with kids ages 4 yrs to 5th grade) –
Saturday, July 22nd VBS 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
& **Sunday, July 23rd VBS 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM** Combined Service followed by a Family Picnic.

August Activities:

Daytona Lagoon – Saturday, August 5th 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Go Kart City – Saturday, August 19th 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Sher Buller, Youth Leader

NEWS & NOTES



DEEP-SEA DIVERS NEEDED: We are asking all members to help in recruiting, children ages 4 through 5th grade to become deep-sea divers in our “**Deep Sea Discovery**” Bible School on **Saturday, July 22nd from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM here at the Church**. Details and registration flyers are located in the rear of the Sanctuary. Registration extended to **July 5th**. Call church office with RSVP or mail in the registration form. Please circulate to family, neighbors and friends. We need your help to make this adventure a success.

And on **Sunday, July 23rd**, the children, parents and the congregation will experience the Deep Sea Discovery during worship at **9:45 AM**, followed by a “**Family Picnic**” including a time to view the crafts and learning labs in which the children were involved. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, you bring the sides. Sign up sheet is on the Jim Reed Bulletin Board. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Sounds like a great weekend!

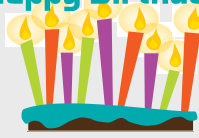


SPECIAL NOTE: From **June 30th through July 4th**, thousands from across the country (and abroad) including Pastor Steven, will gather for UCC General Synod 2017 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. We wish Pastor Steven safe travel and in his absence please contact Pastor Beverly with any pastoral needs. Joe Thompson will be our guest speaker on **Sunday, July 2nd**.



Two spaces need to be adopted and cared for; the Prayer Box Garden in the center drive and the Prayer Garden on the east side of the building (between the building and the walk). If interested, please contact any member of the Operations Committee, Jim Egan, Ted Batturs, Tracy Davis, Linda Rogers, Rich Thole or Billy Wiggins or the church office.

Happy Birthday!



JULY BIRTHDAYS*

Tommy Buller	7/2
Kristin Marshall	7/7
Teddy Yaeger	7/11
Dallas Davis	7/13
Michael Dotson	7/17
Erika Henderson	7/22
Bonnie Morisset	7/24
Helen Holmes	
Nicholas Yaeger	7/25
Leree Nicholls	7/26
Van Thompson	
Carol Rogers	7/27
Kimberly Dotson	7/28
Shawn Wheeler	7/30

JULY ANNIVERSARIES*

Billy & Peggy Wiggins	7/2/1977
Mo & Ingrid Claunch	7/5/1997
Don & Kay Schweitzer	7/7/2009
Tom & Gail Besaw	7/18/1970
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	7/19/1958
Rev. Raymond & Cora Hargrove	7/20/2001



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Cecilia Airaldi	Friend of the Schafer Ramoutar Family
Sherry Bonnell	Sister of Gail Besaw
Eva Brewster	Friend of POUCC
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Gene Clark	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Ingrid Claunch	Member of POUCC
Louise Eagan	Member of POUCC
Trevor Heftmunsperger	Friend of POUCC
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
John Holbrook	Brother of Ruth Brewster
Karen Holland	Former Associate of Larry Deitch
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
Jim Lamb	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Roger Lindsay	Neighbor of Mary Ann Stewart
Joe Magsamen	Friend of Sher Buller
Sandy Morris	Sister of Pastor Steven
David Pickels	Brother of Bonnie Morisset
Margaret Procter	Friend of POUCC
Bob Reifsnyder	Member of the Stewart Family
John S.	Friend of Sher Buller
F/F of Jose Santiago	Member of the Schafer Family
Rev. Gary Scheuer	Father of Terri Zinke
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Carol Strickland	Former Member of POUCC
Sue Turner	Member of POUCC
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Joseph Williamson	Son of Sharon Williamson
James Wood	Friend of Sher Buller
Trey Zinke	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center in MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Life Care Center in Collegendale, TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Onalaska Care Center in Onalaska,

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

Broader Concerns

First Responders Everywhere
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or to add a Prayer Concern.

POUCC July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!			1
2 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Education 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	3	4  Office & Thrift Store Closed	5 CPT 6:00 pm	6 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	7	8 Youth Beach Outing 10:00 am
19 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Education 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	10 Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm	11	12 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm	13 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	14	15
16 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Education 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	17 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19 CPT 6:00 pm	20 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	21	22 Vacation Bible School 9:00 am-1:00 pm
23 Combined Service Followed by Family Picnic 9:45 am	24	25	26 CPT 6:00 pm	27 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	28	29

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Adult Education
9:45 am
Traditional
10:45 am

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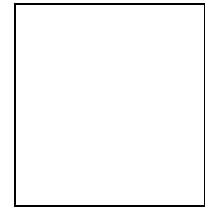
Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat, 9am – 12 pm

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

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: JULY - DEACONS, AUGUST - TEACHING

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Office Hours

9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—3:00 PM
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Saturday
9:00 AM—Noon

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Children's Sunday School

8:45 AM

Adult Education

9:45 AM



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