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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Happy 4th of July to Everyone! Celebrating our country's birthday has become a great tradition but for many it is just another holiday away from work. Our country and how we govern ourselves is one of the greatest, if not the greatest experiment in Democratic rule in world history. You notice the word "Experiment". That is because our country's Founding Fathers recognized it as such and

knew that it would take much effort to make it work. They understood the variances and fickleness of human nature based on their observations from other attempts to govern through human history. This understanding brought them to what many scholars believe was a divine inspiration of what our country could be if the government was properly structured and the people worked hard to protect it. Deep in this understanding was the firm belief that no country could continue for long without some higher power or divine being's help. The foundation they used for establishing our Constitution was based on Judaic Christian principles dating back through human history and the struggles of people as documented in the Bible and other recorded history. This was no accidental discovery when the Founding Fathers argued how we should govern ourselves using sacred principles of hard work, personal responsibility and the need for open inventiveness to make life better for everyone. Included in this framework has been our ability to freely worship as we choose, where we choose and when we choose. From the basis of this thinking emulated the other freedoms and responsibilities detailed in both the Constitution and later the Bill of Rights. The often misunderstood "separation of church and state" has been used by many to push our country toward laws that are not based on Judaic Christian Principles and away from what our Founding Fathers intended. This struggle has been a constant throughout our country's history and in many ways, it has divided us along lines that for many are now looked upon as the struggle between "good" vs. "evil". As human beings, regardless of where we are born, what color we are, what language we speak or what we look like, we are all creations of one higher power and for all of us as Christians, this higher power is God our Father and his son Jesus who brought us the message that there is life beyond this life.

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Today, as we celebrate our country's birth, we must also celebrate our ability to freely worship our God Almighty who has bestowed upon us great riches and freedoms unlike anywhere else on Earth. This divine gift also needed protection and I believe our country's Founding Fathers knew this when they wrote the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and later the Bill of Rights. Here at Port Orange United Church of Christ we are celebrating a continuation of our mission to serve others by maintaining a place for people to worship, to enjoy fellowship with each other as a church family and to provide a place where we can conduct missions to help others. In the coming months with assistance from Pastor Pat Holcomb and her husband Alan, I urge all of you to spread the word to others that we are a church open to all who believe. Through worship and fellowship with each other we can maintain our balance in a rapidly changing world and in this process we can do our part to help maintain what our country's Founding Fathers believed when they wrote "*We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*"

Prayers for all of you and your families – our church Family & Friends.
Bob Brewster, Moderator

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, July 3rd is our next collection day and will benefit Halifax Urban Ministers. Over 24 bags of food were collected last month. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for loading and delivering the food. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and

THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE

We continue to be blessed with an abundance of donations. We also continue to provided non-sellable items to various mission project as well as the Red Cross. **Friday July 1st**, and continuing all month our big "**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**" Sale begins. Items will be displayed in the Jim Reed Room and you may shop on Sunday's after Worship. Shop early and often for lots of great holiday bargains.
Bob Gaither, Manager

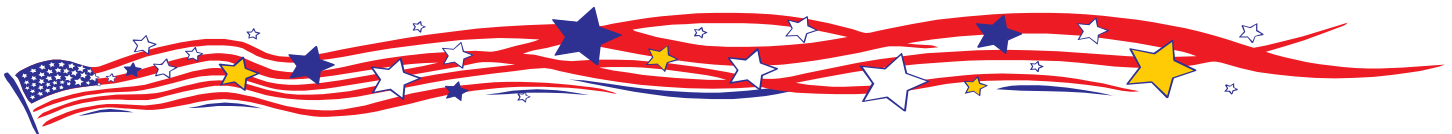
PLEASE NOTE: The Thrift Store will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



SPECIAL MENTION



We recently received a note of thanks from Pastor Glenn for the wonderful luncheon and all the kindness shown to him upon his retirement. The note is posted on the bulletin board in the rear of the Sanctuary.



OPERATION'S & FIANANCE TEAM



Welcome to July from your Operations Committee.

As you look around the exterior of our building and grounds, it's obvious our new irrigation well and system is working well. The sod and beds have not looked better. The areas that were looking rather worn due to the lack of irrigation are now rebounding and looking much better. Our new landscape contractor is doing a good job of keeping the exterior in tip top shape. Now that we have addressed the exterior of our infrastructure (building and grounds), it's time to address the interior.

Our HVAC system in the church proper is on its last legs. Our HVAC contractor has been able to maintain it in the best possible way they can but its going to need replacement in the very near future. The problem we are facing is it's impossible to replace the existing system with a new one in the existing location. The new units are larger and the space where the existing system (over the main entrance of the church proper) is not of sufficient size nor meet the new codes so we have researched options. The church council will be discussing the proposal at their next meeting. The A/C unit in Kath's office is also on its last legs and also requires replacement.

Two additional security cameras will be added to the existing system to cover additional areas of concern. The system has been very helpful, especially with the Thrift Store monitoring folks who are leaving "gifts" for the store after hours as well as "dumpster divers" we have experienced trying to leave unwanted trash and/or remove "gifts" we have received after hours.

The Prayer Garden brick path requires maintenance to align all the pavers so it will be "walk able" again. We will be obtaining bids to complete the work.

We are still waiting for FPL to install the new site lighting on the driveways and parking lots. Unfortunately, FPL has not provided a time frame for installation.

The interior of the church as well as the Jim Reed space need a coat of paint. We will be requesting bids in the fall. As you can see, we have many projects coming up on the horizon, our "Spring into Life" campaign thermometer in the church proper has money added on a regular basis, won't you consider a donation to the campaign?

The committee members wish all the church members and their families a safe an enjoyable summer ,

Art Horton, Committee Chairman

Operational Budget as 5/31/2022



	MAY ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 14,763.75	\$ 60,342.36	\$ 55,525.00	\$ 4,817.36
Expense	\$ 13,677.68	\$ 71,487.36	\$ 71,382.36	\$ 105.00
Profit/(Loss)	\$ 1,086.68	\$(11,145.00)	\$(15,587.36)	\$ 4,712.36

Due to the incredible job the Thrift Store is doing we made a profit of \$1,086.68 in the month of May. We truly could not survive without the amazing work that is being done by our Thrift Store team! Year to date we had a loss of \$11,145.36 which is better by \$4,712.36 than budgeted for that period. The Thrift Store has done just under \$29,000.00 in five month with an income of \$8,444.75 in the month of May alone! Our thanks go out to our Thrift Store team and all who support our church. With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Horton, Treasurer

Happy Birthday!



JULY BIRTHDAYS*

Kristin Marshall	7/7
Teddy Yaeger	7/11
Nicholas Yaeger	7/21
Bonnie Morisset	7/24
Leree Nicholls	7/26

JULY ANNIVERSARIES*

Don & Kay Schweitzer
Rev. Raymond & Cora Hargrove



PRAYER REQUESTS*



Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jennifer Anderson	Family of the Batturs
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Barbara Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Susie Bussard	Member of POUCC
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Pat Dalton	Friend of POUCC
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Alice Lynn Feldman	Member of POUCC
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
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Rocket Kearsch	Friend of Ann Tobin
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Linda Panzarella & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Kay & Don Schweitzer	Members of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty Shepherd	Member of POUCC
Faith & Fred Shreck	Family of the Zinkie's
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Dr. Phillip Tomaselli	Son-in-Law of Kay Schweitzer
Judy Turcotte	Friend of POUCC
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

In Care Facilities

June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Margie Hoebing	Friend 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


Victims of the Caronavirus and Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus
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.

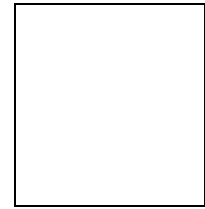


Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date.

POUCC July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Sunday Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am	4  Church Office & Thrift Store Closed	5	6	7	8	10
10 Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am	<p><i>Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2 pm, Sat, 9am – 12 pm</i> <i>Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm</i></p>					

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Monday—Friday

Saturday

9:00 AM—Noon

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM



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