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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



2 John:6b As you have heard from the beginning, His command is that you walk in love.

June is upon us, which means that our attentions are starting to move toward summer activities. When I lived in the Central and the Northwestern parts of the country, this meant more outdoor activities. Attending baseball games, having picnics, the rodeo, hiking in the mountains, fishing along the river banks are but a few of the outdoor activities that summer brings. It's a time for the family to gather together more frequently. There is a certain freeing up of schedules through the summer. Life seems to be moving at a more leisurely pace. There is no more school schedules and activities to be met and it is the time for family vacations. Ah those lazy days of summer!

We at Port Orange UCC have also started our summer schedule. The choir does not meet until Fall, the youth will not be meeting weekly but only twice a month, many of our committees will not be meeting over the summer. Since Easter we have seen a number of our members travel back up North to their summer home. In essence, we go into a kind of hibernation for the summer, programming wise. It is truly a time needed for respite and renewal from a very busy year. For those who are heavily involved with the activities of the church, we look forward to these summer breaks.

As a church, we have particularly worked very hard this past year in refocusing. We spent 4 months working on visioning and planning, and then over these past 4 months we have been working on the execution of this vision! The Cross Roads committees that were formed to help keep us on task are now starting to report in, helping assess our efforts and effectiveness. We received a report just last week from the committee that has been challenging us to invite someone to church on the 2nd Sunday of each month. In the three months of us inviting new people to worship, we have had 22 visitors that have registered their attendance. What are not reported were the extra 40+ people who came to our Palm Sunday worship, where we featured some of the Port Orange Music Academy students! There were 12 youth who played for us. A between services brunch was served and an Easter egg hunt provided, with 10 of those musicians searching for eggs; nor do we have a count of the number of visitors for the 10:45 Easter Worship at church.

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Staff

- Interim Pastor:**
Rev. Steven Mitchell
- Assistant Pastor:**
Beverly Schafer
- Pastor Emeritus:**
Rev. Dr. Bill Ebbert
- Office Manager:**
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- Thrift Store Manager:**
Bob Gaither
- Youth Leader:**
Sher Buller

INTERIM PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Compare this to the 5 registered guests for the previous 5 months; you can see the positive effects of our special invitations and programming. The social media team has also come up with several ways of trying to expand our presence. With the number of hits we receive each week on our website, there is renewed focus on maintenance and how to expand information for those inquiring about us.

I wish to applaud everyone and you should give yourselves a huge pat on the back for all the work that you have been doing this past year. With this intentionality, there are new faces in our congregation. My deep concern is that we do not lose our momentum because of summer and the absence of our Northern members. This need to stay focused and engaged is extremely critical at this point, and here is why:

- 1) It will be harder to attract new visitors during the summer because of the appearance of lack of members in worship;
- 2) The need to show growth is absolutely vital in attracting your next settled pastor. As pastors read profiles, they are going to want to know not only what the vision and goals are of a church, but does the congregation actively work toward those goals;
- 3) If we do not keep working our goals, then we will fall back into a mindset that has prevented this faith community from growing in numbers in the past. To grow a church means to step outside of our comfort zone, continually. What the church in North America has forgotten over the years, is that to be an active community of faith that follows the teachings of Jesus, means to be living outside of the zone of comfort.

With this challenge laid before us, we are venturing out of our comfort zone once again with the presentation of a one day vacation bible school. This will occur on Saturday July 22nd from 9 – 1 pm, with a follow-up combined Sunday worship which will include VBS and a family picnic after worship. We have advertized through a flyer to the Spruce Creek Elementary school as partners in this outreach. You may wonder why we are hosting a VBS when we have no children in the church under Junior High age. As part of our outreach and vision of growth, we are committed to attracting younger families and this can only be accomplished through intentionality. A part of our intentionality is that of reaching out to the students across the street and their families. What this means for you as a member of this congregation is a willingness to step up to the plate and help in some way to make this a successful event. There will be many areas of opportunity to help and as the time draws nearer more information of needs will be shared.

“As you have heard from the beginning, His command is that you walk in love.” We at POUCC say we are a church that cares and shares. This is the active part of the command to walk in love. Love is an ever renewing process, one that takes intentionality, and never lets up, come summer, fall, winter, or spring. Let us continue to cultivate the love of God within our community and as gardeners be vigilant in our efforts.

Peace!

Pastor Steven



OPERATIONS



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:** To be completed.
- **Secure Finance Area/Divide Room:** Project is ongoing.
- **Chancel Railing:** Materials have been ordered.
- **Parking Bumpers:** Estimate will be obtained to repair the broken bumper.
- **Kitchen Repairs:** Thanks to Hal Francis and Tom Besaw the north wall sink faucets have been replaced and ceiling tile has been purchased and will be installed.
- **Window Coating & Screen Replacement:** Both projects are ongoing.
- **Outside Prayer Box:** New lock for the box will be purchased and installed.

New Business

- **Sprinkler System:** The well casing had to be replaced and several heads and pipes were replaced and new bigger cover boxes will be installed to cover the switches.

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for **June 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Eagan, Operations Chair



Financial Update

Operational Budget as 4/30/2017

	ACTUAL	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
	<u>Jan.-Apr. 2017</u>	<u>Jan.-Apr. 2017</u>	<u>Jan.-Apr. 2017</u>	
Income	\$ 17,610	\$ 61,739	\$ 46,492	\$ 15,247
Expenses	\$ 12,696	\$ 56,901	\$ 55,124	\$ 1,777
Net	\$ 4,914	\$ 4,838	\$ - 8,632	

SPECIAL MENTION

CONGRATULATIONS: We extend our congratulations to our two graduating High School Seniors Trey Thompson (Spruce Creek High School) and Hunter Bryan (Atlantic High School). Trey will be attending college locally in the Fall and Hunter will be attending Stetson. Best wishes to both of our graduates in their future endeavors.



MISSION NOTES



A big 'Thank You' to all who gave and continue to donate through the end of May to the Council on Aging! Milissa Davis will have these items picked up and delivered after June 1st. Thank You Milissa!

We gave the Women's Pregnancy Center a check for \$35 and some large functional items for their Mother's Day request. Please see a 'Thank You' on the Bulletin Board.

Another trip to Boggy Creek in May delivered ten afghans (thanks to Molly and her Knit Wits) and two lap quilts. A 'Thank You' is on the Bulletin Board. Summer Campers begin arriving June 8th and afghans and homemade bears are greatly needed.

We are excited to begin our focus on Spruce Creek Elementary June 1st through August. Please plan on attending the 8:45 A.M. service on June 4th when Ms. Tina Howard, guidance counselor for Spruce Creek Elementary will enlighten the congregation to their students' needs. We will be asking for donations of Cash/Checks rather than asking you to shop for needed items. This will help Spruce Creek purchase the exact uniforms, sneakers, socks and other items that some children do not have and cannot afford.

Sophie's Circle, the Sock Box and Eyeglass collections continue year-round. Your generosity to our church's Missions is greatly appreciated! Have a great Summer!

Peggy Wiggins, Chair of Missions.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING June 4th: When you invest in the vision supported by 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. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is Still Speaking."



FOOD BASKET SUNDAY



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, June 4th 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 27 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).

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Thanks to your generous donations and the continued commitment of our outstanding volunteers, the Gift & Thrift Store continues to thrive with sales to date totaling \$12,000. Not only does the Shop support the church, but continues to aid the community with donations to many outreach programs such as Pregnancy Crisis Center, the Homeless Shelter, and Spruce Creek Elementary School. So please keep your donations coming. Stop in, I'm sure you'll find bargains Galore!

Bob Gaither, Manager of the Thrift Store

YOUTH CORNER



The end of the school year was celebrated by 14 youth and 5 sponsors with miniature golf at Congo River on May 30th.

The Youth will be meeting twice a month during the summer.



Summer Schedule:

We will meet at the church before heading off on our adventure(s).

***Saturday, June 10th 9AM-12PM** - Bowling at Ormond Lanes

***Friday, June 23rd 8PM-11:30PM** - Hanger 15 Trampoline Park (ages 15 & up)

***Saturday, July 8th 10AM-1PM** - Day at the Beach

***Saturday, July 22 8:30AM-2PM** - Vacation Bible School
(assist with kids ages 4 yrs - 5th grads)

***Sunday, July 23, 8:30AM-12PM** - Vacation Bible School church presentation /
combined service with church picnic after

***Saturday, August 5th 10AM-2PM** - Daytona Lagoon

***Saturday, August 19th 11AM-3PM** - Go Kart City

If it is raining on a day scheduled for an outdoor activity we will have the option of watching a movie at the church instead.

Youth Group is open to Middle and High School.

FELLOWSHIP



Many thanks to Sue Turner, her committee, and you the members, for the great and varied dishes that were shared at the monthly Fellowship Dinners. We will be taking the Summer off with the second Thursday of the month Fellowship Dinners returning on **September 14th at 6:00 PM in the Jim Reed Room.**

NEWS & Notes



On Sunday, June 4th, we celebrate the birthday of the Church. It is also Communion Sunday and we will follow our regular Sunday schedule. Plan to attend and see how the Holy Spirit reigns down on our Pastors and you. **BE SURE TO WEAR RED!**

POMA BAND CAMP: Beginning June 1st and continuing through the 7th from 9:00-11:00 AM, we will again host Ed Clowers and the Port Orange Music Academy's Summer Band Camp. This is an amazing program where young musicians have the opportunity to have one on one instruction. We're happy to have Ed and his band of musicians and congratulate them on their First Place win in competition in Orlando on May 20th!



Searching
for a New
Pastor



The Settled Pastor's Search Committee has submitted a first draft of the Congregational Profile to Rev. Dr. Hargrove for review. It has been returned with suggested corrections. The revised draft was resubmitted at the end of May.

POEMS, PRAYERS, AND PROMISES is a book written by our own Kay Russell. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Jim Reed Building if you would like to order a copy. The price is pending to fulfill the 10-copy minimum.



Kay's Synopsis: We make promises, we keep promises, we rely on promises, and we pray about all of them. Poems, Prayers, and Promises names promises from God, promises from Jesus, promises from our country, promises we make to our country, promises we make to each other, and, finally, promises we make to God. Each promise is accompanied by a poem touching on that promise and a prayer reflecting it. Whether used with a group as a discussion starter, or alone, as a personal devotional, Poems, Prayers, and Promises provokes thoughtful contemplation. It can also prompt the lively generation of ideas about other promises around which decisions are made. Pastor Steven highly recommends the book and has used passages from it in a number of our worship services.



Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends (new and old). From **June 30th through July 4th**, thousands from across the country (and abroad) including Pastor Steven, will gather for General Synod 2017 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Together, we will discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. We will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness and we will join together in worship each day to lift up the still speaking God. While Pastor Steven is attending the Synod, please contact Pastor Beverly with any pastoral needs.



News Release!

Welcome to Deep Sea Discovery! Get ready for a life-changing adventure taking place right here at Port Orange United Church of Christ at no cost!

The day begins at Celebration Reef, where kids will sing, shout, praise, pray, and be introduced to a Bible story. Then after kids experience the other activities of the morning, they gather back at Celebration Reef to be encouraged to love God and to be motivated to serve others.

Other sites at Deep Sea Discovery include S.S. Discovery, where kids will explore the Bible story in a variety of interactive ways; Pelican Pier, where kids have time to move around, have fun, and fill up on a light lunch; Curiosity Cavern, where kids explore the mysteries of the sea through science and crafts! All these fun activities along with music, connect to the Bible story, Bible Memory, and the truth that God is with us wherever we go!

Then on Sunday morning, the children, parents, and the congregation will experience the Deep Sea Discovery during worship at 9:45 a.m., followed by a family picnic, including a time to view the crafts and learning labs in which the children were involved in.

The staff is waiting for some brave deep-sea divers to join them in serving and having fun! We are a safe church, meaning that all adults working with your children have been approved through a criminal background check. This program is designed for children from age 4 thru 5th grade.

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2017

Place: Port Orange United Church of Christ, 651 Taylor Rd, Port Orange, FL 32127

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact: Church office at (386) 788-0920

Registration

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Parent/
Guardian _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell hone _____

E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

Who is picking up your child _____

Special Needs or Requests or Allergies _____

Happy Birthday!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS*

Diane Kirlin	6/1
Bob Gaither	6/2
Ruth Brewster	
Delana Pack	
Jeanette Campbell	6/7
Madison Hobson	6/8
Trey Thompson	
Rowan Schafer-Ramoutar	6/10
Pam Protko	6/13
Joan Brown	
Thomas Besaw	06/15
Susan Bussard	6/19
Bill Greiff	6/21
Charlie Baskin	
Bill Ebbert	6/22
Elijah Buller	6/25
Tim Schafer	6/26
Louise Eagan	
Lauren Scalf	6/28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES*

Roger & Shirley Harper	6/01/1948
Paul & Carole Neiss	6/07/1969
Dr. Ted & Cheri Yaeger, Jr.	6/07/1987
Pamela Schafer & Saira Ramoutar	6/10/2002
Bobby & Kimberly Dotson	6/10/2006
Bob & Kay Russell	6/12/1960
Bill & Doreen Wheeler	6/24/1972
Tim & Beverly Schafer	6/28/1962



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



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Sherry Bonnell	Sister of Gail Besaw
Eva Brewster	Friend of POUCC
Karen Holland	Former Associate of Larry Deitch
Shirley Harper	Member of POUCC
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
John Holbrook	Brother of Ruth Brewster
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
Sharon Milukas	Friend of POUCC
Sandy Morris	Sister of Pastor Steven
David Pickels	Brother of Bonnie Morisset
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
Larry Timesch	Cousin of Pastor Steven
Sue Turner	Member of POUCC
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC
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, WI)

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

Broader Concerns

Victims of the Violent Storms Nationwide
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
First Responders Everywhere

**Please contact the Church office (788-0920) with your prayer requests.*

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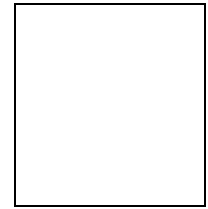
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 POMA Band Camp 9:00 am Line Dancing 6:00 pm	2 POMA Band Camp 9:00 am	3
4 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	5 POMA Band Camp 9:00 am Compassionate Friends 6:30 pm	6 POMA Band Camp 9:00 am	7 POMA Band Camp 9:00 am CPT 6:00 pm	8 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	9	10 Youth Bowling 9:00 am
11 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	12 Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	13	14 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm	15 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	16	17
18 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	19 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	20	21 CPT 6:00 pm	22 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	23 Youth Trampoline Outing (15 yrs & Older) 8:00 PM	24
25 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	26	27	28 CPT 6:00 pm	29 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	30	

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 – Noon Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm,

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: JUNE - MISSIONS, JULY - DEACONS

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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 AM—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Wacky Wednesday

6:00 PM