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## SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Summer greetings in the name of the Lord,

Yes, summer begins this month. Sue and I are looking forward to the cooler beach temperatures here on the east coast ... at least that's what a few of you have told us.

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I realize the summer months normally mean a few less attending Sunday morning worships as many of us will be traveling during the next few months. I also realize the choir takes a well deserved hiatus and a few monthly meetings may not occur as usual.

Yes, summer brings a more relaxed time for the church. We are now officially in the Ordinary Time season also know as the season after Pentecost. Our green paraments will be placed on the alter and stay there, for the most part, until Advent begins in December (makes me feel cooler already.)

I'm so glad God doesn't take time off, even during the hot summer months. No, our God continues to be there for us every second of every day. Even if you are unable to attend your weekly worship, please continue to pray to God and keep up with your daily devotions and meditations.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the next few months as we continue getting to know each other a little better.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Glenn*

### Staff

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**June 10th is Invite a Friend to Church Sunday**

## DEACONS' CORNER



Deacons  
Message

Reverend Glenn Rice has been with us for the last three months. For those who have not yet had the opportunity to meet with him personally, I thought a question/answer session with Pastor Glenn might allow us all to get to know him a little better.

*Charlie Baskin, Deacon's Chair*

CB: How do you like Port Orange and what the community offers?

Pastor: Port Orange is a great place to live. Sue, Kurt and I have adjusted nicely to our quiet neighborhood and the surrounding area. Being only a few minutes from the beach is an added plus. We look forward to exploring the vast amount of offerings and activities here in Volusia County.

CB: What has surprised you the most in your first three months at POUCC?

Pastor: The amount of people flowing in and out of the church facility during the week. I attribute much of this to the Thrift Store. It certainly has been a good way to meet many of you beyond Sunday mornings.

CB: You have tried some new things with our worship services. Some are new to you and some are new to the congregation. Most have come directly from the feedback of Deacons or members. What changes do you think have gotten the better results? What got the most negative feedback?

Pastor: For me, leading two different worship style services has been interesting but not as challenging as I expected. It's funny how I continue to hear how different the two congregations are because I find when we're not in worship, everyone is pretty much the same. Our entire congregation is a very loving and caring one with a good sense of helping others in our local community.

I personally have found, through my seminary training, how to understand and promote the historic church. I hold our two sacraments; Baptism and Holy Communion, very high. These are times during worship when we are closest to our God. I've tried to bring explanations to some of the symbolism used in our sanctuary. I find when people understand the 'what' behind the 'why', they tend to see the beauty, not just the pretty.

Our first attempt at having an Ascension Day worship was good. I believe I helped bring a better explanation of this important day in the life of Christ, even to those who were unable to attend. I'm not hearing, "what's this Ascension Day?" nearly as much.

CB: A nationwide survey of beliefs of UCC churches' membership showed 28% leaning progressive, 27% leaning conservative and 45% moderates. These numbers probably reflect our church as well. How would you fall in the progressive/conservative/moderate scale?

Pastor: I agree these percentages look to be represented here at POUCC. Although I feel I would fall in moderate category I would prefer to be labeled 100% in the category of Christian.

CB: How do you evaluate where we are as a church meeting God's mission for us? How can we improve?

Pastor: Our POUCC congregation is a really good one. We are a little different in a few ways, with every difference being a positive one. Having only 108 members, it's hard to believe we are seeing 120 or so in attendance on an average Sunday morning. We have two worship styles with very good talented and dedicated musicians helping lead both worship services.

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We support many local Mission projects here in the Port Orange area. I am amazed at the contributions being made to help our local neighbors.

I continue to hear we need to have more young families with children attend our worships. I agree. The issue I see in our society is many younger families are not looking to attend any church. I am sensing a small turn around with this societal phenomenon. Throughout all history, people have always had a need of God in their lives; not always a religious one but a spiritual need for sure. My prayer is we (the entire congregation) live good Christian lives allowing others to see and feel the power of Jesus Christ through us. Go out and tell others of the goodness you feel as members of this Christian community. Don't feel afraid you will be labeled as a nutty Christian, rather embrace the Christian part. Be an ambassador; an advocate for God and ask others to find the Peace of Christ you have found here at POUCC. Bringing in new people, young or old, is a positive step forward for our Christian community. Bring a friend! Make a new friend. Be a friend in Christ.

CB: We welcome you to our church. We have the opportunity to work together to move our church forward in service to our church and community.

The officers for the Deacons' Team are: Charlie Baskin, Chair, Ruth Brewster, Assistant Chair.  
*Charlie Baskin, Chair of Deacon's*

## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Summer season is here, of course in Florida it never left us. It also means hurricane season is here, with all the rain we have received since May 14th, what else will we see for the next six months. We have seen some of our snowbirds leave us, but we welcome their return in the fall. I do hope everyone has a good summer. Back on May 5th, we had a work day at church, even though not a lot of people came, a lot of work was done. So thank you to those that came to help. The rest of you missed out on the pancakes that the Brewster's and Pastor Glenn cooked. We will have another work day, probably in the fall, because the jobs around the church are never ending. Whatever you do over the upcoming months please come to church on Sunday so that you can worship God and see your church family. *Kathy Craint, Moderator*

## FELLOWSHIP



Many thanks to Jackie Gaither, 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 13th at 6:00 PM in the Jim Reed Room.**

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

**LADIES LUNCHEON:** For June will be held at **Olive Garden in the Port Orange Pavilion on Tuesday, June 12th at 11:30 AM.** See you there!



Update

Mary Ann Stewart recently chatted with Beverly Woodacre who is doing well and sends her best to all and says she miss everyone. She especially enjoys receiving the newsletter. Beverly now resides at an Assisted Living Community in New York .

## OPERATIONS



The POUCC Operation's Team is addressing a number of issues regarding the maintenance of our church.

1. This past month we had to replace a module in our church sanctuary's audio system. This new module has greatly improved the clarity and sound levels of the podium and pastor's lapel microphones.
2. POUCC Work Day was held on May 5th accompanied by a Pancake Breakfast. A HUGE "Thank You!" to everyone who attended and worked hard. The difference from this hard work was immediately noticeable both inside and outside of our church. One job had not been done in a decade or more – removing dust from the sanctuary chairs. Trimming, removing, pruning outside are constant jobs as we all know, things in Florida just keep growing!
3. The glass door near the Pastor's office has cracked and must be replaced.
4. Gutter guards and possible gutter replacement are being priced for the Jim Reed Building.
5. A more robust church building security system is being evaluated.
6. Additional storage for the Thrift Store is being considered by converting one of the two outside utility rooms.
7. The Operations Team is developing a list of church needs and is preparing to present this "Wish List" to the congregation for support.

If you see anything that needs replacement, fixing, is broken or just plain requires a little "TLC", please let us know by contacting the church office.

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 11th at 6:30 PM.**

Submitted by *Bob Brewster, Co-Chair Operations Team*

<b>Financial Update</b>				
Operational Budget as 4/30/2018				
	ACTUAL	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>April 2018</u>	
<b>Income</b>	\$ 18,351	\$ 63,526	\$ 48,460	\$ 15,066
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ <u>13,553</u>	\$ <u>59,718</u>	\$ <u>56,575</u>	\$ 3,143
<b>Net</b>	\$ 4,798	\$ 3,808	\$ (8,115)	

Please note that the income and expenses do not include Missions.

The income is better this month because of the Sunrise Service (about \$1,900, which is less than previous years) and the fact that April had five Sundays. Unfortunately, May is projected to be well into the red and June's quarterly expenses will hurt as usual. Thanks for your continuing generosity. *Hal Francis, Treasurer*

## MISSION NOTES



**Spruce Creek Elementary's "KASH FOR KIDS"** continues through July. To date we have collected over \$1,600. Tina Howard will be speaking to the congregation on **June 17th** at both Services. If anyone is interested in doing a '**Matching Fund**' to any (\$) dollar amount, please see me.

**Spruce Creek High School's** liaison Donna Wilkes, told Bob, when asked if he should continue gathering clothing for her students over the summer months, that it would not be necessary—she has enough to cover them through July. Thank you Bob.

Please see the '**Thank You's**' posted on the Sanctuary bulletin board from **Holy Joe's Café and the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.**

A trip to **Boggy Creek** was made by Pastor Glenn and Sue, Sharon Williamson, Louise Johnson and myself. Everyone was amazed with what they saw and heard is done there for the children. Cindy Handley, our liaison and tour guide, reaffirmed the continued need of your knitting and crocheting skills for these children. Thank you!

The Mayor of Daytona Shores, Harry Jennings, has graciously accepted our request to speak to the congregation on **July 8th** about the needs of **Halifax Urban Ministries.**

As always, Sophie's Circle, the Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection and Aluminum Can Tabs will continue to be collected.

*Peggy Wiggins, Chair of Missions.*

## FOOD BASKET SUNDAY



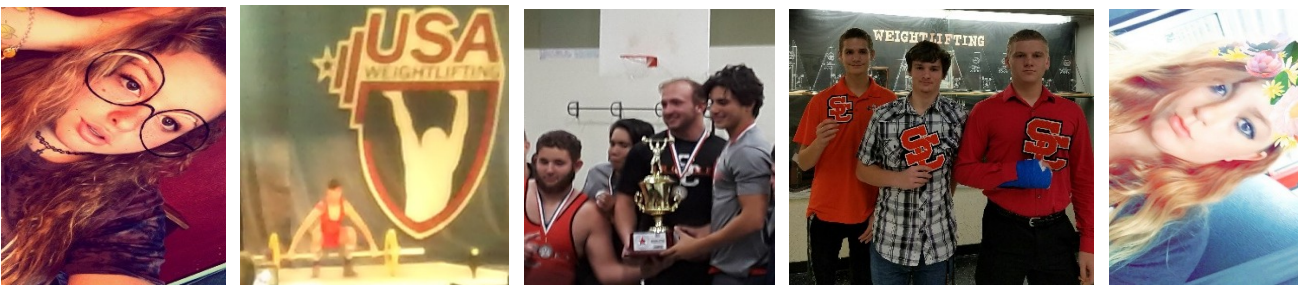
**Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, June 3rd is our next collection day and will benefit Halifax Urban Ministers.** Demand on the Food Bank continues to run high. Over 19 bags of food were collected last month which benefited the Pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Anne Stewart 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 1902 sales to date totaling \$11,000. 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*

# CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH



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We have an amazing group of youth here at POUCC! From VPK to Sr. High School graduates and all those in between, We Celebrate You!

- \*Remy is looking forward to her dance class starting in June.
- \*Will graduated from VPK and is looking forward to a fun summer.
- \*Grayson had a great season with the Miracle League Baseball team. Love the trophy...Go "Bomb Squad!"
- \*Akira received awards for chorus and her music recital where she played the piano.
- \*Rowan has found her passion in dance this year and also plays the flute.
- \*Thomas also enjoyed the "Bomb Squad" baseball team and loves Hope Reins Therapeutic Riding with is favorite horse Annie.
- \*Aydan & Rose received National Awards from the JROTC.
- \*Aydan participated in JV Weightlifting and received his letter this year.
- \*Blake received 1<sup>st</sup> place at a JV Weightlifting meet and also received a Varsity letter for competing in a Varsity competition this year.
- \*Skylar enjoyed dance this year, made Honor Roll, and will be heading to high school next year.
- \*Harmonie has a special birthday memory with her dad. They went to Universal, rode the roller coaster, and both got sick! They went home, watched scary movies, and had soup and crackers for the rest of the week.
- \*Elijah participated in Varsity Weightlifting and chorus this year, and is joining the Marines this summer.
- \*Travis participated in Football during his High School years and Graduated last week from Halifax. Travis also celebrated his new job!
- \*Nick participated in Varsity Weightlifting, placed 1<sup>st</sup> with the SCHS Boys State Team, and was also in the Jr. Olympics...Go Nick! He will also be attending Daytona State College.

**\*\*\*Congratulations to our High School Graduates, Elijah, Travis, and Nick!\*\*\***

**We wish you all the best as you continue your journey in life.**

**To All Our Youth: Remember you are a Child of God, Loved and Blessed, and are never alone.**

**God is always with you!**



**BE A BLESSING:** Please continue to donate items so that more Blessing Bags may be filled. We are reaching out to the immediate need in our community. We are God's helping hands in this world.



**Necessities:** hand sanitizer, Band-Aids, moist wipes, Kleenex, small bottles of water,

**Toiletries:** toothpaste/brush, floss, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, comb, sunscreen, chapstick

**Personal Items:** (new only) socks, underwear,

**Non-Perishable Foods:** granola bar, energy bar, tuna/cracker packs, trail mix, raisins, peanut butter cheese crackers, cookies, Slim Jim. **There is also a list of suggested items located in the Jim Reed Room.**

## YOUTH GROUP

We will "not" be holding regular Youth Group on Tuesday Evenings 6-8 this summer (June & July). We are working on a couple of Special Events that will take place instead. Miss Sher will notify the youth as these come together. Wishing you all have a safe and happy summer!

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	
Barbara Boon	
Rowan Schafer-Ramoutar	6/10
Cyndy Carrig	6/12
Pam Protko	6/13
Joan Brown	
Thomas Besaw	6/15
Carole Crippen	6/18
Susan Bussard	6/19
Bill Greiff	6/21
Charlie Baskin	
Bill Ebbert	6/22
Elijah Buller	6/25
Jimmy Goodman	
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
Bill & Doreen Wheeler	6/24/1972
Tim & Beverly Schafer	6/28/1962
Art & Barbara Horton	6/28/1975



## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Cecilia Airaldi	Friend of the Schafer-Ramoutar Family
April Bastile	Family Member of Sheila Fisher
Lisa Pratt-Benson	Friend of Pamela Schafer
Bob Brewster	Member of POUCC
Beth Brown	Daughter of Sheila Fisher
Tom Buller	Member of POUCC
Carol	Friend of the Buller Family
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Mo Claunch	Member of POUCC
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Pat Haldi	Friend of Carol Rogers
Erika Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Dale Hill	Sister-in-Law of Valerie Hill
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
Shelly Hill	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Carol Jarvis	Friend of Carol Rogers
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
Joe Magsamen	Friend of Sher Buller
Sandie McClellan	Friend of the Deitch Family
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Michael St. Marie	Friend of Beth Harris
Carol Strickland	Friend of POUCC
Bill Tinney	Friend of POUCC
Tracey	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
James Wood	Friend of Sher Buller

### In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center in MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center in TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center in WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in NY)

### Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

### Broader Concerns

Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide  
First Responders Everywhere

**Note: \*Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date, or with your Prayer Concerns 788-0920.**

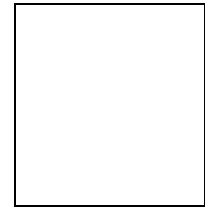


# POUCC June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:45 & 10:45 am  <b>Adult Discussion &amp; CPT</b> 9:45 am	4  <b>Deacon's Meeting</b>  6:30 pm	5	6	7  <b>Line Dancing</b>  6:00 pm	8	9  <b>Compassionate Friend's Pot Luck</b>  5:00 pm
10 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion &amp; CPT</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	11  <b>Operation's Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	12  <b>Ladies Luncheon at Olive Garden</b> 11:30 am	13  <b>Palmetto House</b> 5:30 pm	14  <b>Line Dancing</b>  6:00 pm	15	16
17 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion &amp; CPT</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	18  <b>Council Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	19	20	21  <b>Line Dancing</b>  6:00 pm	22	23
24 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion &amp; CPT</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	25	26	27	28  <b>Line Dancing</b>  6:00 pm	29	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

**Children's Sunday School**

8:45 AM

**Adult Discussion & Middle School Sunday School**

9:45 AM