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Bob Gaither

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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I had a most unusual and troubling experience last December. My trusted alarm clock (that played CDs) next to my bed had begun to malfunction off and on for a couple of months. I never used the alarm function and rarely played the radio or CDs but I loved that clock and I am the type of person that holds onto my stuff – besides when I wake up at night I want to know right away what time it is – and the warm green glow of the digital readout was comforting. Then the clock began to have the wrong time some days. Then the color of the LED display would change without asking me first. Sometimes the presets would malfunction with reference to the alarm and music. Then, it happened! One night about 3:00 in the morning (as best I could tell), the alarm went off. I had not set it and it had malfunctioned before but readily went off as soon as I hit the “off” button. Not this time. I pushed and mashed every dial, button, and switch on the unit as the alarm grew louder and louder – or so it seemed. Nothing worked. So after what seemed to be an eternity of trying and getting more and more frustrated, I finally yanked it out of the wall and threw it across the bedroom with some disgust and gusto. It stopped the alarm! Meanwhile, Lisa was obviously awake as well and somewhat perturbed at my Neanderthal behavior. Still, she said little but shook her head and turned over in bed. I was sad about the loss of my clock and embarrassed about my behavior. The good news is that I got a new clock radio from Lisa for Christmas – an iHome for my iPhone to dock on, charge, and broadcast my Playlists – awesome! All of this made me think – I know what you’re thinking, “Why didn’t he throw away the old clock radio sooner?” Well, not exactly, I’m thinking about wake-up calls. That radio had given me plenty of notice that it was on its “last legs.” But it took an incident at 3:00 a.m. to finally get me to wake up to the reality and do something – and I’m not referring to using it like a football! What does it take to get your attention? What kind of wake-up call do you need? Lent is an annual wake-up call to us all as God’s children and disciples of Jesus Christ. How is our relationship with our Creator? How much time do we spend regularly in study and prayer? Are we trying to follow Jesus in our everyday lives? Lent is an opportunity for us to wake up, make needed changes, and get ready for our Easter celebration. I hope you are doing that daily. I am inspired by your faithfulness and pray for you daily. Thank you for taking the journey with me.



Pastor Bill

DEACONS CORNER



The Ministry of Deacons

Following up on a Council initiative last year, Dr. Tom Naus, Pastor Bill, and I have looked over five different hymnals for worthy replacements of our current hymnals. We should have a recommendation in the near future. Thanks to the generosity of Nancy Gulbrandsen and her children, a gift in memory of Peter will be made to underwrite the total costs for the new hymnals with any residuals going towards the purchase of new choir music in the future. As always, if you have any needs or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the Deacons.

Bob Brewster, Chair of Deacons

OPERATIONS TEAM

The Operations Team met on February 8th and the following topics were discussed.

Old Business

- Cleaning & Waxing of Sanctuary Floors - Brite Day Solutions quote of \$977 was accepted by the Committee and date is to be scheduled.
- Benevolent Fund - Charlie Baskin will attend the March 14th Meeting to discuss the Fund's function
- Parking Lot Sign - Tracy Davis will install the "No Parking" sign.



New Business

- Sanctuary Heating Repair - Heating element has been installed by Service 1st.
- Easter Sunrise Service, March 27th, 7:00 AM - Permit has been obtained and Sher Buller will inquire on truck rental to transport equipment. Set-up and tear-down "dry run" will take place on Saturday, March 26th at noon.
- Selection of a Chairperson - New Chairperson will be selected at the March Meeting.

The next Operations Team Meeting is on Monday, March 14th at 6:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted by: *Sher Buller, Chair of Operations*



Financial Update

Operational Budget as 1/31/2016

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Jan. 2016</u>	<u>Jan. 2016</u>
Income	\$14,054	\$14,415
Expenses	\$12,083	\$13,463
Net	\$ 1,971	\$ 952

We are starting the year on a positive note with figures in the black. I have faith that we can continue this momentum through the year. As a reminder, 2015 Contribution Statements are in the Jim Reed Room. Respectfully Submitted by: *Susie Greiff, Treasurer*

2016 LEADERS INSTALLATION SERVICE & WORKSHOP



Installation Service & Workshop

On **Sunday, February 28th at both Services** the 2016 Slate of Officers will be installed and recognized. On the following Saturday, **March 5th beginning at 9:00 AM** there will be a general orientation, training and Q&A session for all Officers, Servants and Team Members. Please plan to attend both the service and the workshop. Listed below is the approved 2016 Slate of Officers. We welcome the new Team Members and thank all members for their service to the Church.

Deacons Team:

Bob Brewster	2016
Ruth Brewster	2016
Tim Schafer	2016
Sandy Kransi	2016
Sherian Buller	2016
Bonnie Morisset	2016
Janna Thompson	2016
*Faith Coppolo	2018
*Gail Besaw	2018

Operations Team:

Tom Buller	2016
Tracy Davis	2016
Sherian Buller	2016
Bill Greiff	2016
Rich Thole	2016
Jim Eagan	2017
*Ted Batturs	2018

Missions Team:

Jackie Gaither	2016
Cindy Deitch	2016
Leree Nichols	2016
Louise Eagan	2017
Gail Besaw	2017

Teaching Team:

Tom Buller	2016
Beverly Schafer	2016
Kim Dotson	2016
Cassie Higgins	2016
Jean McDougall	2017
*Sherian Buller	2018

Fellowship/Hospitality Team:

Jackie Gaither	2016
Cassie Higgins	2016
Sara Bryan	2016
Lauren Scalf	2016
Lauren Tromley	2016
Sharon Williamson	2016
Susie Bussard	2017
Sue Turner	2017
*Pat Kirkley	2018

Thrift Store Team:

Bob Gaither	Molly Baskin
Jeanette Campbell	Sheila Fisher
Roger Harper	Susie Greiff
Louise Johnson	Terry McCormack
Sue Batturs	Susie Bussard
Sue Barhite	Joellen Hopkins
Bob Fisher	Mary Ann Summers
Sharon Williamson	Dorothy Manser
Ron Zinke	Liz Mills
Sonnie Zinke	Emily Bussard
Faith Coppolo	

Appointed by Church Council:

Pastoral Relations Committee, Safe Church Committee, Nominating Committee, Financial Clerk, Treasurer Emeritus and Historian

- * Denotes being nominated at this annual meeting.
- The year listed after a person's name indicates the term ends at the completion of that leadership year. 2016 term ends 02/01/2017.

MISSION NOTES



Mission projects continue as always. Your response to our newest project “Holy Joe’s Café” was great. Thanks to your generosity, we sent a check in the amount **\$725** to aid the organization in providing a coffee house ministry for UCC Chaplains and Troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. Please remember the Mission Boxes in the Sanctuary and Jim Reed Room which benefit Sophie Circle the local pet food pantry as well as the Sock Box, can tabs and eye glass collections. Your continued support of all of our projects is appreciated within the church as well as the community.

Jackie Gaither, Chair of the Missions Team

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS: We need your talents for the **Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, March 15th**. Baked goods must be at the Church on **Monday March 14th between 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM**. Cash donations are welcome. Sign-up sheet for workers is on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2016 CAMPAIGN, WALK THE EXTRA MILE MARCH 6TH—In a world where communities are being displaced by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disaster, the Church is called to stand in solidarity with those who seek to move beyond the trauma of displacement toward a promise of healing peace. Please be generous to this worthy mission.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



We started off the new year with robust sales totaling to date **\$3,003**. Our inventory is very low and we are in need of all varieties of donations. If you’re doing some housecleaning, don’t throw it away, donate it! We are also in need of volunteers and if you can spare three hours a week, please give me a call at 290-2726. It’s a great way to help the Church, meet fellow church members, and it’s fun!

Bob Gaither, Manager

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, **March 6th is our next collection day**. Over 20 bags of food were collected last month - which benefited Grace Episcopal Food Bank. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. There is a specific need for rice, tuna, pasta items and sauce, soups, canned meats and vegetables, breakfast cereal, condiments, and peanut butter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers).



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TERRIFIC TUESDAYS



Terrific Tuesday Meetings continue to be well attended and the youth celebrated Valentine's Day with a party which included games, music, and fellowship. The group is now planning for the **2016 Peace River Camping and Canoe Trip, March 4th- 6th**. They'll be packing up their camping equipment and joining with other youth from the area for a fun-filled weekend, complete with bonfire, scavenger hunt, games, music, canoeing and worship on Sunday morning. The "candy box" fundraiser to help defray the \$60 registration fee continues through **Sunday, February 28th**. The youth thank all members of the congregation for

their generous support and will have a full report on what looks to be a great time! Just as a reminder, the group meets Tuesday's beginning with a great dinner (\$3.00 per person) prepared by Sue Turner followed by a meeting in the Youth Room. Check us out!

TUESDAY ADULT STUDY GROUP

Our Adult Study Group meets **Tuesday at 6:30 PM**. Kay Russell and Pastor Bill will continue co-leading the Adult Study through **March 8th** under the rubric of "Where Do We Go From Here?" using Diana Butler Bass' book entitled: "*Christianity for the Rest of Us*." Bass tells the stories of the vital churches her research teams studied across the country. These churches represent an emerging shape of Christianity experiencing transformation. What they learned is profoundly hopeful for the future of Christianity. Join us for a closer look at the future. You are welcome to join us for a light supper served with our youth at 6:00 at the suggested donation of \$3 per person. Please call the office to make your reservations.



Study
Group

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

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

*Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, March 10th.
It's "Italian Night!" Lasagna & Manicotti will be provided.
You bring the Salad, Bread & Dessert.
Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.*



Italian Night

NOTES OF THANKS



We recently received a note from the Pregnancy Crisis Center thanking us for the recent donation of women's and children's clothing. They are very appreciative of our continued support of their mission to aid mothers and babies.

Sharon Williamson and members of Laurelwood Estates Homeowners Association recently used the Jim Reed Room for their Valentine's Day celebration where all enjoyed themselves and were very grateful for our hospitality.

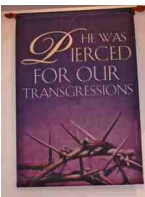


LENT & EASTER 2016

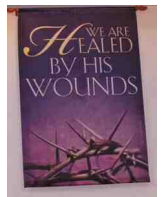


As we look forward to Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of our Lord, we continue our Lenten Theme focusing on the **Twenty-Third Psalm**. Listed below is the remaining Lenten and Easter schedule:

March 6th Scripture	Fourth Sunday in Lent Psalm 23:4a	Dealing with Loss
March 13th Scripture	Fifth Sunday in Lent Psalm 23:4b	Seeking the Presence
March 20th Scripture	Palm/Passion Sunday Psalm 23:5b	Anointed for Service
March 24th Scripture	Maundy Thursday Psalm 23:5a	Guess who's coming to Dinner? 7:00 PM Service
March 25th Worship with	Good Friday Port Orange area churches at	Noon to 3:00 PM Grace Episcopal Church.
March 27th Scripture	Easter Sunday Psalm 23:6	Goodness and Mercy Forever
	7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship at Winter Haven Park	
	10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship	



NEW LENTEN BANNERS: On Sunday, February 14th we dedicated the new Lenten Banners which were donated by Don and Kay Schweitzer. The banners are a beautiful addition to the Sanctuary and we are very grateful to the Don and Kay for their thoughtfulness and generosity.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: To begin our Lenten journey, on February 10th, we joined in worship with over 35 members of four area UCC churches at Seabreeze UCC in Daytona Beach. Thanks to Rev. Barbara Laucks and the Seabreeze congregation for hosting this year's Service which included imposition of ashes and communion.

EASTER FLOWERS: See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Please note if your flower donation is "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" Loved One(s), purchase the flower(s), put your name on the bottom and deliver your flower(s) to the Jim Reed Room no later than **Thursday, March 24th** so that they may be arranged for the 10:45 AM Easter Sunday Service. Please sign-up by **Sunday, March 20th**.




Sunrise Service
Volunteers Needed

Easter is just around the corner and we will need help to setup for the Sunrise Service at Winter Haven Park. If you can help on **Saturday and/or Sunday, March 26th & 27th**, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the rear of the Sanctuary.

PORT ORANGE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Ministerial Association held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 17th and special programs of interest are listed below.



On Wednesday March 2nd at 8:00 PM a Vatican Astronomer will be present to do a lecture at Embry Riddle University on the relationship of faith and science. Contact the university for further information.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING-MODERN DAY SLAVERY: Come and learn about this world wide problem, affecting every community and threatening our children on **Wednesday, March 9th, 3:00-4:00 PM, Our Lady of Hope Parish Center.** Deacon Michael S. Pettit, Diocesan Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator for Volusia/Flagler Counties will be the presenter and the video “Chosen” will be shown.



NEWS & Notes



Remember Your Dues

Just a reminder, yearly dues are \$15.00 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 is simply reimbursing the Church for that mandatory fee.**

CONGRATULATIONS: Colten Pack who recently earned his Black Strip Belt in Tae Kwon Do. *We're very proud of you!*



WAY TO GO GIRLS: Both Hunter & Payton Bryan were picked for the Atlantic High School Lady Sharks Softball Team.

CONGRATS TO: Trey & Van Thompson for making the Spruce Creek High School Volleyball Teams, Varsity & J.V. respectively.

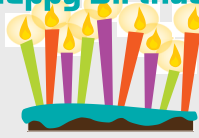


DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD ON MARCH 13TH



*Easter is a time of love,
A time of grief and pain undone,
So we may know the power of
The love that lives in everyone.
Each love we feel, each love we know,
Redeems what would to darkness go.*

Happy Birthday!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS*

Sharon Williamson	3/4
Ruth Gilbert	3/5
Faith Coppolo	3/6
Gail Besaw	3/12
Jim Eagan	3/15
Bill Wheeler, Sr.	3/16
Tom Van Camp	3/22
Molly Baskin	3/24
Jim Kirtley	3/25
Lauren Tromley	
Pastor Bill	3/27
Marian Wolff	3/28



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES*

Charlie & Molly Baskin	3/03/1962
Richard & Vivien Devins	3/24/1984
Chuck & Erika Henderson	3/25/1972



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Audrey Besaw	Mother of Tom Besaw
Denise Brewster	Daughter-in-Law of the Brewsters
Emily Bussard	Member of POUCC
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Sandy Cicero	Family Member of the Gaithers
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Karen Donahue	Member of the Kransi Family
Amy Dyer	Friend of the Fishers
Randy Ewing	Husband of Lisa Wassner's Coworker
Bob Fisher	Member of POUCC
F/F of Peter Gulbrandsen	Member of POUCC
Rev. Richard Hills	POMA Minister
Carolyn Hoffman	Mother of Lisa Wassner
Bob Johnson	Member of POUCC
Drew Knock	Member of POUCC
Delores Mann	Friend of Diane Kirlin
Dalen & Liz Mills & Tremont CC	The Mills Home Church in Maine
Pam Protko	Member of POUCC
Jill McClure	Friend of the Deitch Family
Tim Schafer	Member of POUCC
F/F of Mary Sherman	Sister of Tom Van Camp
Jim Turner	Husband of Sue Turner
Arthur Van Nostrand	Member of POUCC
Bill Wheeler	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities

June Ferreri Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)

Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families



Broader Concerns

- Residents of Fiji
- Victims of the Recent Tornados
- 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 MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 POMA 4:00 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Astronomy Presentation 8:00 pm.	3 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	4 Youth Attend Peace River Retreat	5 Youth Attend Peace River Retreat
6 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	7 POMA 3:45 pm Compassionate Friends 7:00 pm	8 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	9 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	10 POMA 3:45 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	11	12
13 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	14 POMA 3:45 pm Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Presidential Primary & Bake Sale 7:00 am-7:00 pm	16 POMA 4:00 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	17  St. Patrick's Day POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	18	19
20 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	21 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	23 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	24  Maundy Thursday SERVICE 7:00 pm	25  GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Noon-3:00 pm	26
27 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am Traditional 10:45 am	28 POMA 3:45 pm	29 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	30 POMA 4:00 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	31 POMA 3:45 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm		

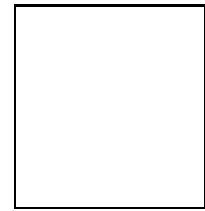


Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9-Noon Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: MARCH—OPERATIONS, APRIL—THRIFT STORE

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM
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Monday—Friday
Saturday—9:00-Noon

Sunday Worship

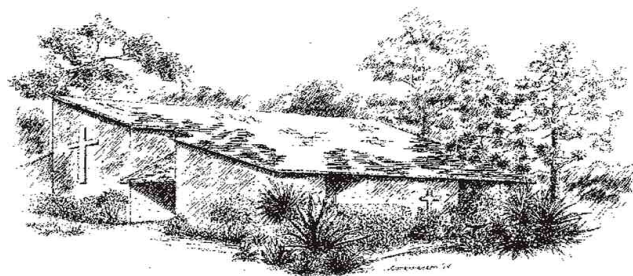
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday

6:00 PM



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