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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



I'm not sure about all of you but I'm certainly ready to begin as your new Pastor here at Port Orange UCC.

It has been an interesting eight months since I asked the UCC Florida Conference to send my profile to the Search Committee here at Port Orange UCC. I remember reading your church profile and thinking, "what a great sounding congregation." Then I wondered, where the heck is Port Orange? Not only did I find out where Port Orange is, I found the church profile to be right on the mark. Sue and I continue to discover how great this congregation and the Port Orange area are. We physically moved here in early December and have been remodeling our new home while continuing to unpack (only a few boxes left.)

It seems like the congregation is enthused and energized to worship and thank God while reaching outside of your four walls and being the hands of Jesus by helping others within the Port Orange area. It is so good to see Mission minded Christians actually being enthusiastic about doing mission work.

Pastor Steven has been a good catalyst to place a spark into this congregation. Everyone I've met seems excited about our church. I love seeing all the smiling faces who seem determine to make this an even better congregation than you already are. I pray I can continue to help us stay energized and grow our faith in God as well as helping our neighbors.

Beginning my ministry here during the middle of the season of Lent seems appropriate. The Lenten season is a time of self-reflection. God has called us together in ministry during this time of looking within ourselves to determine how we will move forward.

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15 NIV

I plan to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I also plan to get to know all of you, pray with you, play with you, cry with you, laugh with you (a lot), and prayerfully become another welcomed member of this congregational family.

Please help me by telling me your name when I look lost (happens often.) I will try to learn your names and your family connections as quickly as I can.

I'm praying our new ministry will be a good one. As St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Blessings,

Pastor Glenn

ASSISTANT PASTOR'S MESSAGE



We are two weeks into Lent. What have you given up for Lent, and how are you doing with that and why? I am well past the suggested age of fasting for Lent, but after taking advantage of not fasting during Lent for a couple years after having fasted during Lent for many years, I decided I really need my Lenten tradition. I love my sweets, so I've given up candy in the hopes that I will eat in a more healthy way and continue to do so following Lent in order to take better care of my earthly body. In the past I gave up candy, cake and cookies, which is REALLY tough for me to do, but I was always successful during Lent when at no other time of year could I "diet" successfully just for vanity's sake. Fasting for Jesus during Lent always worked for me because I would whisper to myself with each temptation that I was doing this to honor God and His unconditional love as given through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Oh, we certainly need our nutritional nourishment, even special treats -- the ingredients for which God provides -- but in moderation.

Spiritual nourishment is another story. No moderation is necessary, and the opportunities for nourishment is bountiful! Gathering as a family of faith on Sundays for worship and fellowship, attending Sunday School and Bible studies, and being together as we break bread together during Fellowship Dinners are just a few opportunities providing Spiritual Growth. Ask any of our Thrift Store volunteers or Palmetto House volunteers if they feel spiritually enriched when they reach out to others. You'd better believe it! Our personal one-on-one prayerful quiet time with God, whether it be morning, daytime hours or night, is vital to spiritual nourishment. How about those moments of prayer any waking hour when you thank God for tossing you a life-line when you least expected a need; or a moment of awe when you exclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"? Nutritional nourishment is periodically necessary. Spiritual nourishment can be 24/7 -- with every breath we take. Yes, Lent is a time for spiritual enrichment and renewal. Come, let us continue our spiritual journey together during this Lenten season as POUCC begins a new chapter through the spiritual leadership of our newly-arrived Pastor Glenn. Come, NOURISH YOURSELVES!

Prayerfully,

Pastor Beverly

DEACONS CORNER

The Deacons Team held its February 6 meeting with a full agenda. Sherian Buller was elected Chair of the Deacons. Tim Schafer was elected Vice Chair of the Deacons followed by Charlie Baskin's election as Secretary.

The preparation and serving of communion will come under the leadership of Tim Schafer and Sheila Fisher. The Deacons will work with Jim Eagan with the ushering. Ruth Brewster and Louise Eagan will work with the presentation of the Church sanctuary. Charlie Baskin will take the lead on Stewardship.

The Deacons reviewed Pastor Beverly's report on the meeting of our Church's Emergency Response Team. The Deacons recommended the approval by the Council of the Action Items listed in the report, except the Deacons requested that the second sentence of 5. Security Team be deleted.

The Deacons reviewed the placement of refreshments between services. It was decided that they should be placed in Jim Reed Room. Discussion was held on the "decorations" hanging in the Sanctuary. The religious significance of the "decorations" had not been told to the Deacons nor congregation and this factor has assisted in creating the negative viewpoints that have come forward. The Deacons expressed various points of view but felt the "decorations" should not be hanging all the time but utilized during special holy celebrations. Example, the "decorations" will be up during Lent. Further discussion will be held in the future. *Charlie Baskin, Secretary of Deacons*

Deacons
Message



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



During the church's Annual meeting I happened to be on a Zumba cruise with friends of mine. When I returned home I then went over to the Tampa area with family. I am back and ready to be Moderator. We had a good service on Sunday, February 11th, and many of us were able to tell Paul and Pastor Steven good luck in their endeavors in the cold state of Nebraska. We will miss them and they will miss the sunny, warm weather of Florida. On March 1st, we will be starting a new phase of our church with Pastor Glenn Rice. His first Sunday will be March 4, so please let's all come to the service of your choice 8:45 or 10:45,AM and give him a big welcome. Thanks, from your new moderator, *Kathy Cratin*

OPERATIONS TEAM

The Operations Team met on February 12th and the following topics were discussed.

Old Business

- **Storm Mission** – Operations to come up with a plan to prevent water damage to our church property. Quick Dam Flood Barriers have been purchased.
- **Jim Reed Room Bathroom Floors** – Bathrooms between kitchen and Jim Reed Room floors are complete thanks to Billy Wiggins.

New Business

- **Easter Sunday** – Beach Permit has been secured. Jim Eagan will be contacting Volusia County Beach Patrol to see if we can get the trailer pulled again this year.
- **Violent Emergency Review** – Reviewed Minutes of the meeting with Port Orange Police Officer Evan Doyle Wednesday January 10th. Prices for security camera and panic buttons needed for next meeting.
- **ATT Tower** – Waiting for contract.

The next Operations Team Meeting is on Monday, March 12th at 6:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted by: *Jim Eagan, Operations Team*



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

We started off the new year with robust sales totaling to date \$4,500. Our inventory is low and we are in need of all varieties of donations especially furniture and knick-knacks. 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*



Financial Update — Operational Budget as 1/31/2018

	JANUARY	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 14,429	\$ 14,429	\$ 12,115	\$ 2,314
Expenses	\$ 12,753	\$ 12,753	\$ 14,144	(\$ 1,391)
Balance	\$ 1,676	\$ 1,676	(\$ 2,029)	

Our January Income was prematurely inflated by a single advance payment of an Annual Pledge. Factoring that in, we were -\$157 in January. *Hal Francis, Treasurer*

MISSION NOTES



Again, our church came through, and we are happy to report that we are sending a check for \$354 to Holy Joe's Café. Thanks to all.

We are collecting two February and March Missions, The Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center and Sophie's Circle. Please continue to bring your donations in or you may put checks in the Offertory with Mission specified on the memo line. We have, also, put separate boxes for cash donations up by the display for "on the spot" donations to either of these mission. Thank you.



A big 'THANKS' to Bob for his collecting jeans, shoes, and prom dresses for Spruce Creek High School's HUY students. These items, once collected, are picked up by SPHS's Donna Wilkes, who spoke to our congregation last fall about the needs of these students.

As always, our Sock Box collection is in the Sanctuary and our Eyeglass donation basket is in the Jim Reed Room. We are collecting Aluminum can tabs for Cancer Research and they can be placed in the water container in the Jim Reed Room. Also, remember we still collect newspapers and these can be deposited in the big paper container outside (rear parking lot). These four mission will continue year-round. Thank you.



A trip will be made to Boggy Creek soon with 14 afghans we have been given by Molly's Knit-Wits and a bag of ties given to us by Bob from Thrift Store donations. Thank you to both! At our next visit to Boggy Creek we are going to talk to them about setting up a date that whomever from our church want to visit their camp, would be able to attend on a designated day and have a guided tour. More details to follow! It's an hours drive there so that should be considered.

Peggy Wiggins, Chair of Missions

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2018 CAMPAIGN, MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE—MARCH 11TH—This offering enables the UCC to reach people and communities affected by disaster, displacement or poverty. Through OGHS, we provide assistance to families and communities around the world helping them to become stronger, healthier and better equipped to address hardships and catastrophes. Please be generous in support of this mission



YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **March 4th is our next collection day.** Over 23 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers).



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 8th. It's "Pot Luck". Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Services.

YOUTH CORNER



Terrific Tuesdays

Youth Group continues to meet Tuesday evenings from 6-8 PM. A new format was introduced in January which is focusing more on scripture, discussion, prayer, and communion (our meal together). The time for discussion allows the teens to go deeper as they explore their own thoughts and how it applies to their own lives. This has been well received and our attendance has increased in 2018. We have had as many as 16 youth attend.

Some of our recent topics include: Time spent on the Beatitudes for Valentine's with a focus on "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." For Lent we talked about different concepts for Fasting. "Fast from hurting words...and say kind words." Fast from sadness...and be filled with gratitude." This is recommended for us ALL!

In response to our request for additional adults needed to help manage the group size we have had Cyndy Carrig and Dave Whitman attend meetings when they are able. Sue Turner is also continuing to prepare meals for us each week. Thank You! In Faith, *Sher Buller, Youth Leader*

SPECIAL MENTION



On Sunday, February 11th over 130 members and friends gathered for a Celebration of Farewell for Pastor Steven Mitchell and Paul Allen. The Combined Service featured our Praise Team, Choir, under the direction of Dr. Tom, as well as Ruth Brewster and Sher Buller who played "I Believe" on chimes. After the Service, all attended a delicious luncheon provided by our Fellowship Team. Thanks to all who helped make the celebration a memorable event that Pastor Steven and Paul will remember as they begin their new ministry in Nebraska!

EASTER SERVICES



March 25th – Regular Sunday Schedule with distribution of palms.

March 29th –Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM – Service commemorating the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified.



March 30th, Noon to 3:00 PM – Good Friday – During the afternoon we are invited to attend the Good Friday Ecumenical Service "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at Grace Episcopal Church.

April 1st – 6:45 AM 38th Annual Sunrise Service – Winter Haven Park, Ponce Inlet and the **10:45 AM Sanctuary Service** with choral and instrumental music.

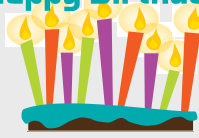


EASTER FLOWERS: See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Please note if your flower donation is "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" Loved One(s), put your name on the bottom and deliver your flower(s) to the Jim Reed Room no later than **Thursday, March 29th** so that they may be arranged for the 10:45 AM Easter Sunday Service. Please sign-up by **Sunday, March 25th.**



On Thursday, March 29th at 10:00 AM to help fold the Easter Sunrise Service Bulletin. Also, volunteers needed for Easter Sunrise Service set-up on both **Saturday March 31st, Noon - Church** and **Sunday, April 1st 4:30 AM-Beach.**

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
Molly Baskin	3/24
Lauren Tromley	3/25



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES*

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

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
F/F of Clyde Bussard	Member of POUCC
Gene Clark	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Lionel Gervais	Friend of the Wiggins Family
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
John Holbrook	Brother of Ruth Brewster
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
Jeff McCormack	Husband of Terry McCormack
Tommy McDonough	Stepbrother of Joe Thompson
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Carol Strickland	Friend of POUCC
Bill Tinney	Friend of POUCC
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Donna Weber	Niece of Dorothy Manser
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 Daytona Beach)
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

Victims of the Shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
First Responders Everywhere

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

POUCC MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	2	3
4 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	5 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacon's' Mtg. 6:30 pm	6 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	7 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	8 POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	9	10
11 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	12 POMA 4:30 pm Operations Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	14 Palmetto 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	15 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	16	17  St. Patrick's Day
18 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	19 POMA 4:30 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	21 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	22 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	23	24
25 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	26 POMA 4:30 pm	27m Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	28 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	29 POMA 4:30 pm Maundy Thurs. Service 7:00 pm	30 Ecumenical Service Grace Episcopal Church Noon-3:00 pm	31 Sunrise Service Loading Noon



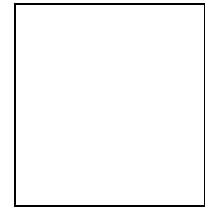
DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD ON MARCH 11TH

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—TEACHING, APRIL—OPERATIONS

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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
Saturday—9:00-Noon

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Children's Sunday School

8:45 AM

Adult Discussion &
Middle School Sunday School

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday

6:00 PM



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