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**SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE**



Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Christian season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17 with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The season of Lent continues for 40 days (excluding Sundays) through Holy Saturday, April 3. Because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, we skip over Sundays when we calculate the length of Lent. Therefore Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday prior to Easter Sunday.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance; a season for reflection and taking stock in ourselves. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

I understand most of us avoid the unhappy times in our lives; days like Good Friday for instance. We need to remember how as Christians we can bear the feelings of sadness, loneliness, hunger, thirst, unhappiness, grief and even death all because Jesus Christ came to earth and faced the same human emotions we encounter on a daily basis. As Christians, we can face our own deaths in life because we know how we too will share in his resurrection.

The highs in our lives can only be measured if there are lows. Think about your own life and you will find you have learned the most valuable lessons and gained the most faith during the low times you have suffered through. Without the suffering and death on Good Friday there would be no celebration on Easter morning with the promise of eternal life.

During this Lenten season, reflect, repent and join Christ in the wilderness. We are the fortunate ones ... we already know there is a glorious story of Easter.

Peace be with you, *Pastor Glenn*



## ASSISTANT MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

### Assistant Moderator's Message



Hello and welcome to the March Edition of the POUCC newsletter! I am writing you as the Assistant Moderator and have these thoughts for your consideration. We, at the writing of this note, are seeing some of the worst numbers due to the COVID to date. Because of that, I felt and continue to feel we should not be meeting and eating together until this takes a turn in numbers for the better. As we get accurate reports of clinical numbers going down, we can discuss things that do not require a mask to be removed in public. Members of the staff and members of the congregation are to follow guidelines and wear a mask on church property. This protects the church as a whole. This includes guests as well. If we are part of the solution we will not be part of the problem and quite frankly we are adult enough to follow that to completion.

*Joe Thompson, Assistant Moderator*

## LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES



**Sunday, March 28th** — Regular Sunday Schedule with Communion and distribution of palms.



**Thursday, April 1st — 6:00 PM** — **Special Combination Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Service** commemorating the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples and his crucifixion on Good Friday. Holy Communion will be celebrated.



**April 4th — 7:00 AM** — **40th Annual Sunrise Service here at the Church**— and the **10:45 AM Sanctuary Service** with choral and instrumental music.

## SPECIAL NOTES

Hello from the raining skies of Jacksonville! Since moving here I have seen lots of rain, it has been warm and I have been able to sit out on my balcony to enjoy my beautiful view. I had to quarantine for a week, but I am passed that. I just want to thank you for all the support I have gotten through the years. I have seen a lot at POUCC since 1986. I pray for good things to continue here for all of you. Thank you, I send lots of love and blessings ! *Kathy Cratin*



Thank you to all who ordered Girl Scout cookies from Delana. She sold 66 boxes this year. The money she earned will go towards things she needs for her Gold Award project.

## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, **March 7th is our next collection day.** Over 20 bags of food were collected last month which benefited Halifax Urban Ministries. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. **Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.**



## OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM

This Spring 2021, we are going to announce another "Spring into Life" campaign for the purpose of maintaining our church property inside & outside. The funds raised will all be put to excellent use around our church. If you see anything needing to be repaired or replaced please let Kathy in the church office know about it. Also, our parking areas are starting to show age on the edges. We painted 'No Parking' on most of the edges to avoid having the asphalt breaking up. So far, we are doing good not parking in these areas. Respectfully submitted, *Bob Brewster, Team Chair*

*Operations & Finance Team - Art Horton, Harold Kransi & Trey Thompson*



**COMING SOON!**

### Financial Update — Operational Budget as 1/31/2021

	<u>JANUARY 2021</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD DIFFERENCE</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 11,208.00	\$ 11,208.00	\$ 11,301.64	\$ ( 93.64)
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 14,145.52	\$ 14,145.52	\$ 14,649.84	\$ (504.32)
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	\$ ( 2,937.52)	\$ ( 2,937.52)	\$ ( 3,348.20)	\$ 410.68



As you can see we are very close to being on budget for the month of January which left us with a loss of \$2,937.52 instead of a loss of \$3,348.20. We have many challenges ahead of us this year but we are very grateful for our amazing team at the Thrift Store and for everyone's continued generosity and support. With God's blessing, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Here we are at the end of February! Time for another report. The Store is doing well. Our total is \$6,000 so far for the year. We are still in need of household goods. So if you're doing some Spring cleaning, we need your donations. God Bless our volunteers!

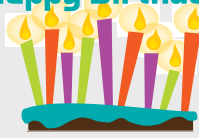
*Bob Gaither, Manager*

## SPECIAL OFFERING

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2021 CAMPAIGN — "LET LOVE FLOW" — MARCH 14TH**—When you share your gifts to OGHS, you LET LOVE FLOW. Your generosity ensures that even in the midst of uncertainty, the transforming power of love we continue to change the lives of those who are most vulnerable among us.



Happy Birthday!



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS\*

Sharon Williamson	3/4
Faith Coppolo	3/6
Bill Wheeler, Sr.	3/16
Molly Baskin	3/24
Brad Boon	



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES\*

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harriet Barton	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Linda Cochran	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
June Ferreri	Former Member of POUCC
King Floyd	Friend of the Thompson Family
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Don Gates	Member of POUCC
Debbie Geosits	Sister of Pastor Glenn
Tony Grover	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Helen Holmes	Member of POUCC
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Grace Kern	Member of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Teresa Leib	Daughter-in-Law of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harry Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster Family
Lorraine Miklos	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
Kay Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Oakley & Michele Solms	Friends of POUCC
Craig Smith	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Shirley Steiner	Friend of Sharon Williamson
T.J.	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Bill Wheeler	Member of POUCC
Stephanie Whitman	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Joe Wintermeyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Rita Wren	Friend of POUCC

### 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 Caronavirus & Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus  
 All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families  
 Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

**Note: \*Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date and with your Prayer Requests.**



# POUCC MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	8	9	10 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	15	16	17 	18	19	20 Council Meeting 10:00 am
21 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
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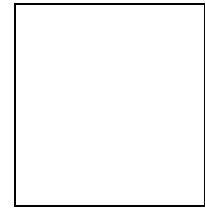
*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9-Noon*

*Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*



***DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH.***

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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

**Adult Discussion**

9:45 AM



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