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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Lenten greetings to all,

I pray all of you are taking some time to reflect on your lives during this Lenten season. Prayerfully, you are reading and studying your bibles, praying with God, listening for God to speak to you and coming together in the worship of God.

I am sure many of you are missing one or more in the above paragraph. I too miss a few of these practices at times. Isn't it funny how our human lives seems to get in the way of being able to pause to reflect and worship our one true God?

Maybe a part of our problem is we look at Jesus through rose-colored lenses. When we do come to church, we see the beautiful murals of Jesus; God in human flesh - leading and guiding us. I'm sure many people have been touched by these paintings on our west wall of the nave. The problem is, they're not realistic. The bible tells us, "During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death." In other places we are told how Jesus was in great anguish and even sweat drops of blood. I don't see any of this in any of our mural.

The night before Jesus was crucified he had his last supper with his disciples. During the meal he said, "This is my body" and, "This is my blood." Then Judas left to betray him. Shortly after, Jesus went to pray and asked Peter, James and John to pray with him. He ended up praying alone because they were too tired.

He then prayed, "Let this cup pass from me not my will but yours be done." He knew what waited for him that day. "He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death." He then prayed for God to protect and help his disciples. He even prayed for all who would believe because of their witness; including all of us.

When reading the bible, I pray you notice how many other times Jesus would be found praying. Many times we are not told what he was praying but our Lord and Savior; the only begotten Son of God; God in the flesh, felt he needed to pray.

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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus lived a human life. He experienced all we experience; our shortcomings, pain, trials and troubles. He felt the need to talk to his Father. His prayers were “with loud cries and tears.” Jesus walked in our shoes, therefore he can be our high priest. He interceded with God for all of us. Jesus understands because he too has suffered. He was tempted and he knew fear. I’m sure you have problems. Pause, take a break and look to Jesus. You can take your troubles to him. It’s only Jesus who suffered and died to take away your sin and give you eternal life.

We don’t worship the beautiful murals of Jesus, rather we worship the Jesus who went through blood, sweat and tears; who was betrayed and abandoned.

I know he can handle all of our troubles and even help us bear our burdens. I pray you take the time to pause, reflect and pray to God during this season of Lent.

Shalom,

Pastor Glenn

LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES



Wednesday, March 2nd - 6:00 PM - Please plan gather to begin our Lenten journey with a Worship Service in which we will celebrate Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.

Sunday, April 10th — Regular Sunday Schedule with Communion and distribution of palms.



Thursday, April 14th — 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 17th — 7:00 AM — 41th Annual Sunrise Service here at the Church— and the 10:45 AM Sanctuary Service with choral and instrumental music.



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Fellow church members & friends, as we proceed through our spiritual journey together, I feel compelled to remind everyone that our church exists because of the dedicated hard work and talents of a large body of people who preceded us in its creation, planning, building and continued caretaking. Every part of our church was an idea in someone's mind that was brought to life through donations, contributions and much hard work. All of this was mostly accomplished by volunteers and individuals who freely gave of their time and resources. Just look around our church anytime you are here and what you will see are the results of these contributions. For almost 44 years this dedicated energy has been applied to making our church a place for spiritual renewal and learning. As we enter Lent and celebrate the coming Easter and Christ's everlasting life gift to us, we also need to keep giving back to Him by always remembering He died for us and we have an obligation to pay that message forward. Supporting our church so that it remains a place for receiving this good message is something I ask of all of you. Each us in our own way can make this happen by telling others that you know about a small church with a Big Heart where one can go for feeding the soul and renewing the spirit of Christ inside us. The coming year will be both challenging and exciting as we enter new phases of our growth both as individuals and as a Church Family. May god bless you all, *Bob Brewster, Moderator*

OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM

An update on the progress since our last newsletter article.

Thanks go out to our new Team member Sean Senko for all his help with the cleaning and organizing the attic area above the choir closet, he also volunteered at the Thrift Store. Thanks again Sean.

Slowly but surely, we are going through all the storage spaces, reviewing what needs to be saved and what does not.

Irrigations System:

Our irrigation system, well, pump and controls are back in working order, irrigating our lawns and shrubs. Thanks again to John Cheney and his crew at Tuff Turf Landscaping and Irrigation systems.

Exterior Structure Power Wash & Painting:

The exterior power washing and painting project is complete. Premier Renovations, Tony & Casadie have been more than helpful. The roof flashing on the back storage building failed, water had been leaking into the block walls for quite a while. This caused the stucco to fall off when it was power washed. Tony replaced the stucco, primed and painted the wall area at no additional charge. They also completed other remediation to wall areas, painted the cross on the front of the church all at no additional cost. They also gave the church a \$700.00 donation.

If you have renovations and/or painting in your home, office, wherever, please consider using them for your next project. 386-341-0990.

Parking and Driveways Sealing & Restriping:

As you can see the paved areas have been sealed and restriped. They look great but more importantly the surfaces have been sealed protecting them for years to come.

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Phone System:

Our new phone answering system is on-line, incoming phone calls are answered 24-7 and directed to the appropriate person.

Parking Lot Lighting:

All paperwork has been signed with FPL, we hope to have the new LED site lighting installed very soon. It will enhance not only the visual appearance of the Church and the parking areas but the security of all our property.

Mix Building Doors:

The new aluminum diamond plate covers for all the Mix building doors should be installed protecting the doors from further damage and/or degrading by the time you read this article.

Security Camera System:

The new camera system should also be installed by the time you read this article, if not installation is eminent.



We still need your financial support for one or more of the projects. The 2022 Spring Into Life Campaign has commenced, won't you consider helping and supporting our campaign?

That's it for this month. Yours in the Faith: *Art Horton, Team Leader.*

Financial Update — Operational Budget as 1/31/2022

	<u>JANUARY 2022</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$ 10,115.34	\$ 10,115.34	\$ 11,522.60	\$ (1,407.26)
Expenses	\$ 14,451.15	\$ 14,451.15	\$ 15,130.70	\$ (679.55)
Profit/Loss	\$ (4,335.81)	\$ (4,335.81)	\$ (3,608.10)	\$ (727.71)



We had a loss in excess of \$4,000.00 for the month of January primarily due to the costs of the improvements we have been making which have been expensed between our Special Maintenance Projects and Building and Grounds. Much of the costs have been paid for but will be expensed throughout the year. We are truly blessed for all our members, friends and team workers. Thanks go out to all. With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



The Thrift Store continues to do well. We are appreciative of all donation. The volunteers are great workers and they treat the customers well. They help them shop and invite them to come to church! We really need volunteer help on Tuesday afternoon Noon-2:00 . If you help, please call Jackie Gaither at 295-3050. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH.



MISSION'S CORNER



Thanks to all who donated sheets to our February Palmetto Missions Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Our March Mission will benefit the Pregnancy Crisis Center. The Center is in great need of **Large Size Baby Diapers, Wipes, and Baby Bath Items**. Please place your donations in the box in the Sanctuary.

As always, Sophie Circle, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collection continues year round. *Your Mission Team*

SPECIAL OFFERING

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2020 CAMPAIGN - MARCH 27TH

Through the OGHS offering, we are planting seeds of new life. Together, we are investing in communities world-wide: providing education to girls and boys, and participating in sustainable solution that offer dignity to all. Please be generous in support of this mission. Envelopes for this offering are in your boxed set.



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 14 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.**

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 a "Corned Beef & Cabbage Pot Luck".

Corned beef will be provided; you bring the cabbage, potatoes, sides and desserts. Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Services.



Happy Birthday!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS*

Sharon Williamson	3/4
Bill Wheeler, Sr.	3/16
Denise Gates	3/21
Molly Baskin	3/24



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES*

Charlie & Molly Baskin	3/03/1962
Richard & Vivien Devins	3/24/1984

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jennifer Anderson	Family of the Batturs
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Barbara Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Susie Bussard	Member of POUCC
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Adele Echenique	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Alice Lynn Feldman	Member of POUCC
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Susan Grillo	Niece of the Zinke's
Gary Haines	Cousin of Bob Gaither
John Hamer	Friend of the Horton's
Brad Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Shirley Harper	Former Member of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Emily McCleary	Friend of POUCC
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
Kay Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty Shepherd	Member of POUCC
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Judy Turcotte	Friend of POUCC
Grant Tobin	Friend of POUCC
Caroline Wallace	Family of Sheila Fisher
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Ahmet Wilson	Friend of Sheila Fisher

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

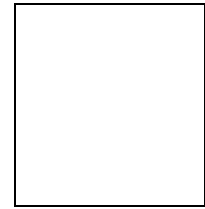
Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date and with your Prayer Requests.

POUCC MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday Combined Service of Worship 9:45 am	7	8	9	10 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	11	12
13 Contemporary 8:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	14	15	16	17 	18	19 Council Meeting 10:00 am
20 Contemporary 8:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Contemporary 8:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	28	29	30	31		

*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2 pm, Sat. 9-Noon
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*

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Office Hours

9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Monday—Friday
Saturday—9:00-Noon

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

First Sunday of the Month

**Combined Service of
Worship**

9:45 am



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