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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Here we are in the midst of the season of Easter.

Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:1-3.)

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy (Luke 24:50-52.)

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight (Acts 1:9.)

Yes, we are in the 50 days of the Easter season. Easter doesn't end when the leftover ham is placed in the refrigerator on Easter Sunday. The season of Easter continues until Pentecost; Sunday, May 23 this year.

The scripture verses above speak about the 40 days Jesus appeared to many, convincing them he had risen from the dead. What a joyous time while he continued to teach his apostles. During these days, the disciples finally understood what Jesus had been teaching them for three years. They were no longer the learners but now they were his teachers.

At the end of the 40 days, Jesus blessed them and rose up into the clouds, returning to heaven. Can you imagine following a man who rose from the dead and watching him rise up into the clouds, only seeing the bottom of his sandals? No wonder they continued to worship Christ and went home with such great joy!

Thanks be to God and the saints who have gone before us, leaving us with both the oral and written stories and traditions, so we too can continue teaching about and worshipping God through Jesus Christ with great joy!

Joyous Easter blessings to all,

Pastor Glenn

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ASSISTANT MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Assistant
Moderator's
Message

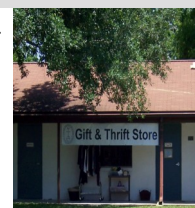


Hello brothers and sisters and welcome to this month's newsletter! We have been experiencing major fluctuations in the corona virus pandemic and are still asking as a whole for the safety of the group and visitors. Safety that we continue with the practice of hand washing, social distancing and mask wearing inside of our Church and Thrift Store. Thank you for understanding the greater good in these practices. Should anyone want, you are always encouraged to attend a Council Meeting as there is a section set aside for members and friends to bring their views to Council for review. May God continue to keep you well.

Joe Thompson, Assistant Moderator

THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE

April has turned out to be a great month thanks to Bob Brewster and Watson Realty for their donation of desks, chairs and room dividers. April 12th-17th the Thrift Store set a record of \$1,604 for the week and on April 15th we had a record day of \$568. Our total sales for the year so far are \$17,000. Thanks again to our great volunteers. *Bob Gaither, Manager*



MISSION'S NOTES



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH—May 23: The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, **May 2nd is our next collection day.** Over 19 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



POUCC has a wonderful monthly Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. Entertainment follows the monthly dinners.

***Our Next Dinner is Thursday, May 13th. It's a Pot Luck!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.***



OPERATION & FINANCE TEAM



First, a HUGE “**Thank you**” to everyone who have contributed to our recently launched *Spring into Life* campaign. All monies given are 100% used for maintenance of the church grounds and buildings. Please keep giving. After solving a water leak problem last month, we are fortunately not facing any similar problems. Our goal as summer approaches is to do some spot painting on the church exterior and to better manage the lawn irrigation system to not allow dry spots in more visible areas while avoiding watering less visible weedy areas. We continue to ask anyone seeing an area in need of attention to let us know by calling the church office. Have a Blessed May.

*Bob Brewster, Chair Operations & Finance Team
(Art Horton, Trey Thompson, Harold Kransi)*

Financial Update — Operational Budget as 3/31/2021



	MARCH ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET ACTUAL	YTD DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 11,852.80	\$ 36,632.66	\$ 33,762.00	\$ 2,870.66
Expenses	\$ 14,780.60	\$ 43,193.57	\$ 42,428.50	\$ 765.07
	\$ (2,927.80)	\$ (6,560.91)	\$ (8,666.50)	\$ 2,105.59

We had some unexpected expenses in March primarily due to an underground water leak which left us with a loss of \$2,927.80 for the month. Thanks to our amazing hard-working team at the Thrift Store who continue to surpass their budget each month and for everyone’s continued generosity and support we were able to operate better than budgeted by \$2,105.50. With God’s blessing, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*

SPECIAL REQUEST



OUR GIRL SCOUTS NEED YOUR HELP!
THEY ARE WORKING TOWARDS THEIR BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD AWARDS. THESE ARE VERY BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN GIRL SCOUTS. THEY'RE IN SEARCH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...
PICNIC TABLES W/ BENCHES, SOLAR LIGHTS, ROCKS, OUTDOOR BENCHES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you think you can help, you may contact Cindy Johndrow @ 386-290-2590 any night after 5pm or anytime on the weekend. Thank you in advance for your help and supporting Girl Scouts.



**WE WISH ALL THE MOMS OF THE
CONGREGATION A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

Happy Birthday!



MAY BIRTHDAYS*

Sonnie Zinke	5/5
Grace Kern	
Sue Batturs	5/7
June Ferreri	5/9
Gary Zemba	
Cora Hargrove	5/13
Charla Manning	5/14
Beverly Woodacre	5/15
Pat Hilgenberg	5/17
Pastor Glenn	5/18
Dwight Sanborn	
Mary Ann Stewart	5/27
Richard Devins, Sr.	
Judy Van Camp	5/30
Ingrid Claunch	5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES*

Jackie & Bob Gaither	5/08/1982
Kristin & Peter Marshall	5/16/2015



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
F/F of Harriet Barton	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
F/F of Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Denise Brewster	Daughter-in-Law of the Brewster's
Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Linda Cochrane	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Chuck Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Debbie Geosits	Sister of Pastor Glenn
Tony Grover	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
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
Kay Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Craig Smith	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Stephanie Whitman	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Rita Wrenn	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 Wotke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center, NY)

Special Needs

Victims of the Caronavirus and Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus
 All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
 Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
 First Responders Everywhere

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

POUCC May 2021

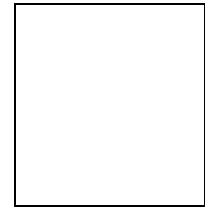
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	10	11	12 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	13 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	14	15 Council Meeting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

31 Office & Gift
& Thrift Store



*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – 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—3:00 PM
Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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