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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Happy Easter to all,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. He has risen!

Yes, we are in the middle of the Easter season. It is Easter Day, the day of Christ's resurrection, which makes us Christians. But remember, Christ needed to die in order to be resurrected. Without Good Friday there never would have been an Easter.

Another very important day in the life of every Christian is coming this month; Ascension Day – the day Jesus Christ ascended into heaven.

Good Friday, Easter Day and Ascension Day; the top three days in the Christian calendar. Jesus Christ is special because not only is he God's only son but he rose from the dead and ascended to heaven. This is what sets Christianity apart from all other religions.

Take the Easter message and live it every day. Celebrate our risen Lord and Savior by telling others of your faith. Spread the word ... it's easier than you think.

This is my last article I will be writing here at Port Orange United Church of Christ. It has been a pleasure and honor to have been your called Pastor for the last four years. Being retired will be a new adventure for Sue and I. We will be moving to Summerfield FL and pray to enjoy the next phase of our lives. I pray for all of you in this congregation as you continue forward with your ministry here in Port Orange.

The Love of the risen Christ be with you,

Pastor Glenn



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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



During the Easter season we celebrate Jesus' return from the dead as the sign that there is life everlasting. Truthfully, we should celebrate this wonderful gift to us everyday all year around. Certainly not on the same level but still important, we also should be celebrating our church family and the ability to worship together freely and openly. Later this month, when our Pastor Glenn Rice formally retires from the active ministry, we will be celebrating with him as he and his family head onto new paths and adventures in life. Likewise, as we look ahead to the future of our church

here at POUCC, we must also celebrate the adventure before us in continuing to build and growing our church into a spiritual destination where people can come to worship, make friends, give of themselves for others and overall, have a place to go to when "life happens". In good times and bad times, we all need a place to go where we can share our joys and also share our burdens. In the process of searching for a new pastor to assist us with making our church a destination like I described above; we have many things that are already happening and other things will be happening starting in June. Right now, four of our fellow church members -Chuck Konopsky, Dr Ted Yaeger, Barb Boon and Ruth Brewster - are all on our Pastor Search Team. Their goal is identifying a pastor who can join us starting in June for at a minimum Sunday church services, either part-time, or depending on availability and our need, perhaps even full-time. Everyone will learn more about this progress as it happens. The other thing we will be doing is going to ONE church service stating June 5th. This service will begin at 9:30am. I urge all of you to accept this change. It is a compromise between those who want a Contemporary Service and those who want a Traditional Service. Each of you will be asked to give up a little to honor the other. This service will still have almost all the important elements of the two individual services. We will stay on this one service schedule until at least October and make any appropriate changes as we start working with a new pastor or pastors. In summary, there will be a lot going on behind the scenes with a lot of great people investing their time and talents in helping our church move forward. I urge all of you to jump in where you can. It will make you "Feel Good". Please say a prayer for all those who will be working to make all of the above happen. Have a Blessed Month, *Bob Brewster, Moderator*

FAREWELL SERVICE & LUNCHEON: On **Sunday, May 29th at 9:30 AM**, we will have Combined Service as we say goodbye to Pastor Glenn and Sue. Following the service in the Jim Reed Room there will be a Farewell Luncheon to wish them well as they embark on their retirement. Please see the sign-up sheet. Sandwiches will be provided you bring the sides (potato salad, pasta salad coleslaw, deviled eggs and desserts) . Please plan to attend.



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 12th. It's a Pot Luck!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.*

FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **May 1st is our next collection day.** Over 25 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.**



OPERATION & FINANCE TEAM



Welcome to May.

As reported in the recent articles, many of the projects we embarked upon last fall and into the winter months have been completed.

We are fortunate that for the most part our infrastructure is holding up well and at this point much of the exterior maintenance needs have been accomplished.

We placed the landscaping contract out for bid earlier this year.

We received two bids, one from the present contractor and the second from B&B Services, recommended by Ted Yaeger. The church council reviewed both bids and voted to accept the low bidder commencing April 1, 2022 to March 30, 2023, B&B Lawn services at a savings of \$155.00 per month \$1,860.00 per year.

Long range planning is being undertaken by the Operations Team.

The main sanctuary 15-ton HVAC system is nearing the end of its useful life. Presently it has a minor freon leak that can't be repaired so the units' days are numbered.

The prayer garden pathway bricks need to be removed, the ground leveled and the bricks re-installed.

The office A/C unit requires replacement in the near future.

The Team hopes you have a great May. *Art Horton, Operations Chair*

Financial Update — Operational Budget as 3/31/2022

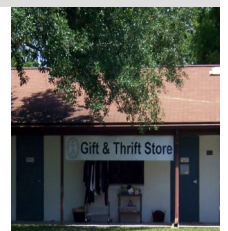


	MARCH ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET ACTUAL	YTD DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 9,534.67	\$ 31,774.86	\$ 33,523.80	\$ (1,748.94)
Expenses	\$ 15,114.22	\$ 44,153.07	\$ 43,379.64	\$ (773.43)
Profit/Loss	\$ (5,579.55)	\$(12,378.21)	\$(9,855.84)	\$ (2,522.37)

We had a loss in March of \$5,579.55 and a loss year to date of \$12,678.21 which is \$2,522.37 above the loss that was set for the budget. Our income is down and our expenses are up. Much, but not all, of this is due to the cost of the improvements we had to make and we have not yet collected enough for the Spring into Life Campaign to cover those costs. We continue to have many challenges but our thanks go out to all who have contributed to the Campaign and who support our church in general. With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer.*

THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store continues to do well. Thanks to the La Costa Village Sale, we continue to empty and sell merchandise out the trailer. If you know of anyone who needs a wheel chair or walker, we have them on hand for loan. Our volunteers do a super job but we need more. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jackie Gaither (295-3050). Thanks for your continued support. *Bob Gaither, Manager*



One of our members will be celebrating a milestone on May 5th. *Grace Kern, 67 Cedar in the Woods, Port Orange, FL 32129, 386-760-1922 will turn 100 years old.* Even though she can no longer attend, her daughter says she speaks of the good friends she made in the Church. To help her celebrate, her daughter asks that you send her a card or give her a call to wish her well on her special day. For your convenience, there are cards in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please feel free to take one and drop it in the mail.

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
Pastor Glenn	5/18
Dwight Sanborn	
Rita Wren	5/26
Mary Ann Stewart	5/27
Richard Devins, Sr.	
Ingrid Claunch	5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES*



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



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

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

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
Gary Haines	Cousin of Bob Gaither
Brad Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Sgt.. Jack & Heidi Hearton	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Lisa K. Hearton	Daughter of Kay Schweitzer
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Rocket Kearsch	Friend of Ann Tobin
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
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 & Don Schweitzer	Member of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty Shepherd	Member of POUCC
Faith & Fred Shreck	Family of the Zinkie's
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 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

POUCC May 2022

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

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Combined
Service of Worship
9:30 am
Followed by
Farewell Luncheon

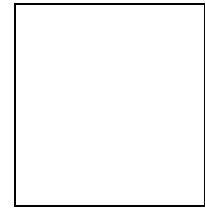
30 Office & Gift
& Thrift Store
Closed



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*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2` 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

First Sunday of the Month

**Combined Service of
Worship**
9:45 am



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