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**Pastor's Message**



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**Dear Friends,**

This month is all about change and church leadership. We will celebrate my Installation on the 13<sup>th</sup> and meet with a Consultant on the 20<sup>th</sup> as we look forward to the years ahead of service and ministry together. Our arrival here has been a change for you and us alike. Transitions are a part of life and they require both patience and flexibility – thank you for your support and love! We are still unpacking and some of our belongings remain in storage. Last month, I finally found my box of office “essentials” in storage and celebrated the find! I was going through my Day Timer binder (that I have missed for nearly eight months!) and found a note inside with the following on it:

*Personnel determines the potential of an organization*

*Relationships determine the morale of an organization*

*Leadership determines the success of an organization*

*Vision determines the direction of an organization*

I'm not sure where I found those words from years past, but I am struck by their relevance and providence that I “re-discovered” them as well – especially in these days and times. Our community, country, and world are beset with anxiety and despair. There is much to be concerned about and little to be certain upon as we walk into the future. And yet, I am excited and hopeful. We have a great staff and gifted lay leadership. I am not perfect but I pledge to you to be the best leader I can be for the Lord and for POUCC. The relationships and fellowship among our members is both genuine and caring. What did I skip over in the above list? Oh yes,

vision – that my friends is unfolding or being “unpacked” if you will. You and I are talking and working together to help form a consensus of a vision, but ultimately, God is the source of where we need to go and what we need to do. As we move through these last two months of 2011, there will be four combined Sunday services. Please be aware that these are neither a new trend nor a forecast of what is to come in our Sunday schedule. My Installation, the Consultation, the Children's Christmas Service - and the Lessons and Carols Choral Service in December - are church wide celebrations and should be attended together in unison as a whole family. I hope to see you all as we share the joy of what God is doing here with and through us. Let's get excited about God's future for us!

Blessings,

Pastor Bill *Bill*

## Pastoral Assistant



Involved in one of the most challenging experiences of her life, POUCC's **Beverly Schafer** continues her 4-month long Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at Florida Hospital in Ormond Beach. To give you an idea of what she is going through, we did a little

research on what a CPE student might be experiencing.

According to the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education "CPE is offered in many kinds of settings: in hospitals and health care including university, children's, and veterans' facilities; in hospices; in psychiatric and community care facilities; in workplace settings; in geriatric and

rehabilitation centers; and in congregational and parish-based settings. The textbooks for CPE include in-depth study of "the living human documents." By "living human documents," we mean both the people who receive care as well as a study of ourselves, the givers of care. Through the practice of ministry and the reflection thereon with supervisor and peers, the experiential learning that is CPE takes place."

So far Beverly has been asked to provide ministry to individuals and families suffering from terminal health conditions, accidents, tragic losses, severe depression and attempted suicide and all forms of personal emotional pain. She has been onsite at the hospital for straight shifts of 24 and 48 hours where she is on-call the entire period to counsel people in need. ★

## Missions & Outreach

### Dear Friends:

We, the **Mission Team**, are so appreciative of YOUR continued support of MISSIONS AT POUCC!!! Several Hygiene kits were donated along with \$670, plus another \$929 that was raised for tornado victims in Alabama. The kits and funds have been sent to their respective locations (see page 3).

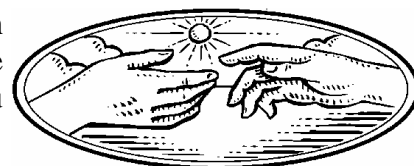
Also, we have received an abundance of children's socks which have been delivered to the **Palm Terrace School**. We know the children will feel loved when they receive these socks!

November is when we receive the **Neighbors in Need Offering**, on No-

vember 6<sup>th</sup>. One third of this donation is used in our own area to help Our Neighbors which is part of the MISSION ONE project.

**THE MISSION ONE PROJECT** is a denominational effort to do what we can to alleviate hunger in our midst. Now until November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be receiving your donations of food to help fill the shelves of the distribution centers which need everything food-wise. We are also asked to donate paper goods, toilet paper, diapers, formula. Folks on WIC have to pay for these items which can mean going without other important necessary things. **Our goal is 320 items**

**representing the 32 years our church has been helping others.** Look for a container in the church sanctuary Sunday. We feel confident that you will support this goal.



**CROP WALK IS NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**....Sign up, get pledges of support and Walk the beach for hunger!! See the Poster on the Bulletin Board for the details. Please bring 16 ounce jars of **Peanut Butter** to church Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. They will be delivered at the Crop Walk.

- **Registration** starts at 1:30pm at the Daytona Beach Drive-In Church (3140 S. Atlantic Ave.) Walkers will gather in the designated area for announcements and prayer for a 2pm send-off. There will be a one or five mile walk option from the church to the El Portal Beach Ramp and north along the beach to the Hawaiian Inn and back again. Water will be available at the turn around point and there will be transportation for those who tire out.
- **Walkers** will be **asking for pledges** and each walker with a pledge of \$25 or more will receive a special T-shirt.
- Plus, there will **hot dogs & chips** to all walkers!

(Missions continued from page 2)

**ANGEL TREE** In December we will have an **Angel Tree** in support of the children of Palm Terrace School, we will have the Tree up and Angel gift requests on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED** - There will be a special flyer & Envelope in the Sunday November 6th bulletin. Please give generously to help those who have few alternatives to help themselves.

WE, the Mission Team know that you look forward to these opportunities and it is such a joy

for us to see your response to our requests. It is truly a Blessing that YOU are so generous!!!

**Your Mission Team** —  
*Jeanette Campbell, Sue Batturs, Kay Taylor, Kathy Cratin, June Ferreri, Chuck Konopsky*

**UCC-FL MISSION NEWS (POUCC Contributed)**

The churches and people of the Florida Conference UCC prepared, collected and delivered 51 emergency cleanup bucket kits and 180 hygiene kits and donated over \$3,000 toward the purchase of additional kit items. A very special word of appreciation to David Heald, a member of the Conference Church and Ministry Committee

and Union Congregational UCC in Holly Hill for contributing the use of his truck and trailer for the collection and delivery; and to the Rev. Steve Heath, pastor of Union Congregational UCC in Holly Hill for being the co-driver. Photos of the project may be viewed on the Disaster Ministry page of the Conference website, [www.uccfla.org](http://www.uccfla.org).

(Below)—Members of the Union Congregational UCC in Holly Hill are shown with some Hygiene Buckets before being distributed.



## Thrift Store News

**Dear Friends:**

You never know, from day to day, what will be in the Thrift Shop, but below is a list of things you MIGHT find there or things you might like to donate:

1. antiques, art
2. baskets, blankets, books
3. coffee pots, costumes, candles
4. DVDs, dolls, decorations
5. earrings, egg plates frames, fry pans
6. games, globes, gifts
7. hats, hangers
8. ice buckets, ink wells
9. jewelry, jars
10. kaleidoscopes, knick knacks, kites
11. lamps, lace, ladders
12. mixers, mugs, masks
13. neckties, nutcrackers
14. ottomans, Ouija boards, organizers

15. puzzles, punch bowls, purses
16. Quilts
17. radios, rakes
18. small appliances, scarves, sheets
19. tools, tote bags, toys
20. umbrellas, ukuleles, utensils
21. vases, valances
22. watches, wastebaskets, wooden signs
23. Xylophones
24. yarn, yo-yos, yard goods
25. Zippers, zithers

Early this year the total income from the Thrift, Shop, since its inception, reached above \$300,000. In recent years the Thrift Shop has been able to move into the Church's General Fund between \$25,000 to \$30,000 each year.

This amount of money from the

Thrift Shop greatly helps the Church to keep our building and our vision alive and well. You could say that the Thrift Shop pays for -

- (a) all utility costs (light, AC, water, trash, telephone, etc.) and various insurance coverage's OR
- (b) Office Management (includes Office Manager's salary, paper, equipment rental and supplies) OR
- (c) over 90% of our Music Ministry for both services.

We need new donations all the time, so remember us as you are cleaning out a closet and if you have a few hours to spare, we can always use volunteers.

**Thanks!**

- Molly Baskin for the Thrift Shop





## Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee's purpose is to mediate/resolve any issues and/or concerns between the Senior Minister and a Church Member. The Committee consists of the Senior Minister, the Moderator and four laypersons (2 appointed by the Minister and 2 appointed by the Moderator). Typically this appointment is done after the Annual Meeting.

Since Pastor Bill is new it was important that he have time to get to know the congregation before he could select his ap-

pointments to this position. The new Committee Members have now been selected and approved by Council.

The new PRC appointed members are **Kathy Cratin, Jack Hilgenberg, Sue Holby and Joe Thompson.**

They will assume their duties effective November 13, 2011 when Pastor Bill is officially installed as our new Senior Minister.

Should anything arise please feel free to contact any one of these individuals who will be happy to help.

Thank you to the PRC for your dedication to the well being of our church's congregation.

In Faith,  
Sherian Buller  
Moderator

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...

The next time Pastor Bill conducts a wedding he might want to put out the following warning -

At a wedding party recently someone yelled "All the married men please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living".

**THE BARTENDER WAS CRUSHED TO DEATH!**

## Thrift Store Missions

**In addition to the financial contribution, the Thrift & Gift Store helps many others directly with your donations.**

- Children's clothing to the Early Learning Coalition of Volusia & Flagler
- Dish towels, baskets & tray to POUCC kitchen
- Yarn for several prayer shawls
- Baseball items & tennis racket to the YMCA
- Toy car and teddy bear to Sunday school
- Clothing and suitcases to Palmetto House
- Cases and bags to Foster Kids mission
- Shoes & Clothing to Palmetto House
- Helmets, games and books to YMCA
- Afghans to Boggy Creek
- Books to Ormond nursing home

- Bowling balls & bag of craft items to YMCA
- Baby clothing and stuffed animals to POUCC missions
- Teaching materials to POUCC teaching team
- Bags & boxes of clothing to Palmetto House
- Water pitcher & serving utensils to POUCC kitchen
- 2 boxes of activity books & small stuffed animals to YMCA
- Table covers & spatulas to POUCC kitchen
- Clothing and blanket to Haitian orphan
- Paper, balls, skates, crayons, colored pencils to YMCA

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO DELIVER THESE ITEMS AND TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER AND DONATE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS!!!!**

### A Thrift Store Fact

*About 16 to 18 percent of U.S. residents shop at thrift stores each year.*

### The Gift & Thrift Store needs your help.

We are not asking you to go out and purchase anything. Just take a look around your home for items that you do not use. How many fry pans do you really need? How many sheets and blankets do you really need? Many folks come to the Gift and Thrift store looking for every day items such as linens, towels, kitchen items, knick-knacks and costume jewelry.

**You can help us help others with your donations.**

*- Barb Pountain*

*And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.*

*- Abraham Lincoln*



## Operations Team Update

Operational Budget as of 9/31/11

	ACTUAL thru Sep 2010	Budgeted Amt. thru Sep 2011	ACTUAL thru Sep 2011
<b>Income</b>	\$133,459	\$125,990	\$126,509
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$122,673</u>	<u>\$119,989</u>	<u>\$121,869</u>
<b>Net</b>	\$ 10,786	\$ 6,001	\$ 4,640

\*Income is still better than anticipated but less than last year. Our expenses are more than budgeted but a little less than the same period last year. Overall we are doing well and hope our income will increase now that we are through the slower summer months. We have a great church family. Thank you everyone for your support.—*Susie Greiff*, Asst. Treasurer

The **Operations Team** will be starting the 2012 Budget planning & review process in its next meeting November 14th at 6 pm. Anyone with suggestions for next year's budget should submit them to the church office addressed to the Operations Team. Suggestions can be for saving and earning money as well as for expenses. The operations team has primary responsibility for managing all church funds approved by the church membership at the annual meeting in January. From time to time it becomes necessary to adjust expenses up and down or to reallocate funds based on changing needs. All this is done through careful review and approval by the Church Council. **If you would like join the Operations Team and participate in these responsibilities please let us know by calling the church office.**

- Bill Greiff, Chair

## Deacons Corner

Dear Friends,

**Happy All Saints Day! That includes you!**

We are writing you about money – not!

We hope you are still reading at this point.

What we are writing you about is NOT money but **MINISTRY**.

We firmly believe that our members and friends should focus their love and resources on ministry when considering their commitment to our church. Why? Because, first of all, we do not like to talk about money any more than you probably want to hear it. Second, and far more important, because the church is all about ministry not money!



Responsible stewardship is a privilege and is based on the notion of abundance. Each of us has been blessed in spite of our challenges. We suggest that all of you consider **“Inspiring Generosity.”** One pastor stood up at a Council

meeting to speak on stewardship. He told them, “I have good news and bad news.” When asked for the good news first, he responded, *“The good news is*

*that we have found the money we need to support our budget. The bad news is that it is in your wallets!”*

You'll be glad to know there is no bad news in this message to you. We have a great church filled with caring people. Our checkbooks show our priorities in life. Our individual commitments to Port Orange UCC demonstrate more clearly than anything else, what

we believe in and want to support in our congregation. It's that simple.

Please consider your 2012 Pledge carefully and prayerfully. Commitment Sunday is November 20th. Thank you for the privilege of serving with you!

In Christ,

*Bill*

Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner  
Senior Pastor

*Bob*

Robert Brewster  
Chair of Deacons

**Note: Pledge cards will be mailed to everyone the first week of November. Look for yours and either mail or bring it to church on or before 11/20.**

*“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”*

-Winston Churchill

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

If hard work has its rewards, then **RUSS KAREL** will be well taken care of in life. Almost every Monday morning, Russ can be found working on the church grounds East of the church building. Carefully trimming bushes, hedging around flowers and shrubs, raking out leaves and picking up dead branches are only some of the things Russ has been doing to keep our church property looking great. Thank you Russ, we all appreciate your special care to our church.

## CAMPBELL'S LABELS for Education:

Pick up a complete list of items in the Jim Reed Building and take a second to see if the products you're using qualify to earn points in the

Church's account. Recently more items were added. The points accumulated can be used to purchase classroom items for the Sunday School. Thank you to **Bernie Hunt** for managing this account for the Church.

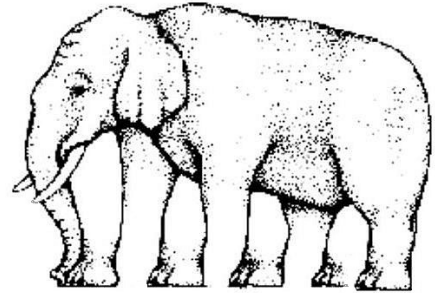
## POP TOP FACTS

**The Pop Top Container:** For those who enjoy soaking up facts, did you know that a full 5 gallon container of pop top tabs . . . holds approximately 26,880 tabs, which is about 1120 cases of soda can tabs. There are approximately 1792 tabs per pound and a filled jug weighs about 15 lbs.

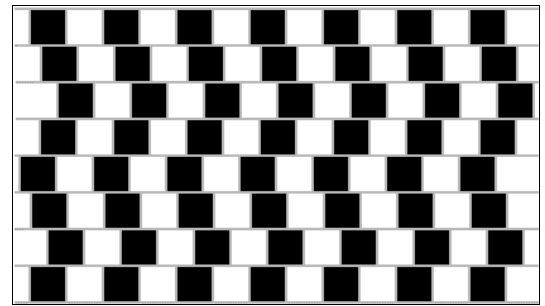
In the past couple of years of filling the jugs, we have turned in five – 5 gallon jugs that generates \$ for cancer research. That's 134,400 pop tops!! **Let's keep 'em comin'!!**

## EYE TRICKS—What do you see?

Try coloring in this Elephant



The rows of black & white squares below are all parallel. (measure & see)



## Incredible Turkey Stuffing



(A recipe from Bob Brewster who has made this for over 30 years)

### Ingredients

- 1 Bag (14oz) Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing Bread Crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 4 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 Can Whole Cranberry Sauce
- 1 Cup Chopped Nuts (walnuts or pecans)
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons rubbed sage
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder or two tablespoons chopped garlic (preferred), salt and pepper to taste.

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
2. Mix bread crumbs in a large bowl or 4-qt pot .
3. Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the onion and celery and slowly cook until soft. Remove from heat and drain.
4. Mix the eggs and chicken broth into the bread crumbs. The mixture should be moist, but not mushy. Use water, if necessary, to attain desired consistency.
5. Mix in the onion, celery, rubbed sage, garlic powder, salt and pepper.
6. Mix in whole cranberry sauce & Nuts
7. Press the mixture into the baking dish and / or stuff in the bird. Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, or until the top is brown and crisp.

**Enjoy! The whole cranberries and nuts make for an incredible taste!**

## Second Thursday Fellowship Dinner



Every Second Thursday at 5:45pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the church's Jim Reed Building. If you have attended, you already know that we EAT, TALK, LAUGH, SING and ENJOY each others company. If YOU have not attended isn't it time for you to put this time on your calendar?

The food is Pot Luck and it is delicious! **Just bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert.** We also have special meals for Thanksgiving, Easter, St Patrick's Day and other dates. Watch for announcements.

*Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday November 10th. The meal will be Freshly Cooked Hot Turkey with all the fix'ins. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert, your appetite & laughter.*



## More Ways to Help Others:

### The Babies Need Our Help!



The *Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia* is in desperate need of **diapers**. Three sizes in particular are needed right now – **Newborn, size 4** (22-37 lbs.) and **size 5** (over 37 lbs.) If you are able to help with this request please put the diapers in the white basket in the back of the sanctuary and **Carol Strickland** will make sure they reach the young ones who need them.



### Spread the Word About this Support Group

**SHANNAN WIERZBICKI** is hosting a *Benefit Garage Sale for the Mended Little Hearts Support Group*. The event will be held in **POUCC's parking lot on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH from 7AM-3PM**. All items welcome. **Shannan** can be reached at phone **386.681.7790** or Facebook: **Mended Little Hearts of Volusia County**

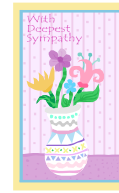
*Mended Little Hearts* is a support group for families who have a child affected by congenital heart defect. A member of POUCC's congregation, **Shannan Wierzbicki**, has an adorable little boy, **Roman**, who

### Bath Towels Needed Greeting Cards



*Hospice of Volusia and Flagler Counties* is in need of very large adult bibs and Church member **Pam Protko** would like to fill that need. Pam will make these bibs out of bath towels that are in good condition and that you no longer need or use. If you have any towels to donate for this project please donate your towels to the Thrift Store and mark the bag "Towels for Hospice."

**If you would like to make the bibs, contact Pam at 527-4731 for information.**



As many of you know POUCC has a card ministry. When you're not well, you receive a card from the Church. If a loved one passes, you receive a card. Do you have any "Get Well" or "Sympathy" cards to donate to this ministry?

If you do just put them in the box on church office door or drop them off at the Thrift Store and they will reach **Sue Batturs** who handles this special ministry on behalf of the Church.—**Thank you.**

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*Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.* —Mother Teresa

has had four open heart surgeries during his young life and she wants to make people aware of this important group and how it helps the kids and their families. They meet once a month and occasionally have guest speakers. They hold fund raisers where the proceeds go toward the cost of parties and other fun events for the children.

[heartmom11909@cfl.rr.com](mailto:heartmom11909@cfl.rr.com)

### Your Food Basket Donations

All the food that you donate goes to H.U.M. (Halifax Urban Ministries) no matter what it is, and they are very appreciative. Below is a list of items that are needed most. We must remember that some people receiving food don't have a microwave or stove

to heat their food and many times it's eaten right from the container.

**Canned Vegetables & Fruit:** Green Beans / Corn / Potatoes / Sweet Potatoes **All Canned Beans:** Pork & Beans / Pinto Beans / Navy Beans / Black Beans / Kidney Beans / Red Beans, etc. **All Canned Fruit. Other Canned or Jarred Food:** Soup / Pasta / Chili / Beef Stew / Tuna / Ham / Peanut Butter / Pasta Sauce (regular size) **Dry Food:** Cereal / Rice / Pasta (regular size) / Pasta Sides / Macaroni & Cheese / Dry Milk / Instant Hot Cereals

**If you or someone you know is in need of the services of the H.U.M. food pantry in Port Orange, it is located at the Grace Episcopal Church on US 1, just south of Dunlawton Ave. The food pantry is open from 9 – 11:30 AM on Mon, Wed & Fri.** For questions visit the pantry or call H.U.M. at 252-0156.

## CHIME CHOIR

**The POUCC Chime Choir is developing.** Under the watchful experienced eye of Dr. Tom, the Chime Choir players are learning techniques and method for playing together. It is anticipated that the group will make its official debut during the Christmas season, this year. In the meantime, Ruth Brewster and Sheri Buller will be playing the beautiful "I Believe" at Pastor Bill's Installation Service November 13th.

## CHURCH WEBSITE

Be sure to pass our church website address on to others. [www.PortOrangeUCC.org](http://www.PortOrangeUCC.org) It is a great way to introduce our church and to show people some

of the things we are doing. In today's church world, much like in the business world, people looking for a church home need to feel comfortable and learning something about us in advance through our website may be one of the ways for them to do this. Now, that we have our newsletters available digitally on the website, visitors can read all about our most current events and activities. Here is the link for reading our newsletters online - <http://portorangeucc.org>

### Let people know!

Also, Pastor Bill has created a special **Facebook** page that can be found at the following Internet address -

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/107789452636804/>

You can check it out but first you must become a free member of Facebook.

## SENIOR CHOIR

The Senior Choir has started practicing its special music for the coming holidays. There is still time for new members to join us. We need singers for all parts but especially Tenors and Basses. If you can "carry a tune" and desire the fellowship of singing with a wonderful group of people, please contact the church office or see Dr. Tom Naus on Sundays. The choir practices most Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm but has alternate Mondays during November. (Check with the office on schedule).

## CHURCH FACILITIES

Our church will have a new outside user starting in November. (Weight Watchers will only be using our facility for Thursday morning meetings.) Every week day M-F from 2:30pm to 4:30pm there will be the sound of music coming from our sanctuary. Not the music of hymns or the organ but the music that comes from children learning how to play musical instruments. The students will be coming from across the street at the Port Orange Elementary School.

We are excited about this and hope this might create opportunities for more youth music

ministry within our church.

## LAND CLEARING

The POUCC west property land clearing is very close to happening. It is anticipated that once the land is cleared, we will have a better idea for its use and when it will become available. The Church Council is considering a contest for naming this property. The winner will get an all expense paid trip to .....(stay tuned!)

## QUICK THINKING

A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, after the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. So, he

was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently, "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute organist became the regular organist!



## Birthdays\*

Vivien Devins	11/5
Bob Brewster	11/12
Brady Yaeger (Ted & Cherry's Son/ Ted Sr's Grandson)	11/7
Betty Heffner	11/16
Ted Yaeger, Jr.	11/22
Dallas Wilson	11/25
Richard Thole	11/26

## Anniversaries\*

Diane & Scott Kirlin 11/2

**Note: \*Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your birthday or anniversary.**

## WHO IS JOE COURY?

On November 20th, our church will have a chance to work with Joe Coury as he leads us through an introspective and informative session about where we want to go next as a church body. You will not want to miss this event. It will be exciting, dynamic and very insightful for helping us in identifying future direction. Joe works with businesses, civic organizations, churches, non profits and individuals.

To learn more about Joe Coury, please go on the Internet to his website at -

[AWAKELEADERSHIP.COM](http://AWAKELEADERSHIP.COM)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
NOVEMBER 20TH  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE  
10:00AM COMBINED  
CHURCH SERVICE**

## ABOUT MEMBERS & FRIENDS

**Pastor Bill** thanks everyone who called or sent cards in the loss of his "adopted" mother Kay Turbeville, who lived in South Bend, IN.

**Tommy Buller** will be participating in the State Special Olympics Fall Classic being held at Walt Disney's ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex November 4-5, 2011. He will be bowling with the Silver Sands Middle School Special Olympics Team.

## JIM REED BUILDING BULLETIN BOARDS

Every time we all enter the Jim Reed Building, there are four(4) bulletin boards greeting us. **Board #1**-has church news, committee reports and mission news. **Board #2** - allows us to view the artistic talents of our church members. **Board #3** - provides us a chance to see some of the things created by our youth in church school and the messages they are sharing with us through their young eyes. **Board #4** - at the head of the room gives us a visual sense of the seasons we are experiencing throughout the year. We owe everyone who posts things on all these boards a special "thank you".

This month we want to give an **extra special thank you** to **Bill & Susie Greiff and the Buller Family (Tom, Sheri, Tommy, Elijah, Aydan & Blake)** for the very colorful visual experience highlighting the Fall Season.

*If you want to help decorate a board in the Jim Reed Building for the coming holidays or anytime during the year, please let us know at the church office.*



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## ADVENT 2011: "A SEASON FOR ANGELS" AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE

### SCHEDULE

**Candle Themes: "The Angels Speak" by Galen Hackman**

#### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT NOVEMBER 27, 2011:

FOCUS: Zechariah  
ADVENT CANDLE THEME:  
"Your Prayer Has Been Heard"  
CANDLE LIGHTERS:  
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:  
5-17

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN AD- VENT DECEMBER 4, 2011:

FOCUS: Mary  
ADVENT CANDLE THEME:  
"The Lord is With You"  
CANDLE LIGHTERS:  
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:  
26-38

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN AD- VENT DECEMBER 11, 2011:

10:00 a.m. Combined Service  
FOCUS: Joseph  
ADVENT CANDLE THEME:  
"Give Him the Name of Jesus"  
CANDLE LIGHTERS:  
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mat-  
thew 1: 18-24  
CHILDREN'S PLAY: "The Lit-  
tlest Christmas Tree"

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN AD- VENT DECEMBER 18, 2011:

10:00 a.m. Combined Service  
FOCUS: Shepherds  
ADVENT CANDLE: "Good  
News of Great Joy"  
CANDLE LIGHTERS:  
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:  
8-12  
CHORAL PRESENTATION:  
"Lessons and Carols"

#### CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24,

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with  
Choir "A Service for Angels"  
FOCUS: Angels  
ADVENT CANDLE THEME: "Glory  
to God in the Highest"

CANDLE LIGHTERS:  
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2: 13-20

#### CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25, 2011

9:30 a.m. Christ-Mass Service

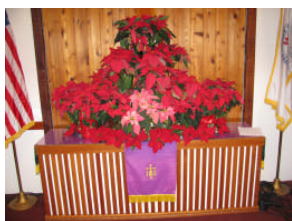


### A HOLIDAY INVITATION

During the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Seasons, we are planning to do many special things at our church in celebration of these joyous times. We hope you can join us for everything scheduled and invite you to tell your neighbors and friends about what we have planned. For many people, this is a wonderful time of joy and for others it may be less so where they need a helping hand or a welcoming voice. For all of us it is a time to be together to give thanks and appreciation for a caring God who watches over all of us.

- Pastor Bill Wassner

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS



We need people / families to serve as Advent Candle Lighters.

A script will be provided for you. The need is for both Sunday morning services and for Christmas Eve. **Please let the church office know that you want to participate.**

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

It is time for us to start planning for the coming Christmas Season. Part of this is the tradition of

decorating our church sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Everyone is invited to bring in a poinsettia plant the Thursday prior to Christmas December 22nd. All poinsettias can be taken home or donated after the Christmas Day service. Please let the church office know you will be bringing in a plant or signup on the sheet posted on the church sanctuary back bulletin board.



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## Abbreviated Calendar for November 2011

**Sunday Worship 11/6** (Reminder: Turn Your Clock Back), & 11/27  
9:00am Contemporary 10:00am Fellowship Coffee

10:30am Traditional

**Sunday Worship 11/13**

10:00am Combined Service Pastor Bill Installation & Lunch

**Sunday Worship 11/20**

10:00am Combined Service immediately followed by Coffee Fellowship & Joe Coury Church Consultation

**Wednesdays Choir 7:30pm**

**Thursday 11/10 Fellowship Dinner 5:45pm**

**Fridays Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00pm**

**Newsletter Deadline 11/18**

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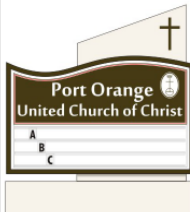
An industrious turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to create a better turkey. His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there was never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating results of his efforts to his friends at a general store get together. "Well, I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!" They all asked the farmer how it tasted. "I don't know" said the farmer. "I never could catch it!"

## QUICK NEWS

**PAMELA SCHAFFER** is doing a wonderful job as temporary office manager while we search for someone permanent. We have heard from several dozen applicants and will be **conducting interviews** with a possible pick in time for the next Church Council meeting November 22nd.

### POUCC Sign—

The new church sign is scheduled for installation the week of November 7th. This will be exciting to see!



### Painting Donations

We are still accepting donations for the beautiful artwork "*The Wheat & the Weeds*" painted by

Bonnie Morisset. Please identify your donation with "Painting" on the check or envelope.

### Church Policies

For those who are curious about such matters, POUCC has a recently implemented *Personnel Policy Manual* for church staff and a newly revised *Safe Church Policy* coming in the near future.

### Special November Events:

**Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>** – There will be a combined service at 10:00 AM for the **Installation of Pastor Bill** with special guest, UCC Florida Conference Minister, Kent Siladi. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a luncheon hosted by the Hospitality Team of the Church.

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** – A combined service takes place at 10:00 AM. Cake and light refreshments

will be served in the Jim Reed Room following the service and then a **Congregational Consultation**, led by Joe Coury, on the theme of "**Where Do We Go Now?**" Joe has worked successfully with organizations in the past and the congregation is encouraged to attend to lend their input, thoughts, ideas and suggestions regarding the direction and goals of Port Orange United Church of Christ and how to help the Church adjust and grow with the many changes in our world. Where does POUCC go now? (Read more about *Joe Coury* page 9)

### Special December Events:

On page 10 in this newsletter, we outlined our plans for the coming Advent Season. Be sure to mark your calendars that Sunday December 11th and December 18th are combined services at 10:00 am and the Christmas Day service will be at 9:30 am.