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INTERIM PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Genesis 15:1 "...the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: *'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'*"

November is an exciting month around here. The temperatures start to drop a bit, hurricane season is coming to a close, Thanksgiving is just ahead, and most importantly our family members from the North start to return to us. It is a time where we start re-kindling relationships.

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This November in particular has more excitement in store than usual as the congregation will be gathering to meet Rev Glenn and Sue Rice. The Settled Pastor Search Committee is pleased to present Rev Glenn as candidate for Port Orange UCC's next settled minister. The committee has worked hard in reading, interviewing, and praying over many profiles over the past months. It is no easy task in discerning the call for a pastor, as it involves much faith. Faith of the Search Committee, faith of the Candidate, and faith of the Congregation.

A small group of people meet each Tuesday evening in a Bible Study group. This particular study is focusing on the book of Genesis. It's not a Bible study that is designed to receive hard core information, although some of that is presented, but rather this study is designed to invoke questions about the stories that are being studied. Last week's story was about Abram questioning God and the promise God made to him. This story talks about "faith" and "trustworthiness"; specifically, Abrams faith in God's trustworthiness. Can we trust God to truly follow through on God's promises to us?

The story starts out with God speaking to Abram in a dream, *"Do not be afraid..."* From a scriptural standpoint, "afraid" or "fear" has several meanings. In this case it is a synonym for doubt. *"Do not doubt, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."* With the presentation of Rev Glenn by the Search Committee, there is change in the air. With change, there is always fear and possibly doubt. It takes a good measure of faith as we step toward the future. That is the story of Abram. This is the story of Port Orange UCC. We are a people of faith and in that faith, we continue to learn that God is trustworthy in our relationship with Him/Her! We have the proof going as far back as Abram and Sarai. God re-assures us to do not doubt God's attentiveness toward us, as we continue to move forward into the next chapter of our ministry.

November is going to be a very special and exciting month for us! Let us give thanks to God for the feast of mission, ministry, and leadership that is provided by His hands!
Peace,

Pastor Steven

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CALLING SPECIAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Dear Members & Friends:

The Pastoral Search Committee has completed a Church profile, advertised our opening through the United Church of Christ, reviewed resumes of potential candidate, conducted interviews, attended a worship service conducted by the candidate, and has made a recommendation to nominate Pastor Glenn Rice as our Settled Pastor.

The Church Council is pleased to accept this recommendation and to announce **that there will be a special meeting of the membership on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 12:00 NOON for the election of our new Settled Pastor.**

There will be an informal gathering to meet Pastor Glenn and his wife Sue on **Saturday, November 11th, 9:30 -10:30 AM-Meeting with Council and Committee Members, 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon-Meeting with Members and Friends.** It will be a time to ask questions and get to know one another. Pastor Glenn will be officiating and preaching at both the 8:45 AM. and 10:45 AM services on Sunday, November 12th.

All members and friends are encouraged to participate in these meetings and services to get to know Pastor Glenn. You are asked to share your opinions with each other. The election of a Minister shall be by two-thirds vote of the voting members present at the special meeting. Please arrange your schedules to take advantage of these opportunities and to carry out your individual responsibilities to attend this special meeting.

On the following page is a short biographical sketch of Pastor Glenn. See you November 11th and 12th, and especially on the 12th at noon for the special congregational meeting!

What: Special Meeting of the Membership

When: Sunday, November 12, 2017

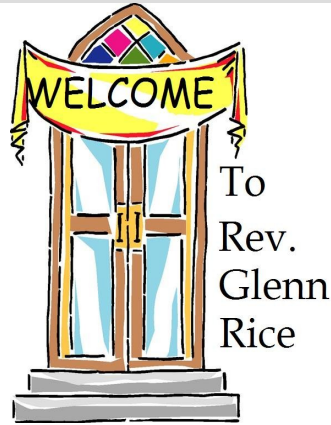
Time: 12:00 NOON

Purpose: Election of our Settled Pastor

Sincerely,
Tom Besaw
Moderator

Kathy Cratin
Chairman, Settled Pastor Search Committee

CANDIDATE FOR SETTLED PASTOR



Pastor Glenn grew up just north of the Lehigh Valley in PA. He has been a lifelong member of the UCC. He worked for 23 years at Maier's Bakery as their Director of Information Technology. During this time, he and his wife Susan moved to Reading, PA.

A late educational bloomer, Rev. Rice graduated from Albright College in Reading, PA in 1999 with the degree of Bachelor of Science; majoring in Business Administration. He then received his Master of Divinity from the Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2004.

His first call into parish ministry was at Zion's Stone UCC in Northampton PA. He was ordained in October of 2004 at his home congregation; Community UCC, St. Lawrence (Reading) PA. He continued to serve at Zion's Stone UCC from 2004 to 2016 after which he and his wife moved to Florida.

Pastor Glenn is happily married to his wife Sue for 36 years. Sue is a mother/baby RN at Florida Memorial Hospital in Winter Park. Sue enjoys reading and arts & crafts. They are the parents of son Kurt and daughter Jill. God called Jill to heaven five years ago where she is an angel watching over us.

He did not decide to become a minister, rather God decided he was to become a minister. He had an extreme sense of "call" into Christian Parish Ministry and found it impossible to say no to our loving God. God has been preparing him; opening his mind, allowing him to burst out of his somewhat narrow, confined box. Since his calling he has learned from many in the academic world as well as his many mentors and congregation. He continues to rely on knowledge from his past vocations including: Computer programmer, Systems analyst, Department manager and Auto Sales. His concrete thinking worked well in the business arenas and education while his free thinking abilities have led him through sales and theological studies. His life, as well as his immediate family's lives, has been sharpened and refocused to follow his calling and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

ASSISTANT PASTOR'S REPORT



DISASTER PLANNING

After evacuating our Ponce Inlet home to a safe haven in Tennessee as Hurricane Irma became a serious threat, I could not help but to hold you all in prayer as I wondered how could we have better addressed preparation and evacuation plans for our church family. Phone calls and emails were nearly impossible from our remote location, except for one successful call to Chuck Konopsky and some successful texting. I thank God for that partial relief! "Irma" definitely emphasized to me that POUCC is in dire need of Disaster Planning, so here's a start-up plan which can be improved upon by any of you who may have any valuable input.

In case of hurricanes or fires, pre-event phone calls are quite necessary, inquiring if a Disaster Preparation sub-team or Temporary Housing is needed. Post-event phone calls are possibly even more necessary, letting us know primarily that you are well, or if help is needed that would be available through sub-teams of church volunteers which might include Cleanup, Meals, Temporary Housing, Minor Repairs, and Transportation to appointments or shopping. We have 92 households. If 12 individuals volunteer to make 7 or 8 calls each, the number of calls required would be manageable. We also need individuals to be available to serve on the sub-teams. Please call Pastor Beverly at 295-6838 if you would like to be a part of this very important ministry, even if it is activated infrequently (prayerfully). PLEASE HELP ME OUT HERE, OR I'LL BE CALLING EVERYONE MYSELF!

Lovingly, *Pastor Beverly*

OPERATIONS

The Operations Team met on October 11th and the following topics were discussed.



Old Business

- **Jim Reed Room Ceiling:** Job has been completed.
- **Painting of the Jim Reed Room:** Paint has been purchased and the work has begun.
- **Office Managers Window Screen:** On going. Rails not available at this time.

New Business

- **Kitchen Ceiling:** Possible leak or sweating from air handler. Billy Wiggins will have it checked.
- **Update on AT&T Property Lease:** AT&T Representative to discuss with Council Members.

Next Operations Meeting is November 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Respectively, Jim Eagan, Operations Chair



Financial Update

Operational Budget as 9/30/17

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$ 7,541	\$ 117,501	\$ 104,606	\$ 12,895
Expenses	\$ 16,223	\$ 130,363	\$ 124,029	\$ 6,334
Balance	(\$ 8,682)	(\$ 12,862)	(\$ 19,423)	

Hurricane Irma cost us approximately \$5,000 in lost income and extra expenses. The expenses do not reflect the new AC for the Jim Reed Room which cost \$5,800 but was paid for with an interest free loan. Please note: September figures do not include the \$738 given in donations to Mission Projects because missions income is designated giving and NOT available for operations expenses. Hal Francis, Treasurer

MISSION NOTES



Spruce Creek Elementary's Tina Howard presented Pastor Steven and the church with a plaque thanking the church for their generous check of \$3,401 for our "Kash for Kids" mission over the summer months.

Spruce Creek High School's homeless/accompanied youth had been our focus for the months of September and October, and the church did a fantastic job with many generous donations. total money collected to-date is \$1,685.



Thanksgiving
Food Drive

As done in the past, November's food donations (**November 5th & 12th**) will be given to Spruce Creek Elementary along with gift cards for Thanksgiving turkeys. Thank you to all for your compassion in helping make a Happy Thanksgiving to those that may not otherwise be able to celebrate this holiday. Current mission funds will provide for twenty \$20 gift certificates for turkeys and we are asking for dry goods to fill food baskets for SEC's families in need. **Items needed are: roasting pans, canned cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, condensed milk, canned pie filling, pie crust mix, stuffing mix, canned yams, marshmallows, boxed mashed potatoes, gravy mix, canned mushroom soup and crispy onions.**

A trip to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis center was made with a beautiful bumper pad and pillow cases – thanks to Bob and the Thrift Store.

A trip was made on October 13th to Boggy Creek by Peggy Wiggins and Kathy Cratin with 11 afghans from Molly's Knit Wits group and a bag of ties, courtesy of Bob and the Thrift Store.

As always, Sophie's Circle, the sock box and eyeglass collections, continue year-round. Thank you to all for your continued generosity, and may you all have a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.
Peggy Wiggins, Chair of Missions

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

The Gift and Thrift Shop is gearing up for the holiday season unpacking unique gift items daily. Thanks to all that donate and all our valued shoppers October sales reached \$22,000. Keep the donations coming especially jewelry, knick-knacks, furniture and Christmas items. New volunteers are always welcome. If interested, please stop in and see me or give me a call at 290-2726 . *Bob Gaither, Store Manager*



YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **November 5th & 12th** are our next collection dates and will benefit families at Spruce Creek Elementary School. Please be generous. Over 21 bags of food were collected last month for **Halifax Urban Ministers Pantry**. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky for delivering the food.

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. Live entertainment will follow this month's dinner.

Our next fellowship dinner is November 9th.

It's a "Thanksgiving Feast" -- Turkey & Gravy Provided; You bring the Sides.

Sign-up Sheet will be circulated during Worship Services.

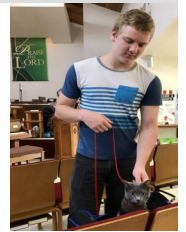


Thanksgiving
DINNER

ANNUAL PET BLESSING



On Sunday, October 15th, 57 members of the congregation along with an array of dogs, cats, a gerbil, as well as photos of members' pets, participated in a special Pet Blessing Worship Service. All God's critters were on their best behavior as we celebrated and blessed these very important family members.



YOUTH CORNER



Terrific Tuesday Youth Group Tuesdays 6-8 PM Open to ALL Middle and High School

We got into the Halloween Spirit last week celebrating with Friends, Food, Fun, Games and of course Chocolate! Everyone had a blast with Candy Corn Challenge, Witch's Broom Sweep, Halloween Bingo, Spider Dart Board, and Mummy Wrap. We were even visited by Dracula and Little Red Riding Hood (Chuck & Erika Henderson). Thanks Blake Buller for being our DJ – Great Job! Thanks to Sue Turner for all of your help. This couldn't happen without you! **Pizza, Ice Cream, and Fun Galore. Who could ask for anything more!**

Upcoming Events:

Saturday Nov 11th Sr. Pastor Candidate Rev. Glenn Rice will be visiting POUCC for a Meet & Greet (10:30 AM - Noon). All are welcome!

Sunday Nov 19th Movie Fund Raiser 4:00 PM (at POUCC) – Free/Open to the Public, snack will be sold and a basket for Free Will Offering,

Tuesday Nov 21st Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service (at POUCC) 7:00 PM (this will be our Terrific Tuesday gathering)

In Faith, Miss Sher

NEWS & NOTES



A SPECIAL THANK YOU: To our Sanctuary Choir who participated in the closing Worship Service for the Fall Gathering on October 14th at Seabreeze UCC. Great Job!

POMA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Plan to attend this year's Port Orange Ministerial Association's Community Thanksgiving Service which we will host on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM.** Food and monetary donations will be accepted in support of Halifax Urban Ministry Food Pantry.



Beverly Woodacre has recently moved from Bishops Glenn to Holbrooke Adult Home, 73 North Street, Granville, NY 12832. Drop her a note, she would love to hear from all her friends at POUCC.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Peggy Fodor	11/2
Vivien Devins	11/5
Jack Barrick	11/6
Bob Brewster	11/12
Brady Yaeger	11/15
Betty Heffner	11/16
Hal Francis	11/19
Hunter Bryan	11/20
Ted Yaeger, Jr.	11/22
Sue Turner	11/24
Richard Thole	11/26
Keith Wheeler	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Diane & Scott Kirlin	11/2/1996
Sue & Jim Turner	11/7/1997
Bill & Diana Mulley	11/28/1959



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Cecilia Airaldi	Friend of the Schafer-Ramoutar Family
Gerry Baldwin	Friend of the Schafer Family
Bob Brewster	Member of POUCC
Brooke Bryan	Family Member of Pastor Beverly
Tom Buller	Member of POUCC
Gene Clark	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Dee Dardeen	Member of POUCC
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Jenna Geist & Family	Friends of POUCC
Trevor Heftmunsperger	Friend of POUCC
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
John Holbrook	Brother of Ruth Brewster
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
Joe Maddern	Friend of Sue Batturs
Joe Magsamen	Friend of Sher Buller
Sandie McClellan	Friend of the Deitch Family
Tommy McDonough	Stepbrother of Joe Thompson
Marge Monet	Member of POUCC
Joyce Nead	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Nelson Family	Friends of Sher Buller
Roberta	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Keena Rosetti	Friend of the Wiggins Family
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Stephanie & Eva	Friends of the Buller Family
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Carol Strickland	Friend of POUCC
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
James Wood	Friend of Sher Buller

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center in MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Life Care Center in Collegendale, TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Onalaska Care Center in Onalaska, WI)

Special Needs

All of Our Military & Their Families

Broader Concerns


Victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria & Earthquakes
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

**Please contact the Church office (788-0920)*

with your prayer requests.

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

POUCC November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 POMA 4:30 pm CPT & Stewardship Committee 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	2 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	3	4
5 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	6 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm	7 Pastoral Relations 5:00 pm Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm	8 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	9 POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	10	11 Rev. Rice Meet & Greet 10:30 am— Noon
12 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	13 POMA 4:30 pm Operations 6:30 pm	14 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm	15 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	16 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	17	18
19 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am Movie Fund Raiser 4:00 pm	20 POMA 4:30 pm Council 6:30 pm	21 POMA Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving  Office & Thrift Store Closed	24 Office Closed	25
26 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	27 POMA 4:30 pm	28 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm	29 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	30		

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – Noon

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

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: NOV. – MISSIONS, NOV. – FELLOWSHIP.



Remember We Fall Back An Hour Sunday, November 5TH.

2018 Personal Goal Commitment



Stewardship presumes blessing and abundance.

It is not about overcoming scarcity, or guarding against it, or getting something we don't have—or being prudent. It is not about giving to people in need. It is about recognizing all that we already have, helping both ourselves and others know and enjoy the abundance in which all can share, right now.

“O God, By your grace we are created and sustained. By your grace we are reconciled and redeemed. By your grace we are enlisted and employed in your mission to humanity. Empower us to live graciously. Quicken us to work effectively. Prompt us to give gratefully. Engage us in the spirit of generosity. Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, Help us to live, work and give . Amen

MY PERSONAL GOAL TO GOD AND TO PORT ORANGE UCC

Out of gratitude for God's gifts and trusting God's enabling power, I/we have made the following Personal Goal Of:

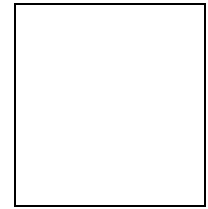
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Office Hours

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 & Middle
School Sunday School**

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday

6:00 PM



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