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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Autumn greetings everyone,

When the month of November is mentioned, most people in the United States think of giving thanks. I'm sure the national holiday of Thanksgiving is the main reason for this.

Unfortunately, I'm not sure if most people today know who they are giving their thanks.

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During November the country also celebrates another national day of giving thanks and remembrance; Veteran's Day. I pray most people do know they are giving their thanks on this day to all those men and women who have given of their time, talents and for some - their lives to help keep not only our country safe and free but to help many other countries around the world. Our veterans have and continue to allow us to live and serve our God as we please.

We also take special time this month to thank our ancestors who have blazed their trail before us. On Sunday, November 4 we will take some time during our worship service to uplift those who have died during the past year and honor all of our saints on All Saint's Sunday.

Our honored Saint's this year are:

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| <i>Clyde G. Bussard</i> | <i>February 24, 2018</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey A. Barhite</i> | <i>July 10, 2018</i> |
| <i>Maurice Claunch</i> | <i>September 1, 2018</i> |

I pray Thanksgiving Day will be a time of truly giving thanks for all you have by thanking God for all he has provided. We are truly blessed living in a free nation under God. Please enjoy your day of celebration. I know many of us will have too much food and watch too many football games. I pray you take time to remember how blessed you are and maybe help others who may not be as fortunate.

During the last week of November we will be giving thanks to God by decorating His sanctuary for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas. I'm looking forward to seeing the transformation of the sanctuary. Come out and lend a hand in our annual week of decorating.

Giving thanks is something we need to do **every day** of our lives not just on All Saint's Sunday, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Yes these days are special times and give us pause to reflect on all God gives us but so is every other day during our earthly lives.

Giving God thanks and blessings to all,

Pastor Glenn

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DEACON'S CORNER

Fall Stewardship



Program

November is rising up on the calendar as we continue to welcome back those that drifted North for the Summer months. We welcome you back as you become active in our Church life.

November also brings to a climax our **Fall Stewardship Financial Program on November 25**. Here is what is happening:

Sunday, November 4 – power point presentation by Tom Besaw on our current financial picture and how that might project in 2019. Between services, Treasurer Hal Francis will present and answer questions on the benefits of utilizing IRA/RMD for Church giving. A Church Brochure and a “Goal Card” will also be passed out.

Sunday, November 11 – Pastor Glenn will conduct the service in its entirety.

Sunday, November 18 – Dave and Stephanie Whitman, back by popular demand, will lead both services. The remaining “Goal Cards” will be received with the culmination of the Fall Stewardship Financial Program.

Sunday, November 25 – Moderator Kathy Cratin will give a summary of the Program.

In most recent years, our Church has been using “Goal Cards”. “Goal Cards” serve as a means for people to judge what level of support that members and friends plan on giving to God and our Church. The level of support is vital to Operations Team in developing a proposed level of spending for next year.

The “Goal Cards” also serve as a tool in the process for members and friends to evaluate their level of financial giving for next year.

Respectfully,

Charlie Baskin, Deacons Chair

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Halloween is here, then we have Thanksgiving, we do have a lot to be thankful for. We should be thanking God everyday for what he has giving us.

Our Stewardship campaign has started, we will hear over the next several weeks the needs for our church. Jackie Gaither said it well this past Sunday. We have always been a Mission oriented church, we think nothing about walking that extra mile for those outside of our building. Now we must walk those many extra miles for our church, so that we can continue to have two different, but meaningful worship services every week. Please as we complete out Goal Cards, remember we want to keep our church moving forward. Thank you, *Kathy Cratin, Moderator*



NOVEMBER 11TH IS “INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY”.



Invite a Friend to Church

OPERATIONS



Your POUCC Operations Team does not have a lot to report. Fortunately we have had no major storms or repairs. The air conditioning for the middle (business) office had a blower motor failure that required a replacement at a cost of \$285.00. One church member pointed out that several steel supports for the classroom building overhang are corroded & rusted through. This may require either replacement or welding to repair, which is something we will be looking at next year. We added night lights to the two sanctuary bathrooms after one of our members recently experienced a complete blackout in the ladies bathroom when the lights were inadvertently turned off. We need to thank everyone who works on the church grounds by trimming, planting, picking up branches, pulling weeds, etc. as they feel things need to be done. We have a lot to take care of on our church property and all these individual efforts contribute greatly to keeping our church appearance presentable and welcoming. We are planning a church workday (to be announced) and hope to see as many people as possible come out to help. As we enter our Stewardship Campaign, please remember that your gifts and donations not only help our church missions but also are used to make sure our church buildings and grounds remain in the best condition possible. Finally, we ask everyone if you see anything requiring repair or maintenance, please notify Kathy in the church office. *Bob Brewster, Co-Chair of Operations*



Financial Update

Operational Budget as 9/30/17

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$ 14,381	\$ 123,887	\$ 109,035	\$ 14,852
Expenses	\$ <u>17,005</u>	\$ <u>130,388</u>	\$ <u>127,293</u>	\$ 3,095
Balance	(\$ 2,624)	(\$ 6,501)	(\$ 18,258)	

*Please note that the income and expenses do not include Missions. In September, we had our usual quarterly expenses (insurance and pension) of about \$5,000 and went significantly into the red. **The Operating Account has run out of money.** We have been forced to use the benevolent/emergency fund to pay some of the church's expenses through the end of the year. Thank you for your continued generosity. Hal Francis, Treasurer*

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. Entertainment follows the monthly dinners.

Our next fellowship dinner is November 8th.

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

Sign-up Sheet will be circulated during Worship Services .

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Please note the Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23. The Gift & Thrift Store will be closed Thursday but will reopen on Friday.



*"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."
Revelation 7:12, NRSV*

MISSION NOTES



Spruce Creek High School's Homeless/Unaccompanied Youth had been our focus for the months of August, September and October. The church did a fantastic job with many generous donations of personal care items and total money collected was \$1,621.

As done in the past, November's Food Donations will be given to Spruce Creek Elementary along with gift cards for Thanksgiving turkeys. Thank you to all for your compassion and generosity in helping make a Happy Thanksgiving for those that may not otherwise be able to celebrate the 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 SCE families in need. **Items needed are: Green Beans, Crispy Onions/Cream of Mushroom Soup, Corn, Gravy Mix or Jar, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Canned Yams /Marshmallows, Mac & Cheese, Cornbread Mix, Ramen Noodles, Brownie Mix, Stuffing Mix, Pie Crust, Canned Pumpkin/Can of Evaporated Milk, Canned Cranberry, Canned Apples, Roasting Pan, Basket/Laundry Basket.**



Thanksgiving Food Drive

A trip was made to The Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center with an infant car seat—thanks to Bob and the Thrift Store.

A "Bear Stuffing Party" at Boggy Creek was attended by Gail and I. We took afghans from Molly and the Knit Wits!

The Countryside Halloween Extravaganza was a huge success and, hopefully, everyone from POUCC was able to attend.



Election Day is **Tuesday, November 6th**. We are still looking for anyone that would like to contribute with homemade baked good. Baked goods must be at the Church by **Monday, November 5th between 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM**. Cash donations are welcome. Thanks you!

As always, Sophie's Circle, the Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug continue year-round. Thank you to all for your continued support to these worthwhile missions.

Wishing you all 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 \$23,000. 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 4th & 11th** 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 and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food.

YOUTH CORNER

Our Halloween Party was a lot of fun with “creepy” food and games for everyone.

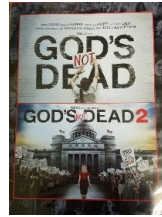


AN AFTERNOON & NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
November 10th and 17th the Youth Group will be hosting
FREE MOVIE MATANEE 4 P.M. & NIGHT 7 P.M.

FEATURING: God’s Not Dead, God’s Not Dead 2 & I Can Only Imagine

Food & Drinks will be available for purchase.

Please come out to support our youth.



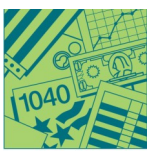
YOUTH ART PROJECTS:

We have been working on various art projects since the summer as a fund raiser which will be on display in the Jim Reed Room. Keep your family & friends in mind for the upcoming holidays.

We thank you for your continued support of our Youth Ministry where POUCC continues to serve our community. *In Faith, Miss Sher, Youth Leader*

NEWS & NOTES

SPECIAL NOTE: Dave Whitman and Tom Besaw will be facilitating a discussion of **Love Wins**, a book written by Rob Bell about “Heaven, Hell and the fate of every person who ever lived?”. The discussions begin **Friday, November 2nd, 6:00-7:00 PM at the church.** Books will be made available to participants.



TAX Workshop

Hal Francis will lead two workshops on **Required Minimum Distributions after each Service on November 4^h.** If you are over 70 or plan to be in the next couple of years, this workshop on tax strategy is for **YOU**. The workshop will present strategies to greatly reduce or eliminate your tax liability on your gifts to the church.

LADIES LUNCHEON: For November will be held at **Houligans on Wednesday, November 7th at 11:30 AM.** Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Services on Sunday. See you there!



POMA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Plan to attend this year’s Port Orange Ministerial Association’s Community Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 PM at Grace Episcopal Church on Ridgewood Ave.** Food and monetary donations will be accepted in support of Halifax Urban Ministry Food Pantry.



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
Barbara Horton	
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
Dave & Stephanie Whitman	11/30/



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Beth Brown	Daughter of Sheila Fisher
Wendy Bumpas	Friend of the Buller Family
Elijah Buller	Member of POUCC
Carol	Friend of the Buller Family
Chris	Friend of the Buller Family
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Dale Hill	Sister-in-Law of Valerie Hill
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
Shelly Hill	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Dave Holder	Friend of the Buller Family
James	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Carol Jarvis	Friend of Carol Rogers
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
The Lynch Family	Friends of POUCC
Scarlet Miller	Friend of POUCC
Shon Owezarak	Grandson of Mary Ann Stewart
Beth Ann Martin	Daughter of Ted & Sue Batturs
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Michael St. Marie	Friend of Beth Harris
Rich Thole	Member 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)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center (in TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center in WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in NY)

Special Needs



All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

Broader Concerns

Victims of Hurricane Michael
 Victims of the Shooting in Pittsburgh
 Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
 First Responders Everywhere

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

POUCC November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	2 Book Study 6:00 pm	3
4 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	5 POMA 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 6:00 pm Deacon's Mtg. 6:30 pm	6 Election Day Bake Sale 7:00 am-7:00 pm 	7 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am CPT 6:00 pm Choir - 7:30 pm	8 POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	9 Book Study 6:00 pm	10 Free Movie Afternoon & Evening 4:00 & 7:00 pm
11 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	12 POMA 4:30 pm Operations 6:30 pm	13 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	14 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	15 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	16 Book Study 6:00 pm	17 Free Movie Afternoon & Evening 4:00 & 7:00 pm
18 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	19 POMA 4:30 pm Council 6:30 pm	20 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm POMA Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM	21	22  Office & Thrift Store Closed	23 Office Closed	24
25 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	26 POMA 4:30 pm	27 Youth Meeting 6:00 pm	28 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	29	30 Book Study 6:00 pm	

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

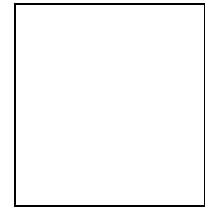
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Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services.

Remember We Fall Back An Hour Sunday, November 4TH.



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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

Children's Sunday School

8:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday