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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Greetings everyone,

The change of seasons are not as prominent here as they are up north so I find myself looking for signs of the Autumn season change here in Port Orange. A few are:

- Waking up in the dark and going to sleep hours after the sun has set.
- Much lower humidity.

• Entering any Big Box Store and seeing Fall flowers, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items all for sale within a few feet of each other.

• Seeing all the motorcycles invading the greater Daytona area allows me to know it is mid October.

• Going to the beach and not seeing big crowds on the weekends.

• Seeing many license plates from the northern states on the roads.

• Seeing the many smiling faces of snowbirds returning to worship.

Change. There is a word we all need to deal with. Change continues to be a part of our daily lives whether we embrace it or not. As I read the bible, I notice many changes:

- Sarai changed her name to Sarah and Abram to Abraham when God drastically changed their lives by giving them their first baby in their 90's.
- Jacob's name was changed to Israel after he struggled with God and with men and overcame.
- Jesus began his ministry by performing his first miracle of changing water into wine. He changed small amounts of food into enough food for 5,000 people to eat. He changed simple fishermen into disciples who helped begin the Christian faith among people. He changed Lazarus by bringing him back to life.
- God changed everything by resurrecting Jesus on the third day.

We are constantly changing from the day we were born and yet we continue to be so wary of change in most forms. During November we find ourselves being thankful for all God has provided for us. As we move forward with our lives, change will occur whether we embrace it or not. When you feel God changing you, be thankful and embrace it.

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you,

Pastor Glenn

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



- **Contacting the Pastor:** Cell Phone: 610 704-2799, Email gs.rice@icloud.com
- **Remember Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, November 3.** Turn your clocks back an hour or you be one of the first to arrive at church.
- We will celebrate **All Saint's Sunday on November 3.** During our 10:45 worship we will honor those who have died during the past year. They are: Joy Cogle, Joellen Hopkins, Jeanne Taylor and Richard Thole.
- **All Veterans will be honored during worship on Sunday, November 10.**
- Due to the choir trip, there will be one **Combined Worship Service on Sunday, November 17 at 9:45 AM.**

Thank you:

- Kathy Cratin and Sheila Fisher for attending the Annual UCC Florida Conference in Orlando. They saw a glimpse of what our Conference leadership does along with meeting with members from other congregations.
- All who have helped match the \$5,000 fund raiser. The building and grounds are already looking so much better.
- Dr. Tom Naus and the Choir members as they work hard preparing for their Carnegie Hall debut on November 17.

DEACON'S CORNER

Sunday, November 17, 2019 will be important in the life of our Church. Our choir has been asked to sing at Carnegie Hall, New York City on that day. What an honor!!! Dr. Tom Naus and our choir members should be very proud and will do an excellent job in representing our Church at this concert. We wish them well. Due to many of our members singing or attending the concert, it was decided by the Deacons and Council to hold one worship service that Sunday at 9:45 AM.



FROM THE DEACONS

Our Church bylaws direct that the Deacons yearly evaluate the Senior Minister's efforts in leading our Church's ministries. During the October 7, 2019 meeting of the Deacon's Team, this annual evaluation of Pastor Glenn was done. It should be noted that the Church is always seeking to improve its service to its members, friends and greater community. Church leadership, including the Pastor, Deacons and Council need your continuing input. Talk to us about your views on improving what we do.

The Deacons utilized the evaluation procedures that were successfully used during last year's evaluation. The review centered around 4 major areas: Worship Service, Pastoral care, Outreach and Management. The review was very favorable to the efforts of Pastor Glenn.

Letters have been sent out to members and friends of our Church covering many areas of service to God and our Church. We need the responses to develop plans for next year.

The first letter covers the area of your personal financial support next year. To ensure your financial privacy, this information will only be handled by our Treasurer, Barbara Horton. She will provide the Operations Team and the Church Council with total amounts of all Giving Goals or pledges. Those total numbers will be used in helping develop the 2020 budget and the financial oversight throughout the year.

The second letter asks you to actively participate in the life of our Church by indicating on which committees or teams you think you might want to serve. The Church's goal is to have all responses turned into the Church by November 4. Working together we can do wonders. *Charlie Baskin, Deacons Chair*

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Hello and welcome to November! We have come quite far in 11 months and now we focus on finishing up the year strong and preparing for the new year. In preparation for the new year, we set our sights on a slate of new leaders and participation in our Church committees. Please consider joining one of these teams. You can make a difference in the life of this church and I know it matters to you like it does to me. What better way to let your thoughts be heard than serving on a team. I have heard persons say “Why do we do this or why do we do that again”? This is a way to be a part of the complete solution to the success of the Port Orange United Church of Christ. Thank you and God bless you to all who give of their time and talents.

Joe Thompson, Moderator

OPERATIONS

There are many ways for our church to grow and evolve. Fortunately, at POUCC, we have members and friends who truly believe in our church and its unique place in both our community and in our world. As a place of Christian worship and renewal, we are very fortunate that past decision makers decisively invested in building a strong church facility on very useable land. Today, as we celebrate our 40th Year Anniversary, we continue to be blessed with members and friends who want to see our church remain viable and active for many more decades into the future. Our **Church Matching Funds Program** has been a huge success as financial donations now match the initial \$5,000 with more continuing to be added to make the church operations fund even stronger. These funds are being used in a very visible way. As our church continues to grow to meet the demands of a changing community and world, we are tasked with making sure our grounds and facilities are maintained to be both long term and financially sound. The funds being raised are making sure this happens. Anyone visiting our church today will easily observe great changes in our grounds. Trimming and weeding can only go so far here in Florida. Our grounds needed “major” attention and the results speak for themselves. Working with **Don’s Tree Services, Inc.**, a long-time established business in our area, we have gone forward with an aggressive removal of trees, palmettos and other ground covers no longer attractive or impossible to maintain. (It should be noted here that Don’s Tree Services donated a portion of the work they performed. For this donation, we need to be very grateful and in return we need to recommend them to others whenever tree work is required. Coming next? We will be seeding and sodding portions of the cleared areas after which we will looking at a special landscaping plan. Our paved parking areas need attention. The West property around Veteran's Chapel needs clearing and improving. More will come on this as the plans are finalized. In summary, a huge “thank you” to all who have donated money and time to our church operations fund. Please continue to give as we will be moving forward on improving our church facilities and grounds with other projects. Pass the word. Let others know that we are improving & growing for the future. Happy Thanksgiving to all! We have much to be thankful for. *Bob Brewster, Chair and Members Art Horton & Trey Thompson*



Financial Update - Operational Budget as 9/30/19

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$10,278.25	\$121,812.86	\$108,399.96	\$ 13,412.90
Expenses	\$16,638.14	\$127,188.43	\$126,133.61	\$ 1,054.82
Balance	(\$ 6,359.89)	(\$ 5,375.57)	(\$ 17,733.65)	\$ 12,358.08

*Our September income of \$10,278.25 includes \$2,000 which has been donated to our Matching Funds Campaign. Our loss for both September and Year-To-Date is partly due to our Tithe and Offering income which is \$3,372.49 under budget. Despite our losses we are still doing better than budgeted as reflected in our Year-To-Date numbers. Our operating account balance at the end of September was \$6,632.95 and our Matching Funds balance was \$2,000. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. *Barbara Horton, Treasurer**

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 \$871. Thank you for your generosity to these students in need.

As done in the past, November's Food Donations (**Nov. 3rd, 10th & 17th**) 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.**



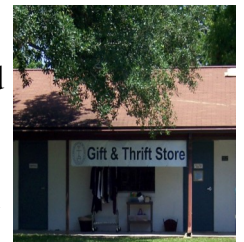
Thanksgiving Food Drive

Jackie Gaither and Kathy Cratin made a trip to Boggy Creek on October 3rd and delivered ties and afghans to aid in the care of campers.

As always, Sophie Circle, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collection continues year round. **When Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart delivered the last aluminum tab donation they learned that four pounds of tabs equals one child cancer treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Center and Ronald McDonald House.** Keep those tabs coming! Thanks for your continued support. *Your Missions Team*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

The month goes by so fast and here I am writing another article for the Newsletter. The week of Oct. 13th-19th was the second lowest week since July 16th. But on Monday the 21st we set a record for the biggest day ever totaling \$382. So we are now at \$31,000 and with a little help we could be at \$32,000 for the month which puts us \$8,000 ahead of last year. Thanks again to the volunteers; we couldn't do it without you. We are receiving a steady flow of furniture but we do need knick-knacks. As always, thank you for your donations. *Bob Gaither, Store Manager*



YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, **November 3rd, 10th & 17th** are our collection dates and will benefit families at **Spruce Creek Elementary School**. Please be generous. Over 20 bags of food were collected last month for **Halifax Urban Ministers Pantry**. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP DINNER



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

***Our next Fellowship Dinner is Thursday, November 21st.
It's a "Thanksgiving Feast" -- Turkey Provided! You bring the Sides & Desserts.***

NEWS & Notes



“Wired Word” Mid-Week Bible Study: Tuesday, November 12th and the topic is “Examining the Prosperity Gospel Claims and Identifying What God Calls Those Who Follow Jesus to Do”.

Delana Pack will be taking order for candy and nuts to candy to benefit the Girl Scouts until **November 3rd**. See Deb Pack or Cindy Johndrow for more information.



SAFE TRAVELS AND GOOD LUCK: To Dr. Tom, our choir members and their families as they travel to New York for their performance at Carnegie Hall on November 17th. The choir was selected to participate with 200 choir members from around the country in a the production of “Sing! Christmas Dreams”. What a honor; we are very proud of you all!

COMBINED SERVICE OF WORSHIP: Due to the choirs absence, we will be having **Combined Worship Service on November 17th beginning at 9:45 AM. Adult Discussion will begin at 8:45**



LADIES LUNCHEON: A time and place to be determined and posted in the weekly bulletin insert.

NOVEMBER 10TH IS “INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY”.

POMA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Plan to attend this year’s Port Orange Ministerial Association’s Community Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 26th 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.



“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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Please note the Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29. The Gift & Thrift Store will be closed Thursday but will reopen on Friday.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Peggy Fodor	11/2
Vivien Devins	11/5
Jack Barrick	11/6
Bob Brewster	11/12
Brady Yaeger	11/15
Barbara Horton	11/19
Hunter Bryan	11/20
Ted Yaeger, Jr.	11/22
Sue Turner	11/24
Keith Wheeler	11/26

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

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



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & John Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
John Baker	Brother-in-Law of Peggy Fodor
Linda & Al Blake & Family	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Jim Brubaker	Friend of the Gates
Michelle Buonanno	Family of Pat Kirkley
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Faith Coppolo	Member of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Jim Farmer	Friend of the Stewart Family
Roger & Shirley Harper	Members of POUCC
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
F/F of Betty Heffner	Member of POUCC
Chuck Henderson	Friend of POUCC
George & Madison Hobson	Family of Erika Hobson
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Diane & Scott Kirlin	Member & Friend of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Teresa Leib	Family of Erika Hobson
Bret McFarland	Friend of the Batturs Family
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewsters
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Member of POUCC
Archie & David Pickels	Brothers of Bonnie Morisset
David Pickels	Brother of Bonnie Morisset
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
The Root Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Karen Sanford	Friend of the Boons
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
Judy Van Camp	Member of POUCC
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Al & Frieda Wilson	Friends of Sheila Fisher

In Care Facilities


Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center, MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Ruth Gilbert	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Nancy Horn	Member 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

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide & First Responders

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

POUCC November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 AM	4 POMA 4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting 6:30 pm	5 Compassionate Friends Meeting 6:00 pm	6 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	7 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm	8	9
10 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	11 POMA 4:30 pm Operations 6:30 pm	12 Wired Word Bible Study 6:00 pm	13 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	14 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	15 5	16
17 Adult Discussion 8:45 am Combined Service 9:45 am	18 POMA 4:30 pm	19 Council 6:30 pm	20 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	21 POMA 4:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	22	23
24 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	25 POMA 4:30 pm	26 POMA Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM	27 CPT 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	28 Happy Thanksgiving  Office & Thrift Store Closed	29 Office Closed	30

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

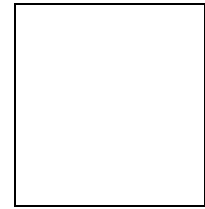
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services.



Remember We Fall Back An Hour Sunday, November 3rd.

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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

Wired Word Bible Study

First Tuesday of Each Month

6:00 PM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM