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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanksgiving! Yes, it's that time of year already. At the end of this month, most of us will stop on the 26th to reflect and give thanks for all that we have.

I have two questions for you to think about ... really think about.

Who are you giving thanks to?
What are you thankful for?

My prayer is you are thanking our one triune God; the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of us all. I also pray you thank God every day, many times every day, not just one time prior to the grand feast on Thanksgiving Day.

There is no doubt about it; we have much to be thankful for. We are a blessed group of people living in a blessed nation. Sure there are problems, issues, and areas of our lives which could be better. There is always the bad tagging along with the good. But the good outweighs the bad and needs to be uplifted for others to know.

How do we show others all the good in our lives? Jesus summed it up best ... Love is the key. Love God with all your heart, with all of your soul, and with all your mind; your entire self. By loving God fully you can then love your neighbor as your self.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. Experience it, with love, every day of your life.

I want to give God thanks for all of our members, Council members, Sunday School Teachers, Choir members and director, Thrift Store staff and all of those who work so hard on our many committees. This church lives on because of all of those who have given and those who give so much of themselves to make Port Orange UCC the wonderful congregation it is.

We are one of about ten local congregations coming together for an ecumenical **Thanksgiving Worship service being held at Daytona Beach Christian Drive In Church on A1A on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm.** Please take an hour or so to be in worship, communion and thanksgiving, together with our neighbors.

Joyfully Thanking God together,

Pastor Glenn

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Hello Church Family,

I am praying you are doing well and staying safe. Please remember to take the time to vote because your vote counts. This month I want to let you know my thoughts on what I personally will do for the Church. In doing so I hope to inspire action to have you a part of the many wonderful parts of our Church. I will be transitioning to Assistant Moderator and a Deacon. I will continue to sing in the first and second services. I will continue to try and boost membership by asking neighbors and friends to attend one of our services. I will try not to miss church suppers; they are fantastic!. And lastly, I will pray that each and every one of us looks into their heart and says "Me God, absolutely Lord!" Be blessed ,be safe, be well for you are loved. May God have mercy and grace on us. *Joe Thompson, Moderator*

OPERATIONS & FINANCES

Our Operations Team is focused on the day to day maintenance and preventative maintenance of the church buildings and church grounds. At our last meeting we took a walking tour of the church property both inside and outside. During our tour we specifically focused on those areas needing attention now and those other areas that we need to be watching for future attention. We are happy to report that there are only a few areas needing attention now and these areas are relatively minor in terms of costs. We continue to have an eye on keeping our fixed costs low and recently added photoelectric/motion detector light switches to the Veterans Chapel and the two bathrooms, including the hallway, in the Jim Reed Building. If you happen to be in these areas and the lights go out just wave your arms to reactivate the lights. We will be clearing more land on the west and north sides by cutting back about ten more feet of bushes and brush within our property line. This will add more space to the west property whenever we need to use it. One area we focused attention upon was inside our sanctuary and more specifically on the beautiful west wall mural. Painted in year 2000 by our own world class artist, Bonnie Morisset, with help from several church members, we are seeing several areas that need attention. In consultation with Bonnie and advice from a local top paint supply company, we will be sealing the entire wall with a clear Matt finish preservative paint. This high quality paint (\$128/gal) will seal the wall and prevent further cracking and/or separation of the wall board. Prior to sealing we will be repairing seven different spots where the wallboard has cracked or come loose. With care, this should preserve this wonderful mural for many, many years to come. Again, a special thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to our fund raising campaign. These funds are being applied directly to our property. Please continue contributing, if you can! Finally, the Church Council voted in its last meeting to change our "Operation Team" name to "Operations & Finance Team". This is appropriate since we are also overseers of church finances, which thanks to our Treasurer Barbara Horton are now both very understandable and manageable. Please note: We are seeking more team members. Please contact Bob Brewster, if you want to join us. Prayerfully submitted, *Bob Brewster, Chair Operations & Finance Team (Art Horton, Trey Thompson, Harold Kransi)*



Financial Update - Operational Budget as 9/30/20

	<u>SEPT. ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Income	\$ 9,462.46	\$ 113,178.28	\$ 91,613.96	\$ 21,564.32
Expenses	\$ 13,798.91	\$ 123,722.30	\$ 120,022.61	\$ 3,699.69
Profit/Loss	\$ (4,336.45)	\$ (10,544.02)	\$ (28,408.65)	\$ 17,864.63

Our income was down for the month of September and our expenses were up. We had a few non-recurring expenses including repair on one of the A/C units and our final payment on our termite protection. We are working hard on controlling our costs but still continue to operate at a loss each month. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. With God's blessing, Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Horton, Treasurer

MISSION NOTES



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Nov. 1st, 8th & 15th to benefit Spruce Creek Elementary along with gift cards for Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need. This year you have two ways to donate:

1. Donate any one or more of the following items requested:
Green Beans, Crispy Onions/Cream of Mushroom Soup, Gravy Mix or Jar, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Canned Yams, Stuffing Mix & Canned Cranberry Sauce.
2. Donate funds to purchase 10 Thanksgiving turkey gift cards (\$200) and/or additional food items listed above.

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As mentioned above, November 1st, 8th & 15th are our collection dates and will benefit families at Spruce Creek Elementary School. Please be generous. Over 19 bags of food were collected last month for Halifax Urban Ministers Pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Here we are October is almost over. Year to date sales are \$28,000 and we are hoping to hit \$29,300 in the next two weeks. Not bad for being closed for 2 1/2 months plus all the heat and rain that have kept people at home. Our goal for the year is \$38,000. Presently we are having a 50% off on all pictures, picture frames and mirrors. If you need any artwork, come on in we have a big selection. Thanks to all that have donated. God Bless, *Bob Gaither, Manager*

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 12th. It's a “Thanksgiving Feast” -- Turkey Provided! You bring the Sides & Desserts. We will be celebrating our 41st Anniversary! Sign-up Sheet will be circulated during Worship Services.



NEWS & NOTES



POMA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Plan to attend this year’s Port Orange Ministerial Association’s Community Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM at Daytona Beach Christian Drive In Church on A1A.** Food and monetary donations will be accepted in support of Halifax Urban Ministry

SPECIAL THANKS: To Sharon Williamson for donating two new POW flags for display on the West Property..





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Peggy Fodor	11/2
Vivien Devins	11/5
Jack Barrick	11/6
Bob Brewster	11/12
Brady Yaeger	11/15
Don Gates	11/16
Barbara Horton	11/19
Ted Yaeger, Jr.	11/22



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Diane & Scott Kirlin 11/2/1996



"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 26 & 27. The Gift & Thrift Store will be closed Thursday but will reopen on Friday.

Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or a change to the Prayer Requests.

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Amy & Lamont	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Cathy Archer	Friend of POUCC
Harriet Barton	Friend of POUCC
Charlie Baskin	Member of POUCC
Brad Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family of Sheila Fisher
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Faith Coppolo	Member of POUCC
Karen Coffey	Family of Sandy Kransi
Mike Conti	Friend of the Kransi's
Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten	Family of Kay Schweitzer
George & Madison Hobson	Family of Erika Hobson
Susan Jones	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Grace Kern	Member of POUCC
Pat Kirkley	Member of POUCC
Sophie Kirtley	Friend of POUCC
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Harold Kransi	Member of POUCC
Teresa Leib	Family of Erika Hobson
Linda & Vaughn Long	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Lorraine Miklos	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Liz Mills	Friend of the Brewster's
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart's
Bill Nicholls	Member of POUCC
Archie & David Pickels	Family of Bonnie Morisset
Gayle Reid	Sister of Kathy Cratin
Bruce Roberts	Brother of Sandy Kransi
Carol Rogers	Member of POUCC
John Sedgewick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Peggy Sharlow	Friend of Sheila Fisher
John Somerville	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Oakley & Michele Solms	Friends of POUCC
Dale Speakman	Cousin of Faith Coppolo
TJ	Friend of Kathryn Manning
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family of Sheila Fisher
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Joe & Lynn Wintermeyer	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Rita Wren	Friend of POUCC
Bill Wheeler	Member of POUCC
June Ferreri	In Care Facilities Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in PO)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB)
Eloise Wotke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in NY)

Special Needs

Victims of Caronavirus & Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus
All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

POUCC November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 AM	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	9	10	11 Palmetto House 5:30 pm	12 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	13	14
15 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	16	17	18	19	20	21 Council Meeting 10:00 am
22 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	23	24 POMA Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving  Office & Thrift Store Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	30					

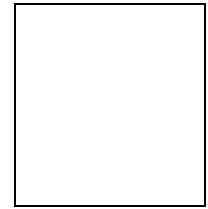
Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – Noon

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



Remember We Fall Back An Hour Sunday, November 1st.

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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

6:00 PM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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