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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Greeting Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is November, the month of remembering our Saint's, the month of honoring our Veterans and the month with the "official day" of giving God our deepest thanks for the bountiful life He provides us. We also will begin the Season of Advent on the 28th day of November this year making this a wonderful month of celebration and thanksgiving.

While we celebrate our good fortunes given to us by God, we understand there are so many Christians around the world who are currently suffering and being persecuted. Why is that? Why can't the world unite and praise our one almighty God? It's because humans have been given free will. You see it's up to us to decide how we live our lives and who we serve.

God has provided all of us with many talents; each different from one another. It is up to us as to how we use our God given talents. Some of us try our best to use our gifts for doing good in our world. Even those of us who try our best to make the lives of those around us the absolute best, we sometimes fall short of what we could do.

We are here as stewards of God's creation. During this autumn month and beyond, let's look deep into ourselves and find those gifts; the talents God has bestowed upon us and use them to help those needing our help. We need to choose to serve our Master while we await the return of Christ.

Praise our Saint's, honor of veterans and give thanks to God, not just on Thursday, November 25 but everyday as we await the return of Christ. Enjoy your November.

God's bountiful blessings to all,

Pastor Glenn



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DEACON'S CORNER



FROM THE DEACONS

This year for our Stewardship Campaign we are asking everyone to let us know what you believe you can give financially to support our church for 2022. Normally, we can wait until yearend or even into January but this year our 2022 budget planning must be done earlier, especially in preparation of our church's annual meeting in January. As you all know, the Covid pandemic has caused major disruptions in every organization throughout the world where people normally gather together in one place. In the entire country a great number of churches have already closed permanently. Even when taking into account new church startups, the total number of churches that closed this past year exceeded 8,000. Now, before you think we as a church are closing let me clearly state that POUCC is NOT closing. However, in reality, that possibility has always existed if financial giving and membership both decline to a level that cannot sustain our church. Let me clearly state again, we are NOT closing. We are not at that point! To assure our continuation as a viable church body there are two things that must happen. We must grow both in members and in financial giving. That is a fact. Even though Covid has affected us, we are very fortunate to have a strong core of loyal members and friends who continue to support our church in wondrous ways. This giving support of both time and financial resources has allowed us to fight off what has caused many churches to close. Your ability to pledge financial support, to continue contributing in church when the offering plate is passed, to make special donations when an immediate need arises, to volunteer at our church Thrift Store that contributes so much to our church and the community in untold ways and finally where possible to make a donation from an estate settlement, a Retirement Account Minimum Withdrawal or if you had a special year financially to share a portion of what you received with our church. All these together - your time, your talents, your financial contributions are what keeps POUCC open to serve the spiritual needs of those seeking it. Please tear off the Giving Card in this newsletter, fill out your information and send it back to our church Treasurer, Barbara Horton or place it in the offering plate at one of the Sunday services. May God Bless you and your families with both good health and great happiness. Respectively, *Bob Brewster, Deacon's Team Chair*

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 faith-promise:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 10 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 | Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | | | | |

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

ASSISTANT MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Assistant
Moderator's
Message



November Greetings POUCC! We strive to excel in more ways than one. In that we will have been able to continue to meet and praise God. What a wonderful gift! Thanksgiving, something that should be exercised more often than once a year right? Thankful we have a Father who loved us so much he gave his Son that we might live. We are truly blessed each and every day and our faith can help us remain a blessed child of God. Hoping you have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving every day. *Joe Thompson, Assistant Moderator*

OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM

As the newest member of the church council, I am pleased to say hello to the church membership. I have been a member of the Operations & Finance Team for the past few years, it has been an interesting learning experience for sure. Filling Bob Brewster's shoes will be a difficult task, as he, over the years has done so much for our church. My job as Chairman of the Operations & Finance Team, as I see it, is to inform the church membership about the financial health as well as the condition of our assets (church building and property).



This month I will address the financial health of our church:

Our Assistant Moderator Joe Thompson and former chairman Operations Chairman Bob Brewster alluded in Octobers "POUCC Impressions" our church is at a financial (very serious) crossroad. I will further expand upon those comments.

At the October church council meeting the treasurer provided the council an up-to-date recap of the financial condition of our church.

- The church is spending on average of just under \$2,000.00 a month more than income for an average loss of \$24,000.00 a year.
This, unfortunately has been an ever-increasing financial issue over the past few years.
This year we find ourselves at the "serious crossroads" due to the following.
- Last year we received \$22,000.00 from the government PPP that covered most of last year's loss.
This year we have no such income.
- Last year we received a \$12,000.00 memorial gift to the church which helped our financial health.
This year we have no such income thus far.
- Membership is reducing due to deaths and/or members moving away.
- Monthly and therefore annual income is dropping due to the membership loss.
- The church property is aging and in need maintenance and repair.
The kitchen A/C unit is in need of replacement.
The Thrift Store overhang steel supports require repair and/or replacement.
Etc.

Due to this financial input, the Church Council at the October meeting voted to close the church's investment account and place all church funds in "liquid assets".

They further voted to pay off the \$5,000.00 line of credit the church has with the Cornerstone fund and cease utilizing Cornerstone in the future.

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OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM CONTINUED

We will now utilize our liquid funds to operate our church until the funds reach a level where we can only continue to pay for maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. At that point in time, approximately 1 to 1.75 years from now the church will cease to function as a spiritual church.

As I stated at the beginning of my report, our church is at a very serious crossroad, we are losing money every month, we have difficulty getting members to “step up” and fill the chairman and committee rolls, our membership is dwindling (yes, we have prospects of new members which is great) but for our church to continue to provide the spiritual connection it has for many years something has to change.

It is now time for the church membership to plan and budget for 2022. We need your help in planning for 2022 at this most critical time in our church family. Please fill out your 2022 pledge card out and/or inform our treasurer of your intent to support our church. Stewardship is not only financial support, it’s involvement, commitment, bringing new members into the church family and being involved in the church.

My goal as the new Chairman of Operations and Finance Team is to provide straightforward business information to the membership so they are informed on the financial as well as the physical status of our church.

Our Assistant Moderator, Joe Thompson has served the church in many capacities for many years, most recently as Moderator until our by-laws forbid him from serving further, so he was elected Assistant Moderator last year with the Moderator position left open. Joe has requested he be able to “sing in the choir” for 2022, Joe has served the congregation for many, many years, it’s time for other members to step up and help. We need strong leadership as Moderator and Assistant Moderator positions being filled for 2022. Won’t you consider stepping up to help us achieve our goal of serving the spiritual community for many years to come?

My hope, with this article is to “light a fire” under the membership so that we as a total team can move forward and move our church away from the “serious crossroads” we presently have in front of us and find a way together to build a bright future for our church for many years to come.

I remain very hopeful we can accomplish this mission if we all work together as a total team.

Art Horton, Operations Chair

Financial Update - Operational Budget as 9/30/21

| | <u>SEPT. ACTUAL</u> | <u>YTD ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>DIFFERENCE</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Income | \$ 9,551.25 | \$106,819.93 | \$101,051.96 | \$ 5,767.97 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ 11,710.77</u> | <u>\$123,037.04</u> | <u>\$ 125,173.34</u> | <u>\$ 2,136.30</u> |
| Profit/Loss | \$ (2,159.52) | \$ (16,217.11) | \$ (24,121.38) | \$ 7,904.27 |



Our loss for the month of September is \$2,000.00 plus which seems to be our monthly average except for some special offerings and the funds earmarked for the Spring into Life Campaign. We continue to work hard at controlling our costs and finding ways to increase our income. Thanks to all for the continued support and prayers. With God’s blessings, Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Horton, Treasurer



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Well October is about over and sales to date top \$40,000, and if sales continue to be strong we could hit \$41,000 by October 30th! Our volunteers have been working very hard. Thanks to the volunteers, patrons and all who donate to the Store.

Bob Gaither, Manager

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, **November 7th** is our next collection day and will again benefit “Halifax Urban Ministry”. Over 26 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. **Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Fellowship
Dinner



Our POUCC monthly Fellowship Dinner will be taking November off but will return in December.

***Our next Fellowship Dinner is Thursday, December 9th, 6:00 PM.
More details will be forthcoming.***

NEWS & NOTES

SPECIAL THANKS: We recently received a note from the Yaeger Family thanking the congregation for all their kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of their son Brady. (note on Sanctuary bulletin board).



Please update your Directory with Molly & Charlie Baskin's new address:

3704 Cardinal Boulevard
Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32128



New Members Are Joining

Sunday, November 7th at the 10:45 AM Service.

If interested, please contact Pastor Glenn.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*



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| Diane & Scott Kirlin | 11/2/1996 |
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"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 25 & 26. 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*

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Corinne & Jim Anderson | Friends of Sheila Fisher |
| Jordan Armbruster | Friend of POUCC |
| Charlie & Molly Baskin | Members of POUCC |
| Larry Boyd | Friend of POUCC |
| Jesse Calmer | Friend of the Thompson Family |
| Beth & Chris Brown | Family of Sheila Fisher |
| Betty & Hank Clausen | Friends of POUCC |
| Karen Coffey | Family of Sandy Kransi |
| Mike Conti | Friend of the Kransi's |
| Vince Doherty | Friend of Sharon Williamson |
| Adele Echenique | Friend of Sheila Fisher |
| Alice Lynn Feldman | Member of POUCC |
| George Franklin | Friend of the Gaither Family |
| Susan Grillo | Niece of the Zinke's |
| Gary Haines | Cousin of Bob Gaither |
| John Hamer | Friend of the Horton's |
| Shawn Hansen | Friend of POUCC |
| Pvt. Jack & Lisa Hearten | Family of Kay Schweitzer |
| Erika Henderson | Friend of POUCC |
| Elmer Hodges | Friend of POUCC |
| Bill Hooker | Friend of POUCC |
| Susan Jones | Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset |
| Roger Kobert | Friend of Sheila Fisher |
| Emily McLean | POUCC Volunteer |
| Harry & Jim Manchester | Family of Sheila Fisher |
| Tonya Montisano & Family | Friends of POUCC |
| Leslie Neese | Friend of the Stewart Family |
| Archie & David Pickels | Brothers of Bonnie Morisset |
| Bruce Roberts | Brother of Sandy Kransi |
| Kay Schweitzer | Member of POUCC |
| John Sedgwick | Friend of Sheila Fisher |
| Fred & Faith Shreck | Family of Sonnie Zinke |
| Bill & Sharon Tinney | Friends of POUCC |
| Joe Vogel | Friend of the Kransi Family |
| Caroline Wallace | Family member of Sheila Fisher |
| Viola Wears & Boy | Friends of POUCC |
| Lowin Willoughby | Friend of Sharon Williamson |
| Betty Weaver | Friend of POUCC |
| Rita Wrenn | Friend of POUCC |

In Care Facilities

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| June Ferreri | 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
- First Responders Everywhere

POUCC November 2021

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

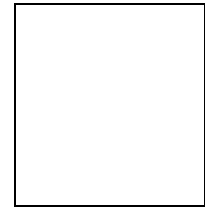
Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – Noon

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

Remember We Fall Back An Hour Sunday, November 7th.



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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

9:45 AM



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