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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Greetings everyone,

The inspiration for my article this month comes from God, hymn lyrics and two wonderful people; my mother and father. As I write this article my mother would be celebrating 71 years of the covenant of marriage to my father who died last month. They made commitments to each other in front of their pastor, two witnesses and God.

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There are many reasons why they stayed together for 71 years. I believe their love for each other is great but I also believe their love for God is greater.

God promises us He is with us always; from beginning to end. I know there were difficult times during my parents almost 71 years together but they persevered by leaning on each other and on God.

The song lyrics I spoke of earlier come from a hymn I once had to memorize for a concert. Here they are:

Of thee Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

God is the source of all, from the very beginning until the very end. As I think about this, I am humbled. I realize I am only a small part of a greater plan. God initiates all and part of my plan came some 70 plus years ago when my parents met as teenagers in Portland, Pennsylvania. Their love for each other comes from God and is a sign of God's love among us.

All we have comes from God. Yes, even the difficult times in all of our lives but we can preserve by leaning on our loved ones and especially on God.

Please allow your God given love to be seen and felt with those around you. Thank God for all the blessings and love He continues to shower upon us from beginning to end.

With God's abundant love,

Pastor Glenn

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ASSISTANT MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Assistant
Moderator's
Message



This is the first time in twenty years that I have written a newsletter article over again. It goes to show you anything can happen and if enough time passes it surely will. I do believe my first attempt was spirit driven it just had a hollow feel to it. I pray this one is the right chord. As a Council Member, it is my duty to remind you to take a look at the meeting minutes as there is, and has been, and will be discussions regarding finances and participation in the life of this Church. Let me say, it is the responsibility of each and every person that hears the word of God to make the conscious decision to promote the work of the Church of Jesus Christ. It is the greatest gift that can be given. It is a selfless act to take responsibility to grow the body of Christ and the blessings that people receive from being able to worship God are never ending. I will do my best to try and help that effort, the effort to bring persons to the understanding of his love, I hope you do too.

We are at a crossroads in this Church, very serious crossroads. We need to have persons step up and participate or we will not be able to continue. This is in every aspect of this Church in every area and is crucial to the life of this Church. I ask that you search inside and find what you can to help. I ask that we rally behind our Pastor and staff and help. I ask it in hope, faith and love. The time is upon us and it is time to act. I hope and I believe we can do what needs to be done. I hope we can ask persons to come and seek the gifts our Church can provide. I pray we do this together. *Joe Thompson, Assistant Moderator*

DEACON'S CORNER

Deacons are responsible for the yearly evaluation of the Senior Pastor, for providing consultation to the Senior Pastor regarding worship services and spiritual programs, plus other matters involving church membership. The Deacons are also responsible for the Annual Stewardship Campaign which is to be completed by November 30th each year.



FROM THE DEACONS

This means that we need to know your financial pledge for next year 2022 by the end of November. Pledge Cards or Pledge Letters will be available early November, so be thinking about what you would like to give to include any special gifts such as a portion or all of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) you might receive from retirement accounts, or financial gifts that may be coming from a sale of property or a portion of some extra income generated during the year, etc. Everything given to our church allows us to continue its operation and ministries to members, friends and to the various missions we support throughout the year.

Our church is going through many changes as we experience seeing our membership grow older leading us to the need to support a more mature aging demographic surrounding us. No longer can we count on young families with children to attend church and stay with us through their growing up years. We are experiencing great changes due to the Covid Pandemic and what people are expecting when they attend church. The spiritual mission of our church requires us to change to support the growing needs of a more mature people who are seeking to rekindle or remain spiritually connected to the Christian Faith. The demographics in our surrounding area are leading us to see more “empty nesters”, retirees, people who are displaced from family or friends, or those who have lost close loved ones. There is a real place for POUCC, if we all recognize it and work together to lead our church forward into this new “normal”.

Bob Brewster is asking anyone who would like to be a Deacon for the coming 2022 year to contact him directly at Cell 386-341-0423 or by email to Bob@bobbrewster.com

Blessings & Good Health to you all! *Bob Brewster*

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 PM POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room.

Make your plans to come and join us on Thursday, October 14th, 6:00 PM in the Jim Reed Room. It's a "Pot Luck". Sign-up sheet will be circulated at Sunday Services.

MISSION & FELLOWSHIP NOTES



We're starting to gather names for 2022 Committee Members. Since our attendance has been small, we are concerned we may not be able to fill any committees. This low attendance may indicate that our Church's Missions will be nonexistent. We have been unable to provide aid to the Chaplain's Coffee Fund, Boggy Creek, Spruce Creek Elementary School and Sophie's Circle. The Palmetto Teams are short staffed but we have been able to feed with only three active teams. (This creates extra cost for some.) We give to Pregnancy Crisis from Thrift Store donations. Our monthly food donations continue but are smaller. We have started the 2022 Fellowship Dinners and will continue as long as there is interest. Our low attendance has caused much concern about the future of this Church. Understandably the ages of our members is certainly playing a part in those able to commit. Church participation is very important for many reasons, not just for your spiritual renewal but also for your church family to see how you are doing and for you to see how we are doing. There are many reasons that attending church may not be possible. If you are unable to attend on a regular basis please let us know so that we have a better understanding of your situation. If you are no longer able or willing to attend church, please let us know that, too. Let us know by calling the church office. Your cooperation will help us make decisions as to how much support we can continue to provide to the community and the various church missions. Sincerely, Jackie Gaither, Chair

THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE

While I was on vacation, a rumor stated that I wasn't coming back. Well I'm here and business is doing very well. If everything goes as suspected, we hope to be at \$40,000 by the end of October. Thanks to the community, our volunteers and everyone who is helping us do this well. Bob Gaither, Manager



OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM REPORT



Art Horton has agreed to accept the important responsibility for managing our church's Operations & Finance Team. This is a very important responsibility and is even more important going forward as we review and make decisions about where we want our church to go in the future months and years. The Operations & Finance Team has to make tough decisions and these decisions need your input and support. Maintaining our church buildings and grounds is an all-year-round task. Managing our church finances for both income and expenses is an all-year-round task, too. Both should involve every member of our church including those people who are friends of our church. We are living in very challenging times and everyone is looking at possible changes in life that may or could affect our futures. The need for our church to stay strong physically and financially is extremely important right now. We have every reason to remain spiritually and physically connected and it is the responsibility of the Operations & Finance Team to make sure that the doors stay open, the lights stay on and we manage our assets in the best manner possible. If you want to assist in this effort, please let Art know by calling Kathy at the church office with your name and best contact phone number. She will have Art contact you. A Blessed Month to Everyone. Bob Brewster

Financial Update - Operational Budget as 8/31/2021



	AUGUST 2020	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 11,902.31	\$ 97,268.68	\$ 89,845.28	\$ 7,423.40
Expenses	\$ 11,934.25	\$ 111,786.47	\$ 110,961.77	\$ 824.70
Balance	\$ (31.94)	\$ (14,517.79)	\$ (21,116.49)	\$ 6,598.70

Our loss for the month of August was very small due to the increased income from the Thrift Store Big Sale and also due to the fact that we had five Sundays in the month of August as well as donations made to the Spring into Life Campaign. With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted, Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Horton, Treasurer



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

Tom Summers	10/4
Cindi Harper	10/5
Ron Zinke	10/13
Cheri Yaeger	10/17
Leonard Lussier	10/18
Jackie Gaither	10/28
Mary Ann Summers	10/29



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Bill & Leree Nicholls	10/11/1958
Todd & Alice Lynn Feldman	10/27/1985



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
F/F of Helen Holmes	Member of POUCC
Bill Hooker	Friend of POUCC
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Roger Kobert	Friend of Sheila Fisher
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
Bill & Sharon Tinney	Friends of POUCC
F/F Judy Van Camp	Member of POUCC
Joe Vogel	Friend of the Kransi Family
Caroline Wallace	Family member of Sheila Fisher
Viola Wears & Boy	Friends of POUCC
Joseph Williamson	Son of Sharon Williamson
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Rita Wrenn	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Brady Yaeger	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities


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 Wottke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in NY)

Special Needs

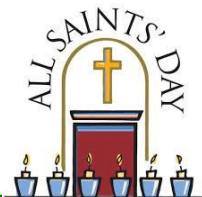
- Victims of Caronavirus & Those on the Front Line Fighting the Virus
- All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
- Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide
- First Responders Everywhere

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

POUCC October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 World Communion Sunday Contemporary 8:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	11	12	13 Palmetto House 5:00 pm	14 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	15	16 Council Meeting 10:00 am
17 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	18	29	20	21	22	23
24 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45am Traditional 10:45 am	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Contemporary 8:45 am
Adult Discussion 9:45am
Traditional 10:45 am

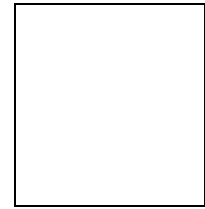


FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. October 3rd is our next collection day and benefits "Halifax Urban Ministry". Over 31 bags of food were collected last month. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky and Mary Ann Stewart for delivering the food. **Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.**



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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—12:00 Noon

Saturday

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM



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