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## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



In the end, life is really very short. This past month we witnessed the passing of Queen Elizabeth II who reigned over the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth for over 70 years. I for one was mesmerized by the extraordinary pageantry and show of love by the millions of people from around the world who turned out to say goodbye one last time. Rarely, if ever, have we been a witness to such an event when someone passes away.

Queen Elizabeth II was a devoted Christian. In a televised address on April 5, 2020, after the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic she stated "*We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.*" Truly that is the essence of life for all who believe that there is life everlasting. Sadly, it is not until someone passes that we learn about that person and all the details of their life. I have often regretted not knowing a person better after they have passed away, especially when their life's experiences would have made for great conversation. In the end, we are all individuals with a story and that story has meaning. No matter how extraordinary a life such as Queen Elizabeth II or how ordinary we may feel about our own life, we all have a story that is very important to others. This past month on September 10<sup>th</sup>, we lost one of our church members, Dwight L Sanborn, who passed away at age 91. Dwight attended our church for many years. He always sat in the back row. Often times he sat with his best friend and partner Lizabeth and after her passing in 2020 he sat alone. He was a quiet person and it is only now at his passing that we learn about the extraordinary life he lived. I wish I had made time to talk more with him about his life but as with so many others that we meet, we know very little about each other. Here at POUCC, we have church services, we have fellowship dinners and we have a variety of committees, including the Thrift Store where we can have conversations with each other, yet it is never enough to know all the details about each other. Perhaps, that is the reality of life. Only through passing away do we get to share our story.

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## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

On the other hand, perhaps if we made just a little more time for learning about each other, a conversation here and there, a few minutes talking, we would discover something wonderful about each other. Something that ties us all together. A thread of experiences that connects each of us. Wouldn't that be wonderful! Why wait! Make it your goal to learn a little bit more about the people you know and see every day. You may be very surprised. In his best-selling book, "The Celestine Prophecy", James Redfield shares a theme that none of us are here by accident. We have a purpose and everyone we come in contact with, whether briefly passing each other going through a door where we make eye contact or whether through life-long relationships, we all know each other spiritually...and we will all meet again! Think about it!

*Bob Brewster, Moderator*

## THRIFT STORE NEWS



The Thrift Store continues to be blessed with donations, good sales and new customers each week. Recently we provided infant clothes to Pregnancy Crisis Center, numerous bags of clothes to the Red Cross, prayer shawls to Port Orange Rehab and bags of men's ties (for crafts) and afghans to Boggy Creek as they prepare for their Fall Camp. We have a supply of walkers and bedside toilets for loan to anyone in need. Thanks to our great volunteers, patrons and all who donate.

## MISSION OFFERING

Upcoming Mission offering is the *Neighbors in Need Collection "Behold!"* that will take place **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** which is **World Communion Sunday**. This offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. *Envelopes for this offering are in your boxed set.*



## FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. **October 2nd is our next collection day and benefits "Halifax Urban Ministry"**. Over **11 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.** We recently received a note of thanks from the Ministry stating that thanks to your generosity they were able to give out **329 Bags of Food, Feeding 659 People.**



## 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 13th, 6:00 PM***

***It's a "Soup, Salad & Bread Dinner."***

***Sign-up Sheet will be circulated during Worship.***

## OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM REPORT



As I seem to start every article, welcome to October this month I add welcome to the beginning of fall in Florida. Cooler, dryer weather is on its way. Both Barb and I wish to thank you for your thoughts and especially your prayers, they have worked. I am recuperating from a subdural hematoma; seems I had bleeding within the brain. Emergency surgery by a top-notch neurosurgeon at the UCONN medical center in Farmington, CT (yes, I was in CT visiting family for Labor Day) and we are now on the mend.

FPL has installed the new site lighting. They removed the old ineffective light and installed new LED fixtures to illuminate the front and east side parking lots as well as the front of the Church and Thrift Store. The A/C replacement project is on a bit of a hold until I am back in Florida to oversee the project. We should have the concrete pad extension for the new A/C units completed within the next two weeks. Our pavement sealing company continues to re-seal the paved surfaces that deteriorated rapidly. Thanks again for your prayers.

*Art Horton, Operations Chair*

### Financial Update - Operational Budget as 8/31/2022

	AUGUST ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
<b>Income</b>	\$ 8,637.75	\$ 88,080.61	\$ 88,526.80	\$ (446.19)
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 10,854.69</u>	<u>\$ 104,545.75</u>	<u>\$ 101,372.92</u>	<u>\$ (3,081.83)</u>
<b>Balance</b>	(2,216.94)	\$ ( 16,374.14)	\$ ( 12,846.12)	\$ ( 3,528.02)



Our income is very close to what we had budgeted but that is primarily due to the fabulous job being done at our Thrift Store. We are under budget on our Tithes and Offering by approximately \$5,000.00 year to date but our Thrift Store has more than made up for that shortfall. Even with the income from all sources we have a year to date loss of \$16,374.14, an average of \$2,000.00 plus per month. As always our thanks go out to the Thrift Store volunteers and to all who help to support our Church. *With God's blessings, Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Barbara Horton, Treasurer*

## BIBLE STUDIES



The "Wired Word" Bible Study class is restarting! It will be held on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. Erika and Chuck Henderson will be facilitating these lessons again. The class will be held at **11:00-11:45 AM**, right after the Port Orange United Church of Christ morning service and fellowship time (which is 9:30 am to 10:45 am) It will be held at the **Henderson home** (close to the church) at **5961 Broken Bow Lane, Port Orange, FL 32127**. A snack lunch will be available during the lesson.

Also, beginning **October 3<sup>rd</sup> and every Monday evening at 7:00 PM** the **Mountain of Light Church** will offer a bi-lingual Bible Study in the Jim Reed Room. All are welcome to attend.







## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS\*

Tom Summers	10/4
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\*

Jennifer Anderson	Family of the Batturs
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Barbara Boon	Member of POUCC
Eva Brewster	Mother of Bob Brewster & Friend of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Sheila Fisher
Betty & Hank Clausen	Friends of POUCC
Pat Dalton	Friend of POUCC
Vince Doherty	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Alice Lynn Feldman	Member of POUCC
George Franklin	Friend of the Gaither Family
Steve Gaunt	Friend of Sheila Fisher & Larry Janelle
Gary Haines	Cousin of Bob Gaither
Brad Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Shawn Hansen	Friend of POUCC
Sgt.. Jack & Heidi Hearton	Family of Kay Schweitzer
Lisa K. Hearton	Daughter of Kay Schweitzer
Elmer Hodges	Friend of POUCC
Rocket Kearsch	Friend of Ann Tobin
Roger Kober	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Harry & Jim Manchester	Family of Sheila Fisher
Grace Manning	Member of POUCC
Tonya Montisano & Family	Friends of POUCC
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Linda Panzarella & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisett
Scott Powell	Son of Bob Gaither
Pam Protko	Member of POUCC
F? of Dwight Sanborn	Friend of POUCC
Kay & Don Schweitzer	Members of POUCC
John Sedgwick	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Betty Shepherd	Member of POUCC
Faith & Fred Shreck	Family of the Zinkie's
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Dr. Phillip Tomaselli	Son-in-Law of Kay Schweitzer
Grant Tobin	Friend of POUCC
Caroline Wallace	Family of Sheila Fisher
Seth Wanie	Family of Bill & Susie Greiff
Betty Weaver	Friend of POUCC
Lowin Willoughby	Friend of Sharon Williamson
Alhmet Wilson	Friend of Sheila Fisher

### In Care Facilities

- Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
- Friend of POUCC (Care Center in PO)
- Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB)
- Friend of POUCC (Care Center in WI)

### 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

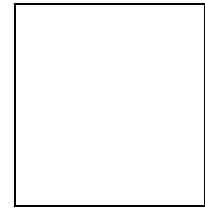
**Note: \*Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or you have a change to the Prayer Requests.**

# POUCC October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 Worship Service</b> 9:30 am <b>Bible Study</b> 11:00 am <b>MOL* Worship Service</b> 6:00 pm	<b>3 MOL Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9 Worship Service</b> 9:30 am  <b>MOL Worship Service</b> 6:00 pm	<b>10 MOL Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm	11	12	<b>13 Fellowship Dinner</b> 6:00 pm	14	<b>15 Council Meeting</b> 10:00 am
<b>16 Worship Service</b> 9:30 am <b>Bible Study</b> 11:00 am <b>MOL Worship Service</b> 6:00 pm	<b>17 MOL Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21	22
<b>23 Worship Service</b> 9:30 am  <b>MOL Worship Service</b> 6:00 pm	<b>24 MOL Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm	25	26	27	28	29
<b>30 Worship Service</b> 9:30 am  <b>MOL Worship Service</b> 6:00 pm	<b>31 MOL Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm	* Mountain of Light Church				



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**Office Hours**

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Monday—Friday

**Thrift Store Hours**

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Monday—Friday

9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Saturday

**Sunday Worship**

9:30 AM

**Fellowship Hour**

10:30 AM



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