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INTERIM PASTOR'S MESSAGE



I find it difficult to realize that September is once again upon us! For me, September has always been a time of anticipation and new starts. As a child it represents the excitement of preparing to go back to school; new cloths, new shoes, new pencils and paper, a new box of crayons. It was a time of going for class registration, with mom at my side meeting my new teacher for the year. Usually that was pretty exciting as well, that is until I found out who my 2nd grade teacher was for that year. It was Mrs. DeWeese, the meanest teacher in our school. I recall the polite introductions and the horror of how badly this year was going to be. Oh yes, it didn't help any that Mrs. DeWeese looked exactly like the Wicked Witch of the West in the movie, "Wizard of Oz." Then, at one point Mrs. DeWeese asked me if I had any questions. With all my courage I announced that I hoped that she wasn't going to pull on my ears like I had seen her do for the previous two years on the playground. My mother was horrified at my declaration and it most certainly caught Mrs. DeWeese off guard. She responded that the only reason she would be pulling on my ears would be if I were to misbehave. I can guarantee you that I was the most perfect child in conduct that class year.

I share this bit of obscure history, because even though I had seen Mrs. DeWeese on the playground going up to little boys and shaking them by their ears for no apparent reason, she became my most favorite teacher in my grade school experience. There was a true concern about her students that always took her the extra mile in how she would work in helping her students learn. Some of us were slow learners and she took it upon herself to hold a summer session for those of us who needed that extra push, at no charge to the parents and with no pay from the school district.

When I think about the influences that each one of us has on others, especially children, Mrs. DeWeese will always be at the head of my list for positive motivation and concern for others. This past Sunday, I was struck once again about how important we are to one another here at Port Orange UCC, as Colten Pack presented awards to various people in our congregation for going the extra mile in helping him as he works toward his Eagle Scout status.

I wish to thank everyone who has given so generously these past few months to help finance special needs for Spruce Creek Elementary, and again for the Sept/Oct missions focus of raising money for the 16 or so High School youth who are homeless and without parents to help guide them. Even though most of the recipients of these finances will never know where their help has come from, we can take pride in knowing that we are helping as a positive influence in the lives of these young people. Encouragement, support, mentorship come in so many differing ways, and in so many differing settings. Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me." Remember, it is you, me, Port Orange UCC that is the "me" in that invitation. We are a family of faith that supports and encourages one another, and at times we go beyond the expected. As we come back from summer break, I wonder what new and exciting things will be happening with us as we move into this new season!

Peace!

Pastor Steven

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OPERATIONS TEAM



The Operations Team met on August 14 and the following items were addressed.

- **Church Manual Committee:** This continues to be work in progress. Copy to be put in office for additional entries as we disclose items to enter.
- **Down Spouts and Extensions Repair/Replace:** On going.
- **Ceiling repair in Jim Reed Room:** Billy Wiggins to get quote.
- **Roof repairs needed on Mix building:** Completed.
- **Paint Jim Reed room:** This will have to wait until the ceiling is repaired.
- **Secure Financial Area / Divide Room:** Completed.
- **Parking Stop:** Billy Wiggins to get price.
- **Kitchen Ceiling:** Ceiling tile completed; leaks to be investigated..
- **Window Coating:** Decided it does not require new at this time.
- **Office Managers Window Screen:** On going.
- **Outside Prayer Box:** Pastor Steven said no lock necessary-completed.
- **Outside Lighting:** Billy Wiggins has secured 10 LED exterior lights for the walkways on the Charlie Mix building.
- **Youth Room Carpet:** Request made by Tom Besaw to replace the carpet in the Youth/Nursery room. Quotes will be obtained for industrial style carpet and vinyl tile.

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 6:30 PM in the Sunday School Room. *Jim Eagan, Chair of Operations*

MAINTENANCE FUNDRAISER



EMERGENCY PLEA: To help underwrite unexpected expenditures on building maintenance such as sky light break-in, broken water line, and sprinkler system of approximately \$6,700. To date, we have had donations towards this of \$5,690 We're hoping that you might find it possible within your budget to help us make up this deficit of \$1,010. Donations may be placed in Offertory with Maintenance Fund notation.



Financial Update Operational Budget as 7/31/2017

	JULY	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 12,560	\$ 97,587	\$ 81,360	\$16,227
Expenses	<u>\$ 13,902</u>	<u>\$ 101,732</u>	<u>\$ 96,467</u>	\$ 5,265
Balance	\$ (1,342)	\$ (4,145)	\$(15,107)	

**Included in July's income figure is \$1,030 in gifts given to the Special Maintenance Fund. Thanks for your generosity! Please note: July's figures do not include the \$952 given in donations to Mission Projects. Hal Francis, Treasurer*

MISSION NOTES



Spruce Creek Elementary became our Mission's team focus on June 1st. Our thanks to all who have so generously donated. We have surpassed our goal and will be presenting Spruce Creek Elementary with a check for over \$2,500. Our church is for sure a "Giving Church"!

A trip was made to **Boggy Creek** since the last Newsletter and delivered 19 afghans (thanks to Molly's Knit Wits and Sharon Williamson) and 18 men's ties. Afghans are still in great need for the Campers.

September 1st begins our focus Mission with Spruce Creek High School. We will be collecting funds for the HUY (Homeless Unaccompanied Youth) SAT and ACT Test Fees, as well as, for Votran passes for these students to be able to attend classes. Ms. Donna Wilkes, the Transition Coach for these students has agreed to speak at both services on September 10th to enlighten the congregation as to the needs of these students. Please plan on attending. Thank You!

As always, Sophie's Circle, the Sock Box and the Eyeglass collections continue year-round. Thank You and, as we like to sing, "We Can Make a Difference."

Peggy Wiggins, Chair of the Missions Team



Upcoming Mission offering is the Neighbors in Need Collection that will take place on **Sunday, October 2nd which is World Communion Sunday.** More information on this special collection will be forthcoming.

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Beginning this month we will begin our School Uniform collection. Donations of tan, blue or black shorts or pants will be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the Store. Thanks to you the members and our many regular patrons, sales for August hit over \$18,050. Donations are always welcome. Your patronage is greatly appreciated and continues to help the church and the community.

Bob Gaither, Manager

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, September 3rd is our next collection day and will again benefit "Halifax Urban Ministry". Over 21 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. Thanks to Chuck Konopsky 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



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room.

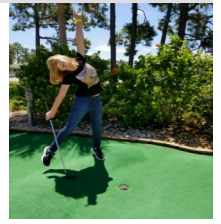
Our next fellowship dinner is September 14th. It's a "Picnic."

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Buns will be provided, you bring the sides. After dinner there will be a "Wild & Wacky" Thrift Store Fashion Show! Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Sunday Services and also on the Jim Reed Bulletin Board.

YOUTH NEWS



We had a great time over the summer with our special activities. We started off with our end of the school year celebration with pizza and golfing at Congo River. In June we went bowling at Ormond Lanes and jumping at Hanger 15 Trampoline Park. July we had our Day at the Beach and helped with Vacation Bible School. August was Daytona Lagoon and Go Kart City.



Terrific Tuesday Youth Group will begin its regular schedule on: **Tuesday, September 12th (6pm-8pm).**

Dinner is at 6pm and is \$3.

Please RSVP to Miss Sher 386-846-1239.

All Middle and High School youth are welcome.



Terrific Tuesdays



September 12th we will have an outdoor slip & slide kickball game. Be sure to bring a towel. You will get wet!

Sher Buller, Youth Leader

NEWS & NOTES



Youth Class

Middle School Sunday School with Pastor Beverly will begin meeting on **Sunday, September 10th, 9:45-10:15 AM in the Youth Room (Nursery).** Pastor Beverly is looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!

Please remember that our Adult Discussion Group which looks at contemporary issues with a biblical base meets every **Sunday at 9:45 AM in Classroom #2.** Come and join us!



Choir Notes

The Sanctuary Choir practices every **Wednesday at 7:30 PM and will begin singing at our 10:45 AM worship service on September 10th.** There are openings in the choir for new voices who wish to praise God. Please plan to join us.



Hymn Festival

Everyone is welcome to join with All Saints Luthern Church, 751 Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange on **Sunday September 17th at 3:00 PM** to sing praises while helping to fight breast cancer in our community. Call or email Luanne with your favorite hymn for the choir and all to sing 386-481-3878/luannelundy@gmail.com. Free will donations will be accepted.

ANNUAL PET BLESSING: Mark your calendars and gather up your cherished family pets (big and small) and attend the Combined Service and Blessing on **Sunday, October 15th, beginning at 9:45 AM.**



**Pastor's
ON
Vacation**

SPECIAL NOTE: Pastor Steven will be on vacation September 8-24th. Please contact Pastor Beverly Schafer with pastoral concerns. Guest Speakers are as follows:

Sunday September 10th, Stephanie Whitman,

Sunday, September 17th, Rev. Larry Deitch

Sunday, September 24th, Dave Whitman.

Have a great vacation Pastor Steven!

2017 FLORIDA CONFERENCE GATHERING



Now is the time to gather the church, to come together for fellowship, learning and fun, and to celebrate and recommit to our shared covenant as we converge on **Daytona Beach Oct. 12-14** for the 2017 Annual Gathering of the Florida Conference United Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ in Florida is a progressive Christian movement that represents the great diversity that is the United Church of Christ. No two congregations are exactly alike, each a reflection of their individual culture, theology, setting and heritage. Yet, while we are very different from one another, we are connected and share in common a love of our neighbors, a concern for stewarding the gift of creation, and a desire to create a just world for all.

This year's theme is "Make Glad the Deeper Waters," and our scripture will be Genesis 1: 1-3. We hope you will join us, as lay people, musicians and clergy gather to worship, deliberate, learn, serve and Make Glad together.

Registration is \$99 per person and includes lunch and dinner on Friday, Oct. 13, at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort / Ocean Walk Village. A registration option with no meals included is available for \$49. You may purchase lunch and dinner separately, for \$25 and \$30 respectively, either through this registration form or with cash or check at the event. [Online registration link:](https://uccfla-reg.brtapp.com/Receptionforthe2017AnnualGatheringoftheFloridaConference)

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Our keynote speaker, Molly Phinney Baskette, is, in no particular order, a mother, spouse, recovering workaholic, cancer survivor, adventurous home cook. Oh, and she recently traded blizzards for earthquakes in moving from Boston, Massachusetts, to California to become First Church Berkeley's newly minted senior minister. She also serves as a senior consultant for the Center for Progressive Renewal, with an affinity for church renewal, social media and spiritual formation for the new millennium. She is best known for her books *Real Good Church: How Our Church Came Back from the Dead and Yours Can Too* and *Standing Naked Before God: The Art of Public Confession*.

In addition, there will be a free reception with heavy appetizers, drinks and entertainment Thursday evening, Oct. 12, at Seabreeze United Church of Christ beginning at 6:30 pm. The reception is open to everyone, and whether you are joining us for the rest of the Gathering or not, we hope we'll see you there.

The 2017 Annual Gathering will conclude at noon Saturday, Oct. 14, after a closing worship service at Seabreeze UCC.

For those wishing to register but do not have the ability for online computer registration, please contact Kathy at the office so we can assist you in registering.

Reception for Annual Gathering – October 12

Southern author Frye Gaillard and award-winning Nashville recording artist Anne E. DeChant will be our special guests at the reception for the 2017 Annual Gathering Thursday, Oct. 12, at Seabreeze United Church of Christ in Daytona Beach. The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with an assortment of heavy appetizers and drinks, after which Gaillard and DeChant will team up for a unique program of stories and song entitled "With Music and Justice for All". Gaillard will present brief readings from his works, setting the context for an acoustic performance of original songs by DeChant. Whether you'll be joining us for the 2017 Annual Gathering of the Florida Conference or not, we hope to see you at what's bound to be fantastic kick-off event for our annual meeting. There is no cost to attend the reception, but we will take a free will offering following the performance. RSVP requested only attending the reception. Contact Seabreeze UCC at 386-252-6314.

Happy Birthday!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Eloise Wottke	9/2
Pamela Schafer	9/9
Bill Wheeler, Jr.	9/17
Sharon Ostrander	9/19
Colten Pack	9/21
Ernie Fodor	9/22
Sandy Kransi	9/23
Remy Barrick	9/24
Cassie Higgins	9/26
Marjory Monat	9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Ernie & Peggy Fodor	9/20/1980
Ted & Sue Batturs	9/23/1961
Billy & Erika Wheeler	9/29/2002



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Cecilia Airdi	Friend of the Schafer-Ramoutar Family
Gerry Baldwin	Friend of the Schafer Family
Bob Brewster	Member of POUCC
Eva Brewster	Friend of POUCC
Tom Buller	Member of POUCC
Gene Clark	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Ingrid Claunch	Member of POUCC
Connor	Friend of POUCC
Amy Dyer	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Jenna Geist & Family	Friends of POUCC
Trevor Heftmunsperger	Friend of POUCC
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Harriet Hill	Friend of the Stewart Family
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
John Holbrook	Brother of Ruth Brewster
Karen Holland	Former Associate of Larry Deitch
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
Joe Magsamen	Friend of Sher Buller
Lew Matyok	Nephew of Ernie Fodor
Mary Ann Miller	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Joyce Nead	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Nelson Family	Friends of Sher Buller
Roberta	Friend of Sheila Fisher
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Carol Strickland	Friend of POUCC
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
Joseph Williamson	Son of Sharon Williamson
James Wood	Friend of Sher Buller
Trey Zinke	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center in MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Life Care Center in Collegendale, TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Onalaska Care Center in Onalaska, WI)

Special Needs

All of Our Military & Their Families

Broader Concerns

Victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana
First Responders Everywhere

Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

**Please contact the Church office (788-0920) with your prayer requests.*

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

POUCC September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Contemporary 8:45 am Adult Discussion 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	4  Office & Thrift Store Closed	5 Bible Study 6:30 pm	6 POMA 4:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir	6 7 POMA 4:30 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm	8	9
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Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – noon

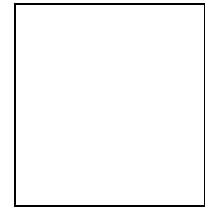
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER – OPERATIONS, OCTOBER – THRIFT STORE

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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

Children's Sunday School

8:45 AM

Adult Discussion

9:45 AM

Terrific Tuesday

6:00 PM



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