



# POUCC Impressions

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## SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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**Greetings to everyone,**

We're back!

Back from vacation. Back from being up north. Back from the hot, soupy days of August to the hot, soupy days of September.. Back to School. Back to Choir rehearsal.

Back from and back to. Yes, that is a major topic in our society during the month of September. It seems like a month where our

lives are being rebooted; kickstarted. In fact it seems more like the beginning of the year than January does.

1 Our summer time period of rest and relaxation is winding down while schools  
2 and many extracurricular activities are starting up.

3 I often wonder, does God behave the same way? Dose God ever take time off?  
4 Does God slow down in the heat and high humidity? Gee, maybe that's why  
5 some of my prayers seem to go unanswered.

6 Well, I'm positive the answer is no. Humans have been formed in God's image  
7 but thankfully God hasn't slowed down or stopped being God ... not even for a  
8 nanosecond. I love the fact God has promised us He would be with us always.

9 **Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)**

10 *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you  
11 nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

12 **Matthew 28:20**

13 *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am  
14 with you always, to the very end of the age."*

15 **1 Corinthians 3:16**

16 *Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit  
17 dwells in your midst?*

18 **Romans 8:38-39**

19 *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, nei-  
20 ther the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor  
21 anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that  
22 is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

23 Yes, God is alive and well. God continues to go before us and stay with us ... **all  
24 the time!** God's Holy Spirit dwells within us and nothing but nothing is able to  
25 separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

26 God's Blessing to all,

*PASTOR GLENN*

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## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



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### Hospital Admission Policies

When being admitted to area health care facilities, please have a member of the family or a close friend contact the Pastor or church secretary of the admission. The United States Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for the HIPAA Rule which prevents health care facilities from contacting the church or pastor unless you specifically give them permission and ask them to do so.

### Confirmation Class

Beginning this month! Please contact Pastor Glenn or the church office if you or your children (age 13 and older) who have not been confirmed and are interested.

## DEACON'S TEAM

What's on the plate for the Deacons Team this Fall? The Deacons are mandated to do several major functions. These functions are important to the Church as we move forward. It is the responsibility of the Deacons to conduct the annual stewardship campaign. This is scheduled to take place before the end of November. We also provide input to the Operations Team for the 2019 budget that pertains to the Deacons responsibilities.



FROM THE DEACONS

Another important function for the Deacons is the yearly evaluation of the Senior Minister. The Deacons will also provide consultation to the Senior Minister covering the staff connected to our spiritual programs. We continue work with the Pastor on the spiritual needs of the congregation.

To help us meet the goals of our Church, our leadership, including the Deacons, must be good listeners. Within our congregation there are differing views on many subjects. We find that happening on the Deacons as we work together to find a common solution that most can support and are in line with God's goals for our Church.

There are many ways your voice can be heard. Talk to Pastor Glenn, Moderator Kathy Cratin, any Deacon or attend a Deacons or Council meeting. Send a letter or E-mail. Both the Deacons and Church Council have set aside a time at each of their meetings for members and friends to bring their thoughts forward. If one wishes to speak in private, that can be arranged.

The Deacons Team has 10 members: Ruth Brewster, Sheila Fisher, Jackie Gaither, Barbara Horton, Sandy Kransi, Linda Rodgers, Bonnie Morisset Joe Thompson, Ted Yeager and myself, Charlie Baskin. We are waiting to hear from you. *Charlie Baskin, Deacon's Chair*

## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



It is August, and September is around the corner! School has started, I never started until after Labor Day.

Sunday, August 19th was a good day for our church, we took in 10 new members!! We welcome Don and Denise Gates, Grace Manning, Bill and Betty Shepherd, Brad and Barbara Boon, Pastor Glenn, Sue and Kurt Rice. We look forward to getting to know you all better.

Choir practice will be starting on August 29th, if you enjoy singing please join us, we do have a lot of fun, as we prepare each anthem for Sunday worship.

No news on the cell tower. We did see several protesters, on August 12th, fortunately everyone was quiet, and there were not any problems. Again it is wait and see what happens next with the cell tower. Let's have a good fall at church, and hope for some cooler weather! *Kathy Cratin, Moderator*

## OPERATIONS TEAM



Fellow POUCC Members and Friends:

The "dog days" of summer are upon us and as you already know it is hot outside. Other than keeping the grounds mowed and trimmed, we are focused on *inside* maintenance items. Currently we are looking at replacing the window tinting on the sanctuary windows. This will require a special "man lift" versus using a ladder. Replacing this film will not only look better, it will reflect heat and cut down the sun's glare from the west. Many of you have noticed that we have installed stained glass window film on the sanctuary door closest to the pastor's office. Our plan is to do the same with the door near the bathrooms and also with the two high up square windows in the sanctuary. The other windows will be covered with tinted window film. In the August newsletter we printed a "To Do List" of things we would like to do over the next 3-5 years. On this list there are some items already done and paid for from the church budget. Several of these expenses required us to pay money from other budget items because of the need to fix them quickly. For many other items on the list we are trying to raise the funds in advance so that when the full required funds are there, we can go forward with that item. However, right now, we are asking for donations to cover the monies already spent for (1) Repairing the sanctuary sound system (\$800.00), (2) Updating the church management program "Servant Keeper" (\$550.00), (3) Updating the church financial "Quick Books" program (\$350.00), (4) Annual Maintenance contract for all the heating & air conditioning systems (\$1,308.00.) If anyone wants to contribute toward any or all four of these items, please contact Kathy at the church office or write a check to POUCC with the item's name clearly written on the check face. Reimbursement of our church treasury for unexpected or required expenses like these four items is very important and allows those funds to be used elsewhere in our church budget. Next month, we are going to print out the overall "To Do List" again with an update that shows what has been paid, what is partially paid and what is a priority to be done sooner than later. In summary, it is only through the generous efforts & financial support from you, our members, friends & volunteers, that our church is able to continue supporting God's mission to spread the word and assist others in need. As we enter the Stewardship season, we want to thank all of you for this support and prayerfully ask that you not only continue all that you do but wherever possible to increase your giving of time, talents and money so that POUCC can continue to leave its mark on an ever changing world. In Prayerful Love, *Bob Brewster, Co-Chair Operations Team*

### Financial Update—Operational Budget as 7/31/2018



	JULY	YTD	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
<b>Income</b>	\$ 11,499	\$ 96,508	\$ 84,805	\$ 11,703
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 11,513</u>	<u>\$ 101,005</u>	<u>\$ 99,006</u>	\$ 1,999
<b>Balance</b>	\$ (14)	\$ (4,497)	\$(14,201)	

*Please note that the income and expenses do not include Missions. In July we just about broke even in spite of having five Sundays of collections. Unless the collections increase significantly, the Benevolent Fund will have to be used to pay some of the church's expenses through the end of the year. Thanks for your continuing generosity. Hal Francis, Treasurer*

### 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 13th. It's a "Pot Luck" !  
Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Sunday Services.***

## MISSION NOTES



On August 1st our Mission's Team Focus became **Spruce Creek High School's Homeless Unaccompanied Youth**. Dr. Donna Wilkes, SCH's HUY Transition Coach, will speak at both Services on August 26th, and as done last year, pull on the heart strings of all with stories of some of the needs of these students. Please remember that besides cash donations, personal care items of *toilet tissue, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, men's new socks, and \$5 gift cards to McDonald's and Chick-Fil-A cards are also needed*. Thank you!

POUCC presented **Spruce Creek Elementary School** with a check for \$2,609.86 on August 9th. The Mission's Team Thanks all who gave so generously to the worthwhile cause. We definitely **"Made a Difference"**!



Bob continues to donate clothing to Spruce Creek High School and, also, to the newly opened Hope House. His delivery girl is Pam Protko and we owe her a "BIG" THANKS! Thank you too, Bob!

August 28th's **Primary Election Bake Sale** is the next event on the schedule. Thank you to all who have volunteered your baking talents and time. Cash donations are always welcome. November 6th is the General Election and we look forward to another Bake Sale!

As always, Sophie Circle, The Sock Box, Eyeglass Collection Basket and Aluminum Can Tab Jug Collection continues year round. *Peggy Wiggins, Chair of the Missions Team*



Upcoming Mission offering is the **Neighbors in Need Collection** that will take place on **Sunday, October 7th 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.

## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

The first four month of the year were great with 2,381 sales totaling \$10,000. Due to the weather the summer months have slowed with sales of only \$6,000, but thankfully things seem to be picking up with sales to date totaling \$17,500. We have two new missions; Hope House and Infant Hats for babies that have heart transplants at Shands Hospital. We continue to donate to the homeless, Christ Team and Spruce Creek High School (14 Prom Dresses were recently donated). We are always happy to help anyone in need. 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 2nd is our next collection day and will again benefit "Halifax Urban Ministry"**. Over 31 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.



## YOUTH CORNER



A great time was had by all at the Tortugas Baseball Game Tuesday night, 8/22/18!  
Thanks to all who came out to show their support and to represent POUCC.

A special thank you to the support of our youth!

Youth Group will continue to meet Tuesday 6-8 p.m.  
All Middle & High School Students are welcome!



*Sher Buller, Youth Leader*

## NEWS & NOTES



**SPECIAL THANKS:** To Jim & Sharon Williamson for donating the new American and POW-MIA Flags on the West Property.

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 & CPT PRACTICE:** Begins on **Wednesday, August 29th, Contemporary Praise Team at 6:00 and Choir at 7:30 PM**. There are openings in the both groups for voices who wish to praise God. Please plan to join us. *Dr. Tom Naus*



**SEPTEMBER 9TH is "Invite a Friend to Church Sunday".**

## 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
Gary & Danean Zemba	9/21/1974
Ted & Sue Batturs	9/23/1961
Billy & Erika Wheeler	9/29/2002



### PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Riley Batchelor	Step-Nephew of Sher Buller
Beth Brown	Daughter of Sheila Fisher
Elijah Buller	Member of POUCC
Carol	Friend of the Buller Family
Jewel Carter	Daughter of Helen Holmes
Mo Claunch	Member of POUCC
Erika Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	Members of POUCC
Dale Hill	Sister-in-Law of Valerie Hill
Jimmy Hill	Brother of Val Hill
Shelly Hill	Daughter of Mary Ann Stewart
Carol Jarvis	Friend of Carol Rogers
Scott Kirlin	Husband of Diane Kirlin
Roger Kransi	Brother of Harold Kransi
The Lynch Family	Friends of POUCC
Shon Owezaezak	Grandson of Mary Ann Stewart
Beth Ann Martin	Daughter of Ted & Sue Batturs
Leslie Neese	Friend of the Stewart Family
Deb Pack	Friend of POUCC
Marilyn & Tom Root & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
John Shell	Son of Sue Barhite
Michelle Stewart	Friend of the Wiggins Family
Michael St. Marie	Friend of Beth Harris
Eric Walter	Friend of the Buller Family
James Wood	Friend of Sher Buller

**Special Note:** Mary Ann Stewart recently spoke with Pastor Steven's sister Sandy Morris whom we prayed for and she has recovered from her surgery and feeling much better.

#### In Care Facilities

Jeanette Campbell	Member of POUCC (Care Center in MA)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center in PA)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center in DB)
Blanche Northcutt	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center in TN)
Eloise Wottke	Former Member of POUCC (Care Center in WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center in NY)

#### Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families

#### Broader Concerns

Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide  
First Responders Everywhere  
Victims of the Recent Fires & Flooding

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

# POUCC September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:45 & 10:45 am <b>Adult Discussion</b> 9:45 AM	3  <b>Office &amp; Thrift Store Closed</b>	4 <b>POMA</b> 3:30 PM <b>Terrific Tuesday</b> 6:00 PM <b>Deacon's Meeting</b> 6:30 PM	5 <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm	6 <b>POMA</b> 4:30 pm <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	7	8
9 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	10 <b>POMA</b> 3:30 pm <b>Operations Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	11 <b>Terrific Tuesday</b> 6:00 PM	12 <b>Palmetto House</b> 5:30 pm <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm	13 <b>POMA</b> 4:30 pm <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> 6:00 pm	14	15
16 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Adult Discussion</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	17 <b>POMA</b> 3:30 pm <b>Council Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	18 <b>Terrific Tuesday</b> 6:00 PM	19 <b>CPT</b> 6:00 pm <b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm	20 <b>POMA</b> 4:30 pm <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	21	22
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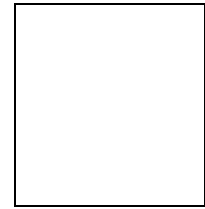
30 **Contemporary**  
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**Traditional**  
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*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – noon*

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

*Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services*

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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