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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

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Good things are happening at our church! Over the past few months since Pastor Pat Holcomb started delivering her messages to us on Sundays beginning in June, every message has brought an epiphany of thought both for where we are as individuals today and where we as individuals are going tomorrow. If you have attended church these past two months, you know what I am referring to. You can hear a pin drop during Pastor Pat's message. No coughing, no sneezing, no wiggling in the seat, only perfect attention. I believe others are sensing this same thing...that something special is happening in our church. How is it possible that after so many years of reading a Bible scripture and listening to a sermon that we seem to be learning for the first-time what Jesus was trying to help us understand? Each Sunday Pastor Pat has delivered a scripture with context for when it was written and why it was written bringing it alive for us in today's world. Is this the "God is Still Speaking" we have been hearing about? And, is this the time when we are *finally* listening? The Bible is more than a book of words. It is a book of feelings...spiritual feelings, as felt and seen through the eyes of others who experienced something great in their lives using language from their times to convey their feelings to us. Languages that have been reinterpreted and translated dozens if not hundreds of times over hundreds and thousands of years. How do you convey the meaning of heaven and the life hereafter in a way that everyone truly understands? Is it even possible? Jesus, had to convey heaven's wonders using the limitations of speech & language with words from his time. He augmented his words with deeds and miracles to prove his points but for those people watching or experiencing what Jesus spoke and demonstrated, they were left with only words to pass on what they saw & heard to others, to us. Words that could convey heaven's wonders do not exist. How do you explain your feeling when standing on the edge of the Grand Canyon the first time? How do you explain how you feel when you hold a new born baby for the first time, or see an extraordinary sunset or sunrise or you experience an unexpected miracle happening right before your eyes? As hard as we try, words will be inadequate. Even photos and videos fall short of the actual experience as we have all learned at some time or another. It is impossible to recreate our experience just the way it happened and convey how we felt when it was happening. The spirit in which a word is used to describe something incredible stays with the person who experienced the event, but the words that they expressed to describe this event continue on to be either rightfully or wrongfully interpreted by the listener or reader. When words alone do not work, the spirit in which they were used must be renewed. This is why we gather for church services. Reading the Bible alone is helpful, but reading its words and having them explained where they are put in the context of our lives today can only be accomplished in a setting where we are with others who are also listening.

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A place of worship where everyone holds reverence and respect for what they are hearing. A place where the spirit of the words can be renewed and recharged with the spiritual power of the events and times where they were originated. This is why we meet as a congregation in church. The spiritual renewal and power coming from hearing the interpreted words as spoken by Jesus and his disciples must be experienced together in order for that spirit to be renewed. Words alone cannot do this, but being together in church allows the spiritual renewal to happen. Here at POUCC, something very special is happening on Sundays. Please tell others. They need to be with us. Pass the word. Reach out to those you know who may not be attending a church or former attendees of our church who may want to comeback. Pastor Pat is a messenger and all need to hear the message she is sharing. **God is indeed still speaking!**

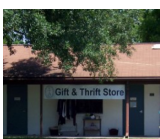
Bob Brewster, Moderator

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, September 4th is our next collection day and will again benefit “Halifax Urban Ministry”. Over 35 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 basket each month. Please be generous and make sure all donations have **NOT** passed their expiration dates.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



We continue to exceed expectations financially as well as in donations. Also, we are aiding various organizations with our overflow. Thanks to all our terrific volunteers, patrons and all those who donate. *Bob Gaither, Manager*

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP RETURNS

POUCC has a wonderful monthly Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room. Entertainment follows the monthly dinners.

*Our Next Dinner is Thursday, September 8th. It's a Pot Luck!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.*



OPERATIONS & FINANCIAL TEAM



Welcome to September, the beginning of the fall season with the weather getting cooler, days getting shorter and to the festive seasons will be in the near future.

The new irrigation system is doing its job! The grounds have not looked better, the grass is green, very few if any brown spots, add the fertilization system we are using is helping our church grounds look great. If you have not seen the brick path in the Prayer Garden, please do so. Our contractor removed all the existing bricks, leveled the existing base, placed new sub-base material, re-installed the existing bricks, placed new paver brick edging all around the pathway and finished with concrete retainer on all edges. The prayer brick path is now flat, level and safe to walk on. We will be re-commencing a campaign to sell and place additional bricks this fall. Please stop by and take a look. At the same time, we cleaned the rust stains on the wall and cross base.

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Our security and camera contractor recently relocated two of our existing cameras. The relocation now covers the areas of concern; therefore, we were not required to install 2 new cameras, thereby saving us 800.00+ dollars to install additional cameras.

After much research we found a FPL construction phone number and contact to hopefully provide us with an install date for our new site lighting system. The hope is to have the new lighting installed prior to standard time implementation this fall. We will keep you updated as we receive input from FLP.

Our HVAC contractor has been given the go-ahead to remove the existing chiller, air-handler and install the 5 new mini-split systems in the church proper. The shrubs around the existing chiller have been removed, extending the concrete pad to accommodate the new exterior units will be placed in the next few weeks, once all the new A/C outside units are installed and operational a new fence will be installed to screen the equipment. We expect work to commence late this fall once cooler weather arrives and working in the attic space above the church proper will be more bearable. The new systems offer a superior emergency efficiency over the existing system. Each of the 5 new units will have its own separate programmable thermostat, this will provide even more efficiency by offering the ability to “stage” the number of A/C units in use depending on need.

The pavement sealing project completed a few months back has deteriorated rapidly. We contacted the contractor and he agreed the application was not acceptable. He has agreed (on his own) to return, reseal all of our paved surfaces and restripe all the areas at no cost to the church. We are very impressed at the very businesslike approach his firm has taken. If you need or know someone that needs pavement sealing and/or striping, we highly recommend Parking Lot Pros, 386-405-0162.

Pastor Pat and Alan are looking for a home to buy in the greater Port Orange area. As we all know, the housing market is still crazy, so if you know someone who is looking to sell their home, please let one of the Church Council members know. We all really want to help them find a good home.

Art Horton, Chairman

Financial Update—Operational Budget as 7/31/2022

	JULY ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD DIFFERENCE
Income	\$ 11,360.00	\$ 79,442.86	\$ 77,526.20	\$ 1,916.66
Expense	<u>\$ 12,694.35</u>	<u>\$ 93,905.59</u>	<u>\$ 88,558.40</u>	<u>\$ 5,347.19</u>
Profit/(Loss)	\$ (1,334.35)	\$ (14,462.73)	\$ (11,032.20)	\$ (3,430.53)



We had a loss of \$1,334.35 for the month of July which was primarily due to the cost for the much needed repairs that were done to the Prayer Garden walkway. It looks great! As always our thanks go out to our Thrift Store team and all who support our church. With God’s blessings, Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Horton, Treasurer.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION



**HALIFAX
HEALTH**

On **Sunday, September 18th** during our Fellowship Hour we will welcome Anne Tracy, RN, Community Care Relations Coordinator for Halifax Health. Anne’s presentation will center on all the continuing care services available through Halifax Health which include Hospice Care, Home Health Care and Rehabilitation. Please plan to attend.

Happy Birthday!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Sharon Ostrander	9/19
Colten Pack	9/21
Ernie Fodor	9/22
Remy Barrick	9/24
Marjory Monat	9/30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Ernie & Peggy Fodor	9/20/1980
Ted & Sue Batturs	9/23/1961
Don & Denise Gates	9/30/2017



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Corinne & Jim Anderson	Friends of Sheila Fisher
Jennifer Anderson	Family of the Batturs
Jordan Armbruster	Friend of POUCC
Charlie & Molly Baskin	Members of POUCC
Barbara Boon	Member of POUCC
Beth & Chris Brown	Family 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
Susan Jones	Sister-in-Law of Bonnie Morisset
Rocket Kearsch	Friend of Ann Tobin
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
Linda Panzarella & Family	Friends of Bonnie Morisset
Scott Powell	Son of Bob Gaither
Pam Protko	Member 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 Tomasel	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

Eva Brewster	Friend of POUCC (Care Center in PO)
June Ferreri	Member of POUCC (Care Center, PA)
Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
Marge Monat	Member of POUCC (Care Center, DB)
Eloise Wottke	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, WI)
Beverly Woodacre	Member of POUCC (Care Center, NY)


Special Needs

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

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

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

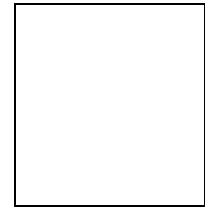
POUCC September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Communion Sunday Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am	5  Office & Thrift Store Closed	6	7	8 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	9	10
11 Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am	12	13	14	15	16	17 Council Meeting 10:00 am
18 Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am Hospice Presentation 10:45 am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Combined Service of Worship 9:30 am	26	27	28	29	30	

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2 pm, Sat. 9 am – noon
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm



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9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—Noon
Saturday

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM

Fellowship Hour

10:30 AM



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