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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



TOO LATE!

Have you ever put off doing something and then reached a time when it was too late? I have and it makes me upset that I procrastinated not doing it. When I meet a young person I often ask if they have any goals for their future, and especially press this question when they are in high school. The responses have varied from a sheepish, "I don't know" to a definite "Yes, I am going to a teacher", "I'm going into the military" or "I want to be a forensic investigator", etc. When I get a definite response or a "I don't know" response, I tell them all the same thing. "Do not waste your time doing nothing, always do something where you are learning because even small things you learn to do can be big things later in life, and finally stay focused on your goals." I also add the following...right now you are a young person but one day you will close your eyes and when you open them you will be 25 years old. You will close your eyes again and you will be 35, 40 or 50 years old and you will say..."Hey what happened? How did I get this old? Where did the years go?" Now, I am going to switch scenarios for you, the Reader. You have already reached the age of being more mature. You are 50, 60, 70, 80 or more years old. You have lived life with all the decisions through the years for a career, education, family, finances and (hopefully) planning for retirement. You have reached the age of reality where you no longer have the youthful view that life offers unlimited time, years or opportunities. You have learned that life moves very fast whether you are having fun or are not having fun. You have learned that health issues can change everything or that financial concerns can change everything. You are already there. But, here is my major point. Where are you Spiritually? Are you paying catchup to renew your spiritual side or have you been living your life by maintaining your spiritual well being every day? Either way is Ok. The important thing is that you are never too old to learn something new. You are never too old to change your beliefs. The important thing is that You are never too old to be curious and asking questions. Questions about the Bible. Questions about Heaven. Questions about this life and the spiritual life. I learned this from Art Horton and Pastor Javier. Both have opened the door to a whole new way of being "here". Don't procrastinate! *(Continued on next page)*

And, you are never too old to call someone you have been wanting to talk to or to ask questions. Don't wait until they are gone. Don't put off making contact. I learned this from Art Horton. I wish I had talked to him more. I could have learned a lot more about him. Think about this!

Respectfully, submitted
Bob Brewster, Moderator

OPERATION'S & FINANCE TEAM



Most of you who are reading this issue of the newsletter already know that we recently lost Art Horton our Operations Chair and member of the congregation. His attention to detail and his love of this congregation was evident in all he did to maintain the property and facility. More importantly his caring nature and outgoing personality was obvious to all who met him. Art will be deeply missed by all. As we navigate the next few months, all issues with regard to Operations will be handled by the Council. God rest Art's soul!

Operating Budget to Actual as of 6/30/2025

	<u>June Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	19,023.35	99,277.68	97,240.08	2,037.60
Expenses	<u>11,527.80</u>	<u>83,614.00</u>	<u>79,940.81</u>	3,673.19
Profit/(Loss)	7,495.55	15,663.68	17,299.27	<u>(1,635.59)</u>

CD & MM Income as of 6/30/2025

YTD Interest
Income: 1,251.13



Combined Profit/(Loss) 16,914.81

We had a profit of \$ 7,495.55 for the month of June and a profit of \$ 15,663.68 for the six month period.
We had a combined profit of \$16,914.81 which includes the CD and Money Market interest of \$ 1,251.13
As always our thanks go out to all our wonderful volunteers and to all who support our Church.
Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Horton,
Treasurer

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Dear church family,
The Christmas in July Sale went well. It was enjoyable and the customers were happy! We donated the leftover clothes to the Nursing home. Looking forward for another fun event!

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

Blessings,
Rachel Sitepu, Manager

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. As a reminder, **August 3rd is our next collection day and will benefit a local food pantry** Over 10 bags of were collected last month for the pantry. Thanks to Pam Protko and Ruth Brewster for delivering the food to the pantry. **Please make sure your donations have not exceeded their expiration date.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



August
Lazy summer afternoons,
Walks along the beach,
Balmy evenings, cloudless skies,
Stars just out of reach,
Sailing on a quiet lake,
Hammocks in the shade...
These are the simple treasures
Of which August days are made.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS*

Doreen Wheeler	8/8
Joe Rogers	8/17
Joanne Flatt	8/19
Betty Shepherd	8/22



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES*

Tom & Mary Ann Sumners	8/26/1989
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Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date.



Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Bob Gaither	Member of POUCC
Erica Henderson	Friend of POUCC
F/F of Art Horton	Member of POUCC
Chuck Konopsky	Member of POUCC
Jose León	Father of Pastor Javier
Potenza Family Members	Family of Denise & Don Gates
Liz Mills	Former Member of POUCC
Lydia Nevarez	Mother of Pastor Javier
Harry Stewart	Brother of Susie Greiff
Bob Traver	Friend of the Brewster's

In Care Facilities

Margie Hoebing	Friend of POUCC (Care Center, PO)
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Special Needs

Victims of the Recent Disasters
All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide

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



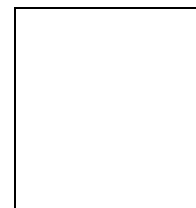
POUCC August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Mountain of Light Church					1	2 Weigh Watchers 7:30 am & 9:00 am 9:00 am
3 Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am MOL* Worship 3:00 pm	4 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	5 Weight Watchers 9:30 am	6	7 Weight Watchers 9:30 am	8	9 Weigh Watchers 7:30 am & 9:00 am
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31Worship Service
9:30 am
Fellowship
10:30 am
MOL* Worship
3:00 pm

Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am - 2 pm
First Two Sat. of Each Month 9 am — Noon
Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm

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Office Hours

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Monday—Friday

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

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First 2 Saturdays of the month

9:00 AM—Noon

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM

Fellowship Hour

10:30 AM



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