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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



ARE YOU READY TO JUMP!

If you have not attended a Sunday 9:30am service at our church recently, you need to make it a priority to do so. Just speak to anyone attending. The theme has been the BIBLE. In other words, the "BASIC INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LEAVING EARTH". How frequently do you NOT read the instructions for something only to go back and read them carefully because something is not operating correctly? Here is another example. Have you ever flown on a commercial flight in a passenger aircraft and NOT paid careful attention to the flight attendant's safety briefing? I would guess most of you did not pay attention and you would be in a huge majority of passengers that did not listen either. Guess what? In an emergency are you better or worse off because of this lack of attention? Would you be trying to put on your life vest without success? Would you know where the nearest exit door would be or where the exit slide is located? I can tell you in a panic situation there are only those who listened and those who wish they had listened. I recently read about a WWII bomber crewmember whose aircraft was seriously damaged on a mission. The plane was going to crash and the pilot gave the crew the command to put on their parachutes. In a frightened panic this crewmember put his parachute on upside down. When he realized this he took it off to put it on right but because he had no time remaining he put it back on upside down. He bailed out. Heading toward the ground head first unable to control his chute he faced certain death and if not for his parachute catching on a big tree limb to stop his fall to the ground he would have died. Lucky guy!! In my career as a pilot, I can share that it was filled with hours of boredom and seconds of sheer terror. I can tell you that extensive Emergency Preparation and Training is the only reason I am still here alive to share this fact with you. Survival requires Preparation and Training. It requires reading and following the Instruction Manual. Life is no different. When bad things start happening are you prepared mentally or spiritually? When something happens to someone you love are you prepared mentally and spiritually to help them? What about your own life? Are you prepared for one day having it end? Are you mentally and spiritually prepared?

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God Bless America

Or are you a procrastinator? Or, are you thinking it won't happen to me...my time has not come yet...I still have time? Pastor Javier Leon has been showing us the Bible's Instructions for preparing our physical lives for our spiritual life to come. Yes, the BIBLE is an instruction manual. Personally, it never occurred to me that this is the purpose of the BIBLE. I now understand and I am studying these instructions. When I fly as a passenger, I take out the Emergency Card in the seat pocket and look at it while the flight attendant is speaking. Likewise, I want to be prepared. In life, we are all on the same path, just at different times. But the end is the same. Will you be prepared? Are you preparing? Are you following the Bible's Instructions? Come to church Sundays. Tell others you are learning the instructions for living now and for your NEXT life. They may look at you funny but they will get the message.

Prayerfully submitted, *Bob Brewster, Moderator*

OPERATION'S & FIANANCE TEAM



Welcome to the heat and humidity of July in Florida. Operations has spent much of the past months focusing on the grounds. Our great landscapers (Steve Burton and his tem) cleared the west property of dead and overgrown trees and foliage in preparation of hurricane season. We recently purchased new Thrift Store signs which has increased our visibility to all who pass by to donate or shop. Since we placed the fencing and signs the courtyard area is looking better than ever. All other maintenance issues are being handled as needed.

Yours in faith, *Art Horton, Chairman, Andy Stebenne*

Operating Budget to Actual as of 5/31/2025



	<u>May Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	14,538.25	80,254.33	81,842.98	(1,588.65)
Expenses	<u>17,215.30</u>	<u>72,286.20</u>	<u>66,572.79</u>	5,713.41
Profit/(Loss)	(2,677.05)	7,968.13	15,270.19	(7,302.06)

CD & MM Income as of 5/31/2025

YTD Interest Income:	840.59
Combined Profit/(Loss)	8,808.72

We had a loss of \$ 2,677.05 for the month of May due to the cost of the tree trimming and grounds clean up in preparation for hurricane season and an operating profit of \$ 7, 968.13 for the five month period. We had a combined profit of \$ 8,808.77 which includes \$ 840.72 interest income. As always our thanks go out to all our wonderful volunteers and all who support our church. I

Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Horton, Treasurer*



THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE



Church family,

It's been a wonderful week. We received so many donations. We have the opportunities to bless others by giving back to the communities. We are blessed to be able to help some customers who are in need and to donate dozens of diapers and other stuff for a child with a disability. Children's books for elementary schools in Florida and in the Philippines. A couple of days ago, a lady who used to come to the store every day showed up with 130 stitches. She was hospitalized for more than 3 weeks, and she just got released the day before. She asked me to dress her up like I used to because she'd have a doctor's appointment in an hour, so I did. Another customer who overheard us talking and praying decided to rush home and come back with a nice meal because this lady, living by herself, had no food and she didn't have a kitchen. So if you would like to help her with food, please let me know so I can deliver it to her.

Due to receiving so many donations, it would be great if we had some people that were able to volunteer between 02.00 pm- 4pm or from 04.00-06.00pm to stock merchandise for the next day. If you know someone who is able to volunteer during those hours, please let me know. *Rachel Sitepu, Manager*

PLEASE NOTE: The Thrift Store will be closed on Friday July 4th in observance of Independence Day and reopen Saturday, July 5th, 9:00AM to Noon.

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, July 6th is our next collection day and will benefit a local food pantry. Over 20 bags and cartons of food were collected last month. Thanks to Ruth Brewster and Pam Protko for loading and delivering the food. **Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates .**



Happy Birthday!



JULY BIRTHDAYS*

Kristin Marshall	7/7
Teddy Yaeger	7/11
Nicholas Yaeger	7/21
Erika Henderson	7/22
Bonnie Morisset	7/24
Leree Nicholls	7/26

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Bob Gaither	Member of POUCC
Erica Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Chuck Konopsky	Member of POUCC
Jose León	Father of Pastor Javier
Members of the Potenza Family	Family of the Gates
Liz Mills	Former Member of POUCC
Lydia Nevarez	Mother of Pastor Javier
F/F of Paul Shaffner	Friend of POUCC
Bob Traver	Friend of the Brewster's

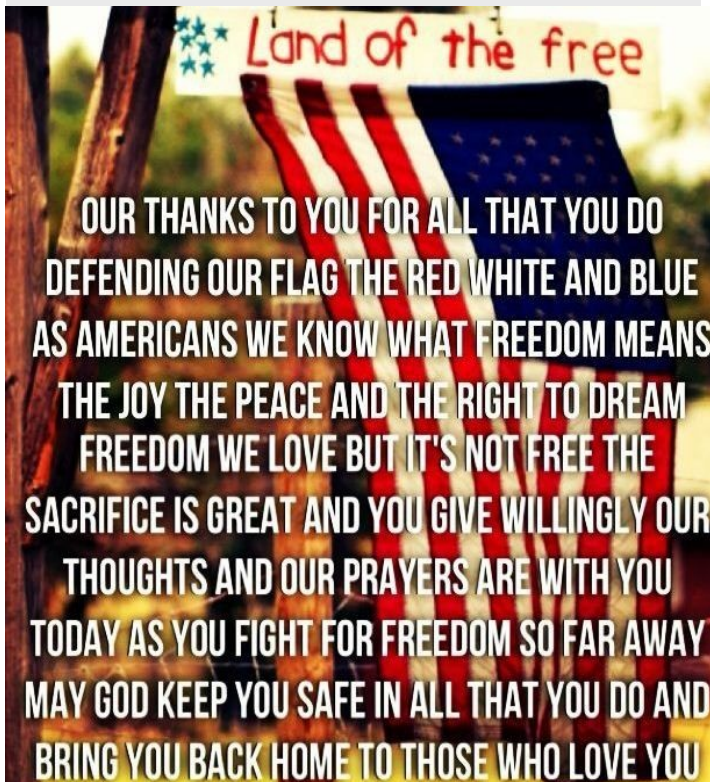
In Care Facilities

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

Victims of the Recent TORNADOS
All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
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.



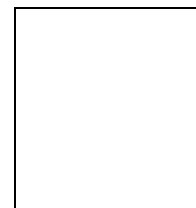
POUCC July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Mountain of Light Church		1 Weight Watchers 9:30 am	2	3 Weight Watchers 9:30 am	4  Church Office & Thrift Store Closed	5 Weigh Watchers 7:30 am & 9:00 am
6 Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am MOL * Worship 3:00 pm	7 MOL Bible Study 7:00 pm	8 Weigh Watchers 9:30 am	9	10 Weight Watchers 9:30 am	11	12 Weigh Watchers 7:30 am & 9:00 am
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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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First & Second Saturday
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Sunday Worship

9:30 AM



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