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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



REACHING OUT -As we move forward into the Fall 2025, it is important to remind everyone that this is a great time of year to rekindle relationships with family and friends. Last month I shared why "growing more mature" also means doing things sooner than later in preparation for life's eventual end. No one can avoid this inescapable ending (we all pray for a healthy & prosperous life) but now is a good time to reach out to people as Thanksgiving approaches then later in the Christmas Season. Both seasons offer unique opportunities to repair or strengthen relationships with others. (How about reaching out today?)

PREPARATION – Ruth and I belong to several military service organizations. One of these is the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). The VVA has created a special document called the "**Paper Safe**". The **Paper Safe** is a booklet style document where you can list information important to you and to others should something happen to you. I suspect many of you have a retirement account, bank accounts, insurances (medical and life), perhaps a trust, and other personal accounts such as passwords, memberships, etc. In addition you may have a physical safe with a combination or key, a safe deposit box somewhere and a number of places where you have placed valuable items or information. Here is a question. If something happened to you and you either became incapacitated or worse you passed away, would your relatives, attorney or accountant know what to do? You should have a will. Where is it? The **Paper Safe** is the document where you can list everything in one place. It is the instructions for those who care for you to know what to do. I am in the process of creating a Paper Safe modeled after the VVA document that will be published and made available to everyone in our church – members and friends. In our church service on Sundays we are learning the Basic Instructions for Leaving Earth (BIBLE). Based on this, it only makes sense to also leave instructions for those we will eventually leave behind.

OUR CHURCH – coming up on Saturday October 18th, we will be hosting a "Drive Thru Prayer" event at our church from Noon to 2:00 pm. Before she left last year, Pastor Pat had a Drive Thru Prayer event that was very well received. This year we are continuing that event and hopefully, it will become something we can do more frequently during the year. *(Continued on next page)*



This is one of many things we are planning for our church. We want to invite people to join us and learn more about the BIBLE and why during these historical days of unrest in our Country and around the world, we must bring the message of Christ to as many people as possible. We will be announcing other initiatives as our two churches (POUCC and Mountain of Light) work more closely together to bring that word to others.

Prayerfully submitted,

Bob Brewster, Moderator

OPERATIONS & FINANCE TEAM REPORT



At the July Meeting the Council voted to extend Steve Burton's (our landscaper) duties to include any maintenance that arise on the property and facility. The Council members will review and approve/disapprove all Operations' issues.

Operating Budget to Actual as of 8/31/2025

	<u>August Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	15,884.50	131,644.18	128,034.28	3,609.90
Expenses	<u>12,996.64</u>	<u>115,404.88</u>	<u>106,276.85</u>	9,128.03
Profit/(Loss)	2,887.86	16,239.30	21,757.43	(5,518.13)

CD & MM Income as of 8/31/2025

YTD Interest
Income: 1,667.87



Combined Profit/(Loss) 17,907.17

We had a profit of \$2,887.86 for the month of August and a profit of \$16,239.30 for the seven month period. We had a combined income of \$17,907.17 which includes the CD and Money Market interest of \$1,667.87. As always our thanks go out to all our wonderful volunteers and to all who support our Church.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Horton,
Treasurer



THRIFT STORE NEWS



Dear church family,

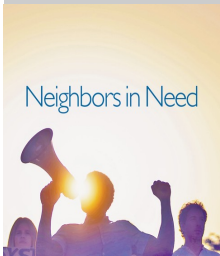
We will be open this Saturday, **October 4th from 9.00 AM-Noon**. Please come and check us out. We are blessed with so many donations. I hope that our servant hood values are evident to all who come to the store and I hope we represent Christ as we best understand what He expects of us. Blessing, *Rachel Sitepu, Manager*

FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

Communion Sundays are designated as “Fill the Food Basket” Sunday. October 5th is our next collection day and benefits a local food pantry. Over 10 bags of food were collected last month . Thanks to Ruth Brewster for delivering the food. Please make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.



MISSION NOTE



The money collected through the Neighbors in Need offering is shared with two-thirds benefiting the justice and witness ministries of the UCC, including grants awarded for direct service and advocacy initiatives of local congregations and partners. One-third of the offering benefits the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). **This offering will be received on October 5th and the envelope is in your boxed set.**

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Every Second Thursday at 6:00 PM POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed Room.

Make your plans to come and join us on Thursday October 9th, 6:00 PM.

It's a “Soup, Salad , Sandwich & Dessert Dinner.

Sign-up Sheet will be circulated during Worship.



PRAYER DRIVE THRU



On Saturday, October 18th, Noon to 2:00 PM we will be offering a Prayer Drive Thru in the front of the Church. Pastor Javier and his wife Pastora Yaris and members of the Council will be on hand to pray for anyone in need. Please spread the word .

SPECIAL INVITATION

**CHRISTIAN MINISTRY MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT, INVITES YOU
To worship GOD with us. Come as you are, GOD has a WORD for you!**

SUNDAY SERVICE – 3 P.M.

MONDAY, BIBLE STUDY – 7 P.M.

Service and Bible Study are both BILINGUAL (English/Spanish)

Place: 651 Taylor Blvd., Port Orange, FL 32127

Pastors: Javier Leon (386) 299-7436 and Yaris Leon (386) 299-9145

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

Tom Sumners	10/4
Pastor Javier León	
Ron Zinke	10/13
Cheri Yaeger	10/17
Jackie Gaither	10/28
Mary Ann Sumners	10/29



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Todd & Alice Lynn Feldman	10/27/1985
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Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or you have a change to the Prayer Requests.

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
F/F of Rev. Larry Deitch	Member of POUCC
Bob Gaither	Member of POUCC
Steve Grant	Friend of POUCC
Erica Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Barbara Horton	Member of POUCC
Chuck Konopsky	Member of POUCC
Jose León	Father of Pastor Javier
Pastora Yarisis León	Member of POUCC
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 in PO)
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Special Needs

All of Our Military, Veterans & Their Families
Those Fighting Terrorism Worldwide & First Responders Everywhere



October
Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect joy. Be positive.
Serve with compassion.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give thanks for everything.
See goodness in others.

POUCC October 2025

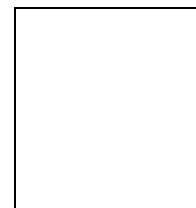
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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*Mountain of Light Church



Remember We Fall Back An Hour Sunday, October 26th.

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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 Saturday's of the Month

9:00 AM - Noon

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM

Fellowship Hour

10:30 AM



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