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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

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ARE YOU PREPARED?

No one wants to think about dying, especially young people. When you are young your thoughts are only about having “fun”, getting through school as quickly as you can, getting a driver’s license, getting a job, moving away from your parents, and a myriad of other things. Youth is wonderful but it can also be filled with mistakes that we often rationalize away as...”Hey, we are young and we have plenty of life remaining to get serious about it!” There is a feeling of being “immortal”. Well, unfortunately there is this thing called “aging” that happens. Growing older or as someone close to me likes to say “growing more mature” is on its own clock. We have no control over it. We can only control how we invest it and hope that the investment pays off in a successful and happy life. It is only when something happens that we start to feel not so “immortal”. And, it is only when something happens that we start to realize that this life can be fragile and we better start taking care of it better. An accident happens that causes us to go through a recovery period; or a disease or poor health causes us to lose certain abilities to do things; or the aging process itself where we just cannot do things as quickly, or even at all. The reality sets in that our biological clocks are moving slower and slower. We observe others going through this process and from that we learn lessons of what to do and not do. Oftentimes we wonder how other people handle their challenges that look so difficult to manage. The age of “reason” starts taking over about our own destiny and where we are on life’s path. So, why am I writing about something we all recognize and acknowledge? If we are Christians and we have accepted the path of following Jesus Christ, we know where we are headed when this life is finished. That is why having Faith in the unseen and being a Believer in the “Next Life” are so important. Without this Faith life can be a giant “So what!” “We are born, we live, we die”. “Big deal, its over, nothing else”. All I can say is “Hey, not so fast on the “its over and nothing follows thinking”. There are too many clues all along our life’s path that tell us that something else is “out there”. Too many coincidences that happen at just the perfect time just to be chalked up as “Luck”. Too many books written and testimonies given about “Near Death Experiences” that all have very similar if not the exact same experiences. Whether we are a strong believer or a real skeptic, in our hearts we know that there is more to this life than just waking up and going to bed, which brings me to my last point. There are no guarantees that any of us will wake up in the morning. There are no guarantees that we will live another day. Here is the question...”and by that I mean have you prepared those you will be leaving behind with the necessary information to manage what you left for them?

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Pastor Javier León has been helping us learn why the BIBLE is the “Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth” Have you left instructions for those who love you how to handle what you are leaving behind? We will discuss this more in the future as we not only continue to learn more about how to live but also how to leave behind a way for others to manage what we have left.

Prayerfully submitted,

Bob Brewster, Moderator

OPERATIONS & FINANCIAL TEAM

Financial Update

Operating Budget to Actual as of 7/31/2025

	<u>July Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Difference</u>
Income	16,482.00	115,759.68	112,637.18	3,122.50
Expenses	<u>15,864.84</u>	<u>102,408.24</u>	<u>93,108.83</u>	9,299.41
Profit/(Loss)	617.16	13,351.44	19,528.35	(6,176.91)

CD & MM Income as of 7/31/2025

YTD Interest
Income: 1,455.97

Combined Profit/(Loss) 14,807.41



Even though our income for July was great we had a smaller profit for the month due to the need to replace our irrigation pump at the cost of \$4,000.00 which left us with a profit of \$617.16 and a profit of \$13,351.44 for the seven month period. We had a combined profit of \$14,807.41 which includes the CD and Money Market interest of \$ 1,455.97. 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,

It's been a wonderful month. We received so many donations every single day. Finally we have some volunteers who can work once a week in the evening. If you or someone you know is able to volunteer in the evening please contact me. Here some of my favorite quotes that I would like to share: Two rules for staying mentally healthy as we age. "Rule 1: Wake up every morning knowing what you are going to do that day. Rule 2: Go to bed every night knowing that you helped someone."



Blessings,
Rachel Sitepu, Manager

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday. As a reminder, September 6th is our next collection day and will again benefit a local food pantry. Over 15 bags of food were collected last month for the pantry. Thanks to Ruth Brewster for delivering the food. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates.

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 11h. It's a Pot Luck!
See the sign-up sheet circulated at Worship Services.





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

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



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

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



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

PRAYER REQUESTS*

Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Bob Gaither	Member of POUCC
Erica Henderson	Friend of POUCC
Barbara Horton	Member of POUCC
Chuck Konopsky	Member of POUCC
Jose León	Father of Pastor Javier
Pastor Yarisis León	Member of POUCC
Potenza Family	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
F/F of Keith Zinke	Member of POUCC

In Care Facilities

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

Victims of Natural Disasters

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.*



POUCC September 2025

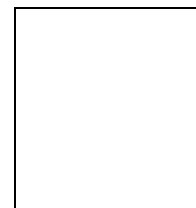
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office & Thrift Store Closed	2 Weight Watchers 9:30 am	3 Grief Share & Celebrate Recovery Meetings 7:00 pm	4 Weight Watchers 9:30 am	5	6 Weight Watchers 7:30 & 9:00 am
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Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 2 pm, First 2 Sat. of the Month 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

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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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