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# POUCC Impressions

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Newsletter of *Port Orange United Church of Christ*

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Dear Friends,

Every morning I throw a few peanuts out for the squirrels – now I have an audience waiting for me! It makes me wonder, “What would our lives be like if we waited every morning for the Lord to feed us?” Anyway, one child wants to “feed” us with his version of the Bible in a “nutshell”:

*In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.*

*One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob . Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat. Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.*

*God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.*

*After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead. Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.*

Any Questions?

# Missions & Outreach



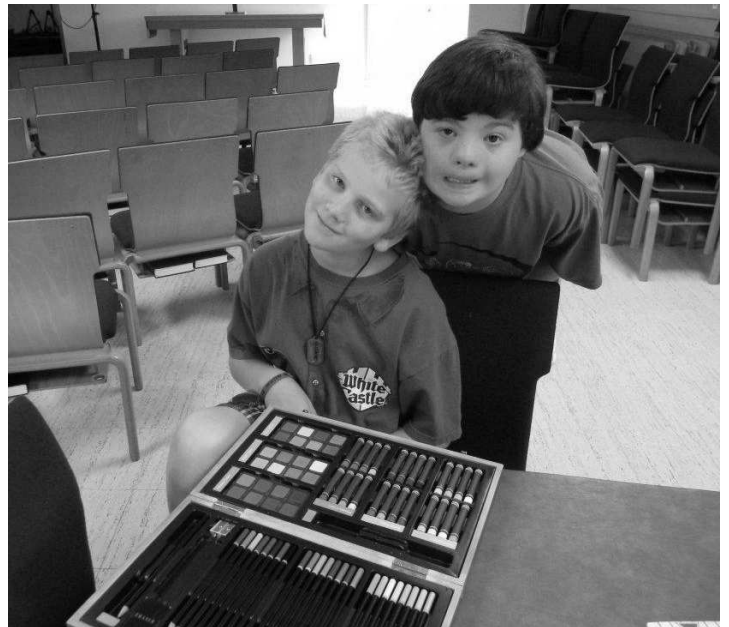
**MILITARY DONATIONS:** We had a SUPER response to the Military Donations!!! I am sure that many of our service people will enjoy the Care Packages. The Dancing Angels meet often on Saturday mornings to work on various projects together. One Saturday morning in July they gathered to make cards to send along with the other donations.



Dancing Angels leader, Bonnie Morisset, helped little Rowan Wierzbicki and Blake Buller in making their cards for our military.



Aydan Buller thinking of what to draw for his card to our dedicated military.



Buller brothers, Elijah (left) and Tommy waiting to get started on their cards.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE:** During the month of July you are bringing in School Supplies, for the children of Palm Terrace Elementary School who need them, and we will report to you on that next month. **Please bring your donations in by August 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH:** We will be receiving the *Strengthen the Church* offering on the first Sunday in September (Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.) This donation goes toward helping New Church Starts and Renewing Existing Churches. Our Church has benefited from this offering twice; the first time when our Church was started and then several years later, we wanted to change the Choir Loft so we could accommodate our Contemporary Worship Team. We received a \$5,000 Grant in order to do that. Now we have the opportunity to help other churches with our donations to this fund.

Your donations to the ongoing Mission Activities, the Sox Box, our Food Basket, and your monetary donations to the Mission Boxes are much appreciated!!

*Jeanette Campbell  
and Your Missions Team*



I sincerely appreciate the prayers, get well wishes, phone calls and love my friends have given me. God's blessings and your caring bring me many bright and sunny days. A very special thank you to all!

*Helen Holmes*

# EXTRA! EXTRA!! Newsletter Delivery Change

It's time to take another step into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by **sending out the Church's monthly Newsletter out via email**. Besides joining many others in the advantage of using modern technology this step will save the Church money that can be used elsewhere within the Church in addition to ending issues concerning the United States Postal Service, i.e. steady increases in rates, slow or non-delivery, etc. This takes effect for September's Newsletter.

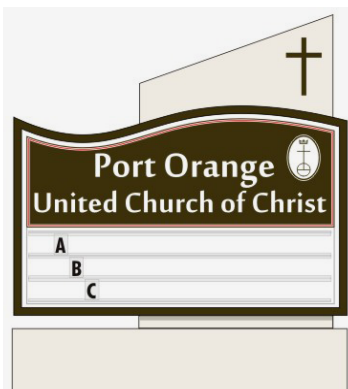
There are three options in which you can receive your monthly Newsletter. 1). If you live out of state, and do not have an email address, yours can be mailed by first class mail @ .44 each. 2). If you do have an email address, yours would be sent electronically and you could print out a paper copy if you desire. 3). If you are local you could choose to pick your Newsletter up while at Church. Please know that **emailing your Newsletter is the most cost effective for the Church**.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER** contact the Church office, (386) 788-0920 or [uccpo@bellsouth.net](mailto:uccpo@bellsouth.net), with your email address or home address if you don't have an email account, so the Church can better get your Newsletter to you.

Thank you, *Diane Sheehan*

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## Be a Part of a Healthier Looking Church!



The Church is in need of a new outdoor sign. The existing one is deteriorated and out-dated and has needed to be replaced for many years. Let's help make the Church look and feel healthier by supporting the purchase of a new sign. We have started a **Church Sign Drive**. The cost is

around \$7,000 with a few people already pledging toward the purchase. As a congregation you have always risen to the needs of your Church and here is one more necessity to take care of. If you are able to donate to this much needed improvement, please mark your envelope or check, **"Church Sign."** If you have questions please contact Bill Greiff or Pastor Bill.



## 9/11 Remembrance Service

A Community Service of Remembrance, Respect, and Renewal will be held at the **Port Orange Amphitheater** on Sunday, **September 11th at 6:00 p.m.** The service will mark the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and will bring our community together as a sign of unity in the midst of all types of diversity and the peace we all long for through healing that will instill hope in the hearts of people. This event is co-sponsored by the Port Orange Ministerial Association and the Halifax Health-Hospice of Volusia/Flagler Counties. The Port Orange Police and Fire Departments will participate along with the American Legion, Embry-Riddle University, area faith leaders, guest soloists, and a special Community Choir under the direction Constance Poitier. The Community Choir is open to all area churches and individuals and will practice on Tuesday and Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. prior to the event at All Saints Lutheran Church on Dunlawton Ave. If you would like to share your voice and be included in this service you may email Constance Poitier at: [crpoitie@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:crpoitie@volusia.k12.fl.us).

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## Hospice Volunteers Needed

**VITAS Innovative Hospice Care® of Volusia and Flagler Counties** needs volunteers in your area who can befriend terminally ill patients, provide relief for weary caregivers, accompany their pet on Paw Pals© visits, visit with veterans, provide art and music therapy, make telephone calls to check in with patients, bereavement calls, sew, make crafts, or help with administrative work in the offices.

Call 386-366-6123 or e-mail [patricia.adams@vitas.com](mailto:patricia.adams@vitas.com) if you would like to find out more information.

# What Is Palmetto House and Why Are We Involved?

Most of you have heard about Palmetto House, but do you really *know* about Palmetto House?

The Palmetto House is a transitional living facility for people who for various reasons have no place to live and are recommended by a social worker, who screens them to find out if they fit the criteria. Before residing at Palmetto House the residents were without a home; maybe they just came out of a rehabilitation program or maybe they lost their job and have no place to live. Whatever the reason, they have found a home at Palmetto House.

Once they are accepted as a resident, they must follow the "house rules": no drinking, no drugs, they must have a job or are training for a job or taking courses to improve or gain new skills. This place is truly a "safety net" for many people. Each and every resident that we have met throughout the years has worked hard to better themselves to be able to move on and become functioning and independent members of the community again.

POUCC has been involved in Palmetto House since 1997. We have met some wonderful people but the greatest reward is to see them when they are able to move on and into their own place. The Feeding Program has shown the residents that **other people care about them** and this is a big morale booster for them. We have watched so many of them move on and though we are sad not to see them anymore we are thrilled that they have moved forward toward their goal of independence!!

Recently, one of the residents died after a battle with cancer and we went to the service for him. We were so moved by the people who live there who had just lost a member of their "family." Many people from Feeding Teams, including us, were there supporting each other. That is what happens there. It is truly a miracle for some of them because without the residents of Palmetto House and the Teams that come in daily to feed them they, in all probability, would have wound up back on the street, struggling and all alone again.

Here is a poem, written by one of the residents several years ago, who shared it with me. I found it in my file of Palmetto House. This will help you to understand how important it is that we continue to serve meals there.

## Heavenly Hash

The chili was mighty tasty;  
in fact it was downright fine!  
I'm sure it filled everyone's stomach,  
and not only mine.

You served it with a special smile,  
and with such a loving touch.  
The very fact that you did it - means so very much.

So thank you very much, dear friends,  
for the kindness you have shown.  
As a special friend to us, you'll always be known.

We ask the Lord to bless you,  
when we say our bedtime prayers.  
And when we get to heaven,  
we're sure we'll find you there.

~ Bill Berkely ~

In all the years we have been involved with the feeding program at Palmetto House, we have always felt the warmth, gratitude and love of these people. They become friends and part of who we are!! We invite any of you to come along one of the Wednesday evenings that we are serving so you can see for yourselves how important this Ministry has been to so many people throughout the years.

Contact any of the Team Members. Come and see what a joy it is to be serving those who need our love, support and encouragement. You will be so glad you did. Whether or not you become part of a Team is not the point. Come and see how your Church is involved in helping our neighbors to become independent again.

Our Feeding Team members: Kathy Cratin, Mary McDonald, Helen Fisher, Chuck Konopsky, Sue Greiff, Mary Ann Sumners, Louise Johnson, Ann Shaw, Fred & Jeanette Campbell, June Ferreri, Milford Cox, Beverly & Tim Schafer, Hal & Sandy Kransi, Diane Sheehan.

*Jeanette Campbell*





## Meatball Stroganoff

- 1 pkg. frozen, precooked Meatballs, defrosted  
(I use Publix cooked Italian Meatballs)
- 1 large can of Beef Gravy
- 1/3 cup Sour Cream
- 2 Tbs. Dijon Mustard (I use Hellman's Dijonaise Mustard)

Put meatballs in a casserole dish. In a medium bowl mix together gravy, sour cream and Dijon mustard and pour over the meatballs. Mix well and bake in a 350° oven until bubbling (about 25 minutes.) You can also microwave until it bubbles or heat them in a large pot on the stove over medium-low heat for 20-25 minutes.

Can be served over egg noodles cooked according to package directions. Serves 6.

\*This recipe was submitted by Jeanette Campbell who has brought this dish to many fellowship dinners at the church and everyone loves them! It's a quick and easy meal when served with a vegetable and/or a fresh salad.

## Pastor Bill's Conference Standing Approved

July 18, 2011

Dear Rev. Wassner:

This is to inform you that at the June 9th meeting of the NE Regional Committee of Church and Ministry the following action was taken:

After review of verification of your previous standing in the Northwest Association of the Indiana-Kentucky a motion was approved to transfer your standing to the Florida Conference.

We are also very grateful for your willingness to serve as Beverly Schafer's Homiletic instructor. I am very pleased to send you this report and wish you well in the days to come.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Rhinehart, Scribe  
NE Regional Committee of Church and Ministry

## Operations Team Update

POUCC's Financial Picture  
Operational Budget - as of 6/30/11

	ACTUAL thru June 2010	Budgeted Amt. thru June 2011	ACTUAL thru June 2011
Income	\$ 95,585	\$ 88,245	\$ 88,680
Expenses	81,246	80,677	80,333
Net	14,338	7,567	8,346

\*Income is still down from last year but fortunately so are expenses. We are very close to our budgeted amounts. However, we will have challenges such as our new Church sign that will be part of the in & out expense report. Our wonderful congregation has always come through when there has been a need without affecting our operating income. I have faith that this will be the case again.

Susie Greiff, Asst. Treasurer

## Whatever Happened with the Cookies?

The bakers of POUCC wound up donating **over 200 dozen cookies** for General Synod that met from July 1 – 5. Thank you to everyone who baked and donated cookies. A special thank you to **Janna Thompson** for going above and beyond the call for cookies by baking over 67 dozen cookies herself!! If baking is therapeutic, Janna should be feeling great! I packed up all the cookies and they were picked up by **Donna Cooney** and her friend from Pilgrim Church, UCC in St. Augustine so thank you Donna for coming to Port Orange to get our cookies.

In making calls to find someone to transport the cookies, everyone I spoke to was SHOCKED at the amount of cookies our Church provided. I want to thank **Harriet Rogers** and **Nicki Roberts** (Diane Sheehan's daughter) for the use of their freezers that stored the cookies until ready for their trip to Tampa. Also, thank you to our talented artist, **Bonnie Morisset**, for making the beautiful poster and cookie growth chart so we could see our progress.

Great work everyone!!

Beverly Schafer



# June 25<sup>th</sup> Fund Raiser Car Wash for “She’s My Sister”

I would like to thank all of the Church members that supported me by getting their cars washed or who donated to the cause, “She’s My Sister.” We raised \$250 at the car wash which gave us a total of \$750 to turn in to the American Bible Society. The money we raised will go toward helping women, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, find spiritual based counseling for sexual abuse.

Sincerely,  
Levi Zinke



Levi and friends, along with members of the congregation, participating in a successful car wash fund raiser. Can you spot Pastor Bill & Lisa Wassner?

## Family News Let's Celebrate our Accomplishments!!

We would like to share your family news in the monthly POUCC Newsletters! We know a lot is happening this summer and ALL the time! So please write a note to or email Diane in the church office or let Kay Taylor know if you have something you would like to share in the monthly Newsletter!

### Tom Taylor Honored

Tom Taylor, son of Jeanne and brother of Kay Taylor, was honored posthumously in the May-June, 2011 publication of the *Lighthouse Digest*, the leading journal of lighthouse history and restoration which enjoys international circulation. “**Remembering Tom Taylor: Historian, Visionary, Lighthouse Leader**” is a prominent article written by Rick Schulze, a fellow lighthouse enthusiast who knew Tom and his important work very well. Tom was the lighthouse historian at Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse for over seven years, during which time he was one of the founders and president of the Florida Lighthouse Association, a non-profit organization which actively restores and maintains 30 historic lighthouses in the state of Florida. When Tom passed away at age 55, he was living in Marathon, Florida and forging a new non-profit organization call *The Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation*, which is dedicated to saving the reef lights off the Florida Keys, most of which were built in the 1850’s and offer a great legacy of maritime history filled with excitement. Both *The Florida Lighthouse Association* ([www.floridalighthouses.org](http://www.floridalighthouses.org)) and *The Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation* ([www.reeflights.org](http://www.reeflights.org)) have growing memberships and continue the important endeavor of restoring lighthouses and promoting maritime history. Take time to check these organizations out. The membership fees are very affordable for either group; the people are wonderful, intelligent and friendly and the lighthouse meetings, held throughout the year at various lighthouse sites, offer interesting adventures and lots of information and privileges such as special access to lighthouses not open to the public.

Tom Taylor, who won many awards throughout his lifetime as an historian, including an award from the Volusia County Anthropological Society, was also the author of historical books and articles and a number of lighthouse books. Three of his books: *Monhegan Island and Its Lighthouse*; *The Key West Lighthouse: A Light in Paradise*; and *Lore of*

the Reef Lights: Life in the Florida Keys are available from [www.InfinityPublishing.com](http://www.InfinityPublishing.com) or from Buy the Book at 1-877-BUY-BOOK. Tom's book, Florida Lighthouse Trail is available from [www.PineapplePress.com](http://www.PineapplePress.com). And his book, Florida's Territorial Lighthouses, widely considered one of the premier books on lighthouse history, is available through me, Kay Taylor, 5123 Orange Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32127. We thank Rick Schulze and the Lighthouse Digest for remembering Tom and promoting his work in this wonderful article!

## Special Music Offerings for Summer Worship

Over the summer, at Port Orange United Church of Christ, you can enjoy *Special Music* during the 10:30 AM service. Coordinator, *Eva Brewster*, saw a need for this special time and we thank her for volunteering to make arrangements for members of the congregation to share their musical talents. If you would like to contribute your talent, please contact Eva.



Bob & Ruth Brewster sang a duet of "In the Garden" during the 10:30 AM service on June 26<sup>th</sup>.



During the July 3<sup>rd</sup> service Buller brothers, Elijah, Aydan & Blake performed "Marching Steps" and Aydan performed a solo of "When the Saints Go Marching In." This is the first year all three boys took music lessons and they added a youthful touch to the Independence Day celebration.



During the July 17<sup>th</sup> service Joe & Janna Thompson and Ruth & Bob Brewster sang "Jesus Is All the World to Me" with music minister, Dr. Tom Naus on the organ.

## Help Us Help Others: Recycle & Re-gift with Us!

Your Gift & Thrift Store needs your help! There are many folks in need in the area and **it is our mission to help them.** Your 100% volunteer staff sells only the best in household & vintage items as well as clothing, shoes and purses at very reasonable prices. We do not have the space or manpower to sell large furniture pieces. Donations are appreciated during store hours, Monday – Friday 9:00-3:00. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

*The Thrift Store Team*

## Please Watch Where You Park

Just a reminder that when you park at the Church and your vehicles' tires are on the edge of the grass, you may have run over a sprinkler head. Sprinkler heads are getting broken on a regular basis because of this and this is becoming a preventable cost. Not only the cost of replacing the broken heads but the gushing water that results in the breakages. We love seeing you at Church but please try to be mindful of how you park. Thank you in advance for your vigilance!



## Do We Hear Bells?

Not yet we don't. In June's Newsletter I invited anyone who is interested to help restart the **Bell Choir**. We used to have one here at POUCC and a few of us would like to get it going again. **You do not have to be able to read music.** If you can count, you can play the bells!! Please contact Sherian Buller at 761-8449 or email me at sher@atlanticaudit.com. I look forward to having enough people interested so we can get started!



Sincerely,  
*Sherian Buller*

## On the Lighter Side

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, "The Goldberg Air-Conditioner," on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -- Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord.  
Give me the grace to see a joke;  
To get some humor out of life,  
And pass it on to other folks.*

## Prayer Requests

(From 6/26 - 7/24, 2011)



Mickey Lucie  
Patty Stoner  
Eva Brewster  
Martha Ward  
Fiona Janelle

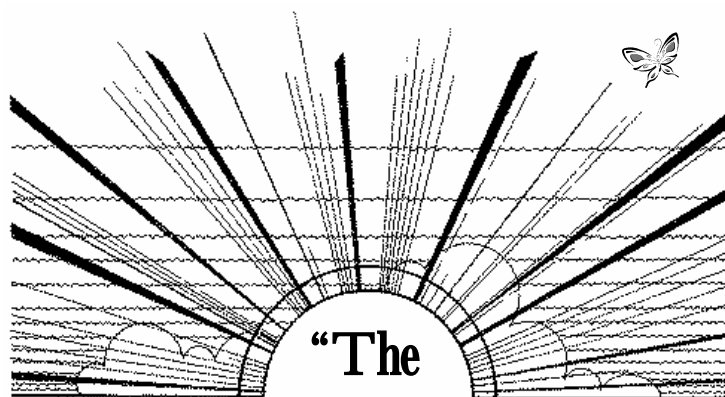
Kathy Duffell  
Joan Brown  
Drew Knock  
Bill & Barbara Sowers  
Missy & Lisa

*k* Family & friends of *Rev. Donald Hafner*

### On-going Prayers:

Ingrid Claunch  
June Ebbert  
Helen Holmes

Thea Cloutier  
Judy Lee  
Carolyn Hoffman



**"The  
greatest glory is not in never  
failing but in rising every time  
we fall."**

~ Confucius ~





## Birthdays

Harold Kransi	8/1
Blanche Northcutt	8/8
Doreen Wheeler	8/8
Sherian Buller	8/8
Rusty Ashley	8/8
Janna Thompson	8/9
Harry Scharadin	8/10
Bill Nicholls	8/10
Joe Rogers	8/17
Joanne Flatt	8/19
Elaine Johnson	8/19
Mac McDonald	8/24
Jeanne Taylor	8/27



## Anniversaries

Joe & Carol Rogers	8/5/66 (45 years)
Joe & Janna Thompson	8/17/90 (21 years)
Tom & Mary Ann Sumners	8/26/89 (22 years)

## Calendar for August 2011

8/3	Wed.	5:30 PM	Palmetto House Mission Outreach
8/4	Thu.	6:00 PM	Line Dancing
8/6	Sat.	9-11 AM	Praise Dancers
8/7	Sun.	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Coffee House Traditional Worship
8/8	Mon.	7:00 PM	<b>Operations Team mtg.</b>
8/11	Thu.	6:00 PM	<b>Fellowship Dinner</b>
8/13	Sat.	9 – 11 PM	Praise Dancers
8/14	Sun.	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Coffee Hour Traditional Worship
8/17	Wed.	5:30 PM	Palmetto House Mission Outreach
8/18	Thu.	1:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Line Dancing
8/20	Sat.	9 – 11 AM	Praise Dancers
8/21	Sun.	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Coffee Hour Traditional Worship
8/25	Thu.	6:00 PM	Line Dancing
8/27	Sat.	9 – 11 AM	Praise Dancers
8/28	Sun.	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Coffee Hour Traditional Worship
8/31	Wed.	5:30 PM	Palmetto House Mission Outreach



Thursday,  
August 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 PM

Come join us for dinner!  
Share your food, bring your  
appetite and show your smile!



“The human spirit is the  
lamp of the Lord.”

~ Proverbs 20:27 ~