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Sunday Worship
9:00am Contemporary
10:30am Traditional
All Are Welcome

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Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,
 As I sat on the back porch of our new home last month, I looked up at the partial moon hung in the blue crisp afternoon sky. It was 28 degrees earlier that

**Nailed
for Our Sakes**



morning and I had turned on the heat – this far south in Florida? Winter was definitely here – at least as much as we experience down here but it was back in the 70's by the weekend.

The seasons change as we move through life, but there are more than just meteorological seasons but liturgical ones as well. It seems we just finished the Advent season – and we did a short five weeks ago. We enter the Lenten season on February 22nd. Our theme this year is “**Your Nail.**” An overview of the season is on page #8. Literally speaking, nails can be tools for construction of anything from a craft project to a home. Nails can be used to fasten and strengthen. Figuratively speaking, we can refer to someone “hitting the nail on the head” when they are right about something or successful in an endeavor.

Nails have also been used as an instrument of torture. They can be used to inflict pain and cause a loss of blood – eventually death. In this season in our church we will literally refer to their use to fasten the Son of God to a cross upon Golgotha. Figuratively, each week we will look at the “nails” which can harm our lives and the lives of others that we know and love.

Available for each of you will be a literal nail and desk holder to reflect upon our theme. Take a look at the Overview of our Lenten season inside. I am looking forward to “driving” home the “point” of our common spiritual journey and observance.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Bill

Pastoral Assistant



Thanks to an initial planning session with Pastor Bill for what we're calling **Terrific Tuesdays** for ALL ages which will take place throughout Lent, I am so happy to get my fun, creative juices up and running again after those intensive four months of CPE training. I am thoroughly enjoying organizing the Confirmation Program as well, for which we have six youth enrolled: Hunter Bryan, Elijah and Tommy Buller, Lauren Scalf, Trey Thompson, and Kaylei Wierzbicki. They will meet weekly for class and, along with their Mentors, they will share in three or four major projects and activities together, including Palmetto House. This program will begin the last week in February and will continue up until May 27 -- Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. Program Planning has always been one of my passions, so I am having a blast!

Joyfully,

Beverly

Beverly Schafer
Pastoral Assistant

Missions and Outreach

The year 2011 has proved to be one of “new projects” we supported and also much support of local needs as well. The Economy has caused many folks to realize they need to “be careful” of how they spend their funds. This is evident in the drop in income that we receive through the Mission Boxes, which is the only “undesignated” funds we receive. Having said that we commend you on the support and generosity for the many “outreach activities” throughout the year.

During the Lenten Season we participated in the Heifer Project, individuals and families filled their “arks” with coins and bills. When everything was counted YOU donated 690.80!!! WE (your Mission Team) added \$9.20 from our funds to bring the total to \$700.00. We met with the children and they “picked out” the Animals they wanted to “buy”. It was an exciting time and everyone knew that they were helping families throughout the world with the gifts of animals.

During May we gathered funds and articles for the Pregnancy Crisis Center. This organization works with mothers to be to be sure that they receive good medical care and that their babies will have healthy lives. Each year they help over 500 women have healthy babies.

In June we gathered supplies to send to our service men and women who are serving in harms way. The “box” was overflowing with your donations. We sent several boxes and also paid for the shipping.

In July we began to gather school supplies for the children of the Palm Terrace School. Most of the children are “Title One” which means they can have their meals free, the children who live at the STAR center also go to this school. We learned through the Family coordinator for that school that many children have a great need for socks, underwear and shoes. We put a box in our sanctuary to gather “gently used” socks and underwear, I have sorted and given the contents of this box several times throughout the year. This is an ongoing activity as well as the Sox Box for adults. We take those gently used socks to the Star Center for adults who get their meals there.

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In October we joined with other churches in Florida to contribute Health Kits and Clean-up Kits for the Tornadoes in our neighboring states. \$1670.00 was donated as well as several Kits. We were the collection point for churches in our region.

November was MISSION ONE month. Our denomination wanted to focus on hunger as the special appeal went out, we set a goal of the number of food items we would gather and we also added paper goods, such as paper towels, toilet paper and hygiene products. CROP Walk was going on at the same time and we gathered jars of peanut butter for that appeal. Kay Taylor coordinated the Peanut Butter donations and brought them to the Walk. The Neighbors In Need Offering was also received in November.

December is “Angel Tree” time. We have partnered with the Palm Terrace School; they sent us 30 names of children that we can buy a “warm clothing item” such as jacket, sweatshirt or sweaters. We will also had an angel for each child to receive an age appropriate book. All the angels were quickly taken, all gifts needed to be returned by December 11th as the schools closed for the Christmas recess on December 15th. All gifts were returned on time, and the “KNITWITS” a knitting group from our region” a knitting group in our region brought seven beautiful hand knitted sweaters to be added to our donations. Ironically, the Thrift Store has received a very large donation of children’s books, so we were able to get books for the 7 additional children at Palm Terrace.

Each month we have teams that bring the evening meal to the residents of the Palmetto House in Daytona. This Mission has been ongoing since October of 1997!!!! Every other Wednesday, there is a team from POUCC providing the meal. WE invite any of you to “come along” one Wednesday and see the gratitude of these folks as we share our “bounty” with them. Contact Jeanette Campbell if you would like to learn more about this Mission.

Here we are in a New Year!! I want to also identify other things that YOU contribute on a regular basis: soda can tabs are collected and donated for children’s cancer research, your glasses that you no longer need are donated and are used for people who cannot afford prescription glasses. Campbell’s Labels points are gathered and deposited into our account for Sunday School supplies.

Be sure to look at the attached Financial Report of Missions for the year 2011. WE thank each of you for your generosity and your donations of items that make this church “*THE CHURCH THAT CARES AND SHARES*”

THANK YOU, Your Mission Team. Jeanette Campbell, Kathy Cratin, Sue Batturs, June Ferreri, Kay Taylor, Liz Mills, Chuck Konopsky

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

All the food that you donate goes to H.U.M. (Halifax Urban Ministries). Below is a list of items that are needed most. **Canned Vegetables & Fruit:** Green Beans / Corn / Potatoes / Sweet Potatoes **All Canned Beans:** Pork & Beans / Pinto Beans / Navy Beans / Black Beans / Kidney Beans / Red Beans, etc. **All Canned Fruit.** **Other Canned or Jarred Food:** Soup / Pasta / Chili / Beef Stew / Tuna / Ham / Peanut Butter / Pasta Sauce (regular size) **Dry Food:** Cereal / Rice / Pasta (regular size) / Pasta Sides / Macaroni & Cheese / Dry Milk / Instant Hot Cereals

If you or someone you know is in need of the services of the H.U.M. food pantry in Port Orange, it is located at the Grace Episcopal Church on US 1, just south of Dunlawton Ave. The food pantry is open from 9-11:30 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For question visit the pantry or call H.U.M. at 252.0156

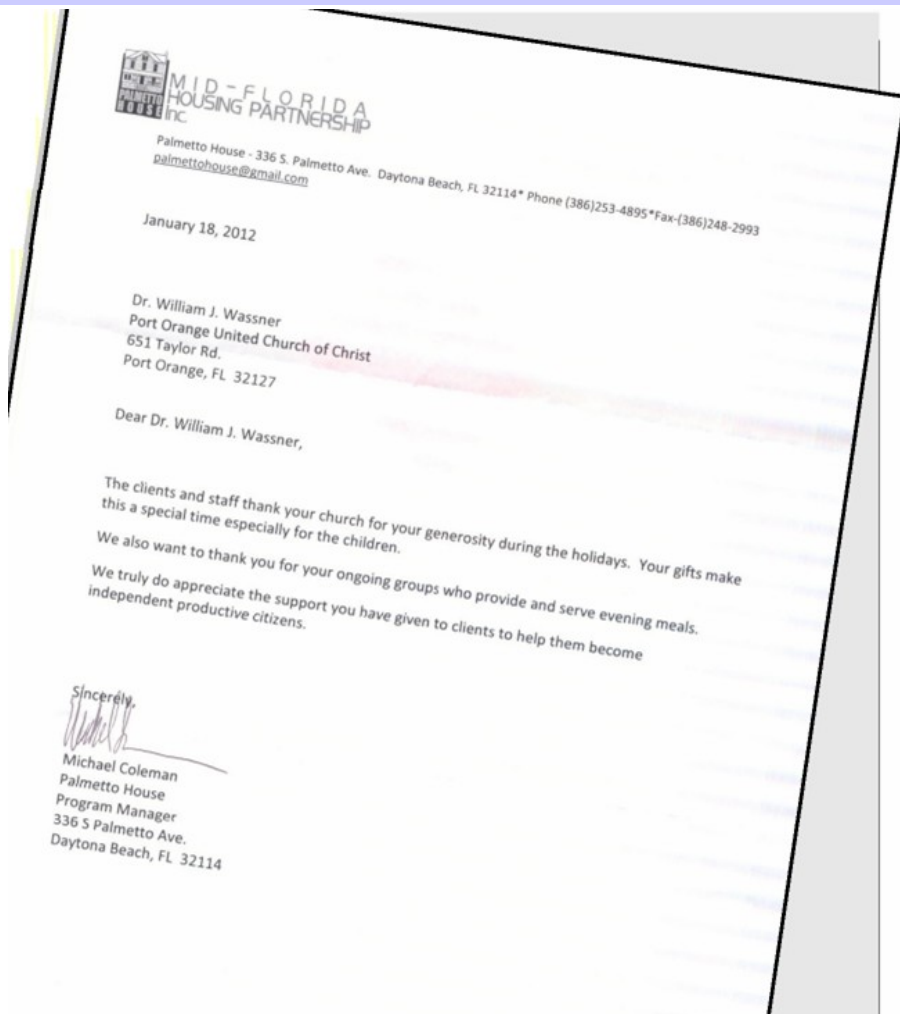


About Palmetto House

Palmetto House, with its forty-eight rooms, is the largest temporary housing facility in Volusia and Flagler Counties.

Its purpose is to facilitate the movement of homeless families and individuals to permanent housing within a reasonable amount of time (usually 24 months). Temporary housing is primarily designed to serve homeless families with children and individuals in accordance with HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development.

POUCC supports Palmetto House by providing items donated through the Thrift Store such as clothing, towels, travel bags, luggage, etc. Other such as toiletries are collected at various times throughout the year. POUCC also serves meals on various days during the month and assists with maintenance of the building when needed. The Missions Team is in need of more people who would like to serve meals or assist with house maintenance. Please speak to any member of the Missions Team or contact our Church Office.



Annual Meeting Results

The 2012 Budget and Slate of Officers were approved unanimously. Copies are available in the office.

In addition, the Congregation voted unanimously to go with the following schedule beginning **Sunday March 4th** for a period of one year and review at the next Annual Meeting:

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:45 AM Traditional Worship

Fellowship will be available between services and after Sunday School.

The proposed changes to the Bylaws were also unanimously approved. Copies are available in the office.



Operations Team Update



Operational Budget as of 12/31/11

	ACTUAL thru 12/10	BUDGETED AMT thru 12/11	ACTUAL thru 12/11
Income	\$177,802	\$170,500	\$167,822
Expenses	\$169,997	\$161,747	\$162,224
Net	\$ 7,805	\$ 8,753	\$ 5,698

*We ended the year pretty close to what was budgeted. Unfortunately our income was down \$2,679 from the budgeted amount and about \$10,000 from last year. Our expenses were only \$477 above what was budgeted and \$7,773 from last year. We definitely held our own in this "down" economy and I have faith that we will do even better in this new year.

*Respectfully submitted, Susie Greiff,
Asst. Treasurer*

The **Operations Team** has primary responsibility for managing all church funds approved by the church membership at the annual meeting. This is an important function of our church and is the primary business tool that guides almost all financial decisions making through the entire year. As we have learned in past years, it sometimes becomes necessary to adjust expenses up and down or to reallocate funds based on changing needs.

Maintenance of our church facilities is also under the oversight of the Operations Team. If you would like to help in this very important function, please contact our church office. Tasks may include fixing a leaky faucet to replacing a broken door knob to repairing a wall crack. These tasks are important and appreciated by all who use our church.

Prayer Requests

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All of Our Military & Their Families, **POUCC MEMBERS:** Harry Balmes, Bob Brewster, Gloria Clark, Mo Claunch

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Marie Buller, James Eckersen, Hilary Farnum, George Franklin, Kim Hunt, Dwight Flatt, Alan Jerousek, Steven Teeter, Jean Wishart



ON-GOING PRAYERS*

Helen Acri, Thea Cloutier, Kimberly Comfort, Gary Crippin, Joanne Flatt, Carolyn Hoffman, Helen Holmes, Bob Kirlin Sr., Lawson Lewis, Isalene and Dean Montgomery, Alice Morsey, Pam Protko, Ricky Sawyer, Kristel Smith, Rosemary Smith, Roy Spiller, Jeanne Taylor, Will Welch

The Prayer Chain prays regularly for the entire church family of POUCC in addition to those listed above. Please contact the **Church Office (788-0920) or **Jeanette Campbell** with your prayer requests. If you wish a request to be confidential, just mention this and it will not be published. Your request will remain in the bulletin for two weeks.*

Upcoming Events of Florida UCC Women

There are several upcoming events for UCC Women in Florida. You are invited to consider attending one or both of them. You will meet women of other UCC Churches in our Region and the State learn what is happening in their churches and also bring back some ideas for what we might do in our church.



Saturday, February 25, 2012
Jacksonville, FL
10:30 AM to 2:30 PM
St. Johns Region (that's us)

We meet at the Arlington Con-gregational Church in Jacksonville. Theme: EAT PRAY LOVE. Cost: your time and \$5.00 for Lunch. Let's see if we can fill a car (or two), we can chip in for the gas. Sign up if you are interested, the sign up sheet is under the Flyer. Questions? Call Jeanette Campbell 788-4959

Friday, March 2nd
World Day of Prayer
10:00 AM
All Saints Lutheran Church
751 Dunlawton Avenue, Port Orange



March 9-11, 2012
Cocoa Beach, FL
International Palms Hotel
www.uccwomen.org

Florida UCC Women's 85th Annual Meeting (this is a gathering of women from all of the UCC Churches in FL) Theme: GENERATIONS: (the changes in our lives from generation to generation) Flyer is on the Bulletin Board. Questions? Call Jeanette Campbell Again we can carpool to this event. The cost varies as you will see on the Flyer and Registration form.

Deacons Corner

Stewardship Message

Update on 2012 Pledges:

50 Pledges In = \$106, 300
If you have not already submitted your pledge,
please turn it in as soon as possible.
Steward-ship Team

Note: POUCC Pledge cards can still be turned in at church on Sundays, mailed or dropped off at the church office.



Second Thursday Fellowship Dinner

Every Second Thursday at 5:45pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the church's Jim Reed Building. If you have attended, you already know that we EAT, TALK, LAUGH, SING and ENJOY each others company. If YOU have not attended isn't it time for you to put this time on your calendar?

The food is Pot Luck and it is delicious! **Just bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert.** We also have special meals for Thanksgiving, Easter, St Patrick's Day and other dates. Watch for announcements. ***Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday February 9th. The meal will be pot luck.***

Thrift Store News

Dear Friends:

We have had a great start this year with income for the first two weeks coming in over \$1200. Be sure to look for our ad in the Pennysaver. The 2011 end of year total came in at \$27,816.00. Since opening in 1999 the Thrift Store has contributed \$326,071.50 to our church and its missions.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

What an amazing job our Thrift Store volunteers have done this past year! If you want to volunteer sometime this year from just one hour a week to several hours a day, please contact us at the store or through the church office.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU *(Each month we highlight a different Thrift Store Volunteer)*

Roger & Shirley Harper— Although this couple sold their antique business to move to a warmer climate in the mid-1980's, their passion for antiques came with them. Roger worked as a groundskeeper on an estate near Franklin, TN, and Shirley worked in an antique mall, where she eventually became mall manager.

Roger decided to join her in the business and together they managed a large antique in Nashville that was frequently visited by country music stars who they came to know on a first name basis.

They moved to Florida in 1998. After the hurricanes of 2004, Roger & Shirley decided in 2006 to move to a senior living community called Luther Hall.

Just as it has been for their entire lives, Faith and Family are at the core of everything Roger and Shirley do. They are active members of POUCC and where they also volunteer at our Thrift Store.

Three of their four children live in the area, so family get-togethers are frequently on their calendar. They especially cherish being proud grandparents of their nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. Prior to Tennessee and Florida, they also lived in Iowa and Minnesota.

New Additions

We received delivery of a great used Baldwin Grand Piano & a wonderful used Allen Digital Organ last week whose purchases were made possible by Memorial Gifts. The picture below is of the piano in memory of our beloved Sue Holby.



The new organ below was made possible by the bequest from our loving charter member Mary Henderson. It will be installed soon.



Stay tuned and we will dedicate these instruments in worship soon. May God take care of these special daughters in the faith!

Port Orange UCC Lent 2012 Season Overview

Theme: "Your Nail"

"God wiped out the charges against us and nailed them to the cross"
Colossians 2: 14

February 21st	Pancake Supper	6:00 PM
February 22nd	Ash Wednesday Service	6:30 PM (Communion & Ashes)
February 26th Scripture	First Sunday in Lent I Peter 1: 13-16	The Nail of Temptation
March 4th Scripture	Second Sunday in Lent I Peter 2: 1-10	The Nail of Religion
March 11th Scripture	Third Sunday in Lent I Peter 13: 8-16	The Nail of Suffering
March 18th Scripture	Fourth Sunday in Lent I Peter 5: 5-7	The Nail of Success
March 25th Scripture	Fifth Sunday in Lent I Peter 4: 13-19	The Nail of Unfairness
April 1st Scripture	Palm/Passion Sunday I Peter 5: 8-11	The Nail of Death
April 5th	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 PM
April 6th	Community Good Friday Service at Grace Episcopal from Noon– 3:00 PM	
April 8th	Easter Sunday 6:45 AM Sunrise Service on the Beach 10:30 AM Worship "The Hammer of Hope" <i>Scripture I Peter 1: 3-9</i>	



Note:

There will be a series of "*Terrific Tuesdays*" each Tuesday night at 6:00 PM for a simple supper and study on the scripture theme for the following Sunday. Nails, devotional booklets, and nail crosses will be available for your journey.

Terrific Tuesdays

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & FAITH FOR ALL AGES

Beginning with Shrove Tuesday, February 21st & the following Tuesdays in Lent

SCHEDULE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28th:

5:00 PM Class & Crafts for Kids (Classroom #1 with Beverly) Outdoor Basketball and/or Volleyball (Youth) Classroom Study Hall (Youth in Classroom #2)

Cards and/or Board Games Adults and Youth in Jim Reed Bldg.)

6:00 PM Intergenerational Devotionals and Family Bible Sing- Along (With Pastor Bill and Beverly in the Sanctuary or Jim Reed Bldg.)

6:15 PM Dinner (Pizza & Salad)

6:45 PM Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary (Pastor Bill) Movie/Video for kids in Jim Reed Bldg. (Beverly or others)

7:30 PM Home

Please indicate on the Sign-Up Sheet if you do not drive at night but would like to participate so we can arrange for transportation. Call Beverly (760-0265) if you have any questions.



February Birthdays

Helen Fisher	2/1
Thea Cloutier	2/5
Russ Karel	2/7
Kathryn Manning	2/10
Sierra Zinke	2/10
Trey Zinke	2/10
Bernie Hunt	2/27
Fred Campbell	2/27


Anniversaries*

Bob & Ruth Brewster	2/14/1971
Jack & Harriet Rogers	2/20/2005



POUCC

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chime Choir 6:15 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM	2 Line Dancing 6:00 PM	3 CPT 5:30-8 PM	4
5 Worship Contemporary 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM Traditional 10:30AM	6 CPT Team Meeting 5:30 PM (Strickland's Home)	7	8 Chime Choir 6:15 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM	9 Fellowship Dinner 5:45 PM Line Dancing 7:00 PM	10 CPT 5:30-8 PM	11 Orientation New Leaders Meeting 9 AM Mended Little Hearts Walk 9:00 AM
12 Contemporary 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM Traditional 10:30AM Mended Hearts Beach Service 7 PM	13	14 	15 Chime Choir 6:15 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM	16 Line Dancing 6:00 PM	17 CPT 5:30-8 PM	18
19 Contemporary 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM Traditional 10:30AM Confirmation Luncheon 11:45 AM	20	21 Pancake Supper & Talent Show 6:00 PM	22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM	23 Line Dancing 6:00 PM	24 CPT 5:30-8 PM	25
26 Worship Contemporary 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM Traditional 10:30AM	27	28 Terrific Tuesdays 5:00 PM (see pg. 11)	29 Chime Choir 6:15 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM			

Confirmation News



We are ready to help the Confirmands learn embrace their spirituality through instruction, discussion, and activities. We are excited to invite the following persons to participate in the Port Orange UCC upcoming Confirmation class! Students and Mentors for the upcoming class include: Hunter Bryan (Kathy Cratin), Elijah Buller (Bob Brewster), Tommy Buller (Bonnie Morisset), Trey Thompson (Dalen Mills), Lauren Scalf (Faith Coppolo), Kaylei Wierzbicki (Jackie Gaither).

The curriculum we will be using is *Making Disciples* (Logos) written by William Willimon. The classes will be held on Sunday morning between services. Mentors will also receive an accompanying booklet and guide that parallels the student booklets.

There will be an important informational luncheon meeting regarding the Confirmation Program on Sunday, **February 19th, 2012** following the 10:30 worship service. Parents and children are invited to enjoy lunch after church while we discuss our program and answer questions. The class meets on Sunday mornings and runs from March 4th through May 27th Pentecost Sunday.

Come out and walk.....Help Mend a Heart!

Come out and walk with **Mended Little Hearts of Volusia County**. Help raise awareness for Congenital Heart Defects. Join **Mended Little Hearts** on **Saturday, February 11th** at the Port Orange Pavilion starting at 9:00AM with the walk at 10:00 AM. There is a minimum donation of \$10 with the proceeds benefiting **Mended Little Hearts of Volusia County**. Please wear RED to show your support for the #1 birth defect.

Other ways to help out **Mended Little Hearts** is by donating the following items for **Care Bags**:

- ♥♥ Snacks (non perishable) Granola bars, Lance's crackers, Cup O' Soup, oatmeal packets, canned fruits. (Many parents sitting by a child's bedside could use something to eat)
- ♥♥ Travel sized toiletries– shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand lotion, shower/bath gel, deodorant
- ♥♥ Tissues, chap stick
- ♥♥ Disposable cameras, AA Batteries
- ♥♥ Playing Cards, Sudoku puzzles, crossword puzzles, magazines (men & women)
- ♥♥ Coloring books, crayons
- ♥♥ Stress balls, stuffed bears, heart pillows, baby blankets
- ♥♥ Flip Flops (size 9)



Pastor Bill will preach on “Wounded Hearts” on **Sunday February 12th** and lead a special beachside prayer service at 7:00 p.m. that night for the Support Group!

Mended *Little Hearts* of Volusia County

Email: PortOrangeFL@mendedlittlehearts.org

Contact: Shannan Wierzbicki—386.681.7790 OR Kristie Garcia– 386.316.2680

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**New committee/teams orientation meeting will be
Saturday, February 11th at 9 AM.**

*Important
DATE!*

Sleeping in church A man sobering up from the night before is sitting through the Sunday sermon, finding it long and boring. Still feeling hung over and tired, he finally nods off. The minister has been watching him all along, noticing his apparent hangover and is disgusted. At the end of the sermon, the preacher decides to make an example of him. He says to his congregation, "All those wishing to have a place in heaven, please stand." The whole room stands up except, of course, the sleeping man. Then the preacher says even more loudly, "And he who would like to find a place in hell please **STAND UP!**" The weary man catching only the last part groggily stands up, only to find that he's the only one standing.

Confused and embarrassed he says, "I don't know what we're voting on here, Pastor, but it sure seems like you and me are the only ones standing for it!"

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