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Pastor's Message

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

Dear Friends,

As we approach the threshold of the ending of one calendar year and the beginning of another, it is common to reflect, make resolutions and ponder what has happened and what might happen in the future. Our church has seen celebrations and tragedies in the past year. 2012 will probably be the same as we look forward with excitement to new programs and possibilities - but will we as individuals be different?



I share them with you as your pastor for reflection and guidance as we move through the dying process – no matter how long away our deaths may be in the future:

3. *I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.*
4. *I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.*
5. *I wish that I had let myself be happier.*

I believe that being true ourselves and living as God's children and disciples of Jesus Christ will cause us to value our priorities, find time for ourselves and others, and ultimately help us to find joy and contentment in this life. Still, not a bad list to consider as we cross the threshold into a New Year!

Blessings,

Bill and Lisa

1. *I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.*
2. *I wish I didn't work so hard.*

Bronnie Ware is the author of an article (which has been published into a book) entitled, *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying*. She has also worked for years in palliative care, thereby having the life-altering experience of sharing people's last few weeks and listening to what they regretted the most about their now about to end lives. The result is this list of "top five" things people wished they had done differently.



*Happy
New
Year
2012!*

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Dr. Tom Naus
- Worship Team Leader:**
Terri Zinke
- Dancing Angels Leader:**
Bonnie Morisset
- Office Manager:**
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- Media Communications:**
Bob Brewster

Pastoral Assistant

December 22nd was my final day of CPE – I made it through! Your prayers of support and words of encouragement kept me going strong to the end, and I cannot thank you enough. I have to admit, however, it was far more intense than I ever imagined. I smile as I envision my Mother saying to me, as she al-



ways did whenever I survived something difficult, “Bev, you’ll be a much better person for it.” And, yes, I believe that I am more compassionate, more understanding, and more patient; although what I have learned about myself through this deeply emotional and introspective experience is perhaps more than I ever cared to know about myself! But again – yes, Mother, I know I’ll be a better person for it -- just so my POUCC Family benefits!!!!

Beverly

SERVING OUR CHURCH

God calls all of us to serve..., whether it is helping to hand out bulletins and greet people as they enter the church, serving meals at Palmetto House, assisting with upkeep of property and buildings, volunteering in the Thrift Store, helping to serve or clean up at the Monthly Fellowship Dinners or Special Receptions, hosting or teaching a special Bible Study or other Study Group, reading the Scripture on Sunday morning as the Liturgist, participating in one of our music groups, etc. We all have something to offer and areas where God can use our time and talents.

The POUCC has many opportunities to serve. The Nominating Committee is in the midst of looking for people to serve on various boards and committees. All are welcome...*Church Members, Associate Members and Friends* are encouraged to

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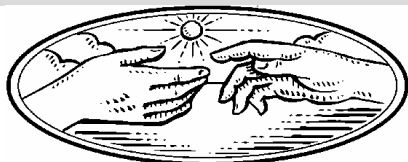
Missions & Outreach

Dear Friends:

Report on Angel Tree Gifts:

We delivered the Angel Tree gifts. The "Knit Wits" a local knitting group that Molly Baskin is involved with donated seven (7) hand knit sweaters to be added to the outer wear our folks donated. This means that **37** children at Palm Terrace school have warm clothes and a book.

We had a lot of books donated to the Thrift Store before the holidays. Barb Pountain called me, then I called Carol, the family coordinator at Palm Terrace, who immediately came over and selected a good



supply of books for giving to the children as they left for their Christmas Holiday. She gave the seven additional children a sweater and a book. I know we will hear more from her. We need to thank Molly Baskin for helping us to get involved with the Palm Terrace School.

The Christmas Fund Offering received in December is for Retired Ministers and their families. These funds help them with expenses that their pension might not cover. It shows our faithful Clergy that

we appreciate their service to our churches and congregations!

WE, the Mission Team, **Thank You** for your support of **ALL** the Mission Activities we have throughout the year, - *Sue Batturs, Jeanette Campbell, Kathy Cratin, June Ferreri, Liz Mills, Kay Taylor, and Chuck Konopsky*

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 (CPD) programs or functions. Supportive services provided to clients are case management, goal setting, counseling, life skills, alcohol/drug abuse services, mental health service referrals, other related

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health services referrals, Embassy of Hope assistance, Adult Basic Education, GED, HUD Certified Credit Counseling, Money Management workshop, Small Business Development classes, and permanent housing assistance. Drug screening is mandatory prior to entry and random thereafter. Participants must comply with strict house rules and make progress in meeting their established goals.

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.

MENDED LITTLE HEARTS FUNDRAISING YARD SALE—In November, we held a yard sale to benefit my support group Mended Little Hearts. This group is to help

families after they have received the life altering news that their baby has a heart defect. I started a chapter in Volusia County to not only help other families but also to raise awareness for this #1 birth defect.

POUCC was kind enough to allow us use of the parking lot. We successfully raised \$470.00. This money is just a start for us as we are planning more fundraisers in the future. These monies will help pay for care packages to be given to families in hospitals who have a child with a birth heart defect and for other things. A special thank you to June Ferreri for baking cookies for us and to Levi Zinke for holding our sign. We are truly blessed with all your support. Thank you POUCC! - **Shannan Wierzbicki**

Thrift Store News

Dear Friends:

The Thrift Store is successful because of the wonderful people who generously donate many wonderful things that can be resold. With these donations we would not be able to fulfill our mission of helping others.

Likewise, we could never operate our Thrift Store without the many caring and generous volunteers who faithfully donate their precious time with a smile to sort goods donated and manage the sale with customers.

RUTH GILBERT RETIRES:

It is hard to single out any one volunteer because they are all important to our mission but this month we need to single out one person who has been with us for twelve (12) straight



years and who will be “retiring” in January. This person is **Ruth Gilbert**. Ruth has helped us from the beginning and her wonderful smile has been a welcome invitation to all those who have shopped with us. She has seen us



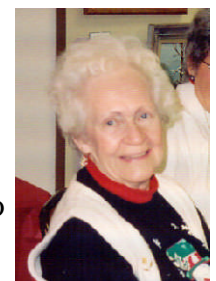
start, grow and change over the years. Ruth’s steady participation as a volunteer will be very much missed. Ruth, a heartfelt “thank you” is extended from all us at POUCC, our customers and from all those you helped through the Thrift Store Missions over the years.

THRIFT STORE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The store will reopen for the New Year on **Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 9:00 AM.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

DORIS BOURBONNIE’S daughter, Donna Karcher, called Helen Van Norstrom to notify that her mother has passed way. Doris was suffering with Alzheimer's for some time and moved to Mobile, AL to live with her daughter. She was a longtime Thrift Store volunteer. Doris used to love to bowl, and loved any toy that made noise. Anyone wanting to send a note to Doris’ family can contact the church office for the address.



UCC EVENTS

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!!!

Plan to attend: The Annual Regional Meeting of UCC Women of the ST. Johns Region

Saturday, February 25th from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Arlington Congregational Church, Jacksonville, FL.

Theme: **"Eat, Pray, Love"**

Don't miss this special day with UCC Women, a day of Friendship and Spiritual Renewal!!

COST: YOUR time and \$5.00 for the Luncheon. Lets form some carpools and have a Day "away" with other Women of

faith.

TAKE this time to be fed spiritually and physically!!

Sign up and indicate if you need a ride or are willing to drive.

QUESTIONS?? Contact **Jeanette Campbell at 788-4959**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A Happy New Year!

Grant that I May bring no tear to any eye,

When this New Year in time shall end,

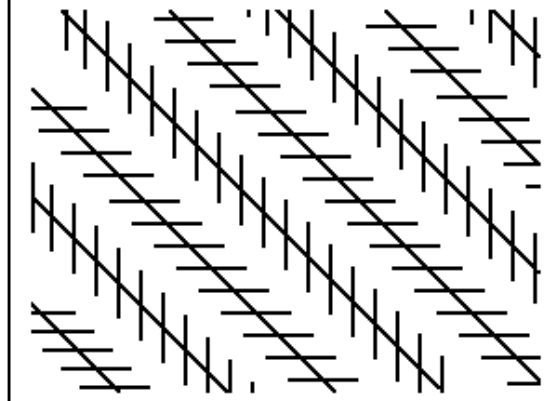
Let it be said I've played the friend,

Have lived and loved and labored here, And made of it a happy year.

- Edgar A. Guest

EYE ILLUSIONS

The diagonal lines are parallel. (Zöllner illusion)



What do you read here? Most people will read evil, but some



will see the good in life at the first time.

Thrift Store

Missions

The year to date income from the Thrift Store is **\$26,159.50 (this is through Dec. 5)**, which means the total for the year may be over **\$28,000.00 Wow!**

Congratulations to all the volunteers & customers who helped make this possible. This total does *not* include all the donations of goods made to different organizations and people in need. These volunteers were honored December 18th at the Thrift Store Christmas luncheon held at the church. Here are some pictures, which you can also view on the church website.



Getting to Know You

(Each month we will be highlighting a different Thrift Store Volunteer)

CAROL ROGERS - Joe and I moved to the Daytona area in the fall of 2002. We came because Joe's brother Jack and his wife Carlene lived here. We had visited them and became familiar with the area. We came from Miami and Daytona's "small town" feeling appealed to us. I retired from the Miami-Dade School System in July of 1999 where I spent 27 years. Joe retired from Drago-Newton School Supplies shortly thereafter. I began to volunteer at the Thrift Store in 2004 and have enjoyed it greatly. The volunteers are a wonderful group of people who put forth a great deal of time and energy. I invite anyone with 3 hours a week to spare to come and join a great mission for the Church and the community. You will meet wonderful people. *Happy New Year!*
Carol Rogers



Operations Team Update

Operational Budget as of 11/30/11

	ACTUAL thru NOV 2010	Budgeted Amt. thru NOV 2011	ACTUAL thru NOV 2011
Income	\$163,672	\$156,795	\$153,008
Expenses	\$148,603	\$146,409	\$147,318
Net	\$ 15,069	\$ 10,386	\$ 5,690

*Through November our income is still less than both last year and what was budgeted for 2011, but our expenses are less than last year and only slightly higher than budgeted. Overall we are still in better shape than previous years.

Thanks to everyone for their support and hopefully we will see an upturn in the economy, and in turn, our income.

Respectfully submitted

Keeping the Faith! Susie Greiff, Assistant Treasurer

The **Operations Team** presented the 2012 Church Budget at the December POUCC Council Meeting. The budget was approved by the Council and will be formally presented at the January 29th Annual Meeting. This proposed 2012 budget will be made available early January for all church members to review. Questions can be raised at the Annual meeting for answers and discussion.

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 decision 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. See you at the Annual Meeting. - **Bill Greiff, Chair**

Deacons Corner Stewardship Message



This is a tough time of year to be asking for money. Right now, not a day goes by that we do not get a phone call or letter from some political party or politician asking for a donation. In addition, we get mail or phone calls from charitable organizations seeking donations. My college Alumni Association and Foundation are “religious” about making their plea to me too. Then there are those things that just pop up where giving money is just plain “feel good” or “the right thing to do.” There seems to be no end.

Obviously, we cannot give to everyone or every group that makes a request. That would not be prudent but we can give to those causes that mean the most to us. This is why our family

gives through our pledge money to POUCC. We get a lot back for our money. We gain far more than what we give.

On top of money we donate time and other resources. Why? Because we see immediate results. We do not have to wait for a report or someone to tell us. We do not have to wait to the year ends to see what was accomplished. We see the results every Sunday in church when we worship with other people. We witness the results during the week when see or hear about church events that serve our church membership and the community in which we exist. We see the results when a church member needs a helping hand or someone to hold their hand during a personal crisis. We see

children learning why we have a church and why we follow the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives. We see the results when these young children grow into adults with wholesome core beliefs that will stay with them their entire lives. We see the results when people reach their late years and need the spiritual support that helps them handle the aging process and possible loss of abilities to live independent lives. We see the results when families join together in common activities that help them learn more about each other in a way that keeps them together during good and tough times. We see the results when our POUCC missions help people who cannot help themselves. These and so much more are why we give to our church.

If you have not already pledged, we invite you to join us.

- **Bob Brewster, Deacons, Chair**

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

POUCC CHILDREN PERFORM PLAY

On Sunday December 11th, the POUCC children performed the play "The Littlest Christmas Tree" written by Pastor Bill Wassner and directed by Kay Taylor.

This play was a joy to see. Thanks to all the children for a wonderful performance, the Worship Team for the great music and Jeanette Campbell for The Candy Cane Story gifts to the children.

The children are our future and we are blessed to have them as part of our congregation. God uses us all, no matter how small!

The cast of characters follows— Narrator: **Levi Zinke**

Trees: Largest-**Thomas Buller** & Medium-**Aydan Buller**
Family: Dad-**Trey Thompson**, Mom-**Kayleigh Wierzbicki** & Child-**Blake Buller**
Couple: **Elijah Buller** & **Selena Wheeler**

Red Birds: **Aydan Buller**, **Colten Pack** & **Kachiri Ruyle**

Bunnies: **Seanna Maranda**, **Rowan Schafer-Ramoutar** & **Alex Stierli**

Star: **Delana Pack**

If you missed seeing this wonderful play or want to see it again, you are in luck. You can watch it on the POUCC website. Go to www.PortOrangeUCC.org and click on "Photo Gallery" then go to "Year 2011" and click on the play link.



Incredible Food

Prime Rib with Horseradish Cream



"I love prime rib but it is so expensive when eating out. This do-it-yourself recipe will have everyone coming home with mouths watering...fast."

Ingredients

- 1 bone-in beef rib roast (6 to 8 pounds)
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- **HORSERADISH CREAM:**
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper

Directions

- Place roast fat side up in a shallow roasting pan. Cut slits into roast; insert garlic slices. Sprinkle with pepper. Bake, uncovered, at 450° for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 325°; bake 2-3/4 to 3-1/4 hours longer or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, a meat thermometer should read 145°; medium, 160°; well-done, 170°).
- Meanwhile, in a small bowl, beat cream until soft peaks form. Fold in the horseradish, vinegar, mustard, sugar, salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
- Remove roast to a serving platter and keep warm; let stand for 15 minutes. Serve with cream.
- **Yield:** 12 servings (1-1/2 cups cream).

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 January 12th. The meal will be pot luck. Bring a main dish, a side dish, salad or dessert, plus your appetite & laughter.

SERVING THE CHURCH

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serve in any capacity they feel called. If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these activities please contact one of the Nominating Committee Representatives noted below or give your information to the Church Office or to Pastor Bill.

Nominating Committee Contacts: (All can be reached through the church office)

Deacons: Joe Thompson - Members serve as assistants to the Senior Minister in the planning and preparing, as well as the nature and content, of the worship service including music, special events (i.e. confirmation), ushering and care giv-

ing.

Operations: Rich Thole - Members are responsible for the fiscal management of the Church, managing Church funds and overseeing the maintenance of the Church buildings and grounds.

Missions: Liz Mills—Members are responsible for the mission and outreach of the Church within and beyond the local Church community, promoting mission programs of the UCC and helping the congregation to reach out in compassion and concern to all in need.

Teaching: Beverly Schafer - Members are responsible (with the Senior Minister) for overseeing education programs from

Nursery to Adult, developing/reviewing/monitoring curriculum, recruiting and training qualified teachers. Being a member of this team does not mean that you have to teach.

Fellowship/Hospitality: Jackie Gaither - members are responsible for planning and coordinating Church activities where meals or refreshments are served.

Thrift Store: Barb Pountain -This is a vital ministry to our local community. Under the direction of Chairperson members are responsible for receiving, storing, evaluating and pricing goods donated to the Thrift Store as well as managing the store during open hours of operation and after hour's donations.

“There is no “I” in the word TEAM”.

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 Mon, Wed & Fri.

For questions visit the pantry or call H.U.M. at 252-0156.

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE TEAM (CPT)

The CPT is comprised of an extraordinary group of dedicated and talented musicians and singers. From writing many of their own songs to performing songs of others, they are bringing a special spiritual message of love and understanding to our church family. The team includes Leader, Vocals & Guitar—Terri Zinke; Guitar & Vocals—Kevin

McDonald; Piano & Vocals— Keith Zinke & Lisa Wassner; Vocals—Bill Wheeler, Jackie Gaither, Kay Schweitzer, Joe Thompson and Carol Strickland



Over the years, the POUCC Praise Team has produced three musical CD's that are great for inspirational listening anytime. They can be purchased at the church for \$10.00 each. The titles are: “*Spirit*” - 2004; “*Touched By the Spirit*” - 2006; and “*Moving in the Spirit*” - 2009. **Get yours today!**

CHIME CHOIR



The POUCC Chime Choir makes debut. Sunday December 18th, we all had the wonderful experience of hearing our chime choir play “*The Coventry Carol*”. Directed by Dr. Tom Naus, the choir included - Ruth Gilbert, Lisa Wassner, Sheri Buller, Aydan Buller, Elijah Buller, Janna Thompson, Trey Thompson, Sandy Kransi, Ruth Brewster and Joellen Hopkins. If

you would like to play in the chime choir please contact the church office. We need more players, plus it is both fun and rewarding.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Now on the church website— Watch & listen to “*The Littlest Christmas Tree*” children’s play in the “Photo Gallery”. Also, watch and listen to the Chime Choir play “*The Coventry Carol*” under “Our Music”. The website address is at -

<http://portorangeucc.org>

POUCC WEST PROPERTY

As you can see, our west property has been cleared of all scrub

brush. Only the larger trees remain. When the ground is completely cleaned (roots, twigs, dead vines, etc) we will have a beautiful space for many outdoor church activities. Ideas are very *preliminary and nothing has been decided* but some thoughts include a nature type walk around the exterior, a gazebo, a small foot bridge across the water retention low area, picnic tables, sitting areas for quiet reflection, a worship area where small intimate services may be conducted or an area where outdoor activities may be held for special occasions such as fund raisers, church picnics, etc. There is no timetable or deadline but suggestions for this area’s use are being solicited by the Church Council. Please write down any ideas and submit them to the church office.

SENIOR CHOIR

The senior choir performed its Christmas Music on Dec 18th in the “*Lessons & Carols*” service.

The senior choir is directed and accompanied on piano and organ by **Dr. Tom Naus**. The choir includes - (**Sopranos**) - Kay Schweitzer, Lisa Wassner, Jackie Gaither, Betty Hefner, Eva Brewster, Sue Batturs, Terry Zinke, Beverly Schafer (**Altos**) - Bernie Hunt, Marge Monat, Kathy Cratin, Sandy Kransi, Janna Thompson, Ruth Brewster (**Tenors**) - Tim Holby, Tim Schafer, Jim Hopkins, Bob Brewster (**Bass**) - Joe Rogers, Dalen Mills, Joe Thompson, Levi Zinke, Bill Heffner, Jack Rogers (**Flute**) - Tim Schafer.

The choir is open to anyone who loves to sing. Contact the church office.



CHURCH FACILITIES

Our church building is now almost 32 years old and although it has received continuous care through the years, there are areas that need extra TLC. One of our church members who asked to remain anonymous recently took the initiative to match the exterior’s white paint and with

a paint roller painted over the many “brown spots” created by our water sprinklers. What a dramatic improvement! The Operations Team is responsible for all church maintenance and welcomes the help of anyone who wants to pitch in. If you see something that you would like to do or something you would like to contribute toward improving, please contact a member of the Operations Team or the church office.

Remember, a church is not just a building, it is all the people who worship and use it for God’s purposes.



Birthdays*

Margaret Procter	1/2
Blake Buller (Sunday School)	1/2
Aydan Buller (Sunday School)	1/2
Richard Devins, Jr.	1/4
Shirley Harper	1/9
Jack Hildenberg	1/10
Erika Wheeler	1/13
Dee Dardeen	1/15
Kathy Cratin	1/16
Garret Zinke (Youth)	1/18
Mary McDonald	1/18
Amelia (Kay) Schweitzer	1/20
John Shaw	1/27
Luke Moss (Youth)	1/27
Rev. Raymond Hargrove	1/31
Reid Hughes	

Anniversaries*

Harold & Sandy Kransi	1/1/1982
Fred & Jeannette Campbell	1/5/1951

Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your birthday or anniversary.

PRAYER REQUESTS*

All of Our Military & Their Families,
POUCC MEMBERS: Thea Cloutier, Rosemary Smith, Joanne Flatt .

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Families of Robert Rapp and Doris Bourbonnie; Isalene & Dean Montgomery, James Eckersen, Terry Ruehmer, Alice Welsh, John Middlebrooks and Alan Jerousek

ON-GOING PRAYERS*

Jeanne Taylor, Gary Crippin, Clayton Wagner, Kimberly Comfort, Roy Spiller, Ricky Sawyer, Barry Arrasmith, June Ferreri, Frankie Smith, Will Welch, Marie Buller, Helen Holmes, Helen Aciri, Mary Ann Sumners and Carolyn Hoffman

ABOUT MEMBERS & FRIENDS

AYDAN BULLER—Auditions were held in December for the Port Orange Music Academy JAZZ BAND. Aydan Buller auditioned for the trumpet section and has been selected to be a member of this newly formed group. **Way to go Aydan!**

LISA & I want to thank all of you for your calls, cards, and gifts this past Christmas season. We especially want to thank you for your understanding and assistance as we moved to our new home - we could not have done it without you. God Bless You All! - **Pastor Bill**

BAPTISM OF ISABELLA LEE CLARK - December 11, 2011 The proud parents—Nicholas & Stacy Clark; Godmother - Christine Rienzie and Godfather- Corey Colton; and the POUCC Congregation all witnessed Rev. Dr. Bill Wassner Baptize Isabella Lee Clark *who was happy throughout!*



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LET'S START TODAY'S SERVICE OFF WITH OUR ANNUAL POST-HOLIDAY BREATHING EXERCISES

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*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.

POUCC CHILDREN

It was wonderful watching our children grow over this past year both physically and spiritually. A



few of them are shown here -



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS PLANTINGS

Thank you to those who decorated the church sanctuary with poinsettias. In hopes of starting a tradition, the donated poinsettias from this past Christmas Season for those who left them were planted on the church grounds. Most went on the newly



cleared west property, while some went to other areas where space existed.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH SERVICES

Each Sunday, we look forward to beautiful flowers in the sanctuary front. *Flowers can be donated to celebrate a date or be for the remembrance of a loved one.* Also, more than one display can be dedicated on any date so if someone has already signed up for a date that has special meaning for you, please do not hesitate to dedicate your flower display also. See **SIGN-UP SHEET** at the back of the church sanctuary.

STAFF APPRECIATION

Envelopes for the annual gift (includes the Christmas Gifts) donations to our Church staff are on the CD table at the back of the Narthex for those who wish to make a contribution this year. For the first time, the contributions, which are evenly shared between our team members will be distributed at the January 29th annual meeting and thereafter at future annual meeting in thanks and appreciation for their service.

~Sherian Buller

Update on 2012 Pledges:

50 Pledges In = \$103, 792

If you have not already submitted your pledge, please turn it in as soon as possible. - *Stewardship Team*

POUCC CHURCH SERVICE START - TIME SURVEY

The Deacons, working with Pastor Bill, have looked at the dynamics of our current Sunday morning schedule for some time. There are numerous conflicts and limitations as it now exists. Furthermore, the Council and Congregation (as a result of the recent consultation with Joe Coury) have identified that youth and education are top priorities for the future growth of our church.

In order to address current issues and accomplish future goals, the Sunday schedule will need to be revised. One way to achieve this is to change the start times for both services. The additional time created by such changes will not only allow for more relaxed fellowship between services but will also provide the opportunity for other activities that are needed such as Christian Education for all ages (Confirmation, Bible Study, Sunday School, etc).

What do you think? The below survey allows you (members and friends of POUCC) to express your opinion on this important change. Survey Deadline is January 16th.

Results and service times will be discussed and voted on during the January 29th Annual Meeting.

POUCC SERVICE ALTERNATIVE START TIME SURVEY	Print Your Name (Members & Friends) Below _____	Pick ONE below
	<i>Required</i>	
	I attend the FIRST Service	<input type="radio"/>
	I attend the SECOND Service	<input type="radio"/>
	Pick <i>BEST</i> Alternate Start Time for You	Pick ONE
FIRST SERVICE	Start Time (Pick ONLY one)	
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Other Suggestions (Please be brief)		

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Abbreviated Calendar for January 2012

Sunday Worship 1/1 (Communion)

9:00am Contemporary 10:00am Fellowship Coffee
10:30am Traditional

★Sunday Worship 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

9:00am Contemporary 10:00am Fellowship Coffee
10:30am Traditional

★Sunday Worship 1/29

10:00am Combined Service

POUCC Annual Meeting 1/29 (15 Min. after service ends)

Wednesdays Choir 7:30pm

Thursday 1/13 Fellowship Dinner 5:45pm

Fridays Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00pm



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!"

QUICK NEWS

NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Please join us in welcoming our new Office Manager, **KELLY (Kell) JENKINS** to POUCC! Kelly recently moved back to the Daytona Beach area after being in St. Louis, Missouri for several years. Kelly has two grown daughters, Kragan and Kierstyn, and is married to John Dunphy. You may reach her at the church office at uccpo@bellsouth.net. Kelly, we are looking forward to working with you and getting to know you! We hope you will be very happy here.

JANUARY 2012 EVENTS:

POUCC 2012 Annual Meeting SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH at 11:15AM. This meet-

ing will review the past year's events, review & vote on the 2012 church budget, announce people for the various church teams and committees, plus discuss key issues relevant to our church going forward for the coming year. Please make it a personal goal to attend this meeting. Only POUCC members may vote on key issues but all friends of POUCC are cordially invited to attend as a guest. More details will come in the Sunday church bulletins. **Reminder:** The church service will a combined service at 10:00AM

CHURCH SERVICES START TIMES SURVEY -

The Deacons, working with Pastor Bill, have looked at the dynamics of our current Sunday morning schedule for some time. There are numerous conflicts and limitations

as it now exists. Furthermore, the Council and Congregation (as a result of the recent consultation with Joe Coury) have identified that youth and education are top priorities for the future growth of our church.

In order to address current issues and accomplish future goals, the Sunday schedule will need to be revised at the Annual Meeting. One way to achieve this is to change the start times for both services. The additional time created by such changes will not only allow for more relaxed fellowship between services but will also provide the opportunity for other activities that are needed such as Christian Education for all ages (Confirmation, Bible Study, Sunday School, etc). **WHAT DO YOU THINK? (SEE SURVEY PAGE 11)**