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Pastor's Message



Dear Friends,

July is a month of travel, picnics, ballgames, national celebrations, and vacations. As we work and play, may we be truly thankful for the blessings we have and I close with the last five of Jack Canfield's **15 Things You Should Give Up To Be Happy:**

- 11. Give up on your fears.** Fear is just an illusion, it doesn't exist – you created it. It's all in your mind. Correct the inside and the outside will fall into place. Remember, *"The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself."* Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 12. Give up your excuses.** Send them packing and tell them they're fired. You no longer need them. A lot of times we limit ourselves because of the many excuses we use. Instead of growing and working on improving ourselves and our lives, we get stuck, lying to ourselves, using all kind of excuses – excuses keep us from becoming what we could be.
- 13. Give up the past.** I know, I know. It's hard. Especially when the past looks so much better than the present and the future looks so frightening, but you have to take into consideration the fact that the present moment is all you have and all you will ever have. The past you are now longing for – the past that you are now dreaming about – was ignored by you when it was present. Stop deluding yourself. Be present in everything you do and enjoy life. After all, life is a journey, not a destination.
- 14. Give up attachment.** This is a concept that, for most of us is so hard to grasp and I have to tell you that it was for me too, (it still is) but it's not something impossible. You get better and better at it with time and practice. The moment you detach yourself from all things, (and that doesn't mean you give up your love for them – because love and attachment have nothing to do with one another, attachment comes from a place of fear, while love... well, real love is pure, kind, and selfless, where there is love there can't be fear, and because of that, attachment and love cannot coexist) you become so peaceful, so tolerant, so kind, and so serene. You will get to a place where you will be able to understand all things without even trying - a state beyond words.
- 15. Give up living your life to other people's expectations.** Way too many people are living a life that is not theirs to live. They live their lives according to what others think is best for them, they live their lives according to what their parents think is best for them, to what their friends, their enemies and their teachers, their government and the media think is best for them. They ignore their inner voice, that inner calling. They are so busy with pleasing everybody, with living up to other people's expectations, that they lose control over their lives. They forget what makes them happy, what they want, what they need....and eventually they forget about themselves. You have one life – this one right now – you must live it, own it, and especially don't let other people's opinions distract you from your path.

Pastor Bill



Pastoral Assistant

Congratulations to our three 2012 High School Graduates: Richard Devins Jr., Lauren Scalf, and Trey Zinke -- ALL SUPER YOUTH!

Richard was a member of our Sunday School for several years. As his teacher for a spell, I was amazed at Richard's memory skills -- like the day in class one December at about the age of ten when he repeated by heart Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. Knocked my socks off! We watched as Richard worked his way through Scouting, and it was a joy for us all this year when he was awarded Boy Scouting's highest award -- that of Eagle Scout!

I have had the pleasure of knowing Trey since his birth. Not only was Trey a fun kid, he was a good kid who was also quite caring, as evidenced by his loving and watchful eye over his "little" brother, Levi. Special memories of Trey as a youngster here at POUCC, which bring fond memories, are of him as our "ham"/actor upon whom we relied strongly for several Sunday School presentations in church. In more recent years, Trey has received recognition for being an outstanding beach lifeguard, having actually saved lives -- and in August he's off to defend our country!

Lauren, a newly confirmed member of POUCC, hit the ground running in impressing the daylights out of me and everyone else who has come to know her! She is a young woman eager to help wherever she can, as proven by her volunteering in our Thrift Store, organizing a new church directory, as well as being my right hand as Youth Group Assistant. She also will be writing a monthly Youth Group article for our Newsletter -- the first of which is included this month, so check it out!

As I said -- ALL SUPER YOUTH! And that includes ALL the Youth, which you will see in action as cooks, servers and clean-up crew for our Pancake Breakfasts July 1st, August 5th and September 2nd. Advance tickets for a minimum donation of \$2.00 are being sold by the Youth to support their special activities. Many thanks to all of you who have purchased tickets in advance so far. The kids are absolutely THRILLED by your enthusiasm and support!

Children's Summer Sunday School is lightly attended as anticipated, but will be available for children ages three-ten. The Youth will either assist Sher or me with teaching the younger children, or meet as a Youth class with us should there be no younger children during the summer months.

Joyfully,

Beverly

Beverly Schafer
Pastoral Assistant



Financial Update

Operational Budget as of 05/31/2012

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Jan.-May 2012</u>	<u>Jan.-May 2012</u>
Income	\$79,984	\$75,423
Expenses	\$71,435	\$69,299
Net	\$ 8,549	\$ 6,124

We are still in the black and seem to be holding steady so far this summer since our "snowbirds" have flown back north. If we continue on this path, we should finish the year in the black *Respectfully submitted, Susie Greiff, Treasurer*

OPERATIONS TEAM

The Operations Team has been busy with a number of projects in the past month. Among them have been:

1. The establishment of our new insurance policy with Old Dominion
2. The eradication of critters in our Education wing
3. Recycling the old heavy 8 foot tables for new plastic ones
4. The trimming of the trees on our property
5. Re-clearing of the west property for development
6. Pressure washing the building
7. Securing a new company for our AC maintenance and repair needs. *Bob Gaither*



We will have a special Work Day on Saturday, July 21, at 8:00 AM to weed and mulch the beds around the church. Come and join us—sign up on the Sanctuary Bulletin Board!

GREAT THINGS COMING: A team of Council members are discussing the development of the west property with the goal being the construction of a pavilion for outside activities. The committee is working to have a plan in place by Fall.



DEACONS CORNER

Hello and welcome again to the Deacons Corner,

This month I would like to focus on two things happening in the church that are an opportunity for us as a family of Christ to both come together and continue to grow. The first is the combined services on the first Sundays in July, August, and September. These combined worship services give us the ability to see hear and enjoy both styles of worship we host weekly and to have fellowship with our brothers and sisters we may not see every Sunday. Attendance is historically lower on these dates making it also a prudent choice to blend the services and make it a time to celebrate our unity as a congregational family in the midst of our diversity as well. There will be some events hosted by other groups on those Sundays - before or after the service times at 9:45 a.m. - so keep a sharp lookout.

The second thing the Deacons are doing is looking at establishing guidelines for a search to fill a new staff position in the church. We will continue to work on a job description, consider and pray about what our needs are, and how best to fill them. More details later as we meet as a group to go over the position and our needs.

I am confident that the Deacons will come to the task of bringing leadership and insight to both these topics for the congregation and the Church Council. Be in prayer and as always, we thank you for your support.

May you enjoy the wonderful weather and bask in His radiance always,

Joe Thompson, Chair of Deacons' Team

CONGRATS TO OUR YOUTH



The Youth Group of POUCC is a group of eight kids ranging from the ages of eleven to eighteen, and they're ready to leave their mark in not only our church, but the community as well. To do this, they participate in community services such as serving at the Palmetto House and volunteering in our Thrift Store. Watch for exciting fundraisers such as upcoming pancake breakfasts, rent-a-youth, along with other ideas these young minds are continuously coming up with. They plan to use the money they raise in order to do all kinds of stuff such as going to Universal Studios and maybe even DeLeon Springs. We welcome all youth from the ages of eleven to eighteen to join us Tuesday nights 6:30-8:00. If you'd like more information about what the youth have planned, would like to help or want to join, talk to one of the youth and they'd be happy to clue you in. *Lauren Scalf Youth Group Representative*

The Port Orange Music Academy (POMA)

They will be using our facility Monday through Thursday in the afternoons beginning in August. Most of the youth are from the Spruce Creek system. The mission of the Port Orange Music Academy is to provide a quality music education to all students by focusing on the individual performer.

Ed Clowers, Director of Bands, holds a Bachelors Degree from Florida State University and a Masters Degree in Music Education from the University of Central Florida. He began his career as a high school band director in Tallahassee, FL. For the past 28 years, he has taught elementary music and directed a superior rated band program in Port Orange, FL. His bands have competed at Universal Studios Orlando in various National competitions. Each year, his bands have earned superior ratings. In 2008 and 2010, they earned the distinct honor of *Grand National Champions!* In 2011, the Advanced Band and Jazz Band won the title of *Grand Champions* at the OrlandoFest Music Competition. Most recently, his 2012 Jazz Band and Advanced Band earned superior ratings & won the title of *Grand Champions* at the OrlandoFest Music Competition. A picture of the band at the competition is below:



Ayden & Blake Buller are Members!

The POMA will be giving our church a concert in the future and more information can be read about these wonderful young people and their music at: portorangemusicacademy.com/

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Anyone interested in helping with our Fellowship Ministry, please call June Ferreri at 322-4099.



THE GIFT & THRIFT STORE



Thrift Store Report: Income total YTD equals \$17,002.00. This is slightly ahead of previous years. Our average weekly customer count is now 127, down since the snow birds have flown away. In addition to the financial benefit from the Thrift Store we support the Missions Team, Palmetto House and Pierson migrant workers with merchandise and supplies.

We have welcomed two additional volunteers: Linda Caudle and Ann Register, both are regular attendees at the 2nd service.

Thank you for helping us help others!! *Barb Pountain*

PLEASE NOTE: The Thrift Store will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence day.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR WILLING WORKERS

I was born in Charleston, WV, and when I was a few months old my family moved to Springfield, MA. We lived there for seven years and then moved to Des Plaines, IL. Ron was born in Chicago, IL and lived in various towns in the area until his family moved to Des Plaines.

We both went to the same high school, Maine Township, and graduated from there. We met when I worked at an ice cream shop and started dating soon after that. Ron worked in photo finishing all his life until retirement. I was a stay at home Mom and did volunteer work at the schools as a teacher's aide until the kids were in high school. We moved to Port Orange in 2000 to help Keith and Terri with the kids and because the cost of living is a bit less expensive.

We started working at the Thrift Store in 2001. We enjoy the people and being able to help wherever we are needed.

I still miss the change of seasons and our daughter and family who still live up north, but we do get to visit with them often. *Ron & Sonnie Zinke*

RECIPE FOR VOLUNTEERING



By: Nazin Dhanani

2 cups of listening	1 cup of patience & laughter
1 teaspoon of trust	1 tablespoon of communication
1 1/2 cups of kindness	1 tablespoon of compromise
1 teaspoon of honesty	1 dash of commitment
2 cups of happiness	2 teaspoons of give and take
1 cup of responsibility	2 dashes of forgiveness
3/4 cup of tolerance	2 tablespoons of appreciation of each other

Combine listening, trust and kindness. Mix well. Add communication, honesty and compromise. Blend.

Cream happiness, commitment and responsibility until light and fluffy. Sift together patience, give and take, and laughter. Fold together gently. Add dashes of forgiveness to taste. Top with appreciation and tolerance.

DISASTER MINISTRY

In response to the devastating rains and flooding in the Pensacola area, Bill Wealand, Disaster Ministry Coordinator for the Florida Conference UCC has issued an urgent request for “**Clean– Up Buckets**” and “**Hygiene Kits**” to aid those who are in need. Listed below are the components of each kit.



EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKETS

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado, or other disaster. To assemble you will need:

One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid, five scouring pads, seven sponges (assorted sizes), one scrub brush, eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®), one 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent, one 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), one 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), one package of 48-50 clothespins, clotheslines (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.), five dust masks, two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®), one pair work gloves, 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-50 gallon), and one 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol).

Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. Be sure to send only new materials. Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

HYGIENE KITS



In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

One hand towel measuring approximately 16” x 28” (no fingertip or bath towels), one washcloth, one wide-tooth comb, one nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), one toothbrush(in original packaging), six standard size Band-Aids®.

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kits just prior to shipment.

The currently designated collection point for completed kits is:

Union Congregational UCC in Holly Hill
1050 Daytona Avenue, Holly Hill, FL 32117
(386) 253-1323

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM or by special arrangement.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS



ANNUAL MILITARY COLLECTION: Throughout the month of July we will be collecting items for care packages to be shipped to our troops overseas. The following is a list of items for the care packages. Please be generous to our heroes who protect our freedom.

Toiletries

Baby Wipes or Body Wash (100 or less), Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer (small size), Eye Drops, Saline Nasal Spray Lip Balm, Chapstick, Shaving Cream, Q-tips, Band-aids Medicated Foot Powder, Shoe Insole Cushions Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Dental Floss, Mouthwash Tylenol, Aleve, Advil, Aspirin, Vitamins Lozenges, Cough Drops, Sudafed Cough Medicine Tampons (small count)

Food/Snacks

Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Chewing Gum Granola & Cereal Bars, Fruit Rolls, Cookies Raisins, Dried Fruit, Fruit Cups, Applesauce Nuts, Sunflower Seeds, Trail Mix, Granola Tuna in Foil Pouches, Pringles, Pretzels Hard Candy, Licorice (red or black) Coffee (singles), Sugar Packets, Creamers Single Drink Mixes (Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light)



SPREAD THE LOVE: Our congregation has responded to our annual appeal for “Strengthen the Church” offering. A total of **\$349** has been donated to this important collection.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the **Pregnancy Crisis Center**. We delivered the following items to the center: *1 Swing, 1 Bag of Maternity Wear, 60 Baby Outfits (Various sizes), 5 Sleepers, Numerous Bibs, 2 Handmade Baby Blankets, 8 Receiving Blankets, 1 Night Light, 13 Baby Bottles, 4 Baby Dishes, 3 Boxes Cereal, 12 Jars Baby Food, 1 Diaper Bag, 5 Packs of Diapers, 5 Canisters Baby Powder, 3 Boxes Wipes, 75.00 Donations.* When Pastor Bill made the delivery, the staff was overjoyed at the prospect of helping so many babies and mothers. Your generosity and compassion is greatly appreciated. **NOTE: Pastor Bill took two more bags of clothes on 6/21!**

MISSION OFFERINGS

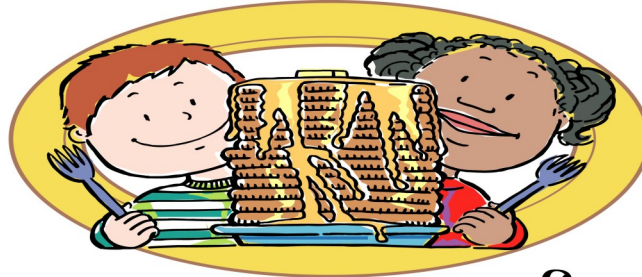
PLEASE HELP: Mission boxes are located throughout the building. Please remember your gift goes a long way in helping so many who are in such great need.

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



We continue to collect food items to donate to the Episcopal Help Center. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers). We need to remember to bring in food during the slimmer Summer months. There is a specific need for rice and peanut butter...PLEASE donate ONLY 1 pound bags of rice and 1 pound jars of peanut butter so they can be given to individual families.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, July 1st, 8:15–9:30 AM to benefit the Youth Group's activities. Tickets are available for a \$2.00 minimum donation. Come and enjoy a great breakfast before the 9:45 Service of Patriotism.

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

TIME CHANGE: From 6:30 PM–8:00 PM



Terrific Tuesdays

FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FAITH FOR ALL AGES

PLEASE NOTE; PASTOR BILL'S BIBLE STUDY HAS ENDED FOR THE SUMMER AND DINNER IS NO LONGER SERVED.

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room. 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 main or side dish, salad, or dessert. Of course, bring your appetite and laughter as well!**

*Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday July 12th.
Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.*

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE



Schedule for the Sunday Fellowship Hour is as follows: July-Thrift Shop, August-Deacons & September-Fellowship.

NEWS & Notes



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: *On Sunday, July 1st* we will be celebrating our independence with a combined **SERVICE OF PATRIOTISM AT 9:45 AM.** Wear your red, white and blue and come celebrate with us.

DAYTONA CUBS VS. PALM BEACH CARDINALS: *Saturday, July 14, Game time 7:05* Join us for an evening of baseball and fun; it's Team Photo Giveaway Night and Fireworks are on the schedule. Ticket price is \$4.50. If interested, the Sign-Up Sheet is on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary.



On *Saturday, July 21st, beginning at 8:00 AM* we're having a **CLEAN-UP DAY.** We need two groups of volunteers: one for the yard (weeding, mulching, etc.) and the second for the kitchen (cleaning and reorganizing). Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary.



Thank You
Note

Lisa and I would like to thank you all for the birthday and anniversary wishes we received. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. *Pastor Bill & Lisa*



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME: To our newest members Tracy & Milissa Davis who were received by Reaffirmation of Faith and Transfer of Membership on Sunday, June 3rd. Pictured are Tracy, Milissa, and their daughter, Skylar. Dallas, their son who joined by Confirmation in May, is not pictured but loved as well!



CONGRATULATIONS: To Pastor Bill on his being sworn in as a volunteer Chaplain with the Volusia County Sheriff's Department by Ben Johnson on Friday June 1st. He will have some meetings and ride-alongs to do before becoming fully active on an as needed basis .

JULY Birthdays*

Tommy Buller	7/2
Teddy Yaeger	7/11
Arthur Van Nostrand	7/16
Bonnie Morisset	7/24
Helen Holmes	
Nicolas Yaeger	7/25
Leree Nicholls	7/26
Van Thompson	
Carol Rogers	7/27
Shawn Wheeler	7/30



Mark your calendars, we will be having combined Worship Services at 9:45 AM on the following Sundays: July 1st, August 5th and September 2nd.



PRAYER REQUESTS* Special Needs:

All of Our Military & Their Families

Family/ Friends of Ruth Seibert Former Member POUCC
(In loss of husband Mert)

Tracey Bailey & Family Friend of Buller Family

Aydan Buller Member of POUCC

Fred Campbell Member of POUCC

Mary Daigneau Member of POUCC

Jim & Ande Danhauer Friends of Joe Thompson

Karen Donahue Sister of Harold Kransi

(Diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma)

Rev. Christopher Graham UCC Pastor with ALS

Dixs Harper Brother of Roger Harper

Roger Harper Member of POUCC

Bill Heffner Member of POUCC

Helen McGuffie Member of POUCC

Lauren Merklin Friend of Wierzbicki Family

(4th open heart surgery in July)

Beverly Schafer & Family Members of POUCC

(In loss of Sister Naomi Snook)

Jim Turner Husband of Sue Turner

Bud Wittler Friend of Joe Thompson

In Care Facilities:

Rosemary Smith Member POUCC
(Sterling House)

Ongoing Prayers

Helen Acri, Harry Balmes, Kimberly Comfort, Gary Crippin, Dwight Flatt, Alan Jerousek, Bob Kirlin, Sr., Lawson Lewis, Isalene and Dean Montgomery, Alice Morsey, Charlene Mullins & Mother, Terry Ruehmer, Ricky Sawyer, Kristel Smith, Roy Spiller, Bobby Tamaris, Steven Teeter, Will Welch, Jean Wishart, John and Willene Middlebrooks

**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 (788-4959) with your prayer requests. If you wish a request to be published, your request will remain in the bulletin for two weeks before being removed.*

JULY Anniversaries*

Billy & Peggy Wiggins	7/3/1977
Maurice & Ingrid Claunch	7/5/1997
Don & Amelia Kay Schweitzer	7/7/2009
Reid & Mary Hughes	7/11/2009
Jack & Pat Hilgenberg	7/19/1958
Rev. Raymond & Cora Hargrove	7/20/2001

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

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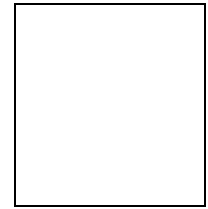
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Breakfast 8:15 –9:30 am Service of Patriotism 9:45 am	2	3 Terrific Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office & Thrift Shop Closed	5 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	6 CPT 6:30 – 9 pm	7
8 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	9	10 Terrific Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm	11	12 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	13 CPT 6:30 – 9 pm	14 Cubs Game 7:05 pm
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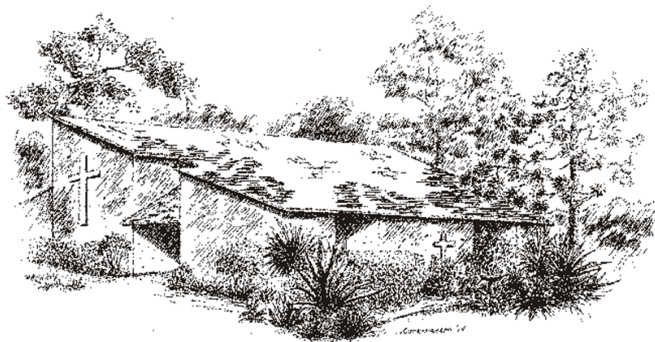
Monday—Friday

Sunday Services

8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM



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