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Dear Friends,

I have been thinking a lot about boating. Why? Because the summer has hit, I have been paying boat bills, making trips to fish and scallop in Steinhatchee, etc. Our boat is not very big, but just the right size for Lisa and me to have some fun. We love to go out in the Halifax River, Disappearing Island, Ponce Inlet Harbor, etc. but we have to watch the

weather, the tides, etc. because it is only a fair weather inshore boat. My depth finder is critical so we don't run aground in the shallows and even so, I have "found" a few sandbars. I have learned a great deal about having a boat and sailing - some lessons are not easy or cheap - but worth it! Speaking of boating and nautical language, I discovered something very interesting recently about the origin of a word that I had never heard of before - the word is "**Opportunity**" (Did that sound like the old "Password" commentator?). The English word opportunity comes from the Latin phrase "*ob portu.*" In the days before modern harbors, ships had to wait till flood (or high) tide to make it into port. This Latin phrase referred to "that moment in time when the tide would turn." The captain and crew would wait for that window of opportunity, and they knew that if they missed the higher water, they would have to wait for another tide to come in to dock. Shakespeare borrowed the concept in one of his famous verses by Brutus in the fateful play Julius Caesar:

*There is a tide in the affairs of men  
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries.  
On such a full sea we are now afloat;  
And we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures*

Life is all about opportunities - ones we take and others we miss - some that we need to seize and others we need to pass on for whatever reason. We all have heard of "striking when the iron is hot" and "no time like the present" and "opportunity knocks" but how many of you knew the origin of the word "opportunity"? We have a wonderful opportunity to do God's work here and now. The tide is right and we seek to spread the Message until that day when each one of us is carried into God's Harbor forever. God's Light will always guide us no matter the tides in life. Thanks for riding this ship with me. Thanks for your courage and your strength. Thanks most of all for your love - it makes the journey worthwhile and that is really what all this voyage of life is all about anyway.

Sailing in the Light, *Pastor Bill*

P.S. Yes, that is a picture of our Ponce Inlet Lighthouse - the tallest in Florida!

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## ASSISTANT PASTOR



Now that school is out, we're looking forward to Summer activities here at POUCC which are either in place or still in final planning stages, details for which are mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter.

In determining Sunday School Class breakdown for the Fall, it comes as no surprise that our very popular and active Youth Group includes the majority of our kids. In fact, attendance in that age bracket is so consistently good that we will need to have both a Middle School and Senior High Sunday School Class beginning in September. Our Children's Sunday School attendance, however, is MUCH lighter, with only three children in the Nursery/Pre-School/Kindergarten age group, and only two Elementary School children. Since the families of these two Elementary School girls attend the late service, these girls will be meeting with me following the Youth Message of that service rather than during the Sunday School Hour between services. **Special Note: Ms. Blanche's & Reid Hughes' classes will be taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.** It is my prayer that once our Veterans Chapel is installed and in regular use, it will be a welcoming beacon to more families within our community who will want to become a part of our Family of Faith.

Adult Sunday School will continue through the summer, focusing on Biblical application to weekly current events. If this is not a class which interests you and you would prefer an alternate choice on Sunday mornings, please let me know as I would love to get a second adult study group together. "Something for everyone" is my goal, and I am certainly not discounting just "plain old Fellowship," which is also a wonderful opportunity in our Jim Reed Room on Sunday mornings.

Faithfully, 

## Financial Update

Operational Budget as of 1/26/13



	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	<u>Jan.-May 2013</u>	<u>Jan.-May 2013</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$78,479	\$73,375
<b>Expenses</b>	\$78,698	\$69,905
<b>Net</b>	\$ -219	\$ 3,470

*We are in the red through May but this is due to the fact that our liability insurance was paid in full for the remainder of the year in order to avoid fees for each bill they send us. We should recover for the month of June, and we have funds in our checking account, so we are still on track for another stable year.*

*Respectfully submitted by Susie Greiff, Treasurer*

## OPERATIONS TEAM



Your Operations Team is happy to report we are stable financially thanks to all surprises being within budget figures. Somewhat like going to bed with a cold and waking feeling well again, that means we've had to fix things and make changes, but costs haven't been out of line. Some lot striping has been done with success in controlling pavement damage. The office AC unit has been replaced before it disassembled in place from old age. Some mulch has been spread. You will see a new closet along the east sanctuary wall soon.

Two changes worth mentioning, the concrete for the Veterans Chapel is required to be significantly stronger than initially engineered, therefore more expensive (see article on Pg. 9). Part of our security upgrade will include changes to the management of the keys. Fewer keys will be available, only to those that routinely need access, outside of normal office hours along with separate alarm pass codes. This will much improve our ability to control access and protect our facility and content. More on that as that process is implemented the end of June (see article below). The next Operations Meeting will be on **Monday, September 9th at 6:30 PM.**



Just as a reminder, the new alarm system has been implemented and if you don't have a code **DO NOT ENTER THE SANCTUARY OR JIM REED ROOM** as the alarm will activate and the police will come.



As of June 26th, the Sanctuary, Jim Reed room and Offices were rekeyed to coincide with the new security system. **Please note locks not changed (and still accessible with the existing keys) are the Sunday School wing, Thrift Store, Kitchen and rear Hallway behind the Jim Reed Room.** Thank you for your patience and understanding as we implement this new system in an effort to make our facility more secure.

## DEACONS CORNER



**A little history for you this month:**

**Deacon** is a ministry in the Christian Church that is generally associated with service of some kind, but which varies among theological and denominational traditions. In many traditions the "diaconate", the term for a deacon's office, is a clerical office (as in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Methodist traditions for example); in others such as in the UCC it is for laity.

### The Ministry of Deacons

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word *diakonos* - which is a standard ancient Greek word meaning "servant", "waiting-man", "minister" or "messenger". One commonly promulgated speculation as to its etymology is that it literally means 'through the dust', referring to the dust raised by the busy servant or messenger.

It is generally believed that the office of deacon originated in the selection of seven men, among them Stephen, to assist with the charitable work of the early church as recorded in Acts 6:2. Female deacons are mentioned by Pliny the Younger in a letter to Trajan dated @ 112 A.D. A biblical description of the qualities required of a deacon, and of their household, can be found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

*Joe Thompson, Chair of Deacons*

## THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



Daily we receive many positive comments from happy shoppers who frequent our store. Listed below are some of the many responses we received when asked: *“Why Do You Shop at the POUCC Gift & Thrift Store?”*

Always something new & great. *Pat*  
Just can't beat the prices! *Connie VanOrder*  
LOVE IT! Always find something great. *Sharon*  
Love all the girls. *Netti*

And when asked *“Why Do I Volunteer at the POUCC Gift & Thrift Store?”* here are a few of the responses we received:

My way of thanking God for all of my blessings.

Wonderful people come in regularly. The other volunteers are fantastic and we have a great boss!

God has plans for all of us and we need to listen to him. I feel it's a privilege to be using my time in this way. Meet wonderful people!

**SPECIAL NOTE: In observance of the July 4th Holiday the Gift & Thrift Store will be closed July 4th & 5th.** *Barb Pountain*

## YOUTH NEWS

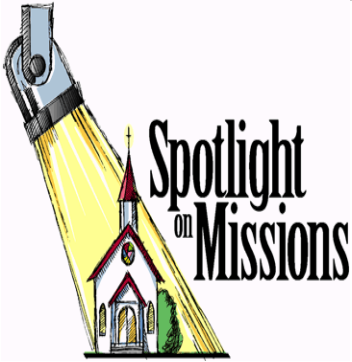


June's events for the Youth Group were great fun and the Youth Praise Services continued to be both inspirational and innovative. With vacation time upon us, we have streamlined our calendar and will resume our full schedule in September. *Join us in July and August for what looks to be great fun. Mark your calendars, the fun begins at 6:00 PM.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
JULY 13	- DAYTONA CUBS OUTING (Note Sat. not Tues. 7:05 PM)
AUGUST 9	- CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT/LOCK-IN
AUGUST 13	- PUTT-PUTT GOLF AT PIRATE ISLAND



## MISSION NOTES



Missions will be needing your participation in gathering items for the distribution to the military. A box is provided for your donations. A list of things they can use are posted on the bulletin board and copies are available as well (see Pg. 9).

The Mission Boxes are doing well and as you know the funds will be used for the Sophie's Circle Pets at the end of this year. To date, we have collected \$90 for this worthwhile cause. More information on this program is on the Sanctuary bulletin board.

We delivered 15 afghans to the Boggy Creek Camp and they have been provided primarily by the Knit Wits, a club that Molly Baskin belongs to. Summer is here and knitting and crocheting large pieces is a hot job so when the weather cools down near fall we can begin again. A thank you has been sent for their generosity. We have a bounty of prayer shawls and for that we thank all those who made them. Please let us know of any needs in that area.

A nice donation of infant items came into the Thrift Shop and I have delivered them to the Pregnancy Crisis Center. We have a number of thank you notes from them for the various items we have taken to them.

Jeanette delivered another large supply of socks so the box can be refilled.

Continuing items to save: glasses, can tabs and coupons.

We still could use volunteers for Palmetto House Feeding teams since the number of residents have increased tremendously. We feed on the second Wednesday of each month with the teams participating three times a year. We could use those who want to be on call as well. It is truly a great experience to see the appreciation from these residents.

The first Sunday food collection continues to flourish and we are glad to have such dedication from our members. We thank Chuck for his service in delivering these.

Our collection for Strengthen the Church was \$468. Thanks for your continued generosity.

*Jackie Gaither, Missions Chairperson*

## YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



We continue to collect food items to donate to the Episcopal Help Center. **Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday.** Over 23 bags of food were donated on the first Sunday last month. If we all bring a food donation, we will fill the basket each month. Please be generous and make sure all donations have NOT passed their expiration dates (clearly marked on all cans, boxes, and containers). 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. **July 7th is our next collection!**

## UCC WOMEN'S 2013 SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

**CONNECTING LIVES IN CHANGING TIMES:** **October 18-20, 2013** at the Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference Center in Live Oaks, FL. Conference Highlights include:

- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Sandra Gourdet, UCC Area Executive for Africa, Partner Relations Ministry Team, Wilder Church Ministries.



For more information contact Jeanette Campbell at 788-4959 or see flyer on bulletin board.

## PORT ORANGE MUSIC ACADEMY



On June 1, 2013, students in the Port Orange Music Academy traveled to OrlandoFest Music Festival at Universal Studios. Continuing the tradition of excellence, the Port Orange Music Academy, under the direction of Mr. Ed Clowers, earned Superior ratings for both Concert and Jazz Bands. ***Congratulations! Pictured on the right is our own Aydan Buller.***



**BAND CAMP:** We recently hosted POMA's Summer Band Camp which concluded with a great concert on Thursday, June 20th in the Sanctuary. Ed Clowers and his talented young adult assistants spent two weeks working with the group of 50 children who were at different levels of ability. And by the end of the two weeks, a number of these young participants who had never played instruments were playing in the band. It was a joy to watch their progression and listen to them play such tunes as Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" and Katy Perry's "Firework". ***Thanks for a great concert...you were all terrific!***



## ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, June 20th Mended Little Hearts co-sponsored this event that featured Nels Matson, spokesman for Hearts Without Boundaries (a support group for poor Cambodian children with heart problems). Nels (who is running across the country) began his 1,200 mile challenge with his penguin mascot "Diplo" in Bradenton, FL and plans to continue his journey to the Cambodian Embassy in Washington, D.C. arriving on July 19th. His goal is to raise \$21,000 to fund heart surgeries for seven Cambodian children. "Diplo's" shirt shows the signatures of all who support Nels on his journey.



Nels, who underwent open heart surgery to repair a hole in his heart and reverse the direction of his pulmonary veins, gave a very interesting and heartfelt presentation on his mission and then posed with our own Roman Wierzbicki (upper right) and two other pediatric heart surgery survivors. If you would like to contribute to Hearts Without Boundaries the website is [t41run.com](http://t41run.com). ***Good Luck Nels, we're behind you all the way!***

## 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 other's company.

*Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday July 11th. It's a Cookout Theme—Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be provided Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows:

July - Deacons  
August - Teaching  
September - Operations



## NOTES OF THANKS



We recently received a note from the Pregnancy Crisis Center thanking us for our recent donations of infant tub, clothing and potty chair.



**MULCH DAY:** Thanks to Bob Brewster, Jackie Clough, Kathy Cratin, Cindy Deitch, Bob Gaither, Bill & Susie Greiff, Blaine Randall, Pastor Bill, and Joey, Trey & Van Thompson for all their hard work weeding, trimming and mulching the grounds. *You all did a super job!*



**A BIG THANK YOU:** To everyone who has been following our new Parking Zones. We will be relocating Staff Parking to the east side of the building this summer giving us an additional handicapped parking place.



**No Parking**



We won't have to worry about our summer storms and flooding thanks to Tracy Davis and Tim Holby. **Great Job Guys** on cleaning out the gutters & down spouting.



Lastly, thanks to John Thomas Manning III and Bob Gaither who installed the new air conditioner and painted the new outside housing unit for it and thanks to you all for making it possible. *I certainly appreciate it! Kathy Shaffner*

# NEWS & Notes



**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bernie Hunt Cubs Outing:** Mark your calendar and plan to attend **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:05 PM** when Cubs will battle the Jupiter Hawks and fireworks will follow the game. Tickets are \$4.50 and Bob Gaither will be collecting ticket money between services and tickets will be available for pick-up **Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>** in the Church Office. If you are planning to join us, you must sign-up and pay by **July 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**MEMORIAL BRICKS:** We recently received a request for a memorial brick to be ordered and placed in the Prayer Garden in Bernie Hunt's name. We would invite any other members of the congregation interested in ordering a brick in memory of or in honor of a loved one to contact the Church Office. The cost is \$35.00 which includes a 4x8x21/4" brick, engraving and shipping.



**CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME:** On Sunday, June 16th, we welcomed into our congregation Tessie Sanfratello and Dwight Norian at the Contemporary Service. Dwight was a former member and came back to us as a Transfer of Faith from Westminster Presbyterian Church and Tessie joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

On Sunday, June 23rd, at the Traditional Service we had three children baptized - Lucas Andrew Chusko, son of Tamatha Duncan & Robin Chusko, Payton Elizabeth Schmidt, daughter of Ashley Duncan & Jonathan Schmidt (both are great grandchildren of Ruth Gilbert) and Madison Lonnie Hobson daughter of Erika & Richard Hobson.

*We're happy to have you all!*



We would like to thank everyone for their support of Colten on his trip to the Talent Expo in Dallas, Texas. The expo is from 6/19-6/23. We look forward to letting you all know how things went at the Expo on our return. As always, your support has been very much appreciated. With Love to All, **The Pack Family**



Congratulations to Larry & Carol Strickland on the birth of their new granddaughter Katlyn Elizabeth Strickland born on June 3rd.





## WEST PROPERTY UPDATE



Because of current Port Orange building codes, there was a need to recalculate additional concrete and reinforcements before moving ahead and applying for the permit from the City. Since this increased the cost of the project, we are asking for a few more members of the congregation to step-up and contribute to close the gap. We will be breaking ground for the pavilion in the next few weeks with completion by the end of the Summer. Thanks for your continued generosity to this very special project.

## SPECIAL OFFERING



**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)



Happy Birthday!



## JULY BIRTHDAYS\*

Tommy Buller	7/2
Teddy Yaeger	7/11
Dallas Davis	7/13
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

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES\*

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS\*

Bernard (Rusty) Ashley	Member of POUCC
Sue Batturs	Member of POUCC
Al Boegele	Uncle of Doreen Wheeler
Dee Carroll	Mother of Sher Buller
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Dan Dale	Friend of Pastor Bill
John DuBrule	Son of Linda DuBrule
Karen Donahue	Sister of Harold Kransi
Amelia Dyer	Friend of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Tyler Graf	Grandson of John & Anne Shaw
Susie Greiff	Member of POUCC
Scott & Emily Hill	Nephew of Val Hill and his wife who are both Missionaries
Nancy Hosford	Bill Wheeler's Sister
Robert Houghman	Friend of the Greiff's
Bob Horn	Friend of Sue Batturs
Louise Johnson & Family	In Loss of her Aunt
Cecilia Kearney	Friend of Jeanette Campbell
Gloria Kirlin	Mother-in-Law of Diane & Scott Kirlin
Tristan Kaphan	Heart Recipient
F/F of Bob Kroll	Friend of Pastor Bill
Phil & Barbara Laucks	Friends of POUCC
Tom Lewis	Jackie Clough's Cousin
Helen McGuffie	Member of POUCC
Art McPhearson	Friend of the Gaither's
Shelby Painter	Granddaughter of Sue & Jim Turner
Jill Park	Friend of the Deitch's
Kay Russell	Member of POUCC
Harry Scharadin	Member of POUCC
Steve Sharp	Friend of the Grieff's
Tucker Snyder	Great-Grandson of the Gaithers
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
Larry & Carol Strickland	Members of POUCC
Mary Ann Sumners	Member of POUCC
Nilene Tromley	Stepmother of Cassie & Sara
Walker Family	Sister of Doreen Wheeler
Billy Wiggins & Family	In Loss of his Brother

### In Care Facilities:

Mary Daigneau	Member of POUCC (The Terraces)
Robert McLaughlin	Member Relocated to St. Louis
Rosemary Smith	Member (Sterling House)

### Special Needs:

All of Our Military & Their Families

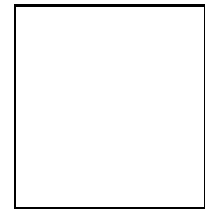
Note: \*Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date.

# POUCC July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4  <b>Independence Day</b> Office & Thrift Store Closed	5  Thrift Store Closed	6
7 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	8	9	10 <b>Palmetto House</b> 5:30 pm  <b>CPT</b> 7:00 pm	11  <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> 6:00 pm	12	13  <b>Daytona Cubs Outing</b> 7:05 pm
14 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Traditional</b> 10:45 am	15	16	17  <b>CPT</b> 7:00 pm	18  <b>Line Dancing</b> 6:00 pm	19	20
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*Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am – 3 pm    Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm*  
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**Sunday Worship**

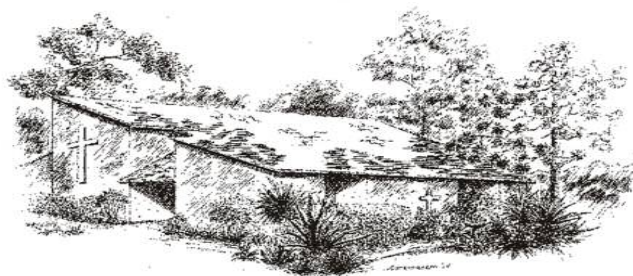
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**Sunday School**

9:45 AM

**Tuesday Youth Worship**

7:00 PM



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