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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I have always said that science and religion are not inherently opposed to each other. They need not be because they address different questions. They also have a different understanding of and perspective to what is known as truth.

Did God create the universe? How did God create the universe? Two questions – the first of faith, and the second of science. The questions may have just gotten even a little closer in both relevance and understanding. “The search is all but over for a subatomic particle that is a crucial building block of the universe” reported John Heilprin of the Associated Press recently. Physicists announced last March that in 2012 they believe they had discovered the subatomic particle predicted nearly a half-century ago, which will go a long way toward explaining what gives electrons and all matter in the universe size and shape. Francois Englert of Belgium and Peter Higgs of Britain won the 2013 Nobel Prize in physics last month for their theoretical discoveries on how these subatomic particles acquire mass.

The elusive particle, called a Higgs (named after Higgs – who originally proposed its existence) boson, was predicted in 1964 to help fill in our understanding of the creation of the universe, which many theorize occurred in a massive explosion known as the Big Bang (although it was not big nor did it produce a sound in the vacuum of space!). The particle later became popularly known as the “*God particle*” (a title most scientists denounce because it might mean something they do not want to admit). In July of 2012, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN (located in Geneva), announced finding a particle they described as Higgs-like. Scientists have now finished going through the entire set of data. After checking, scientists said the data “strongly indicates that it is a Higgs boson.” The Nobel Prize confirms the research’s credibility.

What does all of this mean for us as people of faith? We already know that we as humans contain the very same physical substance as what makes up the stars in the universe. We now know – at least in part perhaps – some specifics on how God created all that we know (which is a much smaller volume than what we do not know!). We can also say, I believe, that God is not only incarnate through the Son, but in a very real way in every molecule of creation and therefore life itself. I am not saying that God can be reduced to that which we can sense, experience, and learn. God is surely more and beyond that, however, I find the recent discoveries as more than scientifically interesting – they are inspiring to my faith as well. Could it be that we each are part of God’s “Footprints” through time and space?

Just a Small “Particle” for Thought,

Pastor Bill

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ASSISTANT PASTOR



Last month, in addition to visitations, I started a new ministry with our shut-ins which will be a weekly mailing just to let them know they're in our hearts and prayers. It includes a devotional message and prayer, plus a puzzle page for fun. I hope it will be something they'll look forward to receiving each week.

Speaking of visitations, Mary Daigneau wants me to give a big "Hi" to everyone, and to let you know that she's quite happy to be settled in at The Terraces, which is a lovely facility behind Volusia Mall. Typical of Mary, she greeted everyone we passed with a warm smile as she gave me the Grand Tour. When she insisted I stay for lunch and meet her best "Buds," I just couldn't resist. As you can tell by the photograph, we all had a super fun time!



Another photograph depicts a VERY special first for me when I had the honor of performing a Renewal of Marriage Vows ceremony for Don and Kay Schweitzer in our Prayer Garden at sunset on a recent Wednesday evening. It was a spiritual blessing even for me, and it could not have been lovelier.

Thanks to Milissa Davis, we now have a Sunday School Class for Elementary School children. They will meet in the back half of the Nursery between services, as the other two classrooms are needed by the Youth through May due to Confirmation. Sher Buller, Tracy Davis and Reid Hughes comprise Youth Group Teaching Team #1. They will be teaching the older youth when Confirmation Class is scheduled for the younger youth, and teaching the combined group on remaining Sundays.

I am thrilled to announce that DANCING ANGELS ARE BACK! We now have four Elementary-School-aged girls who will start meeting with Bonnie Morisset from 9:00-10:00 Saturday mornings beginning November 2nd. Can't wait to see this new group of Dancing Angels in action!

Finally, I have started CHILDREN'S CRAFTS & SONGS for 7-10 year-olds which will meet in Classroom #2 on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 PM. I am hoping this will help increase the number of children in this age group.

ONE MORE THING: Bobbie McKay will be meeting with our Spiritual Life Teams at 2:00 PM, November 3rd.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, EVERYONE!

Pastor Beverly



Financial Update

Operational Budget as of 8/31/13

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>Jan.-Sept. 2013</u>	<u>Jan.-Sept. 2013</u>
Income	\$130,767	\$131,105
Expenses	\$135,528	\$128,507
Net	\$ -4,761	\$ 2,598

We are still in the red for the year with income slightly less than expected and expenses much higher than budgeted. The largest over expenditure is the building maintenance category. We have had many unexpected problems as well as projects this year. Fortunately, we ended the past few years in the black so that we have been able to absorb the over expenditures thus far. We will need to be very careful, however, to reign in spending for the remainder of the year and hopefully see an increase in our income as well.

Respectfully submitted by Susie Greiff, Treasurer

OPERATIONS TEAM



The Operations Team met on October 14th and opened the meeting by regretfully accepting Tim Holby's resignation as Chairman. Updates were shared on Veterans Chapel with reference to electrical service, painting, a flag pole, a sign and the Dedication on **November 10th**. Pastor Bill discussed staff proposals for next year. Also, the Memorial Brick order was discussed and the need for landscaping around the church.

A Church Work Day was scheduled for Saturday, November 16th at 9:00 AM.

The 2014 Budget Draft was presented and revisions were made. Special Olympics request to use our Parking Lot was approved on the condition of the group providing liability insurance.

The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 11th at 6:00 PM**. *Rich Thole, Chair of Operations*

DEACONS CORNER



The Ministry of Deacons

Well brothers and sisters, we made it to the cooler side of the year and we have been blessed in the weather that it has not been severe as in past years. Maybe as harvest time approaches in the Midwest and all over this great nation, we could reflect within ourselves to harvest our faith and put it to use for times ahead. No I'm not going to meddle or preach, but the reality of life is that we have to remember to try to take care of each other - a lesson our pastor brought us and was well received. There will be trials and tests and those I believe are for times yet to come - a testament to our learning to be more like Jesus. I have seen more and more people looking for the light of Christ and we can be that if we let ourselves. Just a thought that has been traveling through me and wanted to share.

God Bless. *Joe Thompson, Chair of Deacons*

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: The Spiritual Life Group will discuss their ministry at both services on **Sunday, November 10th**.



THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE



We have been blessed with many wonderful donations from recent estate sales, etc. In addition over the year we have collected many terrific Christmas items from clothing to knick knacks to decorations. Although it seems early to me, to keep up with the market, we will soon have these items in the store. If you have not checked in at the store....now is the time. See you soon. With the help of 30+ wonderful volunteers we have a very neat, clean, fairly priced and friendly store. Thank you to all who donate to **your** Gift & Thrift Store and for all who shop here.

The Store will be closed on Thanksgiving but will reopen at 9:00 AM on Friday, November 29th.

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Our recent Terrific Tuesday Meetings continue to be very well attended. Thanks to Sue Turner for her delicious meals and Van Thompson whose been doing a great job running the video booth and to Lauren Scalf for her input. As you can see from the schedule of activities listed below, our youth will be busy right through December.

1. Our Christmas Mission Projects will include making Christmas cards for our recovering troops in Walter Reed hospital on **November 5th** and making the angels for the Angel Tree project on **November 12th**.



When filling out your Christmas cards this year, take a card and send to this address:
A Recovering American Soldier,
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center,
6900 Georgia Avenue,
NW Washington, DC 20307-5001.

Pass this on and think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get. Please copy and post on your wall. the least we can all do



2. We will be attending the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service **Tuesday, November 26th, 7:00 PM at Port Orange Presbyterian Church** (See Page 7).



3. Practices will be held in late November and early December for our "Christmas with the Animals" Play on **Sunday, December 22nd at 9:45 a.m.** as part of our Christmas celebration. We will conclude the service at the Veterans Chapel!

YOUTH NEWS



After a blessing from Pastor Beverly, three of our youth, *Payton Bryan, Lauren Scalf and Selena Wheeler* along with chaperone *Kathy Cratin* departed for the Fall Retreat at Commotion @ the Community Church in Vero Beach. The theme of this year's retreat was "*#Empowered*" and was jam packed with uplifting programs, great camaraderie and awesome worship services. The weekend was a great experience for all.



In preparation for our Youth's Haunted House Mission which took place on October 25-26th at Silver Sands Bridle Club on Rt. 415 in New Smyrna, *Tom, Tommy, Elijah, Aydan & Blake Buller, Travis Dotson, Van & Trey Thompson, Sue Turner and Pastor Bill* spent Saturday, October 19th preparing the grounds for this "*Spooktacular*" event. Lots of



weeding, raking, hauling brush and painting transformed the grounds for a weekend of fun. *Great Job!*



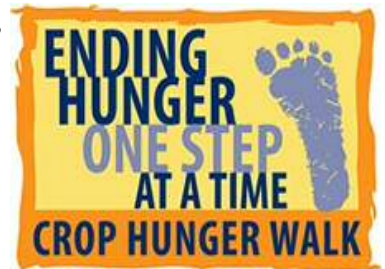
CROP Walk (See next page)

MISSION NOTES



The year has gone by quickly but we have not stopped being generous. Sophie's Circle funds from the mission boxes is going well. Palmetto teams continue to feed many people each month and this project sorely needs team members. The numbers increase due to many factors so the need increases. You might consider preparing something if you are not able to go and serve the food. Contact me for information. We collected over \$510 for our Neighbors in Need Collection. Great Job! Last year we donated over 100 jars of peanut butter so we need to try to exceed that amount this year. **November 3rd** is the walk so time is short. Be sure to support the youth in their efforts to raise money to walk. Socks are needed as well as glasses and can tabs. Keep the prayer shawls coming as well as the afghans for Boggy Creek. Many thanks to all who have given of their time and resources. God Bless! *Jackie Gaither, Chair of Missions*

THE 25TH ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK: *Sunday, November 3rd*, start from the *Drive-in Christian Church – 3140 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach Shores - Registration* at 1:30 PM. With something as simple as a one or three mile Sunday afternoon walk, our community will join together to benefit Halifax Urban Ministries and global partners in more than 40 countries working to alleviate hunger and poverty. For further information or registration form, contact the Church Office.



NOTE: Remember whether you walk or not, donate 1 lb. jars of peanut butter!



Thanks to all who donated to the Neighbors in Need Offering in October. To date we have collected \$510 and if you have yet to make your donation, envelopes are located on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our next Mission Offering is the **Christmas Fund** which benefits the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. This offering will be received on **Sunday, December 22nd**. More information on this offering will be forthcoming.

YOUR FOOD BASKET DONATIONS



We continue to collect food items to help the hungry. **Communion Sundays are designated as "Fill the Food Basket" Sunday.** Over 20 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, breakfast cereal, pasta items and sauce 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. **November 3rd is our next collection! Collection will go to the Council on Aging this month.**

ADVENT 2013



It's hard to believe that Advent begins on *Sunday, December 1st* which is only five weeks away. Each week leading up to Christmas we will focus on the following topics:

December 1st - HOPE

December 8th - PEACE

December 15th - JOY - "Lessons and Carols" (Sanctuary Choir)

December 22nd - LOVE - Children's Presentation

"Christmas with the Animals" (A short play by Pastor Bill)

December 24th - LIGHT

Full Details will be included in December's Newsletter.

ATTENTION ALL DECORATORS: In order to have the Sanctuary ready for the First Sunday of Advent, we will begin decorating on *Sunday, November 24th* after the second service (bring decorations down from the attic) so we'll need a few able bodied men. On *Monday and Tuesday, November 25th & 26th* beginning at 10:00 AM we need volunteers to help decorate for the holiday season. If you have anytime available, we could sure use your help.



This year we are partnering with both Spruce Creek and Palm Terrace Elementary Schools in support of children within our community. The tree decorated with angels listing the names, sizes and ages of the children will be in the Sanctuary on *Sunday, December 1st*. We are asking that you purchase a piece of warm clothing (sweater, hooded sweatshirt or jacket) for each child. The wrapped gifts, with the name tag attached, should be placed under the tree by *Friday, December 15th* so that they can be delivered prior to Christmas vacation. Your labor of love at the holiday season is greatly appreciated and puts big smiles on the faces of those in need.

PALMETTO HOUSE CHRISTMAS BAGS: There will be a large box in the Sanctuary *December 1st-December 15th* to collect donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste to put together Christmas Bags for the residents of Palmetto House. I have been doing this for 16 years and the number of gifts has increased from 20 to 80 plus bags. Times are tough at the house and there are no longer private rooms as residents double, even triple.



Only a few rooms have private bathrooms so most residents have to use community bath facilities. Thus, cosmetic bags holding a soap case, bar of soap, toothbrush and a bath sponge are greatly appreciated (donations of new or gently used cosmetic bags like the ones cosmetic counters give away would be great). Also in the Christmas bag will be a variety of small toiletries and a 2014 calendar (many of which church members have donated throughout the year).

The youth of our church will be decorating white paper bags to hold Christmas candies to be included in the gift bags. I appreciate your contributions to this worthy Christmas project. It's one of the highlights of the year for the residents. *Pat Hilgenberg*

SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm, POUCC has a wonderful Fellowship Dinner in the Jim Reed room.

Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday, November 14th.

This is our Thanksgiving celebration!

Turkey will be provided-you bring the fixins

Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.

LADIES LUNCHEON



Is taking a break for the holiday season and will resume in January. If you are interested in sharing a bite and fellowship, keep your eyes open for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Jeanette Campbell at 788-4959.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows:

November - Fellowship

December - Missions

January - Deacons



NOTES OF THANKS

A BIG THANK YOU: To Van Thompson for his assistance in the Media Booth on Tuesday evenings and on Sunday services. *Great Job Van!*



In preparation for adding the new bricks to the Prayer Garden, Ric Pountain has been working tirelessly weeding and pruning the grounds. We are so grateful for your hard work and your offer to place the bricks upon their arrival (See Article PG. #8). *Thanks Ric your labor is noticed by all!*



Thanks to Skip Brewster for sharing his experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer for 27 months in Armenia.

PORT ORANGE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Community
Thanksgiving
Worship



Sponsored by the Port Orange Ministerial Association, this service will take place on **Tuesday, November 26th, 7:00 PM** at Port Orange Presbyterian Church, 4662 S. Clyde Morris Blvd. There will be a combined choir from area churches and Pastor Bill will participate. What a special time for us all to come together to give thanks for all our many blessings!

NEWS & Notes

MEMORIAL BRICKS: We have placed the order for the additional 26 bricks to be placed in the Prayer Garden and delivery is expected in 7-12 weeks. We'll keep you posted on their arrival date and then with the help of Ric Pountain they will be placed and we will schedule the dedication service. If you already have a family members' brick in the garden and would like your new brick placed next to or nearby it, please contact the Church Office.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: Sharon Ann Williamson was received into the congregation by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, October 6th. Sharon and her husband have two children and three grandchildren and relocated to Port Orange from Hagerstown, MD 10 years ago. Sharon is active in the Port Orange VFW and the Elks Lodge.

And, on Sunday, October 13th Kimberly and Bobby Dotson were received into the congregation by Reaffirmation of Faith and Transfer of Membership from Life's Journey UCC in Burlington, NC. Kimberly and Bobby have three sons Michael, Travis and Tyler. In fact, Travis and Tyler are in this year's Confirmation Class. *We're so very happy to welcome you all!*



FIRST ANNUAL WALK THE SURF FOR SURFSCAPE: Sierra Zinke is now dancing with Surfscape, the only professional dance company in Volusia County and they are sponsoring a walkathon on *Saturday, November 2nd, Flagler Ave. Park, New Smyrna Beach, Registration 9:00 AM, Fee \$15 per walker.* If you are interested in participating or sponsoring Terri or Sierra, please contact Terri at 846-4150.

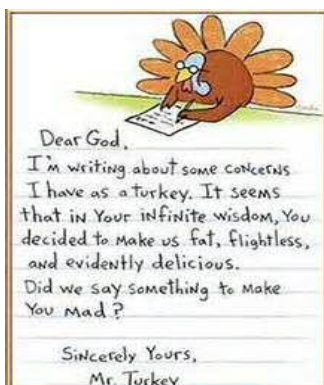
And on another Zinke note, congratulations to Levi Zinke for his 2nd place finish in the 100 meter breast stroke at a recent Conference Swim meet. *Way to go Levi!*



We recently received notification that Ruth Gilbert has moved to Bishop's Glen. Her new address is 8 Flagler Lane, Apt. #108, Holly Hill, FL 32117. Her new phone number is 226-9577.

Mary Daigneau is now residing at The Terraces of Daytona Beach and her address is 1704 Huntington Village Circle, Rm.# 303, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, phone 295-4470.

Finally, Blanche Northcutt has moved to Tennessee with her son, daughter-in-law and grandson. Her address is 6603 Hideaway Road, Ooltewah, TN 37363, phone 788-5098.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



WEST PROPERTY UPDATE



Thanks to all those who contributed donations, time and effort, our vision is now a reality and we are preparing for the dedication of our “chapel in the pines” on *Sunday, November 10th at 10:00 AM*. The service will include presentation of the colors by the Post #3282 VFW here in Port Orange as well as TAPS. In the event of inclement weather, the dedication will take place in the Sanctuary. What better way to celebrate Veteran’s Day than to honor all those who have and continue to protect this great country?

Thanks to Billy Wiggins and his team for providing electricity, and I’m sure you’ve noticed the donations of the flagpole and flags. Keep your eyes open for a handmade sign and grill area that will be coming soon. Everyone’s generosity is appreciated.



PET BLESSING: On Saturday, October 5th, to christen Veterans Chapel we had our First Annual Pet Blessing and it was a big success. We had dogs, cats, fish, and hermit crabs receive blessings from Pastor Bill. Everyone behaved very well, even the humans, and a great time was had by all. We can look forward to next year’s event and an even greater variety of God’s special creatures.



Happy Birthday!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Vivien Devins	11/5
Jack Barrick	11/9
Bob Brewster	11/12
Brady Yaeger	11/15
Betty Heffner	11/16
Shannan Wierzbicki	11/18
Hunter Bryan	11/20
Ted Yaeger, Jr.	11/22
Sue Turner	11/24
Richard Thole	11/26
Keith Wheeler	



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Diane & Scott Kirlin	11/2/1996
Sue & Jim Turner	11/7/1997



PRAYER REQUESTS*

Beth & Chris Brown	Daughter & Son-in-Law of the Fishers
Cindy Berdeques	Friend of Sheila Fisher
Dee Carroll	Mother of Sher Buller
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
Diana Cole	Daughter of Dee Dardeen
John DuBrule	Son of Linda DuBrule
Karen Donahue	Sister of Harold Kransi
Amelia Dyer	Friend of Shelia & Bob Fisher
Bill & June Ebbert	Members of POUCC
Logan Finney	Great-Granddaughter of Mary Daigneau
Sarah & Wes Fuchs	Daughter & Son-in-Law of the Fishers
Tyler Graf	Grandson of John & Anne Shaw
Scott & Emily Hill	Nephew of Val Hill and his wife who are both Missionaries
Nancy Hosford	Bill Wheeler's Sister
Gloria Kirlin	Mother-in-Law of Diane & Scott Kirlin
Killebrew Family	Terri Zinke's Sister's Family
Floyd Malcolm	Friend of Bob & Sheila Fisher
Brian Manchester	Son of Sheila & Bob Fisher
F/F of Bill McCormack	Father of Jeffrey McCormack
Helen McGuffie	Member of POUCC
Beth Ann Martin	Daughter of Sue & Ted Batturs
Mills Family	Family of Sonnie & Ron Zinke
Art McPhearson	Friend of the Gaither's
Jill Park	Friend of the Deitch's
Joanne & Glenn Payne	Cousins of Kathy Cratin
Christine Scott	Friend of Sheila Fisher
F/F Ricky Sawyer	Stepson of John MacNeil
Steve Sharp	Friend of the Greiff's
John Stewart	Husband of Mary Ann Stewart
The Strickland Family	Members of POUCC
Kay Taylor	Member of POUCC
Nilene Tromley	Stepmother of Cassie & Sara
Walker Family	Sister of Doreen Wheeler
Bob Wood	Sher Buller's Mother's Boyfriend

In Care Facilities:

Mary Daigneau	Member of POUCC (The Terraces)
Rosemary Smith	Member (Sterling House)

Special Needs:

All of Our Military & Their Families

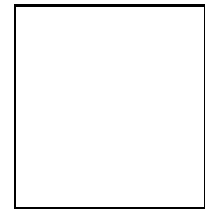
Note: *Please contact the church office to update our records if we missed your special date or to add a Prayer Concern.

POUCC November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>Remember We Fall Back this Sunday, November 3rd.</i>		1	2 Dancing Angels 9:00 am
3 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	4	5 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	6 CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	7 Line Dancing 6:00 pm Chime Choir 6:30 pm	8	9
10 Contemporary 8:45 am Chapel DED 10:00 am Traditional 10:45 am	11 Operations Meeting 6:00 pm	12 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	13 Palmetto House 5:30 pm CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	14 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm	15	16 Church Work Day 9:00 am
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24 Contemporary 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Traditional 10:45 am	25 Church Decorating 10:00 am CPT 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	26 Church Decorating 10:00 am Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving 	29 Office Closed	30

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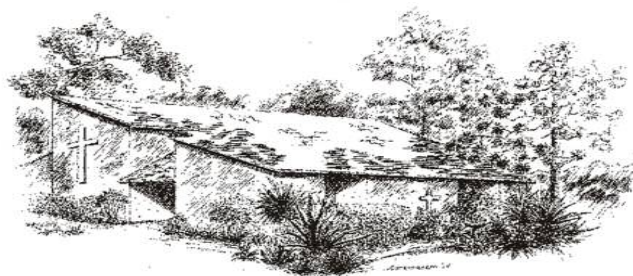
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Tuesday Youth Worship

7:00 PM



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