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Sunday Worship

9:00am Contemporary 10:30am Traditional

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Church Staff

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Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

Recently, Lisa and I went out for dinner at a local restaurant. I will not name it because it may be a favorite of yours. We went in and waited for a host to seat usbeing obedient to the sign—although the place was mostly empty. A young man came up and grabbed a cou-

ple of menus and welcomed us although his dress and cleanliness left something to be desired. He

asked whether we wanted a table or booth and I deferred to Lisa, who responded that we preferred a booth. He then sat us in a corner booth out of eyesight of the large screen TVs with a game on I was interested in - with many other empty booths with a better view. Furthermore, it was right across from the smelly bathroom entrance and next to the doors to the kitchen and the "traffic pattern" of servers. The table was dirty and a waitress came up to ask what we wanted. She was unkempt with a large hoop ring through her lower lip! We waited for water and silverware, which seemed like it must have been a major request given the tardy response time. So much for a romantic and intimate dinner! I began to quietly complain about the experience and said, "I feel like leaving." Lisa (probably thinking I would calm down) said, "Well, why don't we?" Within a few seconds, I was walking out and she realized I was seri-

TAURANTS away, she admitted that the reception and surroundings were disappointing for her as

well but she didn't want to make a scene. I was polite enough but very disappointed and did what I wanted to whether they liked it or not. There are other places to eat and we went elsewhere. **Perhaps** they were just having a bad day but I will not go back there again. My presence and my money are voluntary contributions that I will decide when and how I will share and spend them. Why am I telling you this story? The word that comes to mind is hospitality. We are not that different from a restaurant. People are "hungry" and have needs. They stop by our church and look over our

staff. surroundings. perhaps the "menu" we give them. How are they greeted? Do we have adequate facilities and programs? Are we serving them well? We may have only that one opportunity. I am proud of the efforts of our staff and volunteers. I thank you for your willingness to serve and the welcoming spirit you have for newcomers. We live in a consumer-minded and convenience-oriented society. There may be shortcomings to that mentality (and I think there are many) but that's the world we live in. We must continually strive to not just maintain but improve what we do and how we serve – not just the already convinced but the seekers who will come through our doors. There plenty of other "restaurants" in our community. I pray for God to bless them all but I believe there is a place and need for POUCC. We are in the business of making disciples. And the product we "sell" is greater than any price and the recipe is sprinkled with a love that always great!

In Christ,

Pastoral Assistant

Beverly Schafer continues her Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at Florida Hospital in Ormond Beach. This four month requirement is part of the Licensure process leading her into the formal ministry. Beverly will be checking in with us periodically about her experiences. To give everyone an idea of what Beverly is doing, here is some information

about the CPE program

taken from the website.

"Florida Hospital's Clinical Pastoral Education

program provides practical theological education through a process of supervised care of persons, as a part of a group of peers. Programs include an intensive summer unit, extended or part-time pro-

grams offered in the Spring and Fall, a year long residency program and Supervisory CPE. The residency and Supervisory CPE programs include educational stipends.

The CPE staff include two women and four men who repre-

sent three countries and five faith groups. All members of the CPE staff have as their goal the provision of meaningful, effective, ecumenical, practical theological education in pastoral care."



Missions & Outreach

Dear Friends:

Fall is here and with it MANY opportunities to serve/help others!!

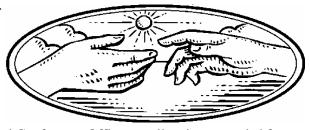
During October we will be attending to our ongoing activities, collecting food for the Food Pantry that we send our contributions to, The Grace **Episcopal** Church on Ridgewood Ave. here in Port Orange. Our Socks Box is now receiving children's socks and gently used or new underwear and shoes/ sneakers. It is difficult for us to know that many children do not have proper shoes, socks and underwear, but it is a fact.

There is a serious need for diapers, wipes and formula. Carol Strickland, one of our members works for the Early Childhood Coalition and daily she sees mothers trying to manage, sometimes having to make the decision not to buy food for her family so that she can buy diapers and formula for her babies. So if you can, please consider buying some diapers size 4 or 5, and formula, bring them to church and place them in the basket that is in the back of the church.

And PLEASE remember the Mission Boxes the funds we receive there are really all we get that is not designated for a special reason. Remember, the funds that you put in these boxes, along with the funds that other folks donate are the ONLY undesignated funds that we receive.

We recently took orders for our church's tee shirts and polo shirts, we Thank each one of you who ordered and have received and paid for your shirts!!!

All Churches received an appeal from our



National and Conference Office to collect items needed for Health Kits and Cleanup Kits. Our country has had so many disasters, ie: tornadoes, hurricanes that Church World Service who collects and distributes these items has put out a special appeal . We also are asking you to make up a Health Kit or Cleanup Kit,

The items for each are listed next:

EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKET:

- One five gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels, (re-usable like Easy Wipes)
- One 50 to 78 oz. box dry laundry Detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (Like Lysol)
- One 25 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant soap (like

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Dawn)

- One Package of 48-50 clothes pins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs of latex gloves (like Playtex)
- One pair of work gloves
- 28 bag roll of heavy duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- One 6 9oz. bottle of insect repellant 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.

Alternately, \$59.00 may be donated to the Florida Conference UCC designated for Emergency Cleanup Bucket.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit, you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no finger tip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original wrapper)
- Six standard size Band-Aids Place all items in a one-gallon plas-

tic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Alternately, \$12.00 may be donated to the Florida Conference UCC designated for a Hygiene Kit.

The DEADLINE for kits & funds is SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th.

Any questions, please contact Jeanette Campbell. The Neighbor's In Need annual Contribution will be received in November this year as there will be a special emphasis on Mission during that month.

Your Mission Team: Sue Batturs, Jeanette Campbell, Kathy Cratin, Kay Taylor, June Ferreri.....and our Helper, "GoFer" - Chuck Konopski

Thrift Store News

Dear Friends:

You never know, from day to day, what will be in the Thrift Shop, but below is a list of things you MIGHT find there or things you might like to donate:

- 1. antiques, art
- 2. baskets, blankets, books
- 3. coffee pots, costumes, candles
- 4. DVDs, dolls, decorations
- 5. earrings, egg plates frames, fry pans
- 6. games, globes, gifts
- 7. hats, hangers
- 8. ice buckets, ink wells
- 9. jewelry, jars
- 10. kaleidoscopes, knick knacks, kites
- 11. lamps, lace, ladders
- 12. mixers, mugs, masks
- 13. neckties, nutcrackers
- 14. ottomans, Ouija boards, organizers

- 15. puzzles, punch bowls, purses
- 16. Quilts
- 17. radios, rakes
- 18. small appliances, scarves, sheets
- 19. tools, tote bags, toys
- 20. umbrellas, ukuleles, utensils
- 21. vases, valances
- 22. watches, wastebaskets, wooden signs
- 23. Xylophones
- 24. yarn, yo-yos, yard goods
- 25. Zippers, zithers

Early this year the total income from the Thrift, Shop, since its inception, reached above \$300,000. In recent years the Thrift Shop has been able to move into the Church's General Fund between \$25,000 to \$30,000 each year.

This amount of money from the

Thrift Shop greatly helps the Church to keep our building and our vision alive and well. You could say that the Thrift Shop pays for -

- (a) all utility costs (light, AC, water, trash, telephone, etc.) and various insurance coverage's <u>OR</u>
- (b) Office Management (includes office managers salary, paper, equipment rental and supplies) <u>OR</u>
- (c) over 90% of our Music Ministry for both services.

We need new donations all the time, so remember us as you are cleaning out a closet and if you have a few hours to spare, we can always use volunteers.

Thanks!

Molly Baskin for the Thrift Shop



Thrift and Gift Tidbits

Our **Thrift and Gift Store** not only helps our church, our missions, and our customers but we are also reaching out to the migrant workers in Pierson, FL.

At the end of April one of our customers came to the store with a list from a Pierson teacher looking for items for a special May Day Program that the students at the school were giving. She mentioned the great need the migrant workers had for clothing and household items. We were able to supply her with some of the items she needed and also gathered some clothing, toys and books for her to take to the school.

Since we get some clothing and linens that are a little too tired for the store but still very usable, a call was made to the Farm Workers Assoc. office in Pierson and several car loads of clothing, shoes, and dishes were transported to the office in August in time for school.

There are more than 7,000 farm workers and their family members in five counties that receive assistance from that one office. It is now a one-man office because of the economy with a few volunteers that help him with his Friday afternoon distribution of food and clothes.

We had a flood of stuffed animals this summer and some of them are being held for the children and will be transported to Pierson closer to Christmas. So keep your donations coming!! Also remember that all items (except electronics, TV's and large furniture) are welcome including jewelry – don't forget to include lone earrings and broken pieces or those missing stones. Some of these are repairable or can be matched with another lone earring.— Submitted by *Harriet F. Rogers*

From volunteer, Mary Ann Stew-

art . . . "Working in the Thrift Store is a privilege because we're helping to pay the Church bills, have good relationships with our customers and help many organizations. I personally take bats, balls, gloves, books, inline skates, bowling balls, crafts, crayons, bags, egg cartons, trophies and reams of computer paper that is no longer in use to the Port Orange YMCA day care center. I feel like we have a little ministry all our own in the Thrift Store and it feels good."

Thrift Store Missions

In addition to the financial contribution, the Thrift & Gift Store helps many others <u>directly</u> with your donations.

- Children's clothing to the Early Learning Coalition of Volusia & Flagler
- Dish towels, baskets & tray to POUCC kitchen
- Yarn for several prayer shawls
- Baseball items & tennis racket to the YMCA
- Toy car and teddy bear to Sunday school
- Clothing and suitcases to Palmetto House
- Cases and bags to Foster Kids mission
- Shoes & Clothing to Palmetto House
- Helmets, games and books to YMCA

- Afghans to Boggy Creek
- Books to Ormond nursing home
- Bowling balls & bag of craft items to YMCA
- Baby clothing and stuffed animals to POUCC missions
- Teaching materials to POUCC teaching team
- Bags & boxes of clothing to Palmetto House
- Water pitcher & serving utensils to POUCC kitchen
- 2 boxes of activity books & small stuffed animals to YMCA
- Table covers & spatulas to POUCC kitchen
- Clothing and blanket to Haitian orphan
- Paper, balls, skates, crayons, colored pencils to YMCA

THANKS TO THOSE WHO DELIVER THESE ITEMS AND TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER AND DONATE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS!!!!

The Gift & Thrift Store needs your help.

We are not asking you to go out and purchase anything. Just take a look around your home for items that you do not use. How many fry pans do you really need? How many sheets and blankets do you really need? Many folks come to the Gift and Thrift store looking for every day items such as linens, towels, kitchen items, knick-knacks and costume jewelry.

You can help us help others with your donations.

- Barb Pountain

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.

—Teilhard De Chardin



Operational Budget as of 8/31/11

	ACTUAL	Budgeted Amt.	ACTUAL
	thru Aug 2010	thru Aug 2011	thru Aug 2011
Income	\$121,962	\$114,598	\$114,873
Expenses	\$105,035	\$105,298	\$106,357
Net	\$ 16,927	\$ 9,300	\$ 8,516

*Income is down from last year and expenses are up but we are very close to what was budgeted/expected, so we are on track and hopeful for an upturn in the economy.

Susie Greiff, Asst. Treasurer

The **Operations Team** is responsible for managing POUCC's day to day finances within the budget approved by church membership at the annual meeting. This responsibility includes the monitoring of expenses that have been budgeted as well as those that are unplanned, The Team handles the upkeep of facilities and grounds and makes recommendations to the church council for unbudgeted expenses due to unexpected damage or unplanned wear & tear from usage. The Team also reviews contracts and agreements involving financial matters, plus manages supplies necessary to support church functions. If you would like join the Operations Team and participate in these responsibilities please let us know by calling the church office.

Deacons Corner

In POUCC, we have a wonderful church. In many respects we have a "Big" church in a small package. The fact that we have two successful times to worship —

Traditional and **Contemporary**— is in itself a real accomplishment. Many churches with only one service would like to have both but cannot find a working formula. We

have spoken to churches that are well financed that have been unsuccessful at having both. We have spoken to large churches with broad memberships who have also been unsuccessful at having both.

What is it about our church that has led to our success? The answer has to be our *dedicated people*. In common to both services is our pastor, Dr. Bill Wassner who leads each with his message and guidance. Yet, each service is

different in how they are presented. The **Contemporary Service** has the Worship Team led by Terry Zinke. Here the music conveys real life heartfelt messages through music that allows the congregation to participate with sing-



to sharing of God's message through music. Plus, there are more children in the Contemporary Service who help remind us all of how simple life can be when we are young. The **Traditional Service** has the Choir led by Dr. Tom Naus. Here the choir shares a multitude of messages written to music by composers from yesterday and today. This service is also where the congregation can sing traditional hymns, many of which were sung when many members

were young growing up in the church. This service is more traditionally structured in format yet it is no less inspiring.

In both services, we all recognize the need for personal reflection on our individual lives and that Sunday worship is our chance to join with others, who like ourselves, also desire a time during the week when we can share a little bit of our personal lives with others who care.

At POUCC, we are indeed very fortunate that for a small church we have a mixture of wonderful people who are both members and friends. Several times a year it is good for us all to come together, where those from the Contemporary and Traditional services can see, talk and be with each other in one single "church family". It is this sharing and caring that is so very important.

The Deacons are dedicated to assuring that both services are as meaningful as possible to all who attend and that we are truly one church in God.

- Bob Brewster

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A Well Deserved THANK YOU to Louise Johnson for the many years of donating a lot time in ensuring the delivery of POUCC's Impressions. Before sending it out via email, it used to take many hours to fold, seal & label 225 Newsletters then complete forms and drive them to the D.B. mail facility. And also to Carol Rogers, who so willingly filled in for Louise when she went out of town. You're both very special & appreciated!!!

CAMPBELL'S LABELS for Education:

Pick up a complete list of items in the Jim Reed Building and take a second to see if the products you're using qualify to earn points in the Church's account. Recently more items were added. The points accumulated can be used to purchase classroom items for the Sunday School. Thank you to *Bernie Hunt* for managing this account for the Church.

POP TOP FACTS

The Pop Top Container: For those who enjoy soaking up facts, did you know that a full 5 gallon container of pop top tabs . . .holds approximately 26,880 tabs, which is about 1120 cases of soda can tabs. There are approximately 1792 tabs per pound and a filled jug weighs about 15 lbs.

In the past couple of years of filling the jugs, we have turned in five -5 gallon jugs that generates \$ for cancer research. That's 134,400 pop tops!!

Let's keep 'em comin'!!

LIFE'S ILLUSIONS—What do

you see? Is this a profile of a young lady or an old witch with an ugly nose?



Recipe Nut Mango Muffins

(A recipe of Katherine Wolf Frierson, DeLand and submitted by Mary Ann Stewart.)

2 Cups all-purpose flour

2 tsp. baking soda

2 tsp. ground cinnamon

½ tsp. salt

1 Cup margarine (2 sticks) room temp.

1½ Cup sugar

3 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

1 Cup mashed bananas (about 2 large ones)

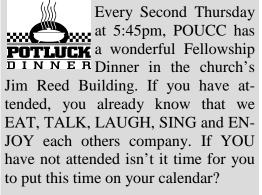
2 Cups chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)

1 large mashed mango

Heat oven to 350. Grease muffin tins or use liners. Mash bananas and mangos and set aside. medium bowl combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt and set aside. In large bowl beat margarine and sugar until light & fluffy (about 3 minutes) with electric mixer. Add in eggs and vanilla. With mixer on low alternately beat in flour mixture and mashed fruit until combined. Fold in nuts. Fill muffin tins about 2/3 full and bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes on rack then remove from pan and cool completely. Makes 14-16 muffins.

*Occasionally Mary Ann will bring one of these very tasty muffins to the office and it's always a pleasant surprise. They're so moist and flavorful!!

Second Thursday Fellowship Dinner



The food is Pot Luck and it is delicious! We also have special meals for Thanksgiving, Easter, St Patrick's Day and other dates.

Make your plans to come to the next dinner Thursday October 13th.

I've been on a constant diet for the last two decades. I've lost a total of 789 pounds. By all accounts, I should be hanging from a charm bracelet.—Erma Bombeck

More Ways to Help Others:

The Babies Need Our Help!



The Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia is in desperate need of dia-

pers. Three sizes in particular

needed right now – **Newborn**, size 4 (22-37 lbs.) and size 5 (over 37 lbs.) If you are able to help with this request please put the diapers in the white basket in the back of the sanctuary and Carol Strickland will make sure they reach the young ones who need them.

Bath Towels Needed Greeting Cards



Hospice of Volusia and Flagler Counties is in need of very large adult bibs and Church member Pam Protko

would like to fill that need. Pam will make these bibs out of bath towels that are in good condition and that you no longer need or use. If you have any towels to donate for this project please donate your towels to the Thrift Store and mark the bag "Towels for Hospice."

If you would like to make the bibs, contact Pam at 527-4731 for information.



As many of you know POUCC has a card ministry.

When you're not well, you receive a card from the Church. If a loved one

passes, you receive a card. Do you have any "Get Well" or "Sympathy" cards to donate to this ministry?

If you do just put them in the box on church office door or drop them off at the Thrift Store and they will reach Sue **Batturs** who handles this special ministry on behalf of the Church.

Thank you.

Spread the Word About this Support Group

Mended Little Hearts is a support group for families who have a child affected by congenital heart defect. A member of POUCC's congregation, Shannan Wierzbicki, has an adorable little boy, Roman, who has had four open heart surgeries during his young life and she wants to make people aware of this important group and how it helps the kids and their families. They meet once a month and occasionally have guest speakers. They hold fund raisers where the proceeds go toward the cost of parties and other fun events for the children.

For more information you may

contact Shannan at 386-681-7790 or email her at heartmom11909@cfl.rr.com.

Your Food Basket Donations

All the food that you donate goes to H.U.M. (Halifax Urban

Ministries) no matter what it is, and they are very appreciative. Below is a list of items that are needed most.

We must remember that some people receiving food don't have a microwave or stove to heat their food and many times it's eaten right from the container.

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.** To qualify you must fill out a one-time application and present a photo ID and verification of your current address, i.e. a piece of mail with your name & address or a current rent receipt. You will receive a form of ID that you bring when you go to the pantry to which you are entitled to go to once a month. For questions visit the pantry or call H.U.M. at 252-0156.

CHIME CHOIR

The POUCC Chime Choir is coming! Using the inspiration of Ruth Brewster and Sherian Buller playing "I Believe" Labor Day Sunday, we are happy to announce that eight (8) people have signed up to play in the newly formed Chime Choir. The ambitious goal is to play their first group presentation during the November 13th Installation Service for Pastor Bill.

There is still plenty of room & time for another 3-4 more players. Playing chimes is a wonderful experience. If you want to tryout please sign up on the back of the sanctuary bulletin board or contact the church office.

CHURCH WEBSITE

The POUCC website is an extension of our church to not only our church members & friends but to everyone else seeking to learn more about us. Our website is listed on the national United Church of Christ website and its can be found by simply searching on the Internet for "Port Orange UCC".

In many respects, our website is like a missionary reaching out to the world. It shares our story, our mission and tells others who we are as a church body. It is also a diary of where we have been by showing who we are and what we do in pictures and music.

Often times, as individuals, we

cannot attend every event. Perhaps you have missed an event and heard about it later. Wherever possible we will put a highlight on the website, especially if it includes our children and our members displaying talents at special events.

If you have pictures taken at a special event that could be meaningful to others in our church, please share them by contacting Bob Brewster or sending the pictures by email to him at bob@turbineassociates.com.

The long term goal is to make our website interactive so that it becomes a day to day working tool for enhancing POUCC church communications. Further, it will also carry our message to the outside world that POUCC is here, listening and working because "God is Still... Speaking".

CHURCH FACILITIES

Our church building and grounds require constant attention and caring. The lawn is mowed professionally but other areas that require attention must be handled by church volunteers managed by the Operations Team. If you anything that needs attention, either cosmetic or damaged, or anything that needs to be added or removed, or if you have an idea that could improve our facilities and grounds, please contact the church office or one of the Operations Team members.

Several times per year we have a church *clean up day* that focuses on both the outside and inside. The volunteers that come out for this day work hard while doing a badly needed and necessary job. Several of our members volunteer time on a weekly basis where they have taken on a specific task, such as maintaining the grounds around our Prayer Garden. Some members have helped paint critical outside area or have used special sealant paint to block or prevent water leaks in suspect areas. Others have worked on the sprinkler system that helps keep our grassy areas green and healthy.

In Florida, everything outside either grows or disintegrates due to weather conditions. It is a constant battle. Inside areas also have their fair share of wear and tear from usage. In summary, if you want to help either outside and inside, there is something for you to do and you will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office.

LAND CLEARING

Pastor Bill has presented the Church Council with many excellent ideas for utilizing the wooded church property just west of our parking lot. The church owns this land and clearing it will open up many new opportunities for things we can do within the church and also in things that can involved the greater community around us. These uses will be made more formal as time goes by but for the moment the land will be cleared of all brush while leaving the larger trees in place. If you have ideas or want to help, please call the church office.

Birthdays*

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Tom Summers	10/4
Cindi Harper	10/5
Joanne Considder (Holby)	10/7
Levi Zinke	10/8
Ginger Horan	10/9
Ron Zinke	10/13
Roger Harper	10/17
Doreen Nicholls	10/18
Bill Heffner	10/24
Maurice Claunch	10/27
Jackie Gaither	10/28
MaryAnn Summers	10/29

Anniversaries*

Bill & Leree Nicholls	10/11/58
	53 Yrs
Tom & Judy Van Camp	10/27/79
	32 Yrs

Note: *Due to the unfortunate loss & corruption of church computer files we are in the process of rebuilding member records. Please forgive us if your name (s) is missing from either list and let the church office know as soon as possible.

Special Announcement -

Pamela Schafer has agreed to provide temporary Office Manager services and officially started Sept 26th. Thank you Pam for jumping in to help us at a critical transition time.

ABOUT MEMBERS & FRIENDS



Congratulations from all of us to **Ted** & **Sue Batturs** who celebrated their *Golden Wedding Anniversary* on 9/23. Just look at those smiles!! (Hey, Ted where's the Yankees hat??)



On Sunday 9/25, our church lost a great friend and member when **Milford Cox** began his final journey after a long illness. His joyful spirit and wonderful smile were with him to the very end. A special memorial service with full military honors will be held at POUCC **Sat.**

October 8th at 11:00am. The service

will be followed by a light fellowship lunch & celebration of Milford's life. All are invited to attend.



Our wonderfully talented member artist, **Bonnie Morisset** has given our church an incredible gift.
Bonnie has donated one of her most powerful paintings— "The Wheat & the Weeds" that she painted

on commission for a customer. Her customer requested that she do a different painting making this wonderful gift possible to us. To help Bonnie defray the approximate \$600 cost for materials, we are asking for voluntary donations that will be used to cover her costs and to cover the cost of properly framing the painting for mounting on our sanctuary wall. **Thank you Bonnie!! What a God gifted talent!**



Tommy Buller participated in a *Special Olympics Bowling Tournament* in

Jacksonville 9/24 and excelled in knocking down the

pins. Congratulations Tommy for being a great team player.

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Sundays 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23 & 10/30 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:00am Fellowship Coffee 10:30am Traditional Worship

Wednesdays Choir 7:30pm

Thursday 10/13 Fellowship Dinner 5:45pm Fridays Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00pm

Newsletter Deadline 10/18

COMING NOVEMBER — STEWARDSHIP DRIVE "INSPIRING GENEROSITY"



Jim had an awful day fishing on the lake, sitting in the blazing sun all day without catching a single one. On his way home, he stopped at the supermarket and ordered four fish. He told the fish salesman, "Pick four large ones out and throw them at me, will you?"

"Why do you want me to throw them at you?"

"Because I want to tell my wife that I caught them."

Sounds Fishy to me!

QUICK NEWS

Long time POUCC Office Manager, DIANE SHEEHAN, has moved on to other opportunities. Diane is a special person who for over 6-years did a wonderful job supporting all POUCC activities with her skills and talents. Many church members and POUCC friends got to know Diane well and she will be missed. Our prayers and best wishes go to her and her family for all future endeavors.

POUCC seeks to fill 20-hour per week Office Manager position. A special ad will appear in local papers. Qualified applicants must possess strong computer publishing and people to people communications skills. Interested persons should apply through the church by dropping off or mailing a resume. The Operations Team and Pastor will review and

make a recommendation to the church council for approval.

POUCC SIGN—The new church sign has been ordered. The goal is to have it installed and working in time for Pastor Bill's Installation Service on November 13th. This new

sign is all PAID FOR!! Thank you to everyone whose generosity made this possible. This new sign will replace one that needs much repair and will convey a much stronger message of invitation to those who pass by or may be looking for a church to attend.

Special November Events:

Sunday November 13th – There will be a combined service at 10:00 AM for the **Installation of Pastor Bill** with special guest, UCC Florida Conference Minister, Kent Siladi.



Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a luncheon hosted by the Hospitality Team of the Church.

Sunday, November 20th – A combined service takes place at 10:00 AM. Cake and

light refreshments will be served in the Jim Reed Room following the service and then a **Congregational Consultation**, led by Joe Coury, on the theme of "Where Do We Go Now?" Joe has worked successfully with organizations in the past and the congregation is encouraged to attend to lend their input, thoughts, ideas and suggestions regarding the direction and goals of Port Orange United Church of Christ and how to help the Church adjust and grow with the many changes in our world. Where does POUCC go now?