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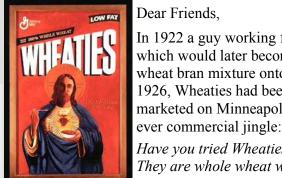
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SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In 1922 a guy working for the Washburn Crosby Company, which would later become General Mills, accidently spilled a wheat bran mixture onto a hot stove and invented Wheaties. By 1926, Wheaties had been perfected and packaged and were being marketed on Minneapolis' WCCO radio station with the first

Have you tried Wheaties?
They are whole wheat with all the bran.
Won't you try Wheaties?

For wheat is the best food of man.

In 1927 an advertising agent penned the slogan, "Wheaties... the Breakfast of Champions." And with that slogan on that trademark orange box, Wheaties was an instant success. In 1934 they added the picture of a sports champion on the back or side of the box along with the caption, "The Breakfast of Champions." Baseball's Lou Gehrig was the first. Then came the likes of sprinter Jessie Owens, and there have been hundreds of individuals and teams on the box. In 1958, the picture was moved to the front of the box with Olympic pole vaulter, Bob Richards. Since then, there have been race car drivers like Dale Earnhardt, famous coaches, boxing greats like Muhammad Ali, football greats like Walter Payton, hockey greats like Wayne Gretzky, basketball hero Michael Jordan made the box 18 times and Tiger Woods has made the box 14 times. There have been a host of Olympic champions and sports heroes over the last nearly 70 years. Gender and color barriers were broken by the company. In the sports world, you know you have made it to the big time when you get on the box of Wheaties. The pictures continue to change to appeal to a new generation of sports minded Wheaties eaters. I found out recently that you can pay to have a nice quality photo of yourself on the box of Wheaties suitable for framing....hmmmmm. An artist depicted Jesus on the box above – I guess cameras were not very good in his day? No matter who is on the box cover, inside is the same ole Wheaties they cooked up in 1922... the product has never changed but the way they market Wheaties is constantly changing. What does this have to do with us and our church? Everything. We may change and upgrade facilities, staff will come and go, worship and music styles evolve, members move away or move on – the photo or look on the "box" will always be different but we still have the same "product" inside that the world hungers for. And so we continue to take Christ into the world... the packaging changes, the appeal changes, the delivery mechanisms change but the Christ does not change. We are Christians – we represent more than ourselves. The world is still hungry and we are called to welcome them to God's Pastor Bill breakfast table – where there is room for everybody.

ASSISTANT PASTOR



I am a firm believer in praying the news, and we are currently in a global situation which is in serious need of our prayers. Syria's massacre last month of 1,400 of their own citizens, including women and children, was absolutely horrific. A natural and immediate knee-jerk reaction for America was to plan for military retaliation on behalf of the murdered innocents, and to destroy or confiscate all remaining chemical weapons in Syria to prevent this from happening again.

Prayers were lifted by Christians throughout the world as soon as we first learned of this massacre, for OUR knee-jerk reaction was to run to God! We continued to pray as national and world leaders struggled with trying to decide what action would be best. With each passing day, indecision and confusion prevailed. Our President sent warships to the area in support of possible military action, as did England and France. But then the situation escalated when warships from Russia and China appeared in opposition to military retaliation towards Syria. An international time-bomb was set.

Prayers escalated to the point of desperation, but when you pray for God's will to prevail, that feeling of desperation is conquered by the peace that passes all understanding. God's intervention soon began to unfold when Secretary of State John Kerry made an aside suggestion following his News Conference that the only peaceful way to settle this situation in Syria would be for Syria to give up their chemical weapons to a neutral country, but he said that wouldn't happen. Much to our surprise, however, Russia's Vladimir Putin jumped right in and set this peaceful plan into action. Time bomb diffused!

History has made skeptics of us all, so this act on Russia's part of initiating a peaceful solution seems totally out-of-character for that government. But for the moment, we'll take it! Let others worry about the possibility of Russia having unfavorable alternative motives up their sleeves. Let us, as Christians, continue praying that international leaders will allow for God's plan to continue unfolding, even though we may all still be in shock over Russia's leadership in preventing a world-wide disaster.

Prayerfully,

Financial Update

Operational Budget as of 8/31/13

Jan.-August 2013

ACTUAL



Income **Expenses**

\$116,912 \$120,915 Net \$ -4,003

BUDGET Jan.-August 2013

\$116,874 \$115,591

1.283

We are still in the red through August. I am hopeful that our income will increase when our "snowbirds" have returned and that we will not have any further unexpected expenses through the end of the year. Keeping the Faith. Respectfully submitted by Susie Greiff, Treasurer

OPERATIONS TEAM



The Operations Team is happy to report nothing drastic, but many minor things that have been handled by team members as well as other volunteers. Thanks to Russ Karel and Ric Pountain who have put in time maintaining the grounds and they could use more help. As you may have noticed, we are up grading our handicapped parking area. Thanks to Rich Thole who helped me move the handicapped sign post and in the near future we will be relining the parking spaces. Bob Gaither has done a great job monitoring and handling numerous repairs around the building and grounds, as well as playing a significant part along with Pastor Bill in guiding the Veterans Chapel project (See Pg. #9). Rich Thole stepped up last June as co-chair of this committee and will now lead us into the future. Future items to be addressed are improved landscaping around the exterior of the church, some exterior painting and continued work on the Sanctuary closets.

Again thanks to all who continue to give their time in maintaining our facility. The next Operations Meeting will be on *Monday, October 14th at 6:30 PM. Tim Holby, Operations Chairperson*

DEACONS CORNER



The Ministry of Deacons

Hello and welcome to the Deacons Corner. We are looking to the sky for signs of...wait for it...weather of course, and the change of seasons. With the changes comes renewed hope that springs eternal in each season. We have endured a lot this past summer, and speaking about temperature, how is yours? By this I mean, do you feel engaged in the activities of our Church? I hope so because there are many people looking for help and much going on in the world that could make you feel very empty. We can be the conduit to people looking for soul replenishment. We can be the light for them to find a more positive path. I believe we are at a juncture where we need to rededicate ourselves to help each other thrive. Please take the time to greet every person you can to give them the light they need to get through another week. I am blessed to have these words for you and blessed to call you brother and sister.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about our services or the church in general, don't hesitate to call upon a Deacon. We have a great group of Deacons and they are ready to listen to you. Be blessed, you are loved. *Joe Thompson, Chair of Deacons*

THE GIFT AND THRIFT STORE

Autumn is finally here!!!!



Thank you for the continued donations that help us help the Church as well as Missions and many other individuals and organizations. We truly appreciate the many volunteers who help maintain a neat clean shop and do their part each and every week. We are fortunate to receive donations from many outside of our church family as well. All of this promotes good will among many local families. Special thanks to Bob Gaither, Ron Zinke, Tim Holby and Ric Pountain for additional improvements in and around the Store

We anticipate a very busy remainder of the year. If you have not visited the Store...it is time you did. *Barb Pountain*

YOUTH NEWS



After a Summer break, our Terrific Tuesday group met on September 10th and mapped out their agenda through December. We will continue to meet each Tuesday with a simple supper at 6:00 PM followed by a Bible Study and/or worship at 6:45. Listed below is the agenda for September through December. **Terrific Tuesdays** Looks like great fellowship and fun so mark your calendars and join us!

- 1. Haunted House Mission on October 25-26th at Silver Sands Bridle Club on 415 in New Smyrna
 - Setup begins the 19th of October
 - Special Guest Trish Oddon was here to tell us more



2.



UCC Fall Youth Retreat October 4th - October 6th, 2013 Commotion @ the Community Church at Vero Beach

Safe travels to our four participants: Kathy Cratin, Lauren Scalf, Payton Bryan & Selena Wheeler.

We look forward to hearing your report on the retreat.

Departure from Church Friday, October 4th, 3:00 pm



3. Confirmation Class starts on Sunday, October 20th – not too late if anyone else is interested.



4. The Twenty Fifth Annual Halifax CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, November 3rd, 2013 and will start from the Drive-in Christian Church – 3140 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach Shores - registration at 1:30 p.m.

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.

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



Christmas with the Animals" Play on Sunday, December 8th as part of our Christmas celebration.

MISSION NOTES



Mission's projects continue to be blessed by all members. Mission boxes are being remembered, sock box was over flowing, the mission closet has many prayer shawls and the Boggy Creek afghans are multiplying. Keep them coming. Glasses are needed so check drawers and boxes for those you don't use any more. Neighbor's in Need Collection is *Sunday, October 6th* (see article below) so please be generous. The 25th Annual Halifax CROP Hunger Walk is *Sunday, November 3rd*. For more details, see the flyer on the bulletin board. Again this year we will be collecting small jars of peanut butter for their annual drive. The greeting cards that Jackie Clough and Sheila Fisher made are a wonderful idea and they will be available every Sunday for \$1.00 each with all proceeds going to Missions. Thank you for your generosity in all areas of our missions. *Jackie Gaither*

IMAGINING ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE: The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on *October 6th*, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM).

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering



Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible.

I am going to the Southern Regional Meeting of UCC Women in October. They are requesting that we bring items for Health Kits as the Mission Project, which we will put together and they will be sent to the Back Bay Mission. I will put a "box" for donations on September 29th and October 6th. Needed items for Health Kits are listed here. Thanks!

 $\hbox{\it -Jean ette Campbell}$

- · One hand towel (no bath towels)
- · One wash cloth
- · One comb (any size)
- · One metal nail file

(or nail clipper with nail file attached)

- · One bar of soap (bath size)
- · One adult toothbrush
- One tube of toothpaste (4 to 7 oz. size)
- · Six Band-Aids

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, 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. *October 6th is our next collection!*

CONFIRMATION 2014



We are pleased to announce that we have seven youth of our congregation that will be preparing for Confirmation which will take place on *Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, 2014.* Our Confirmands and Sponsors are: Payton Bryan-Lisa Wassner, Ayden Buller-Sue Turner, Blake Buller-Lauren Scalf, Travis & Tyler Dotson-Beverly Schafer, Van Thompson-Tracy Davis and Selena Wheeler-Kathy Cratin.

This is our tentative schedule of classes for Confirmation. We will begin on Sunday October 20th. *We will meet promptly at 9:45 am.* Students will attend classes on their own without parents or mentors. Students will be given a notebook and course book for the class and they will also need a Bible (preferably a modern translation such as the New Revised Version, the New Living Translation, or the Contemporary English Version) which you can secure at Family Christian Bookstore. They need to bring these resources to every class.

2013-2014 Class Schedule:

Sunday, October 20th — Session 1 on "Getting Acquainted" and Choice of Memory Verses

Sunday, November 3rd — Session 2 on "God"

Sunday, November 17th — Session 3 on "Jesus"

Sunday, December 1st — Session 4 on "Holy Spirit"

NOTE: The remainder of December will be off for the holidays and Play Rehearsals

Sunday, January 12th — Session 5 on "Worship" (with study on Communion as well)

Sunday, January 26th - Session 6 on "The Bible"

Sunday, February 9th — Session 7 on "Saints and Gifts" (with Spiritual Gift Inventories)

Sunday, February 23rd — Session 8 on "Ministry"

Sunday, March 9th — Session 9 on "Baptism"

Sunday, March 23rd —End of Spring Break **NO CLASS**

Sunday, April 6th — Session 11 on "Death and the Resurrection"

Sunday, April 20th — Easter Sunday **NO CLASS**

Sunday, April 27th — Session 10 "Ministry"

Sunday, May 11th — Session 12 on "Life in the Church"

Sunday, June 8^{th} — Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday Graduation

In addition, each student will meet with their mentor on a separate agreed upon time for at least once per week to go over the lessons, share about their faiths, and participate in any mutually agreed upon activity over a meal, a walk, a phone conversation, a fun outing, etc.

Lastly, as a part of the class, students will be participating in Community Mission Projects such as Haunted House Fund Raiser, CROP Walk, Dinner at Palmetto House, Thanksgiving Food Baskets, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Halifax Humane Society. Students may suggest their own as well.

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 October 10th.

This month the theme is a German Dinner!

Sign-up on Sanctuary Bulletin Board.

LADIES LUNCHEON



Meets once a month to share a bite and fellowship at the Olive Garden. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary for the date of our next luncheon or contact Jeanette Campbell (788-4959). All are welcome.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule for the Fellowship Hour is as follows:

October - Thrift Store November - Fellowship December - Missions



NOTES OF THANKS



I would like to thank Sue Batturs, Jeanette Campbell, Jackie & Bob Gaither and both Pastor Beverly and Pastor Bill for manning the phones and handling the office business while I was on vacation. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. *Kathy Shaffner*

A big thank you to Tim Holby and Rich Thole for relocating handicapped parking spots in front of the church. Also, thanks Tim for power washing the Sunday School wing and the Thrift Store. Also, thanks to Russ Karel and Ric Pountain for the great job on the grounds.





We recently received a note Tom Coriale of the Army Reserve/Family Readiness
Group thanking us for our generous donation of four boxes of Care Package supplies for the deployed soldiers of Daytona Beach. In his note, Mr. Coriale extended his personal appreciation and commended our continued support towards our military and their families.



The Pregnancy Crisis Center was most appreciative of the 2 car seats, bouncy chair, pack & play, blankets, clothing, formula, breast pump, nursing wrap, bath cradle, baby shampoo and pacifiers we delivered to them last month. Your generous contributions aid the urgent needs of mothers and their infants!





PET BLESSING:

In honor of the Feast Day for St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, Pastor Bill will host a Pet Blessing on *Saturday, October 5^{th,} 9:00 AM at Veterans Chapel.* Mark your calendars and gather up your cherished family pets and meet at the Chapel for a very special blessing on God's special creatures.

MEMORIAL BRICKS: We had an overwhelming response to our Memorial Brick project. The order for 26 bricks has been sent to the manufacturer and we should be receiving the bricks in 4-6 weeks. Thanks to Ric Pountain who has agreed to place the new additions in the Prayer Garden Walk and when completed we'll schedule the dedication.





If you have any changes to your church phone directory listing, please contact the Church Office as we will be publishing our updated copy in October.



When writing a check for the special offerings throughout the year, please be sure to make them out to POUCC and note the offering on the memo line. This will be much appreciated by the Financial Team and the Bank.



"THE RISE OF EGYPT": To describe the situation in that country presented by Dr. Wagid Guirgis, Pastor of the Evangelical Ministries of Daytona Beach, *Friday, October 4th*, 7:00 PM, at Westminster By-the-Sea Presbyterian Church, 3221 S. Peninsula Dr. Daytona Beach Shores.

UCC FLORIDA CONFERENCE: Is pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree has been hired to serve as the Interim Conference Minister for the Florida Conference. Dr. Crabtree's vast experience in the United Church of Christ is reflected in her work for our denomination. We welcome Dr. Crabtree!





On Sunday, October 13th, Skip Brewster will share with us at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary about his experiences serving in Armenia for 27 months as a volunteer with the Peace Corps. Make sure to join us!

We recently received notification that as of September Ruth Seibert has moved. Her new address is 100 State Street, Apt. #601, Portland, Maine 04101.

Larry & Cindy Deitch's new address is 1238 Girog Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32129.





WEST PROPERTY UPDATE



With completion of the construction of the Chapel foundation and steel structure, and the installation of electrical service and lighting, we are moving forward with the finishing touches which include painting the facility, the placement of signage, other possible additions such as a flag pole and landscaping, and the construction of a grill so that we may enjoy outdoor fellowship events. Stay tuned for further updates.

CHAPEL In honor of Veterans Day, we will dedicate the Chapel on *Sunday, November 10th at* 10:00 AM. Hopefully many of our snowbirds will have returned by that time so that they can be a part of this special event. We are grateful to all who have generously contributed to make this project a reality. With recent donations from Don Schweitzer and Jackie Clough, we have collected \$14,885. We are still accepting donations to cover the increased costs incurred due to building codes. Let's close out the deficit remaining! If you are interested in making a contribution, please do so as soon as possible.











OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

Sara Bryan	10/1
Mona Chalker	
Tom Sumners	10/4
Cindi Harper	10/5
Levi Zinke	10/8
Ron Zinke	10/13
Roger Harper	10/17
Doreen Nicholls	10/18
Payton Bryan	10/19
Maurice Claunch	10/27
Jackie Gaither	10/28
Mary Ann Sumners	10/29
Aidan Bryan	10/30



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES*

Bill & Leree Nicholls	10/11/1958
Tom & Judy Van Camp	10/27/1979
Alice Lynn & Todd Feldman	10/27/1985

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



PRAYER REQUESTS*

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Joe Arredia	Friend of Ron & Sonnie Zinke
Al Boegele	Uncle of Doreen Wheeler
Dee Carroll	Mother of Sher Buller
Thea Cloutier	Member of POUCC
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
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
Robert Houghman	Friend of the Greiff's
Bob Horn	Friend of Sue Batturs
Cecilia Kearney	Friend of Jeanette Campbell
Gloria Kirlin	Mother-in-Law of
	Diane & Scott Kirlin
Chris Klossner	Wife of Rev. Bill Klossner
Helen McGuffie	Member of POUCC
Beth Ann Martin	Daughter of Sue & Ted Batturs
Ryan Mills	Family of Ron & Zonnie Zinke
Art McPhearson	Friend of the Gaither's
Jill Park	Friend of the Deitch's
Joanne & Glenn Payne	Cousins of Kathy Cratin
Jeanne Roth	Administrative Asst. for FL/UCC
Steve Sharp	Friend of the Grieff's
Mary Ann Stewart	Member of POUCC
John Stewart	Husband of Mary Ann Stewart
The Strickland Family	Members of POUCC
Nilene Tromley	Stepmother of Cassie & Sara
Walker Family	Sister of Doreen Wheeler
Bob Wood	Sher Buller's Mother's Boyfriend
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F/F of Will Welch	UCC Minister/former member

F/F Eli Bailey-Winsemius Great-Nephew of the Turners In Care Facilities:

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

Special Needs:

All of Our Military & Their Families

Pouce October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 pm	2 CPT 6:00 pm Chime Choir 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	3 Line Dancing 6:00 pm	4 Youth Retreat Departure\ 3:00 pm	5 Pet Blessing 9:00 am
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Thrift Store Hours: M-F 9 am - 3 pm Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 1 pm Join us for Fellowship & Refreshments Each Sunday Between Services

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Sunday Worship

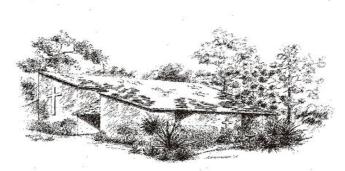
8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Tuesday Youth Worship

7:00 PM



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