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The Grapevine

I am the vine; you are the branches ...

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“Being Set Free for a Journey of Witness and Growth”

Summer Time at Port Orange Presbyterian Church

After two graduations ceremonies, it's time for summer to begin. I have been asking our kids, from pre-school grads to high-school grads and everyone in between, if they're going to be bored this summer; you know, not having to get up at 6:30 to get ready for school. As you can imagine, their resounding response has been, “Bored? NO WAY! - We are going to have so much fun!” We are going to be sleeping in, going to the beach and on summer vacations, playing with friends, and for those high school grads, getting ready for college. So, no boredom here, just a summer filled with good times.

If you ask any of the elders or staff here at POPC if they are going to be bored this summer, you're going to hear the same response- “Bored? NO WAY! - We are going to have so much fun!” We will sleep in (ok, maybe not) but we will be having fun. Just look at our summer calendar; Mission Dinner Theater, Ed Bruce in Concert, Vacation Bible School, Ichetucknee Tubing Trip, Base Ball games, Peru Mission Partnership, Movie Nights, Nicaragua Mission Partnership, Special Worship and Music. So, no boredom here, just a summer filled with good times.

I hope that you too are able to find ways to enjoy your summer. A little boredom might be ok for some of us, maybe a day at the beach or just resting in the sun! I hope to sleep in at least once this summer - just to remember what it feels like. I also hope you are able to share some good times with friends and family. Don't think you have to come to every program we have at church, but do come to some of them. We have put together an aggressive and diverse program schedule so that everyone can find something to get involved in. So now it is up to you to say; “Bored? NO WAY! I am going to be having so much fun”.

Oh, and by the way, it looks like we will have some special visitors in August. It all depends on our Capital Fund contributions, but we are hoping to have some large yellow tractors pushing dirt to and fro in preparation for phase 1 of our building program. God is certainly at work in and throughout the mission of Port Orange Presbyterian Church.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor, Calvin H. Gittner, Rev, DMin

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POPC in June

YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO THE

MISSION DINNER THEATER

JUNE 4 - 6 PM
\$10 PER PERSON
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our musically talented mission team members
and friends will entertain while you enjoy a
delizioso pasta dinner!

Call 788-1111 for reservations.

This is a fundraiser for our
Peru & Nicaragua Missions.

Saturday Night Worship & Café June 11, 2011

Join us for a Casual Community Worship
in a Contemporary Setting

Great Fellowship - Please
bring a snack to share!
Engaging Scripture and
Message - Prayers
and Reflection



Come & enjoy the POPC Praise Band!

Food & Fellowship 6:30 pm
Contemporary Worship 7:00 pm

Ichetucknee River Tubing & Camping Youth Retreat!!!

June 10-12, 2011

\$60 for Middle School Youth and
\$70 for High School Youth

High School Youth have first choice of cabins,
starting with Seniors and moving down the grades.
There is room for 4 guy's & 4 girl's. Everyone else
needs to make arrangements to share tents. We
are looking for additional parent chaperones for
this super fun annual event, as well and camping
equipment, and transportation.

If you can help, please call, text or email
Pastor Scott Kirschner
youthsource1@aol.com or 386-986-8434.

"Take Me Out To The Ballgame!"



Sunday June 12

Picnic 4:30 pm—Ballgame 5:35 pm

Port Orange Presbyterian Church is making this an
annual affair!

Tickets are \$16 and include a Dustin's Picnic Din-
ner of BBQ Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato
salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, peanuts, salad, soda,
iced tea, water and the ball game.

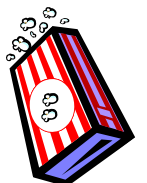
The game starts at 5:35, and the picnic area is
open from 4:30-6 pm. Come and join the party!

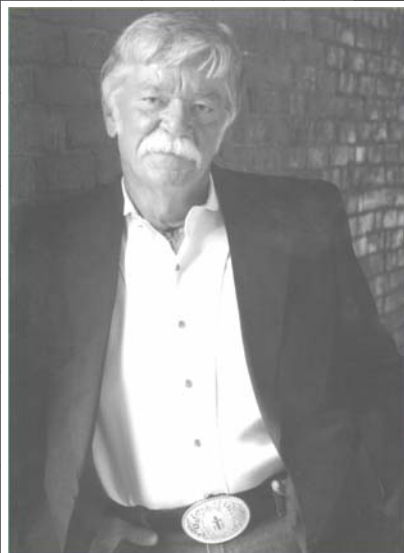
Contact Scott Decker (788-8121) or Paul Heaton
(756-4414). Tickets will be available in the
Narthex after church.

June's movie selection:
Hotel Rwanda

Thursday Night Live at the Movies!

Join us on June 16, July 21, and August 18 for fellowship, a movie
(social justice theme) & discussion! Popcorn and beverages will be provided!
6:45-9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall—Questions? Contact Pastor Jean





Singer – Song Writer – Actor
Ed Bruce In Concert
June 15 2011
7:00 PM
Refreshments from 6-7pm
“Music with a Message”

Presented By: The Port Orange Ministerial Association
Hosted By: Port Orange Presbyterian Church

Ed will be singing some of his old favorites from “Rock Boppin' Baby,” and Grammy Award-winning “Mamma's Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys” to some songs from his albums, “Sing About Jesus” and “Changed.” Word on the street is that Ed has a few brand new yet to be recorded songs to share as well.

Admission for the concert is free with an opportunity to buy music and share in Ed's ministry.

Come early and meet Ed and his friends for a cup of coffee and simple refreshments at 6 pm.

Ed Bruce's career now spans both sides of the Atlantic and he has gained an enormous following in Europe. But Ed's heart is in leading people to the Cross of Calvary - wherever he has the opportunity to sing.

Ed and his wife Judith recently sold their “Home At Last” ranch and relocated to a log home with a wrap-around porch. There, on the back porch, overlooking a river and the mountain beyond, Ed loves to sit with friends and talk sports, horses and dogs, and especially about the change Jesus has made in his life.

For more information Contact: Port Orange Presbyterian Church: 386-788-1111

POPC Vacation Bible School

Shake It Up Café

June 20-24, 2011, 9:00–12:00



Register online-www.webpopc.com

\$20 per child, \$30 per family

Checks payable to:

POPC-VBS by June 15th

For children in Pre-K-5th grade

(3 yr. olds must have

completed a year

of Preschool)

REGISTRATION CLOSED—WE ARE AT FULL CAPACITY!

VBS Cook Out Celebration
Sunday June 26th

Upcoming Events

Please Pray for the safety of our
Mission teams!

We will be in Peru
July 5-18th

Pastor Calvin, Lee and Callee Gittner,
Linda Filegar, Cierra Jackson,
Kaitlin and Kerry Lyons, Celia and
Margaret Nolin and Kaylee Vander Ploeg

We will be in Nicaragua
July 16-24th

Jack and Carolyn Horner,
Donna and Nicole Ketchledge
and Steven McDonald

and July 24-31st

Cathie Burns, Nathaniel Gittner,
Donna and Nicole Ketchledge,
Gary, Jean and Kacie Meredith,
Matt and Kristi Miller
and Alice Pelphrey

Thank you!

Bigstuf Camps

Who: Rising 7th-12 graders

What: Music, speakers, comedy and small group time for youth to receive spiritual messages, develop relationships with God and connect with other youth.

Where: Ocean Center, Daytona Beach
Pastor Scott will coordinate parent drop off & pick up times & locations based on weekly schedule.

When: Monday July 18 - Friday July 22

Cost: \$165 per student, \$50 deposit

www.bigstuf.com - Pastor Scott 986-8434
or youthsource1@aol.com

Saturday Night Worship & Café July 9 and August 13

Join us for a Casual Community Worship
in a Contemporary Setting

Great Fellowship - Please bring a snack to
share! Engaging Scripture and
Message - Prayers and Reflection

Come & enjoy the POPC Praise Band!

Food & Fellowship 6:30 pm

Contemporary Worship 7:00 pm

August

A Service of Spiritual Renewal: Mark your calendar!

There will be a Service of Spiritual Renewal on Thursday, August 25 at 6:30. The theme for this service will be *Embracing Challenges and Changes*. Come and find God's comfort and renewal through prayer, meditation, scripture, and song. Please contact the office if you are in need of nursery services. Contact Pastor Jean if you have any questions.

Sensing God's Presence

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." John 14:26

Raised in West Virginia in the valley of Huntington I grew up surrounded by mountains. Mountains fill me with awe and a sense of God's Spirit. On our recent family trip to Colorado I sensed His presence on the top of the glistening white mountains. Returning to the plains of Florida I didn't have the grand peaks of the Rockies to remind me of His majesty. Yes, I feel God's presence in church each Sunday, but how do we encounter God beyond the church walls? In a world filled with chaos it might seem challenging to sense God's spirit in our everyday life.

As Christians, we must continuously live out our life inspired and led by God's Spirit. That means we have to find ways to hear God and see God beyond the Lord's Day. What about the everyday mundane lives we live - working, doing chores, running errands, answering emails. How can we sense God's presence during these routines?

Instead of waiting until Heaven, wouldn't it be wonderful to see and hear God in this earthly life every day. That takes practice, a lot of practice. It takes energy and yet at the same time, slowing down. Barbara Brown Taylor, pastor, author, and professor, says "Human beings may separate things into as many piles as we wish - separating spirit from flesh, sacred from secular, church from world. But we should not be surprised when God does not recognize the distinctions we make between the two." Our almighty God has poured out His Spirit throughout this world He created. We just have to learn to stand in reverence of all that surrounds us to really experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

I would like to recommend three books that have some great suggestions about how to sense God's presence during such activities as walking barefoot in the grass, peeling potatoes for dinner, and lighting candles. The three books that I find myself going back to often are: The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence, An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor, and Mudhouse Sabbath by Lauren F. Winner.

Let's challenge ourselves to find God's Spirit beyond the church walls!

*"There is no sweeter manner of living in the world than continuous communion with God" -
Brother Lawrence*

Faithfully yours, *Jean Meredith, Commissioned Lay Pastor*

Support for our Military Families

Here at POPC we have several families who have loved ones serving our country. As a church family there are many ways we can support those serving in the military and their families. First and foremost we can support them all with daily prayer. We can also send cards and care packages to our brave military men and women reminding them that they are not alone. If you would like to support our POPC military families in prayer and/or cards and care packages please contact Pastor Jean for names and details.

Praying for Our Military & Families

Gracious God, we lift up all of the brave men and women serving to protect our country. Let your grace be a protective shield, guarding them from harm and fill their hearts with the sure knowledge of your presence at all times. Lord, be with the families and friends of our troops, filling their homes with peace and giving them strength to persevere until their loved ones return home safely. In your Son's name we pray. Amen

Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates!

Tori Deborah Aichler

Tori graduated from Spruce Creek High School as an Honor Student. She was a member of Spruce Creeks award winning Color Guard for three and a half years. Tori wants to be an attorney and plans to attend the Pre-Law Program at Daytona State College in the Fall. Tori is a member of POPC, and is the daughter of Larry and Lynn Aichler.

Nathaniel Douglas Alvin Gittner

Nathaniel graduated Cum Laude from Spruce Creek High School. Nathaniel was involved in three varsity sports; Cross Country, Volley Ball and Track, Lettering in all three. He was on the Presbyterian Youth Council serving as Chaplain. He is the drummer for the POPC Praise Band, and enjoys writing music and playing drums whenever possible. You may see him on the beach this summer working as a Lifeguard, or in his off time surfing. In the future he hopes to earn his Doctorate to be a Psychologist specializing in post traumatic stress disorder for the Military. Nathaniel is on the Mission Team and will be taking his second mission trip to Nicaragua in July. Nathaniel is a member of POPC, and is the son of Pastor Calvin and Lee Gittner.

Thomas Lippman

Thomas is the grandson of POPC member Dan Feldshau, and nephew of members Joseph and Joyce D'Esposito. Thomas graduated from Spruce Creek High School. He enjoys working with computers and has received a Certification for Computer Repair. He plans to continue his studies in computers at Daytona State College. Thomas is the son of Judith Feldschau.

Kaitlin Olivia Lyons

Kaitlin graduated Summa Cum Laude from Spruce Creek High School with an International Baccalaureate diploma May 20, 2011. Kaitlin has been involved at church being on the Youth Leadership Team and Worship Committee. Her activities during high school included participating in the Reading Mentors program, Breast Cancer Awareness Club, Art Club, and Sea Club. She was a member of the Spanish Club every year, serving as Secretary her Junior year, and President her Senior Year. She was also a member of the elite Belle Chantique choral group for two years. Kaitlin will be taking her second mission trip to Peru this summer with POPC, and will be attending the University of Florida in the Fall. Kaitlin is a member of POPC, and is the daughter of Kerry and Stephanie Lyons.

Ariel Arlene Samantha Swiatlowski

Ariel graduated from Spruce Creek High School. She was in the Dual Enrollment program at Daytona State College and was on the Dean's list. Ariel was on the Weight Lifting Team and received two Junior Varsity Letters and two Varsity Letters. She was in the Spanish Club for three years, and especially enjoyed her Photography class. Ariel volunteered her time at church taking pictures for Vacation Bible School for several years. She is undecided about the future, but is considering the Culinary/Hospitality field. Ariel is a member of POPC, and is the daughter of Richard and Lorlene Swiatlowski.

Kimberly Brooke Vancini

Kimberly graduated from Spruce Creek High School with an International Baccalaureate diploma. Kimberly reigned as Miss Spruce Creek during her senior year. She loves all styles of dance and spends much of her time at The Dance Pad in Orange City. She was in the highly acclaimed Papillion Dance Team in her Sophomore year. Kimberly was an active member of the Key Club and served as Secretary during her Junior year, and President this year. She also found time for the Spanish Club and FUSE (Forging Unity & Seeking Education). Kimberly plans to start Daytona State College in the Fall, and hopes to transfer to the University of Florida. She plans to Minor in dance, and is considering Majoring in Speech Pathology. Kimberly is a member of POPC, and is the daughter of Larry and Robin Vancini.

Ryan Daniel Whittiemore

Ryan graduated from Spruce Creek High School. Ryan was in the Latin Club. In the future he hopes to get a part time job and attend Daytona State College. Ryan is the son of POPC members, Lew and Marianne Whittiemore.

How long has it been since you played in a sandbox?

How could a sandbox provide ANYTHING for your life now?

And what could this have to do with your walk with God?



But Dr. Bunnell Graham at the Presbyterian Counseling Center says, “Many people find, in the simple activity of sandplay, answers to questions, new insights about their lives, and a connection to God.”

The simple tray with sand in it, together with hundreds of miniature figures, provides a non-verbal way to explore thoughts and wisdom from your deep inner self and from God. You can pray first or set an intention to have free play with no expectations.

Dr. Graham points out that the miniatures function as symbolic objects which can create “worlds in the sand.” The miniatures are available on open shelves in the sandplay room. There are wild and domesticated animals, vehicles, buildings and man-made structures, human figures of different cultures, ages, and occupations, religious figures and icons, even oddments of vegetation.

She says, “You can express yourself by putting figures into the sandtray. There are no rules for making sand pictures. You are free to explore the sand and the many figurines on the shelves. You may position and reposition figures in the sandtray, and remove those no longer needed. You may sculpt the sand, mound it, sprinkle it or bury things in it.”

While you work/play, Dr. Graham will be present, silently observing without judgment or interpretation. If you like, you may tell a story about your picture, make comments, or describe associations evoked by the picture.

At the end of the hour, you’ll leave with an intact visual image of the scene created. And you will continue to draw meanings and understandings for your life from that visual image.

Want to try it for free?

During the month of June, Dr. Graham is offering a free, one hour session of sandplay for individual adults. This is an opportunity to “experiment” with this technique to see whether you like it, whether it can be as meaningful for you as it has so often been for others.

If you are interested, you can call Tammy at PCC, 258-1618, for an hour’s appointment during the month of June. Dr. Graham is a member of the Sandplay Therapists of America, a registered art therapist, and a Spiritual Director.

Foreign Mission

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We are very thankful for the support of mission with your donations to Adopt-A-Missionary and with the response to the June 4 Mission Dinner Theater.

Ticket sales have gone well, and we are excited about the dinner and show.
(see ad on pg. 2)

2011 MISSION TRIPS

Adopt-A-Missionary

This ongoing fundraiser gives you the opportunity to be a part of the mission experience. Choose a missionary to support, and you will receive updates from the road, photos and postcards from them. We also would love to have your prayers! If you would like to donate to one of our mission travelers, simply make a donation payable to POPC with the name of the recipient on the memo line. Thank you so much to those who have already donated!

Peru Mission Team: Pastor Calvin Gittner, Lee Gittner, Callee Gittner, Linda Filegar, Cierra Jackson, Kaitlin Lyons, Kerry Lyons, Celia Nolin, Margaret Nolin and Kaylee Vander Ploeg.

Nicaragua Mission Team - 1st Week: Carolyn Horner, Jack Horner, Donna Ketchledge, Nicole Ketchledge and Steven McDonald. 2nd Week: Cathie Burns, Nathaniel Gittner, Donna Ketchledge, Nicole Ketchledge, Gary Meredith, Jean Meredith, Kacie Meredith, Matt Miller, Kristi Miller and Alice Pelphrey.

The Nicaragua mission crew will be giving out toiletries and school supplies just as we did last year.

Here are the items we would appreciate your help with:

(You will find a container in the narthex for donations)

Toiletries

Toothbrushes, small toothpaste, small mirrors, washcloths, small shampoos and soaps
(no mouthwash or lotion please)

School Supplies

Pencils, small pencil sharpeners, pencil cap erasers, small boxes of crayons



Peru Mission Network

POPC - October 6-8, 2011

Last October, Theresa Wolf and I attended the Peru Mission Network (PMN), held at Sharon Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sharon Presbyterian is the church that we partnered with on the Peru Mission Trip last summer. We were fortunate to be hosted by Connie and Van Dale, who opened their home to us, and treated us like family!

We were so impressed by the Peru Mission Network, that we felt called to host the 2011 PMN gathering right here at POPC, and it was approved by Session! There will be many great opportunities to participate in PMN 2011. We will be looking for families who would enjoy hosting some of our Peruvian brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as missionaries coming from Peru and all over the US in their homes. We will also need volunteers to serve meals, or give rides to and from the airport, just to name a few of the jobs. Please keep this on your heart and look for more information in the coming months. We are thrilled about this exciting opportunity for POPC. If you would like more information, please give me a call (788-1111).

Donna Ketchledge, Foreign Missions



Labels for Duvall Home



Most of you are familiar with the value of Campbell Soup labels to Duvall Home. Did you know it's not just soup labels? Post cereal tops, Bic pens and markers, Spaghetti O's, and even Pop Secret popcorn labels are also eligible products for the Labels for Education program. There is a full sheet of product names in the brown envelope that is attached to the blue canvas box on the desk in the Fellowship Hall, so please take one. You will be amazed at how many product labels can be saved instead of going to the trash, or recycling. It's another case of trash to treasure when these labels are redeemed by Duvall Home for computers, recreational equipment, etc., even an automobile in the past!

The Mission Team thanks you for your participation in this church-wide project as well as your donations of cancelled postage stamps, pop-tops, and of course, all the clothing and toiletries that are being placed in the beautiful Duvall Home Collection Box in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions about this ministry, contact Debbie Griffith (322-1841) or Lynn Senff (308-2176).

Preschool Corner

Wow! What a week it was our last week of school! The beautiful Youth Sunday Service recognizing the preschool staff and highlighting the children was a wonderful way to start the week. Our main focus at the beginning of our week was graduation! Forty nine preschoolers adorned in cap, gown and tassel, proudly marched down the aisle to the sounds of Pomp and Circumstance to sing a few last songs and receive their diplomas, officially beginning the passage into elementary school. Once graduation was over, we could relax and have a great last day filled with fun Luau themed events including hula dancing, surfing, fruit smoothies, bubbles, crafts, a bounce house and of course the giant water slide! We had 12 parent volunteers who manned all of the stations and made sure each four year old had a great day. The children started their day with Pastor Calvin's last chapel message reinforcing the lessons of the school year. We are confident these children are completely prepared for what lies ahead for them as they are equipped with the knowledge that Jesus loves them, takes care of them and will never leave their side. Our Preschool Team has been a blessing spending many hours making gifts for the children and teachers, helping serve food and drink during our big events, and supporting the preschool in all ways possible, we appreciate them so much!

Looking ahead to August, our four year old classes are full with several names on a waiting list. We still have a few openings left for our three year old classes, so anyone with friends, relatives or neighbors looking for a preschool, please spread the word!

Theresa Schwalbe, Preschool Director

For your information

Reviewed for you!
By Tinker Massey
POPC Librarian



Well...Hello there! I guess you can tell my adventures have been changed by life, as usual. It appears that I will be with you as usual for a while. As Paul says, at least you will be here to have another Thanksgiving meal for us! Yes! Yes! Yes! We have had a number of gifts hit the boxes in the library. Another reminder to please remove any books you have accidentally left behind, because I will be doing a clean sweep of the premises to do some cataloging and weeding. Thanks!

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Thatcher, Tom. Jesus the Riddler; the power of ambiguity in the gospels. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2006. [Jesus]

I remember in my youth being exposed to literary parables and riddles. Their use can be very effective in teaching and I always loved the intrigue and challenge of determining meaning in passages. Still wondering about the messages Jesus delivered in the gospels? This book can unlock some of those hidden messages for you. I think you will enjoy this one.

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McCormick, Blaine and David Davenport. Shepherd leadership; wisdom for leaders from Psalm 23. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2003. [Leadership]

This book talks about training people to become shepherds in the church. The leadership program is established from the teachings in Psalm 23. This is quite an interesting adventure in the Bible based teaching.

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Meyer, Richard C. One anothering; v.1-2. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Books, 2004. [Leadership]

A book about the training of people who work in groups in churches. This is a must for all groups whose members are learning to work together. Try it!

Pentecost Offering At A Glance



Pentecost Offering for
Children at Risk,
Youth, and Young Adults

Your giving makes a difference for thousands of young people! One of four church-wide special offerings, the 2011 Pentecost Offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

What the offering supports: PC (USA) Young Adult Volunteer program (25%), youth ministry (25%), advocacy for children at risk (10%). The remaining 40 percent is retained by congregations to be used for ministries with children and youth at risk.

Here are ways some congregations have used their 40% of the offering:

- Providing assistance to a teen pregnancy resource center
- Supporting a community food pantry
- Supporting a youth mission trip to work with children
- Providing school supplies for children in need
- Supporting a home for battered women and children
- Developing a summer lunch program for hungry children

For more information: www.pcusa.org/pentecost

To learn more about Young Adult Volunteers:
www.pcusa.org/yav

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

All women of the church
are welcome!

Ruth Circle will be on summer break until October. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm in members homes. For information about Ruth Circle contact Carolyn Horner (767-3249 or chorner6@cfl.rr.com) or Mar-jean Jones (788-0394 or mjones37@cfl.rr.com).

Women of Faith Circle will be taking a summer break through August. We normally meet at the church on the first Tuesday of the month, at 10:00 am in the Library. For information about Women of Faith contact Lana Jarc (767-4943 or magnoliablossom7@cfl.rr.com).

Mission Circle will take a summer break, and resume meeting in the fall. Our usual meeting is in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am on the second Tuesday of the month. For information about Mission Circle contact Marj Mason (304-9297 or mar-jmas36@yahoo.com) or Mary Ann Trust (756-9111 or j_trust@bellsouth.net).

Circle of Hope will meet Monday, **June 20**, at 7:00 pm at the home of Alice Pelphrey, 5408 Lancers Lane, Port Orange 32128. For information about Circle of Hope contact Alice Pelphrey (756-9604 or alice5408@cfl.rr.com).

Peacemaker Circle will meet Tuesday, **June 28**, at 7:00 pm at the home of Carolyn Leitch, 716 Kristina Ct., Port Orange 32127. For information about Peacemaker Circle contact Jane Sanford (304-7942 or stephenrsanford@bellsouth.net).

For information about Presbyterian Women contact Lana Jarc (767-4943 or magnoliablossom7@cfl.rr.com).

PW Events - June 2011

June 5 Equal Exchange
Coffee Sales

The Circles Meetings are breaking for the summer (June , July, and August with some exceptions—see details at left).

We will begin again with the

Fall Kick-Off Gathering Luncheon

on Saturday September 17th, 2011

Registration 10:00 – 10:30

Pastor Jean Meredith will be leading the Gathering with our first lesson in the “Confessing the Beatitudes” book by Margaret Aymer which all the circles will be studying this coming year. Books will be going on sale sometime in July or August. You may contact Irene Williamson (304-5419), to purchase a book or you may purchase a book at the Gathering.

The actual individual meetings will begin again in October. Please enjoy your summer and May you all walk with God.
Sincerely,

Lana Jarc, PW POPC Moderator

A Note from Rob & Theresa Wolf

Dear friends at
Port Orange Presbyterian,

Many years ago a young preacher graduated Candler Seminary in Atlanta and received his first call to a small Methodist church in north Georgia. After several months of service he was having trouble connecting with his congregation. He kept teaching and visiting the parishioners, bringing the entirety of his theological training to bear on every sermon and bible study. The congregants were welcoming and gracious enough, but he began to sense an intangible gulf of separation between himself and them. One day a kind old farmer invited the pastor out to his cow pasture after a thunderstorm, led him around through the fields, asked him to help throw hay, then walked him back to his car. As the pastor was about to get in and leave, the farmer drew attention to his badly soiled shoes and gave a knowing smile. "Reverend, no one's going to trust a preacher until his boots get muddy."

A couple years ago I had the opportunity to see Pastor Calvin with mud on his shoes. It was in 2009 after a very long rain, and as my apartment was built in a low lying field, it became completely flooded to a depth of about 8 inches. Though there was not much worth trying to save, Pastor Calvin pulled his pickup truck around to the front door, put on his boots, and helped me pick up the few things we could salvage out of the water and put them up on the tables and counters. And it goes without saying that Theresa was there wading through the mud like she was on a gator hunt. I thank God for Pastor Calvin and all the ministers of Christ's church who go out and get dirty in the course of preaching the Gospel. The world needs far less ivory tower theologians, and far more barnstorming, window-rattling, shingle-pulling preachers who don't mind getting a little dirt on their shoes.

Port Orange Presbyterian is, among many other virtues, a people of *action*. We have people working out in the garden, sweating under the Florida sun. There are people running around every week working on the building and grounds, changing signs, set-

ting up the fellowship hall, visiting those who can't attend church, teaching the children, clearing out underbrush and tree limbs, writing Sunday school lessons, calling on the sick, organizing retreats, picking up rummage sale items, decorating the sanctuary, getting out this newsletter, and cooking and cleaning in the kitchen. If you encounter a POPC member around church, chances are their shoes aren't shined. It's not that they're a motley bunch who don't care about looking decent; it's just that there's a lot of work to be done and getting a fresh coat of polish on the Italian loafers isn't the highest priority. May "not getting dirty" *never* become an excuse for avoiding the legitimate work of God's kingdom. If God is calling us to do something, let's simply do it. A crown in Heaven is worth far more than a clean pair of shoes in the closet.

Finally, let's never forget the example of our Lord. The pastor I referred to in the beginning was reflecting later on the lesson the farmer had taught him. He ultimately realized that the Lord Jesus Christ is *God* with mud on His boots. He walked through an unclean world, served among unclean people, was betrayed to death on a cross, and took our uncleanness on Himself to save us from sin. He left the riches of heaven behind in order to labor in the hot, dusty fields of earth, reaping for a harvest all people who come to Him by faith. Jesus Christ is the very picture of a loving, caring pastor who does not mind getting mud on his boots. He never stopped short of helping anyone who called out to him as he passed by. In fact, he often ventured out of his way to seek one lost sheep far out in the wilderness, whose feeble cries no one was able to hear but the Savior himself. Let us continue in thankful service to our Lord wherever it may take us, whether the marbled halls of academia, or the muddy row of a tomato patch.

God bless,

Robert and Theresa Wolf

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who assisted at our church services during May

Elders

Scott Decker
Alice Pelphrey

Usher Captains

Gordon Jones
Marty Parsons
Bob Woodson
Tony Longo
Bill Reckker
Irene Williamson
David Williamson
Brenda Breter
Bill Perry
Bob Devine
Margie Topol
Sue Espiritu
Elsie Wanjohi

Greeters

Gay and Bea Thoman
Jason and Megan Budde
Bonnie Little
Jessica Borgen
Bob and Ann Duvall
Prem and Saroja Boaz
Sandy Reppert
Margie Topol
The Zambrano Family
Bob and Mary Lou Woodson
Alice Drish
Lana Jarc
George and Mary Tarrant
Scott and Jeana Foster
Carol Neilson
Mary Ellen Anderson
Jay and Pam Peirce
Stephanie and Kaitlin Lyons
Susan Deni
Lou Apuzzo

Readers

Sandy Dalla Rosa	Lynn Senff
Sue Espiritu	Susan Scofield
Paul Heaton	Jamie Bodnar
Janet McCormick	Kaitlin Lyons
Mike Bedford	Ernie Svolto

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Thanks to Doug Bell, Phyllis Decker, Sophie Duer-son, Sue Espiritu, David Fox, Bob and Barbara Jensen, Wilson and Caroline Kemp, Beth Mason, Dee McKee, Sue Russell and Susan Scofield for preparing and serving the hot meal at the Halifax Urban Ministries on Friday, [May 20](#).

Children's Sermon

Pastor Calvin
Susyn Bedford
Bowen Newman
Diana Dunham

Acolytes

Cole Somerton
Samuel Scaccia
Emily Allbright

From Chuck and Eila Kelly:

The doorbell rang. I answered it and there was Sue Espiritu with a lovely bouquet. She came inside and we enjoyed a nice visit.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers.

From Mary Robertson:

You have kept me in your prayers for almost a year and a half. I have felt secure in your thoughts and prayers.

Now I must thank you for all your love and prayers in the death of Alex.

My son Mike's surgery has turned out well and now it is a matter of healing. He still needs prayers for healing and Post Traumatic Stress.

God bless you all.

From Lung Ogle:

Thank you very much for the Prayer Shawls. People were so happy when they got them. They also told me to be sure to thank all of you. Your donation to the medical mission trip means a lot to me and the Cambodian Villagers.

From Leigh Callander:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me that beautiful Prayer Shawl. I shall treasure it because it came from all of you, full of good wishes and prayers. It is very much appreciated. *(Leigh is a friend of Carol and Bill Neilson)*

From Nancy: *(A note to Marj Mason from a mother who's daughter Kirstin 27, died two days after delivering her son)*

As has often been said, the Lord works in wondrous ways. Once again it was shown in a small box I found at my front door last week. Candidly, I had been experiencing some low points in the weeks before and in a very sweet way He reminded me that I and my family as well as our precious Kristin had not been forgotten. Thanks be to God, you, and the Port Orange Church.

The knitted shawl is beautiful! As one who learned to knit for a few years of my life, I truly understand the work, talent, and love that went into it. Thank you so much for the shawl as well as the prayers lifted up for us as the shawl was being created.

Marj, please thank the members of the church who helped you put together such a wonderful package of care and love. It meant more to us than words can adequately express. You all are yet another way that God's love shines through.

As I close, I pray God's best for all of you.

From Beverly Stratt of the Pregnancy Crisis Center:

Thank you for your generous gift of handmade baby hats. Because of donations like yours we were able to help 173 mothers in April. Forty babies were born and we were able to give mothers supplies for their babies.

May God bless you for all that you do for His children.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

Birthdays

- 1 Bridget Salser
- 2 Joan Bubnis
Marj Mason
- 3 Eleanor Carl
- 4 Gavin Palmer
Carly Zicker
Evan Fedea
- 5 Barbara Pellon
- 6 Becky Dorman
Dan Feldschau
- 7 Olivia Duvall
Paul Heaton
- 8 Debbie Griffith
Ron Krenn
Marjorie Mollet
- 9 Isabella DeMonico
Kendall Lutz
Alice Williams
- 10 Mary Hills
- 11 Bill Brown
Kavita Fonseca
Trudy Mose
Susan Russell
Delores Sistrunk
Erica Swartz
- 12 Evie Bell
Karie Cappiello
Carol Neilson
Avie Williams
- 13 Julie Fort
Cami Harkins
Dale Slade
- 14 Candace Harris
- 15 Marilyn Meekins
Benjamin Scaccia
Elizabeth Gary
Signe Walrond
- 16 Kiley Provenzano
Charlotte Tarwater
- 17 Walter Corliss
Dallas Lutz
Jill Quarles
- 19 Lisa Baranowski
Eddie Salisbury
Liam Westervelt
- 20 Ethan Palmer
Anne Phillips
- 21 Pat Miles
- 22 Don Carl
- 23 Lana Jarc
- 25 Janet McCormick

- 26 Madeline Graboski
Lynn Kruse
Maddie Teasdale
- 27 Roshan Ailani
Ben Little
- 28 Robbie Connors
Zachary Phillips
Lauren Phillips
Mary Young
- 30 Kyle Canter
Bruce Dunham
Jay Pierce
Barb Seither
Nancy Zicker

June Anniversaries

- 1 Andrew and Mary Kidd
- 2 Ralph and Marilyn Jacobs
Elwin and Shirley Levitt
- 3 Stephen and Kelly Sims
- 5 Frank and Pat Aschman
- 6 Gay and Barb Seither
- 8 Jeffrey and Leslie Eckhart
- 10 Dan and Beth Ann Provenzano
- 11 Dave and Nancy Mellon
Charlie and Carla Theis
- 12 Jim and Janet Dyer
- 13 Jeff and Donna Ketchledge
- 14 Luis Soto and Elizabeth Gary
- 15 Wayne and Melanie Clark
- 16 Wayne and Eleanor Christeson
Jack and Carolyn Horner
- 17 Sam and Rosey Ankney
- 19 Bill and Susan Merkin
- 21 Gaylord and Bea Thoman
- 22 Frank and Ann Davis
- 24 John and Nancy Griffenberg
Bill and Joanne Larmon
- 25 Wayne and Mary Young
Gary and Debbie Cline
- 26 Frank and Betty Skwortz
Dale and Lori Slade
- 28 Stanley and Jessica Palmer
- 29 Lewis and Marianne Whittiemore

Special Anniversaries

...Gay and Barb Seither,
58th wedding anniversary on
June 6

...Rev. Dave and Nancy Mellon,
56th wedding anniversary on
June 11

...Gay and Bea Thoman,
54th wedding anniversary on
June 21

...John and Nancy Griffenberg,
50th wedding anniversary on
June 24

...Wayne and Mary Young,
51st wedding anniversary on
June 25



Amazing Anniversaries

...Ralph and Marilyn Jacobs,
62nd wedding anniversary on
June 2

...Elwin and Shirley Levitt,
60th wedding anniversary on
June 2

...Wayne and Eleanor Christeson,
69th wedding anniversary on
June 16

...Frank and Betty Skwortz,
63rd wedding anniversary on
June 26

Our sympathy to...

...Ted Burr on the death of his wife, Jeanne

...Marge Meister on the death of her step-son, Mark

...Jean Riddell on the death of her husband, Jim

...Ernie and Bonnie Svolto on the death of Ernie's mother, Anna

Remember our shut-ins and those with limited mobility

At Home

... Loren and Val Derrickson

... Julianne Fielding

... Mary Hirt

... Rev. Joe Hood

... Fern Humphries

... Barbara Kidd

...Mac and Helen McQuillen

...Rev. Dave and Nancy Mellon

... Allen Mitchell

... Trudy Mose

... Barbara Pellon

... Eddie Salisbury

... Rene Speidel

Nursing Home

D'manila Gardens

... Geneva Morgan

Assisted Living

Countryside Lakes

... Betty Moran

... Martha Hixon

Emeritus Senior Living

(Formerly Summerville)

...Betty Hood

Ormond in the Pines

...Joanie Dickerson

Compassion & Health Care

...Sally Scanlan

Bishops Glen Retirement

Center Assisted Living

...Ted Burr

...Jean Riddell

Epiphany Manor

...Marge Meister

...Irene Ferguson

Recently hospitalized...

...Ned Haag

...Chuck Kelly

...Gay Seither

...Carol Belden

...Betty Hood

Blood pressure screenings...

Will be available in the fellowship hall on Sunday, **June 12**, at 9:45 am and on the second Sunday of the month thereafter. Please feel free to take advantage of this service provided by the POPC Congregational Care Team.

Outside groups meeting at POPC...

Tuesday

Boy Scout Troop #441

7:00 pm-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday (Every other week)

Girl Scout Brownies Troop #968

6:30-8:00 pm-Fellowship Hall

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6:00 pm-Library (3rd Wed. of the month in room 1)

Lupus & other Auto Immune Disorders Support Group, Third Wed. of the month, 6:00 pm-Library

Thursday

Girl Scout Brownies Troop #439

3:30 pm-Library (1st & 3rd Thursday of the month)

Happy Wanderers/Every other 2nd Thurs. of the month, 6:00 pm-Choir room

Friday

Food Addicts Group

8:00 am-Choir room

Al Anon Meeting

7:30 pm-Choir room

Saturday

Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1786

10:00 am-Fellowship Hall (every other week)

Men's Prayer Breakfast ...

... Meets at Booths Bowery at the corner of Herbert St. and Nova Road, every Tuesday at 7 am. All men of POPC are welcome.

Women's Prayer Breakfast ...

Now meets on Friday's

... Meets at Booths Bowery, corner of Herbert St. and Nova Road, every Friday at 8 am. All women of POPC are welcome.

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■ *New address, phone, email...* ■
■ *Please let us know if you have* ■
■ *changed your email address, or* ■
■ *moved! Email Donna at* ■
■ *dketchledge@webpopc.com or call* ■
■ *the church 788-1111.* ■
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Parents' Night Out Friday, June 17, 2011 6-10 pm

For all Babies and Kids up to 5th grade! Parents—it's a great time to support our youth mission work, while you go out or just stay home to get the vacuuming done. Our youth babysitters are red-cross certified and a parent from our youth group will be here too. It's only \$10 per child for the whole night. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We have room for 25 kids, so sign up soon!

Young @ Heart June 18—7 pm Game Night!

Join us for fun, fellowship and games on June 18 at 7 pm at the home of Cheryl and Doug Duncan, 6164 Half Moon Dr., Port Orange. Please bring your favorite games, an appetizer and your beverage of choice!

Call Margie Topol (760-0565) if you have any questions or need directions.



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