



The Grapevine

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

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Save Money this Year.. Give the Gift of the Spirit

During worship at our Sunday Night Fellowship, Lee, our interim Youth Director went around the room and asked everyone what they wanted for Christmas. Most of the responses were what you would expect; X-Box games, a new surf board, a wetsuit, socks, a new jacket, one girl even asked for a new Jeep – why not think big! However, before we get to Christmas we had to get through Thanksgiving!

So we went around the room again and this time she asked each what they were thankful for. The answers were surprisingly spiritual; our youth were thankful for family and friends, thankful that mom got a new job, thankful that dad was able to spend some time with them, thankful that an aunt who had been sick was doing better, thankful that there had been healing and reconciliation in their family. Their answers cut to the heart of what really matters on the journey of life and faith. Then came the real challenge, comparing what they were really thankful for with what they wanted for Christmas.

Sure, they still wanted some things; surf boards and new cell phones, and that girl still wants a new Jeep. However, they also felt that if they were able to get some happiness at home, if they could spend time with their family and friends; if a sick relative could get better, if there could be some forgiveness and love, those were the things they really wanted.

Recently at church many of you took our Spirit Given Gifts Inventory, and perhaps you are surprised by your own results. Maybe it just confirmed the gifts you knew you had, such as hospitality, encouragement, faith, giving, assisting, creativity (some of the best presents are hand made), discernment, mentoring, evangelism, giving, healing, justice, knowledge, leadership and organizational skills, diversity and multiculturalism, mercy and prayer, teaching and service, wisdom and vision. Whatever your Spirit Given Gifts are, our hope is that this Christmas season and throughout the coming year you will find ways to give those gifts!

It's ok to buy things and put them under your Christmas tree; but the gifts you will remember a year from now are the gifts of the Spirit, those qualities that cut to the heart of what matters most; spending some quality time together; laughter and compassion, forgiveness mixed with a little mercy and grace – those are gifts that your family and friends will be truly thankful for.

Merry Christmas.

Pastor Calvin H. Gittner, Rev. MDiu

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Christmas 2011

Advent and Christmas Events

December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday

Saturday, December 10

Saturday Night Worship & Café - Fellowship Hall
Holiday Desserts 6:30 pm—Contemporary Worship at 7 pm

December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Program at 11 am Service-Christmas Dinner at 5:30

December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Joy Offering Collected Sunday Morning
Christmas Caroling at 6 pm—All ages welcome!



Christmas Eve - December 24

6 pm Family Christmas Eve Service
8 pm A Service of Lessons & Carols



Christmas Day - December 25

Combined Morning Worship Service at 10:00 am

New Year's Eve Party - December 31
Celebrate the New Year at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

New Years Day - January 1, 2012
Combined Morning Worship Service at 10:00 am

Christmas 2011



Saturday Night Worship & Café December 10

Food & Fellowship 6:30 pm
Contemporary Worship 7 pm

Holiday Desserts
Please bring a dish to share!



*Come & enjoy
the POPC Praise Band!*

Children's Ministry invites
you to a special Christmas presentation,
entitled

"The ABC's of Christmas"



*Children
Important
rehearsal
on
Tuesday
Dec. 6
from
6-7 pm*

to be performed on Sunday,
December 11, 2011 at the
11:00 am Worship Service

POPC Christmas Dinner December 11, 5:30 pm



Join us for an evening of delicious food,
fun, fellowship, and merry music on
Sunday, December 11 at 5:30 pm. We
will provide ham and turkey so bring
your favorite Christmas side dish. All
ages are welcome! Bring a friend or
neighbor. Sign ups for food are in the
Fellowship Hall. If you would like to
take part in our table decorating contest
please contact Barbara Hallett at
322-8316.

2011 Christmas Joy Offering



Good News of Great Joy

What is the Christmas Joy Offering?

Offering received December 18

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC (USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring *Good News of Great Joy* to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we also hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: *"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded"* (Luke 12:48).

The Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Poinsettia's

may be ordered in honor or in memory of someone close to you at a cost of \$6.50 each. Orders need to be placed no later than December 11. A list of donors and honorees will be published in the bulletin of Sunday, December 18.



Christmas Caroling Sunday,

December 18 at 6 pm

Everyone's invited to come caroling! What better way to introduce folks to the Love of Jesus than by sharing music in praise of Him? It will be a great chance to invite people to worship with us!



New Year's Eve Party!!!

December 31 at 6:30 pm

Sponsored by the POPC Youth Groups in appreciation to all of the adults of the congregation who support the youth all year.

All Ages Invited!

Please bring a dish to share.

Let's ring
in the new
year at
7 pm!



Share the Spirit of Christmas

The Christmas Season is upon us! As we enter into the Advent Season and the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we need to remember:

- Children who through no fault of their own might not receive a Christmas gift this year.
- Families who are struggling to make ends meet.
- Senior Citizens who are alone and in need.

This Advent Season, our POPC family is offered the opportunity to “Share the Spirit of Christmas” in three different ways.

The Giving Tree

On November 20th, the POPC “Giving Tree” was placed in the narthex. On the tree there are Angel and Heart ornaments. Each of these have a Christmas gift idea printed on one side and any special instructions on the back. Please take an ornament and provide a gift, then *return to the church by December 11th*. Your unwrapped gifts need to be placed on the table in the narthex, with the ornament card attached. These gifts will then be given to the Council on Aging, and the Children’s Advocacy Center for distribution to those individuals and families in need.

The Council on Aging for Volusia County

The Council on Aging promotes healthy, independent, living, through caring, competent and compassionate services. POPC member Bonnie Little has a list of 60 Seniors who are either alone or have very limited resources. They have some needs, that if fulfilled, might brighten up their Christmas morning.

The Children’s Advocacy Center of Volusia and Flagler Counties

The Children’s Advocacy of Volusia and Flagler Counties is committed to providing quality forensic, therapeutic and prevention services to the victims of child abuse and sexual assault.

Families in need who are served by the CAC will receive an invitation to pick up a Gift Bag especially for their child. Each child’s unwrapped gifts are placed in a white bag that is sealed. This is so that the child will not know what the parent is picking up and the parents can then wrap the gifts and have them under the tree for the child. If there is more than one child in the family each child will receive a gift. No child will be without a Christmas present on Christmas morning with your help. In 2010, CAC provided 99 families and 266 children with Christmas Gifts.

Christmas Can-Do

The Port Orange Police Department’s Victim’s Advocacy Department needs our help. Each year they provide Christmas for 80 needy families who live in Port Orange. Each family will receive gifts and food. POPC has been asked if we could help supply some of the food needed for these 80 families. The Christmas Can-Do project will be *collecting food for this project through December 11th*. Here is what is needed:

- 80 Canned Hams
- 80 boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes
 - 80 Cans of Vegetables
 - 80 Cans of Fruit
- 80 Jars of Peanut Butter

If you know of a Port Orange Family who needs help please contact POPC member Cathie Burns. She can be reached at 761-0049.

Christian Growth & Nurture

Leadership Academy: *Called to Discipleship*

Learning Opportunity!

The Central Florida Presbytery is offering a wonderful learning opportunity for everyone in 2012! The *Leadership Academy* will provide monthly classes in many areas including Old Testament, New Testament, Spirituality, Church History, and Reformed Theology. These classes will be taught by our area's finest along with leaders from Columbia Theological Seminary and PC-USA. With the use of technology, these classes will be offered in four key areas in our Presbytery, including POPC! How convenient is that! You can sign up for one class or all twelve. The cost for each class is \$25. Please see Pastor Jean for more information and packets or go to: <http://cfpresbytery.org/equip>.

Sunday School for All Ages!

Join us Sunday Mornings

9:45 - 10:45



Kindergarten - Fifth Grade

Meet upstairs in Room 1 for Opening Celebration "Spark" Rotation Model
Advent & Christmas

Middle School and High School

Meet upstairs in Room 4 (Youth room)
for Opening Worship & Cafe
Bagels and drinks available!!
Fellowship with Sue Espiritu

Middle School

"Making Worship Real"
Led by Jamie & Kyle Bodnar,

Kristi & Matt Miller

High School

"Life Lessons: The Gospel of John"
by Max Lucado and
"Nooma" video series
Led by Gary and Jean Meredith,
Mike and Susyn Bedford

Adult Classes

Bible Study - Paul's Letters to Corinth
Led by Jim Rockhold
Meets in the library
Thoughtful Christian Group
"Advent Through the Eyes
of Those Who Waited"

Led by Bob Ludlow—Meets in Room 12

Sunday Night Fellowship

Join us Sunday Nights from 6:00 to 7:30 pm for
New College Fellowship Group - Middle School Youth Group
High School Youth Group
and Contemporary Worship!

Lee Gittner is our interim Youth Group Leader, with a wonderful support team of Kristi & Matt Miller, Nathaniel Gittner will be leading music and our new College Fellowship. Invite a friend this Sunday!

For your information

Reviewed for you! By Tinker Massey POPC Librarian



Lucado, Max. In the eye of the storm; a day in the life of Jesus. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1991. [JESUS]

Rev. Lucado spins an extensive story of one day in the life of Jesus, using examples from his own life to illustrate that this could be a normal day in the life of any man. The everyday examples help to bring Christ's life into a different perspective, so that it is easier to understand. The author is an excellent writer and I think you will enjoy this one very much.

Perry, Lynn E. Sacramental cocoa and other stories from the parish of the poor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1995. [SOCIAL ISSUES]

This is a book of vignettes about the needy in Chicago. The persons in the stories are seeking food, clothes, security of a place to sleep and most important a connectedness to others and God. It is also an epic about the quest for hope. It will move you!

Lucado, Max. The applause of heaven. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1990. [REFERENCE, STUDY BIBLES]

The Rev. Lucado instructs us about the Beatitudes in everyday language. For all the PW Circles, this may be of interest to you, as we study this New Testament event. The author is easy to understand and has a pleasant style. I think you'll like this presentation.

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE



Coffee and Gift Baskets for sale December 4th & 11th—Fellowship Hall

Just fill out the forms for the Equal Exchange products you want and we'll pick an appropriate basket to decorate for you. Don't miss this opportunity - they make great gifts!

Parents' Night Out



Friday, December 16, 2011 6-10 pm

For all Babies and Kids up to 5th grade! Parents—it's a great time for you to Christmas shop or just stay home to get some housework 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!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

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



Invite a friend or neighbor!

Women's Prayer Breakfast

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

Saturday Night Life! December 17, 7 pm



Join us at the church for a wrapping party! Bring your Christmas Gifts that need wrapping... especially those that risk being discovered by your kids!

Linda Filegar is hosting, so give her a call or email if you have any questions (492-4541 or lsansouci1@cfl.rr.com).

Blood pressure screenings

Will be available in the fellowship hall on Sunday, **December 11**, at 9:45 am Please feel free to take advantage of this service provided by the POPC Congregational Care Team.

New address, phone #, or email ?

Please let us know if you have changed your phone number, email address, or moved! Email Donna at dketchledge@webpopc.com or call the church 788-1111.

For your information

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings



All women of the church are welcome!

*This year our circles will be studying
"Confessing the Beatitudes"*

By Margaret Aymer

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, December 5, at the home of Barbara Jensen, 993 Applevue Way, Port Orange, 32127. 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 chornor6@cfl.rr.com) or Marjean Jones (788-0394 or mjones37@cfl.rr).

Women of Faith Circle will meet at the church on the first Tuesday of the month, December 6, at 10 am in the Library. For information about Women of Faith contact Lana Jarc (767-4943 or magnoliablossom7@cfl.rr.com).

Mission Circle will meet the second Tuesday of the month, December 13, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. For information about Mission Circle contact Marj Mason (304-9297 or marjmas36@yahoo.com) or Mary Ann Trust (756-9111 or j_trust@bellsouth.net).

Circle of Hope will meet on the third Monday of the month, December 19, at 7 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 alic5408@cfl.rr.com).

Peacemaker Circle meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month, December 27, at 7 pm at the home of Carolyn Leitch, 716 Kristina Ct., Port Orange 32127. For information about Peacemaker Circle contact Jane Sanford (304-7942 or stephensanford@bellsouth.net) or Bonnie Little (386-760-7363 or BenitaJean47@hotmail.com).

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

Care Notes

Do you know someone who needs extra support and comfort during the holidays? Care Notes are available in the display case on the Information Table in Fellowship Hall. They help express God's love and caring for a variety of problems. Help spread the news of Christ's healing spirit to those in need of support.

A few of the titles include:

- *Facing the Holidays When a Family Member is Seriously Ill*
- *Getting through the Holidays*
- *Ten Ways to Honor a Deceased Loved One at Christmas*
- *Overcoming Loneliness After Loss*

There are many different types of Care Notes available. Please look and take any booklets that you find helpful or take one if you know someone who needs help at this time of year.

*Elder Helen McTammany,
Pastoral Care Moderator*

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

One Voice Choral Group

Every third week 2 pm-Choir room

Al Anon Meeting

7:30 pm-Choir room

Saturday

Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1786

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

Sunday

Girl Scouts

2:00 pm-Fellowship Hall
(Every other week)

PW Events—December 2011

- Dec. 4 Coffee Sales and Christmas Baskets
 Dec. 6 PW Coordinating Team Meeting 7:00 pm
 Dec. 11 Coffee Sales and Christmas Baskets
 Dec. 18 Kitchen help from the Mission Circle
Save the date! - Spring Gathering April 14, 2012

Mission & Service



Duvall Home News



My eyes well with tears when I think about how excited the ten residents of Duvall Home are to be receiving cards and small gifts from the generous people of Port Orange Presbyterian Church. These men and women have no family or outside support. I learned that one woman's monthly income does not even cover her monthly medication expenses. Can you imagine the happiness getting a card and just knowing that someone cares can bring?

All ten of the residents have at least two people volunteering to send cards and share God's love. A few have three, and we could do that for all of our folks if someone else wants to come forward. If you would still like to take a name, see me, Debbie Griffith, or give me a call. I'll give you all the information you need to get started.

If you took a name but didn't sign the list, please let me know and I'll share some useful information on how and what you can do for your resident.



Even if you are not part of the card ministry, you can help make Christmas special with men's and women's toiletries, music CDs, clothing, underwear, socks, or slippers. Place any of those items in the wooden chest in the Fellowship Hall and they will be delivered to Duvall. Don't forget that new as well as used items can be shared.



You are invited to attend the Duvall Home Christmas Pageant on Friday, December 9th, at 3 pm. Again, you can see Debbie for directions or to share a ride.



Duvall's motto is "A Legacy of Love... a Lifetime of Opportunity."

What wonderful opportunities we here at POPC have during this season and the upcoming year!

Duvall Home Coordinator, Debbie Griffith, 322-1841



*"Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare."
~James Russell Lowell*



Sharing and Learning in the Hope Garden

During the last few weeks, we've all been asked to think about the gifts we have to share with each other and our community, and how we can make the most of those gifts as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Hope Garden is just one of the many mission projects at Port Orange Presbyterian Church. And while its focus always will be providing fresh produce to Halifax Urban Ministries' Bridge of Hope Food Program, it's also a wonderful opportunity for the volunteers to share with and learn from each other. We give thanks each week for the many talented people who offer their labor and expertise to help support the mission.

Because of their teamwork, our new season is off to a great start. Since October 19, the volunteers have harvested some of the late-summer crops, including 28 pounds of squash, 12 pounds of zucchini, 6 pounds of cucumbers, 10 pounds of beans and 13 pounds of turnip. We also have begun harvesting some of the lettuce and are eagerly awaiting the tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage, beets and carrots.

We also give thanks to all of those who have supported the Hope Garden behind the scenes - and sometimes in ways they didn't even know.

One of those ways you all have helped is through contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing and to the Presbyterian Church USA.

Proceeds from the One Great Hour of Sharing help support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which again this year is supporting the Hope Garden through a \$1,000 grant. The Hope Garden also has received a \$500 grant from the PC (USA) General Assembly.

The grants will be used to grow the Hope Garden in ways that will allow us to continue to increase the amount of fresh produce we can deliver to HUM each year.

Another source of support has been through the generous purchase of the fig trees. Thank you to all who have given the trees a new home. We still have some trees that need a home, so please contact Scott Fitzwilliam after the services on Sunday or at 386-682-4792 if you are interested.

For those who may be interested in helping out in the garden, please contact our volunteer coordinator Sue Russell at 386-760-6896.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Fitzwilliam

Our Christmas Programs are scheduled for December 8th at 11:30 am for the four year olds, and December 9th at 11:30 am for the three year olds. We need help with cookies and treats for those receptions. If you want a real holiday treat, please come and see the performances, and bring some cookies if you can!

November was a very busy month of activities and of giving thanks!

We are thankful that our classes of three year olds are full, and by January, our classes of four year olds will also be at full capacity, giving us a total of 83 children attending the preschool!

We have doubled the number of parents attending the Bible Study/Discussion with Pastor Jean.

Our children worked with our Can-do- Mission this month by collecting canned goods to be distributed by HUM.

We sent out fall cards made by our students to our shut-ins in our congregation. We want them to know we are thinking of them over the holidays. Thank you, Edna Barrett, for your hard work!

The installation of the playground was completed thanks to Gary Meredith and his team of volunteers and the children are extremely grateful for the new equipment to play on.

Special thanks to Lynn Kruse who assisted with the Thanksgiving Celebration with the three year olds on November 18th and to Pat Miles who assisted with the celebration for the four year olds on November 22nd.

Thank you to Helen McTammany, Beth Mason and Pat Miles for sewing the banners which will be given to the parents as a Christmas Gift.

Submitted by Elder Pat Miles, 386-756-6326, artmakerpat@yahoo.com and Theresa Schwalbe, 760-8700

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

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| 1 Drew Davis | 16 Elwin Levitt |
| Cassie Hodnett | 17 Joel Brown |
| 3 John Dolatowski | 19 Sally Scanlan (95) |
| Chad Faulkner | 20 Susan Dodig |
| 4 Hewitt Dupont | Jack Pesarchick |
| Marti Hamilton | 24 Bethany Davis |
| Sydney Rogers | Bowen Newman |
| Mary Lou Woodson | 27 Mary Hirt |
| Wayne Young | Nancy Riegel |
| 5 Mike Clancy | 28 Nancy Chadbourne |
| 6 Nancy Limauro | Bill Patterson (91) |
| Betty Moran | 29 Susyn Bedford |
| 7 Rip Armstrong | Ann Dalton |
| 9 Jeff Ketchledge | William Neilson |
| Kurt Kolheffer | 30 Jon Hall |
| 10 Keith Hastings | Bill Reckker |
| 11 Sandy Reppert | Georgie Sandora |
| 13 Carol Catoe | 31 Lucas Davis |
| Morgan Little | Don Poehnert |
| Greg McClelland | John Thomas |
| Ryan Williams | |
| 14 Shon Duncan | |
| Anne Fitch | |
| Eileen McGlumphy | |
| Dave Mellon | |
| Louie Misita | |

December Anniversaries

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| 2 Sam and Marjorie Mollet |
| 4 Bruce and Nancy Chadbourne |
| 17 Rocky and Tanya Rothwell |
| Norton and Jane Christeson |
| 18 Jason and Megan Budde |
| 20 John and Mary Wender |
| Jim and Carolyn Leitch |
| 22 Wayne and Becky Dorman |
| 24 Charlie and Magda Kovacs |
| Kurt and Elizabeth Kolheffer |
| 25 Calvin and Lee Gittner |
| 27 Vic and Linda Anderson |
| Bill and Mary Fran Patterson |
| Tony and Barbara Longo |
| Joel and Nicole Brown |
| 28 Dennis and Kim Scaccia |
| 29 Kerry and Stephanie Lyons |
| Jeff and Linda Filegar |
| 31 Dale and Judy Maloney |

December Special Anniversaries

John and Mary Wender, 52nd wedding anniversary on December 20

Charlie and Magda Kovacs, 56th wedding anniversary on December 24

Vic and Linda Anderson, 54th wedding anniversary on December 27

New Members



Mary Amaral
1361 Costa Del Sol Drive
Port Orange, FL 32129-9140
(761-1648)

Originally from Massachusetts, Mary is a long-time Florida resident. She enjoys knitting, crocheting and participating in the POPC Prayer Shawl Ministry. Mary and her son, Christopher, have been attending POPC for about a year. They enjoy our worship services, especially the sermons, finding them to be

clear and meaningful. She joined us by reaffirmation of faith.

Marti Hamilton

926 Mill Road Lane
Port Orange, FL 32127-4866
(756-6516)

Another long-time Florida resident, Marti's life is devoted to music. She teaches piano and voice and coaches professional singers. Marti has attended our church for many years and has joined us by reaffirmation of faith.



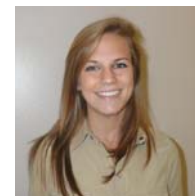
Thomas Knight
309 Mallard Lane
Daytona Beach, FL 32119-8719
(407-466-4240)

Thomas relocated to this area about a year ago. A life-long Presbyterian, he initially visited POPC because it was conveniently located. He found the pastor, congregation and atmosphere to his liking and has joined us by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Kacie Meredith

42 Cambridge Trace
Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2470
(673-2995)

A Florida native, Kacie is the daughter of Gary Meredith and Pastor Jean Meredith, our Adult Ministries Coordinator. A student at the University of Florida, Kacie attended our worship services throughout the summer and has grown to love our church. She has a heart for mission and was part of our mission team to Nicaragua this year. She joined us by letter of transfer from Christ Presbyterian, Ormond Beach, Florida.



Beverly Strickler
2807 Vista Palm Drive
Edgewater, FL 32141-5513
(970-846-7375)

When Beverly moved to this area from Colorado about six months ago, she started searching for a church home and after attending POPC a few times, decided she had found it. She found the POPC congregation to be warm and welcoming and has joined us by reaffirmation of faith.

Paul and Sandra Visscher

1942 Taylor Road
Port Orange, FL 32128-6639
(761-3853)

Originally from Michigan, Paul was a teenager when he moved to Florida with his family. Sandra moved here from Massachusetts sixteen years ago. Paul is a biomed technician, Sandra is a family medicine physician. They are the parents of Emily, age 8, in third grade, and Tyler, age 7, in second grade, both at Glencoe Classical Academy. The Visscher's were introduced to our church by POPC member, Frank Visscher, Paul's father. They enjoy the activities offered for both adults and children and have joined us by reaffirmation of faith.



John J. and Mary Lynn Wender
3145 S. Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118-6274
(756-4523)

The Wender's relocated to this area from Hartsville, Tennessee about ten years ago. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They attended a few churches in this area but when they finally found POPC, they were impressed by the pastor, the music and, in particular, the friendly congregation. John joined us by profession of faith after being baptized by his brother, a Methodist lay preacher. Mary Lynn joined us by letter of transfer from Hartsville United Methodist Church, Hartsville, Tennessee.

Let us rejoice and give thanks that these new members publicly affirmed their faith and desire to unite with the body of Christ at Port Orange Presbyterian Church in October 2011.

In Memoriam

Gertrude "Trudy" Mose
June 11, 1926-November 4, 2011

Fred "Don" Carl, Jr.
June 22, 1931-November 18, 2011

In Sympathy to

The family of Trudy Mose

Eleanor Carl and family on the death of her husband, Don

Lou Appuzzo on the death of her daughter, Kendall Cherry

Sandy Reppert on the death of her sister, Pat Baker

Recently hospitalized

Ned Haag

In Hospice

Liz Lemley—Home hospice
Carol Belden—Golden Abbey

Remember our shut-ins and those with limited mobility

At Home

Loren and Val Derrickson
Julianne Fielding
Mary Hirt-at daughters home
Rev. Joe Hood
Fern Humphries
Barbara Kidd
Mac and Helen McQuillen
Rev. Dave and Nancy Mellon
Allen Mitchell
Barbara Pellon
Betty Shilinskas
Rene Speidel

Nursing Home

D'manila Gardens
Geneva Morgan

Assisted Living

Countryside Lakes
Betty Moran
Martha Hixon

Emeritus Senior Living
2750 Drew St., #102,
Clearwater, FL 33759
Evelyn Colton

Ormond in the Pines
Joanie Dickerson

Compassion & Health Care
Sally Scanlan

Bishops Glen Retirement Center Assisted Living
Jean Riddell

Grace Manor Assisted Living
Betty Hood



Elders

Scott Decker
Pat Miles
Bruce Chadbourne

Usher Captains

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

Greeters

Ralph & Vivian Stokes
Linda Jessee
Pat Aschman
Jean Cornforth
Marilyn Jacobs
John & Judy Jenkins
Mike & Tamara Clancy
Rob, Jennifer & Avery Branch
Gay & Barb Seither
Tom & Eileen McGlumphy

First Time Visitor Greeters

Jana Robinson
Jean Thomas
Brenda McMilliam
Betty Jo Hancock
Nancy Toole
DeDe Hinkle
Betty Moran
Susan Russell

Readers

Shirley Rice, Paul Heaton
Linda Filegar, William Brown
Karen Schuman, Lynn Kruse
Joanne Larmon, David Redman

Acolytes

Tyler Gawthorpe
Emily Allbright
Jake Ludlow
Marley Watson

Youth Liturgist

Casey Ludlow
Milani Saldon
Kiana Bourgeois
Kaitlin Lyons

Halifax Urban Ministries

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From Sandy Reppert:

While I will always cherish the love and wonderful memories of my sister, Pat Baker, I will never forget the thoughts and prayers of comfort and healing from my wonderful church family. I am so very blessed. Thank you so very much.

From Mike Bedford:

I just wanted to thank all my Angels at POPC for their thoughtful cards, meals and continued prayers. I could never have imagined such an outpouring of love and hope. I've shared to youth for years that God was at work in the hearts and minds of his faithful servants, but never imagined in a million years that I would one day be the recipient of that faith, hope and love. My doctor says I am doing well and in addition to his expert treatment program, I have Jesus's healing power through my Angels at POPC, my family and many friends around the country. You've all touched me and given me the strength and hope I've needed to hang in there with a positive attitude and outlook during my treatments and recovery. God Bless to all my church family.

From Joan and Dave Carter:

Dear friends in Christ, we wish to thank you for all of the comforting prayers, messages and calls during the illness and sudden passing of Joan's sister, Marilyn.

From the Presbyterian Women Mission Circle:

Thank you all for making our Family Renew Community Clothes Drive such an overwhelming success. There were hundreds of items collected for these families that are so in need. The few things that they could not use went to the FRC Thrift Shop in Ormond Beach. A special thanks to Mary Ann Trust, Susan Scofield, Lana Jarc and Magda Kovacs for sorting, counting, bagging and delivering all of the donations. Bless you all for your generosity!

From Lou and John Apuzzo and family:

Our entire family expresses sincere thanks to POPC for kindnesses shown during our recent loss. The help of Pastor Calvin, Donna Ketchledge and Helen McTammany in preparing for the memorial service was especially invaluable.

We ask for continued prayers as we try to find a "new normal" in our lives without our beloved Kendall.



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