

# THE WAVE

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## GET in the GAME!

### Ministry Fair

The kickoff for our **50 Days of Spiritual Growth** was terrific! Awesome worship followed by great burgers, dogs, covered dishes and fellowship. We've got another Get in the Game special event coming up this month. **October 19** will be our **Ministry Fair**. The theme that week will be **serve**; through the ministry fair you'll be able to check out the many ways you can serve Christ and the world through Ponte Vedra UMC. Even if you're already serving peruse the booths and get a feel for the ways in which others are at work.



The ministry fair will be set up in the fellowship hall between services and following the 11:15 service on October 19.

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

- to know Jesus
- to grow disciples
- to show love
- to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ

### Get in the Game Small Groups

By the way, it's not too late to join a Get in the Game small group. Sign up Sunday morning!

### Upcoming Messages

We continue our 50 Days of Spiritual Growth with themes based on our seven core values: praise, grow, reach, serve, pray, love, share. October's messages:

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|------------|--|
| October 5  | <b>Grow: (You Won't By Yourself)</b>     |
| October 12 | <b>Reach: Good News Is Worth Sharing</b> |
| October 19 | <b>Serve: Aiming for the Bottom</b>      |
| October 26 | <b>Pray: Does It Make a Difference?</b>  |

### Ponte Vedra UMC Now Online!

Have you surfed our church website yet? The **church calendar** is there along with information on our small groups and other ministries. Submit a **prayer request** through the prayer ministries page. Sign up for Pastor Jeff's **weekly e-mail**. Read current and back issues of **The Wave**. Get to know our staff and musicians. You can do it all at

[www.pv-umc.org](http://www.pv-umc.org)



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## Single Again

If you are divorced or widowed, this group is for you! This month's meeting is Tuesday, October 7th at 7pm. This month's discussion will be all about automobiles -- buying cars, upkeep and repair. Single Again meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Come join us and enjoy great fellowship. If you would like more information about this group contact **Nancy Nelson** by e-mail at [singleagain@pv-umc.org](mailto:singleagain@pv-umc.org).

## New Member Orientation

Thinking about joining Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church? Or just want to find out what PVUMC is about? Our next charter membership orientation will be held Sunday November 23 at 4:00pm. Call the church office to register. Childcare available upon request.

## Do you have a passion for children?

Would you consider using your talents in the nursery? Nursery workers are needed for various church events (especially evenings and weekdays). Contact Lynne Tyndall at 249-0124 for more information.

## Reaching out to Kids this Fall

Wolfson Children's Hospital helps children and youth with a variety of chronic and terminal illnesses. Generally, they treat children who may be there for a week or more at a time. This is a great opportunity for the kids at PVUMC to reach out in love to others less fortunate. The children range in age from babies to teenagers and they would love to have some games and activities to help pass the time during their stay.

The staff said the children enjoy **puzzles, activity books, word puzzle and word search type books, colored pencils, markers and coloring books**. They are not accepting stuffed animals but are in particular need of things that would interest pre-teens.

During the month of October, there will be a **special collection box** located in the kitchen. Please feel free to drop in any items you would like to contribute. The staff said the kids would also enjoy a short note from your children. Do not include any last names or addresses. They suggested something like: "My name is Billy. I love pizza. My little brother won't stay out of my room."

Thank you for showing God's love to others.

## Youth Happenings

Oct 5 - **Jaguar Football Game**

Oct 19 - **Par 3 Golf** at Palm Valley Golf Course at 1:30pm (followed by a cook-out at the Zurs'.) Cost is \$9 for the first 9 holes, \$4.50 for each 9 holes after that. Club rental is \$5 if needed.

Nov 7 - **Youthquake Live at the Jacksonville Landing** - leave church at 6:45pm return at 10:45 for pizza and games. Cost is free but you might want to bring spending money.

Also this month.....

### Got Game?

"If you think you got it, bring it on"  
Every Wednesday evening from  
6:00 to 7:30pm.

Game of the evening, snack supper, fellowship, Bible study and much more. Invite your friends, your neighbors, your school buds

Youth Happenings are for youth in 6th-12th grade

Any questions feel free to call  
Mr. Zur at 904-827-0416

The Youth are selling shirts with our church logo on them. Place your order today!



## On A Musical Note

### The Children's and Youth Creative Arts Ministry

42 CHILDREN & YOUTH REGISTERED for the Creative Arts Ministry. God is Awesome! Rehearsals are underway for our Christmas Musical Presentation of "A Christmas Carol" There are many adults already at work building props, designing sets and creating costumes. There is much to do, stay tuned for a list of ways you can help.

Cherub Choir/Rhythm Dancers  
Ages 3&4 meet Wednesdays  
from 6:15pm -7:15pm. in the Preschool Room

Children's Choir  
Grades K-5th meet Wednesdays  
from 6:15-7:15pm. in Room 2

Youth  
Praise Band /Drama & Dance Team  
Wednesdays Time: 7:30-8:30pm.

Praise Choir  
We meet every Tuesday at 6:00pm  
in the sanctuary. Please come join  
your voice with ours.

The Seasonal Chorus Celebrates Christmas.  
Rehearsals begin October 9th with  
dessert & coffee in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm

Adult Drama Team  
Interested in being a part of the Adult Drama  
Team? We have a place for you. The Adult  
Drama Ministry Team is now forming.

Contact Carol Zur [carol.zur@pv-umc.org](mailto:carol.zur@pv-umc.org)  
or 280-5141

John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has  
Now come when the true worshipers will  
worship the Father in Spirit and in truth

## Pastor's Picks

Each month I've used "Pastor's Picks" to highlight a need for a volunteer in our church. This month I want to thank the many of you who just "pitch in," oftentimes without being asked. I've seen it before; I saw it again at the Get in the Game Tailgate Party on Kickoff Sunday. It was clean-up time and I observed several of you choosing to hang around on a beautiful Sunday afternoon and put away tables and chairs, bag up trash, etc. My grandmother used to say, "Many hands make light work." You proved her right. Thank you for putting your hands and hearts to work in serving Christ and lightening the load for others. I'm glad God picked you to be a part of what he's doing through Ponte Vedra UMC.

- Pastor Jeff

## Calling all Handy-men & women...

We are seeking volunteers for a couple of projects. We are looking for someone with carpentry skills to build two cornice boards for the pastor's windows and we are looking for wallpaper hangers to wallpaper the main bathrooms. If you possess these talents and would like to help contact the church office at 280-5141 or Cheryl Bradford at 992-0196.

## Bradford's' Say Thank You

Larry, Cheryl and Rachel Bradford wish to thank you all for the many prayers, cards and words of support at the recent death of Larry's brother, Charles.

## Attendance & Giving

|   | September                |                    |               |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
|   | <u>Contemporary</u>      | <u>Traditional</u> | <u>Giving</u> |
| 9/7   | 80                       | 74                 | \$ 9,649      |
| 9/14  | 88                       | 82                 | 9,707         |
| 9/21  | 92                       | 89                 | 3,984         |
| 9/28  | 192                      |                    | 3,452         |
| Sept Avg  | 89                       | 85                 | \$ 6,698      |
| Sunday School (avg. weekly)                                 | 62                       |                    |               |
| Avg. weekly giving YTD                                      | \$ 6,773                 |                    |               |
| Needed weekly<br>(after "new church" support)<br>\$ 6,393   | <u>Designated Totals</u> |                    |               |
|   |                          | Building Fund      | \$19,244      |
| Needed weekly<br>(before "new church" support)<br>\$ 15,685 |                          | Missions           | \$11,836      |
|   |                          | Enhancement Fund   | \$ 4,603      |

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

Once in awhile it happens. Someone in the church falls through the cracks. There's an illness that we either didn't get word of or that we heard about but just plain dropped the ball. Or a death, or some other life crisis and we weren't there for a person in need. As a pastor it breaks my heart when someone goes uncared for. It also breaks my heart when someone who has known fellowship with us drifts away and it appears that no one has noticed. That happens once in awhile too.

We have many new small groups beginning this month through our Get in the Game spiritual growth campaign. These new groups take their place among the many groups that already exist to grow, serve, care and reach. Please remember to love one another. Please remember to watch that no one in your small group falls through the cracks. And if you're not in a group, join one. You'll be cared for and you'll have the privilege of caring for others.

Here's the way the apostle Paul put it:

<sup>9</sup>Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. - Galatians 6:9-10

*- Pastor Jeff*



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