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A Christmas carol



Kevin Sims is a great kid who has worked all summer for his grandmother. He is so excited when he receives \$100 from her in the mail. Then he's reminded at his children's choir rehearsal that they are trying to raise money for the local rescue mission. However, Kevin wants to buy a new bicycle like the one being given away in the drawing at Keys Department Store. He knows that if he gives even a small amount away, he won't have enough to purchase the bike.

At home, while sleeping, Kevin is awakened by angels who come to bring him guidance. What will angels Carol, Peggy Sue, Buffy and Tomara tell Kevin? What will he decide to do with the \$100?

"A Christmas Carol" promises to be a great reminder that giving to others is the best part of Christmas. And of the best gift we ever received... Jesus. You won't want to miss it! **7:00pm Sunday, December 14**, right here at Ponte Vedra UMC by our own children's and youth creative arts ministries under the direction of Carol Zur and her cadre of caring adults.

Advent Opportunities

Advent

November 30: 9:00 & 11:15am
5:30pm
7:00pm

December 7: 9:00 & 11:15am
December 14: 9:00 & 11:15am
7:00pm

December 21: 9:00 & 11:15am
7:00pm

Christmas Eve

December 24: 7:00pm

Christmas, the Sequel Luke 21:25-36

Crafts for Christmas
Hanging of the Greens

Yearning for Christmas Luke 3:1-6

Preparing for Christmas Luke 3:7-18
"A Christmas Carol"

Singing for Christmas Luke 1:39-55
A Service of Lessons & Carols

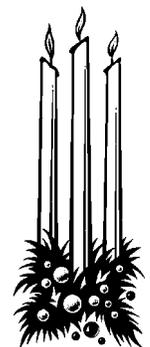
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Hoping for Christmas John 1:1-14

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



PONTE VEDRA
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Crafts for Christmas

Join us on Sunday, November 30 from 5:30-7:00 in the fellowship hall as we kick off the Advent Season. We will have several craft stations where kids and parents can create their own advent wreath, Christmas votive candle holder, decorative door hangers and much more! A light snack supper will be provided.

We're looking for youth volunteers to help— come at 5:00 to set up and learn how to teach a craft.

Single Again

If you are divorced or widowed, this group is for you! This month's meeting is Tuesday, December 2nd at 7pm. The topic is dating and dealing with the adult children of those we date. 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** at 246-7388 (after 6pm) or by e-mail at singleagain@pv-umc.org.

2004 Offering Envelopes

For your convenience and that of our offering counters boxed offering envelopes will be available for pick up before and after Sunday services December 7 and 14.

Love Gifts

Our pastor, staff and musicians have served us well this year. If you'd like to bless them with a monetary gift at Christmastime designate your gift "Staff gift" and turn it in by December 21 to the office or through the weekly offering.

—**Cheryl Bradford**, Lay Leader



Our Angel Tree Blessed Many

Thank you to all who shared their blessings with the 75 needy children we sponsored this year via the Salvation Army. Your gifts have helped show God's love! A special thank you also to those who volunteered their time to make this project a success.

Youth Happenings

Dec 20 - **Christmas Party** at the Morris' from 6:30-10:00pm. Bring your favorite snack food to share and a \$5 gift for a gift exchange.

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

The last *Got Game?* of 2003
will be Dec. 10th.

We will resume meeting Jan. 14, 2004

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

Any questions feel free to call

Christmas Poinsettias



We have ordered 54 poinsettia plants to decorate the sanctuary this year. If you would like to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one order forms will be available in the

December 7 and 14 bulletins or you can call the church office to place your order. The cost is \$6 per plant.



On A Musical Note

the children's and youth
creative arts ministry
presents

"A Christmas carol"

December 14th 7:00pm

Please note changes to
rehearsal times and places
Effective 11-19-03

Cherub Choir/Rhythm Dancers
Ages 3&4 meet Wednesdays
from 6:15pm -7:30pm In the
Preschool Room

Children's Choir
Grades K-5th meet Wednesdays
from 6:15-7:30pm in the alcove

Youth Drama (cast)
meet Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30
in the sanctuary by the drums
praise band 7:30- sanctuary
dance team 7:30- Room 5

Remaining rehearsal dates
Wednesday, Nov. 26 6:15-7:30pm
Wednesday, Dec. 3 6:15-7:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 7 4:00-7:30pm for
crafts, pizza, workshops for
drama, vocal, props & dance - din-
ner provided (parents shopping day)
Wednesday, dec. 10 6:15-7:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 13 9:00am-12:30pm
(dress Rehearsal)
morning snack and lunch
provided (volunteers needed)

Praise Choir
meets Tuesdays at 6:00pm
In the sanctuary

The Seasonal Chorus
Celebrates Christmas.
Rehearsals are underway
Thursdays at 7:00pm in the
sanctuary
if you are interested in
joining the mixed choir for
the Christmas eve service
contact carol zur at 280-5141

Pastor's Picks

I want to see **Crown Financial Ministry** begin at PVUMC. Crown teaches people God's financial principles so they may know Christ more intimately and be free to serve him. We'll use the small group format: up to 12 people meeting for two hours once a week for 10 weeks. Topics include earning, giving, saving, spending, investing, getting out of debt, and training children to handle money.

Would you like to be a part of the very first group? It will launch the first week of February, day of the week to be determined. Call me at 280-5141 as soon as possible. I want to hear from you!

- Pastor Jeff

e-Newsletters

Would you like to receive The Wave by e-mail? Simply e-mail us at info@pv-umc.org and let us know whether you'd like e-mail delivery instead of or in addition to delivery by the U.S. postal service. (Current and back issues are available on the church website.)

Beginning in January, **Florida Conference news** will be published via e-mail and the internet. The print publication formerly known as The Review will become e-Review. Subscribe through <http://www.flumc.org/e-review/>

Year-End Giving

Has God prospered you this year? Do you want to provide an extra blessing to your church and its future? Consider making a year-end gift to the building/property acquisition fund of PVUMC. Designate your gift "building."

Attendance & Giving

	November (partial)			
	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Designated Totals</u>
11/2	83	96	\$ 6,824	Building Fund
11/9	96	65	11,860	\$49,711
11/16	83	97	4,758	Missions (YTD)
11/23	102	107	4,508	\$ 18,254
Nov Avg	91	91	\$ 6,988	Enhancement Fund
Sunday School (avg. weekly)		58		\$ 4,603
Avg. weekly giving YTD			\$ 6,829	
	Needed weekly (after "new church" support)			Needed weekly (before "new church" support)
	\$ 6,393			\$ 15,685

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I can't believe I'm writing a note for the December edition of *The Wave*. Where has the year gone? Ah yes, I remember... We invested it. From the January 26 celebration of becoming a new church start through the November 16 celebration of our *Get in the Game* spiritual growth campaign we've been investing our time. And we've been investing wisely. I expect we'll see an increasing return on that investment as lives continue to be changed through Christ and his church. One day we'll hear these words from our Lord and Savior, our leader and forgiver, Christ himself: "Well done, good and faithful servants." Won't we celebrate on that day! Whoo hoo!

December promises to be filled with anticipation as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ (his first *and* second coming). There's going to be a lot of joy around here; I hope you'll be a part of it. Of course we'll have church every Sunday morning (awesome!) and also three very special Sunday evenings. Each begins at 7:00pm. The Hanging of the Greens on November 30. (Kids, bring a parent at 5:30 and do some Christmas crafts; snack supper provided.) And December 14, look out! All the hard work of children, youth and adults under the direction of Carol Zur pays off with their production of "A Christmas Carol." Music, dance, drama — It's not to be missed. Then slow down a bit on December 21 with a Service of Lessons & Carols. And last but by no means least, our Christmas Eve candlelight service, also at 7:00.

Great opportunities, one and all, to invite the Christ of Christmas into our lives. Have you got a friend who's not connected to Christ? Bring them along. We have such a good time whenever we gather; there's room here for them too.

- Pastor Jeff



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