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Vision Sunday

We've had a great first year as Ponte Vedra United Methodist. Where are we headed in 2004 and beyond? What's our purpose? What's God's vision for us? Life's a journey and on January 25 Pastor Jeff will lead us in a celebration of the place to which God has brought us and help us get a taste of where God's leading us. With God the best is always yet to come; don't miss church that Sunday! Speaking of getting a taste...

It's time for a potluck dinner! You may be full now from all that holiday feasting but you'll be hungry again by Vision Sunday, January 25. What better way to continue the celebration begun in worship than to enjoy food and fellowship with each other? Mark your calendar: 12:15 on the 25th.

January Messages

January 4:

**New Year's Covenant
(Better than a Resolution)**

Jeremiah 31:31-33, John 15:1-8

January 11:

**Strange Things Jesus Told Me
Use Money to Make Friends?**

Luke 16:1-9

January 18:

**Strange Things Jesus Told Me
The Hourly Rate for Kingdom Work**

Matthew 20:1-16

January 25:

**Vision Sunday
A People Who "Get It"**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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The Alpha Course is Coming to PVUMC

Want to know more about the Christian faith? Alpha's for you! **Know somebody who wants to know what following Jesus is all about?** Invite them to Alpha! The Alpha Course consists of a series of talks addressing key issues relating to the Christian faith. **Jimmy Jones** will lead the 10 week course on **Sunday evenings beginning February 1**. There will be a light meal together at the beginning of each session, giving people a chance to get to know each other. After each talk the small group will discuss the topic of the evening, ask questions and express opinions. It's a great opportunity to listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. Contact the church office (280-5141) to sign up.

Crown Small Group Study Begins February 1

This 10 week in-depth small group study examines **what scripture teaches about money and possessions**. You'll learn to practically apply financial principles from the Bible to your life. The group will meet for 2 hours on **Sunday evenings beginning February 1**. There is room for just eight group members in addition to the leaders so call the church office ASAP to sign up for PVUMC's first ever Crown small group.

New Year's Resolution

Are you the type that makes new year's resolutions? Here's one we're hoping everyone who attends PVUMC will make: **I will wear my name tag Sunday mornings.** What? You've lost yours? You never had one? Our administrative assistant Denese Fields can remedy that. Sign the list on the name tag table Sunday or call or e-mail her (denese.fields@pv-umc.org) and she'll make you one. **Now available in pin- and clip-on models!**

Single Again

If you are divorced or widowed, this group is for you! This month's meeting is Tuesday, January 6th at 7pm. The guest speaker is massage therapist, Muriel Hattori, speaking on the topic of stress and stress relief through massage. 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.

Detention Center Ministry says "Thanks"

The St. Johns County Youth Detention Center Team would like to thank those who contributed toward the purchase of items for the detainees. Your funds purchased videos, playing cards, jigsaw puzzles, art supplies, 2 portable CD players, games, candy and cookies which were delivered last Saturday. They were very pleased to receive these items — the cookies were a big hit!

We'd love to have you join our team! Please call **Sue Stanley** (285-2946) for more information. Anyone age 21 or older can join at any time and receive the special blessing that sharing Christ's love with these young people brings. Donations can also be made anytime. Your continued prayer, love and support is greatly appreciated.

-The PVUMC St. Johns Co. Youth Detention Center Ministry

Children's Ministry Needs You

Do you feel called to serve children through PVUMC? The Children's Ministry needs your help in organizing events and programs for our kids! Please contact **Jill Bennett** at 285-2134 to let her know a convenient meeting time for you. We'll begin planning for the new year soon.

Wednesday Night Fun Continues

Did your kids enjoy participating in "A Christmas Carol?" It was awesome, wasn't it! All those children's groups that rehearsed Wednesday nights will pick up again beginning January 21st to prepare for our next smash hit, "Splash Kingdom." There's **room for even more children Wednesday nights** so if your child or their friend wants to join the fun bring 'em on down to the church. In fact, come at 6:15 on **Wednesday, January 14th** for an **all fun party** with popcorn, pizza and a movie. The Special Feature will be "A Christmas Carol, the Movie" starring our kids.

Youth Happenings 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

We will resume meeting Jan. 14, 2004

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

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

Thank You

Your pastor, staff and musicians say,
Thank you! You honored us greatly
through your Christmas gift and it is much
appreciated. You are a generous people.



On A Musical Note

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who helped to make the presentation of "A Christmas Carol" a success. We could not have done it without you.

Attention All Youth & Children

On January 14th 2004 we will gather for popcorn, pizza and a movie.

The Special Feature will be "A Christmas Carol" The Movie.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 and start the show. All choir and drama members are encouraged to attend.

On January 21st production will begin on "SPLASH KINGDOM"

More information to follow. The choirs will resume their regular schedules at this time.

Cherub Choir/Rhythm Dancers

Ages 3&4 Wednesdays

6:15pm -7:15pm Preschool Room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5th Wednesdays

from 6:15-7:15pm Room #2

Youth

Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm

Drama 7:30pm Youth Room

Praise Band 7:30pm Fellowship Hall

Dance Team 7:30 Room #2

Praise Choir

This group is open to all who have a heart for Contemporary worship. Please join us Tuesdays 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

The Seasonal Chorus

For those who enjoy a Traditional style of worship. Come join your voices with ours Rehearsals begin February 19 for the Easter Season. Thursdays 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

For more information regarding any of these ministry opportunities contact Carol Zur at carol.zur@pv-umc.org or 280-5141 ext 15

Pastor's Picks

Have you attended the four day spiritual retreat known as **Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, Via de Cristo** or **Cursillo**? Please let me know! I attended a men's weekend ten years ago and am still being blessed by it. I'd like for us to begin sponsoring people on the Walk to Emmaus. It's an excellent spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.

- Pastor Jeff

Opportunity to Join PVUMC

You've been attending, now you'd like to join our church or at least learn more about it. Pastor Jeff is offering a **membership orientation** on Sunday, January 25 from 4 to 6pm. The class is a pre-requisite to joining; it's also fun! Let us know to expect you by calling the church office to sign up.

All Women Invited

Start the new year in a small group as we begin a 6 week study by Beth Moore entitled Living Free: Learning to Pray God's Word. Join us each Thursday morning from 10:00-11:30, beginning January 15 as we learn how to develop a Godward focus in our lives. It's a great way to make new friends and grow close to Christ. Call **Jill Bennett** at 285-2134 to register or if you have questions.

2004 Offering Envelopes

For your convenience and that of our offering counters boxed offering envelopes are available for pick up before and after Sunday services at the rear of the sanctuary.

Attendance & Giving

December

	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Designated Totals</u>
12/7	79	99	\$ 8,283	Building Fund
12/14	70	125	11,070	\$54,825
12/21	73	123	2,829	Missions (YTD)
12/28	49	72	7,447	\$ 23,979
Dec Avg	68	105	\$ 7,407	
Sunday School (avg. weekly)	58			Enhancement Fund
Avg. weekly giving YTD	\$ 6,810			\$ 4,603

Needed weekly
(after "new church" support)
\$ 6,393

Needed weekly
(before "new church" support)
\$15,685

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I love New Year's Day. For me it has the feel of opportunity, opportunity for a fresh start. Sort of like looking out on an Ohio snowfall: the world is a clean slate, ready to be lived in again for the first time. A lot of people make New Year's resolutions, promises to themselves of how this year's going to be different because they are going to do differently.

On the first Sunday of the new year you'll have the opportunity to commit to a special kind of resolution called *a covenant*. You might describe a covenant as a two-way resolution, you to God and God to you. I'm guessing that most of us end up breaking our resolutions; the wonderful thing about this covenant is that God wants to help you succeed in your side of the mutual promise. He stacks the deck in your favor. Seeing as how he's God, I find that quite comforting!

The covenant we'll consider can be described like this:

- ◆ God has fully committed himself to us through Christ; God is now willing to be our God.
- ◆ Our part is to commit ourselves to Christ, who is our only way of coming to God.

I encourage you to study the covenant in advance. It can be found online in the most recent *Pastor's Pen* at
www.pv-umc.org/resources/pastorspen/

If you can't be with us on the 4th, let us mail you a copy of the covenant to study and sign.

- Pastor Jeff



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