

# THE WAVE

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## "PVUMC Gets Sister Church"

Nearly a year ago I spoke with our district lay leader Frances Jennings about entering into a sister church relationship with a church in Cuba. Last month **La Sierra Methodist Church** became our sister church under the Florida/Cuba covenant established in 1997. La Sierra is in the Havana district, 5 kilometers south of Santa Cruz del Norte. 40-50 people attend services at the church. I have been in touch with **Pastor Omar Correa** via e-mail. He presently attends seminary and travels each weekend to preach at La Sierra. Upon finishing school he, wife Marilyn and two-year old son Elieser will need to live near the church. Through his translator Omar writes,

Three years ago we presented to our government our application to get permit for building the parsonage, since we only have a sanctuary, and we have not got an answer yet. I ask for your prayers so that the Lord will open all doors for this project.

I have e-mailed Omar assuring him that we will pray for them. I have asked La Sierra to pray for our adventure in prayer and for a fruitful search for property upon which to build. May the Lord bless our churches with a mutual relationship that blesses us both and increases the kingdom of God

Pastor Jeff

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## Upcoming Messages

February 29:

**Taste and See** (Psalm 34:4-10)

March 7:

**The Key to Powerful Prayer** (Matt.7:7-11)

*Rev. Jimmy Jones preaching*

March 14:

**Our Father in Heaven (He's Closer Than You Think)** (Matt.6:9-13)

March 21:

**Pain, Suffering and a Good God**

(Jeremiah 29:1-14)

March 28:

**Pray Without Ceasing?**

(Luke 18:1-8)

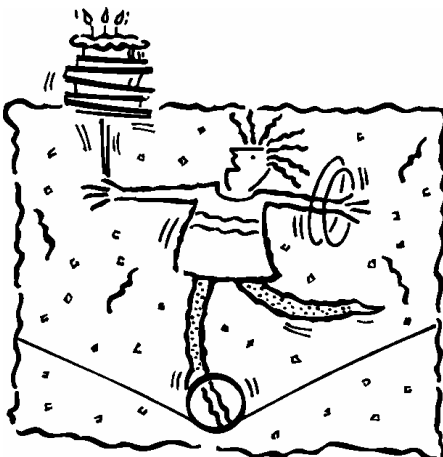
April 4:

**Trusting God, No Matter What**

(Luke 19:28-40, 22:14-23, 56)



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**Share your Talents**

## Church-wide Talent Show Coming.....

Come one come all and share in "The Really Big Shoe" and I don't mean Michael Jordan's size 16. The music department of PVUMC is sponsoring a church-wide talent show. *Rumor has it Pastor Elvis may be making an appearance.* If you have a hidden talent and feel compelled to share it contact Carol Zur for information on how you can be a part of this fun and exciting evening. Tickets for the evening will be sold with proceeds going toward funding for the Worship Arts Ministry Team trip to the Willow Creek Arts Training Conference in Chicago June 9-11. In addition if you are interested in joining the team on the trip to Willow Creek we would love to have you; for detailed information please call Carol at 280-5141 or e-mail [carol.zur@pv-umc.org](mailto:carol.zur@pv-umc.org).

## Our Youth Minister is here

It is a hard task to think of what to write for a debut newsletter article, but I will give it my best shot. For starters, Katie, Gabriel, and I are moved into our house and it is still a cardboard jungle. We are used to having either a basement or an attic, and now we have neither. Some good has come of it, as we are forced to evaluate our needs rather than our wants. And after assessing the things we really don't need, we put them to good use through the local Goodwill. As some of you know, this is not our first time living in the Beaches area. Katie grew up in Jacksonville Beach and we both graduated from Fletcher High School in 1997. After serving churches in the North Indiana Conference, we have returned. It is nice to be near our families, and we are excited to get to know this congregation better. We have been welcomed lovingly, and we look forward to this great adventure! — Adam Myers, Youth Minister

## 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

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

Any questions feel free to call  
Adam Myers at 904-280-5141

## A new arrival

Our Church Staff is expecting an addition! By the time you receive this edition of "The Wave", baby Fields will have arrived. Denese will be out of the office for several weeks and we ask for your prayers for her, her husband and sons as they welcome their new son and brother.

We are inviting you all (including the men) to a Baby Shower brunch to be held at the Church, in the Fellowship Hall, on Wednesday, March 17 at 10:00.

Please RSVP to the Church office.

If you have any questions, call Cheryl Bradford at 992-0196.

Denese is registered at [babiesrus.com](http://babiesrus.com).



## Welcome Aboard, Norma Webster

While our Administrative Assistant Denese Fields is on maternity leave we are graced with Norma Webster ([norma.webster@pv-umc.org](mailto:norma.webster@pv-umc.org)) who along with a cadre of volunteers will cover many of Denese's duties. Welcome, Norma! We're glad you're here.

## Hymnals & Bibles for the Sanctuary

Our congregation is growing and we would really like to have hymnals for everyone in attendance at the Sunday Services. Would you like to donate a hymnal to honor someone special in your life or donate one in memory of a loved one? Cost \$17.00 If you have any questions please contact Suvan Shine, 273-9667.

## Getting to Know You

On Sunday March 14 at 4:00 p.m., we will have an informal open house to get acquainted. If you are a visitor, a new member, or just not feeling connected, we invite you to come and get to know more about the church, and who we are. RSVP to the church office 280-5141.

## Kid's Korner



## Easter Party and Egg Hunt

All kids through 5th grade are invited to attend the Easter party on Palm Sunday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin for details on the location. Plan to be there, bring a friend and bring your basket. We'll have a great time!



## On A Musical Note

Attention Children & Youth:  
Rehearsals have begun for  
"SPLASH KINGDOM"

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

Thursdays 6:15-7:15  
Dance Team Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Katie Myers

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

The Seasonal Chorus  
For those who enjoy a  
Traditional style of worship,  
Come join your voices with ours.  
Rehearsals for the Easter Season are  
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

Interested in helping to organize our unit of United Methodist Women? Contact Cheryl Bradford 992-0196, [cheryl.bradford@pv-umc.org](mailto:cheryl.bradford@pv-umc.org). What is UMW about? It's to be a *community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts to mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

My two favorite things about UMW: (1) They employ circles (small groups) to grow, care, reach and serve, and (2) they are mission minded. I'm excited by the prospect of a United Methodist Women's unit at PVUMC.  
*Pastor Jeff*

## Pray for Our Missionaries

**Larry Bradford** and **Dottie Senn** will join Beach UMC members **Gary and Julie Proctor** and several United Methodists from the Ft. Myers district in a short-term mission trip to Rancagua, Chile (just south of Santiago) on March 9. The focus is new church construction and children's Bible School. Dottie, Larry, Gary and Julie, we are praying for you, your team and those you go to serve. May God bless you richly.

## The Passion of The Christ

"...a story of unparalleled substance told with unprecedented style. Perhaps the most powerful—and violent—depiction of Christ's final earthly hours ever put to film. *The Passion of The Christ* begins with Jesus' tormented prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and ends with a glimpse of His resurrection." — pluggedinonline.com

There's been quite a stir about the film. Have you seen it? Want to talk about it? Pastor Jeff will host **a dialogue on the film** Sunday evening, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

## Attendance & Giving

	February			
	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Designated Totals</u>
2/1	83	115	\$8,603	Building Fund
2/8	86	140	12,100	\$64,660
2/15	87	127	4,149	Missions (YTD)
2/22	94	126	6,797	\$5,146
Feb Avg	88	127	\$7,912	Enhancement Fund
Sunday School (avg. weekly)	61			\$4,603
Needed weekly (after "new church" support)	\$8,277		Needed weekly (before "new church" support)	\$11,680

## A Note From Pastor Jeff:

We talked a lot about **Connecting the Unconnected** through February. If you were in church on the 22nd you likely wrote the names of unconnected people on a puzzle piece and connected that piece to Jesus at the altar. What a powerful means of praying for people who aren't connected to Christ or his church!

As we move into the season of Lent we focus on **our own connection to God** through prayer. Many of you have purchased *The Workbook of Living Prayer* to use as a daily guide to growing in your experience of prayer. I'm well pleased by the number of you who will share your adventure in prayer with others in a small group. May God bless you all and all of us as a church as you move through these commitments.

I'm looking forward myself to the daily discipline of *The Workbook* and to growing through my experiences and those of the members of Jill's and my small group. As you come across gems in your journey please consider sharing them with me. They may show up in a message on Sunday (with your permission of course!)

Pleased to be the church with you,

- Pastor Jeff



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