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"Give Me an Answer!"

Ever had someone ask you a question about the Christian faith you didn't know how to answer? We're addressing some of those topics in a new message series **beginning Easter Sunday**. Questions include

- 4/11 "Is Easter for Real? Did the Resurrection Really Happen?"
- 4/18 "How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?"
- 4/25 "How Does Anyone Know God Exists?"
- 5/2 "Does God Really Send People to Hell?"
- 5/9 "Aren't There Many Ways to God?"
- 5/16 "Why Become a Christian?"

Our faith is rational but we won't stop with the mind; faith is also a matter of the heart. It's going to be a good series... Why not invite a questioning friend? –
Pastor Jeff

Easter Sunday Schedule

To make room for the extra visitors we'll welcome on Easter Sunday we're adding an 8:00 service and adjusting some of our other times. If you're a traditional service regular, why not consider attending at 8:00 and offering your 11:15 seat to a first-timer? Our **April 11 Easter Sunday** schedule:

- 8:00** Traditional Worship
- 9:15** Contemporary Worship
- 10:15** Sunday School & Bible Study
- 11:15** Traditional Worship

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist
Church



CHURCH-WIDE TALENT SHOW APRIL 30TH 7:00 P.M.

The Music Department of PVUMC is sponsoring a **church-wide talent show**. *It has been confirmed that **Pastor Elvis** will be making an appearance; you won't want to miss it.* If you have a hidden talent you'd like to share please come and join the fun. Sign up Sunday April 4th or 11th following either service. If you would like to help organize the event, contact Carol Zur at 280-5141 or carol.zur@pv-umc.org. Tickets for the evening, which will include **heavy hot and cold appetizers, dessert and beverage**, will be \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 per couple or \$30.00 per family. Proceeds from the evening will support the Worship Arts Ministry Team trip to the Willow Creek Arts Training Conference in Chicago June 9-11. Additional donations may be made directly to the Worship Arts Ministry Team Arts Conference fund.

Youth Trip to GraceFest '04

Every year, several churches in Pensacola, gather together over two dozen Christian bands and a handful of great speakers. The churches call this event GraceFest, a time where God's grace can be shared with all through music and fellowship. Our middle school and high school youth are invited to attend this great trip on Saturday and Sunday May 1st and 2nd. We will leave early Saturday morning and return late afternoon on Sunday. We will be staying at the Seville Inn just three blocks from the festival. The festival is being held in the space between several churches that take up a two block area. The website <http://www.gracefest.org> has a lot of information about where it is and who will be there. We will be attending the Saturday portion of the event only, which contains the bulk of the activities and performers, topped off by the incredible band Third Day. The total cost of the trip is \$65; a \$20 deposit, due by Sunday April 11th, secures a spot on the trip. The balance is due any time up until the day of the trip. Please make checks payable to Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church.

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

Printed information and registration cards will be made available to the youth during youth group and Sunday School. If you are interested in volunteering your time or your vehicle, we are in need of both! Please contact Adam at the church office for details.

Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week, is sometimes called "Maundy Thursday," a term derived through the Old French *mandé* from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "a new commandment".

We will remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples on Holy Thursday, April 8 at 7:00pm.

Single Again

Widowed? Divorced? Come and meet with us on Tuesday, April 6 at 7pm. Hear Mark Nelson with The Defenders speak on the topic of lawn maintenance. For more information about this group contact Nancy Nelson at 246-7388 (after 6pm) or by e-mail at singleagain@pv-umc.org.



Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church invites you to attend our **East Egg Hunt and Party**.

Place: Sunday, April 4

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and your basket.

Enjoy crafts, snacks and hunting for eggs.

Kid's Korner

Place: Picnic area and field behind New Beginnings Baptist Church on A1A, just north of Mickler Road.

Vacation Bible School will be July 12-16 this year. The theme is SonGames.

All children who will be entering kindergarten through completed 5th graders are invited to attend.

Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please contact Jill Bennett at 285-2134 if you are interested in volunteering. Watch The Wave for further details.



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 7:30-8:30

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 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

We do mass mailings, place newspaper ads and put out our sign every week. But do you know the number one reason people visit a church? An invitation from a friend. Who do you know who's not connected to a local church? Easter's a great day to invite someone to church! And if you or they won't be in town that day, how about inviting them to come check out one of the topics in our "Give Me an Answer" message series?"

I look forward to greeting you and your friend in church!

Greet Our Missionaries

See their pictures! Hear their stories! **Larry Bradford, Dottie Senn** and Beach UMC members **Gary & Julie Proctor** have returned from their short-term mission trip to Rancagua, Chile (just south of Santiago). Sunday evening April 18 they will share their adventure doing new church construction and children's Bible School. Plan now to attend the potluck that evening from 5 - 7pm.

What's Their Address?

The leaders on our org chart now have church e-mail addresses, just like the staff. E-mail them at firstname.lastname@pv-umc.org. Need a street address or phone number for someone at our church? Church directories are now available at the welcome desk.

Spring Forward!

Set your clocks ahead before you go to bed Saturday night April 3 or you'll be an hour late to wave your palm branches on Palm Sunday!



Attendance & Giving

March

	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Designated Totals</u>
3/7	106	85	\$10,653	Building Fund
3/14	105	102	4,029	\$67,088
3/21	99	103	8,930	Missions (YTD)
3/28	103	87	4,823	\$7,146
Mar Avg	103	94	\$7,109	Enhancement Fund
Sunday School (avg. weekly)	58			\$4,603

Needed weekly (after "new church" support)	\$8,277	Needed weekly (before "new church" support)	\$11,680
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A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I'm going to Cuba! From time to time our Jacksonville district sends a "caravan" of pastors and lay people to our sister district (Havana) of the Methodist Church of Cuba. A pastor scheduled to travel in May has dropped off the team and I've been invited to go in his place. I look forward to getting to know our sister church, **La Sierra Methodist**. I was privileged to visit Cuba as part of a work team in 1998 and am looking forward to returning. The church in Cuba is very strong, despite the hardships of following Christ in that communist country. I expect to learn much and share much too.

Would you like to go with me? Okay, there's no room in the caravan right now but I'd love to take some letters with me from you to church members there. Let me know that you'd like to write and I'll e-mail Pastor Correa for the name of a "pen pal" for you. Write about anything you like... your family, our church, how you spend your time, whatever.

Our team of six is scheduled for **May 22 - 29**. We have the needed permission from the United States side. Now we wait for the Cuba Conference's acceptance of the May dates and the processing of the permission for visas from Cuba itself.

Please continue to **pray for our sister church**. They own a church building but not a parsonage. Their one specific prayer request to date has been for permission from the Cuban government to build a parsonage. We own a parsonage but not a church building. **They are praying for us.**

Thankful for the privilege of prayer,

- *Pastor Jeff*



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