

# THE WAVE

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## Vacation Bible School

July 12th - 16th  
9:00am - Noon

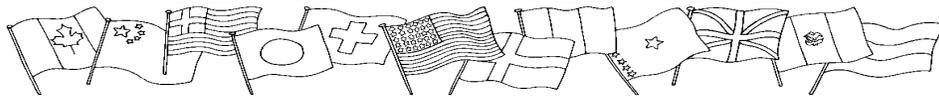
It's not too late to be a part of the 2004 Son Games Team! Call the church office at 280-5141 to register. All rising kindergartners through those who have completed 5th grade are invited to attend. We will have fun singing music, making crafts, playing games and hearing a different Bible Story each day that will teach



us how to be a part of God's Team. Come Join In! Team Up! Get Strong! Keep On! And Celebrate with us!

**To our Church family:** Our mission project for Vacation Bible School will be to collect new and gently used books for the *Read a Book, Get a Book* program. The program, which focuses on 4th and 5th grade students, is designed to increase the number of books in homes of low-income families at the beaches. Suggested books include books in the Unfortunate Events Series, Wishbone Animal Series or anything on the Sunshine State Reading List.

**If you have any new or used books** that you would like to donate, bring them to the church and we will get them to the *Read a Book, Get a Book* program. **Also, we are in need for 2 liter soda bottles.** Please bring your empties to church Sunday. Thank you for your support.



## Silent Auction & Baked Potato Salad Bar Luncheon

The Youth Creative Arts Ministry is sponsoring a Silent Auction coupled with a Baked Potato Salad Bar Luncheon on July 11 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15pm. Tickets are \$8 per person with a \$20 family cap (children 3 and under eat free) and will be available for purchase following both services Sunday July 4 and 11 and weekdays through the church office. Please show your support by joining us for great food, fellowship and fun. Proceeds from the event will help fund the youth retreat to Wild Adventures and Epworth Retreat Center July 25 - 31. While on this retreat we will work together to develop a program to share with the congregation and community on Youth Sunday, August 8. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction or would like to assist the youth by helping to coordinate the auction/luncheon please contact Carol Zur. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our shared ministry to youth.

## Olde Fashioned Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social

Sunday evening, July 18, 7:00pm will find us enjoying hymns of old from our United Methodist Hymnal and from the Cokesbury Hymnal at an Olde Fashioned Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social. We'll sing some of your favorites, Pastor Jeff will be teaching us his favorite golden oldie, "The Awakening Chorus" and we'll hear from a couple of folks who will share what God's been doing in their lives. Then it's, I scream - you scream - we all scream for ICE CREAM, a great ending to a fun evening. Don't miss this one!



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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



## Summer Youth Creative Arts Ministry Retreat

Middle and High School youth will be attending a week-long retreat July 25 - 31 in preparation for Youth Sunday and a youth-led/designed outreach event. They will "get-away" to Wild Adventures Theme Park for two days and complete the week at Epworth By the Sea on St. Simon's Island, Georgia for development, rehearsal, and study for these upcoming events. The cost of this trip is approximately \$350 per youth for travel, meals, activities and lodging. This is a great opportunity for adults who wish to remain behind the scenes to be involved with youth ministry through prayer and financial support. Please pray for safe travel, that each youth is opened up to God in ways they have not known previously, and that the youth return with an enthusiasm to share Christ's love with this congregation and people in our community. If you would like to sponsor the cost of a youth's participation, in part or in full, please contact the church office. Thank you for your prayer and support. Don't miss Youth Sunday, August 8, as the youth share their talents and enthusiasm for Christ!



## Hart Felt Ministries: Volunteers Enabling Elderly & Challenged Adults to "Age in Place"

Ponte Vedra UMC has an excellent opportunity to engage in a new ministry founded by **Jane Hart**, a member of Beach UMC and a friend of our church. Hart Felt Ministries was created to "make a difference" by matching trained, gifted volunteers with those who are struggling to maintain their independence, privacy, and identity - to enable them to "age in place" with dignity.

Hart Felt will match willing hands to light tasks. Hart Felt will also match those willing to provide appropriate companionship to people who are feeling isolated and disconnected. You can make a huge difference in the life of someone living in our own backyard. This is a tremendous opportunity for our church. Learn more about it on July 18 as Jane shares the mission of Hart Felt at both services. She will also be available to talk to interested parties that morning.

## It's the Next Best Thing to Being Here

Here's a great way to bless the troops serving in Iraq and their families: Send a phone card! The Jacksonville District Office is collecting AT&T Phone Cards (the only kind that work in the Iraq Arena) and the funds to purchase cards. Cards will be distributed by United Methodist chaplains to our soldiers, regardless of religious affiliation. Make checks payable to Jacksonville District UMC with the notation "Military Phone Cards." Send cards or checks to

Jacksonville District UMC  
1415 LaSalle Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

## Welcome Sam Welsh

Please join us in welcoming **Sam Welsh** to the music team here at PVUMC. Sam comes to us from Jacksonville University where he is seeking a Bachelor degree in Piano Performance. Sam graduated from Dreyfoos School of the Arts in Palm Beach, Florida where he grew up. Sam's studies have taken him to New York City's Mannes School of Music and Paris, France where he was fortunate to study under Vlado Perlemuter who happens to be the last living student of Ravel. Sam has two sisters and a brother, his parents reside in Ft. Myers, Florida. We welcome you, Sam!

## Stephen Ministers to Visit Hospitals

From time to time our Stephen Ministers will be helping Pastor Jeff with hospital visitation. Our Stephen Ministers are **Cheryl Bradford, Bev Schaffield, Dottie Senn, Janet Williams** and **Carol Zur**. Please let the office know when you're in the hospital so that Pastor Jeff or a Stephen Minister can visit.

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one ministry by trained, caring lay ministers for those who are stressed, grieving, hospitalized, terminally ill, lonely or isolated, in a spiritual crisis, in a strained relationship, or in a job or financial crisis. Each Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training. If you think you might benefit from having a Stephen Minister, or if you are interested in becoming one, call **Jill Bennett** at 285-2134.

## Kid's Korner

### We Need You!

If you enjoy working with children we have a special opportunity waiting for you this fall. We are currently recruiting volunteers to work with our Children's Choir. Come join the fun and excitement as we prepare for special performances and our Christmas musical! Contact Carol Zur for more information.

### Vacation Bible School

Kids - Don't sit on the sidelines! Join in at *SonGames 2004!* July 12 - 16 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. We'll have a great time with songs, skits, crafts, games and Bible stories. Call 280-5141 to register to be a part of God's team.



## On A Musical Note

### Youth CAM Members

Summer retreat July 25-31  
Wild Adventures Theme Park and  
Epworth By The Sea.

FUNDRAISER July 11th 12:15  
Silent Auction with Baked Potato  
& Salad Bar Luncheon.

Tickets \$8.00, \$20.00 family cap,  
children 3 & under eat free.

### Cherub Choir/Rhythm Dancers

Ages 3&4 will resume meeting  
Wednesday, August 18th.

Time: 6:15-7:15pm.

### Children's Choir

Grades K-5th will resume meeting  
Wednesday, August 18th.

Time: 6:15-7:15pm

### Youth Creative Arts Ministry Team

will continue meeting through  
the summer on Wednesdays  
7:30-9:00pm.

### Praise Choir meets Tuesdays at

6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Please come join your voice with  
ours.

### The Seasonal Chorus will sing

July 4th. We will resume meeting  
Thursdays at 7:00pm this fall.  
Stay tuned for dates.

Info: Contact Minister of Music,  
Carol Zur at 280-5141 or e-mail  
carol.zur@pv-umc.org.

Jeremiah 24:7 I will give them a heart to  
know me, that I am The Lord. They will be  
my people, and I will be their God, for they  
will return to me with all their heart.

## Pastor's Picks

One of our members suggested that we begin mailing tapes of the weekly message along with a bulletin to our shut-ins, folks away for the summer, college students, anyone who would like to stay in touch this way. Isn't that a great idea? A tape player would even be provided where needed. One person could do this; since everyone's out of town once in awhile, two volunteers could ensure it happens on a weekly basis. Might you be one of them? Give me a call, 280-5141.

- Pastor Jeff

## A Note of Thanks from

### *our Wild & Crazy Drummer*

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the worship team at PVUMC. Since we have started I have made many friends along the way. I really wanted to go to Willow Creek this year but it seemed that finances were going to be a problem, so I had to back out. The Lord had a different plan, however. Through the prayers of my friend and worship leader, Carol Zur, she made it public the Sunday before we were going that I needed financial help. God took over like he always does and through the church and many of the members of the congregation my needs were fulfilled. I am deeply thankful and I know that God will bless them for their help. This year at Willow Creek was a great time for me to get closer to the Lord and to know that I am right where he wants me to be, trusting him always. It was a pleasure to spend time with the team and to grow together toward making our worship and arts department the best it can be for the church.

-Mike Maple

## Junaluska Singers

The Junaluska Singers, directed by Dr. Glenn Draper, are coming to Jacksonville Wednesday, July 28, 2004. These talented singers will perform at CrossRoad UMC, 10005 Gate Parkway, N, at 7:00pm. The concert is being sponsored by Southside UMC and Jacksonville District and is the premiere performance for the Jacksonville area. Join in this celebration of music and use this opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to enjoy the Junaluska Experience. Tickets are \$5.00 per person / \$20 per family. Proceeds benefit Camp AMP Children's Summer Program and Mt. Moriah Adult Day Care Center. Pastor Jeff & Jill plan to attend; join them!

## Attendance & Giving

### June 2004

	Contemporary	Traditional	Giving	Designated Totals
6/6	78	80	\$ 7,152	Building Fund
6/13	67	67	11,793	\$92,396
6/20	80	86	4,898	Missions (YTD)
6/27	93	79	4,308	\$ 17,286
June Avg	80	78	\$ 7,038	Enhancement Fund
Sunday School (avg. weekly)		57		\$ 4,262

Needed weekly  
(after "new church" support)  
\$ 8,277

Needed weekly  
(before "new church" support)  
\$11,680

# A Note From Pastor Jeff:

We live in a world of acronyms, don't we? In preparing for an upcoming message series on wealth I came across one that's new to me: HNWI. Don't ask me how to pronounce it but it stands for High Net Worth Individual. Apparently there's a whole sector emerging in the financial services industry that is tailoring services to meet the investment needs of these folks.

Even though I don't have scads of money, I like thinking of myself as a HNWI. I figure I must be of great worth in God's eyes if he was willing to die to cancel my sin-debt and make me heir to the kingdom of God. Why, you're an HNWI too, aren't you! Truth is, every person we meet falls in the high net worth category though they may not know it yet.

If all these people are important to God then they ought to be important to us too. I like to think of HNWI's who invest in ministry as *EVC's*, Eternal Venture Capitalists. EVC's are willing to invest their time, their skills, and their money in new ventures. You can read about one such ministry inside this newsletter, Hart Felt Ministries. Maybe you'd like to invest some of your caring capital there.

Be thinking and praying how God would have you invest yourself in the work of the kingdom. There is much good to be done and God makes available every resource necessary to do it!

Watching over my portfolio,  
*Pastor Jeff*

## Upcoming Messages:

July finds Pastor Jeff in a new message series entitled, **What's a Methodist?** While our primary identity is always found in Christ, we'll spend four weeks looking at distinctive Wesleyan emphases that the people called Methodist bring to the church universal.

The message titles are

7/4: Blessed Assurance

7/11: It's All About Grace

7/18: It's Never Just Jesus & Me

7/25: Spreading Scriptural Holiness  
Throughout the Land



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