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Youth
Sunday
August 8

Youth Sunday!

Our Youth were hard at work, as well as hard at play on their recent retreat. August 8 promises powerful times of worship.



Crown is Coming

PVUMC seeks to offer the Crown-in-depth small group study focusing on what scripture teaches about **money and possessions**. The group will meet for 2 hours every week for 10 weeks. Through the study you will learn what Scripture teaches about managing your possessions. Topics include: getting out of debt, spending, giving, earning money, saving, budgeting, training children, and investing. Interested? Attend an orientation session Sunday, August 29 at 4:00 p.m. and find out more. Call the church office to register; childcare provided upon request.

Vacation Bible School

An Olympic-sized thank you to the 30 adult and youth volunteers who helped make Son Games 2004 a tremendous success. We had 34 children attend Vacation Bible School and they had a great time. At the end of the week one child said to me, "I wish we had Vacation Bible School every day during the summer!" It was a joy to see the children learning about how to be on God's team and make him the leader and coach of their lives through stories, crafts, recreation and music. What an awesome God we serve!

-Jill Bennett, VBS Director

Upcoming Messages

On August 1 Rev. Jimmy Jones brings us the Word from Luke 18:1-8 in his message, **How to Make Good Choices**. August 8 brings us Youth Sunday with worship and message designed and led by our youth.

Then it's back to school time. **The School of Wealth**, that is. The Bible says much about wealth and possession; the church needs to talk about it too. Be challenged by Pastor Jeff's three week message series on this critical issue of discipleship.

The message titles are

8/15: **What is True Wealth?**

8/22: **Giving and Saving:
Figuring Eternity in Your Portfolio**

8/29: **Freeing Up Wealth:
When Less Is More**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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New Membership Orientation

Been thinking about joining PVUMC? Simply interested in learning more about our church? Sunday, August 22 from 4 to 6pm Pastor Jeff will be leading a New Member Orientation Class. All are welcome. Please call the church office to register; childcare available upon request.

Hart Felt Ministries:

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.

You can make a huge difference in the life of someone feeling isolated and disconnected through simple companionship or by taking on a light task. Many of you heard Jane's presentation on July 25, and responded. Thank you! Are there others of you interested? Pick up a brochure from the church, visit <http://hartfelt.org>. or call 904-538-0306.

Women's Bible Study

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study will resume meeting on Thursday, August 19 from 10:00 - 11:30am at the church. We will begin a six-week study on **Developing Your Shape to Serve Others**, which is part of the Purpose Driven Life Curriculum. We will follow this with the 40 Days of Purpose Study. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. We have a wonderful time learning and sharing God's word. Childcare is provided. Call Jill Bennett at 285-2134, or the church office to register.

A Note of Thanks from "Read a Book, Get a Book"

On behalf of the fourth and fifth graders at Mayport Elementary, I would like to thank you, your Vacation Bible School children, and their families for your extremely generous donation of books. I wish I could convey to you how excited the children become on Fridays when it is time for them to choose the free book which they have earned. Many of these children don't have good weekends so having a new book to read is truly a blessing for them. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Gale Leas

Kid's Korner

Children's Choir & Cherubs

The Children's Choir and Cherubs will resume meeting Wednesday, August 18 at 6:15pm. Children's Choir is open to grades K-5 and the Cherub Choir/Rhythm Dancers is for 3 & 4 year olds. Come join the fun and excitement as we prepare for special performances and our Christmas musical! We are also looking for adult volunteers to work with these choirs. If you enjoy working with children give Carol Zur a call at 280-5141.



On A Musical Note

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 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

Our local papers will often print news of our church if we write the articles and provide the photos. Have you got a nose for news? Do you enjoy telling a good story? How about becoming a reporter for PVUMC? (You might even land a byline in *The Wave!*) Give me a call, 280-5141.

-Pastor Jeff

Goodbye Denese; Welcome Deborah

We are saddened that Denese Fields is leaving us after serving for a year and a half as our Administrative Assistant. Denese is going down to one full-time position, that of mom to sons Ricky (5 months), Adam (Kindergarten) and Ben (3rd grade). Thank you for your loyal service, Denese. We will miss you!

The new voice you'll hear answering the phones belongs to Deborah Dickerson. Deborah recently left National Employee Benefits Administrators after six years of service. Prior to that she was Town Clerk of Alto, Georgia (pop. 900). Deborah and her husband Michael of 20 years have between them three sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren. Deborah enjoys oil painting and likes to read. She is pursuing a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and is presently a yellow belt. Deborah also has a 650 Yamaha motorcycle. Welcome Deborah!

Coming Soon...



Attendance & Giving

July 2004

	Contemporary	Traditional	Giving	Designated Totals
7/4	71	70	\$ 7,955	Building Fund
7/11	73	90	5,607	\$100,520
7/18	99	95	8,156	Missions (YTD)
7/25	68	92	3,859	\$ 20,696
June Avg	78	87	\$ 6,394	Enhancement Fund
Sunday School (avg. weekly)			50	\$ 5,412

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

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

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

The cat's out of the bag. Jill and I are expecting...twins! A little late to think about this now but I did the math and began wondering if I might be too old to start the fatherhood thing all over again. I'll be 44 by the time the twins are born and 66(!) by the time they finish college. I used to fear that the popping of my knees when I walked "quietly" from Abby's crib might awaken her; will these newborns stay asleep now that Dad's knees are three years louder? On the other hand, I believe you're never too old to birth something new. Beach United Methodist was 67, when they birthed what is now Ponte Vedra UMC. Maybe at your age and stage you never thought you'd help birth a new church yet that is exactly what you're doing.

How might God use you to do a new thing? Sunday, July 25th we heard Jane Hart share the vision God has given her to begin Hart Felt Ministries, enabling the disabled and the elderly to age in place. Several of you have already responded to God calling you to be a part of this new thing.

Our youth minister Adam Myers is redesigning our youth ministry around small groups. He'll need solid adult leadership. Might God be calling you to help birth something new among our youth and their friends?

This month we're introducing our fall spiritual growth campaign, *The Purpose Driven Life*. God may call you to lead one for the new six week small groups beginning in late September, be you 44, 66, 88, or 22. Are you ever too young or too old to be used by God for his purposes?

Looking forward to new life all around,
Pastor Jeff



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