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Envisioning Our Future

Who are we as a church?

Who is our community?

What are God's purposes for our church?

How does our programming and facility help or hinder God's mission?

Based on this information, what should we do now?

Five questions listed; your insight needed. You are invited to participate in the **"Envisioning Our Future" workshop** being held Sunday, October 17. There will be brief presentations on the first four questions with discussion on each. Kerry Goldmeyer of Cargill Associates will be our facilitator. The day will provide us with a final list of priorities developed from the input of all who participate. **Sunday, October 17. Lunch provided at 12:15; workshop from 1:00 - 6:00pm.** Participate all afternoon or come and go as you need to. *Your input matters greatly as we discern the future God has for us.*

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Congregation Questionnaire Being Mailed This Month

Later this month you will receive a questionnaire that is very important to the future of Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. We are in the process of developing long-range plans, and we earnestly need your thoughtful, candid opinion on what lies ahead.

Your response to this independent and confidential questionnaire will assist us in determining priority objectives for our church. All questionnaires will be returned to and compiled by Cargill Associates, the national stewardship consulting firm conducting the feasibility study. Please participate in this important process. When your questionnaire arrives, take a few minutes to complete it and then return it promptly in the provided postage-paid envelope.

- Pastor Jeff



40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

Neither rain, nor snow, nor a hurricane's blow will keep God's people from their appointed purposes! Despite the pending bad weather, many PVUMC'ers and their guests participated in the cookout and Simulcast Saturday night, September 25th. Read about that and what's still to come inside.

Upcoming Messages in "The Purpose Driven Life" Series

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| October 3 | Worship: You Were Planned for God's Pleasure |
| October 10 | Fellowship: You Were Formed for God's Family |
| October 17 | Discipleship: You Were Created to Be Like Christ |
| October 24 | Ministry: You Were Shaped for Serving God |
| October 31 | Evangelism: You Were Made for a Mission |

Operation Christmas Child

This year our church is providing you with the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child using a simple shoe box. Your shoe box will reach a child in a troubled country like Uganda or El Salvador with the Gospel message. We are taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse - the Christian ministry led by Franklin Graham, the son of Dr. Billy Graham. People across the country are getting shoe boxes from home and filling them with small toys, school supplies, and other little gifts. This Christmas season a needy child overseas will receive your shoe box, along with Christian literature in his or her own language. What an opportunity to reach these children with a clear presentation of the Gospel! The boxes need to be brought to our church by Sunday, November 14 for shipment by Christmas. For more details, look for the Operation Christmas Child brochure in a future Sunday bulletin, access www.samaritanspurse.org, or contact Lisa Hancock, 273-8842.

Ministry/Missions Fair to be Held October 24

Ever wonder how you can get connected to a ministry within our church? Ever thought, How can I connect to mission that reaches beyond our church? From 10:00 - 11:15am Sunday morning, October 24 you'll be able to experience the breadth of ministry and mission going on in and through PVUMC. Visit the fellowship hall after the contemporary service or before the traditional service on the 24th and check it out. You might just leave connected in a new way to what God's doing in the church and in the world!

40 Days of Purpose

It takes more than a hurricane to stop those Methodists! The BIG first event of the *40 Days of Purpose* campaign, where everyone gathered to share great food and a great message, was a wonderful success despite the weather. The Simulcast event of September 25 was hosted by Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life* and it was inspiring. The video (replayed the following Tuesday) provided a jumpstart to the campaign, giving us a glimpse of what is in store for us during the next 40 days. Our own Praise Team led us in musical devotion before the Simulcast began. At the close of the event *The Purpose Driven Life* was distributed and is now being read on a daily basis.

40 Days small groups began meeting the very next day. Some meet at the church Sunday morning; most meet at various times and locations throughout the community. If you haven't yet joined one, IT'S NOT TOO LATE. Contact one of the leaders directly or complete a sign up form and put it in the collection plate, sign up on the chart at the sound booth or e-mail cooper.agent@pv-umc.org. Be a part of this church wide study. You'll better know God's purposes for your life and make new friends too.

Several special events are yet to come: prayer opportunities, service opportunities, a Ministry Fair, and finally on November 7, Celebration Sunday when we'll all join together in one service at Landrum Middle School. Don't miss out on the excitement and growth that can be yours during these next 40 Days. Read the book, participate in a small group, listen to each Sunday message. What could be more important than knowing and living the purposes God has for your life?

Sun	10:00 AM	Mike Maple, Scott Tinsley	Sunday School	PVUMC
Sun	10:00 AM	Kyle Hancock, James Pyle	Sunday School	PVUMC
Sun	10:00 AM	Adam Myers (Youth)	Sunday School	PVUMC
Mon	7:00 PM	Rod & Carol Zur	827-0416	Walden Chase
Mon	7:00 PM	Gary & Julie Proctor	285-4715	PV (Seaside)
Mon	4:30 PM	Joyce & Cooper Agent, Lo Simon	273-2657	PV (Plantation)
Mon	7:00 PM	Jeff & Mary Kaye Ashby	285-2018	PV (Marsh Landing So Gate)
Mon	7:00 PM	Ron & Bev Schaffield	221-7262	JAX (The Woods)
Tue	7:00 PM	Dotty Rashba, Orrin Hall	273-0527	Various Places
Tue	6:30 PM	Deb & Mike Dickerson	955-7667	JAX (Pine Bluff)
Wed	10:00 AM	Jill Bennett (Women)	285-2134	PVUMC
Wed	7:00 PM	Samm Morgan, Mike & Ada Elliott	285-6434	PV (Oakbridge-Sawgrass)
Wed	7:00 PM	Tom & Diane Wright	992-9500	JAX (Beach & Hodges E)
Thur	7:00 PM	Suvan Shine, John McEvoy	273-9667	PV (Sawgrass Village)
Thur	7:00 PM	Robin Walters & Diane Lee	285-0236	PV (Marsh Landing No Gate)
Fri	1:30 PM	Bob & Carol Harding, John McEvoy	280-0673	PV (Plantation Oaks)



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

This Ministry uses music, drama, dance and visual arts to share Christ with our church family and the community. We will present "A Christmas Carol" December 11th & 12th this year in Dinner Theatre style. Come be a part of this exciting Ministry.

Little Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4 Meet Wednesdays
Time: 7:15-8:15pm Preschool room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5th Meet Wednesdays
Time: 6:15-7:15pm, Room 2

YCAM Starting Wednesday

Grades 6-2 meet Wednesdays
Time: 6:00-8:30, with
planned activities and pizza
(cost \$2).

Praise Choir is meeting at a new time. Come and join us on Tuesdays From 7:00-8:00pm. All are welcome!

The Traditional Choir is meeting at 7:00-8:00pm Thursdays. All are welcome!

Are you interested in joining a worship group? For information regarding this or any of the above mentioned ministries Contact Minister of Music, Carol Zur 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 of their heart.

40 Days of Praise

Have you been waiting for just the right time to join the Praise Choir or Traditional Choir? Well wait no longer. As we head into The 40 Days of Purpose the Worship Arts Ministry is asking you to join "The 40 Days of Praise". The Praise Choir meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm and Traditional Choir meets on Thursday at 7:00pm. For more information contact Music Minister Carol Zur.

PVUMC Florida Storm Recovery

We are looking into sending a team to aid the Florida Conference of the UMC in response to the devastation from the recent hurricanes. The tentative time would be the first or second week in November. Anyone with a willingness to help can participate, from doing cleanup and cooking meals to construction. Call Larry Bradford at 992-0196 or email clbrad@comcast.net, if you are interested.

Meals on Wheels

Beach UMC has worked with the Duval County MOW Program for over 26 years. They deliver a noon meal daily for a week, on a ten week rotation. They have asked PVUMC for additional volunteers. This is a wonderful outreach to homebound senior citizens in the Jax Beach area. It would only require about two hours of your time. Please call Cheryl Bradford at 992-0196 or email clbrad@comcast.net.

Child Protection Policy

All churches in the Florida Conference must implement a Child Protection Policy this year. ALL volunteers who work with children and youth are required to be screened and attend a training on issues and procedures. A criminal background check will be done through the Florida Dept of Law Enforcement. We are asking each volunteer to pay \$10 towards the \$23 fee. **The required training will be held Sunday, October 3 from 4:00-5:30p.m.** A make-up session will be held Wednesday October 13 from 6:00-7:30p.m. Please call the church office at 285-2134 to register.

Attendance & Giving

September 2004				<u>Designated Totals</u>
	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	
9/5	64	23	\$ 3,645.50	Building Fund \$100,520
9/12	84	106	8,354.84	Missions (YTD) \$ 20,696
9/19	95	106	7,263.86	Enhancement Fund \$ 5,412
9/26	63	67	5,713.83	
	Needed weekly (after "new church" support)		\$ 8,277	
	Needed weekly (before "new church" support)		\$11,680	

*A Note From
Pastor Jeff:*

These hurricanes are something else, aren't they? Charley, Frances, Ivan and now Jeanne. We've been blessed to have been spared from the worst of them, thank God. Yet I think that as people who have been spared we should be a blessing to those who haven't been so fortunate. Jill and I have chosen to give to the Florida Storm Recovery Fund of The United Methodist Church. (You've been reading about this fund in the occasional bulletin insert.) I invite you to join us. Make your check out to PVUMC and designate your gift "Florida Storm Recovery Fund." We'll get the funds to those who know where they are most needed.

One of our members, Larry Bradford, is looking to put together a team of volunteers to be a part of the recovery effort during the first or second week of November. Would you be interested in participating? Give Larry a call at 992-0196.

Let's show compassion toward those who are in need, wherever they are.

Pastor Jeff



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