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Celebration Sunday!



It's been a great 40 Days, hasn't it? From the Simulcast held as Hurricane Frances approached, through the Ministry Fair (what an incredible array of mission and ministry activities!) to the culmination event: Celebration Sunday.

The watchword for **November 7** is this: **PARTY!** On that day we will move our church from 35 Executive Way to **Landrum Middle School** and worship together at **10:30am**. We'll enjoy elements of contemporary and traditional styles of worship, hear some great stories from the past 40 days, and celebrate holy communion. There'll be no Sunday School classes that day but childcare infant through age 5 will be provided.

What's a party without food? An awesome lunch is being planned for noon. You won't want to miss it; do plan to stay!

Landrum Middle School is located 4 miles from PVUMC.

Traveling South on A1A,

Turn RIGHT onto CR-210 (Palm Valley Road).

Turn RIGHT onto Landrum Lane (at the Shell Station).

Forty Days of Purpose a Huge Success!

As a congregation we have had the privilege to study together and find new insights into our purpose here on this earth. We have explored new meanings for the words Worship, Fellowship, Ministry and Mission. We have seen that we were made to become more like Christian service to fellow Christians as well as others. With over 140 people involved in small groups we have grown closer as a church family, looked into the future for our church, and into our own hearts and what we can do to be better individuals and a more involved church within our community. We've laughed, cried, shared, prayed, sung, read, and studied together. Our church has grown stronger by taking this journey, by including the 'unconnected' and by considering what God expects of us. Some of us have found ways to serve through the Mission Fair and trying new things. We have ALL GROWN!! Praise God for this special time of growth and sharing within our church.

Upcoming Messages

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| November 7 | Celebration: Living the Purpose
<i>10:30am at Landrum Middle School</i> |
| November 14 | The Apprentice: God's Take on Your Wealth |
| November 21 | Why This Church Will Grow: The Lepers' Lesson |
| November 28 | Skipping Christmas and Missing the Sequel |



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



They're Still Praying!

Every Saturday since August 21 PVUMC'ers have been praying in the parking lot at New Beginnings Baptist Church for our church, our unconnected neighbors, our world. The focus remains the privilege of buying a portion of that land and buildings but we pray pretty widely beyond that. 8:30 - 9:00am, Saturdays... Come out and pray!

Early Bird Special

Early Bird Special for those who just can't sleep past 6:00am... Come and join Rod Zur's Team. For "Openers" Rod is looking for people who are willing to serve one Sunday a month from 7:30-8:30am. Duties include setting the A/C's, placement of parking signs, and the making of lemonade and coffee. In "Closing" Team duties include cleaning the kitchen, retrieving the parking signs and turning off the A/C. Please see Rod Zur at the sound booth and sign up to serve today.

Invitation To A Baby Shower

Everyone is invited to a baby shower being held on Sunday, November 14, 2004 4:30 to 6:00 pm for Jeff and Jill Bennett who are expecting twins later this year. The twins are registered with Babies R Us and Target. Pizza will be served.

Thanksgiving Blessings



Acolytes Wanted

ac•o•lyte, *n.* an altar attendant in public worship.

That's how Webster's reads. We define acolytes as 3rd, 4th and 5th graders who want to serve God by carrying in the light at the 11:15 traditional service to light the altar candles. They also carry forth the light at the close of the service. An acolyte training session will be led by coordinator Martin Combs and Pastor Jeff on November 7 at 4pm. Come, join the team!



The Seasonal Chorus is "Growing"

The Seasonal Chorus is "Growing" into The Traditional Choir. Our Seasonal Chorus was formed in 2002 and has served the 11:15 service faithfully ever since 4 seasons a year. This year we have decided to "Grow" into a year round choir serving the PVUMC community monthly, starting with Thanksgiving. We would like to give thanks for those who have been a part and rejoice with those who will become a part as we seek new ways to Know, Grow, Show and Go through the gift of music. Please join us in welcoming Diane Wright to the Music Team as she leads the Traditional Choir. Diane has served in the Seasonal Chorus for the last year. She sings with the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus, has a daughter Jennifer and a son Chris, and she and her husband Tom attend the Traditional Service. The Traditional Choir meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:15 in the sanctuary. For information contact Diane Wright at 992-9500 or Carol Zur at 280-5141.

Hanging of the Greens

We're planning an all new "Hanging of the Greens" service for the first Sunday of Advent, November 28 at 7:00pm. Put it on your calendar now! The popular Christmas Crafting for Kids will begin at 5:30pm, snack supper provided.



Extra Copies of *The Purpose Driven Life* Available

Have you found *The Purpose Driven Life* helpful? Do you have a friend or relative whose life might be touched through the book? A few extra copies of this bestseller remain; a \$7 donation gets you one to give away.



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 19th this year in Dinner Theatre style. Come be a part of this exciting ministry. It's not too late to join.

Little Cherubs Choir

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

Children's Choir

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

YCAM

Grades 6-12 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 7:00-8:15pm 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.

The Buzz...



Youth Ministry News

On any given school day, you have a lot to be concerned about. But some concerns turn into fears. And occasionally fears grow into phobias. Here's a list of phobias that might be found wherever students congregate.

Ablutophobia	Fear of open, crowded places
Agoraphobia	Fear of washing or bathing
Aulophobia	Fear of flutes
Bibliophobia	Fear of books
Caligynophobia	Fear of beautiful women
Cantagelophobia	Fear of being ridiculed
Didaskaleinophobia	Fear of school
Ecclesiophobia	Fear of church
Eremophobia	Fear of loneliness
Ergophobia	Fear of work
Glossophobia	Fear of speaking in public
Gnosiophobia	Fear of knowledge
Lyssophobia	Fear of becoming insane
Neophobia	Fear of anything new
Ophthalmophobia	Fear of being stared at
Osmophobia	Fear of smells
Pantophobia	Fear of everything
Papyrophobia	Fear of paper
Phronemophobia	Fear of thinking
Scholionophobia	Fear of school

Don't worry if you haven't heard of many of these phobias. You won't find a lot of these specialized problems in most dictionaries, and when you do, they may have variant spellings. Besides, we don't want you developing phobophobia (fear of phobias). The point is that most of us have certain fears and trepidations, some of which can become quite strong.

The Bible has a lot to say about fear. Most of the passages encourage us NOT to be afraid. Almost every time an angel arrived on the scene, he had to start his proclamation with, "Don't be afraid!"

We are spared the obligation of quivering every time we approach God, yet we should VOLUNTARILY treat him with the greatest of respect and reverence. That's what is meant by "fearing" God. We don't try to avoid him as we might attempt to dodge the objects of our phobias. Rather, we acknowledge that he is the ultimate authority in our universe and give him the awe-filled worship that he deserves.

So as you see the signs of Halloween this week--ghosts, witches, haunted houses, monsters, and such--think about what frightens you. And what doesn't.

Attendance & Giving

October 2004				<u>Designated Totals</u>
	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	
10/3	94	88	\$11,775	Building Fund \$ 97,550
10/10	74	95	7,704	Missions (YTD) \$ 20,696
10/17	78	93	4,311	Enhancement Fund \$ 5,618
10/24	66	83	4,083	
Oct Avg.	78	90	\$ 6,968	
	Needed weekly (after "new church" support) \$ 8,277		Needed weekly (before "new church" support) \$11,680	

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I'm probably the exception to the rule when it comes to preaching about money and possessions. I like it! But because I speak on the topic two to three times a year, our fall stewardship campaign will be understated, much as it was last year. Two messages, followed by an opportunity to make a pledge in support of the ministries of our church. (You'll find our 2005 financial plan inside.)

When I talk to people who are considering joining our church, I share with them my view of giving: **I don't give to a budget; I give to God.** Almost all of the money Jill and I give, we give to our local church. Why? Because we believe that the local church is the best hope of the world.

Next year we jump from 69% to 82% responsibility for underwriting our budget. In 2006 we're to be 100% self-supporting. These are big steps that require faithful giving on the part of each one of us. So far we've been making it. What's more, PVUMC is on track to give 10% of this year's general offering to mission beyond the local church and another 10% to our building fund. I'm proud of you, church! We'll aim to hit that 10% missions giving target again next year.

Be thinking now about your part (financial and otherwise) in what God is doing through Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Pastor Jeff



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Church Conference to be held November 14

Our annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, November 14 at 7:00pm under the leadership of our District Superintendent, **Rev. Rick Neal**. Every United Methodist Church is required to hold either a church or charge conference annually. At the church conference we review and celebrate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt goals recommended by the church leadership. Also this will be a great time to get to know our DS, Rick Neal.



Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church Financial Plan 2005

As submitted to the Conference Committee on New Church Development – October 2004

Use of Funds	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Personnel* (payroll & benefits)	216,205	211,025	
Staff Continuing Ed. & Reimbursable Expenses)	10,600	14,150	
Contract Personnel (e.g. instrumentalists, special musicians)	41,500	41,500	
Office Expenses	12,578	11,350	
Programs	33,938	31,150	
Advertising & Marketing	18,849	19,000	
Worship Facility			
Rent	162,180	170,100	
Utilities, Maintenance, etc.	21,262	21,200	
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	4,700	0	
Parsonage	<u>37,555</u>	<u>37,500</u>	
Total Use of Funds	559,367	556,975	-0.4%
Source of Funds			
Florida Annual Conference	16,813	16,800	
Jacksonville District Board of Church Development	158,473	87,000	
Local Congregation	<u>384,081</u>	<u>453,175</u>	
Total Source of Funds	559,367	556,975	-0.4%

*Includes full-time youth minister position

Capital Campaign Workers Needed

In the days ahead, many of you will be asked to help organize and lead elements of our spring capital campaign. Say yes! It may be God calling through that the voice on the telephone.

Our Survey Says...

If you haven't yet completed your pre-capital campaign survey, please fill it out and send it in, ASAP. Thank you!