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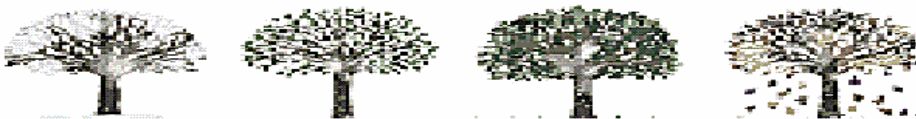
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5th Sunday Sing



A great time was had by all at last summer's hymn sing. Let's do it again! Pastor Jeff has promised not to make those who gather learn his favorite golden oldie, *The Awakening Chorus*. We will sing some of your favorites and we'll hear what God's been doing in the lives of a couple of our folks. Plan now to come on Sunday, January 30 at 7:00pm.



As We Start the New Year

New Year's Resolution

Countless PVUMC members and other regular attenders have told me, "Pastor Jeff, my New Year's Resolution is to wear my name tag every Sunday." Would you join them? In honor of their resolve, January has been deemed *Name Tag Amnesty Month*. If you have lost or misplaced your name tag, a new one will be provided you, no questions asked. (What a generous church!) Simply sign up at the name tag table and a new tag will appear there the following Sunday.

- Pastor Jeff

From a Grateful Staff...

Thank you, Ponte Vedra UMC, for blessing us with a generous Christmas gift. We appreciate always your encouraging words. Now comes this gift to top it all off. We are indeed grateful!

- Your pastor, staff & musicians

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

Pray and Pray Again



We look forward to conversations with the county regarding purchase of a portion of the New Beginnings Baptist Church property. Yet the most important conversation happens on Saturday mornings from 8:30 - 9:00am in the New Beginnings Baptist parking lot. That's when we get together to talk to God about it. We also pray for our church, our unconnected neighbors and our world. It's a sweet time. Come join us!

New Member Orientation

Been thinking about joining Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church? Or are you simply interested in learning more about the church? Pastor Jeff will be leading a New Member Orientation on Sunday, January 23, from 4:00-6:00pm. (Yes, it's required to join but it is fun; ask anyone who's been!) Call the church office (280-5141) to let us know you're coming. Childcare available upon request.

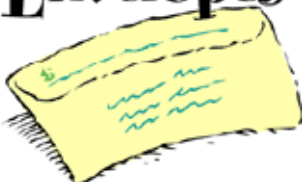


A Thank You From The Juvenile Detention Center Ministry

The St. Johns Co. Juvenile Detention Center Ministry Team would like to extend grateful thanks to PVUMC! The generous contributions will be spent for the benefit of the Juvenile Detention Center. The team will purchase specific items as requested by the JDC administration and will inform readers about the purchase in the February edition of the *Wave*. For more information about making a contribution or the ministry, please call Max or Sue Stanley at 285-2946.

Offering Boxes Ready for Pick up

Offering Envelopes



For your convenience and that of our offering counters boxed offering envelopes will be available for pick up before and after Sunday services January 2nd & 9th.



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

Little Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4 Will resume meeting
Wednesdays, January 19th, at 7:15-
8:15pm, Preschool room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5 will resume meeting
Wednesdays January 19th at 6:15-7:15pm,
Room 2

YCAM

Grades 6-12 will resume meeting
Wednesdays January 19th at 6:00-8:30 with
planned activities and pizza (cost \$2).

Praise Choir

Come and join us on Tuesdays from 7:00-
8:00pm. All are welcome!

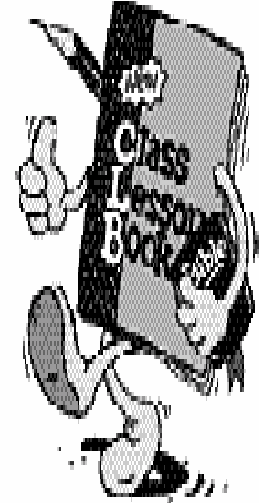
The Traditional Choir meets at 7:00-8:15pm
Thursdays. All are welcome!

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.

Confirmation Class to Begin

Our first ever confirmation class begins Wednesday, January 12. The class will be led by Pastor Jeff and youth minister Adam Myers. They'll be using "Claim the Name" as the resource during the 9 weekly sessions. The sessions will run from 6 - 7pm each Wednesday through March 9. Confirmands who so choose will join the church on Sunday, April 3. This year the class is open to youth in 8th - 12th grade. Contact Adam or Pastor Jeff to sign up.



Child with Fire!

Boys and girls in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade have a great opportunity to serve our church by carrying in the light at the 11:15 traditional service and lighting the altar candles. These servants of Christ are called *acolytes*. Are you interested in becoming an acolyte? If you answered "yes," join Mr. Martin Combs and Pastor Jeff at PVUMC on Sunday, January 30th at 4:00pm to find out more. Contact Martin Combs at 821-8734 if you have any questions. See you on the 30th!



Attendance & Giving

December 2004			
	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>
12/5	83	102	\$ 7,101.25
12/12	81	91	11,601.50
12/19	82	100	6,061.87

Designated Totals
Building Fund
\$ 109,410
Missions (YTD)
\$ 33,923
Enhancement Fund
\$ 5,556

Needed weekly (after "new church" support) \$ 8,277
Needed weekly (before "new church" support) \$11,680

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

In the olden days, one of the most terrifying things a preacher could do was to sit down with a blank sheet of paper in front of him, seeking to put together a message for Sunday. That was B.C. (Before Computers); these days she is faced by a great blank computer screen. Just as frightening.

I feel a bit like that looking at the year ahead. Some things are already scoped out but so much remains to be seen. Will we as a church continue to know Jesus, grow disciples, show love, and go and make disciples of Jesus Christ? Will we be able to entice more people to participate in small groups? Will we connect the unconnected? Will our capital stewardship campaign be successful? Will we get the property we seek?

And that's just church! Other questions that loom large... Will I successfully parent our twins Sophie and Spencer, in addition to sweet Abby? Will I continue to put Jill and our children ahead of ministry obligations? Will I keep my priorities straight?

My resolution for the new year is this: **I will trust Jesus to lead me through it.** I don't intend simply to survive the new year. No, I intend to live it confidently as a follower of Jesus Christ, keeping my focus on him, taking my cues from him. It may be a ride on the wild side, but so what? If we keep our eyes on Jesus, 2005 will be a great year. I look forward to living it with you.

– Pastor Jeff



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