

THE WAVE

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Campaign Highlights

Our *Journey of Faith* both ends and begins anew this month. Each of us will have the privilege of making a three year commitment to the capital stewardship program on Sunday, March 13. Then on the 27th we'll offer the first fruits of that three year commitment in what will likely be the largest offering we've ever received at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. May God bless us with the faith to give sacrificially, and may God bless us with the opportunity to purchase property suited to our mission of *connecting the unconnected*.

Journey of Faith

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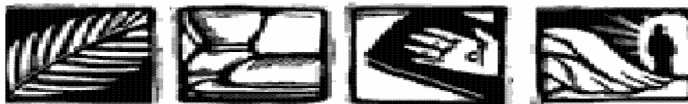
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

B.E.A.M. Bag Sunday a Big Success!

You provided 67 bags of groceries plus some cases of food for the Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry on Sunday, February 20. Well done! Because of your generosity, BEAM's food pantry is restocked, ready for those who find themselves in need. Watch for another opportunity to give groceries to BEAM later this year.

Holy Week Worship Times



Details Inside

Upcoming Messages

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| March 6 | "Giving Generously" |
| March 13 | "Living Out Our Responsibility" |
| March 20 | "God Gives Himself" (Palm Sunday) |
| March 27 | "Risen with Christ" (Easter Sunday) |



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Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week, is sometimes called "Maundy Thursday," a term derived through the Old French *mandé* from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "a new commandment." We will remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples on Holy Thursday, March 24 at 7:00pm.



Easter Sunday Schedule

To make room for the extra visitors we'll welcome on Easter Sunday we're adding an 8:00 service and adjusting some of our other times. If you're a traditional service regular, why not consider attending at 8:00 and offering your 11:15 seat to a first-timer? Our March 27 Easter Sunday schedule:

- 8:00 Traditional Worship**
- 9:30 Contemporary Worship**
- 10:30 Sunday School & Bible Study**
- 11:15 Traditional Worship**

They Keep on Praying and Praying and Praying...

Since last August, a handful of our people have continued to gather in the parking lot of New Beginnings Baptist Church on Saturday mornings. Each week, from 8:30 to 9:00am they've prayed faithfully for our church, for property, for our unconnected neighbors, for our world. They'll gladly make the circle wider. Come once, come once in awhile, come every week... You are welcome!

Book & Supply Orders

If you need books for your small groups or supplies for your church project and you would like the church office staff to assist you with your order please email Deborah Dickerson at deb.dickerson@pv-umc.org. Include with your order the title of the book or the trade name for the supplies, quantity of the book or item you need, and cost. Allow two weeks delivery time to ensure the item can be purchased before your class or project begins. In most cases orders will be processed by the 10th and 25th of the month.



March Easter Lily Sale

Easter Lilies may be ordered during the first two weeks of March to be placed on the altar Easter Sunday. Order forms will be included with your Sunday bulletin March 6th and 13th.





On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

Little Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4
Meets Wednesdays at 6:15-7:15pm,
Preschool room

Children's Choir

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

YCAM

Grades 6-12 Meets Wednesdays,
6:00-7:00 for team building with Mr. Z
and 7:00-8:30 with planned activities
and pizza (cost \$2).

Praise Choir

Come and join us on Tuesdays from
6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome!

The Traditional Choir meets from 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.

Second Confirmation Class to be Offered

Pastor Jeff and youth minister Adam Myers will be forming a second confirmation small group, this one for 6th and 7th graders. The group will meet Wednesday nights from 6 - 7pm, beginning April 6. This will be a great opportunity for us to engage our Christian faith together. Participants will be invited to join the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 15.

Join the Choir!



Contemporary Praise Choir meets
Tuesdays in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:30.
Come and be a part of a group.

Traditional Choir meets Thursdays 7:00-
8:15 in the Sanctuary. Come and join your
voices with ours in worship today.

For information contact Carol Zur at
280-5141.

Coming Soon: Talent Show



PVUMC's annual talent show is coming soon. For more information about getting in on the act or volunteering to help with the production; stay tuned. You never know who may make an appearance. Contact 280-5141 or carol.zur@pv-umc.org.

Attendance & Giving

February 2005			
	Contemporary	Traditional	Giving
2/6	101	102	\$ 15,796.68
2/13	105	97	\$ 7,314.25
2/20	87	85	\$ 7,468.66

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 115,976
Missions (YTD)	\$ 2,280
Enhancement Fund	\$ 5,106

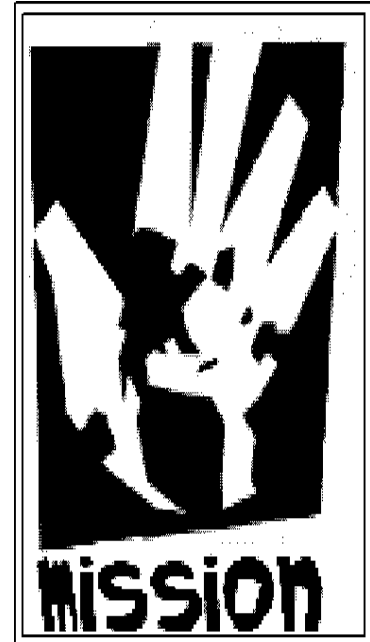
Needed weekly
(after "new church" support)
\$ 9,894

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

Missions Corner

Heifer Project International

Holy cow! Some of the money our church has set aside for missions has gone to help people help themselves through livestock. Heifer Project International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Their strategy? To "pass on the gift." As people share their animals' offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe. This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief has continued for almost 60 years. Today, millions of families in 115 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope. What a privilege to be a part of that effort! Read more about it at www.heifer.org.



Deadlines

Materials or Supplies: If you would like your administrative assistant to order supplies or materials for your team, small group or Sunday school class, contact Deborah Dickerson at the church office @ 280-5141. Order by the 10th for mid-month delivery and order by 25th for end of month delivery. Orders must be made in writing and include all ordering information.

Newsletter: If you didn't get your article in for the March newsletter, you can still make the April newsletter deadline of midnight, Sunday, March 28th. Email deb.dickerson@pv-umc.org.

Bulletins: Announcements for bulletins are due into the church office for editing by Wednesday midnight every week. Written announcements can be delivered to the office by hand, snail mail or email to deb.dickerson@pv-umc.org.



...sometimes it just has to get done...

PVUM ChurchWORKINGS

If you'd like to meet some interesting PVUMC'rs, or help out with the administration of the church, you should consider joining the ChurchWorks team. For more information contact Deborah Dickerson at 280-5141. Hours are flexible, and in some cases you can even work from home.

Available opportunities:

- ◆ **Publishing:** Write stories for *The Wave* and then paste them up and print them too. Or help produce the Sunday bulletins. Fun fellowship and it only takes about an hour.
- ◆ **Shopping:** If you are a 'shop until you drop'-er, this is the job for you. Purchase supplies and food for the church at Sam's twice monthly and turn in the receipt for reimbursement.
- ◆ **Greeting and Meeting:** Answer the phones, greet members and guests of the church and get to know the staff. If you like people, this is the place to be.
- ◆ **Multi-tasking:** If you have good organizational skills, your recordkeeping and bookkeeping experience will be appreciated. Often you can work from your home on these projects.

A very special thank you to Dod and Colleen Schroter, Norma Webster, Don Johnson, Marilyn Elston, Lolo Eldridge and Libby Denning for their help with bulletin production, newsletter mailings, office reception, kitchen shopping, accounting and clerical organization. Their good natured assistance this year and last is priceless.



YCAM FUNDRAISER 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 April 17th in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15pm. You won't want to miss out on the great items up for bid this year. Tickets are \$8 per person with a \$20 family cap (children 3 and under eat free) and will be available for purchase during the month of March following both services on Sundays and weekdays through the church office. Proceeds from the event will help fund YCAM's 1st ever Summer Florida Conference Choir Tour. Show your support by making plans to join us for great food, fellowship and fun. If you would like to donate an item or service for the silent auction or would like to assist YCAM members by helping to coordinate the auction/luncheon, please contact Carol Zur. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Youth Creative Arts Ministry

Easter Party & Egg Hunt



Sunday, March 20

3:00 p.m.

Picnic area behind

New Beginnings Baptist Church

All kids ages 0 - 5th grade

bring your basket and come for a great time!

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

The 4am feeding is my nighttime shift with the twins. During one of those early morning quiet times I got to thinking about Spencer's name. When Jill and I were choosing names for our children, like most people we paid attention to how those names sounded, and I paid special attention to the meaning behind the names. In Bible times a person's name wasn't important just because it's what they went by; names had meanings and people paid attention to those meanings. People lived up to their names. Or down to them. Those of you looking to have or adopt children, there are some names you'll want to avoid. Don't choose the name *Nabal* for your unborn child. In Hebrew it means "fool" and the man who had the name lived down to it. (See 1 Samuel 25:25.)

At 4am I'm thinking that Spencer could be the poster child of our capital stewardship program. In Old English, the name Spencer means "provisioner." In the capital campaign we are making provision for the future of our church. Then I got to thinking that Spencer's twin sister Sophie could have equal billing. In Greek, her name means, "wisdom." It is wise to prepare for the future to which God is leading. Maybe I should make space for our three year old Abby on the poster too. In Hebrew, Abigail means, "her father rejoices." (He does, by the way!)

A faithful manager, steward, *provisioner* shows *wisdom* in his/her affairs, blessing people with whatever he/she has been entrusted. Oh that we would be wise provisioners in God's work. Surely *our heavenly Father rejoices* over every wise provisioner. May he rejoice over you.

– Pastor Jeff



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