

THE WAVE



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A Journey of Faith

We're On Our Way!

Our Capital Stewardship Program "A Journey of Faith" is off to an amazingly successful start. As of March 27 our commitments for the three year campaign totaled \$1,245,421, exceeding our goal of \$1.2 million. First Fruits Sunday yielded \$113,167. This is in addition to the \$115,976 received for the Building/Property Acquisition Fund prior to the campaign. Well done, you good and faithful servants!

As reported in the March 4 *Pastor's Pen* and in worship services the following Sunday, New Beginnings Baptist intends to proceed with the sale of their entire parcel to the county. (We'd hoped they would be willing to split the sale between PVUMC and the county.) We continue to investigate other options for relocation and will keep you up to date on alternatives. Please be praying over this matter.

Prayers Move from NBBC to PVUMC

People are moved by prayer; prayers are moved by people. Both are true of those who had been praying weekly in the parking lot of New Beginnings Baptist Church on Saturday mornings. Now the group meets each Saturday in front of our own church from 8:30 to 9:00am. They continue to pray faithfully for our church, for property, for our unconnected neighbors, for our world. Drop in some Saturday and join them!

Members of PVUMC's First Confirmation Class...

...will be confirmed on Sunday, April 10 at both services. Please be present to welcome these youth as full members of our church.

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OUR MISSION

STATEMENT:

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



PONTE VEDRA
*United Methodist
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Missions Corner

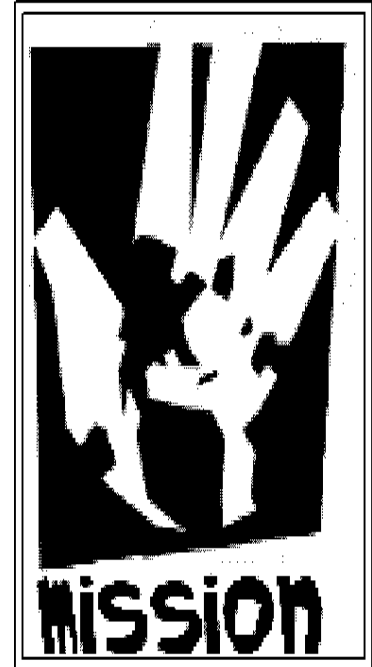
Mission House

PVUMC is an active and financial supporter of the Mission House located at 800 Shetter Avenue in Jacksonville Beach.

On the active side, the Cornerstone Sunday school class prepares a Sunday meal at Mission House six Sundays a year and occasionally at other times. Other groups in the church prepare lunch on fifth Mondays. 95 to 130 plates are typically served. The expense of providing the meals we prepare is borne by our church. You also supplement the food pantry frequently with food bags.

Our financial participation aids the Mission House in providing several other programs. In addition to the daily meals, case workers aid those in need, the Mission House Clinic meets medical needs, the Quest program serves those with mental or drug problems. Also provided are employment assistance, clothing vouchers for use at Goodwill and the list goes on.

The Missions Committee of Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church is pleased to report to you this important local mission which you support. God bless you, church!



Helping Hands Walk for the Needy

Grassroots ministry Helping Hands will host their 10th annual Walk for the Needy Saturday, April 23 in Atlantic Beach. It's a beautiful 3-mile route. Ask Pastor Jeff or Jill; they've walked it the past three years. Want to come along? Print an info page and pledge form from our home page (www.pv-umc.org) or pick up the same from the church office and begin gathering your sponsors. If you can't walk it, Jeff, Jill or any of our other walkers will gladly accept your pledge! PVUMC proudly supports Helping Hands Ministries through its mission giving; consider going the extra mile (literally or figuratively) through walking or sponsorship.

Interested in Joining PVUMC?

Pastor Jeff will be offering a new member orientation on Sunday, April 24 from 4 - 6pm. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our church and meet some other people along the way. There's no obligation to join, but the orientation is required for membership. Let the office know you're coming (280-5141); childcare available upon request.



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.

Talent Show May 13th



PVUMC's annual talent show is coming Friday, May 13th at 7:00 pm. 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.

Second Confirmation Class Now Beginning

Pastor Jeff and youth minister Adam Myers are beginning a new 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. Exciting!

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars, VBS is coming! June 20 - 24 from 9am to noon. The year's theme will soon be chosen and volunteers enlisted. VBS is always great fun for the kids and the youth and adults who serve them. Want to help? Contact Kristin Boehner at 285-0346 or Jill Bennett at 285-2134.

Attendance & Giving

	March 2005		
	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>
3/6	74	88	\$ 9,097.18
3/13	78	85	\$ 8,943.50
3/20	103	94	\$ 19,689.05
3/27	149	142	\$ 82,022.99

Designated Totals
Building Fund
\$ 229,143
Missions (YTD)
\$ 2,280
Enhancement Fund
\$ 5,106

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

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



YCAM FUNDRAISER Silent Auction & Baked Potato Salad Bar Luncheon April 17th

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. Tickets are \$8 per person with a \$20 family cap (children 3 and under eat free) and are now available for purchase following both services on Sundays and weekdays through the church office. Proceeds from the event will help fund YCAM's first ever Summer Florida Conference Choir Tour. 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.

Youth Spring Retreat & Summer Mission Trip

May 1st students are invited to examine the different aspects of hunger during a Youth Ministry retreat to Lake Asbury near Middleburg, FL. A non-refundable \$20 deposit is due by Sunday, April 17th with a balance of \$25 dollars due by Friday, April 29th. There are also several roles Adults can play, from assisting in meal preparation to leading small group discussions; those who are interested in participating are encouraged to speak with Adam Myers as soon as possible.



The D.O.O.R. program (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) has accepted our application to send approximately eight students and four adults to participate in missions and service work in Atlanta during the week of Sunday, July 10th through Saturday, July 16th. We will be joining more than 60 others who will be working along side us in various capacities. Students interested in participating must turn in a non-refundable \$100 deposit no later than Sunday, April 10th.

In the event that we have more than 8 students wishing to serve, positions will be filled according to age with oldest students receiving first priority. (Any student unable to attend due to a group-size limitation will promptly receive their deposit back in full.) A remaining balance of \$250 will be due no later than Sunday, July 10th. Contact Adam Myers, 280-5141.

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

We've got a great church. I enjoy bragging on you; I hope you don't mind. There is so much good going on here with potential for much more. It's more than simply programs, it's *relationships*. I love hearing the stories of small groups that grow together, of people who build friendships through doing ministry together, of folks who just plain enjoy being with each other. It's the kind of church Jill and I look forward to raising our children in. Our three year old Abby loves going to the nursery and her Sunday School class. In January she began singing with the Cherubs on Wednesday nights; she loves that too. Sophie and Spencer have no idea what good things await them at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church.

Most new church starts are planted in new communities; they often attract the young families that settle there. Our church is blessed to have a wonderful blend of single and married folk, recent retirees and octogenarians, families with teens and families with infants. A few days ago I was sharing with a representative from my seminary that we even have shut-ins. Few new church starts can boast of that! It's a healthy, wonderful thing.

I could go on but let me share with you the most winsome thing of all. That would be the Spirit of Christ who binds us together, making us one in Christ. This appeals to the people we invite to church and to those who simply drop by to visit us. May the risen Christ continue to be magnified in us!

– Pastor Jeff



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