

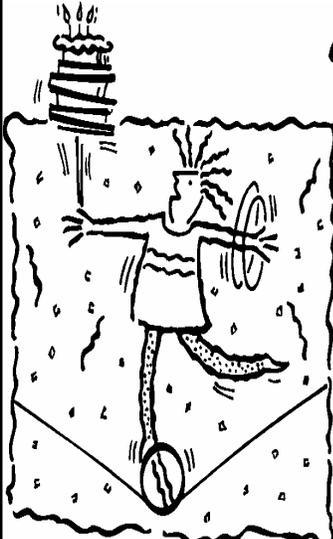
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Church-Wide Talent Show

The Music Department of PVUMC is sponsoring a church-wide Talent Show, Friday, May 13th at 7:00 pm. Those who attended last year's event can testify that *A Great Time Was Had By All*. Tickets are now available at \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple with a \$30.00 family cap. The evening includes heavy hot and cold appetizers, dessert & beverage. Proceeds will support the Worship Arts Ministry Team trip to the June **Willow Creek Arts Conference** in Chicago. Rumor has it that Pastor Elvis will be in the building, Contact Carol Zur to share your talent!

From One of Last Year's Arts Conference Participants

I could always carry a tune, but not being a formally trained vocalist, I wasn't sure I should even join a choir. But I did...because I love music and because it's a calling. Six years later, I'm still singing. Last June I had the awesome experience of traveling with fellow members of our praise team to receive some formal training at the Arts Conference at Willow Creek Community Church located near Chicago. There we learned some basics and advanced tips for singing God's praises. And we got to do this with people from all over the world. There were opportunities for praise and worship with a large community of believers – like 5,000 believers in the same sanctuary at the same time – it was incredible! It's rare that a praise team gets to spend time together outside their home church setting, but that's exactly what we got to do. As I look back on my trip, I am grateful to God not only for the technical training aspect of my experience, but the awesome time of fun and fellowship. They are memories I won't soon forget!

-Diana Mackoul

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

Upcoming Messages:

Pastor Jeff is beginning a series highlighting the character of prominent and not-so-prominent men and women of the Old Testament. Whether you find them to be old friends or new acquaintances, they can teach us much about faith!

May 1 Mighty Men of the Bible: Noah Genesis 6:22

May 8 Wonderful Women of the Bible: Naomi Ruth 3:1 (Mothers Day)

May 15 Where Is the Holy Spirit Today? Acts 2:1-18 (Pentecost)

May 22 Mighty Men of the Bible: Father Abraham Genesis 22:1-14

May 29 Mighty Men of the Bible: Abraham's Unnamed Servant Genesis 24:1-27

National Day of Prayer

This year's Beaches Area National Day of Prayer prayer service will be held from 6 - 8pm Thursday, May 5 on Latham Plaza, in front of the Sea Walk Pavilion and behind Jacksonville Beach City Hall. Lawn chairs and beach towels are recommended for seating. Come early for the children's prayer stations (4 - 6pm) and/or bring a picnic to enjoy before the event. Pastor Jeff will be participating in the 6pm prayer service.

Leadership Summit 2005

1 Event • 3 Days • 100 Cities • 50,000 Leaders

Ten leaders from Ponte Vedra UMC will join thousands of other Christian leaders around the continent August 11 - 13 for this premier leadership event. Would you like to be one of them? We'll hear from top leaders in and beyond the church and be challenged to sharpen our own leadership skills. We've saved you a seat at nearby CrossRoad UMC, one of the satellite locations. Cost is \$135; scholarships available. Borrow the team recruitment DVD from Pastor Jeff to learn more.



Tailgate Party, May 1st

Join Jimmy Jones as he gathers with those interested in forming a new adult Sunday School class in a get acquainted tailgate party in the northwest corner of the church parking lot on Sunday, May 1 at 10am. Tasty breakfast treats will be served up along with some wonderful fellowship. The group will begin studying the book of Luke the next Sunday at 10am by the drums. Study guides will be available at the gathering. If you're not in a Sunday School class now and would like to be part of a new one, come tailgate Sunday!

Luncheon to Celebrate United Methodist Women

Ladies of PVUMC, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4th! We will be gathering to celebrate the life of the women in our church. Our program will feature information on United Methodist Women and how we can become a part of this worldwide organization. Watch the bulletin for further information. Contact Judee DeWall at 992-4200 if you are interested in helping with this event.

A Word from Wesley

The preaching and teaching of John Wesley, 18th century founder of Methodism, was grounded in Scripture, informed by Christian tradition, enlivened in experience, and tested by reason. Above all else, Wesley valued the Bible. Though Wesley was well educated and well read, he wrote this of the Bible:

God himself has condescended to teach the way: for this very end he came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price give me the Book of God! I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be *homo unius libri* (a man of one book).
Works I, 105.



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

"Spring Sing" Concert



The Children's and Cherub Choirs will present their "Spring Sing" Concert on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. God's word says that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22) Experience joy as the children share their voices and their hearts with you. Know the love of God as it comes through the gift of music. A short reception will follow. Plan now to come and support the children of your church.

Little Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4 will continue meeting Through May 18th, Wednesdays at 6:15-7:15pm, Preschool room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5 will continue meeting through May 18th, Wednesdays 6:15-7:15pm, Room 2

YCAM

We meet every Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm for Team Building Time with Mr. Z & 7:00-7:30pm for Pizza Time in the kitchen. Bring \$2.00. Rehearsals are from 7:30-8:30 in Room 2 off the Fellowship Hall.

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 through May.

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.



And The Beat Goes On

The Youth Creative Arts Ministry Team continues to gear up for their first ever Summer Tour 2005. This June & July we are planning a Florida concert tour of other United Methodist Churches and The United Methodist Children's Home. The tour will include a fun excursion to one of our favorite theme parks in the Orlando area. *We meet every Wednesday 6:00-7:00 for Team Building Time with Mr. Z. & 7:00-7:30 for Pizza Time in the kitchen (bring \$2.00). Rehearsals are from 7:30-8:30 in Room 2. Please stay tuned for more details on The YCAM Florida Conference Tour 2005. For Information contact Carol Zur 280-5141, carol.zur@pv-umc.org.*

Attendance & Giving

April 2005

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital
4/3	73	82	\$ 6,678	\$ 3,681
4/10	105	89	\$ 9,311	\$ 27,895
4/17	125	84	\$ 8,738	\$ 305
4/24	98	87	\$ 7,217	\$ 2,041

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

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

<u>Designated Totals</u>
Building Fund \$ 244,706
Missions (YTD) \$ 2,487
Enhancement Fund \$ 4,748

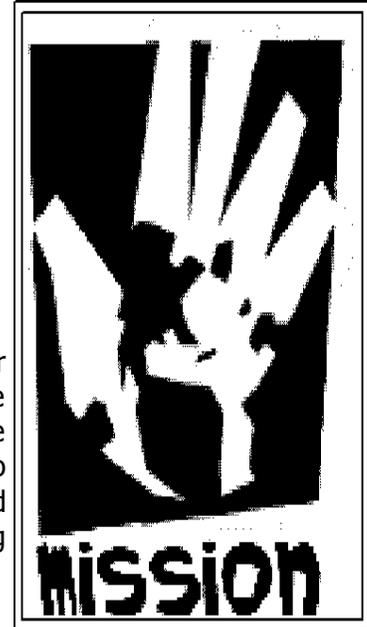
Missions Corner

Helping Hands Ministries

Helping Hands Ministries provides emergency assistance to needy families. They offer food, clothing, and housing for homeless families with children. They also help families find additional services to meet their needs. PVUMC is proud to partner in the work of Helping Hands Ministries, located in Atlantic Beach.

BEAM - Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry

BEAM is an independent, nonprofit, ecumenical service center dedicated to providing short-term social services for residents of the Beaches. BEAM seeks to provide social outreach to help people through periods of financial crisis with the goal of assisting them to become functional, economically productive, self-reliant, and fulfilled in their lives. PVUMC supports BEAM through the weekly offering and a twice yearly collection of groceries.



Sister Church Update

Our sister church in Cuba, La Sierra Methodist, experienced a change in pastors late last summer. It's been more challenging keeping in touch since Pastor Guillermo doesn't have e-mail access but here's the last communiqué we received (Jan 29).

Dear pastor,

I am Guillermo R. Leon, the new pastor for the Methodist Church in La Sierra. I have been serving there for 5 months and I apologize for not being able to communicate with you before, but I thank God for pastor Omar and Roberto who are helping me getting in touch with you.

I am 29 years old, married and expecting a baby. My wife's name is Adria Maria Nuñez, she is 21 years old. We both are very happy to follow the call of God bringing us to this church. Brothers and sisters in our congregation are looking forward hearing from you. Tell us about your wife and children, also about the congregation.

Blessings,

Pastor Guillermo

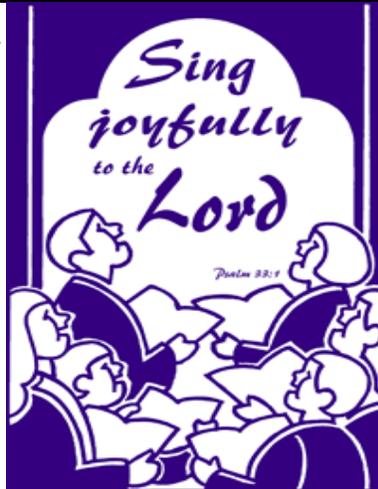
Since a response to Pastor Jeff's reply has not been forthcoming, we'll seek to send in letters via caravans traveling into Cuba from elsewhere in the Florida Conference. In the meantime, let's be praying for our brothers and sisters in Cuba.

Helping Hands Walkers Thank You

Saturday, April 23 was a beautiful morning for a 3-mile walk through Atlantic Beach. Your *Walk for the Needy* walkers thank you for the \$465 pledged to Helping Hands Ministries. These additional monies go to a very fine local organization which we all support through a portion of our weekly offering. Thank you, church!

Fifth Sunday Sing

Ah yes, May boasts five Sundays and on the fifth of these Brother Bennett will lead us in an old fashioned hymn sing. Come out for a second helping of church on Sunday May 29 at 7:00pm. It may be the best hour of your week! We'll pray, hear a testimony or two and of course, sing! Why not bring a friend?



Thank You

What a privilege is to have such great caring and loving church family. Your prayers are what got me through this ordeal. Thank you for your cards, gifts and your visits. They were greatly appreciated. I am now back home and hope to see you soon.

-Vera Combs

Volunteers Working With Children & Youth

All volunteers and staff who work with our church's children or youth must be screened. They must also attend a training on child protection issues and procedures. This includes all teachers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, youth volunteers and nursery workers and volunteers. Each person "applying" to work with children and/or youth must authorize the church to conduct a criminal background check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The next training session is set for Sunday, May 22 from 5 - 6pm. Please call the church office 280-5141 to register for the training. We're grateful for the many who underwent the training/screening process last October and hope to add to their number more adults who will work with our kids. Call Jill Bennett, 285-2134 with questions.

VBS Serengeti Trek June 20-24

School's just about out and we're heading to Africa! Come join us for a trek with wild animals and kids that are wild about God. There's a crew just waiting for you this June. If you are interested in going along as a Vacation Bible School guide, call Kristin Bohner, 285-0346.



A Special Note of Thanks

...to all those who came out April 17th for the second annual YCAM Silent Auction and Baked Potato/Salad Bar Luncheon. The food was excellent and so was the company. Thanks to you we were able to raise a total of \$2,439.00 toward our YCAM Summer Choir Tour. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity. Thanks also to all those who donated their time to help make the auction and dinner a success; we hold you in high regard. We could not have done it without you! The YCAM Team. Hebrews 10: 23 - 24.

Members of PVUMC's Second Confirmation Class

...will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 15 at either service. Please be present to welcome these youth as full members of our church. Pastor Jeff and youth minister Adam Myers have been working with these 6th and 7th graders for the past several Wednesday evenings.

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church Financial Plan 2005

First Quarter Report

March 31, 2005

Use of Funds	<u>2005 Plan</u>	<u>Spent YTD</u>	<u>% YTD</u>
Personnel (payroll & benefits)	211,025	52,631	
Staff Continuing Ed. & Reimbursable Expenses)	14,150	2,707	
Contract Personnel (e.g., instrumentalists)	41,500	10,455	
Office Expenses	11,350	5,911	
Programs	31,150	6,191	
Advertising & Marketing	19,000	690	
Worship Facility			
Rent	170,100	41,836	
Utilities, Maintenance, etc.	21,200	3,285	
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	0	0	
Parsonage	<u>37,500</u>	<u>11,819</u>	
Total Use of Funds	556,975	135,525	24.3%
Source of Funds			
Florida Annual Conference	9,648	1,608	
Jacksonville District Board of Church Development	87,000	21,750	
Local Congregation	<u>460,327</u>	<u>133,950</u>	
Total Source of Funds	556,975	157,308	28.2%

Youth's May Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, May 8: No Youth Group**, spend time with your beloved mothers!
- **Thursday, May 12: The Psalters** return with their unique style of music. \$5 suggested donation, open to all who wish to join us.
- **Sunday, May 15: "Family Reunion" 3-8pm**, a special youth event gathering all the middle school and high school youth together for food, fun, and fellowship.

The youth group is looking for adults who wish to volunteer to provide simple meals on Sunday nights. If you are interested in participating, please contact our youth minister, Adam Myers.

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

My friend and colleague Rev. Jimmy Jones and I often talk about our Methodist heritage. At some point or another we've each commented that we just couldn't be any more Wesleyan in our beliefs and practice of the Christian faith. John Wesley highly valued the church universal and was careful that differing opinions in non-essentials of the faith not divide Christians for fear of damaging what God is doing.

"Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thine?" I ask no farther question. "If it be, give me thy hand." For opinions, or terms, let us not "destroy the work of God." Dost thou love and serve God? It is enough. I give thee the right hand of fellowship. *John Wesley, Works XIV, 42*

United Methodists continue to regard Christians of other traditions highly. That said, Methodists have much to offer the church universal from our Wesleyan heritage. Those of you who are new to The United Methodist Church as well as you who have been Methodist longer than I've been alive may enjoy hearing from John Wesley. See *A Word from Wesley* inside this and future editions of *The Wave*.

Glad to be a Christian and glad to be a Methodist,
Pastor Jeff



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