

# THE WAVE

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## Serengeti Trek Vacation Bible School

June 20-24 9:00 - 12:00 p.m

All kids ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us on an African Safari through the Serengeti. We'll rotate through stations of Bible Expedition, Critter Crafts, Chadder's Adventure Theater, Watering Hole Snacks, Wild Games and Sing & Play Roar. Call the church office at 280-5141 to register. Stick your neck out and join us.

We are still in need of a few adult Crew Leaders. Please contact Kristin Boehner at 285-0346 or Jill Bennett at 285-2134 to volunteer.

We also need volunteers to decorate and set up on Sunday, June 19 at 12:30 p.m.



## New Members Received

We've been blessed to receive many new members in April and May. Be sure to welcome them! They are: **Tiffany Beavers, Stephanie Branham, Carl Brown, Taylor Drain, Ben Hancock, Tucker Holland, Kyndal Hughes, Jeffrey Koch, Ashley Madeux, Eric Morris, Matthew Pyle, Sonja Rodgers, Rusty & Debi Russillo, Joe Vozza, Tom & Diane Wright, Brittany Zur and Matthew Zur.** We now have 195 members of Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. Pastor Jeff will lead the next orientation for those interested in membership on Sunday, August 21 from 4 to 6pm.

## Upcoming Messages:

In June Pastor Jeff continues the Mighty Men & Wonderful Women series highlighting the character of prominent and not-so-prominent men and women of the Old Testament.

**June 5** Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (Diane Lee, speaking) Revelation 3:20

**June 12** Mighty Men & Foolish Fellows of the Bible: Jacob & Esau Genesis 25:27-34; 27:1-40

**June 19** Mighty Men of the Bible: Jacob Wrestles with God Genesis 32:22-32

**June 26** Mighty Men of the Bible: Joseph Forgives Genesis 50:19-21

## OUR MISSION

### STATEMENT:

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

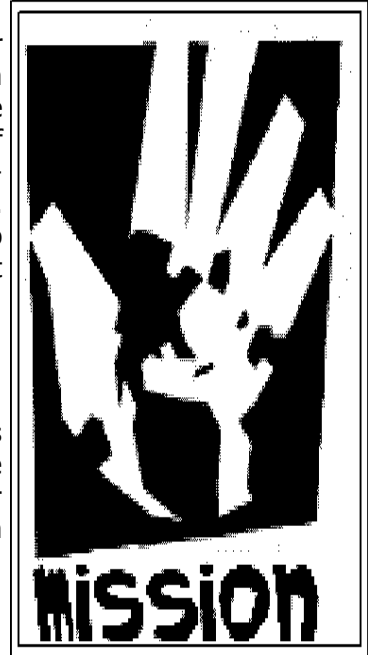


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## Missions Corner

### Hart Felt Ministries

Hart Felt Ministries was created to "make a difference" by matching trained, gifted volunteers with those who are struggling to maintain their independence, privacy, and identity - to enable them to "age in place" with dignity. This Christ-centered organization enlists volunteers to provide cost-free support services and companionship tailored to the needs of qualified elderly and other adults who require assistance in living independently. PVUMC contributes both dollars and people to this important effort. Several of our members have found the work tremendously rewarding. To volunteer, contact Jane Hart at 538-0306. More information on Hart Felt can be found at [www.hartfelt.org](http://www.hartfelt.org).



### Habitat for Humanity

An ecumenical Christian housing ministry, Habitat for Humanity provides simple, decent and affordable houses to low-income families around the world. We support the work of Beaches Habitat by our dollars and our volunteers. Like to be a part of what God is building? Contact our own John McEvoy, 280-4678.

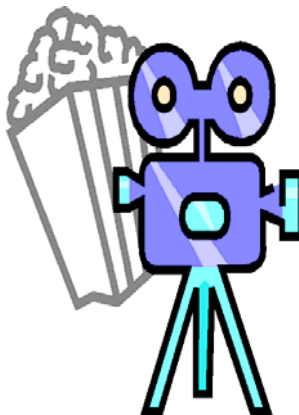
### Sister Church Parsonage Funded

On May 14 we received a request from our sister in La Sierra, Cuba for financial help in completing their parsonage. An estimated \$5,000 is required for the task. We've exceeded their asking, having received \$5,231 for this purpose in the May 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> offerings. (Thank you, generous people!)

Our sister church has changed their name from La Sierra Methodist to *The Methodist Church – Christ in Action (Iglesia Metodista – Jesucristo en Acción)*. Let's continue to pray for them even as they pray for us, that Christ would be at work in us and through us, in La Sierra, in Ponte Vedra and beyond.

### Thanks From the St. Johns

#### Youth Detention Center Ministry



The St. John's Youth Detention Center ministry team wants to thank Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church for making it possible to purchase a theater-size popcorn maker. This item is what they requested when asked if there was something they would like to have (the cost of one would not fit into their budget). Upon delivery the officers were very pleased with our gift. They've recently purchased a bigger screen t.v. with vcr/dvd. The popcorn will be a bonus for their reward for good-behavior-movie-nights! To get them started: a 40 lb bag of popcorn, popcorn oil, snack bags, and seasoning was also delivered. Thanks again for your support of this ministry.

Please call Max or Sue Stanley (285-2946) for information about joining this ministry team.

### Counters Needed

We have a need for men and women with basic math skills to assist the head counters following the 11:15 service. Due to moves and illnesses, our teams of counters have diminished. The qualifications to join our group are an ability to add and subtract, maintain confidentiality and commit 30 to 45 minutes after the last service, once or twice a month. If interested, call Deborah Dickerson at 280-5141 or John Tilley at 280-9549.



*On A Musical Note*

The Children's and Youth  
Creative Arts Ministry

Little Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4 will resume meeting  
September 7, Wednesdays at 6:15-  
7:15pm, Preschool room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5 will resume meeting Sep-  
tember 7, 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 resumes meeting  
from 7:00-8:15pm on September 8.

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](mailto: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 is planning a Florida  
concert tour of United Methodist Churches and The United Method-  
ist Children's Home this summer. *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](mailto:carol.zur@pv-umc.org).

*DivorceCare*

Beach United Methodist is offering *DivorceCare* Sundays at 6:00pm  
in Room 201 at Beach beginning June 12. *DivorceCare* is a special  
support group where you can find help as you recover from the  
hurt of separation or divorce. There are two parts to each weekly  
*DivorceCare* session. During the first 30-40 minutes of the meeting,  
the group watches a videotape featuring top experts on divorce  
and recovery topics. Following the video, the participants spend  
time as a "support group," discussing what was presented on that  
week's videotape and what is going on in the lives of the group  
participants. Leaders Paul & Beth Pinkham (247-8062) are inviting  
any from our congregation who wish to participate. Give Paul or  
Beth a call to sign up or to learn more about it.

*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 on 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 Cross Road UMC, one of the satellite locations.  
Cost is \$135; scholarships available. Borrow the team recruitment  
DVD from Pastor Jeff to learn more.

*Attendance & Giving*

**May 2005**

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital
5/1	80	84	\$ 9,195	\$ 450
5/8	88	110	\$ 10,670	\$ 2,100
5/15	94	93	\$ 6,230	\$ 380
5/22	70	65	\$ 9,201	\$ 10,575

Designated Totals

Building Fund  
\$ 257,227  
Missions (YTD)  
\$ 7,828  
Enhancement  
Fund  
\$ 4,748

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

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

## *From the Campaign Followup Team*

Thank you and God bless each of you for your generous giving to the *Journey of Faith* capital campaign. For a church the size as ours to pledge and raise this kind of money so quickly is certainly a tribute to your love for God and the church.

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS**

<i>A Journey of Faith</i> goal:	\$1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$1,308,921
Received on pledges to date:	\$147,814
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$257,227

The Trustees continue to seek 6 to 10 acres of undeveloped or lightly developed land. To that end they are

- 1) submitting paid articles to the Ponte Vedra newspapers making know our search for property.
- 2) visiting local civic organizations to get the word out of our need for land.
- 3) soliciting your input regarding land that may come available in the next year or so.

Your trustees are John McEvoy, Jay Morris, June Koch, Mike Elliott, Jerry Sanders, Paul Lisenby and Jeff Bennett.

*A Journey of Faith* pink envelopes have been placed in the pews for your use as needed. If you use your regular giving envelopes, please make clear what portion of your gift is designated for the capital campaign.

A followup director will report the current status of the campaign and the property search on the fourth Sunday of each month and in *The Wave*. God Bless!

Your Followup Director Team,

David & Patricia Branham

Jim & Sherry Banks

## *What's a Methodist?*

Here's your opportunity to learn more about The United Methodist Church. **Gary Proctor** will lead all who are interested in a study of the book, **Being Methodist in the Bible Belt; A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused Methodists**. Written in a humorous, accessible style, the book is an easy-to-understand guide to the kinds of theological questions that many Methodists are asking today. The study runs for five consecutive Tuesdays at 7:00pm beginning June 7. Call the office today (280-5141) so we'll have a book ready for you.

## *A Word from Wesley*

The meeting of the Florida Annual Conference takes place the first week of June. Half of the 2,400 conference members are clergy, half are lay people. Consider these words from a letter written by John Wesley, 18<sup>th</sup> century founder of Methodism:

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen, such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

*Letters, VI, 272.*

Be praying that John Wesley's words would be true of us all, be we clergy or laity. Surely the world will become a different place!

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

Most days I liked school but I was as happy as any kid I knew to see the school year end. Every summer though, I was happy that my parents signed me up for *Vacation Bible School*. I can still remember some of the songs, the crafts and the stories. It was a week's worth of fun and learning the faith.

If you have a child age 4 through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade, I strongly encourage you to enroll them in this year's *Serengeti Trek*, "where kids are wild about God!" This safari adventure happens right here at PVUMC, June 20 - 24, 9am - noon. Register through the Sunday bulletin or call the church office. It'll be a roaring good time!

Pastor Jeff

P.S. I liked VBS so much that I volunteered to help as a youth and again as an adult. (I'd even take half-days off work to do it!) If you'd like to participate, call Kristin Boehner (285-0346). She'll connect you with a great group of kids and leaders.



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