

THE WAVE



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Go Deep

This fall we're offering three opportunities for in-depth study of the Bible and the faith we share. Each requires 30 minutes daily for reading and reflection and 2½ hours for a weekly group meeting. It's a substantial investment but if you make it you'll find yourself reaping incredible dividends. Learn about DISCIPLE I, DISCIPLE IV and CHRISTIAN BELIEVER inside this issue of *The Wave*. Then contact the church office (280-5141) to reserve your spot. (Each group is limited to 12 people.)

Olde Fashioned Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social

"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream." But let's sing first! On Sunday (sundae?) July 31st we'll gather at 7:00pm for an old fashioned hymn sing. Anita Campbell will share how God has been working through our Florida United Methodist Children's Home and our evening offering will go to the Home. With ice cream to follow, the night will be a real treat in more ways than one. A song in your heart and a spoon in your hand... You can't do better than that!

A Word from Wesley

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Upcoming Messages:

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.

July 3 **Mighty Men of the Bible: Moses and the Call** Exodus 3:1-4:17

July 10 **The Fear Factor** (Rev. Carmen Johns speaking) Deuteronomy 1:19-40

July 17 **Wonderful Women of the Bible: Rahab, the Faithful Prostitute** Joshua 2, 6:22-25

July 24 Adam Myers speaking on Romans 8:26-39

July 31 **Mighty Men of the Bible: Joshua** Joshua 24:14-28



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist
Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Missions Corner

Our church is a proud supporter of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Their purpose is to create an atmosphere which enables children and families with special needs to experience God's love and care as presented in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Combining Christian influence with a healing, caring, therapeutic community, the Home provides highly specialized services designed to strengthen individual and family life. You Visit their website at www.fumch.org for more information.

We receive a special offering for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home every fifth Sunday. On the next fifth Sunday (July 31st) FUMCH staff member Anita Campbell will be with us to share about the Home.



Coming this Fall...

DISCIPLE I - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Prerequisite: None.

Meets Wednesday evenings at 7pm beginning September 7.

Leader: Diane Lee

This is a general survey of the entire Bible. You will read approximately 70% of the Bible during the 34 weeks. Lesson 33 is a special time of positive affirmation and discernment where each participant will have opportunity to talk about their personal goals for discipleship. The purpose of the study is to develop biblically nourished persons committed to live as disciples.

Each meeting begins with prayer and a short introduction to the topic for the lesson. A video is viewed featuring an expert in the specific subject matter. A discussion period seeks to bring alive the daily readings. Following a break a second discussion time focuses on the discipleship aspect of the lesson. Prayer requests are shared and the session is closed with a prayer.

DISCIPLE IV - Under The Tree Of Life

Prerequisite: DISCIPLE I

Meets Wednesday evenings at 7pm beginning September 7.

Leader: Jerry Sanders

A welcoming invitation to shelter, security, and rest in God's love. Come rest in the words of John, The Writings, and Revelation while studying the mystery and wonder of these books in this 32-week course.

Participants in *Under the Tree of Life* will recognize the familiar rhythm and requirements of daily Scripture reading and note taking in preparation for discussion in the weekly group meeting. Two new elements in the study manual format represent special emphases in this study — the psalm of the week and the radical disciple. The psalm of the week will lead people into a deeper life of prayer using psalms as a guide. The study offers suggestions on experiencing the psalm of the week. The radical disciple focuses on thoughts or actions relevant to the weekly theme.

Whether praying or taking steps toward radical discipleship, participants know they are not alone—the community is there.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER - Knowing God with Heart and Mind

Prerequisite: None.

Meets Sunday evenings at 7pm beginning September 11.

Leader: Gary Proctor

Christian Believer is a 30-week study of the classical doctrines of the Christian faith. These doctrines include God's Providence, Atonement, Judgment, Eternal Life and many more. Structured like the Disciple Bible program, Christian Believer participants daily read both Scripture and writings of early and modern church leaders and theologians. Once a week, individuals meet together to watch a video and discuss what they have learned. Take Christian Believer to understand more fully what the Church has believed and taught over the centuries and to learn the concepts and images that unite us all as Christian believers.

From the Campaign Followup Team

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

A Journey of Faith goal: \$1.2 million
 Pledged to Date: \$1,308,921
 Received on pledges to date: \$ 173,519
 Building Fund Total Balance: \$ 266,126

Reprints of the recent newspaper articles advertising our search for land are available on the literature cart and online (www.pv-umc.org). Let's continue to put the word out and keep our eyes and ears open. Find out as much as you can and pass along your leads to the Trustees. They are John McEvoy, Jay Morris, June Koch, Mike Elliott, Jerry Sanders, Paul Lisenby and Jeff Bennett.

Your Followup Director Team: David & Patricia Branham, Jim & Sherry Banks

Leadership Summit 2005

Good leaders never stop learning or growing. They continue to step up to the next level—gaining new knowledge and sharpening their skills. That's why *The Leadership Summit* convenes each and every year in August—to help Christ-following leaders re-calibrate, recommit, and renew their passion to "lead with all diligence." It's also a unique opportunity to join hearts and minds with tens of thousands of like-minded believers from around the world—improving as leaders together.

Ten leaders from Ponte Vedra UMC will come together 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 including Rick Warren (*The Purpose Driven Life*), Ken Blanchard (*The One Minute Manager*) and Colleen Barrett (President, Southwest Airlines.) 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.

Thank you from the Detention Center

Thank you for your generous donation of the popcorn popper and supplies to the St. Johns Regional Juvenile Detention Center. The popcorn popper is truly magnificent and will be used to provide positive reinforcement to youths as a part of our Behavior Management Program. It is through acts of kindness and generosity such as this that we can provide the necessary positive reinforcement so critical to the youths in our care. Thank you again for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Karen C. McNeal, Superintendent

We bring God's good news to youth detained at the St. John's County Detention Center on the fourth Saturday of each month. Contact Sue Stanley, 285-2946 for more information.

Report from Annual Conference

More than 2,000 Florida United Methodists – both laity and clergy – gathered at the Lakeland Center June 2-5 for this year's annual conference. It was a time to make decisions about matters of business that are important to the life of our conference, but it was much more than that. It was a time for connecting as individuals and congregations; for worshipping together; for being the church. A two page summary is available online (www.pv-umc.org) and through the church office.

JUNE 2005 GIVING AND ATTENDANCE

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital	<u>Designated Totals</u>
6/5	68	76	\$ 7,392	\$ 3,773	Building Fund \$ 266,126
6/12	61	83	\$ 7,181	\$ 1,170	Missions (YTD) \$ 7,948
6/19	72	70	\$ 3,949	\$ 3,537	Enhancement Fund \$ 4,748
6/26	84	98	\$ 6,969	\$ 615	
				Need weekly (after "new church" support) \$9,894	Needed weekly (before "new church" support) \$11,680



On A Musical Note

YCAM REVISED SUMMER

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals Are Mandatory

The Youth Creative Arts Ministry Team departs June 22nd from Walden Chase on the second leg of our ***YCAM Summer Tour!*** We will travel to Cedar Key, Florida where we'll lead worship Sunday morning at 10:00am at Cedar Key United Methodist Church.

July 6th 6:00-8:30pm

Bring \$2:00 for Pizza

July 13th 1st 6:00-8:30pm

Bring \$2:00 for Pizza

July 15th 6:00-8:00pm Rehearsal

July 17th Rehearsal 12:30-3:00pm

Lunch Provided

July 20th 6:00-8:30

Bring \$2:00 for Pizza

July 23rd DEPART WALDEN CHASE

RETURN Sunday, July 24th



It Was A Great Year!



July 31, 2005 C&YCAM

Registration Begins the Fall

Little Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4 will resume meeting

September 7th

Wednesday's 6:15-7:15pm

Preschool Room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5 will resume meeting

September 7th

Wednesday's 6:15-7:15pm

Praise Choir

Meets Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Will resume meeting

Thursday, September 8th

7:00-8:15pm

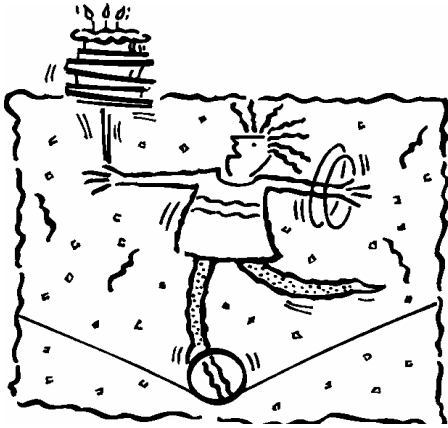
Are you interested in joining a
Worship group?

For information regarding this
or any of the above mentioned
ministries contact Minister of
Music Carol Zur 280-5141 OR

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In Hebrews 10; 23-25 God's word says "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the day approaching. .

A Special Note of Thanks



The Music Department of PVUMC Would Like To Offer A **Special Note of Thanks** to all those who turned out for the church-wide Talent Show Friday May 13th. "A Great Time Was Had By All." May God Bless you abundantly for your generosity and support of the Worship Arts Ministry here at PVUMC. Thanks to those who offered their unique giftedness by participating in the show; your contribution was priceless! Thanks also to those who donated their time and worked behind the scenes to help make the 2nd annual PVUMC church-wide Talent Show a success; we hold you in high regard. (Hebrews 10: 23, 24). Proceeds from the evening supported the Worship Arts Ministry Team trip to the **Willow Creek Arts Conference in Chicago**.

The Children's and Cherub Choirs "Spring Sing"



The Children's and Cherub Choirs "Spring Sing" **Concert** was a great success and a wonderful way to end the year. In addition, our end of the year **Choir Party** held at the home of Carl & Julie Shank was indeed a **Big Splash!** We all had a great deal of fun; thank you Julie & Carl, for opening your home to us! Make plans now to be a part of this growing ministry next year. Registration will begin July 31st and the Children's Creative Arts Ministry will kickoff on September 7th at 6:15 pm. Are you interested in serving with this ministry? Contact Carol Zur 280-5141.

YCAM Summer Tour!



And The Beat Goes On 

The first leg of the **YCAM Summer Tour** was a great success! After a great day of celebration together at Islands of Adventure we shared in worship at The Florida United Methodist Children's Home with 80 children, youth and adults. God was glorified through the efforts of the whole team; it was truly a wonderful time of coming together in the presence of the Lord. The **Youth Creative Arts Ministry Team** departs June 23rd from Walden Chase on the second leg of our **YCAM Summer Tour!** We will travel to Cedar Key, Florida where we'll lead worship Sunday morning at 10:00am at Cedar Key United Methodist Church. While there we'll have the opportunity to share the love of Christ and a message of hope. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Youth Ministry News & Events

The Worship Project: New on Sunday Nights

New things are stirring on Sunday nights with our youth group. Recently, we've begun designing and participating in a modular form of youth ministry through an idea known as Prayer Stations or Worship Stations. Youth (and soon Adults, as well) meet on a regular basis to plan the stations for each month. We use the selected scriptures for each month found in the Common Lectionary to guide us in designing the stations. This has become known as our "Worship Project."

Alternative Worship, as it is currently called, is not very new. Various churches have been incorporating worship activity stations into their services for some time now, even though it has not yet reached the mainstream. Some churches even have entire services consisting only of fellowship and worship stations. The stations allow worshippers to interact with various ideas and physical elements as they work through prayer and worship. Such activities as journaling, collage, reflective reading, candle-lighting prayer, and others find their way into a myriad of worship stations. Activities that rely on a creative process and reflective thinking are most common, along with activities that encourage both local and global community. Even though a person participates in each station as an individual, many stations focus on our and God's effects on one another and many stations encourage the worshiper to leave behind his or her thoughts and creations for other worshippers to see and reflect on. A typical Sunday night for our youth consists of a shared meal, a scripture reflection or short topical teaching, visiting the worship stations, and a group activity.

If you would like to participate in a station-based night of worship, our youth have agreed to share their time with you and any others who would like to join us. Please contact Adam Myers if you are interested in attending a station-based worship event. Those who are interested in helping us plan, set up, and take down stations on Sunday nights are also encouraged to contact Adam.

Back to School with B.E.A.M.

Our church is privileged to serve as the Ponte Vedra drop-off site for *Back to School with BEAM* July 25 - 29, 9am - 4pm. We will be receiving good, clean children's and teens' clothing, uniforms, backpacks and shoes. Go through your closets and join others who will be supporting those in need. (Monetary donations also cheerfully accepted.) Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry is an independent, non-profit, ecumenical service center dedicated to providing short-term social services for residents (children, senior citizens and adults) of the Beaches and West Beaches.

Thank You, Covenant UMC!

We are very thankful for the youth of Covenant UMC in Greer, South Carolina for sharing their program, "Life on the Edge", with us on Sunday, June 26th. We appreciate all of the effort they put into everything from travel to rehearsal in order to make their event a reality, and we are glad that they choose us as a stop in their travels. Maybe one day we will be able to reciprocate and pay our new friends a visit in South Carolina. We also thank the congregation of Christ UMC in Neptune Beach for housing and hosting the youth of Covenant UMC. This was truly a team effort.



Upcoming Events:

- June 28 - Adam out of town
- July 5: Adam out of town
- July 3: **No Youth Group**
- July 10-15: Atlanta Mission Trip
- Aug 1-5: Youth Week
- Aug 5: Pirate! Lock-In
- Aug 7: Youth Sunday

Our youth group, currently called the Worship Project, meets each Sunday from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall and is open to all middle and high school students.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

It's summertime. Vacation. Time away. My family and I are looking forward to being gone twice this month. Jill and the kids will be joining me for Ministers Week, a continuing ed event at Lake Junaluska, near Asheville, North Carolina. Lake Junaluska is the mecca of Methodism in the southeast; lots of retired clergy live near the conference center there. (I understand that *Junaluska* is an old Indian word that means, "you can't swing a stick without hitting a Methodist.") Then we head to Toledo, vacation capital of the Midwest. (Well, maybe it is if you're from there.)

I hope that in your comings and goings you're seeking a church with which to worship each weekend. Taking a vacation away from home is understandable; taking a vacation from God doesn't make much sense!

One more thing... I sure do appreciate when you bring your out of town company with you to church. You all are great about doing that. Thank you for sharing them with the rest of us.

-Pastor Jeff



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