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Holy Week Happenings

Palm Sunday

Our three choirs will join to offer the cantata "He's Alive!" at the 11:15 service April 9. At both the contemporary and traditional services worshipers will be invited to process into the sanctuary waving palm branches and singing their hosannas. Festive!

Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday is sometimes called "Maundy Thursday," a term derived through the Old French *mandé* from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "a new commandment." That new commandment? Love one another. At our April 13, 7pm service, those who wish may participate in footwashing, a powerful symbolic response to Christ's command. We will also remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday

Our church will participate in this year's annual ecumenical Good Friday service, April 14 from noon to 2pm at Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 South 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach. Each participating church will offer a ten-minute meditation, special music, a hymn and a time for unison prayer.

Easter Sunday

To make room for the extra visitors we'll welcome Easter Sunday, we're adding an 8:00 service and adjusting some of our other worship 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 April 16 Easter Sunday schedule:

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

Upcoming Messages

- April 2 "**Come Thirsty: What Would a Celebration Be Without Gifts?**" (Jeremiah 2:12-13; John 7:37)
- April 9 9:00 "**Minding Your Mind**" (Philippians 2:5-11)
11:15 "**He's Alive! A Celebration of the Living Lord**"
- April 16 "**Christ Is Heading Home**" (Mark 16:1-8)
- April 23 "**The Faith of a Child**" (Luke 18:15-16; Hebrews 11:1)

OUR MISSION:

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



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Missions Corner

From Cindy Funkhouser, Executive Director of Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry:

On behalf of BEAM and our clients, I want to thank you for the very generous donation of 125 bags of food delivered to us on February 6. Your help for our clients is greatly appreciated.

In 2005, BEAM provided emergency food assistance to 4,154 adults and children living in the beaches area with 58,106 pounds of food. Sometimes, several bags of groceries are what a family needs to help them over a short-term hardship. Thanks to your generosity we will be able to help these families in need.

We greatly appreciate the support of donors like you for your assistance in allowing BEAM to fulfill its mission. Your thoughtfulness will enable us to better meet the needs of the clients we serve, and we thank you for your faith and confidence in us. Please know that we seek to prayerfully and carefully use the gifts placed in our trust.

Spring Forward

Don't forget to set your clocks forward Sunday morning, April 2!

Block Party with The Colony

Come out and enjoy time with the neighbors, Saturday April 8. Drop in anytime between 4 and 6pm, enjoy a burger or a dog and visit with your fellow PVUMC'ers and our neighbors who live in *The Colony*. For the kids, **Bag Pipes the Clown** will be doing balloons and face painting, there will also be a Space Walk set up. For youth, our youth minister **Adam Myers** will have games goin' on. Something for everyone, it's a PARTY!

Get Your Act Together

Get your act together... The PVUMC Talent Show is Friday, May 12, at 7:00pm. This year's talent show is for the benefit of missions. Got an act? Contact Scott Tinsley (scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org, 280-5141) and he'll book you. Put the date on your calendar and plan to come; you'll see talent like you've never seen it before. (And you may laugh like you've never laughed before.) Don't miss it!

A Word from Wesley

"I know I ought to pray, but sometimes I just don't feel like it." Is that you? Here's a word from John Wesley, the father of Methodism, on prayer:

Nature and the devil will always oppose private prayer; but it is worth while to break through. That it is a cross will not hinder its being a blessing. Nay, often the more reluctance the greater blessing.

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From the Campaign Followup Team

A Journey of Faith goal: \$1.2 million
 Pledged to Date: \$1,302,921
 Received on pledges to date: \$ 564,214
 Building Fund Total Balance: \$ 678,747

You are awesome, Church! We are one year into our three year capital campaign *A Journey of Faith* and we have received 43% of funds pledged. Thank you for your faithful giving.

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

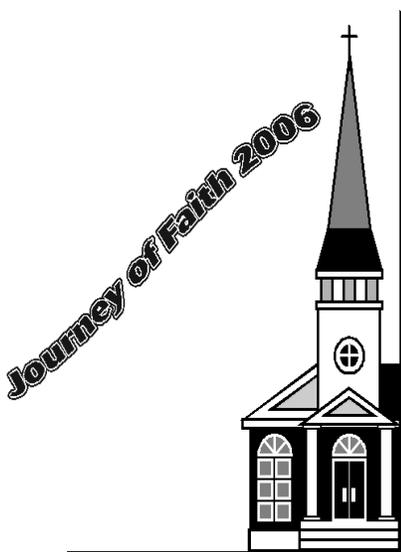


March 2005 Giving & Attendance

| Date | Contemp. | Trad. | General | Capital |
|------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|
| 3/5 | 115 | 129 | \$ 8,561 | \$ 1,745 |
| 3/12 | 108 | 119 | \$ 11,937 | \$ 5,500 |
| 3/19 | 110 | 115 | \$ 8,017 | \$ 360 |
| 3/26 | 78 | 95 | \$ 14,311 | \$ 1,373 |

Designated Totals
 Building Fund
 \$ 678,747
 Missions (YTD)
 \$ 150
 Enhancement Fund
 \$ 4,748

Needed Weekly 2006
 \$10,346



New Nursery Coordinator

Staff Parish Relations Committee is glad to introduce **Julie Proctor** (julie.proctor@pv-umc.org) as our church's new Nursery Coordinator. Julie is no stranger to our church or our church nursery. The youngest three of Julie and Gary's four children have logged a lot of hours in our nursery's care!

Our thanks to **Lynne Tyndall** for serving faithfully in this capacity for the past three years.

Welcome, New Members

Since our January new member orientation we've been pleased to welcome into membership: **Sean & Mae Coleman, Janet Gardner, Marie Hambrick, Jon & Sherri Hatfield, Coletta Hodges, Mae Liberty, Mary Ann Manning** and **Pat Reese**.

Youth Mission Trip

Although June is still a few months away, students are being encouraged to put a bit of money away every few weeks in order to save up for this year's mission trip. From May 28th through June 10th, we will be returning to Atlanta to continue working with the DOOR Organization in the areas of poverty and homelessness. Last year's participants have been so excited to be returning that their enthusiasm has deeply affected other students' desires to attend this year's trip. One issue we dealt with last year was the fleeting duration of the time spent in service to others. We are developing a plan to offer students a two consecutive week stay, with one week participants serving the first or second week. The projected costs are \$350 for one week and \$700 for two weeks. In addition to a life-affecting service experience for all involved, each student also accrues approximately 30-40 service hours per week. Aside from fundraising events, suggestions for paying for this trip have included making birthday requests, working odd jobs, and matching funds provided from family members. More detailed information will be released as plans are finalized with the DOOR Organization.

Spring Retreat / Confirmation Class

Students in 6th grade through high school are invited to our Spring Retreat. This year the material covered during our spring retreat also qualifies as confirmation class. If you have already completed confirmation, this is a great refresher event, and if you have not been confirmed, this is a great opportunity to complete the classes! We'll be spending Friday through Sunday, May 5th - 7th, at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simon's Island, GA. (If you were with us for the YCAM retreat two years ago, this is familiar territory.) \$85 covers the cost for travel, food, and lodging for the weekend. We will enjoy worship, games, discussion, and more as we spend this Spring weekend together. More information will soon be sent home to families of students. If you know a student who may be interested, please contact Adam Myers for more detailed information.



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

Vacation Bible School

iHola, Amigos!

Come to our Fiesta, where kids are fired up about Jesus! Get ready for an exciting celebration of Jesus' love. Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 19 - 23 from 9am - noon and will involve all kids age 4 through the 5th grade.

Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4

Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

Preschool Room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5

Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 5:45-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

In Hebrews 10: 23-25 God's word says , "Let us hold unwaveringly 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."

Attention Adults! We are in need of volunteers to help make our Fiesta HOT! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jill Bennett at 285-2134 or jill.bennett@pv-umc.org. Looking for Fiesta Crew Leaders, Maraca Munchies Leader (snacks), Silly Chilies Preschool Leader, Hot Bible Adventures Leader and Fiesta Decorating Leader.



Easter Egg Hunt & Party

Our Easter Egg Hunt & Party will be Sunday, April 9 at 4pm. This year's fun will be at DeLeon Shores Park in Dolphin Cove. All kids through 5th grade are invited. Bring your baskets!

Directions: From A1A turn west onto Marlin Avenue. Turn left at the stop sign onto Dolphin Blvd East. The park is on the left.

Interested in Joining PVUMC?

Pastor Jeff will be offering a new member orientation on Sunday, April 30 from 4 - 6pm. It will be 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.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Epic. That's a word our youth have used to describe "He's Alive!", the cantata that the YCAM choir, the Praise Choir and the Traditional Choir will offer at 11:15 on Sunday, April 9.

Epic. It's a pretty good word for describing what God has done for humankind through Jesus Christ. We were off doing our own thing, having turned away from the God who created us, the God who loved us. And here comes God, offering his only son as a sacrifice, so that we could be reconciled to God.

Epic. The story told by our Palm Sunday cantata really is that big and that bold. I hope you'll be able to share in the musical telling of the story at 11:15 on the 9th. Even more than that, I hope you'll be struck by the enormity of what God has done for you through the Easter story. It is truly epic.

-Pastor Jeff



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