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It may be the most fun we have all year...

The 2006 PVUMC Talent Show

On Friday, May 12 at 7:00pm there's only one place to be: church! Why? The 2006 Church-wide Talent Show, of course! **Scott Tinsley** has been busily booking acts... We've got serious music from grade school violinist through concert pianist. We've got comedy: Back by popular demand is Harry Chin in *Return of the Chins* (**Bill & Lo Simon**), stand-up comedian **Max Stanley** and Pastor Elvis. New this year are The Malloy Sisters and The Preach Boys. And in the just plain sweet category, a father/son djembe duet. All this and more, including dessert!

How do they say in show biz? *You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss eight bucks good-bye.* (But it's for a good cause: missions!)



OUR MISSION:

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

PVUMC Picture Directory

PVUMC is putting out a picture directory We need all families and individuals to come and have their picture taken May 10-13. You can register on line at www.pvumc.org, or there will be a sign up table each Sunday starting today. For questions call Mary Ann Manning at 821-9296 or Mae Liberty at 270-2045.

Upcoming Messages

- May 7 "What Are We Worth?" (John 10:11-18)
May 14 **Mother's Day 9:00** Youth bring the message 11:15 Children bring the message
May 21 "Stuck with Jesus (and it's a good thing)" (John 15:9-17)
May 28 "Find a Need and Fill It" (Acts 1:1-11)



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Missions Corner

George was from Sri Lanka; Ollie, from Pakistan. They were attending a conference at the Marriott and walked to our church to worship with us that Sunday. George is a Methodist. He wanted to thank the people of our church for the tsunami relief they've received. In George's coastal town the statue of Jesus in front of the church was the only thing left standing when the water made its way back to the sea. That lone figure was a powerful witness to the people in that place. So too was the aid given through The United Methodist Church. The need in the world is so great; we sometimes wonder if what we do makes any difference. It made a difference to George and to others in his Sri Lankan town. Through George's voice hear what countless others would also say: *Thank you.*

A Word from Wesley

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I entirely agree with you that religion is love and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost; that as it is the happiest, so it is the cheerfulest thing in the world; that [it] is inconsistent with moroseness, sourness, severity, and indeed with whatever is not according to the softness, sweetness, and gentleness of Jesus Christ.

Works XXV, 500.

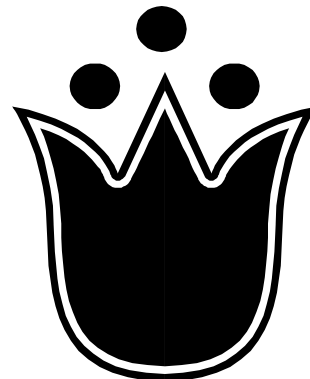
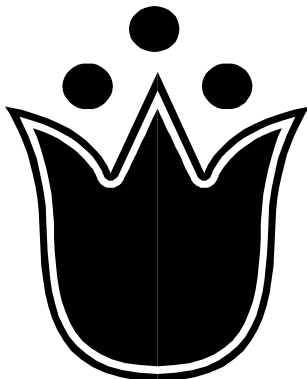
A Thank You From Gary & Julie Proctor

PVUMC Family,

We'd like to thank you all for your cards, phone calls, and especially your prayers. It is so nice to know that your church family is there to lift you up during times such as these.

Sincerely,

Gary and Julie Proctor



From the Campaign Followup Team

A Journey of Faith goal: \$1.2 million
 Pledged to Date: \$1,302,921
 Received on pledges to date: \$ 573,510
 Building Fund Total Balance: \$ 688,043

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



MEMORIAL DAY

April 2006 Giving & Attendance

| Date | Contemp. | Trad. | General | Capital |
|------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|
| 4/2 | 110 | 115 | \$ 10,338 | \$ 2,070 |
| 4/9 | 75 | 225 | \$ 5,489 | \$ 2,044 |
| 4/16 | 213 | 273 | \$ 10,726 | \$ 2,355 |
| 4/23 | 87 | 95 | \$ 18,951 | \$ 2,290 |

Designated Totals
 Building Fund
 \$ 688,043
 Missions (YTD)
 \$ 1,678
 Enhancement Fund
 \$ 4,748

Needed Weekly 2006
 \$10,346





Youth Spring Retreat

Rescheduled! The new date for the Spring Retreat is May 26-28. This is Memorial Day Weekend, so please check your calendars before committing. The cost is still \$90 and includes travel, food, and lodging. We will need to bring our own linens or sleeping bags for the bunk house. If your family owns a vehicle capable of carrying 6 or more passengers, please check if we may be able to use it during this trip. Katie and I are willing to car swap our Saturn or Honda Element if necessary. This retreat also contains the confirmation components for Ponte Vedra United Methodist. Even if you're already a Confirmation graduate, there's still plenty for you to get out of this retreat. Join us for food, fun, music, and discussion at Epworth by the Sea. Please make checks out to Ponte Vedra UMC with "Spring Retreat" as the memo.

Youth Mission Trip to Atlanta Finalized

We've secured the week of Sunday June 4th through Saturday June 10th with the DOOR project in Atlanta! I mentioned earlier we were trying for two consecutive weeks to keep dates flexible, but we were asked by DOOR to commit to one week only. No matter, we've got our dates and we're ready to count down the days to our missions and service opportunity. Early discussion shows all of last year's alumni will be returning and several students are excited to be joining us for the first time. The DOOR project serves Atlanta by matching student and adult volunteers to service projects focusing on persons directly affected by extreme poverty and homelessness. A question that arises whenever we talk about this trip is, "But is it safe?" The answer is a resounding Yes! We stay together and travel as a group. The church we sleep in at night is locked 24 hours, with participants having to be buzzed in by a staff member (one of which is on premises at all times). The cost is \$350 and I'm asking for a \$100 nonrefundable deposit to be made by Sunday May 7th. The remaining \$250 may be paid on your own schedule with the balance due by the time we depart on Sunday, June 4th. If you are in need of financial assistance, please ask; we would love to help you. Conversely, if you are interested in helping families by financing some or all of students' costs, please let me or Pastor Jeff know. I would also like to match persons willing to donate for services with students willing to work for assistance. If you have any reasonable tasks you would like to have done in exchange for donations to the youth mission trip, please let me know. It would also be an enormous benefit to us if you would lend us a vehicle that can carry 6 or more passengers; we will need two of these. Thank you for all you do in support of our students as they grow in relationship with others and with God. We look forward to another excellent and meaningful trip to Atlanta!



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

Vacation Bible School



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

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.

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."



A Note From Pastor Jeff:

What a month it has been! The word that sums it up for me is *community*. The block party was a huge success. Each of our neighbors living in *The Colony* was invited personally or through a nifty goody bag hung on their door knob. Several from *The Colony* partied with us that Saturday afternoon. And we had a great turnout from our church. Good food, good fellowship and also by the grace of God, good weather! I'm hoping heaven will be like our block party was. Surely the kingdom of heaven, here and now, is very much like it.

Then came Palm Sunday with the amazing cantata *He's Alive!* shared at the 11:15 service. All those voices from our five choirs singing in harmony. Talk about heavenly! It had the feel of community.

Holy Thursday with footwashing, symbolic of serving one another after the example of Christ. It's the first time I'd seen it done literally here but I see people loving one another all the time at PVUMC. Community.

And Easter Sunday. Record attendance is great but oh, to experience the risen Christ through music, youth drama, the Word and life together... What can one say? God is good!

Glad to share in community with you,
Pastor Jeff



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