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40 days of community

“What on earth are WE here for?”

This fall, *40 Days of Community* will move us from focusing on God’s purposes in our personal lives (“What on earth am I here for?”) to focusing on God’s purposes in our church and community: “What on earth are WE here for?” We look forward to deepening the sense of community within our church and reaching out to the community around the church. Coming in September!

New Member Orientation

Pastor Jeff will lead an orientation for those interested in membership on Sunday, August 27 from 4 to 6pm. While participation is required to join PVUMC, attending doesn’t obligate you. We’ll have a great time together getting to know each other and learning more about that part of the church universal known as Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church.

Upcoming Messages

August 6 *Youth Sunday*

August 13 **“Ready and Waiting”** (Matthew 24:36-25:13)

August 20 **“Looking Out for Number One”** (Matthew 25:14-30)

August 27 Rev. Ed Cadle, *Mission on the Move*

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

B.E.A.M.

We'll be receiving groceries for B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) on Sunday morning, August 28. Recommended items include

- * canned meats: chile con carne, corned beef hash, beef stew, ham/Spam, pork & beans
- * spaghetti sauce & pasta
- * canned vegetables & fruits: green beans, peas, carrots, corn, peaches, any common fruit or vegetable a child might eat
- * instant rice
- * instant potatoes
- * tuna helper
- * macaroni & cheese
- * peanut butter & jelly
- * powdered milk
- * canned soups



Beaches Habitat for Humanity

PVUMC is partnering with 11 other churches to complete another Habitat House. Our financial commitment is \$3,300. We will also be announcing dates when you can volunteer to work on the house. On the back wall of the sanctuary are "houses for sale." Please take a house and put a check in one of the envelopes provided and place in the offering plate.

A Word from Wesley

First, it (grace) is free in all to whom it is given. It does not depend on any power or merit in man; no, not in any degree, neither in whole nor in part. It does not in any wise depend either on the good works or righteousness of the receiver; not on anything he has done, or anything he is.

– John Wesley, *Works III, 545.*

Look up, and receive a fresh supply of Grace!

– John Wesley, *Letters, VI, 21.*

From the Campaign Follow-up Team

A Journey of Faith goal: \$1.2 million
 Pledged to Date: \$1,308,021
 Received on pledges to date: \$ 599,931
 Building Fund Total Balance: \$ 714,470

– Your Follow-up Director Team: David & Patricia Branham, Jim & Sherry Banks



July 2006 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital	<u>Designated Totals</u>
7/2	82	95	\$ 6,177	\$ 360	Building Fund \$ 714,470
7/9	98	90	\$ 6,127	310	Missions (YTD) \$ 4,320
7/16	85	100	\$ 4,575	\$ 160	Enhancement Fund \$ 3,690
7/23	95	104	\$ 6,092	\$	

Needed Weekly 2006
\$10,346



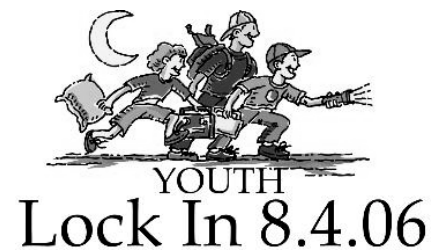
Youth

Summer has been busy with wonderful things, but the new school year is quickly closing. Here are the upcoming special events and activities for students.

– Adam Myers, Youth Minister

Friday, Aug 4: High School Movie Trip: High school students are invited to Pablo 9 for an afternoon showing of Will Ferrell's new racing comedy, "Talladega Nights: the Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (PG-13). Pablo 9 tickets are \$4.50 and concessions are \$2.50. We'll decide which showing we'll attend once Pablo 9 releases the show times, expect to attend an early afternoon showing. We'll meet at the theater, rides are also available for students who need one.

Friday, Aug 4: End of Summer Lock In! Join us from 7pm to 10am at PVUMC as we gather together for food, friendship, and discussion. We'll have snacks, drinks, games, activities, and some time to reflect over the summer as we look ahead to where we may find God during the new school year. A \$10 donation covers the costs of food and activity materials, and every student from 6th grade on up is invited (so bring your friends!).



Sunday, Aug 6: Youth Sunday. Students have been working hard to share a morning of worship with the entire congregation during both services, we look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, Sept 8 - 9: Rock the Universe! This will be our third year attending Universal Studio's special fall event. Each year they feature top-notch Christian bands and stay open late so we can come and have a good time. This year, the bands include Relient K, MXPX, Newsboys, Skillet, and more. The weekend costs \$100 for travel, a hotel stay, Friday night tickets to Universal Studios, and a Saturday morning tour of the Skull Kingdom Haunted Castle. We'll be home Saturday evening. Start putting away \$5 or \$10 a week now to help pay down the cost. A sign-up sheet is available, grab one from Tree/Adam if you haven't seen it yet.



October: Camping - Several students have expressed an interest in a camping trip. I've heard some great suggestions on locations, such as Hanna Park and Blue Springs. If you're an adult with a love for the outdoors and some campfire cooking, please join us. I'd love to meet with you and work this out as a small team.

November: Thanksgiving Baskets - For several years, our students, with your generous and loving grocery donations, have been collecting food to prepare boxes of Thanksgiving meals for families in need. We look forward to continuing this tradition while looking towards the day when all needs are well meet.



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

"Sing to the Lord a New Song"

The traditional choir is preparing to do just that as we start back on Thursday, August 3 after a two month hiatus. We would love to have anyone who loves to sing join us. We meet from 7:00 – 8:30. I can promise fun and great fellowship. We will also be welcoming our new accompanist, Danny Booth, with whom we look forward to working.

Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4

Resumes Wednesdays beginning
August 23, 5:45pm

Children's Choir

Grades K-5

Resumes Wednesdays beginning
August 23, 5:45pm

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 5:45-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Resumes Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm in
August

Christmas Cantata Coming

Christmas is far away but it is time to start work on our Christmas cantata, "I Have Seen the Light." All choirs will be singing for this work. We'll begin with a retreat on September 8 & 9. That weekend there will be a rehearsal on Friday evening and then all day Saturday with breaks, lunch, etc. in the middle. We'll end with a dinner with the families. If you are interested in just singing for the cantata and not a regular choir, see Diane Wright.

Favorite Hymns

Thanks to all who shared with me their favorite hymns. I hope that you have been enjoying singing them during the traditional service this summer. I still have several that have not been sung, so I will continue using those hymns until we have sung them all. Again, thanks for your participation.

-Diane Wright, Traditional Choir

Children's Choirs Back in Action

Children's Choirs will resume practices on Wednesday, August 23 at 5:45-6:45pm. Kids 4 years old through kindergarten can join the Cherub Choir and 1st-5th graders can join the Children's Choir. Join us to sing, hear Bible stories, perform skits and do puppet play. Jill Bennett and Anne Torgerson will lead these groups. Call Jill at 285-2134 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Welcome, Danny Booth

We're delighted to welcome **Danny Booth** as our keyboard player. Danny has most recently played for Unity of Mandarin (9 years). Some 20 years ago Danny worked in a band with our own **Scott Tinsley** and in another band with our drummer, **Mike Maple**.

A Jacksonville resident his entire life, Danny has worked for Englewood Electric as inside sales manager for over 20 years. He enjoys shooting pool and reading science fiction. In addition to playing keyboard, Danny is a percussionist and, in his words, plays just enough bass and guitar to be dangerous.

Welcome, to PVUMC, Danny!

Marriage Skills Workshop Now Being Offered

Happily Ever-After is a four-hour marriage skills workshop for engaged, newly married, or couples considering marriage. The event is fun and practical. It is offered at PVUMC the first Saturday of each month (8:30 - 12:30) by **Vivian Bowlus**, M.Ed, LMHC and Certified Pre-marital Instructor.

Topics include:

Stages of Marriage	Handling Money
Children and Parenting	Family Roles
Hidden Expectations	Faith and Religion
Communication	Solving Problems
Affair-proofing your marriage	

For more information see www.happily-ever-after-fl.com.

We'll Miss You, Deb!

After serving us well these past two years, our administrative assistant Deborah Dickerson will be leaving us to pursue a career in teaching. Deb's last day is August 11. We are receiving a love offering for Deb; if you'd like to contribute, designate your gift "Dickerson."

Part-time Positions Available

From the Administrative Assistant position, Staff Parish Relations Committee is creating two part-time positions: Church Secretary and Accountant. Interested parties should e-mail their resume to job@pv-umc.org. Please pass this information along to any interested persons you know. Further details are available from SPRC members Sadie Snyder, Cooper Agent, Sue Morris, James Pyle and Ron Schaffield.

Go Deep

This fall we're offering three opportunities for in-depth study of the Bible. 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. To sign on for DISCIPLE I, DISCIPLE II or JESUS IN THE GOSPELS contact the church office (280-5141). Each group is limited to 12 people.

DISCIPLE I - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Prerequisite: None.

Meets on Wednesdays, 7 - 9:30pm beginning September 6

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 II - Into the Word, Into the World

Prerequisite: DISCIPLE I

Meets on Wednesdays, 7 - 9:30pm beginning September 6

Leader: *Jerry Sanders*

This course encourages persons to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it. The 32 week study selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Equal attention is given to Old and New Testaments with concentration on four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. Participants will read familiar passages, see them in fresh ways, and anticipate that God will speak through them.

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS - DISCIPLE Second Generation Series

Prerequisite: None.

Meets on Sundays, 6 - 8:30pm beginning September 10

Leaders: *Gary Proctor & Larry Bradford*

Jesus in the Gospels invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question "who is the Jesus that you see?" This study will deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message. Two questions frame this study—"Who is the Jesus you bring with you to this study?" and "Who is the Jesus you take with you from this study?" Jesus in the Gospels takes participants on a journey from one question to the other.

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

I am 45. I have spent the past 11 years pastoring and the three years before that in seminary. Given my work history, I find that I am much wealthier than I thought I'd be at this point in my life. I'm not talking about the wealth of relationships I enjoy; I'm talking about money. Yes, much of it is in retirement accounts but it is still there for my family and me. And my wealth concerns me.

I was reading what John Wesley had to say about grace for the "Word from Wesley" inside this newsletter. I came across these words from a letter Wesley wrote:

It is a sad observation that they that have most money have usually least grace.

In dealing with several property owners over the past two years I suspect that Mr. Wesley is right on the money (pun intended). I suppose that one remedy would be to give it all away. Jesus told one rich young man to do just this, to sell out and give it all to the poor. (See Matthew 19:16-30.) I think the only other possible remedy is to be generous toward others with our time, our money, our attention.

I have received so much in so many ways. God's grace has abounded toward me. Lord help me to extend grace to others in every way possible, that I might not lose the grace you've freely given me. Amen.

-Pastor Jeff



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