



## 40 days of community

### Ministry Fair

**Sunday, October 22, 10:00 – 11:00am, Fellowship Hall**

In the book *Better Together* Rick Warren states: "As believers, our role in life has changed. We no longer have the assignment of looking out for our own interests. Our job now is to represent the interests of Jesus. We are to be his face and hands and feet showing up in the lives of others on his behalf. We represent Jesus in the hospital; we represent Jesus at the funeral; we represent Jesus at the wedding; we represent Jesus across the fence as we talk to our neighbors." (Day 14)

Now you too can take action and show each other what we can do. Let us become *better together* in our church home so we can make an even bigger difference in our community. Take action at the Ministry Fair. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 22, 10-11am and take advantage of a great opportunity to begin using your talents and time to offer a helping hand at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. Find out how you can help others to grow, to give back to our church family, and to glorify God.

#### OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA  
United Methodist  
Church

#### **Worship Times Changing**

Effective November 12, our worship service schedule will become 9:30 Contemporary, 11:00 Traditional. (See page 5 for further details.)

#### **Upcoming 40 Days of Community Messages**

October 1 "Reaching Out Together" (Colossians 4:5)

October 8 "What Destroys Relationships and What Builds Them Up" (John 13:35)

- Adam Myers, speaking

October 15 "How We Help Each Other Grow" (I Thessalonians 5:11)

October 22 "Serving Together" (Galatians 6:2)

October 29 "Worshipping Together" (Leviticus 23:3)

## Missions Corner

### Habitat Happening

Beach Bash, the benefit event that raises funds equally for Beaches Habitat for Humanity and B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) is set for Monday, October 16th at 6:00pm at Casa Marina. Jazz music will be provided by the award-winning Teddy Washington Band, and food by Eleven South, Bonefish Grill, Cafe Andiamo, Ragtime, Casa Marina, Elizabeth's Tea Room, and Shelby's Coffee Shoppe. Tickets are \$75 each available from Habitat at 241-1222 or [www.beacheshabitat.org](http://www.beacheshabitat.org). This is a fun way to help TWO great agencies that help our Beaches residents. For further info contact: Ralph Marcello, Habitat 241-1222 or Cindy Funkhouser, BEAM 241-2326

### Go Nuts Over Helping Hands Ministries



Our church supports Helping Hands Ministries (a non-profit located in Atlantic Beach) in providing emergency assistance to needy families through food packets, clothing, and transitional housing to families with children. Supporters of this ministry are taking orders for pecans to raise funds for the organization. You can help by purchasing pecans for your own personal use and by selling to your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Orders will be due to the church office or Mary Alice Sanders (273-9993) by October 22. Order forms and further details are available through upcoming church bulletin inserts and the church office.



**Golfers of Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church, unite!** Monday, October 16 we will gather at the Windsor Parke Golf Club with \$75 in hand to help build town homes providing transitional, affordable housing for homeless families with children through Helping Hands Village. Your \$75 includes a round of golf, cart, lunch, practice range balls, prizes and more. There will be a fund-raising auction during and after lunch with 100% of net proceeds going to Helping Hands Village. Contact **Bill Simon**, 285-7119 and he'll put you on one of our teams. Golf and do good, all at the same time.

### A Word from Wesley

The fundamental doctrine of the people called Methodists is, Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the true faith; the faith which works by love; which, by means of the love of God and our neighbor, produces both inward and outward holiness.

– John Wesley, *Jackson, III, 24.*

## "A Journey of Faith" Followup

A Journey of Faith goal:	\$1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$1,308,021
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 649,486
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 780,482

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

## How's It Growing?

Our average attendance from January through August '05 was 187 per week. Our average attendance during the same period this year is 211 per week, a **13% increase in attendance**. Membership stands at 202.

## New Member Orientation

Pastor Jeff will be offering a new member orientation on Sunday, November 12 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.



The church office is open Tuesdays—Fridays from 10am—2pm.



## September 2006 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital	<u>Designated Totals</u>
9/3	85	97	\$ 6,347	\$ 665	Building Fund \$ 780,482
9/10	89	111	\$ 11,081	\$ 1,070	Missions (YTD) \$ 7,415
9/17	95	104	\$ 6,193	\$ 4,198	Enhancement Fund \$ 3,690
9/24	97	118	\$ 13,990	\$ 28,310	

Needed Weekly 2006  
\$10,346

## Youth

Our **Sunday** night group has several upcoming activities to prepare for; here's what students need to remember:

Bring in any large cardboard boxes you can (the larger, the better).

Come dressed as you were 10 years ago on Sunday, Oct 8th.

Bring in a copy of a favorite song (CD or MP3) with the lyrics for Sunday, Oct 15th.

Come in costume for Halloween on Sunday, Oct 29th; bring some candy to share, too.

Keep working on your cantata parts. If you're not singing, keep coming on **Wednesdays** for alternate creative arts activities. We're looking forward to a great month of youth ministry!

### *Welcome New Members of PVUMC Who Joined us In September*

**Sue Casper**— Retired from her work at Cape Canaveral in 2000. This enabled her to move to Jacksonville to be closer to her son and two grandsons.

**The Reverend Edison Russell and his wife Marlene Russell**—Retired as a United Methodist minister in 1996, the Rev. Russell and Marlene settled in "The Woods" in Jacksonville to enjoy their family of four children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and often visit a son in Brandon, Florida.

**Madolyn and Harvey Borum**—The Borums have lived in Ponte Vedra for 42 years. Originally from Tennessee, they built their home after Harvey retired as a Captain in the Army. Recently they bought a home in Cypress Village. No longer involved in their real estate business, they have ample time to enjoy their son Jim and two grandchildren. Madolyn has enjoyed volunteering at Mayo and continues to participate in a community Bible study.

**Dixie Thalmueller**—Dixie came to Jacksonville in 1959. She has 3 children and 3 grandsons. She loves music and arranges for symphony members to visit and entertain patients at Mayo and St. Luke's. She loves volunteering and does a lot of it. She used to be a member of Beach UMC and came to us because it is so close to where she lives. We are so glad she is with us. Welcome, Dixie!

**Jean Glover**—Jean was also a member of Beach UMC and moved because we are so close to her home. She has lived in our area since 1997. She loves it here, but also loves to travel whenever she gets the chance. She has 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Her hobbies include exercising 3 days a week. You go, Jean !!!

**Beverly Rapaport** and her husband met when both relocated to this area and 3 years later married. They both love to travel and just returned from Greece and Turkey. Beverly works for the government and likes to read when she has time. Her mom is Jean Glover and they joined together.



On A Musical Note  
The Children's and  
Youth

### **Cherubs Choir**

Ages 3-Kindergarten  
Wednesdays 5:45—6:45pm

### **Children's Choir**

Grades 1-5  
Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

### **YCAM**

Grades 6-12  
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

### **Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

### **Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

## ***Worship Times Changing***

Effective Sunday, November 12, our worship service schedule will become:

**9:30** Contemporary

**11:00** Traditional

The full morning schedule will be:

### **9:30 Contemporary Worship**

9:45 Inquirers Class - Youth Room (Room 2)

9:45 Shepherds Class - Fellowship Hall

9:45 Youth Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Infant Nursery (Room 1),  
if no infants present

9:45 Children Sunday School (K - 5<sup>th</sup>) - Room 3

9:50 Kids' Worship - Room 3

10:45 Cornerstone - Fellowship Hall

10:45 Youth Sunday School (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) - Youth Room (Room 2)

10:45 Youth Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) - Infant Nursery (Room 1),  
if no infants present

10:45 Children Sunday School (K - 5<sup>th</sup>) - Room 3

### **11:00 Traditional Worship**

11:20 Kids' Worship - Room 3

9:15 - 12:15 Nursery Available

9:30 - 12:15 Room 5 off the sanctuary available for a  
"quiet" group

A different curriculum will be provided for the early and late Children's classes so that if a child participates in Kids' Worship during one service and Sunday School during the other, there will be no repetition.

We'll continue to serve our children through our popular Children's Creative Arts Ministry Wednesday 5:45pm program of story, drama, crafts and music as well as through *Kids' Worship* and Sunday School during each morning service.

We'll continue to serve our youth through Sunday evening youth group and Wednesday evening YCAM, as well Sunday School.

Opportunities for Bible study for adults abound throughout the week.

Needed: Volunteers to teach the 9:45 Youth Sunday School class and the children's Kids Worship/Sunday School classes. We will rethink any activity that draws neither participants nor leadership.

## *Reaching Out During The 40 Days*

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. –Matthew 25:36, 40*



**R**eaching out beyond our church walls to those in need is the cornerstone of the *40 Days of Community* program. Jesus calls us as his disciples to minister to those in need; it's a critical part of our walk of faith. This is your opportunity as a small group to reach out with a hands-on project to help neighbors in need in the beaches community. A brief description of each project follows. Time required is approximately 4 hours.

**BEAM** (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry): Help sort canned foods at the BEAM food bank.

**BEAM:** Create theme baskets, such as golf, coffee, bath and body, or books, to be auctioned off at their October Beach Bash (see Mission Corner).

**Habitat:** Participate in painting or yard work at a Beaches Habitat home under construction.

**Hart Felt Ministries:** Give cost-free, non-medical assistance and companionship to our neighbors struggling to remain independent in their homes.

**Helping Hands Ministries:** Clear underbrush from a lot currently under lease for transitional housing for homeless families.

**Meals on Wheels:** food delivery volunteers

**Military Outreach:** In appreciation of the sacrifice families make so their loved ones can serve, hold a "No Dough Dinner" for the enlisted and their families one night before payday. A small group can provide, serve, and clean up following dinner for an estimated cost of \$300 to \$500.

**Mission House:** Provide needed items for the shower, meal, and clothing programs that meet the needs of the homeless.

**Mission House:** Additional needs include painting inside walls and exterior doors, stripping and waxing floors, repairing benches in the outside waiting room, and pressure washing the exterior siding.

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## *Reaching Out During The 40 Days... continued*

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**Pablo Hamlet:** HUD housing for seniors needs a group to do housekeeping (dusting, vacuuming, and cleaning bathrooms) as well as to drive them to appointments.

Each of these wonderful organizations provides an outreach opportunity for us to show Christ's love to a hurting world. Take advantage of a one-time opportunity and prayerfully consider an on-going mission focus for your small group in the future.

Contact Sheryl Strickland at 285-2654 or [sheryl.strickland@pv-umc.org](mailto:sheryl.strickland@pv-umc.org) with the project that your group is choosing. Take digital photos to share during a Celebration Sunday slide presentation.



## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

*40 Days of Community* is underway. In recent weeks I have felt community in our church tested. Conflicts relating to church growth, our Sunday morning schedule, and programming for youth and for children have challenged us. Being in community isn't easy!

How we respond determines whether there is a victory for Satan or a victory for Christ and the body of Christ, the church. I'm committed to hanging in there with my community, the part of the church universal known as Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. I'm committed to not grumble when things don't go the way I think they should. I continue to be committed to **know** Jesus, **grow** disciples, **show** God's love and **go** and make more disciples of Jesus Christ. I'm glad we're in this together!

I pray that we will continue to be joined together in Christ for his sake, for the sake of the community we know through Christ, and for the sake of the world God so loves.

Pastor Jeff



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