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**What if twenty steps  
across a room  
could change another person's forever?**

In his newest book, *Just Walk Across the Room*, Pastor Bill Hybels paints a compelling picture for how a few steps of obedience really can touch eternity.

## JOIN US

For a Four-Week Church Experience that will refresh your appreciation for the Holy Spirit's mysterious ways, rekindle your passion for people, and revive your belief that the single greatest gift you can give to another person is an introduction to the God who...

created them  
loves them  
has a purpose for their every day.

During these four weekends, we'll learn together how to approach our sin-scarred world with a relevant, appropriate message of truth—a message that is conveyed on the heels of a simple walk across a room.



**OUR MISSION:**

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
*United Methodist Church*



**Upcoming Messages**

- March 4 *Just Walk Across the Room: Living in "3D"*
- March 11 *Just Walk Across the Room: The Power of Story*
- March 18 *Just Walk Across the Room: Grandeur Vision Living*
- March 25 *Diane Lee speaking*

## Missions Corner

### Costa Rica Missions

The cost is only \$150 to sponsor a child for one year of schooling in Costa Rica. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please make your check payable to Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church and designate it for Missions or Pura Vida. School supplies and/or monetary donations for school children will be received through March 11.

- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ 8 count crayon packs
- ✓ Mechanical pencil sharpeners
- ✓ Children's scissors
- ✓ 6 inch rulers
- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Zipper style pencil pouches
- ✓ Empty paper towel rolls for craft projects

\*Please place items in the designated box located in the sanctuary by the information cart.



**Thank you** for your generous donations of towels and blankets to support the Mission House. Our donations were warmly received.

### "More Than Married" Workshop

We are invited to attend the *More Than Married* Workshop being held Saturday, March 10 from 8:30am - 4:00pm at Beach UMC, 325 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Jax Beach. The cost is \$50 per couple, \$25 per person. The workshop is designed for couples who wish to enrich and strengthen their marriages, engaged and pre-engaged couples who wish to prepare for marriage, and church staff and lay couples who desire to learn how to lead relational groups. To register call Marcia Ferguson at 249-2343 ext \*811.

## A Word from Wesley

Gaining knowledge is a good thing; but saving souls is a better.

—*Jackson, VIII, 304.*

# "A Journey of Faith" Followup

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

<i>A Journey of Faith</i> goal:	\$ 1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$ 1.3 million
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 1,061,035
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 1,244,871

Thank you for your faithful, generous giving to the Journey of Faith capital campaign and for your giving in general in support of the ministry of the church.

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

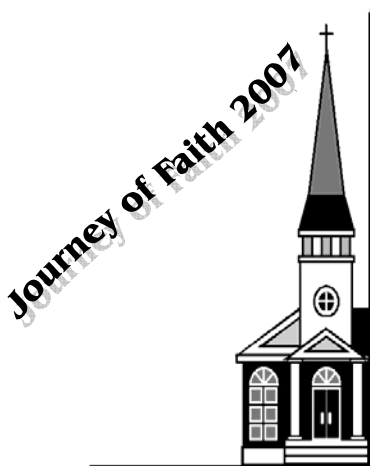
## Hello, New Members!

On January 28 we gladly received into membership **Bill & Linda Donovan** and **Dolores Harrison**. Dolores is often joined in worship by her husband Bill who is an active member of St. Paul's Catholic Church of Jax Beach. Welcome, all! Our next **new member orientation** is scheduled for Sunday, April 22 from 4 to 6pm. All who are considering membership or would simply like to learn more about our church are encouraged to participate.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Volunteers needed! We have a portable sign put out on Saturdays by volunteers and taken down by our church custodian on Monday mornings. For the past year this task has been done by either Dave Branham or Cooper Agent. We are looking for at least four more people to join in the rotation. Please contact Susan Bowler in the church office (280-5141) if you would be willing to help out, or e-mail Cooper at [cooper.agent@pv-umc.org](mailto:cooper.agent@pv-umc.org).

## February 2007 Giving & Attendance



Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital	<u>Designated Totals</u>
2/4	121	129	\$ 9,155	\$ 4,950	Building Fund \$ 1,244,871
2/11	100	126	\$ 17,633	\$ 4,280	Missions (YTD)
2/18	92	120	\$ 5,208	\$ 6,135	\$ 195
Ash Wednesday Combined Service		49	\$ 210	\$ 10	Enhancement Fund
2/25	106	135	\$ 7,943	\$ 340	\$ 3,691
Needed Weekly 2007					
\$11,346					

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



*On A Musical Note*  
The Children's and Youth  
Creative Arts Ministry

### **Children's Arts Ministry**

Age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm

### **YCAM**

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 5:45-8:00pm

### **Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

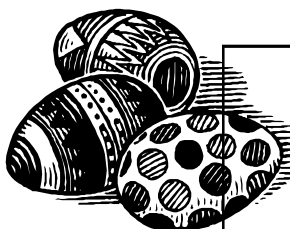
### **Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

## **Student News**

Our youth are designing and leading the Sunday night youth program (6:00 - 8:00) during the month of March. Students who have committed to take on a Sunday evening are **Tucker Holland, Dori Schaffield, Ben Hancock, Joe Boehner** and **Zack Nixon**. Student leadership is meeting at 5:00pm each Sunday.

Our thanks to adult leaders **Yolie Macon, Jack Knopp** and **Pastor Jeff** as they encourage and equip these students in their expanding leadership roles. Thanks too to the adults who provide meals on Sunday nights. We appreciate you!



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday, April 1**  
**4:00pm**  
**Location: TBA**  
**All kids are invited!**

## **Confirmation Class**

**Yolie Macon** will lead this spring's confirmation class for those in the 6th - 12th grades who want to join PVUMC or are simply interested in learning more about the church and following Christ. The class begins Sunday, March 4 at 10:45 in Room 4 and will conclude May 13 with those who so desire joining the church.

## **Hello, New Members of the Staff!**

We are delighted that **Daisy Collazos** has come on board to serve the children of our church nursery, ages 0 - 4. Daisy joins **Lana Pancoast** in this important work.

**Jonathan Clarke** has begun serving us as our sound tech. We'll miss **Eric Charlton** who leaves us to play guitar at another church. All the best, Eric!

We celebrate **Scott Tinsley**, Minister of Music - Contemporary, in his added role as Youth Creative Arts Minister. Scott is leading our Wednesday night 6:30 - 8:00 YCAM program. You're awesome, Scott!

**Mark your calendars, March 18** for Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church's first blood drive. Share life by donating blood. You can save the lives of three to four people by donating just one pint of blood.



To give blood you must be in general good health, age 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and eat a regular meal prior to donating.

## *Blood Drive*

The bloodmobile will be located in the parking lot of Prosperity Bank from 10:00am to 1:00pm. **Don Carson** will be signing up donors after each service until the day of the blood drive.



### **Spotlight on Volunteers**

You might wonder who is responsible for the great goodies in the kitchen between services each week. It's Lolo Eldridge and her husband of 30 years, Dick.

Lolo came to the United States in 1961 from Montevideo, Uruguay in South America as the wife of a diplomat. After being single for 7 years, she met Dick through a friend and the rest is history. They had 2 children and sadly lost a son. Lolo adores "her Lord" and her faith; love for her Heavenly Father got her through that very difficult time.

Lolo loves photography and takes it one step further by painting with oils over photographs. WOW is all that can be said for the finished product.

Her favorite things about Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church is Pastor Jeff, the people, and the comfortable, loving environment.

May God bless you, Lolo, and your sweet husband Dick for all you do for us. Thanks!

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff.*

Most Sundays I want to go to church which is a good thing in my line of work. I look forward to worshiping. But sometimes... It was Wednesday, February 21, Ash Wednesday. I did not want to go to church that night. I had a message ready but it had been a long and stressful day. Plain and simple, I did not want to go back to church. Of course I went anyway. And I know what you're thinking: You have to go; you're the pastor! Yeah, but I don't have to like it.

Worship is a funny thing. You can worship God even when you don't feel like it. Worship is a matter of the will, not the emotions. I suspect that when you least feel like it is when you most need it. I have never regretted choosing to worship. I've always left glad that I'd come.

That Ash Wednesday I was surprised by joy. Not mere pleasure, mind you, but the experience of the transcendent, a glimpse of something more than what we get to see everyday. I had worshiped.

As we join God in the work of evangelism, I can't help but think that similar joy awaits us. We may feel the same about sharing faith as we do a trip to the dentist or attending church when we really don't feel like it. I'm thinking that we might just be surprised by joy. I'm willing to find out. Are you?

Pastor Jeff



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