

The Wave



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OUR MISSION:

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

Hope you youngins will mosey on down to the church for Vacation Bible School. Git along little dogie and join our posse each day for a Bible story, Chadder's Wild West Theater, some Chuck Wagon Chow, Cowpoke Crafts, 'n even more. Shoot, it's the best week y'all will have this summer!

- Ω Who? All kids age 4 through completed 5th graders
- Ω When? June 18 - 22, 9am - noon
- Ω Where? This here ranch we're a buildin' at Ponte Vedra UMC

Pre-register by callin' the church office at 280-5141



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Upcoming Messages

June 3 **Salvation and a Cat Named Cory** (Romans 5:1-11)

June 10 Youth minister Kelly Minter speaking

The Minor Prophets: Hidden Gems of the Bible

June 17 **The Kind of Dad You Hope You'll Never Have to Be** (Hosea 11:1-11)

June 24 **God Is For the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly** (Jonah 1-4)

Money Matters

An occasional column on things financial

I came across the following and thought it might serve you and your children. (It's a good read for adults without kids too!)
 — Pastor Jeff

“It's Not MY Money”

by Janet Zimmerman

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth with gain.
 This also is vanity.” — Ecclesiastes 5:10, NRSV

Share with the children the following Aesop fable:

A dog with a fine slab of meat in his mouth crossed a bridge over a river and saw his reflection in the water. Thinking it to be another dog with a larger piece of meat, he let go of his own and dived at the other dog to take it. He surfaced with nothing, and his dinner washed away in the current.

Explain that this fable is an example of what happens when we make money or possessions our most important goal — we can wind up losing everything! Ask the children to think of other stories they know in which the desire for wealth ruins a person's life (for example, King Midas).

The Bible reminds us that if we make money our goal, then we will never be satisfied or have enough money. Ask the children how they think God wants us to use money. Explain that God wants us to be good stewards of money. Ask a child to look up the word “steward” in a dictionary and to share its meaning. A steward is a person who manages someone else's money. Explain that our money is truly God's money. God has given us money to manage in God's best interest. Ask the children to talk about ways in which money can be used to please God.

Encourage the children to write their own fables about the godly use of money. Make sure that the children include the moral or the lesson to each fable. Invite the children to share their fables. Consider publishing some of the well-written fables in the church newsletter or on the church website.

Challenge the children to name as many of their blessings as they can. Explain that money, if used wisely, can be a source of blessing; however, money is certainly not our only blessing or even the most important blessing. A cure for greediness is thankfulness! →

A Word from Wesley

The best of all is, God is with us.

—Jackson, V, 547.

"A Journey of Faith" Followup

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

A Journey of Faith goal:	\$ 1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$ 1,244,570
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 1,131,957
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 332,195

We are presently in the 26th month of the 36-month capital campaign which ends March 31, 2008. 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

Money Matters...Continued

Prayer

Dear God, help me remember that whatever money I have is not really mine — it is your money. Help me to be a good steward of everything that you have given me. Thank you for my many blessings. I thank you especially for (insert some specific blessings). Amen.

Questions for Discussion

- What does it mean to be a good steward?
- What are some ways you can use money to please God?
- Why do so many people think that they can do whatever they want with money?
- What are some thing you can do to remind yourself that you are God's steward?

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May 2007 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital
4/29	81	87	\$ 22,599	\$ 756
5/6	78	89	\$ 7,704	\$ 1,030
5/13	78	88	\$ 9,897	\$ 1,045
5/20	97	109	\$ 7,281	\$ 2,125
5/27	55	109	\$ 18,221	\$ 305

Designated Totals

Building Fund
\$ 332,195

Missions (YTD)
\$ 128

Enhancement Fund
\$ 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 5th Grade
Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm
Resuming in September

YCAM

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

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

Can you help turn the sanctuary into "Avalanche Ranch" for VBS, June 18-22? We need decorative items to give the sanctuary a decidedly western/ranch flavor. Perhaps you have a barrel, cowboy hat or lantern? Maybe a friend/neighbor rides horses and has access to rope, hay bales, etc.? We would really like to have a teepee at our ranch. Here are some other suggestions:

Wagon wheel	Rocking Horses
Rocking chair	Saddle
Lantern	Camp coffee pot or dishes
Barrels	Steer horns
Cactus	Rope
Cowboy hat or boots	Horse blankets
Saddlebag	Horse collar
Toy Stick Riding Horse	Bed rolls

Please label your items so they may be returned and bring them in beginning June 1.

Children's Arts Ministry to Break for the Summer

The Children's Arts Ministry is taking a break during the summer months. It has been a great season and the kids look forward to getting back together again Wednesdays come September. Our thanks to the parents, leaders and the church family for your support of these awesome kids!



KIDS' WORSHIP

Kids' Worship Moving to One Session

Effective June 3, Kids' Worship will be offered only from 10:45am through noon. This will serve the children of parents who attend a 10:45 Sunday School class and those who attend the 11:00 worship service. (Children will continue to be dismissed to Kids' Worship following Children's Time at the traditional worship service.)

At the 9:30 service, children may return to their seats following Children's Time.

Nursery through age 5 continues to be offered from 9:15 to noon.



A Word from our Youth Minister, Kelly Minter

The youth of Ponte Vedra UMC have a new name! **H2O**, which stands for Helping, Healing, Outreach. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring how we are to help, heal, and reach out to each other, our neighbors, and our world. Please keep our youth and adult leaders in your prayers as we take this new road together!



ATTENTION! A flock of flamingos have escaped from the Jacksonville zoo! According to migratory patterns, they are expected to land in Ponte Vedra on Sunday, June 10, between 3pm and 8pm! Luckily for us, the youth of Ponte Vedra UMC are trained flamingo removers!

Beginning Sunday, May 27 we will be selling flamingo insurance after the worship services. The insurance will cost \$20, and will guarantee the safety of your lawn on June 10. If you choose not to purchase the insurance and the flock does happen to land at your house on June 10, you will need to call the removal team. (Flamingo removal is \$15, and for an extra \$5 you can send them to a neighbor's lawn.)



Other Events:

June 18-22: Vacation Bible School

June 23-30: Mission Trip to Philadelphia

July 1-6: Mission Trip to Daytona

July 20 (Friday): Tubing on the Ichetucknee River! \$10/person, meet at church at 9am, return by 6pm. Sign up at H2O or YCAM.

Interested in Joining PVUMC?

Our next **new member orientation** is scheduled for Sunday, July 22 from 4 to 6pm. All who are considering membership or would simply like to learn more about our church are encouraged to participate. Pastor Jeff will lead the group; he looks forward to getting to know you.

Calling All Women!

If you are interested in great fellowship and in finding out what **United Methodist Women** at PVUMC are all about, then you definitely need to be at our next meeting! We are in the process of determining mission projects, building circles and getting to know one another. And, UMW potlucks are delicious!

Our second UMW General Meeting will be Saturday, June 23, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will assemble **Operation ShoeBox** care packages, which will go directly to our soldiers on the front line (postage funded by Operation ShoeBox). Please bring shoeboxes and any items listed below to the meeting. Bring a covered-dish and a friend. Contact Jane Ellis (273-0094) or Kristin Boehner (285-0346) if you have questions or would like to request a topic for the agenda.

CIRCLE CONTACTS: Reading Circle, Anne Torgerson (221-8057); Quilting Circle, Marilyn Elston (223-9477).

OPERATION SHOEBOX

For the Troops on the Front Line

Operation Shoebox was established in 2003 in an effort to support our troops that are deployed outside of the USA. It is our mission to send care packages to our troops deployed to show them that the American people are behind them regardless of our personal feelings about the war.

Suggested Items

Heat resistant candy	Baby wipes, Feminine hygiene products
Fruit Breezes (throat drops)	Hairbrushes, Q-Tips, Razors (disposable)
Twizzlers (candy), Chewing gum	Shampoo, Sunscreen, Non-aerosol bug spray
Writing paper and Envelopes	Ziplock bags, Batteries
Pens, Stamps	Small Flashlights, Small Fans
Books, Newspapers, Magazines	Fly Swatters
Floss, Mouthwash, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste	Shoe insole cushions
Coffee, Coffee Creamer	Sunglasses (black, non-designer)
Sugar packets, Energy bars (Clif or Balance)	CD fanny packs
Beef Jerky, Granola bars, Pop-Tarts	Disposable cameras

Summer Message Series

The Minor Prophets: Hidden Gems of the Bible

Prophets in Israel were persons who interpreted the actions of God in the events of history. They tried to keep alive the memory of the Exodus and re-interpret the meaning of the ancient faith for new times, to proclaim God's will in national crises. Following the fall of Israel and Judah they began to speak words of hope and comfort.

The writings are called the major and minor prophets. The terms 'major' and 'minor' have to do with the size of the books, and not the importance of the message. In June and July we will listen for a word from the Lord through six of the 12 minor prophets. The series begins June 17.

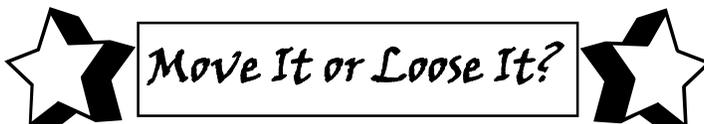
Teams Formed

The Board of Trustees has announced the formation of three important committees who will be responsible for various phases of our new facilities.

Transition Committee, led by **Jerry Sanders**, is working to provide interim utilization of our new property for use by staff and church functions until the new facilities can be planned, funded and built. Since our present lease expires August 31, 2007 this is our most pressing concern.

Planning Committee, chaired by **Cooper Agent** is responsible for the development of a Master Plan which will help the Board of Trustees formulate plans for our new church complex designed to meet the needs of our church and the community we serve. In addition to Cooper, the following members have agreed to serve: **Ada Elliott**, **Suzanne Joyner**, **John McEvoy**, **Ruth Murta**, **Bill Simon** and **Joe Vozza**. Let us pray for our Lord's guidance throughout this important and challenging task.

Building Committee, headed by **John McEvoy**, will oversee the construction once our building plans and financing are complete.



If you have any personal property at the church, please remove it. We are engaging in some serious housecleaning (church cleaning?) in anticipation of our move and we would hate to toss or give away something that belongs to you. Thank you.

– Transition Team

With Thanksgiving

Our thanks to the following who are helping with their time, money and know-how to prepare 76 Roscoe Blvd S for use as church offices.

- **Rege Franskousky** has paid to have the carpet removed and has been instrumental in getting us the best price on new carpet.
- **John Cheek** is the owner of **Beaches Flooring and Decorating** for whom Rege does some work. John is going to give us the new carpet at a very deep discount.
- **Royal Pest Services, Inc.** is doing the pest control at discounted prices.
- **Donovan Heating and Air** has done maintenance on the AC and has installed duct work at no charge. The company is owned by **Bill and Linda Donovan**.
- **Greg Gause, Advantage Plumbing**, is doing work for us at discounted prices.
- **The Inquirers Class** is planning to paint and possibly purchase some of the paint.
- **Bob Harding** has taken ownership of getting the wiring completed for the telephone and computer systems.
- **Don Carson & The Cornerstone Class** will take a complete inventory of the contents of 35 Executive Way and oversee packing for the move.

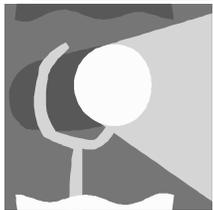


There is much work yet to be done at 76 Roscoe Blvd S before we can move our offices there. If you would like to help in any way please contact **Jerry Sanders** at 273-9993, **Cooper Agent** at 273-2657, or **Don Carson** at 280-2893.

Confirmation Class 2007

We at PVUMC are so happy and proud to celebrate the confirmation class. Let's get to know them.

- ★ Laura Boehner is a 13 year old 7th grader at Landrum Middle School. She loves to draw.
- ★ Bradley Combs is a 12 year old 6th grader at Jacksonville Country Day School. He enjoys fishing and soccer and is a black belt in Karate.
- ★ Graham Hancock is a 12 year old 7th grader at Landrum Middle School. He loves his dog Max who is a Chow/German Sheppard mix and enjoys video games.
- ★ Taylor Pyle is a 13 year old Landrum Middle School 8th grader. She loves to play soccer, swim and anything outdoors.
- ★ Hans Torgerson is an 11 year old 6th grader at Fletcher Middle School. He is very busy with baseball right now and loves football, basketball and is the band's drummer.



Spotlight on Volunteers

By: Bev Schaffield

Well, it's June and you know what that means – weddings, graduations, and Vacation Bible School! Our leaders for Avalanche Ranch are Lasso Lisa (Hancock) and Jackrabbit Jill (Bennett). With these two wonderful ladies at the reins, we are all in for a treat

Lisa Hancock has volunteered for just about everything that involves children and youth at Ponte Vedra UMC. She has been doing Kids' Worship since the beginning, has taught Sunday School, and helps with Sunday night Youth dinners and YCAM. She gets a lot of support from her two sons, Ben and Graham, who are very active in H2O and YCAM, and her husband Kyle, who is a whole volunteer highlight by himself.

Jill Bennett has done it all. She's a Stephen Minister, serves as co-leader of our awesome children's choir, facilitates Kids' Worship leaders (and often does it herself), has sung in choir, taught Sunday School, and coordinated just about everything around here. We are so blessed by Jill and her wonderful family: Abby, Sophie, and Spencer, and of course her husband Jeff, whom you may know as Pastor Elvis.

Lisa and Jill, we love and appreciate you. We know our children will be blessed to be in your care at Avalanche Ranch. (And they'll have a great time too!)

Hello, New Members!

Welcome **Phyllis Monie**, a new member who came to this area in 1999 from Mississippi. Her husband's business brought them here, but he has since retired. Phyllis is a homemaker who quite often watches her 4 year old granddaughter, Lanie. (I can imagine how much she enjoys that!) She also loves antiques, interior design and singing second soprano in our traditional choir. Welcome, Phyllis.

Lauren Golden comes to Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church via Elking, N.C., a small town where her Dad was born and raised and where her grandparents still live. After a move to Davidson, N.C., Lauren arrived in Ponte Vedra in August of 2006. We are so glad she joined our church where she sings soprano in our traditional choir and helps with the children's choir. Her hobbies include singing, piano, old movies, and reading. Lauren plans to begin studies in the fall aimed at working with children.



Happy Father's Day

June 17th

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Our church is heading into the rapids. This summer we're preparing to make three moves as we vacate Executive Way: the offices to 76 Roscoe Blvd S, worship to Ocean Palms Elementary and things we won't need for awhile to storage. Then there's discerning what kind of facility to build on the property. Yes, we're entering the rapids and it's an exciting, exhilarating time. But there are risks to the rapids; it's easier to overturn here than on other parts of our journey. I'm grateful for teams of people with oars in the water to help navigate us. I suspect that churches can more easily run aground or overturn in the rapids; that could happen here if we fail to continue connecting the unconnected, discipling each other, and loving our neighbor. To help me be faithful during the ride I'll be remembering these words of Steven Covey:

"The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing."

Covey's words might serve us well when our lives enter the rapids. Children active in church, school and sports activities, work heating up, health concerns... Sometimes life moves along more rapidly than at other times. I sure would hate to lose it in the rapids.

So how do we keep from being swamped? Christ sees the river we're on and the waters that lie ahead. He will be our guide, telling us when to paddle, when to steer and when to glide along, if we keep our eyes on him. *That* is the main thing.

Keeping my eyes on Jesus,
Pastor Jeff



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