

The Wave



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Olde Fashioned Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social

Sunday evening, July 15, 7:00pm will find us enjoying hymns of old from our United Methodist Hymnal and from the Cokesbury Hymnal at an Olde Fashioned Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social. Come prepared to call out your favorites! Our traditional choir will bless us with their singing too. Then it's, *I scream - you scream - we all scream for ICE CREAM*, a great ending to a fun evening. It'll be a big time!

PVUMC Moves... Next Month!

Our Executive Way lease ends August 31. We'll be moving Sunday worship to Ocean Palms Elementary School (355 Landrum Lane) beginning August 12. Our offices will move to our property at 76 Roscoe Blvd S the week of August 20. Stay tuned for more!

Upcoming Messages

The Minor Prophets: Hidden Gems of the Bible continued

July 1 **When All Else Fails, Judgment** (Nahum 1:1-11)

July 8 **Evil: An Unlikely Tool in the Master's Hand** (Habakkuk 1:1-13, 3:17-19a)

July 15 **Love Me, Love Whom I Love** (Amos 5:1-24)

July 22 **When the Lord is Slow in Coming** (Malachi 1:1-14, 3:16-18)

July 29 *Youth Sunday*

OUR MISSION:

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



Take it; this is my body...

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

Mark 14:22-24

Church Survey Underway

In advance of creating building plans our Planning Team has been studying the demographics of our area. They also want to gain a sense of who we are as a church now. **The team seeks your input to discern what kind of facility will help us reach our community for Christ.** Instructions for an online survey follow. Everyone who participates in the life of our church is encouraged to take the survey.

To take the survey (available through the first week of July):

Go to <http://tcindex.877tagline.com>

Enter Log-On ID: **pvumc0607** (case sensitive)

Enter Password: **pontevedra** (case sensitive)

We encourage each member of a household (12 years and older) to respond to the survey.

Do not labor over your decision—your first answer is usually right.

You will need to complete the survey in one sitting.

Your responses will be completely confidential.

Please complete all 17 sections.

Answer Section 16 as ‘Should be in new facility.’

The survey should take 10 - 20 minutes to complete.

If you have any difficulty with this survey contact Jim Wynn (285-2157, jwwynnsr@bellsouth.net).

The Planning Team is led by **Cooper Agent** and comprises **Ada Elliott, Suzanne Joyner, John McEvoy, Ruth Murta, Bill Simon, Joe Vozza** and **Jim Wynn**.

A Word from Wesley

“When I was young I was sure of everything; in a few years, having been mistaken a thousand times, I was not half so sure of most things as I was before; at present, I am hardly sure of anything but what God has revealed to me.”

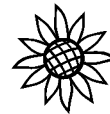
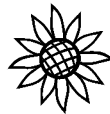
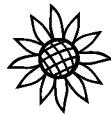
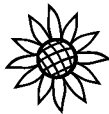
"A Journey of Faith" Followup

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

A Journey of Faith goal:	\$ 1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$ 1,234,570
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 1,135,196
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 334,346
Indebtedness:	\$ 300,000

We are presently in the 28th 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



June 2007 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital
6/3	69	94	\$ 17,430	\$ 2,180
6/10	65	83	\$ 4,177	\$ 397
6/17	68	79	\$ 12,326	\$ 130
6/24	75	109	\$ 6,743	\$ 2,155

Designated Totals
Building Fund
\$ 334,346

Missions (YTD)
\$ 129

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

Thank You, Avalanche Ranch Team!

Our profound thanks to each adult and youth member of the team that made Vacation Bible School a reality for the record 49 children who participated this year. A special thanks to co-leaders **Lisa Hancock** and **Jill Bennett** who led the team. God worked through you to make Bible truths come alive in the minds and hearts of the children entrusted to our care the week of June 18. Well done, you good and faithful servants!

Children's Arts Ministry to Break for the Summer

The Children's Arts Ministry is taking a break during the summer months. 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!

Church and the Kids

I heard a church consultant say that **there are two kinds of worship: relevant and irrelevant.** For some of us, relevant worship means singing the hymns we grew up with. For others of us relevant worship means praising God in musical styles popular today. For people with children, relevant worship means worship that involves their kids.

At the beginning of the summer we discontinued Kids' Worship at the 9:30 hour for lack of volunteers. Most weeks, families with children in kindergarten through 5th grade now worship at 11:00 because Kids' Worship is available then. When we move to Ocean Palms Elementary we will be intentional about drawing families with children who attend there. Many of these families will have had little church experience; some are likely to find our 9:30 worship style more relevant. (Some others will simply prefer the 9:30 time over 11:00.) Unless we have something for their children, we won't be able to connect with them.

I seek a return of Kids' Worship to the 9:30 worship service by August 12, our first Sunday at Ocean Palms. Ultimately my vision is for two classes during each hour, one each for younger and older elementary school aged children.

We continue to offer an excellent nursery for infants through pre-K. We plan to have two Sunday School classes (middle school and high school) in place by summer's end. **It's the children from kindergarten through 5th grade whom we must better serve.**

Church and the Kids...Continued

If you are willing to help, please contact me as soon as possible. If you're an 11:00 worshiper, perhaps you'd be a missionary to the kids whose families attend at 9:30. If you're a 9:30 worshiper, perhaps you'd be willing to worship through the first part of the service and then leave with the children following Children's Time to lead Kids' Worship. It'd be a sacrifice, but one worth making.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." —Matthew 19:14

— Pastor Jeff



A Word from our Youth Minister, Kelly Minter

Upcoming Events!

The Middle School Mission Trip to Daytona leaves Sunday July 1 and returns Friday July 6.

There **will be** youth group Sunday July 1!

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE! The youth will be going tubing on **Friday, July 27**. We will meet at the church at 9am and return by 6pm. Cost will be \$10/person. Pack a bag lunch to eat after the river ride, or bring extra cash to buy lunch at the snack bar! We will need at least 2 adult drivers/chaperones as well!

Youth Sunday July 29! After both services, we will go to the Knopps' house to swim, eat, and relax. No H2O that evening.

Keep the weekend of Septmeber 7 open, for *Night of Joy* in Orlando!

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.

A Sunday Morning Request from Pastor Jeff

Before and after worship services I make every effort to greet as many guests as possible, touch base with attenders we haven't seen for awhile, and say hello to our regular attenders too. Leaders: If you've got church business you need to talk to me about, it'd be a great help if you'd write me a note, e-mail me or call me in the office so I can give the church matter my full attention and use Sunday mornings to best advantage, connecting with as many people as possible. Thanks in advance.

-- Pastor Jeff

P.S. There are some things I always want to hear about sooner rather than later, like if you're facing a surgery or other health challenge, or any crisis.

Move It or Loose it?

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



Thank You, Painters!

A big thank you to those who painted the house on Roscoe Blvd June 16th and 23rd under the leadership of new member and paint team captain Vern Pond. Those spending their Saturdays painting our future offices included: Captain **Vern Pond**, **Dean DeWall**, **Mae Liberty**, **Colletta Hodges**, **Cooper Agent**, **Mike & Amy Plummer** and their children **Brian**, **Danny** and **Shea**, **Don & Ellen Carson**, **Janis Wetmore** and **Ron Schaffield**. Ron was responsible for our church obtaining some of the paint from the Beaches Sertoma Club at no cost. A special thanks to **Joe Zummo** for spraying the primer coat on the ceiling and walls prior to the church team painting the walls. (Joe made a return trip to paint the front porch offices.) **Joyce Agent** provided sandwiches and cold drinks to all as her gift to our paint volunteers.

We Want Your Boxes

Do you have boxes from a recent move? In the coming weeks we'll be packing up the offices for our move to 76 Roscoe Blvd S. We don't have room to store boxes here just now but please pass along your name and contact info to Susan Bowler (280-5141 x12, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) and we'll be in touch with you. We hope to avoid purchasing boxes. Thank you.

Why Don't We Return to Sunday School Between Worship Services?

I've heard this question circulating: **Why don't we go back to a Sunday School hour between services, like we had before last November?** First let me say that I feel for those of you who've had to choose between your Sunday School class and the style of worship most relevant to you; you have had to choose one over the other and I know it's been difficult. Yet the reasons for making the change last November still hold:


- We did not have sufficient adult volunteers to lead the popular Kids' Worship at each worship service *and* provide children's Sunday School. The people we're trying to reach for Christ want "one stop shopping" as in, We'll give you one hour on Sunday morning to reach us and our children. So we committed to Kids' Worship at each hour, serving those who want a second hour for Sunday School by offering a different curriculum for children during each hour.
- 9:30 is a friendlier worship time for families with children than the previous start time of 9:00.
- 11:00 is a friendlier worship time for most everyone than the previous start time of 11:15.

Additionally, now that we're moving to a temporary facility, there are more reasons to stay with a more compact schedule.

- The later start time (9:30) is friendlier to those whom we'll need to come early to set up.
- The earlier finish time (noon) is friendlier to those whom we'll need to stay late to tear down.

Why not go to a single worship service followed or preceded by Sunday School? No one would begin a new church start by offering two worship services. We inherited two distinct flavors of worship way back in 2001 because we were begun as a satellite campus, not a new church start. Artistically it is difficult to combine these two styles of worship on a week in, week out basis; it's been said that for every church that does it successfully there are a dozen that fail. While the goal might be making everyone happy, the reality is that those who don't like one of the two styles would be unhappy. More importantly, we'd miss the opportunity to draw those who would be attracted to one style but not the other.

What changes can we expect at Ocean Palms Elementary? We will worship in the cafeteria (combination cafeteria, auditorium). Because the space is large and because it will promote community among members and guests and among members from both services, we will be enjoying refreshments at the back of the cafeteria between services. Instead of greeting people at the door, I will be mingling with folks among the refreshments and I encourage you to do the same. Will this be noisy for those gathering for the second worship service? Probably, but as a church consultant friend says, "Noise is music to the ears of a guest."



Why Don't We Return to Sunday School Between Worship Services? ...Continued

The only schedule change is that the second children's hour will begin at 11:00; those children will then be joined by kids leaving the traditional service following Children's Time at around 11:15. This entire group will dismiss at noon, the end of the traditional service. I will be asking adult classes that meet at the second hour who wish to draw families with young children to begin at 11:00am instead of 10:45 and finish at noon so those with children don't pick them from Kids' Worship prior to noon. (Another reason you might choose to begin late is to mingle during the refreshment time between services.)

Why this emphasis on children? Moving to an elementary school presents us with excellent access to a mission field of families with children. Some people who would never darken the door of a church will risk attending church in a school. Families with children who attend Ocean Palms but are not connected to a church may just give us a shot if we invite them, welcome them, and offer them Christ.

It seems to me that the reason most churches die is that they focus on serving the people already within the church instead of reaching out to those with no living connection to Christ. I, like you, have to answer to Jesus who calls us to go and make disciples, not sit and soak in a holy huddle making ourselves comfortable. I have been tremendously blessed by God through the church; I want those blessings for as many people as possible.

– Pastor Jeff

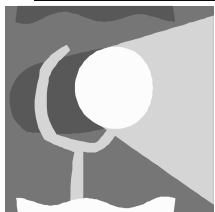
With Thanksgiving

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.

- **The Inquirers Class** painted on June 16th and 23rd the interior of the house.
- **Joe Zummo** primed the interior of the house prior to the Inquirers Class painting and returned to paint the offices on the front porch.
- **The Cornerstone Class and others** under the leadership of **Don Carson** took inventory of the contents of 35 Executive Way on June 30th.

There is 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.

– Pastor Jeff



Spotlight on Volunteers

By: Sue Stanley

Bill and Robin Walters have several "jobs" between them, mostly before and during the 9:30 contemporary service! On most Sundays, we will find Bill helping get things ready for arriving church members and guests. He is a most cheerful greeter and usher. He's also done various other volunteer "duties" in the past. Robin sings in the Praise Choir, and is the 9:30 service Communion Coordinator and interviews new members for the newsletter.

Bill and Robin are both from New Jersey and have been married for 48 years! Bill retired in 1992 and they went to live in North Carolina for a short while, until they decided it got too cold. That's how they came to live in Florida. When Bill's not at church we might find him playing golf, being with or talking about his four grandkids, cheering for the Florida Gators, or playing with his chocolate lab, Koby Brown! Robin's past-times include: tennis (1st love, pardon the pun!), golf (when she has to!), being with or talking about her four grandkids, volunteering on Mondays in the gift shop at Brooks Rehab Hospital, and participating in a Bible study group.

PVUMC is blessed to have this couple in our midst!

PVUMC Logo Shirts for Sale



Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church will be selling shirts with our embroidered logo on fine quality fabric in several different styles. The styles of shirts will be on display Sunday morning July 1 and July 8 and prepaid orders will be taken at that time. Please support PVUMC and look good doing it.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

GOD BLESS AMERICA

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

My son Spencer loves music. He is always humming or singing a tune. He hasn't been talking nearly as much as his twin sister Sophie. But lately Spencer has been adding words to his favorite songs. Jill says he'll probably learn to talk by singing.

A lot of people learn the Christian faith through singing. Most of the hymns in our United Methodist hymnal are chock full of theology. Most of our praise and worship songs spring from the Bible. Music connects us to the faith. Since music plays a big part in our culture today I expect that people will continue to learn the faith by singing.

What additional modern means might God use to impart faith? Images (think TV and movies) has been high on the list for some time. Of even greater impact for the younger generations of our culture are authentic relationships and serving those in need. When we the church are being who we are called to be we will find ourselves at an advantage. The church is in the business of serving the needy ("When you've done it to the least of these, you've done it unto me" says Jesus). And the church is called by Jesus to "love one another as I have loved you."

Let's be about the business of caring for those in need and risking relationship with the generations following ours. If we invite another to join us in serving we may double the likelihood of their joining in the journey of faith.

– Pastor Jeff



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