

The Wave



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PVUMC Is Moving On

On Sunday, August 5 we'll say goodbye to worshipping at 35 Executive Way. On Sunday, August 12 we'll say hello to our new temporary worship space at Ocean Palms Elementary School, 355 Landrum Lane. On August 20 our offices will move to our property at 76 Roscoe Blvd S.

If you'd like to volunteer to help move call Susan in the office (280-5141) with the mornings and/or afternoons that you're available. Then we'll be able to call you if the work is completed before you come.

Tue, Aug 7: Pack for Ocean Palms and for long term storage

Wed, Aug 8: Load portable storage unit to be delivered to Ocean Palms; pack for long term storage

Thu, Aug 9: Pack for long term storage

Fri, Aug 10: Pack for long term storage

Tue, Aug 14: Load portable storage units for long term storage

Wed, Aug 15: Load portable storage units for long term storage

Professional movers will be on hand to help load the portable storage units.

Be a Roadie for Jesus

When musical groups tour they take along a group of people responsible for setting up equipment before a concert and taking it all down afterwards, people called *roadies*. Would you become a Roadie for Jesus? Contact Scott Tinsley (280-5141, scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org) and join a team on rotation for set-up or take-down at Ocean Palms Elementary. Jesus needs you!

Upcoming Messages

August 5 **Leaving Home** (Exodus 3:1-12; 12:1-13)

August 12 **A People On Their Way** (Exodus 13:17-22)

August 19 **Wearing Your Faith** (Deuteronomy 11:1-21)

August 26 **Who Is the Good Samaritan?** (Luke 10:25-37)

September 2 **Jesus Coming In Through the Back Door** (Matthew 28:16-20)

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OUR MISSION:

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

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.
Proverbs 3:3,4

Missions Corner

B.E.A.M.

We'll be receiving groceries for B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) on Sunday morning, August 26. 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

Fall Study Announced: "God is Closer Than You Think"

Intimacy with God can happen right now if you want it. A closeness you can feel, a goodness you can taste, a reality you can experience for yourself. That's what the Bible promises, so why settle for less? God is closer than you think, and connecting with him isn't for monks and ascetics. It's for business people, high school students, busy moms, single men, single women ... and most important, it's for YOU.

Beginning in late September we will engage in a church-wide Bible study that springs from the book *God Is Closer Than You Think* by best-selling author John Ortberg. Together we'll see God's hand stretching toward us and see ways in which we can reach toward God and complete the connection – to our joy and his.

A Word from Wesley

"I look on all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that, in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty, to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation."

"A Journey of Faith" Followup

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

<i>A Journey of Faith</i> goal:	\$ 1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$ 1,234,570
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 1,154,791
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 346,210
Indebtedness:	\$ 300,000

We are presently in the 29th 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

An occasional column on things financial

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

– Luke 6:38

One of my priorities for our church has been that we would “tithe” the gifts we receive that are not designated for a specific purpose. Our financial picture was a bit shaky following the first quarter but you have given oh so generously in the quarter ending June 30. In July our Finance Team set aside 10% of the general funds we’d received in the first half of the year for work beyond our local church. This tithe comes to \$27,300. If the words of Jesus above are true, we can expect to see God entrust us with even more so that we can do even more for the kingdom of God at home and beyond. Who knows what God will do?

– Pastor Jeff



July 2007 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital	Designated Totals
7/1	79	81	\$ 12,279	\$ 585	Building Fund \$ 346,210
7/8	85	82	\$ 5,484	\$ 563	Missions (YTD) \$ 27,429
7/15	74	95	\$ 9,484	\$ 1,132	Enhancement Fund \$ 3,691
7/22	84	131	\$ 6,504	\$ 215	
7/29	74	68	\$ 4,401	\$ 1,415	

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 3:00-5:00pm
Resuming September 5

YCAM

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

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

Map to Ocean Palms
Elementary School

Ocean Palms Elementary
355 Landrum Lane

Just for Kids...



Kids – It's almost time to go back to school. Mark your calendars and plan to be at 76 Roscoe Blvd South on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-5:00. We'll have fun playing games, eating snacks, singing songs, learning skits and reaching out to others less fortunate. We'll kick off the fun on Wednesday, September 5 at 3:00pm.



Singing



Spotlight on Volunteers
By: Bev Schaffield

As we move to our new property this month, let's all stop and thank the man who is making this transition so smooth and easy for the rest of us. That man would be **Jerry Sanders**, who is coordinating the entire move. He's on top of every detail to get the new property ready, and get us moved in. (I'm sure Jerry would appreciate volunteers to help on moving day.)

Although Jerry has served in many areas of our church, including Trustee, Liturgist, Disciple student and Disciple teacher, perhaps he is best-suited for leadership of our transition team because people just naturally follow him. In fact, when he was Drum Major in high school, the entire band once followed him right into a ditch.

Jerry and Mary Alice, his bride of 50 years, have three children and five grandchildren. Jerry first got Mary Alice's attention by hitting her in the back with his trombone slide during band practice and the rest is history. Jerry retired after 30 years with Bell South, as Vice President of Network Operations. He enjoys serving his church, growing roses, playing golf, and solving Sudoku puzzles. What a blessing Jerry is to all of us!

Our Survey Says...

Thanks to all who responded to the church survey! You did good!! We had 111 respond to the church survey or 55% of possible responses. A 20% return is the expected response on a national scale. Our composite score for the survey was at the 70th percentile, and was statistically significantly higher than the national average. Results of the survey will be made available in the next edition of *The Wave*.

– The Planning Team

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**.

The Beach, Labor Day, and a Cup of Cool Water



Here's a fun opportunity to serve people and get the word out about our church. We'll meet at the beach (Mickler's Landing) on Labor Day (September 3) and hand out bottled water with the name of our church and a message like, "God loves you; no strings attached." This will serve our thirsty neighbors and maybe get a soul or two thinking about God's love for them. Who knows but that those living nearby will show up the following Sunday seeking living water. (See John 4:10 for more on that!)

All ages are encouraged to participate; there will be an adult with every twosome or threesome that walks the beach. Interested? Please call and leave your name and number with Susan in the office, 280-5141.

P.S. You'll still have plenty of time to barbecue with your family and friends!

DISCIPLE I To Be Offered

DISCIPLE I - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
Meets on Tuesdays, 10am - noon beginning September 11
 Leader: Diane Lee, aka *Willow*

This highly acclaimed Bible study is a general survey of the entire Bible. You will read approximately 70% of the Bible during the 34 weeks. 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.

To sign up for the class please call the office at 280-5141. Childcare will be gladly provided if requested in advance. Let the office know!

With Thanksgiving

Our thanks to **Amy Plummer** for helping with her time and effort in preparing 76 Roscoe Boulevard S for use as church offices.

Church Wide Inventory

I personally want to thank the following Cornerstone Sunday school members that helped with the church-wide inventory on June 30th; **Cecily Browning, Ellen & Don Carson, Lolo & Dick Eldridge, Mike & Ada Elliott, John & Bette McEvoy, Susan Merrill, Dixie Thalmueller, and Norma Webster.** **Scott Tinsley** inventoried all the musical equipment, sound equipment, and lighting equipment prior to June 30th.

I also want to thank **Jan Jones** for typing in the whole inventory into EXCEL spreadsheets. I also want to thank **Sadie Snyder, Sandra Williamson, Sue Morris, and Cindi Fox** who also generously offered to help with the typing. — Don Carson

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women

PVUMW began collecting items for Operation Shoebox at the June meeting and plans to continue doing so as an ongoing PVUMC/UMW project. As an update to the information in the June issue of *WAVE* regarding suggested items needed for these packages to our service men and women overseas please also consider the following items; lollipops, dry packaged lemonade, hot sauce (no glass containers), mints, phone cards, funnies and puzzle pages from newspapers, small stuffed animals, white athletic socks, and knitted caps to be worn under helmets. (Contact Jane Ellis 273-0094 for instructions.) We no longer need shoeboxes collected, just the goodies that go inside.

Please join us at our next meeting August 18th at the home of Jane Ellis. Call her for directions.

PVUMC Blood Drive

It is not too early to be thinking about Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church's next blood drive on **October 7, 2007**. Why should you be thinking about it now? Because the next time the Florida Georgia Blood Alliance calls and asks you to donate a pint and you jump in your car and run up to JAX Beach and give blood, make sure it is before **August 11, 2007**. If you donate after **August 11, 2007**, you will not be able to support the PVUMC blood drive on **October 11, 2007**. You must wait 56 days between donations. Contact **Don Carson** at 280-2893 for more information.

Top 50 Reasons to Attend PVUMC

Members of the Council on Ministries were recently invited to share the top reasons people participate in the life of our church. We reprint **Rita Andreu's** clever acrostic of her 26 (!) reasons here.

PVUMC -A FANTASTIC PLACE TO WORSHIP GOD

Annual Church-Wide Studies

Friendly People

Awesome Praise Band

Never Strays from the Word of God

Touches Others through Mission Work

Avalanche Ranch VBS

Super Sunday School Opportunities

Treats between Services

Incredible Sermons

Caring Child Care

Pastor who knows the congregational needs and concerns

Loving congregation

Always striving to...

Connect the unconnected

Excellent Opportunities for Youth

Terrific Traditional Choir

Offers Smiling Faces to Greet Members and Visitors

WAVE Monthly Newsletter

Operation Christmas Child

Reaches Out to Help Others

Small Groups

Habitat for Humanity/Hartfelt Ministry

Interesting Children's Sermons

Pastor Elvis

Golden Gloves

Offers Variety in Worship Services

Diligent, Kind and Helpful Staff Members

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Our daughter Abby begins kindergarten this month. She certainly is excited about school! She'll attend PVPV Elementary, just across A1A from the place our church is leaving. The week Abby starts school my office will move to our new property, ½ mile from Ocean Palms Elementary, the school for which our home is not zoned. Not too handy, right?

Curious thing about school zoning... Houses are beginning now to go up in Nocatee. Elementary school students living there are zoned to attend not Ocean Palms but *PVPV/Rawlings*. My child will be attending school with children of families living close to our new church location. What an excellent opportunity for me, Jill and Abby to rub shoulders with newcomers to our community, families who live a stone's throw from our new church site. Maybe, just maybe, God is working with the school board on this one.

You never know who God will put you next to. Let's be keeping our eyes open for people with whom we can connect for their sake and for the sake of the kingdom of God.

– Pastor Jeff



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