

# The Wave



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### Church "Town Hall" Meeting to Visit Building Design

We will hold a church "town hall" meeting on **Wednesday, January 9** at **7:00pm** at **The Players Community Senior Center**, 175 Landrum Lane to review conceptual design of the 76 S. Roscoe site and Phase I building. Our Building Design Team (John McEvoy, Cooper Agent, Suzanne Joyner, James Pyle, Dotty Rashba) will present the designs as they stand at that time and will welcome your questions and comments. We don't anticipate moving to actual plans until "Building on Faith" capital campaign commitments are received in March.

### Introduction to Upcoming

### "Building On Faith" Capital Campaign

**Sunday, January 13** will be a big day for our church family. **Kerry Goldmeyer** of Cargill Associates (our capital campaign consultant) will bring us the morning message and also orient us that morning to the 3-year *Building on Faith* capital campaign that begins in early spring. On hand also will be a videographer shooting footage to be used in our *Building on Faith* video.

#### OUR MISSION:

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



Happy New Year!

### Upcoming Messages

**January 6** Will Wonders Never Cease (Matthew 2:1-12)

**January 13** Continuing on God's Course: Beginning Again (Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17)

**January 20** Changing Channels: From Self-Doubt to God-Assurance (Judges 6:11-16, 7:9-25)

**January 27** Changing Channels: From Discontent to Happiness (Philippians 4:8-9)

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance unto you, and give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## Missions Corner

### The Giving Tree



We received 61 Publix gift cards totaling \$1,435 for BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry). Wow! These cards have been gratefully received by BEAM on behalf of their clients. They will especially come in handy for meeting needs beyond the food items normally stocked in BEAM's pantry things like diapers and baby formula. The cards we gave last year lasted BEAM through the beginning of summer. Your giving makes a difference. Thank you!

## Money Matters

*An occasional column on things financial*

Paul writes in 1 Timothy 6:9 that

those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

Sounds like a trap, doesn't it. And those who get rich find that having riches does not lead to more freedom. Comments of some of the wealthiest people of their day:

"The care of \$200 million is enough to kill anyone. There is no pleasure in it."

**W.H. Vanderbilt**

"I am the most miserable man on earth."

**J.J. Astor**

"I have made millions, but they have brought me no happiness."

**John D. Rockefeller**

"Millionaires seldom smile."

**Andrew Carnegie**

"I was happier when doing a mechanic's job."

**Henry Ford**

## A Word from Wesley

Leisure and I have taken leave of one another. I propose to be busy as long as I live, if my health is so long indulged to me. In health and sickness I hope I shall ever continue, with the same sincerity.

- Jackson XII, 20.

# "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:	\$ 1,173,609
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 346,001
Indebtedness:	\$ 300,000

We are presently in the 34th 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

## 2008 Offering Envelopes

Please use your 2008 offering envelopes beginning this next Sunday, January 6. You will note that this year there are lines to indicate how your gift is to be designated; i.e., general fund, missions, or "other" such as flowers, youth, memorials, etc. If you do not have your envelopes, call Jim Larsen at the church office at 280-5141.

## From a Grateful Staff...

Thank you, Ponte Vedra UMC, for blessing us with a generous Christmas gift. You are always quick to share words of encouragement and now you have blessed us in this way too. You are generous people and we are privileged to serve Christ through serving you.

- Your pastor, staff and musicians.

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



## December 2007 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital	Designated Totals
12/02	79	94	\$ 6,325	\$ 410	Building Fund \$ 346,001
12/09	104	114	\$ 13,331	\$ 2,580	
12/16	71	88	\$ 9,025	\$ 730	Missions (YTD) \$ 348
12/23	84	88	\$ 12,024	\$ 410	
Christmas Eve	141	114	\$ 2,108	\$	Enhancement Fund \$ 3,346

Needed Weekly 2007 - \$11,346



## Youth News!

S.H.O.R.E. Hiatus update! S.H.O.R.E. took a month long hiatus, and will meet once again beginning January 6 at 4:30PM. See the website for more information!

[www.pvumcstudents.org](http://www.pvumcstudents.org)



## BUSCH GARDENS TRIP DATE CHANGE!

It is now Saturday, January 19. We will spend the full day at the parks, leaving 76 S Roscoe at 7AM (meet at 6:45AM) and returning by 11 PM. This will be an all day event, so make sure you bring money for food. Cost is \$50/person..This IS a change from the published calendar! Money is due by January 6.



**Camping Trip**, guys only! February 1-3, Somewhere in Florida!  
\$20/person, everything included. Sign up ASAP and bring friends!



**Revolve Tour 2008!** Girls only, February 1-3, Orlando.  
\$70/person, everything included except lunch on Saturday. Sign up ASAP and bring friends!



*On A Musical Note*

**C.I.A. Children In Action**

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm

**YCAM**

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

**Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

**Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm



*C.I.A. (Children In Action)*

Children In Action will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 9. Children Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome! Need information? Contact Jill Bennett (285-2134, [jill.bennett@pv-umc.org](mailto:jill.bennett@pv-umc.org)).

*YCAM (Youth Creative Arts Ministry)*

YCAM is back in action Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Scott Tinsley (463-3791, [scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org](mailto:scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org)) is looking for you!

*Contemporary Praise Choir*

The Praise Choir resumes its rehearsals 7:30pm. This group loves praising God to they're saving a space on the risers for you! any questions you have (463-3791, [scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org](mailto:scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org)) but feel free simply to show



Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 - the music of the band and Scott Tinsley can answer



*Traditional Choir*

The Traditional Choir resumes its rehearsals Thursday, January 4, 7:00 - 8:00pm. They'd love to add your voice to theirs; just come! If you have questions contact Diane Wright (992-9500, [diane.wright@pv-umc.org](mailto:diane.wright@pv-umc.org)).

## *Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women*

UMW will hold its first meeting of the year at 10:00am, Saturday, January 19. Plans are underway for a great year. We extend a special invitation and encourage all ladies to attend this (and all of our) general meetings. It is a fine opportunity to meet some of the most wonderful women there are anywhere who call Ponte Vedra UMC their church home. Nothing to bring but yourself and a friend or two. We will meet at the ministry house at 76 S Roscoe Blvd. We look forward to seeing you!

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## *Yoga Classes*

Yoga exercise classes will resume Saturday, January 12 at 4:00pm.

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## *Children's Ministry Coordinator to Begin This Month!*

We look forward to welcoming **Lynn Straughan** ([lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org](mailto:lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org)) as our part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator this month. Lynn has excellent volunteer experience in the church, PTO and in other settings and is blessed with a positively effervescent personality. Lynn will be planning programming, choosing curriculum, and recruiting and coordinating volunteers to work with children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Lynn is married to Matt and they have a daughter Caroline, all of whom we welcome to our church family.



## Spotlight on Volunteers

Worshippers attending the Contemporary Service are often cheerfully greeted by Sheryl Strickland. She's a regular greeter/usher who will also fill in on the "other" Sundays when needed! She's been greeting/ushering for 3-4 years, but has lost track of how long it's really been! Time flies when you're having fun, I guess! Sheryl, and her husband, Danny, recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary! They are both Auburn fans (to let you know where they are from...!) Danny does the cooking at their house with Sheryl assisting. They both also enjoy working out in their yard in the planting and maintaining of plants and flowers. PVUMC is blessed to have this dedicated volunteer among us!

## Congratulations!

...to member Brenna Stanley White who graduated with a Master's Degree in Nursing on December 14. Brenna looks forward to working in a private practice in Jacksonville and will soon become certified to deliver babies as a midwife. Parents Max & Sue Stanley are understandably proud... Way to go, Brenna!

## Job or Ministry?

Some people have a job in the church.  
Others involve themselves in ministry.

*What's the difference?*

If you do it just because no one else will...it's a job!  
If you do it to serve God...it's a ministry!

If you quit because someone criticized you...it's a job!  
If you kept on serving in spite of criticism...it's a ministry!

If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other things...it's a job!  
If you're committed to staying with it, even when it means letting other things go...it's a ministry!

If you quit because no one ever praised or thanked you...it's a job!  
If you stay even though no one notices your efforts...it's a ministry!

If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done...it's a job!  
If you do it because you sensed God saying it needs to be done...it's a ministry!

It's hard to get excited about a job.  
It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry!

An average church is filled with people doing jobs!  
A great and growing church is filled with people involved in ministry!

*A Note From  
Pastor Jeff.*

Ah, the end of the old year and the beginning of the new. I like to count the blessings of the year past. (Even if 2007 has held sorrow for you I hope you'll be able to recount several joys as well.) We remember our past but we are a forward looking people, moving confidently into the future. We know that the God who has brought us to this point will be faithful to carry us forward.

What might 2008 hold? Breaking ground at 76 S. Roscoe Blvd. Growth in all our ministries, especially among children and youth. New opportunities to love our neighbors. People of all ages and stages joining us in our mission of *connecting the unconnected*. The kingdom of God breaking into our world through us.

It's going to be a great new year. I look forward to living into it with you, that part of the body of Christ we call Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church.

– Pastor Jeff



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