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June, a Great Month for Giving!



Groceries for B.E.A.M.

We're offering you two special opportunities to give this month. On Sunday, June 8th we'll be receiving groceries at Ocean Palms for BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry). (Read more about BEAM on p. 2.)

Donate Blood

On the 15th the Blood Mobile will be parked in front of Ocean Palms for those willing and able to give the gift of life. (See p. 4 inside for details.)



Our church has been responded wonderfully in the past to both BEAM and the blood bank. God bless you for remembering those in need by these very tangible and personal expressions of generosity.

Upcoming Messages

- Genuine vs. Counterfeit Christians message series -

June 1 "Obedience, Not Disobedience" (1 John 2:3-6)

June 8 "Love, Hate" (1 John 3:11-18)

June 15 "Who Is Jesus to You?" (1 John 4:1-6)

June 22 "No Fear" (1 John 4:16b - 19)

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June 29 "Realizing Your Dreams" (Genesis 28:10-22) *The Reverend Jimmy Jones,*

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist Church

He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Missions Corner

BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) is an independent, nonprofit, ecumenical service center dedicated to providing short-term social services for residents of the Beaches. BEAM seeks to provide social outreach to help people through periods of financial crisis with the goal of assisting them to become functional, economically productive, self-reliant, and fulfilled in their lives.

We will be handing out BEAM grocery bags at worship on June 1st and will be collecting the pantry items for BEAM on June 8th. Thank you for your participation in this wonderful outreach opportunity!

La Sierra, Cuba Update

PVUMC's La Sierra small group coordinates our relationship with our sister church in Cuba, La Sierra Methodist Church. After receiving an email with a list of needed items from Pastor Damian, Loree Reed arranged for a 6 pound package to be hand-delivered to Cuba in January. Dr. Richard Neal, our District Superintendent, took our package to Havana where he attended a District meeting.

Just this week, Loree and Ellen Carson put together another package (which included fabric & sewing materials, seminary textbooks, letters, and DVDs), and arranged delivery to Havana of most of the items by a Jacksonville Methodist group traveling to Cuba on a District mission.

If you would like to participate in our La Sierra small group, or are interested in traveling to La Sierra next year, contact George Reed at 285-8796. Please add Pastor Damian and our brothers and sisters at La Sierra to your prayers!

Thank You

Pastor Jeff, Traveling Tuesday Group and my PVUMC fellow worshipers,

My deep appreciation to you for your prayers visits, calls, cards, and gifts you bestowed upon me during my hospitalization and confinement at home. It helps to know that Christian people care. God bless you.

Love,
Jean Glover

A Word from Wesley

Nay, remember, there can be no little sin, till we can find a little God!

– *Works II, 383.*

“Building on Faith” Campaign Followup
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

Phase I project need: \$ 2.7 to 3 million
Building on Faith Goal: \$ 1.3 million
 Amount pledged: \$ 1,538,034
 Number of pledges: 92
 Received against pledges: \$ 373,541

Additional income to the building fund:

Non-pledged gifts: \$ 11,381
 From the general budget: \$ 20,834
 Interest income: \$ 635

 Project expenses to date: \$ 125,748
 Building fund balance: \$ 336,709

Here’s how things stand regarding the project itself. The architect is reviewing comments received from the St. Johns Water Management District regarding our site permit application. The county is in the 30-day review period for our site permit application. The architect intends to submit building plans to the county the first week of June. Preliminary pricing is underway; a final contract price is expected by the end of June.

The Trustees will review the proposals of four lenders at their June 5 meeting. We continue to move toward a fall groundbreaking. Construction is anticipated to require 12 months once underway. The Trustees are in conversation regarding the rental of nearby property to host office and midweek ministry functions during construction.

Your continued prayers for the many parties involved in this work are appreciated, as is your generous giving toward this project through our Building on Faith campaign.

- Your Followup Director Team: Jim Wynn, Jon & Sherri Hatfield

May 2008 Giving & Attendance



Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital
5/4	105	85	\$ 12,293	\$ 3,477
5/11	88	66	\$ 8,913	\$ 1,041
5/18	129	75	\$ 7,606	\$ 2,990
5/25	80	104	\$ 7,037	\$ 1,461

<u>Designated Totals</u>
Building Fund \$ 336,709
Enhancement Fund \$ 966
Memorials \$ 5,678

Needed Weekly 2008 \$ 10,100

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

Money Matters

An occasional column on things financial

Here are some nuggets of wisdom from the book of Proverbs that relate to industriousness, budgeting, saving and investing.

Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise. Without having any chief or officer or ruler, it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest. How long will you lie there, O lazybones? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want, like an armed warrior. - Proverbs 6:6-11

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want. - Proverbs 21:5

The clever see danger and hide; but the simple go on, and suffer for it. - Proverbs 22:3

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. - Proverbs 24:3-4

Like a city breached, without walls, is one who lacks self-control. - Proverbs 25:28

The clever see danger and hide; but the simple go on, and suffer for it. - Proverbs 27:12

Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds; for riches do not last forever, nor a crown for all generations. - Proverbs 27:23-24



Mark your calendars, June 15th for the Ponte Vedra United Methodist

Church's next blood drive. Share life by donating blood. You can save up to three 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. The bloodmobile will be located in the bus lane in front of the Ocean Palms Elementary School from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Don Carson will be signing up donors after each service at the back of the worship space every Sunday (starting

June 8th) until the day of the blood drive. If you miss Don, call 280-2893 to schedule an appointment.



Blood Drive

Eldridge - Schroter Snack Down

That's *snack down*, not *smack down*. This is, after all, the UMC, not the WWF (World Wrestling Federation). In the ring each Sunday morning these past four years has been, in the beverage corner, Dod & Colleen Schroter. In the snack corner we have Dick & Lolo Eldridge. At 8:15 the bell rings and these two couples square off to offer us the finest of fare as we fellowship before and between worship services.



After four years of service are these two couples down for the count? By no means! They'd simply like to take a break now and again. You can tag team with the Schroters or the Eldridges to bless our church with beverages or snacks. They will coach you. And don't worry, the only punch is the kind you drink from a glass. While you may knock down an extra cookie now and again, it won't hurt.

Contact Dick & Lolo (223-4455) or Dod & Colleen (285-3818) to sign on today!



United Methodist Women

THIS SUMMER: UMW joins ranks with our YOUTH to raise funds for projects. See collaborative article in this issue of *The Wave* on page 8.

JUNE: All women are invited to visit Children's Home Society of Florida in San Marco on our next meeting date, June 21st. Christ UMC United Methodist Women will be joining us. We will meet at, and carpool from, European Street Cafe (992 Beach Boulevard, Jax Beach), departing at 9:30am. We have received permission to leave our cars there and upon our return (11:30) we will stay for lunch. Please contact Jane Ellis, 273-0094, to

- (1) visit Children's Home Society,
- (2) reserve your seat for lunch, and/or
- (3) offer to drive.

AUGUST: Plans for our August 16th meeting are tentative. However a speaker from Church World Services is invited to make a presentation. More later.



Collection for Operation Shoebox items is on the first Sunday of each month.



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

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm



Parents: Registration forms for Power Lab, this year's Vacation Bible School, are now available at the church office, Sunday morning worship and online (www.pv-umc.org). We are excitedly preparing to come alongside your children in "Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power." July 13 - 17, 9am to noon at Ocean Palms Elementary.

Adults & Youth: Have an interest in science? Want to work in a laboratory? Or simply love Jesus? We Need YOU! Join us at Power Lab where we will discover the power of Jesus. The Lab will be open Sunday, July 13 through Thursday, July 17 from 9 to noon at Ocean Palms Elementary School.

We need helpers in all areas - even if you can't commit to helping the week of Vacation Bible School, there are many things you can do to help us prepare for a great week. Volunteers needed during VBS week include:

- ◆ Lab Crew Leaders
- ◆ Test Tube Treats Snack co-leader
- ◆ Wacky Works Crafts Leader
- ◆ Hyperspeed Games Leader

Volunteers needed prior to Vacation Bible School week include:

- ◆ Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9:30-12:30 at Beach UMC: Help paint and prepare sets to be shared by Beach and PVUMC.
- ◆ Friday, July 11: Pick up sets from Beach UMC and deliver to 76 S. Roscoe.
- ◆ Sunday, July 13, 7:30am: Move sets from 76 to Ocean Palms to set up for VBS.

We're also looking for some items to help us with our stories and experiments during Power Lab. If you have any of these things, please contact Jill Bennett at 285-2134 or jill.bennett@pv-umc.org:

brown cardboard boxes ◆ artificial plants ◆ plastic ferns ◆ yellow Caution tape ◆ large blue tarp
bowling balls 8 lbs ◆ 13+ lbs ◆ aquarium (empty!) ◆ blue bedsheet

Our costs have risen drastically with the need to rent space at Ocean Palms this year. We're seeking donations to help cover the cost of music CD's, snacks, and craft supplies. Our goal is to continue to provide Vacation Bible School at no charge.

Look for the Power Lab table beginning Sunday, June 1 to find out how you can help! Job descriptions will be posted along with beakers and test tubes indicating ways in which you can contribute.

It's going to be a great week of VBS!

C.I.A. (Children In Action)



Children In Action (C.I.A.) will have an end of the year party at the Sawmill Lakes pool on Wednesday, June 4 from 3:30 - 5:00pm. All kids who have participated in C.I.A. this past year are invited to join us for an afternoon of great fun. We will resume meeting in September.

Favorite Hymns to be Sung All Summer Long!

We will again sing your favorite hymns during the months of June, July, and August. If you would please give me a list on Sunday, email them to me (diane.wright@pv-umc.org), turn them into the office, or however you want to get them to me, I would appreciate it. We will sing as many as we can. I look forward to hearing from you.

Diane Wright
Minister of Music - Traditional

Youth Sunday Thanks

This years Youth Sunday was a great success. I would like to thank all of the youth who participated and did such an outstanding job, not only with the music and drama, but also with ushering, announcements and set up/take down. I would also like to thank the adults who have worked with the youth in YCAM as well as the Sunday night youth. YCAM will be taking a break starting June 25th and will resume on July 23rd. Many of the youth will be participating in a number of different activities this summer such as, the Creation festival, the Senior High mission trip to San Francisco, and Vacation Bible School which starts Sunday, July 13. We still need some youth volunteers for VBS! Once again, thanks to all the youth for making this year's Youth Sunday such a special worship event. I'm already looking forward to next year.

- Scott Tinsley

United Methodist Women and the  *(youth ministry)*
are Coming Together for a Fundraiser!

Below you will see a list of goods or services that are up for sale by either the UMW or the youth participating in the summer mission trips. If you are bidding on a youth item, contact Kelly (kelly.minter@pv-umc.org or 280-5141) and she will give you the appropriate student's contact information. Or, if you want to buy a UMW item, contact Jane Ellis (273-0094).

Our goods and services sale will run through August 8, so make sure you buy quickly! Also, YOU set the price you pay! We greatly appreciate any donation! Thank you for your support, and we pray these will be a blessing to you!

Youth Items

Services or goods available from the youth (all proceeds will go towards the summer mission trips). Items are listed according to the amount available. All items are on a first come-first serve basis!

- 1 evening of babysitting by Leigh Morris
- 1 batch of WORLD FAMOUS sugar cookies, made by Eric Morris
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- 4 hours of babysitting by Kari Davidson
- 4 hours of non-mowing yard work by Tyler Davidson
- 1 dozen Brownies made by Lisa Hancock
- 4 hours of anything BUT yard work by Joe Boehner
- 4 hours of anything BUT yard work by Laura Boehner
- 4 hours of yard work by Ben Hancock
- 1 dozen brownies made by Graham Hancock
- 1 dozen brownies made by Graham Hancock

Youth Items...continued

- 1 dozen brownies made by Graham Hancock
- 1 WORLD FAMOUS Grandma's Recipe Chocolate Chip Cake made by Kelly Minter
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- 1 batch of dirt made by Kelly Minter (complete with flower pot and flower!)
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United Methodist Women Items

All items are homemade and available while supplies last!

- 5-flavor pound cake
- sour cream pound cake
- pineapple surprise cake
- carrot cake
- decorative betta fishbowl
- 4 one hour office assistance
- 1/2-hour tutoring for pre-school through 8th grade
- 4 one hour local errands
- 3 dozen chocolate chip cookies
- 4 one-half hour local chauffeur service





Round of Applause: For all of the students involved in Youth Sunday! Thank you for blessing our church family! For everyone who attended Youth Sunday! Thank you for allowing the students to lead worship, and for all of your support! To Scott Tinsley, for all of his hard work putting Youth Sunday together! You are such a blessing to the student ministry, Scott!

Upcoming Events:

Middle School Game Day Saturday, June 7, 10am-12pm...For middle school students and their friends only! Bring your friends and your favorite game!

Beach Day! Thursday, June 12, 11am-4pm...we will be on the beach at Mickler's Landing! Come when you can, leave when you must. (if you come after 11, we will be on the beach, so call Kelly to find out where! 407.694.2167)

Lock-in Friday, June 13-Saturday, June 14...This Lock-in is for all grades!!! Our middle school and high school will compete against one another. The age level group that brings the most friends to our lock-in will win a party at Pump It Up in Jacksonville! Go to our website to download flyers and pass them out to your friends!

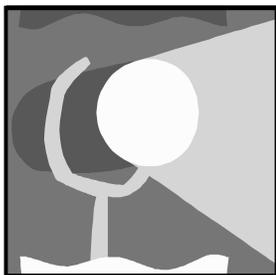
Service Opportunities:

In our ministry, we recognize the importance of doing outreach work. This summer, we are implementing service opportunities. Come to one, a few, or all of them! Be on the lookout for more opportunities!

- ◆ Dignity-U-Wear, June 17. Dignity-U-Wear is an organization that gets clothing from retailers and distributes them to 300 low cost retailers and ministries across 30 states. From 12:30-4pm we will be helping to sort, pack, and ship clothing.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School, July 13-17. PVUMC's annual VBS week is a ton of fun! Sign up with Jill Bennett for an activity, a classroom, or just to be a general helper for the week!
- ◆ Wii Party at the Senior Center, July 24. We will bring the Wii, and the SR Center is bringing the party! 10am-12pm!

☺ **Pastor Jeff Bobbleheads!** ☺

We are currently taking pre orders for our Pastor Jeff Bobbleheads! This is not a joke, we really have ordered bobble heads of our fantastic pastor (he is being a very good sport). They will be \$15 each if you preorder, or \$20 each if you wait until the shipment. All proceeds go to the summer mission trips!



Spotlight on Volunteers

HELP WANTED

Tired of the same old boring job? Are you swimming upstream with no future or opportunities for advancement? Come and join our exciting team and experience the joy of singing praises to the Lord.

Applicants should have a joyful spirit and good sense of humor and be available for a 3-hour work week (Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30pm and Sundays 10:30am - 12pm). Experience is helpful, but not necessary; we will train. If you can carry a tune in a bucket, we will supply the bucket. We need all types and ages, particularly deeper voices and will be accepting applicants at any time.

We offer a complete benefit package which includes love, joy, fellowship, fun, refreshments sometimes, and a retirement plan that is out of this world! Come and make a joyful noise with the Traditional Choir. Apply in person on Thursday evenings at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church, 76 South Roscoe Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach, or speak with one of our choir members for more information.

Don't miss this opportunity for the best job you'll ever love!

P.S. Worship at 9:30am? Check out the Praise Choir (Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30pm and Sundays 9:00 - 10:30am). Similar benefits apply!



Traveling Tuesdays Small Study Group

Our small group will be taking the summer off. Hope everyone has safe travels and plan on joining us again in the fall. Contact Dotty Rashba (273-0527) regarding any questions.

*A Note From
Pastor Jeff:*

In honor of Father's Day and in the style of Jeff Foxworthy...

You know you're Dad to small children if...

- ... it takes twice as long to complete a fix-it job with your kids' help than without.
- ... you can't stand at your garage workbench because of the little kid vehicles parked there.
- ... you're the "go to guy" for every toy that malfunctions.
- ... you can't watch the Indy 500 without multiple kids in your lap pretending to drive it.
- ... you regularly catch bugs, frogs, toads and lizards for your kids to hold or observe in the applesauce jar with the lid you poked holes in.
- ... "wrestle me," "carry me," and "pick me up," are the most common requests you hear.
- ... you find yourself using a pink "Dora the Explorer" towel at the pool and you're not embarrassed.

Learning to savor this time with my kids,
Abby, Sophie & Spencer's dad



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