

# THE WAVE



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## New Series Begun July 27

On July 27 we began a five week series focusing on core practices that are becoming known as “The Methodist Way.” There is nothing uniquely United Methodist about the practices referred to as “The Methodist Way.” They have their roots firmly in Scripture. They clearly were practiced well when the Methodist movement swept across England and America. But these practices are also practiced well when any congregation lives up to their Kingdom potential, making disciples for a transformed world.

What “The Methodist Way” does is assist United Methodists in being very clear about the specific behaviors, activities and practices which are essential to disciple making. These five core discipling practices move us from abstract intentions to practical and personal directions for ministry.

Cultivating a congregation of passionate worshipers.

Extending radical hospitality to our community and the next generation.

Forming persons in Christ through deep and intentional discipling.

Sending out into the community disciples as salty servants.

Pouring ourselves out in extravagant generosity.



## Upcoming Messages

July 27 **Passionate Worship** (Psalm 100)

August 3 **Radical Hospitality** (1 Corinthians 5:18-20, Matthew 25:40)

August 10 **Intentional Discipling** (Matthew 28:18-20)

August 17 **Salty Service** (Matthew 5:13, 20:26-28)

August 24 **Extravagant Generosity** (Luke 16:1-13)

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### OUR MISSION:

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



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Church

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will make straight your paths. It will be healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

Proverbs 3:5,6,8

## Missions Corner



Our Vacation Bible School children and their families took the lead in missions giving this month. We collected school supplies for B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) and Costa Rica (Faithful Servant Ministries); also rain gear for Costa Rica. An incredible amount was given, including

91 pairs of flip flops

5 rain jackets

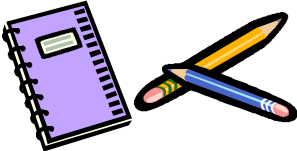
3 backpacks

and large quantities of

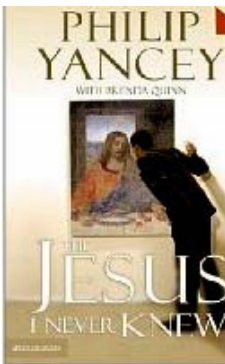


notebooks, crayons, markers, pencils, glue sticks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, rulers, protractors, scissors.

On behalf of those who will receive these items, thank you!



## Fall Study Announced: "The Jesus I Never Knew"



"The Jesus I Never Knew" was written by Philip Yancey 12 years ago, yet it remains a popular book. What's it about? Writes one reviewer, "God has spoken to us, Yancey reminds readers, in Jesus – God's Word to humankind. But who is Jesus? The reassuring Mister Rogers figure we may remember from Sunday School? The bearded radical popular in the sixties? A bigger-than-life magician who knows a lot more about heaven than about earth? In writing this book Yancey set himself a goal: to imagine himself a journalist early in the first century, and to follow Jesus through the Gospel stories as if at the edge of the

crowd."

–LaVonne Neff

*You supply the popcorn...*

A new six-session video resource for small groups can help us experience the Jesus we may never have known. Excerpts from motion pictures are used to compare well-and little-known film portraits of Jesus with the Jesus of the Bible.

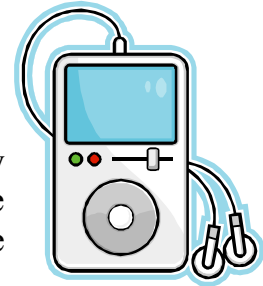
## A Word from Wesley

Listen to the Sunday messages, read the book, participate in a

Look up, and receive a fresh supply of Grace!

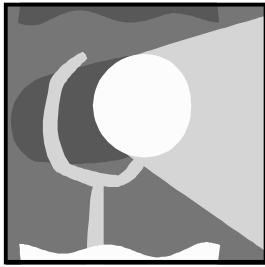
– Letters, VI, 21.

## Weekly Messages Now Available as a Podcast



For some time you've been able to listen to weekly messages you may have missed online at our website, [www.pv-umc.org](http://www.pv-umc.org). The messages are now also available as a podcast, giving you the option to select a message or automatically have them downloaded to your iPod or other mp3 player.

Instructions may be found at [www.pv-umc.org](http://www.pv-umc.org). The healing service message of July 20 is available, as is the first in the present message series. (Also a couple of Pastor Jeff's favorites from the past year!)



## Spotlight on Volunteers

Rita Andreu	Suzanne Joyner	Taylor Pyle
Dave Branham	June Koch	Devon Snyder
Jeff Bennett	Yolie Macon	Lynn Straughan
Jill Bennett	Deana Marvel	Bev Schafffield
Louise Carpenter	John McEvoy	Dori Schafffield
Lori Dade	Kelly Minter	Lauren Senecal
Allison Evans	Phyllis Monie	Ryan Tinsley
Ben Hancock	Alice Morris	Scott Tinsley
Kyle Hancock	Bruce Morris	Robyn Walters
Reid Johnson	Michelle Morris	Norma Webster
John Joyner	Matt Pyle	Janis Wetmore

What do these people have in common? They all helped to make Power Labs VBS happen at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church! It was a huge success and a great outreach to our community. We had a lot of fun learning about the power Jesus gives us – Eureka! We heard wonderful stories, ate yummy snacks, played fun games, and learned songs that we will remember for the rest of our lives. Special thanks to “Professor Jill” for putting it all together and coordinating all the volunteers – she is AMAZING! We can't wait until next year!

## *"Building on Faith" Campaign Followup*

The good news is that, as the numbers show (see page 5), you have been so very faithful in your giving. The challenging news is that the cost of the building project is coming in much higher than the anticipated \$3 million.

As reported last month that there was a July 1 contract pricing meeting with the architect and contractor. On July 17 a follow-on meeting was held.

The building project consists of

- hard costs which consists of the construction contract price
  - and soft costs which include
    - construction loan interest
    - builder's risk / liability insurance
    - assorted fees
    - furnishings, fixtures and equipment

Soft costs are anticipated at \$300,000 to \$400,000. Hard cost (contract price) is presently at \$3.4 million though subcontractor bids are still being received by the general contractor. The Trustees are seeking to trim costs wherever possible while keeping intact the design strongly supported by the church.

The total price is likely to be between \$3.5 million and \$3.8 million, which is between 17% and 27% beyond the anticipated \$3 million price. Why the increase?

- Site work had been expected to cost \$500,000. Low bid to date is \$650,000.
- Structural steel cost is \$160,000. The building as designed requires much more steel than originally anticipated due to the bell tower feature and provision for a balcony in a future phase.
- Local utilities do not provide ample water supply & pressure for fire protection. Fire pump system cost is \$100,000.

These increases alone come to \$400,000 of the overage.

While the Trustees could put the project out to bid at this point we are choosing to remain with Ronald Scalisi Architects and E.C. Kenyon Construction Company.

## "Building on Faith" Campaign Followup...continued

Permits by St Johns River Water Management, the Health Department and the site permit by St Johns County should be in hand by the time you read this. The building permit was successfully pre-reviewed; that permit could come as early as mid-August.

We continue to be on track for a fall groundbreaking.

Thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for your church as together we are *Building on Faith*.

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



Building  
on Faith

## "Building on Faith" Campaign Followup CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

### Building on Faith Recap

Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date	\$1,534,434
Pledges received to date	\$ 385,751
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 14,916
General budget receipts	\$ 25,000
Interest income	\$ 1,792
Total received to date	\$ 427,459

### General Fund Recap June 2008

Tithes & Offerings	\$43,497
Budgeted expenses	\$36,750
Net income/(deficit)	\$ 6,747

### Building Fund Recap As of July 2008

Income	\$ 8,605
Expenditures	\$ 1,000
Balance	\$310,076

## July 2008 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
7/06	88	81	\$ 8,123	\$1,960	\$147
7/13	83	103	\$10,374	\$2,700	\$371
7/20	81	93	\$8,162	\$1,380	\$40
7/27	71	66	\$5,880	\$2,565	\$40

<u>Designated Totals</u>
Building Fund \$ 310,076
Enhancement Fund \$ 966
Memorials \$ 5,693

Needed Weekly 2008 \$ 10,100
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The church office  
is open  
Tuesday — Friday  
from  
10am—2pm.



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

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

Kindergarten through 5th Grade  
Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm

### **YCAM**

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

### **Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

### **Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

## *C.I.A. Takes a Break*

Children In Action (C.I.A.) Is taking a break from their weekly Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm activities. Not to worry; this popular program will return September 3! Hope you can join us for the pool party on August 6. (See below.)

## *We Need Your Help!*

Kingdom Kids is always looking for volunteers. Now more than ever as we are looking to expand and offer a program to our 3 and 4 year olds. We hope to begin this program in the very near future. If you can volunteer one worship service a month to this wonderful ministry please call Lynn Straughan @ 904-806-4508.

## *Kids Come Out and Join Us for Some Summer Fun!*



Mark your calendar for Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30am for our August Pool Party at the community pool at the Fairfield Ponte Vedra subdivision. We will be splashing in the sun and we want everyone to join us. For more information and directions please call Lynn Straughan @ 904-806-4508.

## *YCAM Back in Action*

Youth Creative Arts Ministry (YCAM) has resumed their Wednesday gatherings, 6:30 - 8:00pm.



## Round of Applause:

For Ben, Dori, Reid, Caroline, Erica, Meghan, Taylor, and Matt, and all the other students who helped out with Power Lab VBS!!!

For the senior highers who went on the San Fran mission trip...thank God for their willingness to serve!

Yolie Macon and Allison Evans, who gave their free time to help lead the San Fran mission trip!

## Upcoming Events:

### **Middle School Mission Trip:** July

27- August 1. Pray for our middle schoolers as they travel for service!

**Tubing on the Ichetucknee River:** August 14. We will meet at the church at 9am and return by 6pm. Bring \$10 in cash, plus money for lunch OR you can pack a lunch.

**Rock the Universe:** September 5-7. Join us for a weekend Christian concert series at Universal Orlando, and invite your friends! We will meet at the church at 4:30pm and leave for Orlando for the weekend! \$90/person for the weekend, which includes housing, most food, and admission into both parks (Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure) Friday-Sunday. We have 20 tickets, and they are available on a first come, first serve basis. \$35 deposit (non refundable) reserves your spot! This is a great outreach event, so invite your friends...after all, who doesn't want to spend three days at Universal Orlando for that price? 😊

**Back to School Bash:** September 14. Families and friends of our students are invited out to our back to school party! Food, fun, and plans for the fall! This will also be a chance to make some decisions about summer 2009, so MAKE SURE you bring your parents, your friends, and your friend's parents to enjoy the food, games, bouncy fun, and planning!

**District Youth Rally at Murray Hill:** September 21. We will be traveling to the Murray Hill Theatre for an evening of fun with other United Methodist Youth Groups! We will meet at the church at 4:30pm and return by 8:30pm.



## United Methodist Women News



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

**Dolly Dyer** is a Church World Service associate who is privileged to share its ecumenical mission of alleviating hunger and poverty and promoting peace and justice around the world.

**“Giving Children Hope”** is a program of compassion and empowerment for more than 30,000 children in East Africa who have been orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Church World Service has developed an innovative program which gives hope to these children who need it most ...protecting their rights, providing support, empowering them with skills to manage their own well-being and successfully support their families, to participate in the social and economic development of their communities, and to begin living their dreams.

Please join us Saturday, September 20 at 10am at Christ United Methodist Church located at 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach to hear this dynamic speaker. All ladies are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. For more information contact Jane Ellis at 273-0094.



The first Sunday of each month is collection Sunday for Operation Shoebox donations. The receptacle is located in the back of the worship space.



## Thank You So Much

We wish to thank our church family for all the prayer, greeting cards, and meals you bring to us. Your kindness means more to us than you will ever know. We appreciate each and every one of you so much.

Art and Libby Denning



## *Disciple I, Disciple IV To Be Offered*

DISCIPLE I - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

*To begin meeting in early September.*

*Interested? Contact the office (280-5141) with day-of-week and time-of-day you're available*

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.

## *Disciple IV—under the Tree of Life*

*To begin meeting in early September.*

*Interested? Contact the office (280-5141) with day-of-week and time-of-day you're available*

Leader: Jerry Sanders

Prerequisite: DISCIPLE I

The word “under” in the title is meant to convey a welcoming invitation to shelter, security, and rest in God's love. Come and rest in the words of John, The Writings, and Revelation while we study the mystery and wonder these books have to offer. 32 weeks.

## *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 1) at 11:00am to 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 who goes out. Interested? Please contact Bev Schaffield (221-7262) to let us know you'll help.

P.S. We had a great time doing this last year. We finished in about an hour, leaving plenty of time to barbecue with family and friends!

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff.*

It is Friday, July 25 as I write this. I received sad news today. A man whom I've never met but have come to think highly of died today. Randy Pausch was his name; you may recall me mentioning him during our *Live Like You Were Dying* message series. He wrote the best selling book "The Last Lecture," based on a lecture he gave last September at Carnegie Mellon University where he taught. His story grabbed my attention because we are the same age, we each have three children of the same age, and the university at which he taught is my alma mater.

As Christians we often think of our life to come: an eternity in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is good. It is, after all, a certain future for we who find our salvation in Jesus. What that means for today is that we really are free to live life passionately. Being loved by God the way we are, we needn't worry about our life or our death. Even though he'd been diagnosed with terminal cancer, Randy didn't focus on dying. He focused on *living*, just as he had prior to being diagnosed.

Randy was invited back to Pittsburgh in May to give the charge to graduates at the end of commencement. He'd lived months beyond his prognosis and someone commented, "Wow, so you're really beating the grim reaper." Replied Randy, "We don't beat the reaper by living longer. We beat the reaper by living well and living fully. For the reaper will come for all of us. The question is, what do we do between the time we're born and the time he shows up? 'Cause when he shows up it's too late to do all the things that you were always kind of gonna get around to."

I confess that I'm still learning to live what is most important, to walk the talk I so often talk. Randy's story reminds me that it's a lesson worth learning.

– Pastor Jeff



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