

THE WAVE



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More fun than human beings should be allowed to have, it's...

The 2009 Variety Show



A perennial favorite, this year's show will feature acts that have never been seen before (and in the case of some, will never be seen again!). From the silly to the sublime, there promises to be something for everyone. Got a talent? Share it!

Our booking agent Scott Tinsley (280-5141, scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org) is waiting to hear from you.

It all happens Friday April 17 at 7:00pm at Ocean Palms Elementary. Tickets will soon be available for the bargain price of \$8 (two for \$16) or your entire family can attend for an Andy Jackson. (That's a twenty, by the way.) Proceeds to benefit the youth on their summer mission trips.



The Flamingos Have Escaped



Squawk! You can hear them already... the dreaded flamingos, soon to be flocking in Ponte Vedra Beach. Must we suffer this migratory mayhem? Is it possible to avoid these perilous pink birds? Thankfully our youth stand ready to help. They will be available March 7 to remove the birds for a small fee. Also, it is possible to insure against this threat. Sales of insurance (\$25) continue Sunday at the rear of the cafeteria or you may contact youth minister Kelly Minter (kelly.minter@pv-umc.org). Details appear within this edition of *The Wave*. Proceeds go toward the summer youth mission trips to New York City and Tampa Bay.

Upcoming Messages

March 1 **Help:** "Oh, Blessed be GOD! He Didn't Go Off & Leave Us" (Psalm 124)

March 8 **Joy:** "We Laughed, We Sang" (Psalm 126)

March 15 **Perseverance:** "They Never Could Keep Me Down" (Psalm 129)

March 22 **Hope:** "I Pray to GOD . . . and Wait for What He'll Say & Do" (Psalm 130)

March 29 **Obedience:** "How He Promised GOD" (Psalm 132)

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OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist Church

Missions Corner

February 21 Yard Cleaning

Thanks to each of you who helped clean Cathy's yard in Atlantic Beach. Serving that day were **Dave & Carolyn Schussler, Ron Owen, Susan Merrill, Phil, Georgia, Austen, Catee and Lexie de Roziere, Danny Booth, Steve Boehner, and Jeff, Jill, Abby, Spencer & Sophie Bennett.** A special word of appreciation to **Carolyn Schussler** who led the team and **John McEvoy** who assisted her in scoping out the work. Thanks too to **Sheryl Strickland**, for arranging this opportunity with **Hart Felt Ministries**. Well done, one and all!

Blood Drive



It's that time again. Please join us on Sunday, March 22nd from 9:30am to 12:30 p.m. Contact **Don Carson** at 280-2893 to make an appointment. Don will also be available after each service at the rear of the worship area to sign up donors. Walk-ins are also gladly accepted. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood every 56 days. We are currently in the 56 day window for our next drive, so please don't give blood between now and March 22. There is no upper age limit to donate, as long as your doctor says it is okay. Please help. Remember, One donation can save up to three lives. Please bring a photo ID.



March 8

A Word from Wesley

When we are born again, then our sanctification, our inward and outward holiness begins. And thenceforward we are gradually to "grow up in him who is our head."

– Works II, 198.

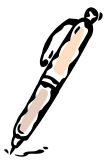
Welcome New Members



On February 21 we were pleased to receive into membership **Pat Durkin, Bill & Charlene Morgan, Hugh Nicol, Bob & Marty Spooner** and **Debbie White**. Standing with Hugh Nicol was his wife **Sally**, a part of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Standing with Debbie White was her daughter **Kelsey**, who is participating in our youth confirmation class.

Somehow we missed sharing with you the joy of those received on Sunday, November 16. That day we welcomed **Jenny Howard, Vance LeClair & Collette Wright** and **Phil, Georgia and Austen de Roziere**. Standing with the de Rozieres were the two youngest members of the family, **Catee and Lexie**.

Wanted: E-Prayer With A Pen



Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church has some great prayers participating in our e-prayer ministry. We are looking for an individual or two that would be willing to send a pre-printed note to people on our prayer list letting them know that people at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church are praying for them and their specific need. The note paper and postage would be provided. If you are interested in this special ministry, please contact Cecily Browning at 285-2648. If you are not currently an e-prayer and would like to be, please call our church secretary, Susan Bowler 280-5141 or e-mail her at susan.bowler@pv-umc.org so you can be added.

Save These Dates for Your Kids

Our **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Sunday, April 5 at 4:00pm at Accotink Academy by the Sea, 171 Canal Blvd.

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 29 – Thursday, July 2 from 9:00am to noon at Accotink. Kids will also want to be in church for first-day VBS activities June 28!

Our thanks to Accotink Academy by the Sea for allowing us use of their fine facilities for these two events!

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap

Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (94 pledges)	\$1,535,434
Pledges received to date (36%)	\$ 556,289
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 57,597
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 6,165
Total received to date	\$ 653,374

General Fund Recap January 2009

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 37,360
Expenses + Mortgage	\$ 43,069
Net income/(deficit)	\$ (5,709)

Building Fund Recap As of February, 2009

Income	\$ 6,558
Loan Draws	\$209,998
Expenditures	\$214,467
Balance	\$489,056

February 2009 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
2/1	102	98	\$ 8,309	\$ 1,860	\$ 85
2/8	89	87	\$ 11,694	\$ 1,985	\$ 194
2/15	85	71	\$ 8,481	\$ 1,100	\$ 181
2/22	88	85	\$ 8,881	\$ 1,613	\$ 1,055

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 489,056
Enhancement Fund	\$ 966
Memorials	\$ 5,678
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2009	\$ 9,600



Campaign Followup

We are now eleven months into our 36-month capital campaign.

We continue to see progress at the 76 S Roscoe Blvd site. During the month of March we should see the masonry walls completed and structural steel put in place. We continue to anticipate being in the building by Christmas.

We are building on faith, grateful for every dollar given to *The Building Fund* and to the general fund for our week to week operations and missions giving. May God continue to find us faithful in every way.

Please remember in your prayers our general contractor E.C. Kenyon, also Ronald Scalisi Architects and the subcontractors on the site. May God give them wisdom and keep them safe as they build.

Thank you for your prayers and your financial support of this ambitious project.

– Your Followup Director Team: Jim Wynn, Dave & Patricia Branham



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
Palm Valley Community Center
148 Canal Blvd.

YCAM

Grades 6-12
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm
Palm Valley Community Center

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm
Palm Valley Community Center

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm
Palm Valley Community Center

Children's Corner

Kingdom Kids

Sunday School for children in kindergarten - 5th grade meets each Sunday during both the 9:30 and 11:00am services. We continue to grow in number and are currently looking for volunteers to join our team. This is a wonderful way to get to know the kids in our church. Volunteers serve only one Sunday per month. Please contact **Lynn Straughan** at lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org or 806-4508 for more information.

The three and four year old group meets following the 9:30am worship service Children's Time each Sunday. We want to grow these children and are looking for volunteers to read a story to our little ones during this time. Contact **Lynn Straughan**.



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

On February 11 the C.I.A. kids visited Kids Bridge Supervised Visitation Center in St. Augustine to deliver the backpacks they had collected. These backpacks will be given to foster children who come to the center to visit their parents. Our youngsters were treated to a tour and even had the opportunity to play on the playground. Before leaving, the children planted flowers around a big magnolia tree in the parking area – leaving behind a memento of their visit.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade meet from 3:30 to 5:00pm at the Palm Valley Community Center. Need more information? Contact **Lynn Straughan** (806-4508, lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org) or **Jill Bennett** (285-2134, jill.bennett@pv-umc.org).



Media Screen Volunteers Needed





Volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings, both worship services, to run the media screen computer. If you are interested or just want to find out more about it contact **Scott Tinsley** (463-3791) or e-mail scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org. What a great way to serve God and be part of the Sunday morning team.



Round Of Applause



-  For **Sam Casarico**, who became a living example of Jesus during our girl's weekend in Orlando.
-  For **Bo Weems, Ashley Sabol, Tucker Holland, and Dori Schaffield**, our newest youth group counselors!

Upcoming Events:

Our Sunday evening youth group is now meeting at the senior center at 175 Landrum Lane, 5:30-8:00pm.

Pink Flamingo Fundraiser March 7! Find details in THIS newsletter!

Guys only weekend March 20-22. Every year we take a weekend for the guys to get together and be guys! Plans are in the works for this weekend of fun, including possibly camping! We will need at least one father to attend this weekend as a chaperone, so see Kelly if you would like to attend!

Variety/Talent Show Friday, April 17. Come to our annual Variety/Talent Show on Friday night at Ocean Palms Elementary. Do you have a talent or act you'd like to perform? See Scott Tinsley! Proceeds from the show will benefit the youth summer mission trips.

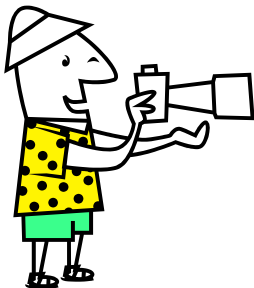


Photo Scavenger Hunt Saturday, April 25. We will gather at 10:00am that Saturday and head out around Ponte Vedra for a day of fun, picture taking, and more fun.

United Methodist Women

All ladies of Ponte Vedra UMC are invited to attend the 10:00am March 21 meeting at the home of Gloria Myers. Her address is: 308 South Mill View Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. (543-9008). Program presenter, Linda Brandt, is a local artist and writer whose topic is ATTITUDE and GRATITUDE!

We are asked to bring a dish of one of your favorite recipes to share with others who will be attending Gloria asks that we call her so she will know how many to expect. Thank you ladies. Look forward to seeing you on March 21st for this special time of fellowship and inspiration.

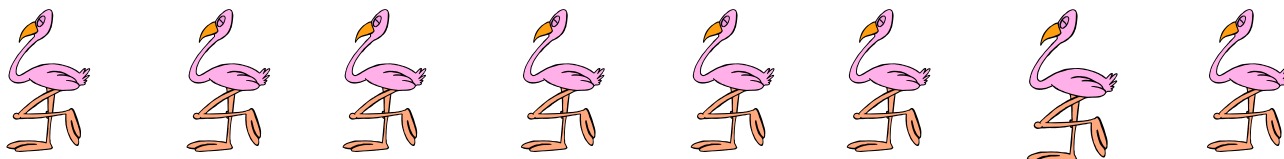
ATTENTION!!!!

The Flamingos have escaped from Busch Gardens! One of the PVUMC students left the cage open during our annual January visit, and now they are migrating toward us! At the current progression, they will be landing in the Ponte Vedra Beach area on Saturday, March 7 between 10AM-3PM. On that day they can land on ANY lawn they want, and they make a MESS!

In order to repent for their blunder, the youth of PVUMC have been taking classes in flamingo removal, and will be willing to help you out (for a small fee!) If, on March 7, your lawn happens to be “flocked” by the flamingos, you can call the flamingo removal hotline, and the youth will come out and remove them immediately (for a fee of \$20). Plus, for an additional \$3, you can choose where the flamingos go next!

Or, you can bypass the potential mess all together and buy flamingo insurance for your house. For just \$25, you can rest safely knowing you will not be bothered by these pink birds.

All proceeds go towards the summer 2009 mission trips to New York City and Tampa Bay, and insurance sales will begin on Sunday, February 15 after the worship services. Or you can buy insurance by emailing kelly.minter@pv-umc.org.



A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Are there people who encourage you? Some folks seem to have the spiritual gift of encouragement. The church I served in Tallahassee had an office volunteer, Harlan Long, who served on Friday afternoons. More times than I can remember, Harlan said to me as I walked by his desk, *You're doing a good job.* I haven't seen Harlan in years but I can still hear those words. In our own church Bill Walters, for as long as I've known him, has had an encouraging word for me week in and week out. And I could name others of you who do the same.

Sometimes encouragement comes from odd places. A couple of weeks ago I'd just finished plunging a toilet at home. My four year old son Spencer had observed the action and was following me as I returned the plunger to its place. Out of the blue he says, "You're a good man, Daddy." I'll never complain about using the plunger again!

An encouraging word makes all the difference as we continue along our pilgrim way. May God bless you to be encouraged in your walk. And, whether you're specially gifted or not, may God bless you to be an encouragement to someone else.

– Pastor Jeff



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