

THE WAVE



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Check Out the New Building and Leave Your Mark

On Sunday, August 30th we'll worship in a **combined 10:30 worship** service at Ocean Palms Elementary School and then drive over to the 76 S Roscoe Blvd site for a light lunch and the opportunity to **check out our new building**. While there we'll gather in the sanctuary for a brief service of prayer and scripture reading. All who wish may write blessings, prayers, etc on the cement floors throughout our time.

Since there'll be no air conditioning, dress accordingly. And bring a lawn chair or other folding chair along to 76 if you like to sit while you eat. (Of course you can always sit on the floor if you like!)

Furnishing Our Facility

Inside this edition of *The Wave* you'll find a list of needed furnishings for our new building. Please make fulfilling your *Building on Faith* pledge your priority (and please don't forget our general budget), but if you'd like to participate in some second mile giving, check out the list! We won't be doing any little plaques but you may enjoy the satisfaction of knowing, "I gave that."

More Children's Bible Stories for Big People

This month we complete our popular summer message series, *Children's Bible Stories for Big People*. Great stories with much to teach us no matter our age.

Upcoming Messages

September 6 *Who's My Neighbor? The Story of the Good Samaritan* (Luke 10:25-37)

September 13 *Large and in Charge: Jesus Calms the Storm* (Mark 4:35-41)

September 20 *TBD*

September 27 Our own youth minister Kelly Minter speaking

OUR MISSION:

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



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Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Psalm 111:2-3

Missions Corner

Thanks to "No Dough Dinner" Preppers and Servers



Our church blessed 200 servicemen and women and/or their families by providing the "no dough dinner" on August 24 at the Mayport USO. Our thanks to **Sue Morris, Everett Parker, Betty Burnham, Randy Bringger, and Davis & Karen Johnson** who prepared the meal early in the day and **Brett & Susan Merrill, Tony & Priscilla Gerardo, Don Carson, Danny Booth, Ann Krawiec, Sherrill Brown** and **Callie Brown** who served. Team leaders were Sue Morris and Brett & Susan Merrill; Sheryl Strickland made the arrangements with the USO. Well done, salty servants!

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 7) at 11:00am to hand out bottled water with the name of our church and the message, "**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, bev.schaffield@pv-umc.org) 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 Word from Wesley

I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

Connect with us on
facebook

On facebook? Join our new group "Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church." You'll find a link on our pv-umc.org website. Click on "Connect with us on facebook" to check it out!

New Member Orientation, Sunday, September 20

Interested in joining Ponte Vedra UMC? Pastor Jeff will be hosting a new member orientation Sunday, September 20 from 3:00 to 5:00pm at our luxurious 56 S Roscoe Blvd church office suite. (Look for the single-wide with the red mailbox out front.) Even if you'd simply like to learn more about us, this time together is for you. Please call the office (280-5141) and let Susan know you're coming.

New Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible Study will begin meeting Thursday mornings at 10:00am starting September 10. Join us as we start a 7-week journey on "Becoming a Woman of Influence: Making a Lasting Impact on Others" by Carol Kent. The theme of the study is how to influence people's lives like Jesus did. We will rotate meeting at homes until our new church facility is complete. The first meeting will be held at the home of **Jill Bennett**. Please call or email Jill at 285-2134 or jill.bennett@pv-umc.org if you are interested in joining this group or learning more.



Inquirers Class

The Inquirers Class will be starting a study on the book titled, *3:16 The Numbers of Hope*, by Max Lucado. Feel free to join us in this discussion about the most famous twenty-six words in the Bible. We will delve into these numbers of hope.

Praying at the Site



A small group has been praying Saturdays at 8:30am at 76 S Roscoe since before construction began. Would you like to join us? Just come! This group's work concludes in just a few months... 8:30 - 9:15am each Saturday. Led by Pastor Jeff.



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. Children In Action

Kindergarten through 5th Grade
 Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm
resumes September 2

YCAM

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

Praise Choir

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

Traditional Choir

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



Kingdom Kids

There's much excitement in the air as we are about to begin our new **Kingdom Kids program** during the 9:30am worship service. Beginning Sunday, September 6 the kids in grades kindergarten through fifth grade will be introduced to a new PowerXpress curriculum. In addition, Kingdom Kids will now have two separate classes formed by grade level. There will be kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade classes at that hour. Each week the children will be introduced to their lesson through a variety of ways such as cooking, art or science. Our 11:00am worship service will continue with the original format having all Kingdom Kids together.

We are in need of volunteers to serve both worship service times. The 9:30a.m. hour would involve a commitment of only three consecutive Sundays for the entire year! The 11:00am hour we are asking for one Sunday per month throughout the year. This is such a great opportunity to get to know the kids in our church. If you are interested please call **Lynn Straughan** at 904-806-4508 or email lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org.

3 & 4 Year Old Class

Join our volunteer team and get to know the young people in our church. We are looking for volunteers to read a Bible story to the children immediately following Children's Time at the 9:30a.m. worship service. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity please call **Lynn Straughan** at 904-806-4508 or send an email to lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org.

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

C.I.A. will resume on Wednesday, September 2, 3:30 - 5:00p.m. at the Palm Valley Community Center. You won't want to miss the start of this exciting new year.

Welcome, Jasmine Ley, to the Nursery

We are proud to welcome **Jasmine Ley** to our nursery staff. She is already popular with the children in her care here and their parents too. For the past four years, Jasmine has been serving children ages birth to five years in a private preschool and large home daycare setting. She holds the Child Development Associate Credential. We're grateful to have you serving among us, Jasmine!

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap

Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (96 pledges)	\$1,534,634
Pledges received to date (44.33%)	\$ 680,305
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 67,938
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 9,212
Total received to date	\$ 790,787

General Fund Recap July 2009

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 28,298
Expenses	\$ 39,012
Mortgage	\$ 1,720
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$ (12,434)

Building Fund Recap as of August 26, 2009

Income	\$ 13,503
Loan Draws	\$179,520
Expenditures	\$142,809
Balance	\$252,278

August 2009 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
8/2	96	69	\$ 11,119	\$ 4,352	\$ 1,114
8/9	82	72	\$ 9,685	\$ 1,575	\$ 382
8/16	87	78	\$ 4,637	\$ 1,781	\$ 796
8/23	85	76	\$ 5,612	\$ 5,795	\$ 246

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 252,278
Enhancement Fund	\$ 680
Memorials	\$ 8,780
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2009	\$ 9,600



Campaign Followup

We are now 17 months into our 36-month capital campaign. We have received **44%** of funds pledged. At 18 months our campaign consultant Cargill Associates tells us we should be at 60%; we'll need to receive an additional \$240,000 against pledges by October 1 to make that interim goal.

The building continues to progress. In early September we expect completion of roofing and stucco and rough in of plumbing, fire sprinkler, mechanical, and electrical. Exterior door installation was delayed due to a loss of parts in shipment to the manufacturer but will be completed early in the month. Drywall is underway. We are optimistic that we will be in by Christmas.

Thanks so much to you have given and are giving, both to the building fund and to the general fund for our week to week operations and missions giving. God is always faithful to us; may we be faithful to him 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

Furnishing Our Facility

26-Aug-09

If you'd like to participate in some second mile giving,
 below are furnishings we'll be purchasing for our building.
 We won't be doing any little plaques but you may like the idea of knowing,
 "I gave that."

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amt Given/ Committed</u>	<u>Still Needed</u>
<i>Sanctuary</i>				
stained glass window 6' x 12'8"	1	\$12,845	0	12,845
stained glass window 1' x 6'2"	2	\$771	1,542	0
stained glass window 1' x 1'	6	\$129	100	673
altar table	1	\$3,288	0	3,288
pulpit / podium	1	\$3,102	0	3,102
baptismal font	1	\$2,796	0	2,796
altar table runner XL	3	\$465	0	1,395
<i>Santuary Audio/Video</i>				
12" speaker	6	\$1,650	3,090	6,810
18" subwoofer	2	\$621	0	1,242
choir mic	4	\$184	0	736
projector	2	\$3,119	0	6,238
motorized screen	2	\$1,015	0	2,029
<i>Playground</i>	1	\$29,000	29,000	0
<i>Nursery</i>				
mini-refrigerator	1	\$165	0	165
microwave oven	1	\$75	0	75
bookcase 4' x 2'	2	\$260	0	520
boom box CD/tape	1	\$50	0	50
area rug	1	\$400	0	400
rocking chair - adult	1	\$65	0	65
swing	1	\$100	0	100
bouncy seat	2	\$30	0	60

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amt Given/ Committed</u>	<u>Still Needed</u>
<i>2's & 3's Room</i>				
mini-refrigerator	1	\$165	0	165
microwave oven	1	\$75	0	75
bookcase 4' x 2'	2	\$210	0	420
boom box CD/tape	1	\$50	0	50
area rug	1	\$400	0	400
tables	2	\$200	0	400
chairs	12	\$23	0	276
 <i>4's & 5's Room</i>				
mini-refrigerator	1	\$165	0	165
microwave oven	1	\$75	0	75
bookcase 4' x 2'	2	\$210	0	420
boom box CD/tape	1	\$50	0	50
area rug	1	\$400	0	400
tables	2	\$200	0	400
chairs	10	\$23	0	230
 <i>Kitchen</i>				
refrigerator	2	\$816	0	1,632
freezer	1	\$816	0	816
warming drawer	2	\$530	0	1,060
microwave oven	1	\$290	0	290
electric wall oven single	1	\$700	0	700
electric wall oven double	1	\$1,400	0	1,400
dishwasher	1	\$399	0	399
ice maker	1	\$2,114	0	2,114
stainless work table	1	\$196	0	196
 <i>Two Older Children's Rooms</i>				
tables	6	\$200	0	1,200
chairs	36	\$23	0	828
 <i>Middle School Room</i>				
futon	4	\$149	0	596

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amt Given/ Committed</u>	<u>Still Needed</u>
<i>High School Room</i>				
futon	4	\$149	250	346
<i>Upstairs refreshment/work area</i>				
mini-refrigerator	1	\$165	0	165
microwave oven	1	\$75	0	75
printer / copier	1	\$600	0	600
<i>General</i>				
window blinds	31	\$50	0	1,550
security system	1	\$2,100	0	2,100
water softener	1	\$2,929	0	2,929
add'l telephone handsets	4	\$225	0	900
washer	1	\$340	0	340
dryer	1	\$340	0	340
<i>Outside</i>				
exterior toy storage bin	1	\$120	0	120
storage shed	1	\$2,400	0	2,400
riding lawn mower	1	\$2,000	0	2,000
string trimmer	1	\$200	0	200
<i>Neighboring Properties</i>				
2.5 acre parcel to the south	1	\$625,000		
2.5 acre at 84 S Roscoe Blvd	1	\$549,000		

Please make fulfilling your *Building on Faith* commitment
and general fund giving your priority. Thanks!

Note: We are still negotiating prices on some items.



Round Of Applause



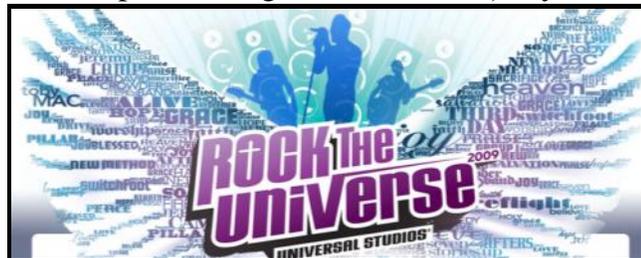
- 👍 For **Ruth Murta, Georgia de Roziere**, and the entire hospitality team for all their hard work on the stockholders lunch.
- 👍 For **Kari Davidson, Zack Murta, Reid Johnson, Tucker Holland, Laura Bohner, Graham Hancock** and everyone else who shared their experiences at the stockholder's lunch.
- 👍 To all of the students and their hard work in the initial planning stages of the December Mission Blitz.

Upcoming Events

Rock the Universe September 11-13. \$90/person, plus the cost of meals in the parks. This is one of our biggest events all year, and spaces run out quickly. A \$30 deposit will hold your spot, so sign up and get your deposit in today! We meet at the office facility (56 S Roscoe Blvd) at 4:30pm on Friday and return by 6pm on Sunday evening.

Mission Trip 2010 meeting! Sunday, October 18 at 5pm we invite all families interested in hearing our options for our middle school and high school 2010 mission trips to come to The Players Senior Center. We will meet from 5:00 - 6:00pm and decide on dates and locations for these two very important trips! Please bring your family calendars!

Reminder: Mission Blitz is coming! December 20-22 our church will again be hosting Mission Blitz. Last year's event was such fun, and we can't wait to do it again! This year we will be able to add an overnight component, and we will be staying in our building! We will meet after church on Sunday, have lunch together and depart to our mission sites. We will come back together at dinner time for meal and worship, and those who choose can stay overnight. Then on Monday morning we will meet at 9a.m., gather in our groups and head out to new mission sites for the day. You will have the opportunity to sign up for certain sites or certain days. And because of the great response we had last year, we will be offering child friendly sites Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday mornings. Look for a sign up sheet in mid-October. Don't think you can give the time, or maybe you don't know if you have the energy? We are also looking for people to provide our evening meals or donate money for our sack lunches during the mission days. Contact **Kelly Minter** (Kelly.minter@pv-umc.org, 407-694-2167) if you'd like to be involved!



Holy Communion and the Flu

Is it safe to receive communion the way we've been serving it at PVUMC? For some time now it's been our practice to distribute individually packaged "wet wipe" sanitizers for those serving communion, Pastor Jeff included. Servers have been instructed to use these wipes prior to handling the elements. Persons receiving the bread touch only the piece they receive, and it's the bread itself (not the fingers) that are dipped into the common cup. These seem like reasonable precautions.

On another note, some may be uneasy with shaking hands or sharing hugs on Sunday mornings. Please be sensitive to those who don't wish to shake or hug... do "the wave" instead. Some, due to youth, agedness or low resistance to germs, may be acting on the advice of their healthcare professionals.

Please be praying for those particularly susceptible to flu and for there to be no large, extended outbreak. And may God continue to use the Lord's Supper and our fellowship to touch, heal and change our hearts, minds and souls.

Money Matters

An Occasional Column on Things Financial

From what I read, the credit crisis of past months has played its part in putting the brakes on the U.S. economy. I've learned that difficulty in securing a loan also handicaps entrepreneurs in third world countries, entrepreneurs who are working to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. This is where **Kiva** enters in.

Kiva (www.kiva.org) is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs around the globe. Its mission is to connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty.

In August I lent \$25 to Margaret Sewanyana Nalongoa, a citizen of Uganda. Seven others joined me so that the field partner (an organization experienced in microfinance in Uganda) could disburse \$200 to her. Margaret is a 42-year-old widow with five children, aged between 13 and 18, all of whom go to school. Margaret owns a small restaurant with an average of 30 customers a day. She works six days a week. She wants to use this loan to buy more bananas and rice, aspiring to see her business grow.

Margaret will repay her loan over eight months. That \$25 I lent her will then be available for me to lend again. But I'm thinking I might increase my loan portfolio by lending to someone else before then.

If you sign on with Kiva, consider joining our team, aptly named *Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church*. (Team membership presently stands at 1. ☺) It would be fun to see how much of a difference together we could make, \$25 at a time.

– Pastor Jeff

Ponte Vedra UMC Blood Drive, September 20



Please join us on Sunday, September 20 between 9:00am to 12:30pm (Please note the earlier start time). **Don Carson** will be available, starting September 6, after both services at the rear of the worship area to sign up donors. Walk-ins are also gladly accepted.

New this year is the ability to sign up online to donate at our drive. Go to <https://www.thebloodalliance.com>. If you have given blood before, click on I'm a donor. If you are new, click on I am not a donor. Once registered, click on Manage Your Appointments. On the next screen, enter 7931 instead of your zip code (this will take you directly to our blood drives). On our drive page, click on 09/20/2009. On the next page, pick an appointment time.

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 September 20. 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 to your appointment. Call **Don Carson** at 904-280-2893 if you have any questions.

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women

UMW will meet at 10:00a.m. Saturday, September 12 at the home of Vera Combs. Her address is: 146 North Roscoe Blvd, PVB., 285-2854. Nothing to bring except yourselves; coffee/tea and cookies will be provided. This would be a good time to invite someone to come join us for great fellowship and information. Hope to see you at Vera's!

It's Your Sunday School Hour... Do You Know Where Your Children Are?

“Where do my kids go while I’m going to Sunday School?” Children younger than Kindergarten who are checked into the nursery always remain there until the parent or grandparent who checked them in checks them out.

Here’s where the children K - 5th grade who leave from Children’s Time to participate in Kingdom Kids go:

For those attending 9:30 worship, children remain in their Kingdom Kids classroom until their parents pick them up or 10:45. Those who will stay through the second hour are escorted to the worship space where they are entrusted to the second hour’s Kingdom Kids leader while their parents are in Sunday School. After 11:00 Children’s Time, these kids return to the Kingdom Kids room for a second session. They’re ready for their parents at the end of the traditional service or the end of their parents’ Sunday School class.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

You can imagine how excited I was to receive an email proclaiming that our church has been selected for the **2009 Best of Ponte Vedra Beach Award** in the Methodist Churches category by the US Commerce Association. Can you imagine... We are the best United Methodist Church in all of Ponte Vedra Beach! A major award! Kind of brings a tear to your eye... tears of laughter. We are, after all, *the only* Methodist church in Ponte Vedra Beach, and who the heck is the US Commerce Association anyway?

When all is said and done, I wonder how much of what we've strived for will be worth about as much as this award. Diplomas, promotions, deeds to houses, titles to automobiles, owning the latest whatever-it-is, all the achievements and possessions our culture exalts.

In 1 Corinthians 3 the apostle Paul writes about building on the foundation that is Jesus Christ. We're to build well since our work will be tested by fire. How might we do that? Again and again I come to the commands, *love God* and *love your neighbor*, and the commission Jesus gives us to *go and make disciples of all nations*. Surely to live these out is to build well. So let's keep our eyes on Jesus and may we build well together!

– Pastor Jeff

P.S. We'll be taking a pass on the US Commerce Association's beautifully designed award for display at our place of business.



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