

# THE WAVE



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## *“Becoming a Church on Fire” Series Concludes with Celebration Sunday, November 15*

For several years now we’ve enjoyed *Celebration Sunday* as the culmination of the fall church wide study series. In the same spirit we’ll enjoy a **combined worship service** at **10:30am** on **Sunday, November 15**. We look forward to the offerings of the praise band and choir, the traditional choir, Youth Creative Arts Ministry (YCAM) and Children In Action (C.I.A.) and Pastor Jeff’s message, *Anticipating the Harvest*.

Immediately following worship we’ll enjoy a potluck. The church will provide ham, rolls and drinks. You are asked to **bring a side vegetable, salad or a favorite dessert**. Volunteers will be needed to take down tables and clean up.

### OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA  
United Methodist  
Church



*November 1*

## *Upcoming Messages*

November 1 **“The Harvest Is Plentiful, But the Laborers Are Few”** (Luke 10:1-20)

November 8 **“Successful Living”** (Mark 10:35-45)

November 15\* **Anticipating the Harvest** (Luke 8:4-15)

*\*combined 10:30 worship followed by a meal*

## Missions Corner

### Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child brings joy, hope and the Good News of God's love to children in desperate situations around the world. Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project consisting of filling shoeboxes with gifts while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. Along with shoebox gifts, millions of children are given Gospel booklets in their own language. Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church will once again be sponsoring this mission by filling shoeboxes for the children. Collections will be received Sunday, November 22.

For more information please visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) or contact Andy and Rita Andrea at [andreasplace@bellsouth.net](mailto:andreasplace@bellsouth.net).

### Saturday Serve Thank You

Our thanks to those who cleaned the yard of Hart Felt Ministries client Ms. Willie Sirmans during October's Saturday Serve. They are team leader **Phil de Roziere**, **Georgia de Roziere**, **Austen**, **Catee**, **Lexie de Roziere**, **Coletta Hodges**, **Phyllis Monie** and **Lainie Monie**. God bless each of you!

### Missions Giving



Over \$20,000 given to missions so far this year from our tithes and offerings. Wow!

### A Word from Wesley

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, preached and wrote often on the topic of grace. In one of his letters, Wesley penned these words:

Look up, and receive a fresh supply of Grace!

*Letters, VI, 21.*

## *Tee up with Jesus*



**Jerry Sanders** is looking for men and women to participate in a Bible study for golfers. This group will gather **Thursday, November 19 at 11:00a.m.** at The Plantation Clubhouse for lunch and a Bible study, hitting the links at 12:30 for 18 holes. \$65 will cover the cost, a great deal for a fine meal and the opportunity to play The Plantation's excellent course. (And Jerry hints at a possible reduced rate for your golfing guest not connected to a church.) Interested? There are a few more spaces available. Call (273-9993) or email [jerry.sanders@pv-umc.org](mailto:jerry.sanders@pv-umc.org).



## *Reminder: The Mission Blitz is Coming!*

**What/when is it?** December 20-22, our church will again be hosting **Mission Blitz**. This is an opportunity for church members of all ages to take part in a concentrated effort to reach out to our immediate and extended community through mission work! We will have projects working with many different groups (park clean up, Dignity-U-Wear, Hart Felt Ministries, retiree ministry, soup kitchen, and hospital visitation to name a few) and will have something for everyone and for every skill level.

Our schedule is as follows: We will begin with lunch on Sunday, December 20 after church, then divide into groups and go to our work sites. We will gather back in the evening for dinner and worship, and then those who would like the FULL experience are encouraged to stay overnight with us! (If you want to go home, that's fine too). On Monday morning we will gather at the church, divide into our groups, and head to our sites. Lunch will be eaten at your site, and we will come back together in the evening again for dinner and for worship. Tuesday's schedule will look just like Monday's!

**What if I can't commit that time?** You will have the opportunity to sign up for certain sites or certain days. If you can come the whole time, that is understandable. If not, sign up for one day, or two half days, or any other combination of times. We would love to see you for any amount of time you have available! And because of the great response we had last year, we will be offering child friendly sites Sunday afternoon, and Monday and Tuesday mornings. Look for sign-ups in November!

**Mission work isn't really my thing** 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. We need three dinners, one hot lunch and donations for sack lunches or fast food lunches on the sites (set to feed 30 people). Contact **Kelly Minter** (407-694-2167, [kelly.minter@pv-umc.org](mailto:kelly.minter@pv-umc.org)) if you'd like to be involved!



## Campaign Followup

At 19 months we are now just beyond the halfway point of our 36-month *Building on Faith* capital campaign. We have received nearly 58% of funds pledged. Way to go, church!

The building is now progressing at a rapid rate with workers on site most weekends. In November we expect to see outside the building: the completion of the Memory Garden, installation of the county mandated fence, landscaping and irrigation, parking lot asphalt, and walkways. Inside the building we expect installation of wood trim in the sanctuary, flooring throughout the building, and lighting.

The security gate has been removed to allow for surfacing of the parking lot. The building is now locked when workers are not on the premises. We continue to anticipate being in the building by Christmas.

Thanks so much to you who have given and are giving, both to the building fund and to the general fund for our week to week operations and missions giving. Extra thanks to those of you who are going the 2nd (or 3rd!) mile by giving to *Furnishing our Facility*. This is a collection of items to be purchased for the building that people may choose to underwrite. You, along with a few friends of our church have given or promised over \$68,000 through this effort. See the current status online at [www.pv-umc.org](http://www.pv-umc.org). Also, to those of you coming out to 76 to pray at 8:30a.m. on Saturdays: Your prayers are powerful and effective. God bless you!

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

## And the Survey Says...

The surveys are in and we had a great response. Eighty-nine people completed one. Thank you so much for your input. There is a lot of talent and experience in our church as evidenced by many good suggestions. All staff and ministry leaders will be given the responses to the questions that relate to their area of ministry. This information is going to be very helpful in our short-term, mid-term and long-term planning. A compilation of results is available online at [pv-umc.org/resources/Survey\\_2009\\_Results.pdf](http://pv-umc.org/resources/Survey_2009_Results.pdf). If you would like a printed copy to study, contact the office. This document is 42 pages long. A special thanks goes to **Don Carson** for tabulating all the results.

## *Financial Status*

### **Building on Faith Recap**

Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (96 pledges)	\$1,534,634
Pledges received to date (58.62)	\$ 899,549
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 105,939
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 10,511
Total received to date	\$ 1,049,331

### **General Fund Recap September 2009**

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 31,063
Expenses	\$ 33,044
Mortgage	\$ 1,709
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$ (3,690)

### **Building Fund Recap as of October, 2009**

Income	\$48,259
Loan Draws	\$227,276
Expenditures	\$331,831
Balance	\$335,113

## *September 2009 Giving & Attendance*

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
10/4	106	69	\$ 7,241	\$ 5,040	\$ 132
10/11	83	62	\$ 11,531	\$ 16,876	\$ 336
10/18	94	78	\$ 5,961	\$ 10,383	\$ 99
10/25	82	70	\$ 6,216	\$ 15,960	\$ 66

### **Designated Totals**

Building Fund	\$ 335,113
Enhancement Fund	\$ 594
Memorials	\$ 8,780
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2009	\$ 9,600

## *Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church Financial Plan 2010*

	<u>2009 Plan</u>	<u>2010 Plan</u>	
Missions	25,000	28,000	*Includes creation of a custodian staff position in 2010
Payroll & Benefits*	269,247	285,882	**Interest alone on new facility is \$150,000 in 2010; principal payments begin in 2011
Administration	16,600	14,250	
Programs	37,680	36,736	
Worship, Office, Program, Storage Facilities**	111,311	186,232	
Parsonage	<u>41,349</u>	<u>41,400</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>501,277</b>	<b>592,500</b>	

*Details available upon request*



## Round Of Applause



- 👍 For our fantastic counselors...thank you all for being so flexible and helpful!
- 👍 For our students who gave up their day off to help at Dignity-U-Wear! Great job, Kari, Drew, and Reid!
- 👍 For Kari and Austen and their fantastic drama in worship

## Upcoming Events

**Girl's Retreat** Friday, November 13 - Saturday, November 14. We will meet at 56 S Roscoe at 7:00p.m. on Friday and go to a beach front condo for our girl's retreat. Together we will explore what it means to become the woman God wants you to be in the midst of a world full of confusing messages. We will explore what it means to have freedom in Christ, and build our relationships together! You will need to bring overnight stuff. (\$10/person) We will return to 56 S Roscoe at 2:00p.m. Saturday.

**Guy's Retreat** Friday, November 13 - Saturday, November 14. We will meet at 56 S Roscoe at 7:00p.m. and travel to a nearby camping site. Together we will talk about what it means to be a man of God, and what the world expects from you, what God expects from you, and how to tell the difference. You will need to bring your camping equipment so when you sign up write down what you have. (\$10/person) We will return to 56 S Roscoe at 2:00p.m. Saturday.

**No Youth Group (H<sub>2</sub>O)** November 15. After our split gender retreats take the Sunday off to do homework, think about what you learned, or catch up on sleep!

**National Youth Workers Convention** November 18-23. Every year youth workers from across the nation gather at the youth workers conventions, hosted by Youth Specialties. Kelly will be at this event at the end of November and for the first time Tucker Holland, one of our volunteers, will be joining her! Pray for them and for all of the youth workers gathering, that it may be a time of refreshment, renewal, and revelation.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!!!!** We have reworked our Sunday School time, and are now using a cyclical curriculum. This will allow us to give a more comprehensive view of the Bible during our Sunday morning lessons. Currently, our Sunday school hour is taught mostly by our Sunday evening counselors, and they do a great job! However, sometimes they need a break. Having a rotating schedule of parents or other adults to teach would free them up to visit either church service, or attend a Sunday school class of their own. We are looking for two to four adults per month to sign up for the rotation. You would teach for a month (4 weeks) and then have 2 months off. If you are willing to do this, or want to hear more about it, please contact Kelly. All curriculum is supplied!



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*On A Musical Note*

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

Kindergarten through 5th Grade  
 Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm  
 Palm Valley Community Center

**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**

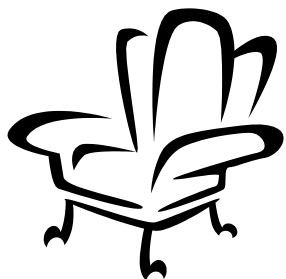
Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm  
 Palm Valley Community Center

*Our Thoughts and Prayers...*

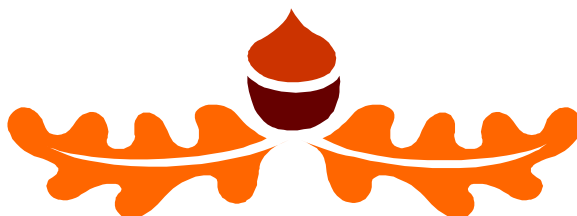
Our thoughts and prayers are with our Children's Ministry Coordinator Lynn Straughan at the death of her father October 27.



*Furnishing Our Facility - Way to Give!*



We are delighted by the response to *Furnishing Our Facility*. In addition to members who are giving beyond their general budget gifts and *Building of Faith* pledges, several friends of Ponte Vedra UMC have contributed to the purchase of needed furnishings for our new building. To date over \$68,000 in cash and goods has been given or committed. Many items are still available; check out the list online at [pv-umc.org](http://pv-umc.org) or pickup a list any Sunday morning near the display.



## United Methodist Women News

The November 14 meeting will be at 10:00a.m. at the home of **Susan Merrill**, 273-4593. You are asked to bring a plate of finger food, salad or dessert to share with those attending. Please bring your World Thank Offering and complete your 2009 pledge commitment at this meeting. Susan has prepared an interesting program for us. This will also be the time to bring your ideas as we look forward to choosing possible projects/programs for 2010. Join us and experience a time of great fellowship and you might just want to bring along a friend or two.

## United Methodist Women Quilt Circle



The Quilt Circle has adopted two mission projects: the Florida United Methodist Children's Home (about 30 miles north of Orlando), and the Rape Crises Center of the Betty Griffin House (located in Flagler Hospital). Our circle will be making lap-size quilts for the children and also for the women at the center. Additionally, we've had ladies from the congregation offer handmade crocheted/knitted afghans that they would like to donate. If there are any more women interested in donating such items, please contact **Marilyn Elston** at 223-9477 or 607-4535.

## Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Thursday morning women's Bible study will begin a new study on Thursday, November 5 at 10:00a.m. Join us as we study *The Six Basics of a Balanced Life* by Carol Kent. Call **Jill Bennett** for more information at 285-2134 or email [jill.bennett@pv-umc.org](mailto:jill.bennett@pv-umc.org).

## Traveling Tuesdays and The Inquirers Class

The Traveling Tuesday small group is currently doing a study on the book of Esther. The Inquirers class is studying *3:16 The Book of Numbers* by Max Lucado. The contact person for each of these groups is **Dotty Rashba** (273-0527).

## Pecan Sales Fundraiser for Helping Hands Ministries

**Helping Hands Ministries** provides emergency assistance to needy families. They offer food, clothing, and housing for homeless families with children. A great portion of their yearly income is attained by their fall pecan fundraiser. Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church pecan purchases totaled \$959.75. Thank you, **Suvan Shine** for helping make this a great fundraiser for Helping Hands Ministries.



## Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

... Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!



*A Note From  
Pastor Jeff:*

In the midst of life, we are in death;  
from whom can we seek help?

This sentence dates to the Ninth Century and often appears in the liturgy for funerals. It's come to mind often lately as friends, relatives and church members face death, either their own death or the death of someone they love. It's a statement of fact and one of those questions that comes from some deep place within us. From whom can we seek help? The response to the question is a word from Scripture:

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

This is the closing verse of Psalm 124, a song of thanksgiving for Israel's deliverance from their enemies. It fits well our circumstances in facing death; we need help! In speaking of sin and death, Paul writes, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Facing death? Be encouraged. We have help, and ultimately the victory is ours through Christ.

– Pastor Jeff



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