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“Building 76 - The Stories”, March 5 at

On Friday, March 5 we'll continue the celebration begun February 28 with a meal at 6:30pm and photos and stories of the building's design and construction. This promises to be a fun evening so plan to come to **“Building 76 - The Stories”**. The date is **Friday, March 5 at 6:30pm**.

Block Party & Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday March 27, 4 - 6pm

We're having a **block party with Easter Egg Hunt** at the church on **Saturday, March 27 at 4:00pm**. Our special guests this year are the residents of Sawmill Lakes and also nearby Hanover Forest. And anyone you choose to invite!

We want as many of us present as possible to enjoy our neighbors so please come. The Easter Egg Hunt alone is worth the price of admission (free, of course). Bring your kids, your friends' kids, your neighbor kids, your grand-kids. And don't forget your Easter basket!

Palm Sunday Musical “Once Upon a Tree”

On Palm Sunday the dynamic words and music of *Once Upon a Tree* will immerse us in the passion and intensity of the major events of Holy Week as recorded by Luke. We anticipate a profoundly moving experience for choir and congregation. Under the direction of **Diane Wright**, our own **GodSong** and **Praise Choir** bring us *Once Upon a Tree* at both worship hours on Palm Sunday, **March 28**.

Upcoming Messages

What the Church Believes... And Why It Matters series concludes with

March 7 **Hope for the Future** (2 Peter 3:3-14)

March 14 Failures Welcome (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

March 21 Waste Not, Want Not? (John 12:1-8)

March 28 **Once Upon a Tree**, a musical for Palm Sunday

OUR MISSION:

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



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March 14

Missions Corner

Cuba Lunch Time!

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for *Cuba lunch time!*, March 21, at noon. Everyone is invited to enjoy Cuban sandwiches and a report from **George and Loree Reed's** recent visit to our sister church in la Sierra, Cuba. We'll share some pictures and videos, including some "before" and "after" shots which show the progress at la Sierra resulting from Ponte Vedra UMC's help. We'll also have pictures of the new P.A. system which PVUMC provided (and which Pastor Damián and his congregation prayed through Cuba Customs). ¡Ven! (Ya'll come!)

UMCOR Kits for Haiti

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes.

KIT CONTENTS: Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

\$1 to purchase toothpaste

\$1 toward shipment to Haiti

(NOTE: UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent. Please include \$1 for each kit you send toward the purchase of toothpaste.)

Important Kit Assembly Information: All items included in kits must be NEW items.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items—nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment. Please include \$2 in each kit: \$1 to be used toward the purchase of toothpaste, and \$1 to be used toward shipping.

Church Office Volunteers Needed

The church office volunteer list has decreased for various reasons over the recent past and I could sure use some more help. Would you to please consider becoming a “church works volunteer?” Specifically, I need a couple of teams to trade weeks straightening the items in the pockets of the chairs in the sanctuary and making sure each chair has a Bible and a hymnal in the basket under the seat. This job is difficult for me to do myself as it is time consuming and takes me away from the reception desk and telephone. This can be done any day, Tuesday through Friday during office hours. There are other jobs such as stuffing bulletins and stuffing and folding *The Wave* newsletter. You could be rotated into the schedule and only be needed every five or six weeks. Please call the church office, 280-5141 or email me (susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) and let me sign you up

-- Susan Bowler

United Methodist Women



Plans are underway for a **garage sale/bake sale** at Ponte Vedra UMC. It will be held Saturday, April 17 from 9:00am to 4:00pm in our church parking lot. All proceeds will be used to fund United Methodist Women 2010 mission projects. Tables will also be available to rent for a fee of \$20. Please complete the following form and mail along with your check to: **Ann Krawiec**, 813 Tournament Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082, or you may drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Please make all checks payable to Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women.

Our next UMW meeting will be 10:00am, Saturday, March 13. We meet at the church in Room 207. All women are automatically UMW members and are encouraged to join us in fun and fellowship. Bring a snack to share.

Garage Sale Table Rental

Name _____ Phone # _____

Number of Tables _____ Amount Enclosed _____

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee of Ponte Vedra UMC

This is an administrative committee in the local church with primary responsibility for building and fostering relationships between the congregation and the staff in order to accomplish the mission and purpose of the church. The committee has leadership, management, and legal functions. It is made up of five members from the congregation, of which one is the Lay Leader. The pastor, representing the clergy and staff, also attends all SPRC meetings. Members are nominated and elected for three year terms each on a rotating basis. The committee meets quarterly, with called meetings when needed. Committee members have the opportunity to interact with the church staff recognizing their achievements and helping to solve problems as they provide programs and activities that meet the goals of the congregation and God's Church. Following are the 2010 committee members: **Carol Harding** (Chair) (280-0673), **Cecily Browning** (Lay Leader) (285-2648), **Tom Murta** (280-9246), **Susan Gelb** (273-5495) and **Rick Williamson** (285-2134).



Campaign Followup

At 23 months into our 36-month *Building on Faith* capital campaign, we have received nearly **66%** of funds pledged. Well done, church!

To those who have pledged to the *Building on Faith* capital campaign, please continue to give against those pledges. (And thank you very much for what you've given to date.) To those who have so freely given to the building fund outside the campaign, we thank you too!

The terms of our loan require us to pay interest only for the next 12 months; following that period the balance of the loan will be amortized over 19 years and we will be paying both principal and interest.

Every gift now given to *Building on Faith* or the building fund reduces the principal we owe as well as the interest we pay today *and* the interest we'll pay over the next 19 years. To lessen the burden of debt on those coming alongside us now and those who will follow us all is an incredible gift to them; it will allow the church of the next generation to focus more greatly on bringing the good news to their generation.

While *Building on Faith* does not conclude until April 1, 2011, you who are able might consider prepaying the balance of your pledge to immediately reduce the principal of the loan and the interest due each month.

Those of you who have become a part of our congregation since the launch of the campaign two years ago, might you also give a special gift to reduce the debt? Designate your gift "Building Fund."

Above all, receive the thanks of a grateful church for each dollar given, many of which have been given sacrificially. And we thank and praise God who has brought us this far on our journey. While the building is now built, may God bless us to continue building his church.

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

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap as of 02.22.2010

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (96 pledges)	\$ 1,534,634
Pledges received to date (65.70%)	\$ 1,008,309
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 120,612
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 11,692
Total received to date	\$ 1,173,945

General Fund Recap January 2010

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 71,003
Expenses	\$ 44,066
Mortgage	\$ 1,640
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$ 25,297

Building Fund Recap as of February 22, 2010

Income	\$ 11,725
Loan Draws	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ 89,958
Balance	\$ 201,956

February 2010 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
2/7	132	186	\$ 8,155	\$ 2,769	\$ 5,779
2/14	160	151	\$ 13,391	\$ 4,665	\$ 1,346
2/17 Ash Wednesday		60			
2/21	131	154	\$ 6,791	\$ 4,291	\$ 158

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 201,956
Enhancement Fund	\$ 594
Memorials	\$ 8,780
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2010	\$ 11,395

Inquirers Class

Please join us as we begin a new topic: "Fruit of the Spirit, Cultivating Christlike Character." We will be starting this study in March. Contact **Dotty Rashba** if you have questions, 273-0527. We are looking forward to having you join our group.

Coming Soon...

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

The 2010 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 9 at 7:00pm** at Ponte Vedra UMC. 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.

Thank you, Scouts!

Thank you, scouts of **Troop 288** for serving us in worship February 14 and applying sealer to the outside of the fence that same day. You truly capture the spirit of Scouting! Troop 288 is chartered by PVUMC and meets at the church each Monday evening at 7:00pm.

Thank you, PVUMC-ers!

Thanks to those of you who supported **Carson Basye's** February car wash in support of his Eagle project at Guana River State Park. Good going, church!

Welcome, New Members!



Sunday, February 21 our church welcomed into fellowship six new members. **Carol Maurer** has lived in Ponte Vedra for the last 16 years. She is a Rotarian and TPC volunteer. Her mother, **Dorothy Mackail**, also joined our fellowship. She has resided here for the past 4 years and enjoys attending activities at the Senior Center. **Bettie Mason** and her husband Tom have been frequent visitors to PVB for over 20 years. They relocated here permanently this past August. They enjoy traveling and spending time with their 4 grandchildren and 1

grandchild. **Carolyn and Ira Chelette** have resided in the beaches area for over 25 years. Ira sings in the choir and Carolyn likes to participate in activities at the senior center and spend time with her grandchildren. **Eleanor Snite**, another long time beaches resident, works for the Jacksonville Business Journal. In her free time she likes to volunteer, travel, do bell ringing and play team trivia. Welcome! We look forward to serving Christ together with you.



On A Musical Note

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 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner



Thanks so much to everyone - so many of you have been so helpful to me during my recent ankle surgery - Thank you for thinking of me.

-- Lynn Straughan

Our children's program is growing each week we are delighted to see many new kids. It has now become necessary to have one leader and one assistant at each service. As a result we need your help. If you have a child in one of our children's programs please consider volunteering one hour a month. For those of you who do not currently have a child in a program; you can help too! We need teaching assistants and C.I.A. (Children In Action) helpers and Kingdom Kids teachers. If you can help please call **Lynn Straughan** at 904-806-4508 or email lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org.

Kingdom Kids and the four and five year old classes meet each Sunday at both the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. C.I.A. meets each Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:00pm.



Mark your calendars for our block party/Easter egg hunt Saturday March 27, 4:00 - 6:00pm!

Join us for great food and the best Easter egg hunt ever and bring your friends!



This summer we'll be holding **Vacation Bible School** at our own new facility! VBS will take place from 9:00am to noon, Monday - Friday, July 19 - 23. This year's theme will be *High Seas Expedition*.

Wanted: Additional Nursery Worker

Due to the wonderful growth of our Sunday morning nursery and preschool classes, we are adding a fifth worker. The ad below has been placed in *The Leader*. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please get a resume to us as soon as possible. Thanks!

– Staff Parish Relations Committee

CHILDCARE WORKER-PT needed for ages 0 - 5 at PV church, 9:15-12:15 Sundays. E-mail or FAX resume. job@pv-umc.org 904 280-0599.

A Word from Wesley

What does it mean to give your heart to Jesus? The founder of Methodism, John Wesley wrote
Give Him your will, and you give Him your heart. *Jackson, XII, 294.*



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 20 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 20, 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. (You will be given the opportunity to purchase your insurance on Sundays after worship from February 28-March 14). Or you can buy insurance by emailing kelly.minter@pv-umc.org.

All proceeds go towards the summer 2010 mission trips for middle school and high school.

(For those who are confused: Every year we do a pink flamingo fundraiser. For 3 weeks we set up a table and people can buy insurance for \$25 (which means you WILL NOT be bothered on the day of the event) or they can write down the name of a friend (for a small fee) that they want to flock to be sent to. Then on March 20 the youth get together, most of them dressed up like flamingos, and they stand on the lawns of church members and friends. The homeowner is given a paper with a phone number on it (the flamingo removal hotline). Once they call them, the “removal team” shows up and collects the flamingos (and the removal fee of \$20). You can suggest the next place we go, too! This is a great fundraiser, and tons of fun!)

Spiritual Renewal Leave for Pastor Jeff

With the permission and support of the Staff Pastor relations Committee, Pastor Jeff will be taking six weeks leave this spring from April 13 to May 24. He will combine four weeks spiritual renewal time with a week of continuing education and a week of vacation. The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church proscribes that clergy may request a leave of at least one month during one year of every quadrennium (4 year period). In 15 years of ordained ministry, this will be Jeff’s first such requested leave. While we will miss our pastor, we wish Jeff well as he takes this important time to reconnect with God and his family.

In Jeff’s absence, we are delighted to have arranged for The Reverend Jimmy Jones to fill the pulpit and carry out some pastoral duties. Jimmy has blessed our church with his preaching numerous times over the years. Soon you will hear about plans for an exciting six-week study/event that will take place during Jimmy’s time with us.

-- Carol Harding (carol.harding@pv-umc.org)
Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For the youth who helped with Souper Bowl of Caring!
- 👍 To our church family, and their support of the Souper Bowl of Caring! We gathered about 250 cans of food for BEAM! Thank you!!!!
- 👍 For Taylor Pyle, Rion Johnson, Reid Johnson, and Preston Sluder who gave up their day off of school to help our conference leadership team set up for Dare to LOVE

Upcoming Events

Mission trip deposits due by March 7! \$50/person holds your spot for our summer trips.

Pink flamingo fundraiser begins Sunday, February 28 and the flocking will be on Saturday, March 20. See the Sunday bulletin or this newsletter for more information!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION WORK Sunday, March 21. During our 11:00am hour in Sunday School we will be making sandwiches to take into St. Augustine to feed the homeless. At noon, any student (or church member!) who wishes to join us. We are accepting donations of bread, peanut butter, jelly, soft granola bars, bottles of water (or boxes of juice), gummy fruit snacks, brown paper bags, and plastic sandwich bags. You can drop them by Kelly's office at your leisure.

Spring Break Kick-off Lock-in! 7:00pm Friday, March 26 - 9:00am Saturday, March 27. \$5/person, friends are welcome!

Do you want to be part of our Annual Church Wide Variety show? See Scott Tinsley or Kelly Minter!

We have decided on our 2010 mission trip locations!

Middle School will be joining TEAMeffort again, this time in **Holden Beach, NC**. Our work projects will include home repair, working with retirement communities, soup kitchens, and children's ministries. It's going to be a great week! **\$420/person, July 29-August 7. \$50/person deposit due March 7!** **High School** will be creating our own mission trip this year! We have decided to take a year and explore the idea of "story". What is the story of your Jesus? What other stories are there in the nation? What happens when we take all of those stories and take time to listen and understand them? We will be answering these questions and more on our **MISSIONS ROAD TRIP** this summer. This trip will be a SUPRISE to the students (parents will be provided a detailed itinerary), and each leg of the trip will be unveiled to the students as they go. Every day (or every other day) of our 8 day trip will be spent in a different town with different people, doing mission work and building relationships across the nation! **July 18-26, 2010, \$520/person. \$50 deposit due March 7!**

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

A few of our leaders and I met recently with new church start consultant Jim Griffith whom the Florida Annual Conference retains. Some years back Jim did some consulting for our own church; we know each other pretty well.

One of the things Jim said to me was, "You can no longer think like the pastor of a new church start." I know he's right; the size of the congregation alone requires that I begin to give away some of the work I used to do in order to do the work I must do. Here's the rub: Some will want me to continue what they liked me doing when we were smaller. And I will miss doing some of the things *I* enjoyed doing, things that someone else needs to begin doing now. I sense my work becoming less hands on and more leading, equipping and enabling you in the work to which God is calling you.

Some of you will miss the small church we were. I will too. But I'm excited for those who will discover gifts for ministry they didn't know they had. And above all, I'm excited about us making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Glad for the journey,
Pastor Jeff



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