

THE WAVE



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Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, April 1 we'll worship at **7:00pm**, celebrating Holy Communion as we recall Jesus and the Twelve at table together so long ago.

Easter

Easter Sunday, April 4 will find us worshipping at 9:30 *Alive!* with our Praise Band and Choir and in a more traditional style at 11:00. Since 11:00 is our most popular worship hour, **we're adding a Traditions service at 8:00am Easter Sunday**. If you're an early riser, would you consider coming to worship at 8:00 to free your seat (and parking space) for an 11:00 guest? Same great worship service *and* you'll be the first to greet the risen Christ at PVUMC!

Got a friend you've been thinking about inviting to church? There's no better day than Easter...

40 Days of Love, Coming April 18

Unearth the core of Jesus' ministry in how we show love to the people God has placed in our lives. How can we communicate more like Jesus? How do we love our creator, our neighbors, and ourselves? **40 Days of Love** begins Sunday, April 18. Don't miss this six-week journey into the very heart of the matter. To get the most from the journey, **join a 40 Days small group!**

Upcoming Messages

April 1 *Holy Thursday* 7:00pm

No Safe Place (John 13:1-17, 31b-35)

April 4 *Easter Sunday* 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

It's Your Funeral (John 20:1-18)

April 11 **Slow Down and Eat** (Luke 24:13-49)

Begin the 40 Days of Love series, Rev. Jimmy Jones preaching

April 18 **Love Matters Most** (Matthew 22:37-39)

April 25 **Cultivating a Kind Lifestyle** (Luke 10:30-35)

May 2 **Love Tells the Truth** (Ephesians 4:15)

May 9 **Love Is Forgiving** (John 8:1-11)

May 16 **Love Goes Above and Beyond** (Matthew 19:16-22)

May 23 **The 8 Habits of Loving Relationships** (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

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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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Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen! Luke 24:5

Missions Corner

UMCOR

You have given \$2,280 through our church for earthquake devastated Haiti. Well done!

UMCOR Health Kits

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. There is a box in the church foyer to collect your donations.

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.

A Word from Wesley

What joy to know God's love! The founder of Methodism, John Wesley wrote,

The grace or love of God, whence cometh our salvation, is free in all, and free for all.

Works III, 544.

Praise God!

PVUMC Blood Drive, A Huge Success!

We had 32 potential blood donors attempt to donate and we collected 31 units of blood. These donations will really help benefit Brad Chaffin; a neighbor of Vance LeClair's recently diagnosed with Leukemia. We have yet to schedule our next drive at PVUMC, but don't let that stop you from donating. Anyone who gave blood last Sunday can give blood on March 29th.

Next time you see any of the people listed below; please give them a big THANK YOU for giving or attempting to give blood and making the blood drive a huge success.

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| Cooper Agent | Carol Hart | Nancy Noble |
| Andy Andreu | Jonathan Holland | Loree Reed |
| Dave Branham | Jenny Howard | Ashley Sabol |
| Phil de Roziere | Carol Kilpatrick | Jerry Sanders |
| Austin de Roziere | Vance LeClair | Ron Schaffield |
| Mike Elliott | Yolie Macon | Sadie Snyder |
| John Foulk | Janet McVann | Kathi Ussery |
| Susan Gelb | Mike McVann | Janis Wetmore |
| Bob Harding | Nancy Mingus | Rick Williamson |
| Bill Harrison | Ruth Murta | Collette Wright |
| | Tom Murta | Chris Yale |

United Methodist Women

Plans are underway for a **garage and bake sale** in the parking lot of Ponte Vedra UMC on Saturday, April 17 from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Tables are available to rent for a fee of \$20.00. We will advertise in the beaches papers and will also have signs along Roscoe Blvd. If you would like to rent a table please complete the following form and mail it along with a check to: Ann Krawiec, 813 Tournament Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl 32082, or you may drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. All checks should be made payable to Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women and mark the memo section of your check "UMW Garage Sale Table". If you do not wish to rent a table but have items you would like to donate for the sale, call Dean Decker, 285-4002, Vera Combs, 285-2854 or Mae Liberty, 270-2045 to coordinate a drop off time at the church. The items we prefer are (but not limited to) household items, children's clothing up to size 6, toys, small tools, bicycles, books, costume jewelry and sports equipment.

GARAGE/BAKE SALE TABLE RENTAL

Name _____ **Phone #** _____

Number of Tables _____ **Amount enclosed** _____



A Greeting From Visiting Pastor, Rev. Jimmy Jones

Dear Friends,

I look forward to celebrating the 40 Days of Love with you as your guest pastor! I am so excited about what God will do in our midst as our lives are transformed during these 40 Days. My small group went through this study last fall and I found it to be an incredible biblical and practical experience. This series is a must do for anyone who wants to improve their relationship with God and others. On April 18, we'll look at why love matters most in our lives. The following week, we'll discover the key to cultivating a kind lifestyle at work, home, and at play. On May 2, we'll look at how to tell the truth in love to someone else. Then, the following week, we'll see just how powerful forgiveness can be in our lives. Also, on May 16, we'll take a look at how love compels us to go above and beyond by serving in the local and global community. You'll have an opportunity to be part of a serving experience that will transform your life and someone else's too. Finally, we'll have a strong finish to the series as we look at the eight habits of loving relationships together.

To make the most out of this golden opportunity to experience life change during these forty days, I want to challenge you to do four things: 1) be present at a weekend worship experience each week barring an emergency in your personal life; 2) do life together with others by signing up for a small group; 3) live above and beyond yourself by serving others when the opportunities arise in your life; and, 4) giving generously of your time, talent and treasure.

I love you all and your pastor, Jeff Bennett, for allowing me the opportunity to lead and serve alongside you these forty days.

In His Love,

Jimmy Jones, Visiting Pastor for PVUMC

Why Join a Small Group for 40 Days of Love?

- ◆ To have the benefit of group insights on how to improve your relationship with God.
- ◆ To improve and strengthen all your relationships, spouse, children, friends, neighbors, boss and even the difficult ones.
- ◆ To receive the relationship principles of Jesus through weekly video lessons from Rick Warren, one of the most well-known ministers of our time.
- ◆ To learn from other group members how they handle various relationship situations including conflict.
- ◆ To develop meaningful Christian relationship with others in a small group setting.
- ◆ To learn how to remedy relationships we mess up.

When we were students and were faced with a difficult subject, we formed study groups to improve our knowledge of the material. Relationships are difficult and trying to improve them is even more difficult. If it helped in school situations don't you think it would help with 40 Days of Love study?

--Cooper Agent

Sign up for a Small Group Bible Study

We Were Made for Relationships



Beginning April 18, we are embarking on the journey of a lifetime through a six week bible study entitled **40 Days of Love**. Fourteen small groups will be meeting weekly to learn more about building stronger relationships. Using videos and study guides, we will seek a deeper love with the people we are closest to, build a stronger network of friends within our church community, and discover how we, individually, can talk with God. Churches who have undertaken this study believe it is one of the best they have ever done.

Each Sunday while the study is going on, April 18-May 23, our visiting pastor, Rev. Jimmy Jones, will be talking about the major themes of this study. Jimmy has chosen sermon topics to supplement our **40 Days of Love** Bible study. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to meet in a small group to discuss topics of great relevance to our daily lives. Even if your schedule means you will miss one, two, or even three weeks of the group's meetings, the study materials are self contained and very meaningful.

Sign up sheets for the different small groups are available at the church. Small groups will meet at different times and days. Each Sunday through April 18 you can sign up for a small group and order the study materials. The group leaders and meeting times are:

Sunday, 9:45am - Dotty Rashba	Monday, 4:00pm - Cooper Agent
Sunday, 9:45am - Willow Diane Lee	Monday, 4:30pm - Ron & Barb Owen
Sunday, 9:45am - Bruce & Alice Morris	Tuesday, 7:00pm - Dotty Rashba
Sunday, 10:45am - Mike Elliot	Thursday, 8:00am - George Reed (men)
Sunday, 10:45am - Bobby & Julie Davidson	Thursday, 10:00am - Lisa Hancock and Susan Gelb (women)
Sunday, 10:45am - John McEvoy	Thursday, 7:00pm - Ralph & Sadie Snyder
Sunday, 7:00pm - Bev Schaffield	Saturday, 11:00am - Scott Tinsley

* Sunday morning small groups will meet at the church. See sign up sheet for other small group locations.

40 Days of Love Prayer Calendar

We can all be a part of providing our church with a covering of prayer for these important 40 days. When prayer touches the fuse of God's power, some spectacular things can happen.

Pick a day and put your name on the calendar. Pray on your chosen day for at least 2 minutes for our Lord to get us spiritually ready and encourage us to saturate these 40 days in prayer. Ask that God will graciously bless our small groups by bringing people together to launch new groups. Ask that God will create a bond of friendship in these groups during and beyond the 40 Days of Love campaign, as our members develop lasting relationships to His glory and honor. Ask that God will grant the desires of YOUR heart for our church.

"Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place." 2 Chronicles 6:40 (NIV)

-- Ada Elliott, Prayer Coordinator

Opportunity to Bring Your Friends!

How often, when you go to a new good restaurant, do you tell your friends? Here's a chance to tell your friends about a new group that can teach them more about love! Everyone wants to be loved, but we all need to know how to do it BETTER!

Are there members in your immediate family who could benefit from learning more about showing and sharing love? Invite them!

Is there a neighbor down the street who has stopped going to church? Invite them!

Someone you play golf, tennis, or exercise with who is feeling lonely or a little down right now? Invite them!

A fellow worker who is having family trouble? Invite them!

A friend you hang out with, parents you sit with at soccer, basketball, or baseball games? Invite them.

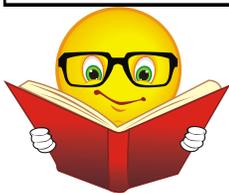
Anyone you know is welcome to come and join a small group and learn more about love. If you don't want to join a small group, how about starting one of your own? Just invite your friends, and you can all learn more about sharing and giving love.

You don't have to be a member or our church, be in a Sunday School class, choir, youth group, or CIA. All you have to do is come and learn more about LOVE. Sign up for one of the many group meeting times and dates that are available and get your study materials, *all in the lobby!*

Choose a small group to attend, and bring a friend! You can both learn together!

-- Dotty Rashba, Small Groups

Books Available to Check Out



In classroom 210 there is a library cart with books that are available for check out. Please help yourself to the books that are available, just sign out with your name and return when you have finished reading of the book.

New Playground Installed

We're delighted to report that our playground has been installed! The playground is designed primarily for younger children, ages 2 - 5 but we're finding that elementary school aged kids are enjoying it too. The playground lies on the south side of the building... As you approach the main entrance, look left. Or from within the building, exit via the double doors from the lobby through the children's wing.

The Quilt Circle



The Quilt Circle enjoyed their visit to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home on Monday, March 21. Rev. Denny McCullough gave us a tour of the campus, and was thankful for the 31 quilts and 1 afghan that were presented to the home. Each child receives a stuffed animal and a quilt when they are welcomed into the home.

The next scheduled meeting for the Quilt Circle is on Saturday, April 10, 10:00am, at the home of Marilyn Elston. For directions, please call Marilyn at home (223-9477) or on her cell phone (607-4535).

Check Out the Friendship Quilt

We were pleased as punch March 14 to receive the Friendship Quilt from our Quilting Circle. Many will remember signing pieces of fabric at the elementary school in 2008. They've been assembled into a lovely quilt that you can find hanging down the hall from the lobby. What a beautiful piece of work.

Welcome, New Members!

On March 21 we were pleased to receive into membership **Jim & Fran Hutchinson** and **Gary & Joyce Christiansen** and their son **Timmy Kyle**. Welcome!

Wanting to Know More About Our Church?

We will be having light lunch refreshments and a short visual presentation entitled "**Getting to Know Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church**" in the sanctuary right after the Traditions service on **April 11**. You will have an opportunity to meet our staff and see the wide range of spiritual growth, ministry, mission and fellowship opportunities that our church has to offer. Please RSVP to the church office by calling 280-5141 or e-mailing susan.bowler@pv-umc.org. Childcare will be provided for nursery and pre-school aged children. Please indicate your childcare needs when responding.

Like a Nametag?



Tell us via the welcome card in your bulletin. We generally place an order once a month. Church membership isn't required, just a commitment to wear your name tag. Whether you've been coming a long time or just a little while, we want to learn your name. Thanks!



Campaign Followup

At 24 months into our 36-month *Building on Faith* capital campaign, we have received nearly **71%** 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 first 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

While the Pastor's Away

In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please be in touch with Stephen Ministers **Bev Schaffield** or **Janet McVann**. Our visiting pastor, the Reverend Jimmy Jones, will serve as their clergy backup while Pastor Jeff is away.

April 12 – May 2: **Bev Schaffield** (221-7262, 704-7246)

May 3 – May 23: **Janet McVann** (280-1566, 343-7356)

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap as of 03.28.2010

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (96 pledges)	\$ 1,534,634
Pledges received to date (74.1%)	\$ 1,136,788
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 124,094
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 11,693
Total received to date	\$ 1,305,907

General Fund Recap February 2010

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 36,573
Expenses	\$ 44,296
Parsonage Mortgage	\$ 1,772
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$9,495)

Building Fund Recap as of March, 2010

Income	\$ 124,247
Loan Draws	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ 25,154
Balance	\$ 300,671

March 2010 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
3/7	137	154	\$ 10,579	\$ 53,586	\$ 126
3/14	104	113	\$ 10,834	\$ 2,730	\$ 1,252
3/21	162	141	\$ 10,102	\$64,356	\$ 880
3/28	176	192	\$ 12,487	\$ 3,566	\$ 4,354

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 300,671
Enhancement Fund	\$ 469
Memorials	\$ 8,780
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2010	\$ 11,395

The Board of Trustees of Ponte Vedra UMC

This committee has leadership, management and legal functions that include supervision, oversight, and care of all real property and equipment owned and acquired by PVUMC. The Trustees annually review all insurance coverage to ensure that the church, its properties and its personnel are properly protected against risks. They also recommend and plan future capital needs of the church. The committee has seven members including the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Council on Ministries and the pastor. They meet 8 times a year, with called meetings as needed. The committee maintains and keeps our facilities running smoothly in order to accomplish the many daily activities that take place at PVUMC. Following are the 2010 committee members:

Max Stanley (Chair) '10 Parsonage (285-2946)

Ralph Snyder (Finance Chair) '10 Church Interior (819-0011)

Don Carson (Chair, Council on Ministries) '11 Church Exterior (280-2893)

John McEvoy '11 Grounds (280-4678)

Phil de Roziere '12 Job Jar (686-1761)

Loree Reed '12 Furnishings (285-8796)

Jeff Bennett (Pastor) Blessing the Board (280-5141)



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

Our children's program is growing each week and 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. Those of you who do not currently have a child on a program; we need your help too. We need teaching assistants and CIA helpers and Kingdom Kids teachers. If you can help, please call **Lynn Straughan** at 806-4508 or email at lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org.

Kingdom Kids and the 4 & 5 year old classes meet each Sunday at both the 9:30am and 11:00am worship services.

CIA-Children in Action

Please join us for CIA we meet Wednesdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm.

VBS - Save the Date!

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*.

Coming Soon...

More fun than human beings 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. It all happens **Friday, April 9 at 7:00pm** at Ponte Vedra UMC. Tickets are 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. Rumor has it that Pastor Elvis will be in the building. (Come anyway; it's for a good cause.)



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For everyone who contributed to mission Sunday! Your donations meant so much!
- 👍 For the students who went down to St Augustine (in the rain!) to hand out bagged lunches!
- 👍 For all of our students who MADE the bagged lunches!

Upcoming Events

Annual Church Variety Show, Friday, April 9 at 7:00pm. Come to our annual church wide variety show! Tickets will be sold after worship services and at the door! The cost will be \$8/person, \$20 family cap. Refreshments will be served! All proceeds will go towards offsetting the per student costs for the summer mission trips.

Sunday School Mission Work Sunday, April 18. During our 11:00am hour in Sunday school we will be making sandwiches to take into Jax Beach to feed the homeless. At noon, any student (or church member!) who wishes to join us can head into Jax Beach with us. We are accepting donations of soft granola bars, bottles of water (or boxes of juice), gummy fruit snacks, and plastic sandwich bags. You can drop them by Kelly's office at your leisure!

Relay for Life Saturday, April 24 - Sunday, April 25. Our youth are hosting a team at our community Relay for Life. See a youth if you'd like to support the team and donate to the American Cancer Society, See Kelly or any of our youth!

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.**



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.**

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

“What’s love got to do, got to do with it?” That’s the question Tina Turner asked in a hit song from some years back. Though in a much different context, we’ll be asking the same question during our *40 Days of Love* spiritual growth campaign, the first Sunday of which is April 18.

My prayer is that you will not only learn about love, but you’ll also put God’s love into action. I’m praying too that you’ll give six weeks to becoming part of small group study and experience love through your fellow group members. I am a self-professed small group “groupie;” I have experienced so much joy and growth in my relationship with God through small group Bible study, I want the same for others. Sign up asap, if you haven’t already.

Though I won’t be here during the *40 Days* (it coincides with my renewal leave) you’ll be in great hands: those of my friend and your preacher Rev. Jimmy Jones, the *40 Days of Love* team, and above all, God’s.

Feel the love!
Pastor Jeff



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