

# THE WAVE



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*59<sup>th</sup> Annual Observance*

*Prayer For Such A Time As This*

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Thursday, May 6 is **The National Day of Prayer**. Mrs. James C. Dobson is the national chairperson and Franklin Graham is honorary chairman.

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church sanctuary will be open on May 6 from 11:00am to 1:00pm and from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for all to come and pray for our nation, our president, our other leaders and judicial officials.

Regardless of political affiliations, we need to pray for our leaders and our country. We encourage our Ponte Vedra UMC family to participate in this important effort.

*“The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble.*

*He cares for those who trust in Him.”*

*Nahum 1:7*

#### OUR MISSION:

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
*United Methodist  
Church*

**40** Days  
of **LOVE**

What a terrific start to our **40 Days of Love** study. We have 186 people signed up for small groups which is approximately the average attendance for our church last fall. Group leaders are reporting enthusiastic response to the study supported by the excellent messages from guest pastor, Dr. Jimmy Jones. God is answering our prayers for 40 days by providing us a loving visiting pastor, terrific small group attendance, seasoned facilitators, new converts and an enthusiastic congregation.

## Missions Corner

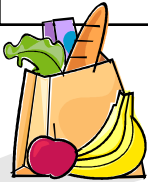
### Birdies for Charity



**Hart Felt Ministries** was founded in 2004 by **Jane Hart** after hearing the Lord’s call to action. Since that time, word has spread across Jacksonville and the rest of the country regarding what Hart Felt is doing. Volunteer ranks have expanded to over 200 people, while the client list now numbers over 350. Many thousands of hours of volunteer time are being invested in our elderly neighbors and friends to help them “age in place.”

How many birdies will be made at The Players? **Birdies for Charity** is your opportunity to help Hart Felt Ministries and possibly even win great prizes. Loree Reed (285-8796) and Bette McEvoy (280-4678) would love to sign you up. Please call them for more information.

### B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry)

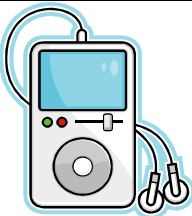


Empty grocery bags will be available May 30 after each worship service. Please fill them up and bring them to church Sunday, June 6. A list of recommended items to donate is attached to each bag. Please help this very deserving cause.



### Have to Miss Church?

#### You Don't Have to Miss the Message



If you’re away a Sunday, listen to the weekly message you’ve missed online at our website, [www.pv-umc.org](http://www.pv-umc.org). The messages are also available as a podcast, giving you the option to select a message or automatically have messages downloaded to your iPod or other mp3 player. (Instructions may be found at [www.pv-umc.org](http://www.pv-umc.org).) It’s the next best thing to being here!

### A Word from Wesley

Go on, in a full pursuit of all the mind that was in Christ, of inward and then outward holiness; so shall you be not almost but altogether a Christian.

– Works III, 332.

## *United Methodist Women*

Our garage/bake sale was a huge success! We would like to extend a great big **thank you** to all who donated their time and cast-off items to our sale. We have to mention especially our youth who showed up at 7:00am to help set up, stayed all day working the bake sale table, then helped us clean up. What a wonderful group of young people!

Our next project is “**Christmas in July.**” We will be collecting specific items for a program called “Operation Shoebox.” This program was established in 2003 to support our troops deployed overseas. Following is a list of small travel size items that are requested. We want to get an early start collecting these items for shipment overseas in time for Christmas.

Heat resistant candy	Baby wipes	Feminine hygiene products
Fruit breezes (throat drops)	Hairbrushes	Q-tips
Disposable razors	Twizzlers	Chewing Gum
Shampoo (small)	Sunscreen (small)	Non-aerosol bug spray
Pens	Stamps	Envelopes
Writing paper	Magazines	Paper back books
Fly swatters	Small flashlights	Small fans
Dental floss	Mouthwash (small)	Toothpaste (small)
Toothbrushes	Phone cards	Ziplock bags
Batteries	Coffee packets	Coffee creamer packets
Shoe insole cushions	Sugar packets	Pop tarts
Beef jerky	Mints	CD fanny packs
Lollipops	Energy bar (Clif or Balance)	Disposable cameras
White athletic socks	Sunglasses (black non-designer)	Bar soap
Dry packaged lemonade	Hot sauce (no glass containers)	Small stuffed animals
Funnies	Puzzle pages (from newspaper)	

We will have a basket in the back of the sanctuary marked “Christmas in July Operation Shoebox.” Please place your items in this basket. Let’s all support the brave men and women serving in our armed forces with our gifts and prayers. Remember, Thursday May 6 is The National Day of Prayer.

Our next meeting of the Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women is Saturday, May 15 at 10:00am in Room 207. All women of the church are welcome. Please come and bring a friend!

## *Welcome, New Members!*

On Easter Sunday, April 4 we were pleased to receive into membership:

### **Elsie Griffin**



Elsie has lived in Ponte Vedra Beach for 5 years. Prior to that she lived in Winter Park, Florida. She has traveled around the world three times and has met every Democratic president since FDR except our current president. Elsie has also spent time with President George and Barbara Bush in Maine. Her deceased husband was active behind the scenes in politics. Elsie ran his foundation until it was dissolved after his death; she has been active in the Methodist church having served on the Administrative Board and other leadership positions.

We are so glad to have you as part of our church family, Elsie!

### **Charlie Morgan**



Charlie has lived in Ponte Vedra Beach for 16 years. Married to member Samm, Charlie is son-in-law of beloved, deceased member Col. James Schwenk. Charlie stays busy helping with the family business, Morgan Specialty Advertising Firm, has two daughters and three grand children and is active in the Sawgrass Home Owners Association. He likes to play golf and looks forward to getting back to the game after knee surgery. Welcome, Charlie!

### **Philip & Andrea, Ansley & Brock Brigman**



Phil and Andrea have lived in Ponte Vedra Beach for 2 1/2 years. Their daughter, Ansley is in the 6th grade at Landrum Middle School and son, Brock is in kindergarten at Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Elementary School. Andrea and Phil are enjoying participating in 40 Days of Love and are so happy to have found Ponte Vedra UMC.

It's great to have you with us!

## *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 Dr. 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)

*Welcome back Pastor Jeff*

*May 25th*

*We missed you!*

## *A Greeting From Visiting Pastor, Dr. Jimmy Jones*

The 40 Days of Love. It got me to thinking, who do I love? Since there is not enough room for forty, I will list four. Here it goes:

I love Jesus. If I had the opportunity to go back in time and have lunch with one person, it would be him. Not only did he transform history, but he's also changed my life forever! He's my home boy!

I love my family. My parents taught me the meaning of Christ-like agape love. They were working class folks. We did not have a big house or a fancy car. But, we had the main thing – love! And, because they modeled true self-sacrificial love for me, I have had a healthier relationship with my wife Lynn and my son Caleb. And, boy, if I were to write about how much I love them, the world could not contain all the pages!

I love my church friends. And, Pastor Jeff (aka Pastor Elvis) and Jill are at the top of that list! I can't imagine doing life without church! Through Christ we are blood brothers and sisters. Jesus' blood is thicker than relational blood and much thicker than water. It brings us together as believers and binds our hearts in love! Blest be the tie that binds!

I love the lost. Because I love Jesus, I love those who are lost and don't know Him. I regret that they do not experience the fullness of life that he offers. But, I want to build relationships with them so that they might have a chance to experience His love. In some cases, I have had the opportunity to introduce them to Jesus and now they know Him. What a thrill to lead others to the scarred feet of Him who loves us forever!

Love ya'll,

Pastor Jimmy, Guest Pastor for the  
40 Days of Love

### *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

## *Financial Status*

### Building on Faith Recap as of 04.26.2010

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (96 pledges)	\$ 1,534,634
Pledges received to date (75.2%)	\$ 1,154,577
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 127,634
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 12,851
Total received to date	\$ 1,328,394

### General Fund Recap March 2010

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 43,869
Expenses	\$ 42,475
Parsonage Mortgage	\$ 1,779
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$385)

### Building Fund Recap as of April, 2010

Income	\$ 21,244
Loan Draws	\$ 19,700
Expenditures	\$ 128,963
Balance	\$ 205,509

## *April 2010 Giving & Attendance*

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
4/2	Holy Thursday		\$ 407	\$ 200	\$ 0
4/4	253	321	\$ 11,382	\$ 14,437	\$ 170
4/11	114	115	\$ 13,083	\$ 2,053	\$ 20
4/18	124	150	\$ 8,240	\$ 2,219	\$ 11
4/25	133	144	\$ 9,037	\$ 2,335	\$ 411

### Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 205,509
Enhancement Fund	\$ 469
Memorials	\$ 8,780
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2010	\$ 11,395

## *Ponte Vedra UMC Council on Ministries*

Have you ever wondered who comes up with the really cool events and missions at Ponte Vedra UMC? Have you ever wondered why, for some unknown reason, the events seem to fall on just the right day at the right time of the year? The **Council on Ministries**, including our pastor, is comprised of the chairpersons/leaders of all major missions and ministries of Ponte Vedra UMC. The COM develops, coordinates, schedules, and implements the missions and ministries of our church. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00pm at the church. Following are the 2010 committee members:

Don Carson - Chair  
 Jill Bennett - Children  
 Kelly Minter - Youth  
 June Koch - Worship  
 Sheryl Strickland - Missions  
 Jeff Bennett - Pastor

Cecily Browning - Lay Leader  
 Georgia de Roziere, Phyllis Monie - Hospitality  
 Dotty Rashba - Small Groups  
 Lynn Straughan - Children  
 Dixie Thalmueller, Sue Morris - Shepherding

## Children's Corner

I want to thank all of you who came to our volunteer training. With your help we will be able to grow our children's programs. Thanks so much for your service to the children of our church!

**Kingdom Kids**, Sunday morning at 9:45 and 11:15. Following Children's Time at each worship service Kindergarten through 5th grade children are dismissed to the second floor for Kingdom Kids for their own special message brought to life through video, teaching and crafts.

**C.I.A. (Children in Action)** During the month of May our kids will be learning the basics of tennis. Come out and join the fun. Please call **Lynn Straughan** at 806-4508 or email [lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org](mailto:lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org) to reserve your place. This event is open to all children Kindergarten through 5th grade. C.I.A. kids gather to show their love for God through singing, missions, acting, crafting and other fun activities each Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm.



### Round Of Applause



- 👍 For all of the students who helped out with the Garage/Bake Sale.
- 👍 For Ashley Sabol and Tucker Holland, and their leadership at the baked goods table.
- 👍 For our church family and their support of our annual variety show.

**Sunday School Mission Work** Sunday, May 16. During our 11:00am hour in Sunday school we will be making sandwiches to take downtown to feed the homeless. At noon, any student (or church member) who wishes to join us can head Downtown with us. We are accepting donations of 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!

**REFUGE and lock-in!** Saturday, May 22-Sunday, May 23. We will meet at the church at 8:00am and head to Hudson Florida to take part in REFUGE Conference 2010, and then come back to the church to spend the night. We will be finished by 9:00am Sunday. \$40/person, money due ASAP to hold your spot!

**Created and Called** Monday, June 21-Tuesday, June 22. This is an event for Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores. We will be meeting at noon Monday at the church, and finish at noon Tuesday. We will spend that time exploring what it means to be CREATED by God and what He may be CALLING us to in our lives...personally, professionally, and spiritually.

**We have decided on our 2010 mission trip locations!** Middle School will be joining TEAMeffort, 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 **MISSION 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.**



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