

# THE WAVE



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*Vacation Bible School, July 19 - 23*



We're setting sail this summer for VBS fun! Feel sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead. You and your crew will experience the deep rolling waters of God's love. Join us for our **High Seas Expedition!** All kids 4 years through completed 5th grade are welcome to join the fun from 9:00a.m.

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## *Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer for High Seas Expedition*

10. Only a scallywag would miss this unforgettable week.
9. Soak up a week of cool sea breezes during the hot summer.
8. A chance to show off your swashbuckling skills.
7. Everyone looks good in a sailor hat.
6. VBS will shiver your timbers all week as you SEA children learn about God.
5. Don't be marooned in your home - set sail on the High Seas!
4. Enjoy a week at sea without getting sand in your shorts.
3. You won't have to swab the poop deck.
2. Helping kids know God will SPLASH a smile on your face.

And the #1 reason to volunteer:

1. Because VBS is not just about a week - it's about eternity!

WATER you waiting for? Volunteer for VBS and set sail on the high seas! We **need setup help** on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> around noon and on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> after church. Also **takedown help** on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Lynn Straughan at 806.4508 / [lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org](mailto:lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org). Training for those volunteering throughout the week is offered **Sunday, July 11, 5:00 – 6:00pm**. Again, contact Lynn. We could also use your help in **gathering supplies**: beach themed items, stuffed or plastic blow up birds, palm trees, netting, fishing equipment, two liter bottles, blue plastic table cloths, rope, ship wheel and fake fish.

## *Upcoming Messages*

*Our Elijah series continues...*

July 4 **Being Human: When Fear Overwhelms** (1 Kings 19:1-18)

July 11 **Discipleship Can Be Costly; When God Calls** (1 Kings 19:19-21, Luke 9:57-62)

July 18 **At Odds with God: "Let's Be Practical"** (1 Kings 20:1-43)

July 25 **Murder & Grace** (1 Kings 21:1-29)

## OUR MISSION:

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



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"More than the sounds of many waters, than the mighty breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty"

Psalm 93:4

## Missions Corner

### *2010 Annual Conference Offering in support of Haiti and hungry children of Florida*

Each year clergy and lay members of The United Methodist Church in Florida gather for “annual conference.” One of the features of the June 10-12 Florida Annual Conference Event (in Lakeland this year) was a special offering in which our church participated.

In keeping with this year’s annual conference theme, “Transforming the World by Eradicating Extreme Poverty” 80% of this year’s offering is going to *The Methodist Church in Haiti* as they seek to rebuild lives and churches. The remaining 20% is going toward *Florida Impact for the Partnership to End Childhood Hunger* of which The Florida Conference is a member. The goal is to make Florida the first state in the nation to end childhood hunger.

The total offering received was \$96,000 of which our church gave \$1,125. Good going, church!

– Pastor Jeff

### *Missions-Related Websites*

In recent weeks Pastor Jeff has mentioned several organizations doing great mission work in places near and far. Here are some website links should you want to learn more:

<http://faithfultservantmissions.org>

<http://fumch.org> (Children's Home)

<http://hartfelt.org>

<http://jaxbeam.org>

<http://heifer.org>

<http://kiva.org>

<http://missionhousejax.org>

<http://zoeministry.org>

### *A Word from Wesley*

One of the prejudices of our day was very much alive 18<sup>th</sup> century England. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley wrote,

So wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection, “They are poor only because they are idle.”

– Works XX, 445.

## *United Methodist Women*

We still need items for SHOEBOX MISSIONS. This program was established in 2003 to support troops deployed overseas. There are approximately 1000 care packages sent every week to troops in the field. The Wounded Warrior program is to help injured troops transition from front line to a medical facility. Christmas stockings are made and stuffed for Christmas. We want to get an early start collecting these items for shipment overseas. Each package has a handwritten note enclosed. Everyone can help by using old greeting cards. Just cut off your personal note and write a note on the back side of the front of the card. We have a basket in the back of the sanctuary marked "Christmas In July" "Operation Shoebox". Please place your items in this basket. Also provided are patterns and instructions for making Christmas stockings, ditty bags, and troop helmets. Let's all support the brave men and women serving in our armed forces with our gifts and prayers.

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)	



The Quilt Circle of the United Methodist Women is working on a **Children's Quilt**. The children of C.I.A. (Children In Action) and Kingdom Kids, along with the children in the nursery have been coloring quilt squares which we plan to assemble this fall. If there is anyone in the church who would like their child included please call **Janis Wetmore** 646-4995 or email [ricwetmore@aol.com](mailto:ricwetmore@aol.com).

Our next meeting of the Ponte Vedra UMW is **Saturday, July 10 at 10:00a.m.** in Room 207. All women of the church are welcome. Please come and bring a friend.

## Church Works 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 people to stuff bulletins on Fridays and prepare

*The Wave* newsletter for mailing on the last day of each month. The more people on the list, the less frequently you are scheduled. You could be rotated into the schedule and only be needed every fifth or sixth week. Please call the church office, 280-5141 or email me ([susan.bowler@pv-umc.org](mailto:susan.bowler@pv-umc.org)) and let me sign you up. This is not just for the women of the church, gentlemen are welcome, too!

-- Susan Bowler

## Children's Corner



## Vacation Bible School

July 19 - 23

9:00 - Noon



## Kingdom Kids

All Kids Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us each Sunday morning for Kingdom Kids. Kingdom Kids is held during both the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. We are still looking for volunteers. You could easily add some fun and excitement to your life by volunteering to be a part of this great ministry. Please email Lynn Straughan at [lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org](mailto:lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org) and let her sign you up.

## C.I.A. (Children In Action) update

C.I.A. will be taking a break for the summer. We will resume in the early fall.



## Round Of Applause

- 👍 For Zack Murta, Kari Davidson, Kelsey White, and Sam Casarico in their graduation from middle school
- 👍 For all of the students involved in Youth Sunday
- 👍 For Scott Tinsley, Danny Booth, Tucker Holland, Dori Schaffield, and Matt Pyle for their support of our students on Youth Sunday

## Upcoming Events

**Tubing on the Ichnetucknee** Thursday, July 15. We will meet at the church PROMPTLY at 9:00am and leave for the river. The trip will cost \$10 per person, and we will be home around 6:00pm. Invite friends, but don't forget to sign up with Tucker Holland or outside of the youth room!

**Sunday School Mission Work** Sunday, August 15. 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 into St Augustine. We are accepting donations of bottles of water (or boxes of juice), gummy fruit snacks, peanut butter, and BREAD. You can drop them by Kelly's office at your leisure!

**Beach Days are back!** Wednesdays in July! We will have beach days on July 7, 14, and 28. We will NOT have one on July 21. We will be at Mickler's from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Come when you can, leave when you must. When you walk up the ramp, look to the left and you will see our group! Bring friends, hang out, have fun...it's summer time again!

**Stock sales are back!** The only stock that is guaranteed to yield returns! Buy "stock" in our mission trips this summer by seeing any of our youth, or talking to Kelly. \$10 donation entitles you to a newsletter upon return, \$30 donation gets you a newsletter AND a post-card, and \$50 gets you a newsletter, postcard, AND a souvenir!

## Summer mission trips!

**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) or 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, \$520/person.**



# Financial Status

## Building on Faith Recap as of June 2010

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (96 pledges)	\$ 1,534,634
Pledges received to date (77%)	\$ 1,182,141
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 130,703
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 12,851
Total received to date	\$ 1,359,027

## General Fund Recap May 2010

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 47,867
Expenses	\$ 46,256
Parsonage Mortgage	\$ 1,658
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$47)

## Building Fund Recap as of June 2010

Income	\$ 8,842
Loan Draws	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ 8,775
Balance	\$ 204,332

## May 2010 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
6/6	124	109	\$19,245	\$ 2,241	\$ 396
6/13	107	113	\$ 8,124	\$ 1,145	\$ 101
6/20	86	150	\$ 7,389	\$ 570	\$ 289
6/27	104	108	\$ 6,893	\$ 4,886	\$ 2,243

## Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 221,425
Enhancement Fund	\$ 469
Memorials	\$ 8,780
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2010	\$ 11,395

Owed on Parsonage: \$177,762    Owed on Church Facility: \$2,682,930



## Campaign Followup

At 27 months into our 36-month *Building on Faith* capital campaign, we have received **77%** 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!

At present we're required to pay interest; principal payments are optional. Beginning in January 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. 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



## *Committee on Lay Leadership*

The Committee on Lay Leadership (formerly known as the Nominating Committee) is responsible for identifying the gifts and strengths of people in the congregation, developing their skills and deploying them in areas of service within the church, community and world. Members of the current Committee on Lay Leadership are: Jeff Bennett (280-5141), Cecily Browning (285-2648), Dod Schroter (285-3818), Jim Wynn (285-2157), and Lisa Hancock (273-8842). If you know someone that you feel would be good in a leadership position, please pass that information along to one of the committee members. Church membership is required to serve in an elected leadership position such as Staff Parish Relations Committee, Trustees and Finance. (The congregation will vote on such positions annually once we charter this fall.) In addition to membership, one year of attending the church is preferred.



## *Children's Ministry Coordinator Resigns*

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee has accepted the resignation of **Lynn Straughan** from her position as Children's Ministry Coordinator effective August 6. As Lynn stated in her letter, she wants to have weekends to visit her mother and the flexibility to be there for daughter Caroline who will begin college in two short years.

We much appreciate Lynn remaining onboard through Vacation Bible School. This serves our children's ministry well and helps SPRC as they review the position and seek a new person to join our staff team and lead us in our ministry to children.

Lynn looks forward to continuing to serve the church as a volunteer, very welcome news as Lynn has many gifts for ministry! And we love Matt and Caroline too; each is an important part of our church in their own right.

## *Positions Available at Ponte Vedra UMC*

The ads below will be published soon. Paid or unpaid, PVUMC is a great place to serve so please put the word out to any qualified candidates you may know!

– Your Staff Parish Relations Committee

**CHILDREN'S MINISTER-PT** needed for PV church. Enthusiastic person to plan programming, choose curriculum, coordinate volunteers for growing children's ministry. In place are Sunday morning Kingdom Kids (two sessions), Wednesday afternoon C.I.A. (Children In Action) and four seasonal programs. Avg 15-20 hrs/wk. E-mail or FAX resume. [kids@pv-umc.org](mailto:kids@pv-umc.org) 904 280-0599.

**CUSTODIAN-PT** needed for PV church. \$10/hour, avg 15-20 hrs/wk, flexible schedule. E-mail or FAX resume. [clean@pv-umc.org](mailto:clean@pv-umc.org) 904 280-0599.

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

The toilets at the parsonage have been driving us nuts. I have become expert with the plunger and Jill's become quite skilled too. Roto Rooter was summoned. "No, it's not a problem with your line; it's these builder's grade toilets you have." The Trustees authorized replacement of both toilets and finally came the day the plumber would install the new fixtures.

My five-year old son Spencer often hangs back when it comes to strangers and new situations, but his fascination with things mechanical overcomes any fear. As with the air conditioning service guys and the window glass replacement men before them, Spencer was right at the side of the plumbers today. Careful not to get in their way, he was positively mesmerized by the "out with the old, in with the new." I wonder if he's too young to be apprenticed...

I love to see my children captivated. Spencer is always right there when I'm taking a screwdriver to something. He likes to try it himself but if it's too hard for five-year old hands to turn, we do it together. No doubt God too enjoys seeing his children riveted to what he's doing, eager to come alongside and join him. I confess that I'm not always patient with Spencer's "help"; I'm glad that God shares none of my shortcomings. Our very patient God is ready and willing to give us work in his kingdom, work that captivates us. What might that be for you? If you don't know, don't hang back. Try something new. Watch the Master at work and jump in!

-- Pastor Jeff



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