

THE WAVE



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Welcome, Anne Torgerson!

Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that **Anne Torgerson** (anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org) is joining our staff as Children's Minister beginning the week of August 2. Anne is married to Pete Torgerson; their children are Hans, Gretchen and Kai. Anne will be introduced to the congregation at both services on Sunday, August 8. Let's thank God for sending Anne our way and pray for her as she takes up the important work of children's ministry among us.

Beginning September 15...

Mom to Mom, Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30am

Mom to Mom is a place where you can enjoy meeting other moms and listen to great speakers talking about relevant topics while your child infant or pre-school child is cared for in a loving, nurturing environment. Kids all in school? *Mom to Mom* is for you too. See inside for details!

Save the Date...

PVUMC to Charter September 26

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church will charter during both worship services on Sunday, September 26. You'll read more about this in next month's newsletter, but this is big. You'll want to be in church that day so save the date!

VBS a Success!

We are so pleased to have blessed 75 children through *High Seas Expedition*. Our thanks to each person who volunteered to make our 2010 Vacation Bible School a success.

Upcoming Messages

August 1 **Birthright** (Romans 8:12-17) *Tucker Holland*

August 8 **Standing with Lowered Wings** (Ezekiel 1:24-25) *Willow Diane Lee*

August 15 **To Heaven in a Whirlwind... And Ministry Goes On** (2 Kings 2:1-18)

Begin The Methodist Way series

August 22 **Radical Hospitality: "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me"** (Matthew 25:31-46)

August 29 **Intentional Discipling: "Walking as Controlled Falling"**

Sunday, September 5th worship services will focus on healing.

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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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Missions Corner

Back to School With B.E.A.M.



B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) is helping beaches families with children and teens who need a little help getting ready for the new school year. Would you like to lend a hand? Supplies needed are good, clean, gently used clothing and shoes, **new** underwear and socks, new shoe vouchers, new backpacks and school supplies.

Drop off sites include BETH-EL, The Beaches Synagogue, Ponte Vedra Beach; Community Presbyterian Church, Atlantic Beach; Palms Presbyterian Church, Atlantic Beach; Prosperity Bank, Beach and Hodges; and St. Paul's Catholic Church, Jacksonville Beach. If you have questions, call BEAM at 241-7437 ext. 1.

The Beach, Labor Day, and a Cup of Cool Water



Here's a fun opportunity to serve people and get the word out about our church. We'll meet at the beach (Mickler's Landing) on Labor Day (September 6) at 11:00am to hand out bottled water with the name of our church and the message, "**God loves you; no strings attached.**" This will serve our thirsty neighbors and maybe get a soul or two thinking about God's love for them. Who knows but that those living nearby will show up the following Sunday seeking living water. (See John 4:10 for more on that!)

All ages are encouraged to participate; there will be an adult with every twosome or threesome who goes out. Interested? **Bev Schaffield** will lead us again. (Thanks, Bev!) Please email volunteer@pv-umc.org to let us know you'll help.

P.S. This act of hospitality will require about an hour, leaving plenty of time to barbecue with family and friends!

Ponte Vedra UMC Blood Drive Information

Are you tired of telling people who call you from the Blood Alliance that you can't give blood because you're saving up for your next church blood drive? Here is your opportunity to just say, "yes I can!" Now is a good time to visit your local blood center and donate a pint.

Ponte Vedra UMC's next blood drive is **October 10** from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Remember, you need to wait **56 days between donations** so don't give blood after **August 14**. If you do, you can't support our church blood drive in October. Contact **Don Carson** at 280-2893 for more information.

A Word from Wesley

And God's time is always the best time.

United Methodist Women

Thank you so much for supporting the Operation Shoebox/Christmas in July drive. Once again this church family has proven itself to be generous beyond measure. Although the special drive is over, we will continue to accept donations for this worthy project. Please keep our service men and women in your prayers.

Due to the success of the spring UMW garage/bake sale, we are able to assist ten mission projects this year. United Methodist Women's goal is to continue to increase our ability to assist missions in the future. We would love to hear your ideas.

Watch the Sunday church bulletin for the date and time of our next meeting.

Now on iTunes



Live performance of **PVUMC's Youth Creative Arts Ministry** smash hit "God's Love Is Everlasting." Best 99 cents you'll ever spend! On iTunes search "Roscoe 76" to get there quickly.

Coffee Cleanup

Volunteers are needed following 11:00 worship to **clear/clean the coffee table** and put items away in the kitchen, a task easily handled by two people. Interested? E-mail your name and number to volunteer@pv-umc.org re: "coffee cleanup."

Lost & Found

Have you wondered where that favorite ink pen might have gone? Or have you lost a button off that cute jacket? You may be reunited with these items in the handy **Lost & Found box** located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If something has gone missing in church, it's probably there!

Welcome, New Members!

Received at 9:30 *Alive!* Sunday, June 27;



John & Nancy Noble have been married 25 years and have two grown children. Nancy likes to visit St. Augustine and is active in the Children's Ministry. John likes fishing and he and Nancy both enjoy playing golf.

Bill & Anita Frazer have lived here 17 years and have been married 63 years.



Scott Tinsley has been with Ponte Vedra UMC from the beginning. He has lived in Ponte Vedra Beach for many years and is the worship leader for our 9:30 *Alive!* service. Scott teaches guitar, violin and piano around the beaches area. He's so glad to be a part of Ponte Vedra UMC.

Received at the Traditions service Sunday, June 27;



Carol Kilpatrick and son **Christopher** have been actively involved in our church for a long while and Carol is a member of the Shepherds Sunday School class.

Arne & Marilyn Nielson have been married seven years and have lived in the area since December, moving here to be near family. Arne has worked all over the world as a mining engineer.

Ann Cook is a member of the Inquirers Sunday School class and enjoys swimming and spending time with her grandkids.

Mark & Bonnie Schwan transferred their membership from Perdido Bay UMC in Pensacola and are excited to be part of our membership.

Andy Owens has lived here since 1989 and is a good friend of Pastor Jeff.

Warren & Charlotte Hendricks are excited to become involved in the life of our church, particularly Sunday School and the Prayer Group.

Tod & Judy and **Zachary Phillips** have lived in the area for 12 years and we are happy they have chosen to become part of our fellowship.

Received at 9:30 *Alive!* Sunday, July 11 ;



Ken Kehoe & Sharon Biggie are both originally from upstate New York and are retiring to the Ponte Vedra area. They met two years ago and will be married on October 10. They are excited about becoming part of our church family.

Received at the Traditions service Sunday, July 11;



Clyde & Corrine Garrison have lived in the Ponte Vedra area for 6 years. They have been married for 41 years and have a daughter and three grandchildren.



Ron & Barbara Owen are long time Jacksonville residents and have lived in the Ponte Vedra area for two years.

Interested in Joining Ponte Vedra UMC?

On **Sunday, September 19** from 3:00 – 5:00pm Pastor Jeff is leading a **new member orientation** for those wanting to join Ponte Vedra UMC. (No obligation to join, by the way; you can just come and learn more about the church.) We're receiving members on Charter Sunday September 26; exciting! Please let Susan (280-5141 x11, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) know to expect you. Child-care through age 5 provided upon advance request.

Children's Corner

High Seas Expedition - Wow!

It was a wonderful week sailing the high seas at VBS. Seventy-six very happy children attended. Thank you to all the parents for allowing their child/children to spend the week with us learning about the Word of God.

None of the fun could have been possible without the help from our 10 youth and 22 adult volunteers. For the ninth year **Jill Bennett** led a station and helped organize the entire event. **Scott Tinsley** and his musical crew led the music portion each day. Thanks so much to our station leaders: **Kristen Boehner/Joe Boehner, Lisa Hancock, Phyllis Monie, Georgia de Roziere, Kay Richardson, Ruth Murta** and **Mary Slaton**. To our crew leaders: **Adam Guaranskas, Sherrill Brown, Melissa Horne, Julie Beatty, Dotty Rashba, Janis Wetmore, Shelly Marsh, Traci** and **Cathy Webb** and **Mary Kay Ashby** thank you for shepherding the flock each day. Thanks also to our youth volunteers and other adult volunteers who stepped in to offer a helping hand. We could not have done any of this without volunteer help!

As you all know I will be stepping down from my position of Children's Program Coordinator effective August 6. It has been a pleasure working with the children of this church, they are such a wonderful group of kids! While I have enjoyed my time working with the children, the last couple of years have been difficult for me personally, which is what led me to step down from my position. I plan to spend more time with my daughter Caroline and more time helping my mother in Georgia.

I would be remiss if I did not thank my faithful volunteer **Nancy Noble** who leads the 11:00am Kingdom Kids. Nancy, thank you so much - the kids have learned so much from you.

I look forward to watching these young people grow in Christ and will be available to help in any way I can.

--- Lynn Straughan

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Mom to Mom is for our moms and for moms throughout our community so spread the word! Oh, yes... **Please register online especially if you need childcare.**

<http://bigtent.com/groups/mom2mom>

We are grateful to **Shelley Marsh** (mom2mom@pv-umc.org) who leads this ministry at CrossRoad UMC for assisting our church in this endeavor.

Mom to Mom begins **Wednesday, September 15**, right here at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church, 9:30 - 11:30am. There is no cost for the fall but (did we say this already?) please register.



Round Of Applause

- 👍 For our students who participated on the senior high mystery mission trip!
- 👍 For Yolie Macon and Matt Straughan, our mission trip drivers!
- 👍 For Ashley Sabol, Dori Schafffield, Matt Pyle, and Tucker Holland, our mission trip counselors!

Upcoming Events

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 ending! Our last beach days will be August 4, 11, and 18! We will be at Mickler's from 12:00pm - 4:00pm (please note the time change). 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!

Back to School Bash! Are you youth aged? Do you have a child or grandchild who is youth aged? Come out to our back-to-school bash! We will have food, games and information for parents about what our program is, what they can expect, and ways they can plug in! See you Sunday, August 29, 5:00pm - 8:00pm!

Are you a stock holder? Mark your calendar for September 19! We will have our stockholder's lunch after the 11:00am worship service. Come to hear about our trips and how we encountered God! Not a stockholder? That's all right! For a donation of \$2 (\$10 family cap) you can come and hear it too!



Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap as of July 2010

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| Project Cost | \$ 3.8 million |
| Campaign goal | \$ 1.3 million |
| Pledged to date (96 pledges) | \$ 1,534,634 |
| Pledges received to date (77%) | \$ 1,188,385 |
| Non-pledges received to date | \$ 132,046 |
| General budget receipts | \$ 33,332 |
| Interest income | \$ 12,851 |
| Total received to date | \$ 1,366,614 |

General Fund Recap June 2010

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| Tithes & Offerings | \$ 41,651 |
| Expenses | \$ 44,300 |
| Parsonage Mortgage | \$ 1,796 |
| Net Income/(Deficit) | (\$4,445) |

Building Fund Recap as of July 2010

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|--------------|------------|
| Income | \$ 7,362 |
| Loan Draws | \$ 0 |
| Expenditures | \$ 2,451 |
| Balance | \$ 210,603 |

June 2010 Giving & Attendance

| Date | Contemp. Attendance | Traditional Attendance | General Fund Giving | Capital Fund Giving | Other Giving |
|------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 7/4 | 80 | 121 | \$9,031 | \$ 1,469 | \$ 28 |
| 7/11 | 117 | 134 | \$11,652 | \$ 3,291 | \$ 320 |
| 7/18 | 109 | 130 | \$ 5,446 | \$ 1,344 | \$ 2,396 |
| 7/25 | 102 | 145 | \$ 8,055 | \$ 1,258 | \$ 4,274 |

Designated Totals

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|--------------------|------------|
| Building Fund | \$ 210,603 |
| Enhancement Fund | \$ 0 |
| Memorials | \$ 8,780 |
| General Fund | \$ 11,395 |
| Needed Weekly 2010 | \$ 11,395 |

Owed on Parsonage: \$174,183 Owed on Church Facility: \$2,663,930

Lay Leader

The Lay Leader serves as the primary advocate for, and representative of, the laity in the local church. The lay leader's responsibilities include meeting regularly with the pastor to assess the needs of the congregation and ministry, building awareness of the role of the laity in the church and encouraging people to develop and use their skills to carry out the ministry of the church. The lay leader supports the many ministries of the church and informs members of training opportunities. The lay leader serves on various committees within the church and is lay member to the Annual Conference. Our current lay leader, Cecily Browning, can be reached at 285-2648 or cecily.browning@pv-umc.org.



Campaign Followup

At 28 months into our 36-month *Building on Faith* capital campaign, we have received nearly **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 pre-paying 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

Crown Financial Ministry

Crown Financial Ministry is a small group study that teaches people God's financial principles in order to know Christ more intimately and to be free to serve Him. This study will be offered Sundays beginning September 12. Each class is two hours in length and there will be weekly financial homework. Couples and single adults are welcome but the class size is limited to no more than eight students. The cost of the study material is \$55.00 per couple and \$45.00 for a single person. If the cost of materials is a problem, full scholarships are available. Please be assured that any financial information you elect to share with the group will be held in the strictest confidence.

Objectives of the Study:

- (1) Encourage people to experience more intimate fellowship with Christ.
- (2) Challenge each person to invite Jesus Christ to be his or her Lord.
- (3) Build close relationships among the participants.
- (4) Help students put their financial house in order.

Anyone interested in participating in or has questions about this small group study may call Ralph or Sadie Snyder at 904-819-0011. Due to the limited class size, if you are interested, please call soon to sign up for the class.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

By the time you read this, my family and I will be on vacation. This is a driving vacation with Chicago as our ultimate destination. I've been to Chicago but I've never driven there from Florida. Feels like a long, long way when you think about driving it in a minivan with three kids.

I have some questions about the trip. How will our family do traveling together? Will our ten-year old minivan hold up? Will the weather be good for traveling? How many wrong turns will I take on the way? (Even with GPS, it happens.)

We've suffered the deaths of two very dear members of our church family in recent weeks: Joe Vozza and Harvey Borum. The journey they've made is one we will all make at some point in our lives. The questions I ask about my upcoming trip sound a lot like the questions we ask about our final journey. What will it be like? Will I break down along the way? Who will travel with me and how will they do? Will I get lost trying to find my way?

My family is excited to know that when we arrive in Chicago my sister and her family will be waiting to greet us. That makes this a worthwhile journey. You know, when we die there'll be Someone special waiting for us there too. Isn't it good to know that Jesus will be there. And that he's here too.

– Pastor Jeff

“Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” – 1 Corinthians 15:54b-55



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