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Celebration Meal November 7 to Conclude Church-wide Study

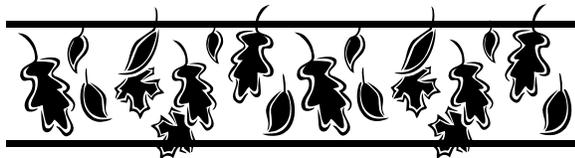
We conclude the fall message series **When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box** on **Sunday, November 7** with a celebration meal at noon. Please come! The church will provide the meat and beverage service; would you bring a side, salad or dessert that day to share?

Let us know if you'd be able to set up tables/chairs right after the 11:00 Traditions service and/or take down and clean up after the meal. Email volunteer@pv-umc.org so we'll know we can count on you!

Hanging of the Greens



Joy, joy, joy, joy, joy. On Sunday, November 28 we'll gather at 7:00pm to decorate our sanctuary and sing the songs of the season during our festive "Hanging of the Greens" service. Got kids? Come early (5:30) to enjoy Christmas crafts with them.



Inside...

*Wednesday Mom to Mom topics for November
... and much, much more.*

Upcoming Messages

November 7 **The King Has One More Move** (Mt 28:1-7, 1 Pe 1:3-5, Mt 25:21)

November 14 **Money Can't Buy Happiness, but Generosity Can**
(2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

November 21 **Why Give to the Church?** (2 Corinthians 8:1-15)

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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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It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.

Psalm 92:1



Missions Corner

Faithful Servant Ministries Requests Putters 'n Plastic Hockey Sticks

Do you have a **putter, basketball** or a **plastic hockey stick** your can spare? Bring them to church by Sunday, November 14 and **Brett Merrill** will transport to Costa Rica for use by Faithful Servant Ministries in a new ministry to teens & tweens.

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas-Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. Along with shoebox gifts, millions of children are given Gospel booklets in their own language. Our church will once again be sponsoring this mission by filling shoeboxes for the children. **Collections will be received Sunday, November 14.** For more information visit <http://www.samaritanspurse.org>

No Passport Required!



Do you want to go on a mission trip, but you don't want to leave the country? Then this mission is for you! **Mountain T.O.P** (Tennessee Outreach Project) is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian Mission affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to rural life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. The Adults in Ministry (AIM) program brings adults from all over the country together to the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee to meet the great needs of the people in one of the most poverty stricken areas of America. The AIM Major Home Repair program allows MTOP to take on and complete vital structural repairs and renovations of local homes and to form relationships through the love of Christ through building porches, painting houses and actively interacting with the people of this area. If you are interested, please e-mail don.carson@pv-umc.org or volunteer@pv-umc.org.

Missions Giving

Over \$22,000 given to missions so far this year from our tithes and offerings. Wow!

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

It [the new birth] is that great change which God works in the soul when he brings it into life; when he raises it from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. It is the change wrought in the whole soul by the almighty Spirit of God when it is "created anew in Christ Jesus." – *Works II, 193-94.*

Ponte Vedra UMC Blood Drive



Blood drive was a huge success! We had 32 potential blood donors attempt to donate and we collected 27 units of blood. These donations have the potential to help save 84 lives. We have yet to schedule our next drive at PVUMC, but it may happen toward the end of January 2011. We will announce in the bulletin and the PVUMC Update in the next couple of weeks when the drive will occur.

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 drive a huge success.

Jill Bennett	Ron Hovdestad	Bev Schaffield
Dave Branham	Rion Johnson	Ron Schaffield
Sherrill Brown	John McEvoy	Carolyn Schussler
Ellen Carson	Janet McVann	Eleanor Snite
Austin de Roziere	Mike McVann	Sadie Snyder
Chas de Roziere	Nancy Mingus	George Solms
Phil de Roziere	Tom Murta	Martha Spooner
Susan Gelb	Ruth Murta	Sue Stanley
Eugene Gorr	Gloria Myers	Max Stanley
Bob Harding	Nancy Noble	Janis Wetmore
Tucker Holland	Loree Reed	

Jay Morris to be Sworn in as St. Johns County Commissioner November 16

PVUMC member **Jay Morris** is to be sworn in as a member of the St Johns Board of County Commission at **9:00am, Tuesday, November 16** in the County Auditorium located at 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine. The swearing in will take place at the beginning of the Commission's regular meeting which is open to the public. Let's be praying for Jay as he takes on this important responsibility. And congratulations, Jay, on your election!

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

– 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Coffee, Anyone?



Vance and Collette LeClair have faithfully prepared beverages for us each Sunday this past year. (Thank you, LeClairs!) Now they're looking for a respite. Would you be willing to sign on for this **act of hospitality**? On your Sunday you'd arrive around 8:15 to set up the coffee station and get things perking. Training available. Contact Vance or Collette, 249-4143, vance.leclair@pv-umc.org or volunteer@pv-umc.org.

United Methodist Women

All ladies are invited to the final meeting of the year, **Saturday, November 13 at 10:00am** in Room 207.

The nominating committee will announce their recommendations for 2011 UMW officers as we move forward with plans for the new year. You won't want to miss out on the program to be presented or time of fellowship following the business meeting.

Please bring a dish to share, and by all means, bring a friend or two as well!

Come, plan and grow with us in mission goals to further God's kingdom. Hope to see you there!



Prepare Your Elevator Speech!



If someone were to say to you, "Tell me about your church" what would you say?

The number one reason people visit a church is that someone invited them. **Each of us should be ready to share what it is that we love about our church.** In the marketplace people develop an "elevator speech" that is an overview of a product, service, person, group or organization, or project. The name "elevator speech" reflects the idea that it should be possible to deliver an elevator speech in the time span of an elevator ride, 30 to 90 seconds.

Would you let us video your elevator speech to share some Sunday morning? You'd help the rest of us in coming up with our own speeches. Contact **Susan Bowler** (susan.bowler@pv-umc.org, 280-5141) in the office and we'll get the ball rolling. (Lights. Camera. Action!)



Campaign Followup

At 31 months into our 36-month *Building on Faith* capital campaign, we have received **80%** 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 given between now and January 9 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 March 31, 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



Fall Back

Saturday, November 6

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap as of October 25, 2010

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (97 pledges)	\$ 1,526,434
Pledges received to date (80.2%)	\$ 1,225,430
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 141,458
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 13,985
Total received to date	\$ 1,414,205

General Fund Recap September 2010

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 34,692
Expenses	\$ 45,060
Parsonage Mortgage	\$ 1,794
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$12,162)

Building Fund Recap as of October 25, 2010

Income	\$ 16,940
Paid on Principal	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ 0
Balance	\$ 219,036

October 2010 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
10/3	113	127	\$7,717	\$ 4,421	\$ 546
10/10	107	126	\$12,961	\$ 2,035	\$ 352
10/17	121	129	\$5,175	\$ 6,112	\$ 2,020
10/24	90	120	\$ 5,232	\$ 4,372	\$ 282

Designated Totals

Building Fund
\$ 219,036
Memorials
\$ 11,886
Enhancement Fund
\$ 1,822
General Fund
Needed Weekly 2010
\$ 11,395

Owed on Parsonage: \$168,837 Owed on Church Facility: \$2,622,700

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church Financial Plan 2011

	2010 <u>Plan</u>	2011 <u>Plan</u>
Missions	28,000	42,000
Payroll & Benefits*	237,582	249,127 *
Administrative	14,250	16,635
Ministries & Programs	85,636	101,405
Church Building**	186,232	244,212 **
Parsonage	<u>40,800</u>	<u>37,564</u>
Total	592,500	690,943

Details available upon request

*Includes increased nursery worker and children's minister hours in support of greater numbers of children and increased ministry to children and families with young children.

**Includes loan principal payments. (2010 included interest only.)

Offering Envelopes for 2011



Offering envelopes for 2011 will be distributed beginning **Sunday, November 28**. They will be located on tables at the back of the sanctuary and in alphabetical order. If you presently do not have envelopes, but would like them, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary.



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. Children In Action

Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm

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



C.I.A. Briefs

CIA (Children In Action) began a new unit of study in October. It is entitled "Make a Gift, Be A Gift, Receive a Gift". The remaining schedule for 2010 will be as follows:

November 3 – Thanksgiving Journals and Crafts

November 10 – Thanksgiving Dinner (Community Mission Project)

November 17 – Advent Preparation

November 24 – THANKSGIVING BREAK NO CIA

December 1 – Christmas Surprises

December 8 – Christmas Games

December 15 – Dinner in Bethlehem

On Sunday, December 5 we will be joining the Adult Choirs as they present *Voices of Christmas*. We will be rehearsing our songs throughout November.

All children Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to join CIA. We meet every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30. Bring a sack supper and get ready for fun!

Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids meets every Sunday immediately following the Children's Time at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to join us for Bible stories, games and crafts!

Advent Crafts



Mark your calendar for the Children's Advent Craft Fair on **Sunday, November 28 at 5:30pm**. Our holiday crafts and snacks will be followed by the Hanging of the Greens.



Round Of Applause

- 👍 For our High School students, who planned a great retreat for our middle schoolers!
- 👍 For our volunteers and their support of our middle school and high school groups
- 👍 For our families who attended our mission trip meeting!

Upcoming Events

District retreat! We will be joining our district youth retreat for one day, to check it out! Saturday, November 6, we will head to Epworth by the Sea in Georgia. \$15/person will cover your food. Sign up outside the youth room.

MISSION SUNDAY! We will be handing out blankets and jackets for our homeless brothers and on Sunday, November 14. We need donations of blankets, jackets, bread, fruit snacks, water, and juice boxes. Have some time on November 14? Come with us and be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in need! We will meet in front of the church at noon.

Mission Blitz is coming! We will begin signups for mission blitz in just a few weeks! Mission Blitz is a church wide mission concentration that kicks off with a worship service on Friday, December 17. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday we will be blitzing our area with service work. There will be projects for all ages and commitment levels. You can sign up for a shift, a day, the whole event, or somewhere in between! Not able to help in hands on service? We are looking for people to help cover the costs of 3 dinners and 3 lunches for the volunteers. You can cook or just donate to cover the cost! Be on the lookout for more info in the coming weeks!

National Youth Workers Convention November 18-21...this is the third year our leadership folks will be heading to Nashville, Tennessee to participate in the National Youth Workers Convention. Youth workers from all over the country gather annually to learn, connect, and grow in their understanding of themselves, God, and the best practices in youth ministry today. Pray for Kelly, Tucker, and Ashley while they embark on this journey!

Mom to Mom

Mom to Mom is a place where you can enjoy meeting other moms and listen to great speakers talking about relevant topics while your infant or preschool child is cared for in a loving, nurturing environment. Meetings are **Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30am**. Upcoming topics are:

November -

- 3 Guest Speaker
- 10 Three Gifts I'd Like to Give Every Mom
- 17 The Crucial Connection: Parent's Ultimate Power Source

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I often laugh at myself. On the one hand, I am tight; I like saving a buck as much as any person I know. On the other hand, I am generous. I like giving money. I don't know why I'm so ~~cheap~~ frugal but I do know where I learned generosity. From the time I was a child, the church has been teaching me how to manage everything God entrusts to me and this includes giving back to God. Across the decades I've been astounded by the joy that giving has brought me. The bulk of my giving (yes, the first 10% of my gross income) has always been to the church. Why the church? The church makes disciples of Jesus Christ; it forms generous people who give of their time, talent and treasure to transform the world. It wouldn't be right that I be the last one to know the joy of faithfully following Christ.

2011 will be a challenging year financially for our church. Our financial plan (see inside) reflects \$89,000 in sanctuary mortgage principal payments which begin in January. With the March end of our successful *Building on Faith* capital campaign we are trusting that part of the BOF stewardship will shift to increased regular pledge giving. We are also trusting that those who've become a part of our church this past year will join in the joy of giving to support our shared ministry.

Enclosed please find a pledge card for 2011. You'll have an opportunity in worship on November 21 to lay your commitment at the altar, if you choose. I pray that you too will know the joy of generosity.

-- Pastor Jeff



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