

THE WAVE



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Variety Show with Silent Auction

See those who sit with you Sunday mornings in a whole new light at the church wide **Variety Show on Friday, April 8 at 7:00pm**. Proceeds to help underwrite the cost of the youth summer mission trips. \$8 per ticket, or your entire family for \$20.

Block Party & Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 16, 4 - 6pm

We're having a **block party with Easter Egg Hunt Saturday the 16th** at 4:00pm. Our special guests this year are the residents of Roscoe Blvd and nearby Hanover Forest. And anyone you choose to invite! We want as many of us present as possible to enjoy our neighbors so please come.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

On **April 17**, we will retrace Christ's path in a remarkably fresh and dramatic setting of the Passion story. The music will supply the drama and passion through its incredible mix of styles from classical to Appalachian, bluegrass, and Celtic folk. Under the direction of **Diane Wright**, our traditional choir **GodSong** brings us *Come Walk with Me* at both worship hours Palm Sunday.

Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, **April 21** 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 24** 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!

Upcoming Messages

- April 3 **A Wilderness Education** (Exodus 17:1-7)
- April 10 **Costly Grace: The Torture and Humiliation of God with Us** (Mark 15:15b-23)
- April 17 **Come Walk with Me** (Palm Sunday musical)
- April 24 **The Power of the Resurrection** (Mark 16:1-6)
- May 1 **What If Judas Had Waited Three Days?** (Matthew 27:1-10)

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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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Church

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

Missions Corner

Special Offering for our Cuba Sister Church

What a joy to have our Cuba sister church pastor **Damián Pacheco Diaz** with us for a few weeks last month! We received a special offering for La Sierra Metodista that totaled in excess of \$15,000. Good going, church! Watch for news of how our sister church puts this offering to work.

Planning Your Summer Travel?

How about a trip to Costa Rica? A team from PVUMC is joining a mission team from First United Methodist Church of Sanford (Pastor Jimmy Jones) to serve June 26 – July 2 in Costa Rica doing light construction or a VBS for local children. We have space for a couple more travelers who want to join us on what promises to be an amazing spiritual journey. Interested? Contact **Ellen Carson** at 904-280-2893 or ellencarson@yahoo.com.

Jill Bennett to Travel to Haiti

On January 12, 2010, Haiti experienced a 7.0 earthquake that nearly destroyed the capital city of Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. More than 220,000 lives were claimed in the disaster and the total number of orphans is now 400,000. Approximately 3.7 million people were impacted by the quake and 1.2 million people were displaced.

But Haiti's true disaster hit before the earthquake. Their true disaster is poverty. Before the earthquake, my heart was being prepared to serve this country. So when the District Superintendent announced at our Church Conference in October that there would be a district team going to Haiti and they were looking for representatives from various churches to go, I knew God was speaking to me.

I am participating in the *Restoring Hope with Haiti* Mission Team in September. The trip is organized by United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM). Trips like ours are vital to Haiti's recovery. I do not yet know how we will be serving as the needs change often.

In December, PVUMC gave over \$5,400 to Haiti through the Advent Challenge. \$4,400 was sent to Haiti immediately; the remaining \$1,000 will be used for building materials and supplies for this trip! How awesome!! My travel and living expenses will be approximately \$1,500.

Please pray for the success of this trip. Our date has been delayed once due to the cholera outbreak and presidential elections. Pray that after the election ballots are counted there is a calm transition of power and that the new leader will focus on rebuilding for the Haitian people. And pray for the Lord to direct our efforts.

--Jill Bennett

Ministry Fair

The Ponte Vedra UMC **Ministry Fair** is **Sunday, May 1** before and after each worship service. Various ministries that serve within and beyond Ponte Vedra UMC will have tables with information about how you can get involved. Volunteers are needed to set up starting at 8:30am and take down at 12:15pm. For more information or to volunteer, contact at Eleanor Snite at nflagal@aol.com.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

Early birds and late risers are needed to help set up and take down tables for the United Methodist Women's garage sale on Saturday, April 30 at the church. Setup starts at 7:00am and take down begins around 2:00pm.

Ponte Vedra UMC Mission Statement

The mission of Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church is the same as that of every United Methodist congregation: **“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”** We strive to fulfill this mission by making fully devoted followers of Christ. For most of us this is a process that requires a lifetime. The goal is to become more like Jesus each day of our lives.

Attributes of a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ include

- Serving others
- Sharing faith with others
- Studying God's Word
- Praying regularly
- Practicing the golden rule
- Being a peacemaker
- Giving financially to help others
- Being selfless
- Being tolerant of and listening to others
- Teaching God's Word to others
- Worshiping regularly, praising God

Members of our church are to strive to

- Participate in worship weekly
- Join a small group or Bible study
- Serve others two hours per month or more, with at least one of those hours serving others outside the church (volunteering at hospital, soup kitchen, etc.)
- Tithe
- Invite others to participate in the life of our church
- Communicate the joy of being a member of PVUMC

This mission statement was developed by an ad hoc strategy team and adopted by the PVUMC Church Council on February 10, 2011.

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women



The UMW **Second Annual Garage and Bake Sale** is **Saturday, April 30**. This year we will include a silent auction. We are requesting saleable items which you may bring to the Future Preschool Room beginning April 15. The youth will be heading up the baked goods, baking pies, cakes, cookies, breads and other goodies and all proceeds from the baked goods sale will benefit their summer missions trips. If you would like to bake for this sale you may bring your goods to the church Friday, April 29 or on Saturday morning the day of the sale. The featured items of the silent auction are two quilts crafted by members of the UMW quilting circle and a baby afghan made by the Amish. One quilt will fit a full size bed and the afghan is crib sized. All three of these items will be displayed in the church foyer from April 17 through April 29. \$20 will rent you a table to sell your own items at the garage sale keeping your proceeds. We really need ideas and people willing to help. The UMW will hold a "working lunch" at Brucci's Pizza in Ponte Vedra on March 30 at 11:30am. Just show up, we would love to have you join us!

Thank you, **Sue Morris**, for the informative explanation of the symbolism displayed in our beautiful stained glass window in the sanctuary. Your contribution to its creation is greatly appreciated. Thank you, **Ann Krawiec**, for your donation to the UMW from your recent jewelry sale. And a special thank you to **Dolores Harrison** for her leadership to the UMW for the past several years. You have set a high standard for your successors to follow.

The UMW **Quilting Circle** will have a meeting on Monday, April 4 at 10:00am at the home of **Marilyn Elston**. All are invited to attend. Please call Marilyn at 223-9477 for directions.

Attention! All Men 12 to 110 Years of Age



Please join us for Ponte Vedra UMC's first **Men's Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, April 10 at 8:15am** in the foyer and covered area outside. We will enjoy a hot breakfast, fellowship, prayer and our guest speaker is County Commissioner Jay Morris. There is a \$3 contribution at the door. Please RSVP to **Cooper Agent** no later than April 8. See you there!

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, taught that it was possible for people to reach "Christian perfection." Of this perfection Wesley wrote,

By perfection I mean the humble, gentle, patient love of God and man, ruling all the tempers, words, and actions; the whole heart, and the whole life.

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Welcome, New Members!



Sunday, March 22 Ponte Vedra UMC received **Miles and Marty King** who have two grown children and have been members of the Methodist church since 1948. **Eric and Susan Tibbetts** enjoy spending summers in their condo in Durango, Colorado. **Mary Neely Clendinn** moved here from Hawaii and has been attending PVUMC for a year. **Cynthia Jordan** will be a new grandmother in May.

Nancy Rice Hill recently welcomed her mother-in-law (and new member) **Marcheta Hill** into her home. **Vic and Alicia Bernet** moved to Ponte Vedra this past summer from the Maryland/Washington DC area and have three children, **Caroline, Abbie and Jackson**. We welcome **Carolyn Skordas** and **Anna Neal** is married to Kevin; they have a son, Charles.

On a Personal Note...

Dear Pastor Bennett & members of PV United Methodist Church,

We want to thank you all for the wonderful experience we had visiting your church on February 20th and 27th. Your friendship and love were so welcome at a time when we needed it. My (Don) visit at the Mayo Clinic was a success and my surgery went very, very well. God works in so many wonderful ways! They found no major blockage, but did clean the arteries and I am able to breathe so much better. I now need to start on a more rigorous exercise program. That is going to be a struggle for me, but with God's help, it will happen.

We are glad to be home. All was well when we returned - we were concerned about possible water in our basement because it rained almost every day here while we were gone. We certainly enjoyed the great weather that Florida had for us.

Someday we look forward to coming back (hopefully, not with a Clinic appointment along with it) and visit you again. If anyone from your congregation comes to Winchester, KY, please come visit us at First United Methodist Church at either our main campus at 204 S. Main St. or our Bridge Campus at the far end of the strip mall across from McDonald's at exit 96.

God Bless you,
Don & Mary Williamson

Dear Church Family,

Kyle, Graham and I have been humbled and blessed by the love shown to us since Graham's injury. The calls, visits, e-mails, cards and especially your prayers have been such a comfort and encouragement to us. Thank you so much. We appreciate your continued prayers for Graham's complete recovery.

Love in Christ,
Lisa Hancock

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap as of March 31, 2011

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (97 pledges)	\$ 1,526,434
Pledges received to date (96.5%)	\$ 1,473,107
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 176,197
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 16,311
Total received to date	\$ 1,698,947

General Fund Recap February 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 45,877
Expenses	\$ 61,918
Parsonage Mortgage	\$ 8,163
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(24,204)

Building Fund Recap	
Income	\$ 5,815
Paid on Principal	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ 0
Balance	\$ 247,951

March 2011 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
3/6	133	152	\$11,046	\$ 2,530	\$10,541
3/9		90	\$734		
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3/13	102	123	\$11,618	\$ 310	\$1,529
3/20	113	176	\$ 6,773	\$ 1,180	\$884
3/27	115	128	\$ 6,413	\$ 1,795	\$648

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$247,951
Memorials	\$ 12,111
Enhancement Fund	\$ 1,295
General Fund	\$ 884
Needed Weekly 2011	\$ 13,287

Owed on Parsonage: \$159,766 Owed on Church Facility: \$2,356,263



Campaign Followup

At 36 months our three-year *Building on Faith* capital campaign is at its end. We received nearly **97%** of funds pledged. Adding gifts that had not been pledged puts us at **\$1,646,328 received**, or **107.85% of funds pledged**. This is simply amazing. Well done, church!

In January our building loan converted to a 19-year permanent mortgage of \$2.37 million with a monthly payment of \$14,915. Last year we paid interest only on our loan (approx \$8,000 per month) from the operating budget; our challenge this year is to grow into the full payment. **If you were unable to fulfill your pledge** during the 36 months of the campaign, we welcome continued giving to the building fund to help with the principal portion of the payments.

Building on Faith has been an incredibly successful capital campaign, especially given the very challenging and uncertain economic period that came during it. For this we give praise to God and thanks to you who have given and are giving so faithfully. God bless you!

– Your Followup Director Team: Jim Wynn, Dave & Patricia Branham

P.S. We will celebrate God’s goodness in *Building on Faith* through a **meal at noon on Sunday, May 22**. Watch for details and save the date!



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. 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.) It’s the next best thing to being here!

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!



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 - GodSong

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner



C.I.A. (Children In Action) Briefs

Now is the time! CIA (Children in Action) is launching into its final operation of 2010-2011. On Wednesday, April 13 we will begin "Creation Celebration!". All children in Kindergarten through the Fifth Grade are invited to participate. So pack your sack suppers, dust off your favorite bug, shell or rock collection and get ready to celebrate and explore God's big, wide world!

CIA meets each Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 in the Kingdom Kids rooms.

Kingdom Kids

GOING . . . GOING . . . GREEN!

The Children's Ministry is making an effort to go green when planning art activities. Recycling is good for the planet and good for the imagination. You can help us by sending in items that we need for crafts. We are currently collecting:

Clear Two Liter Soda Bottles

Quart Size Canning Jars

Clear, Round Plastic Peanut Butter or Mayonnaise Containers

Any donations can be sent upstairs to the Kids Kingdom rooms.

*Coming Soon... Shake It Up Café! -
Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe*



The PVUMC Children's Ministry invites all children to get cookin' at SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ: WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE **Vacation Bible School**. Children ages 4 through rising 6th grade will explore and experience recipes for living out God's Word. The fun begins Monday, June 27 and ends Friday, July 1 from 9:00 am to 12 pm.

The recipe at our café includes heaping helpings of Bible fun and special servings of creative crafts, hands-on mission work, food science and great music. **Registration forms are available** in the Kingdom Kids rooms, in the church office or on the information table in the church narthex. Registration will cap at 100 children. For more information please contact Anne Torgerson at anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org.

Chefs Wanted!

Wanted: Chefs with a specialty of serving up the Word of God to children!

Would you like to spend a week at SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ teaching the secret ingredients for being a follower of God? At SHAKE IF UP CAFÉ we will celebrate Biblical festivals through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music and hour of fun!

Sign up for a **Vacation Bible School** leadership role and join us in the excitement at SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ: WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE. Volunteer forms are available in the Kingdom Kids rooms, the church office or on the information table in the church narthex. Contact **Anne Torgerson** at anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org with any questions.



Round Of Applause

- 👍 For Bruce Morris, Tucker Holland, and Taylor Brill for their leadership on our Guy's Retreat!
- 👍 For Ashley Sabol and Dori Schaffield for their leadership at Revolve Tour!
- 👍 Our counselors and their tireless hours they devote to our youth ministry!

Upcoming Events

Confirmation 2011 is in progress! Please continue to pray for our students. Every Sunday morning at 9:30am we meet in the youth room for confirmation class. This 14 week course will give students a background on Christianity, help them to understand the fundamentals of God and the Bible, learn about United Methodist History and what it means to be a "member" of a church family. Confirmation Sunday will be June 12.

Spring Break Sweet Sleep Project. Our students will be participating in the sweet sleep campaign this year during spring break. We will be receiving pledges and staying up all night to raise money to build beds for children in third world countries. Want to get involved? We are challenging the adult Sunday school classes and small groups to raise money also. The group that raises the most for this cause will get a prize! The event will be held at the church from Monday, March 28 - Tuesday, March 29. See Kelly Minter or our website for details! (www.pvumcstudents.org)

Annual Variety Show And Silent Auction Friday, April 8. Doors for the auction will open at 6:00pm and the Variety Show will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$8 each or bring the whole family for just \$20! This is a church wide event and the proceeds will go towards the summer mission trips for our youth. See you there!

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

It surely was a blessing to have our Cuba sister church pastor with us for a few weeks. As Damián's time with us drew to a close, I was quite interested to hear his reflections on our church. (It's easy for Christians to live their faith with cultural blinders on. We need Christians from other places to help us see with 20/20 vision.) Damián was generous with his praise of our church. But after spending a Sunday afternoon and evening at home with my family, he made this observation: "In Cuba, there would be people in and out of my house all day on Sunday. It is very different here." I explained that in the U.S. people of some cultures (Hispanic, for example) commonly eat and visit in each others homes. Among anglo/white people, this has become rare. Damián understood this but drove home his point. "This is not good and should be changed." I was afraid he was telling me to change the culture! But no, he was urging me to change the culture of the church. "Being with each other is how we love each other as Christian brothers and sisters." And with this I agree.

I shared with Damián how we sometimes set up tables at the church, people bring food, and we eat together. And yes, we could stand to do this more often, both on a large scale and in smaller groups. (On Wednesday and Sunday evenings our youth and their leaders are expert in this!) We all have an opportunity this month to love one another and share life together with our neighbors through the Block Party and Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 16 from 4 to 6. May I look for you there?

--Pastor Jeff



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