

THE WAVE



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Building on Faith Capital Campaign Celebration May 22

We're planning a knock-out celebration of the recently completed 3-year *Building on Faith* capital campaign on **Sunday, May 22**. The goal for the campaign was \$1.3 million; we received well over \$1.6 million. Given the state of the economy for most of these three years, we can only say "Praise God" and give thanks for the many who gave sacrificially to make the building we now enjoy a reality.

The youth will lead us in worship at 9:30 and 11:00 on the 22nd. All are encouraged to stay for some **barbeque** following either service. Both worship and meal will be awesome; please plan to come and stay.

While gifts to the building fund continue to be received, our final *Building on Faith* capital campaign report will be May 15 at both services.

Join Ponte Vedra UMC

Been thinking about joining Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church? Come to Pastor Jeff's **new member orientation** on **Sunday the 22nd** from 3:00 to 5:00pm. No obligation to join if you come; some simply choose to use the opportunity to learn more about PVUMC. Please let the office know (susan.bowler@pv-umc.org, 280-5141) if you plan to be with us so we'll have materials for all. (We'll also need to know whether to provide childcare.)

Upcoming Messages

May 1 **What If Judas Had Waited Three Days?** (Matthew 27:1-10)

May 8 **Childless Mother: Naomi's Story** (Ruth 1 - 2)

May 15 **PVUMC: Where We've Been; Where We're Going** (Ruth 3 - 4)

May 22 *Youth Sunday*

May 29 **The Finish Line** (1 Kings 2:1-11)

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OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
*United Methodist
Church*

Missions Corner

B.E.A.M. Food Drive

Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry will have empty grocery bags available Sunday, May 29 after both services. Please fill them up and bring them back to church on **Sunday, June 5**. A list of recommended items to donate is attached to each bag. Please help this very deserving cause.

To My PVUMC Family

Thank you does not seem to cover what I would like to say, but it is the only thing I can say. I have been honored to be the Music Director - Traditional for the last 6 1/2 years. I have been blessed every week by not only the choir, but you, the congregation. You are never afraid to share your love and appreciation, and that means so much. Tom and I have felt and continue to feel that PVUMC is our home. We are starting on a new journey of travel and eventually, moving. There is a lot of excitement with that. We look forward to seeing all of you when we are in town, and sharing in this wonderful church. Again, thank you for all that you have done for us, and we will see you soon.

-- Diane Wright

Congratulations, Lay Servant Bette McEvoy

Local Church Lay Servants serve in and through their local churches. They must be recommended by their pastor, and complete the Basic Lay Servant Ministries Course. Each year, they must reapply, reporting on how they have served and on any additional courses they have taken during the year. Congratulations, **Bette McEvoy**, for successfully completing the course in March.

A LAY SERVANT IS...

- An active, supportive member of a United Methodist church
- Eager to serve through the church
- Well informed on Scripture, and on the doctrine, heritage, and organization of the United Methodist Church
- Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communication.
- Willing to improve his/her skills through training.

Lay Servant Courses Offered

The Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course will qualify the participant as a Local Church Lay Servant. In this course you will be encouraged to recognize and employ personal spiritual gifts for the church in order to use them as God fully intended. Students are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. Courses will be offered at First UMC in Green Cove Springs on **Friday, May 6** from 6:30 - 9:00pm and **Saturday, May 7** from 8:30am - 4:00pm. All classes are \$30 and tuition covers all materials and lunch. For further information call Gwen Dubé, District Director, 904-751-4912 or email ggdube@comcast.net.

Blood Drive Sunday, May 22

Our next **blood drive** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 22 from 9:00am to 12:30pm**. This is your last opportunity to donate a pint and qualify for a chance to **win a Smart Car!** **Don Carson** will be e-mailing past donors to fill the donation time slots. If you have never given blood at PVUMC before and want to sign up for this drive, contact Don (don.carson@pv-umc.org, 280-2893) for more information. Remember, one donation can save up to three lives. Must provide a photo ID when you donate.

United Methodist Women News

We are looking forward to our next meeting, **May 14 at 10:00am**. Our guest speaker is Pastor Denny McCulough from the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. This will be a very interesting presentation and a great meeting to invite a friend or two. All women are invited to stay after the presentation for our bi-monthly meeting and share our food, fellowship and faith.

An ongoing project that we support is **Operation Shoebox** which aides our deployed troops by sending them care packages. Frequently requested items are writing paper and envelopes, travel sized toiletries, powdered drink mixes, dry food and snacks, word games and puzzles. We have a collection basket by the table in the first floor hallway. As always, we sincerely appreciate your support.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, wrote,

Wherever the work of our Lord is to be carried on, that is my place for today. And we live only for today; it is not our part to take thought for tomorrow.

Jackson XII, 496.

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap as of April 25, 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%)	\$ 1,472,657
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 176,697
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 16,311
Total received to date	\$ 1,698,997

General Fund Recap March 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 36,474
Expenses	\$ 45,615
Mortgage Principal	\$ 9,218
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(18,359)

Building Fund Recap April 25, 2011

Income	\$ 4,060
Paid on Principal	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ 0
Balance	\$ 253,734

April 2011 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
4/3	114	127	\$10,196	\$760	\$46
4/10	129	114	\$14,181	\$2,530	\$2,215
4/17	164	183	\$10,226	\$215	\$1,582
4/24	202	289	\$ 7,873	\$555	\$1,015

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$253,734
Memorials	\$ 12,161
Enhancement Fund	\$ 1,295
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2011	\$ 13,287
Owed on Parsonage:	\$157,948
Owed on Church Facility:	\$2,349,624



Campaign Followup

Our three-year *Building on Faith* capital campaign is complete. We received **\$1,649,354** against \$1.3 million dollars in pledged. 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) mostly 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 until the operating budget can handle the expense.

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 following each service on Sunday, May 22**. See the front page for details!

Helpful Tax Saving Tips

Did you know that by gifting stocks, bonds, or mutual funds directly to the church, you can avoid paying taxes on any capital gains? And if you are 70 1/2 years or older, you can fund your pledges directly from your regular IRA, not pay any income tax on this IRA distribution, and satisfy a portion of the minimum annual distribution requirement. We will be developing a writeup which will more fully describe how these tax savings tips can be implemented. However, if you want to start now, you can call your broker or mutual fund provider to find out how to implement these tax savings (an perhaps share some of the tax savings with the church).

Saintly Seniors

Last year the church reviewed the role of Christian Care Families within our church. After reviewing the program, the decision was made to re-organize. This resulted in the care for our Saintly Seniors be a separate entity. This group requires the most attention. In order to care for these important members of our congregation, I am in the process of identifying those seniors who have special needs such as a helping hand with everyday responsibilities, a visit during recovery at home or in the hospital, transportation, or just someone to talk. If you or someone you know might be interested in participating in the program, please complete a **Saintly Senior Needs Assessment form** which is located on the table in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Completed forms can be returned to **Julie Bringger**. In addition to identifying our Saintly Seniors, I will also be looking for those of you who would be interested in serving our Saintly Seniors. If interested please email me at julie.bringger@pv-umc.org.

Scholarship Needed

We need your help! This year, due to the economy, we have several families in our youth ministry who find themselves in economic hardship with one or both parents out of work. Their youth aged children have been participating in our ministries and our fundraisers, but inevitably there are balances left over that would normally fall on the families to pay. For these families, this presents a large problem. Will you help us? **Please consider providing a scholarship for a student to participate in the summer mission trips!** Just drop your check in the offering plate and memo it "Mission trip Scholarship fund". Thank you for considering helping out and blessing one of our families in this way! (the full per student prices for the trip are: \$780/Senior High and \$440/Middle School) --Kelly Minter

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our first Men's Fellowship Breakfast was held at 8:15am on April 10 and was attended by 34 men. The event was organized by Cooper Agent, Vic Bernet, Max Stanley and Jim Wynn. The men and boys were served a hot breakfast (by Georgia de Roziere and Joyce Agent) followed by a presentation from St. John's County Commissioner Jay Morris who is a charter member of Ponte Vedra UMC. The meeting was held outside in the covered patio area. The men filled out a survey while at the meeting to provide feedback on future meetings. The primary purpose of these breakfasts is fellowship and a time for the men of our church to get to know one another in a Christian environment. **The next fellowship breakfast is planned for June 12.** All men from 12 to 110 years old are welcome. (We will provide a ladies table for those who want to come for worship at that time.)



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)

Celebrate God's universe each Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 7:30 at CIA (Children in Action)! Children in Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to bring their sack suppers and join in the fun of fellowship, music, games, crafts and experiments. Our final meeting for this school year will be on May 18.

Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids is for all children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. We meet upstairs immediately following the Children's Time at both the 9:30 and the 11:00 service for Bible stories, games and crafts. Invite a friend and share the joy!



Vacation Bible School is Coming in June!

Make your reservations to spend a week at the SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ! – WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE!

The Ponte Vedra UMC 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 runs through **Friday, July 1** from **9:00 am to noon**.

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, on the information table in the church narthex or on-line at the church website. Registration will cap at 100 children. For more information please contact **Anne Torgerson** at anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org.

Thank You!

A heart-felt thanks goes to **Janis Wetmore**, **Lisa Middleton** and **Virginia Middleton** for their unwavering faithfulness in serving each week in CIA this year. Our children have had a wonderful year learning about God and practicing their faith through experiences in service, singing, drama, cooking, science, art and games. It could not have happened without your dedication to the Children's Ministry at PVUMC!



- 👍 For everyone who participated in the Variety Show, your acts were amazing!
- 👍 For everyone who supported the Variety Show and Silent Auction, your support helped us to raise almost \$1500 for summer mission trips!
- 👍 To the students who worked behind the scenes for the auction and show, you were amazing!

Upcoming Events

Confirmation Retreat 2011 May 20-21. Plan to meet at 7:00pm on Friday, May 20 here at the church. We will be learning and camping together, right here in our backyard! If you have a tent to donate to this event (you will get it back!), please contact Kelly. The cost of the evening is \$10, and we will be finished by 8:00am on Saturday morning.

YOUTH SUNDAY 2011 May 22, both services! The youth will be taking over the worship services on Sunday, May 22. Come at 9:30 OR 11:00 if you want to experience worship in a new way! We are looking for students to be ushers, greeters, etc so sign up outside the youth room!

Youth Memorial Weekend Party Sunday May 29, 1:30pm-4:00pm. We will meet at the Hancock home for a beach party! Bring a snack to share and be ready for a great day at the beach! Don't forget, there is no youth group that evening.

Send a missionary May 8-22. You will have an opportunity to help us send our students on our mission trips! The good news is that we have more students attending summer mission trips than EVER! The bad news is that this means we need to do more fundraising than ever before. Beginning on May 8 you will have a chance to be involved in that again. You will notice a large board in the foyer of the church, and on the board you will see numbered envelopes. All you have to do is take an envelope, fill it with the amount of money written on the outside, and drop it in the offering plate!

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

When I'm with someone who is facing death, or with a family who has lost a loved one to death, I think to myself, "Thank God for the Resurrection." Jesus' resurrection guarantees the resurrection of those who follow him. Death doesn't get the last word; life does. We are going on to live forever. Hallelujah!

But Christ's resurrection isn't just about you and me living forever. The victory is far bigger than that. Christ wins the victory not just over death but over evil. When we decide to follow Jesus we're choosing sides with Jesus and against evil. Jesus calls us to work against the evil and injustice that is all too pervasive in the world as it stands today. So let's be about the business of pushing back evil. Where can you make a difference for good today?

Thank God for the Resurrection!

Pastor Jeff

Jesus said, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." – Matthew 16:18



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