

# THE WAVE



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*Shake It Up Cafe*

*Vacation Bible School, June 27 - July 1*



**Make your reservations now to attend Vacation Bible School at the Shake It Up Café!**

We're bringing kitchen fun to the kids at this year's Vacation Bible School, **Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's**

**Recipe!** Your children will become chefs-in-training as we discover God's recipe for living.

After a high-energy opening at Shake It Up Café, the chefs make their way to Kitchen a la King. Interactive Bible lessons reveal five secret ingredients for living as a follower of God, and your chefs will learn Bible bite memory verses that will boost their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand on what they've learned by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at Tangy and Tart Arts, singing new music at Wok and Roll Hits, exploring science activities at Foodology Factory, participating in recreational activities at Spork Sports and enjoying tasty snacks at the Take-out Treatery.

Let's get cookin'! The Shake it Up Café will be held June 27 - July 1 from 9am to 12pm. **We still have room for children** ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade who are learning to cook **and adult chefs** who are willing to help make this a great week! Registration forms are available on line at the church website, in the church foyer or in the Kingdom Kids rooms. For more information contact the church office at 280-5141 or **Anne Torgerson** at [anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org](mailto:anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org).

## Big Events for June...

PVUMC Hosts Ponte Vedra High Baccalaureate, Wednesday, June 1  
High school grads to be honored in worship June 5  
Children's workers to be honored in worship June 5  
2011 Confirmation Class to be Confirmed June 12  
College grads to be honored in worship June 12

## Upcoming Messages

June 5 **What Will You Stand For** (Ephesians 6:10-15)  
June 12 **Remember Your Baptism** (Acts 2:1-21, 36-42)  
June 19 **Resurrecting God the Father** (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)  
– *Begin Life on the Inside message series* –  
June 26 **Take Time to Listen** (Psalm 63)

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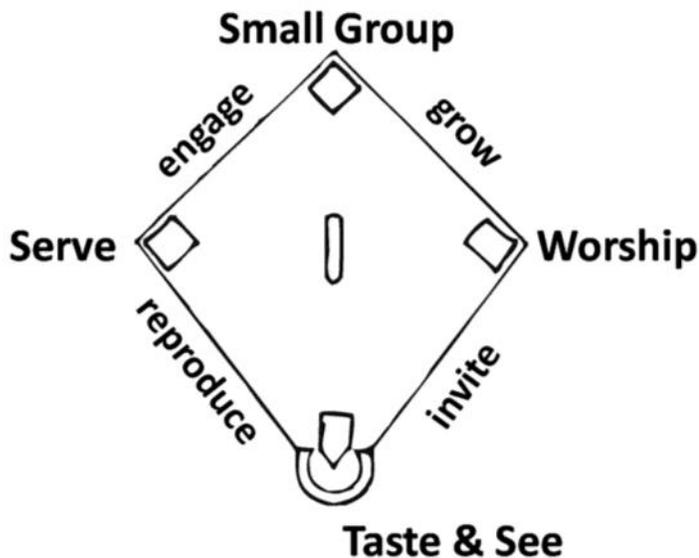
- *to know Jesus*
- *to grow disciples*
- *to show love*
- *to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ*



**PONTE VEDRA**  
*United Methodist Church*



## Making Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ



“Making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.” That’s PVUMC’s mission statement. But how does a person become “a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ?” How does a church make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

This is our strategy at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. You might call it *the path of discipleship*. Since it’s patterned after a baseball diamond, you might also call it *running the bases*.

We’ll start from home base. It’s exceedingly difficult to “go and make disciples” without actually being with people. The number one reason that people come to church is because someone invites them. Several of your friends with no present connection to a local church will come with you on a Sunday morning if you invite them. But some people find it intimidating to show up on a Sunday morning, especially if they’ve never done church before.

So from time to time our church has what we call *Taste & See* events. These are events we can invite people to that no one would find threatening. They allow folks to come and get to know us. We’re having fun and they have fun right along with us. Our most recent *Taste & See* event was the April block party and Easter Egg Hunt. If they don’t have a church home, maybe they’ll take a chance on us on a Sunday morning. We invite them to **worship**.

When someone begins coming to worship Sunday mornings, that’s a real good thing. Fully devoted followers of Christ worship. Worship is good but to grow into a fully devoted follower of Christ, you need also to get into the Bible and you need a group to grow with. I read the Bible daily and commend the practice. But I grow so much more when I’m also in a weekly **small group Bible study**. I’m amazed at how often I hear God speaking to me through the people in my small group.

Fully devoted followers don’t just “sit and soak” in worship and Bible studies. To *follow* Jesus implies motion. Jesus is going places and we are called to follow him to those places and serve right along with him. While we need people to serve in the church (and thank you very much, those of you who do) we also need to be serving out in the world.

This is the area where I’m looking to see our church step it up a notch. Several of you volunteer individually on a regular basis. Some of you I see serving beyond the local church in the hospitals. Some of you I see serving children and youth through scouting. And there’s a bunch of serving I never see but it’s happening. Keep up the good work! We have a couple of groups that come together to serve at places like the soup kitchen at Mission House in Jax Beach. Awesome!



## *Making Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ... Continued*

I'm looking for each of our "grow groups," our small group Bible studies, to **serve** in some way beyond the church. Our youth have a strong track record here... The PB&J sandwiches they take to the homeless each month is a prime example.

**I'm challenging each of our small groups to go out and serve once this summer.** We have a list of opportunities available, if you need it.

Lastly, fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ **reproduce**. Our roles in this vary but fully devoted followers result in more and better disciples of Christ.

Honestly, people don't have to run the bases in this order. Sometimes a person joins a small group before they ever participate in worship because someone invited them to their small group. It's another way to "taste & see." Sometimes a person will come and serve with your group because that's what connects with them. Awesome! Taste & see, right?

People don't have to run the bases in order. And people who have yet to cross the line of faith can do so at any point in the diamond. But I don't see how you can become a fully devoted follower without touching all the bases.

You can become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. By God's grace you'll have opportunity to grow through our church. Whether you step up to the plate is up to you.

**Where are you on the baseball diamond?** Run to the next base. Help someone else run to the next base. Together we will find ourselves making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

To His glory,  
Pastor Jeff



## *A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism*

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, wrote,  
God grant I may never live to be useless!

*Journal, VI, 428.*

# *Financial Status*

## Building on Faith Recap as of May 25, 2011

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (97 pledges)	\$ 1,526,434
Pledges received to date (97%)	\$ 1,480,227
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 178,787
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 16,311
Total received to date	\$ 1,708,657

## General Fund Recap April 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 59,735
Expenses	\$ 44,174
Mortgage Principal	\$ 8,457
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(7,104)

### Designated Totals

Building Fund

\$288,504

Memorials

\$ 11,942

Enhancement Fund

\$ 1,295

General Fund

Needed Weekly 2011

\$ 13,287

Owed on Parsonage: \$156,123

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,499,086

## *May 2011 Giving & Attendance*

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving	Missions Giving
5/1	138	157	\$9,327	\$255	\$55	\$4,020
5/8	121	167	\$12,836	\$1,980	\$534	\$20
5/15	95	125	\$17,938	\$260	\$903	\$0
5/22	103	154	\$9,228	\$530	\$1,717	\$303





**“Building on Faith” Capital Campaign Celebration**

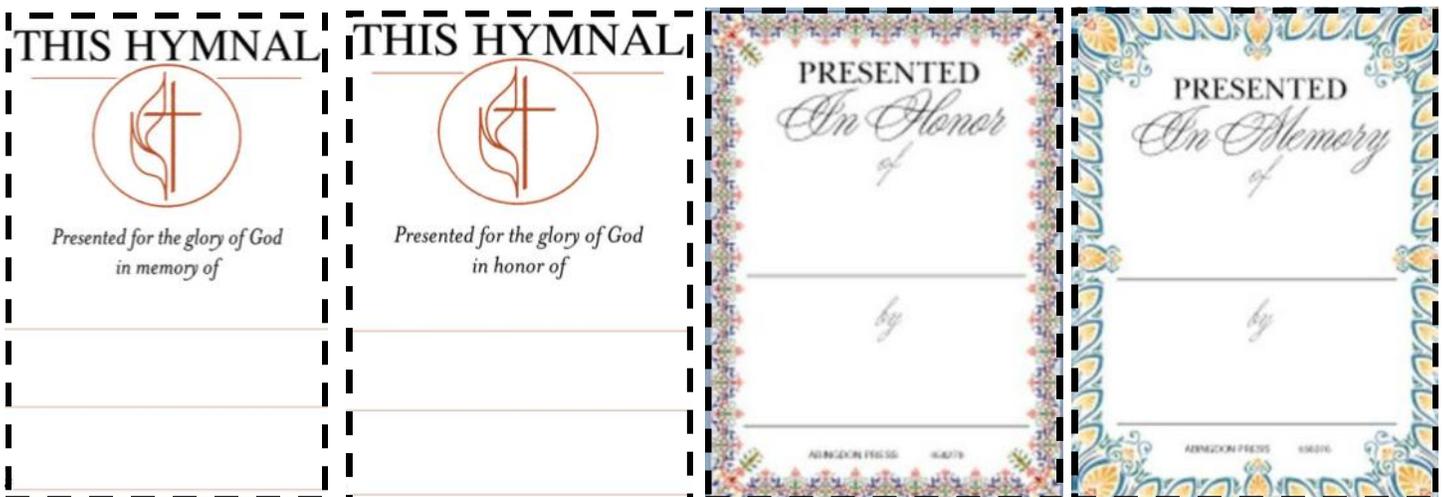
Our thanks to all who set up for and served at our May 22 celebration of *The Building on Faith* capital campaign. **Cooper Agent** oversaw the logistics; our hospitality team saw to ordering and serving the food and kitchen cleanup following. Special thanks to the **Bruce & Alice Morris family** who provided use of the tent. It was a festive time of celebrating God’s generosity made real to the church and the world through you. God bless you!

**Attention All Men 12 to 110 Years Old!**

Please join us for Ponte Vedra UMC’s **Men’s Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, June 12 at 8:15am**. We will enjoy a hot breakfast, fellowship, prayer and our guest speaker is **Ed Washburn**. Ed is a minister with a mission outside the comfort zone of most people. He has served as a member of **Kairos prison ministry** for over a decade. One weekend each month he and his teammates travel to Raiford to give witness and counseling to the inmates wishing to hear the Word of God. Come listen to Ed give witness to making followers of Christ behind the bars of the New River Correctional Facility. A \$3 donation is appreciated (but not required) for the breakfast. Don’t miss this opportunity to fellowship with the men of our church and learn how God is working in our prison system. Please RSVP to **Cooper Agent**, cooper.agent@pv-umc.org, no later than June 8. If your wife would like to come with you we will have a separate wives and children breakfast table available. They are more than welcome.

**Needed: Additional Hymnals and Bibles for the Sanctuary**

To provide a hymnal and Bible for every chair in the sanctuary would require the purchase of 116 hymnals and 104 Bibles. The hymnals cost \$20 each and the Bibles are \$12. If you’d like to make a special gift for this purpose, designate your gift accordingly. If you’d like your gift to be in honor or memory of someone, include the corresponding form below with your gift and a plate with this information will be placed inside the hymnal or Bible.



## *United Methodist Women Update*

The UMW would like to thank all of you who contributed your gently used items, time, talents and baked goods to our second annual **garage and bake sale**. We would not have been able to earn over **\$1,800** without your commitment to it's success.

Our next project is **Christmas in July** which benefits our soldiers deployed overseas. Ponte Vedra UMC is familiar with Operation Shoebox and has been very generous to our efforts for the past several years. Detailed information about this project is provided on the table in the hallway outside the nursery. Our goal is to fill several large boxes by the end of July. As always we appreciate our church family's support for this very important outreach.

During our last meeting, **Reverend McCullough** from the **Florida UM Children's Home** discussed the scope of services provided and gave a very interesting and informative program. This home provides emergency shelter for children who need to be removed from dangerous environments. There is a campus for school aged children and an independent cottage for 18 - 21 year olds who no longer qualify for foster care. The FLUMC Children's Home supports a network of foster homes in Flagler, Volusia and Hillsborough counties.

Our next meeting is **July 16** and our guest speaker will be **Kathy Peterson** from **Hugs Across the Country**. This is a program that provides a backpack of food every weekend to more than 70% of our countries neediest children. Please come join us to learn about this program and share our faith, fellowship and of course, food!

## *Welcome, Elizabeth Callahan!*



The Staff Parish Relations Committee welcomes **Elisabeth Callahan** as our **Minister of Music – Traditional**. Elisabeth comes to Ponte Vedra UMC with experience as the choral director for both a Jacksonville high school and a United Methodist Church. She will join us June 12 for two Sundays. She then leaves for London to finish her Masters of Music with Florida State. She will begin in August to lead the choir and congregation in the Traditions service. We are happy to have Elisabeth join us and look forward to her sharing her knowledge of music with us.

## *PVUMC Blood Drive - Another Huge Success!*



Thank you to everyone one who helped make Ponte Vedra UMC's second blood drive of 2011 a huge success. We had over 30 people attempt to donate and we **collected 28 units of blood**. It is nice to know that some of the blood that we donated has already saved lives in the Jacksonville area. Thanks again to all who turned out for this important community mission.

## *The Global Day of Prayer, June 11*

**Be part of the largest prayer gathering in the world!** Don't miss the live international broadcast by GodTV for the **Global Day of Prayer June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** at the **Veteran's Memorial Arena**. Attend the two-day conference at the Hyatt Regency for plenary sessions on Prayer, Transformation, Leadership and more!

**Vision:** The Glory of Christ and the Blessing of the Nations.

**“For the earth will be filled with the Glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea”.**

**Mission:** To call Christians from All Nations to:

Unite in repentance and prayer, and

Work together as God's servants for the blessing and healing of the Nations.

**“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.”**

Buy tickets on line or at the Arena box office for \$5 to cover the cost of the Arena. You can also view the GDOP broadcast live by going to [www.god.tv/tunein/](http://www.god.tv/tunein/). For more information contact **Cecily Browning** at [cecily.browning@pv-umc.org](mailto:cecily.browning@pv-umc.org) or 613-2314 or go to [www.fcgdop.org](http://www.fcgdop.org).



## *Suggestions from the Pastor for Making Our Guests Feel Welcome*

**If you greet someone new**, ask them if they've met our pastor yet. If they haven't, please bring them to me and allow me the privilege of meeting them. If you can't remember their names, that's okay. I'll ask them in your presence and then we'll both know. ☺

**If someone asks you for directions** within the building (restroom, nursery, etc), walk them there yourself or take them to someone who can take them there. I always give high marks to stores whose employees invite me to go with them to the item I want. We can do even better than retail!

Give your pastor space to greet guests on Sunday mornings. Sunday morning is my chief opportunity to do this. Your greeting and handshake are always welcome but if you need a lengthier conversation, I'd welcome an email, phone call, or appointment during the week.

– Pastor Jeff



### On A Musical Note

#### **C.I.A. Children In Action**

Resumes in September

#### **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



### Kingdom Kids

**Thank You Kingdom Kids Teachers!** All school year Kingdom Kids has been staffed by wonderful volunteers. If you see one of the following – make sure you tell them how much you appreciate the planning, creativity, knowledge and love that they have bestowed on the children of PVUMC: **Joyce Agent, Susan Merrill, Zack Murta, Hans Torgerson, Lisa Hancock, Kyle Hancock, Georgia de Roziere, Austin de Roziere, Nancy Noble, Alicia Bernet, Abby Bernet, Jill Bennett, Mary Slaton, Charles Slaton.**

Welcome, new Kingdom Kids teachers! Kingdom Kids will continue all summer long during both worship services. Summer is a great time for your child to invite a friend and share the fun. Summer is also a great time for moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, big sisters and brothers to give teaching in Kingdom Kids a try. The commitment is for ONE HOUR on ONE SUNDAY! All materials are provided. If you find that you enjoy teaching – we welcome you to sign up for more! So grab your best friend, spouse, sibling, teen-age son or daughter and contact **Anne Torgerson** at [anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org](mailto:anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org) to sign up for your Sunday of FUN!



### Read a Book - Feed a Family!

Every kid knows that reading is for the birds in the summer. But when you **Read to Feed** with Heifer International, it's for the chickens! Any child age Kindergarten through Fifth Grade is invited to participate in Read to Feed, a reading incentive program designed by Heifer International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending world hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Children are asked to find sponsors for each book they read from June 12 – August 21. The goal is to promote reading and to help Heifer provide livestock for struggling families who have few resources and need an ongoing source of income. These gifts help families move out of poverty to self-reliance. Sponsors set a pledge amount for each book read (or 20 minutes spent reading) – a quarter or a dollar or any desired amount. At the end of the program, children collect their pledges, pool their money and decide what type of livestock they would like to buy for families in need. All children who participate will be invited to a Barn Party at the end of the summer to celebrate our success. If your child would like to enroll in the Read to Feed Program, please contact Anne Torgerson at [anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org](mailto:anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org) for the program materials.



- 👍 For our youth band and the way they lead the musical part of our worship
- 👍 For our drama students and their willingness to allow God to lead them in presenting worship to others
- 👍 To our behind the scenes youth, ushers and greeters, without whom Youth Sunday couldn't have happened!

## Upcoming Events

**Senior Sunday** Sunday, June 5, both services. We will be recognizing our high school graduates on Sunday, June 5 at both services. Graduates are asked to attend both services. Please contact Kelly if you know of someone who has graduated high school this year!

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** June 12, both services. We are asking that all Confirmands attend both services that day, but we will be confirming the students at the service their family most regularly attends. If you are the family of a Confirmand, please plan for your student to be at both services on that day.

**Do you know a college graduate?** Let Kelly know, because we will be honoring our college graduates on Sunday, June 12 also!

**Beach Days are back!** Beginning on Wednesday, June 15 we will be having beach day Wednesday day! From 11AM-4PM, come by the beach at Mickler's and hang out for as long as you can. If you can't be there the whole time, that's ok too! Come up the boardwalk and look to the left by the lifeguard stand, we will be right there (look for the large red and orange quilt!).

**Send a missionary** Don't forget to bring back your envelopes to be counted. Thank you for all of your support!



## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

Sometimes people fear for the church of the future. “Who will take up the cause of Christ when our time here is finished? Who will follow us?” I suspect that every generation catches its breath as the baton is passed to the next. Will they drop it? Or will they carry it faithfully?

My worship experience during Youth Sunday greatly assured me that our youth are indeed taking possession of the faith we share. “The Search for the Son” reminded me that I am both seeker and sharer of Jesus Christ. And I’m grateful for the insight. As pastor I am proud as I can be of our youth and their leaders. It was obvious that they took their preparation for this service seriously, investing much time and energy. I also want to thank *you* for coming to worship on Youth Sunday. Your participation tells our youth that they matter to you. Thank you too for your giving to the general ministry of our church. On Youth Sunday you witnessed some of the fruit of your generosity. And one day you will know the full result of your giving; we all will. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

So long as we have breath, we have work to do in the kingdom of God. But my, isn’t it good to know that God’s kingdom will continue to come on the earth even after you and I have gone. “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth...”

-- Pastor Jeff



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