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Connections

A new opportunity during Lent! Beginning **Ash Wednesday (February 22)** we invite you to journey through the covenants (agreements) that God has made with his people. Come out Wednesday nights to experience an **inter-generational, interactive worship service** we're calling "**Connections**". Wednesdays we'll gather in the sanctuary at 6:30pm to explore the connections between us and God and our connections with each other. Feel free to show up at 6:00, sack supper in hand to enjoy fellowship beforehand! Well suited to children who come with their parents or grandparents, *Connections* will take the place of C.I.A. beginning on the 22nd. C.I.A. will resume April 11.

Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 12 is Scout Sunday. To the children, youth and adults of our congregation who are involved in Scouting: **please wear your uniforms to church that day**. We want to honor you. We're delighted to be the charter organization for Scout Troop 288 and Cub Pack 291. And we're pleased to be the meeting place of Daisy Troop 1445 and Junior Troop 29. What's more, several girls and the leaders of Cadet Troop 67 are a part of our church. (There's a whole lot of scouting going on at PVUMC!) We look forward to welcoming our scouts and their families as they join us in worship on the 12th.

Welcome, Jimmy Jones

We're pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. **Jimmy Jones** to our staff as part time teaching pastor. Jimmy will be preaching 12 times or more per year, leading a mission trip to Panama, helping with visitation, and sharing in other work as well. Welcome, Pastor Jimmy, wife Lynn and son Caleb!

Upcoming Messages

New Message Series *What's Love Got to Do With It?*

February 5 **Love Your Neighbor and Yourself** (Matthew 22:34-40)

February 12 **Love the Ones You're With** (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

February 19 **Love Me, Love My Church** (Rev. Jimmy Jones)

New Message Series *Take Me to The Cross*

February 26 **Take Me to The Cross: Preparing for the Journey** (Mark 1:9-15)

OUR MISSION:

Making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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Missions Corner

Summer Panama Mission Trip

Pastor **Jimmy Jones** will be leading a **mission trip to Panama** June 16-23. The trip is open to anyone (ages middle school and up) in the community. We will be working at an orphanage on the campus of **Faithful Servant Missions**. The cost is approximately \$1200 and includes airfare, housing, meals, mission supplies, etc. If you want to be part of a trip that changes your life, you don't want to miss this one! Pastor Jimmy will hold a brief informational session on Sunday, February 12 at 10:40am in the future preschool room, last room on your right as you exit the sanctuary.

PVUMC Mission Trip to The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

When: March 30 – April 1

Where: FUMCH in Enterprise, Florida

Cost: \$50.00 per person

There is still **space available** on our mission trip to the **Florida United Methodist Children's Home**. The group will leave the church and head for the children's home at 4:00pm Friday, March 30. Saturday, March 31 will be a work day at the home. On Sunday, April 1 we will worship with those who serve and are served by FUMCH in the morning and head home after church services.

For more information contact team leader **George Garcia** (707-2800, 249-3382, george.garcia@pv-umc.org).

Did you know?

That after **The Hole in Our Gospel** study the Thursday Morning Women's Study group went to serve lunch at the Mission House in Jacksonville Beach! Several of the members had never served in this way previously. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our local area.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

Wrote John Wesley:

[R]iches and happiness seldom dwell together.

Works III, 345.

Wanted: Publisher for the Weekly Email

Don Carson has been doing outstanding work publishing this weekly email but now he's ready for a break. Would you like to try your hand at it? It's composed each Wednesday through the web tool Constant Contact and queued up to be delivered Thursday mornings. Please let me know if you'd be willing to give it a try! – Pastor Jeff (jeff.bennett@pv-umc.org)

Wanted: Communications Person

We're seeking a volunteer PVUMC'er to keep *The Ponte Vedra Leader*, *The Ponte Vedra Recorder* and the *Times-Union Shorelines* in touch with church happenings that will be of interest to the readers of these publications. The Recorder and The Leader are especially good at running photos with captions that we provide them. If you're good with a camera and have a knack for writing (or can do one or the other), please be in touch with Pastor Jeff (jeff.bennett@pv-umc.org).

Our thanks to **Carol Harding** (carol.harding@pv-umc.org) who faithfully served in this role in 2011. (She'll gladly share with you her press contacts and what she's learned along the way.) Carol is leading our Stewardship Team in the new year.

Wanted: As Needed Part-Time Administrative Assistant

We are looking for several back-up candidates for our church Administrative Assistant, Susan Bowler. This will be part-time, as needed positions on a rotating basis called to fill-in for vacations and emergency leave situations. Good computer and interpersonal skills are required. Pay will be \$15/hr. with a variable work week, Tuesday-Friday, not to exceed 20 hours/week. If you are interested please contact the Staff Parish Relations Committee in care of Susan Bowler 904-280-5141, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org.

Eagle Scout Project - Zachary Murta

Zachary Murta, PVUMC member and Troop 288 Boy Scout, **says thank you** to all who gave toward his Eagle project, which includes irrigation and landscaping of our **parking lot center island**. Zach reports that he raised more than half of his funds through the church. Watch for this project to unfold!

Volunteer Opportunities

We need **volunteers to work with children**. See page 8 for details.

We have a full lineup of snacks for February, but there is still a need for **altar flowers**. Please check the list over the table in the hallway outside the nursery for open dates. You can dedicate your gift in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary or just to say thank you to God for all that you have. Please sign up using first and last names.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap December 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 97,984
Less Expenses	\$ 49,492
November Income/(Deficit)	\$ 48,492
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 4,110

January 2011 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
1/1	55	94	\$5,918	\$2	\$150
1/8	128	151	\$18,214	\$210	\$8,210
1/15	122	149	\$9,410	\$364	\$50
1/22	152	147	\$11,555	\$463	\$17,292
1/29					

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$1,287
Enhancement Fund	\$1,580
Memorials	\$4,062
Building Fund	\$274,962
General Fund Needed Weekly 2012	\$ 12,824

Owed on Parsonage: \$141,266

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,288,276

Money Matters

Stellar Conclusion to 2011

Last fall we were concerned that a shortfall in general giving vs. expenses might require us to dig in to monies held in reserve from the *Building on Faith* capital campaign to cover the principal portion of the mortgage payments. Through God's faithfulness and the generosity of many, **we ended 2011 in the black**, to the tune of **\$4,110**. November was a month of exceptional giving and December exceeded November. To all who gave during the final two months and to all who gave throughout the year, **Thank you and Praise God!**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, February 12



All men are welcome to **gather for breakfast, prayer and fellowship at 8:15am Sunday, February 12** in the foyer. Our program will be on the Haiti mission trip last summer plans for the future.

We will provide a hot breakfast consisting of bacon, egg casserole, fruit and danish. A donation of \$5 is requested for breakfast. Please RSVP to **Cooper Agent**, 273-2657 or cooper.agent@pv-umc.org.

Do you like to shoot hoops?



Men's **pick-up basketball** at the church begins Saturday, February 4 from 4:00 - 5:00pm, weather permitting. If you're interested contact **Scott Tinsley** (scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org, 904-280-5141) or just show up. High school and up. This is great exercise and great fun!

Inquirer's Class News

The Sunday Morning Inquirer's Class will be beginning a study on the book of Philippians. All are welcome to join in. We meet upstairs at 9:45 am on Sunday Morning.

United Methodist Women News

Our annual **Spring Garage & Bake Sale** will be **Saturday, March 24**. We will be accepting your donations March 16 - 23. As always we are very appreciative of our support of our fundraising events.

On **February 7**, Ann Krawiec will be hosting a **Jewelry Sale and Social**. She sells her gold and silver jewelry at wholesale prices and she will donate part of her proceeds to UMW. Items for sale include brooches, bracelets, earrings and necklaces. The social will only be February 7 but the sale will continue through February 11. Ann's address is 813 Tournament Road in the Fairfield subdivi-

Movie Night - Save the Date



Enjoy *Amazing Grace*, the story of how one of the most loved hymns came to be written on **Friday, March 9**. Come at 6 for snacking and socializing; the movie will begin at 6:30. *Amazing Grace* will be on the big screen; kid-friendly fare will be offered in the second "cinema" just down the hall. Invite your friends and neighbors!



Round Of Applause

- 👍 For our students making it through exams
- 👍 For our students church friends and family who supported us in our pink flamingo fundraiser
- 👍 For Chick-fil-a, St Augustine who donated 25 sandwiches for one of our Mission Blitz lunches!

Upcoming Events

MISSION TRIP 2012! The high school will be traveling to Appalachia this summer for their mission trip, and the middle school will be returning to the Carolina Coast. The trips cost \$455 for the Senior High and \$450 for the Middle School. Deposits were due on January 22, so if you are still considering attending either trip, contact Kelly ASAP.

Busch Gardens Our Annual Busch gardens trip will be Saturday, February 4. Meet at the church at 7:00am and we will return by 2:00am. Students are invited to spend the night at the church, or are free to go home when we return. Cost is \$75/person plus spending money for lunch and dinner. Register (and/or pay) for the trip on our youth group website or on Sundays.

Student leadership Training! Friday, February 17 - Sunday, February 19. We will be attending a student leadership training with other United Methodist churches. A weekend away with other student leaders, all lead by students themselves! Register on our website by February 5. Cost for the weekend is \$70/person and spots are limited.

Teachers needed! Beginning March 4, we will begin a **college group Bible study** at 11:00 on Sundays! We are looking for a few teachers who will sign on for 4-5 weeks at a time to lead our college students in a discussion based small group. Contact Kelly (kelly.minter@pv-umc.org) if you are interested, or if you have any questions!



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. Children In Action

Kindergarten - 5th grade
Wednesdays 6:00pm
Rooms 201-203

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

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! All the joy, excitement, music and good times of **Vacation Bible School** is coming to PVUMC **June 18 – 22!** Make plans now to be part of the fun!

Kingdom Kids - Volunteers Needed

Kingdom Kids is looking for teachers and co-teachers at both the 9:30 and 11:00 hours. PVUMC holds 45 minute classes for Kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade each Sunday during the worship hour immediately following the Children's Sermon. Planning materials and supplies are all provided. Grab a friend, a sister, your spouse, your son or daughter and make the commitment to be a teaching team. You will be amazed at how your own faith and understanding of the Bible will grow. You WILL be blessed just as you will BE a blessing for the children of PVUMC!

C.I.A. Children In Action - Volunteers Needed

C.I.A. (Children In Action) needs volunteers to assist on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 for children in Kindergarten to 5th grade. We have a great children's program but need volunteers to make it work. This is a strong need, so please pray about it.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

I always felt that this verse was the motto of the Children's Ministry. PVUMC is a good place for our children to go. It is classroom for them to learn about God and the written word. It is also a laboratory where they can explore how to give, celebrate and live as citizens of God's Kingdom. It has been a true joy to serve as the Children's Minister. I thank each of you - the young and the old - for sharing your wisdom, your spirit and your faith with me. It was always with pleasure that I entered the house of the Lord at PVUMC! May all of you be blessed just as you have been a blessing to me! Thank you!

-- Anne Torgerson

Anne & Pete Torgerson and children Hans, Gretchen and Kai are moving to South Dakota.

*A Note From
Pastor Jeff:*

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Isaiah 43:19, *I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?* This is a season of new things for our church.

Some new things are thrust upon you and leave you questioning. I'm thinking here of the departure of our much loved children's minister **Anne Torgerson**. My goodness, who will follow Anne? As I write this, I don't know. While I don't like not knowing, it is an opportunity to exercise our faith in God, remembering the countless ways he has provided in the 9-year history of our church.

Some new things wonderfully fall into your lap. I'm thinking here of the conversation **Jimmy Jones** and I shared over coffee December 23 when he offered to serve PVUMC as teaching pastor, *donating* much of his time. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee recommended this to the Church Council and it was approved January 20. What a great new thing!

A year or so ago I began dreaming of a new kind of worship opportunity at Ponte Vedra UMC, a new thing I believe God wants to do among us. I met with a team over the summer to flesh this out. **Connections** is the result, worship in a new style during the Wednesdays of Lent, beginning February 22nd at 6:30pm. I can't wait to experience this with my kids; it's to be very interactive. And I can't wait to invite neighbors I've been praying for for years. They haven't said yes to my Sunday morning invitations... This could be the ticket. Do a new thing, Lord, do a new thing!

May God bless you to perceive some new thing about to spring forth,
Pastor Jeff



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