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Movie Night, March 9

Written in 1779, *Amazing Grace* is one of the best known songs and on **Friday, March 9**, there will be a showing at Ponte Vedra UMC of the movie that tells the story of this inspirational song. Movie night starts at 6:00pm with food and the movie itself at 6:30. More information on page 5.

Easter Musical, "Never Thirst Again" March 25

The life-changing story of Jesus' death and resurrection is told from the unique perspective of the Samaritan woman at the well as she is transformed by the sacrificial love of Christ. Under the direction of **Elisabeth Callahan**, our traditional choir brings us the dramatic musical **Never Thirst Again: The Promise of Easter** at both worship hours **March 25**.

Stations of the Cross, March 28

The *Stations* or *Way of the Cross* is an ancient form of meditation and reconciliation using sight and movement. Early Christians used to walk the "Via Dolorosa" of Jesus in Jerusalem, following the foot steps of their Lord. At *Connections* on **Wednesday, March 28, 6:30pm** you have the opportunity to move in small groups around seven stations depicting incidents leading to the final hours of Jesus' life prior to the crucifixion. Gather in the sanctuary at 6:30pm. Designed to connect with both children and adults.

Block Party & Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 31, 4 - 6pm

We're having a **block party with Easter Egg Hunt Saturday the 31st 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 Schedule

April 1: **Palm Sunday** 9:30 *Alive!*, 11:00 Traditions
April 5: **Holy Thursday** 6:30pm
April 8: **Easter** 8:00 Traditions, 9:30 *Alive!*, 11:00 Traditions

Upcoming Messages

Message Series *Take Me to the Cross*

March 4 **Packing for the Journey: What Not to Take** (Mark 8:31-38)
March 11 **Removing the Detours** (John 2:13-22)
March 18 **Understanding the Map** (John 3:16, Rev. Jimmy Jones)
March 25 **Never Thirst Again: The Promise of Easter** (dramatic musical)

OUR MISSION:

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



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March 11

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. The first deposit of \$500 is due by Thursday, March 1. If you want to be part of a trip that changes your life, you won't want to miss it! Contact Pastor Jimmy Jones (jimmy.jones@pv-umc.org, 280-5141) for more information.

Ponte Vedra UMC 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's still room for more for our first ever **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). **Deadline is March 11.**

Did You Know?

The Wednesday night study group raised money in various ways to donate to Heifer International as well as World Vision. This may be a small group, but they have a big heart and are willing to support others in the world. They also purchase Tom's shoes (not only for their children, but nieces and nephews!) Tom's gives a pair of shoes to a needy child for each pair purchased. Thank you group for your dedication to making a global impact on less fortunate children.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

Wrote John Wesley:

Even he who now standeth fast in the grace of God, in the faith that "overcometh the world," may nevertheless fall into inward sin, and thereby "make shipwreck of his faith."

Works I, 443.

Ponte Vedra UMC Blood Drive, We Set A Record!



On January 29th, we had 38 potential blood donors attempt to donate and we collected 36 units of blood for those in need. Next time you see the people listed below, thank them for saving over 108 lives in the Jacksonville area. Way to go PVUMC!!!!

Brian Anderson	Joan Howell	Ruth Murta
Andy Andreu	Shontrell Jackson	Arne Nelson
Tiffany Beavers	Emma Knopp	Tod Phillips
Kristin Boehner	Greg Leininger	Donna Price
Cecily Browning	Yolie Macon	Ron Seeger
Lawrence Bushkell	Mike McVann	Eleanor Snite
Elisabeth Callahan	Janet McVann	Sue Stanley
Phil DeRoziere	Nancy Mingus	Max Stanley
Mike Elliott	Charlene Morgan	Sheryl Strickland
Shelia Epperson	Alice Morris	Frances Thomas
Susan Gelb	Bruce Morris	Louis Warmijak
Bob Harding	Tom Murta	Chris Hale

Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New New Members!



On February 26 we received new members **Christopher & Amanda Chaney, Jay & Jane Ambler, Bradley Brown, and Barry & Denise Durden**. We are delighted to be serving Christ together with you!

New Member Orientation Offered Sunday, March 18

Thinking about joining PVUMC? Just like to learn more about us? Pastor Jeff would love to have you participate in the next New Member Orientation **Sunday, March 18** from 3 - 5pm. Contact the office (280-5141, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) and let us know you're coming. Childcare for 5 & under available with advance notice.

Connections



Haven't checked out *Connections*? There's still time! We worship at 6:30pm on each of the Wednesdays in March and at 6:30 on Holy Thursday, April 5. If you miss church Sunday, come Wednesday so you can **Worship Every Week** through the season of Lent!

Financial Status

General Fund Recap January 2012

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 59,203
Less Expenses	\$ 55,889
January Income/(Deficit)	\$ 3,314
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 3,314

February 2012 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
2/5	115	120	\$16,250	\$370	\$0
2/12	158	153	\$17,898	\$143	\$50
2/19	135	156	\$10,300	\$172	\$5,050
2/26	192	171	\$11,224	\$70	\$860

Designated Totals

Mission Funds
\$1,237

Enhancement Fund
\$1,166

Memorials
\$3,376

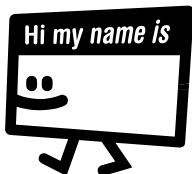
Building Fund
\$274,302

General Fund
Needed Weekly 2012
\$ 12,824

Owed on Parsonage: \$139,354

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,280,881

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!

New Church Wide Study Coming In The Spring

Our church-wide study **The Power of a Whisper**...Hearing God...Having The Guts to Respond, will start the Sunday after Easter. This four week study will culminate with a Ministries Fair on the last Sunday, May 6th. The book and study are by Bill Hybels. Consider joining a small group to share in enjoying this study. You will make new friends, and get a taste of what a blessing a small group can be. Specific group time and dates will be coming soon!

Movie Night, March 9... Continued from page 1



The song *Amazing Grace* was written by John Newton, who was very active in the slave trade in Great Britain until he became a Christian. The movie follows Lincoln Wilberforce and his campaign to abolish slavery in Great Britain.

Tasty snacks include \$1 hot dogs, \$1 nachos, 50 cent candy, 25 cent soda and 10 cent popcorn. Bring your friends and neighbors - all are welcome. Children will enjoy snacks and have their own movie night in the Future Pre-school Room.

Volunteers for this event are needed. If you would like to volunteer to help serve food, please contact georgia.deroziere@pv-umc.org.

Attention: People Handy Around the House



We are posting a list of church members for hire with basic skills for jobs in and around the house. If you would be willing to perform work for other church people then post your name, e-mail, phone numbers, work you could do and approximate charge for doing. The list is located on the bulletin board along the long hallway just outside the sanctuary. Church folks who need work done will contact you. We are hoping this will match those who need work done with members willing to do the work. If you have any questions you may contact **Cooper Agent**, cooper.agent@pv-umc.org.

United Methodist Women News

Spring is here so that means it is time for our 3rd Annual **Garage and Bake Sale**. The sale is scheduled Saturday, March 24 but we will begin to receive your donations during church office hours, 10:00am - 3:00pm Tuesday, March 20 - Friday, March 23 and until 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22 for your convenience. In addition to household items and baked goods we will be selling children's clothing this year. You may rent a table for \$20 and sell your own items. Call **Carolyn Skordas**, 285-7305 to rent a table. We will also feature a silent auction with items and services from local merchants.

Our next **UMW meeting** is **Saturday, March 17 at 10:00am**. Lori Anderson, Executive Director of the Mission House in Jacksonville Beach will be our guest speaker. She has great insight into the plight of homeless people and the services the Mission House provides. This will be a great meeting. Please join us for fellowship and planning our next activities.



On A Musical Note

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner

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

Connections is taking the place of C.I.A. until C.I.A. resumes April 11. I will miss you all, but hope to see you at the *Connections* service on Wednesdays. Look for great things when we return on April 11, as we "Spring forward" with new adventures and outreach programs!

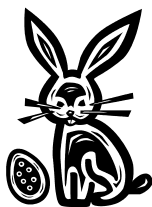
--Jenn Smith



Kingdom Kids Briefs

Kingdom Kids is looking for teachers and co-teachers for the 9:30am worship service. Ponte Vedra UMC holds 40 minute classes for Kindergarten - 2nd grade and 3rd - 5th grades each Sunday during the worship hour immediately following Children's Time. 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! Contact **Jenn Smith**, jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

Block Party - Easter Egg Hunt, March 31 4:00 - 6:00pm



It's almost time for our annual **block party** and **Easter Egg Hunt!** Bring your Easter basket and your appetite as we welcome our neighbors on Roscoe and surrounding area as our special guests! Remember to bring a friend or two! We hope everyone will be able to come out and celebrate friendships and neighbors. This is one of our favorite events year after year!

Volunteers needed for our annual Block Party/Easter Egg Hunt on March 31! Come and join in the fun as we prepare for a great event. Volunteers needed for planning, prep, food, crafts, Easter egg stuffing, day of event, clean-up or any area you want to volunteer for. What a great event to be apart of at PVUMC! Contact **Jenn Smith**, jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

Coming in June...

SKY! - Everything is Possible With God!

The PVUMC Children's Ministry invites all children to **SKY: Everything is Possible with God Vacation Bible School**. Children ages 4 through rising 6th grade will explore and discover that by trusting God, everything is possible! The fun begins **Monday, June 18** and ends Friday, June 22, from 9:00am to Noon. Save the date!



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For Beach UMC letting us borrow their bus for our Busch Gardens trip
- 👍 For Our Church members who supported our mission trip fundraiser
- 👍 For our students who have committed to attend our summer mission trips

Upcoming Events

Gender Retreats March 16-18. We will be participating in separate guy and girl retreats in Orlando. Cost is \$50/person and \$25 deposits are due by Sunday, March 4.

Created and Called April 20-12. Beginning at 5:00pm, current juniors, seniors, and college students will gather at PVUMC to begin an exploration of who they are created to be, and who God is calling them to be in the future. The event is no cost, but registration is required.

Relay for Life April 21-22. This fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will once again be held at Ponte Vedra High School. It will run from noon on Saturday to 6:00am on Sunday. Contact Kelly Minter (kelly.minter@pv-umc.org) if you want to be part of our team, or if you would like to donate money!

College Group Summer Trip June 25- July 2. Camping in the PA mountains while listening to today's biggest Christian Bands and speakers all week! This trip is open to Class of 2012 and older. Total trip cost is \$130, deposit of \$50/person is due on March 1 to save your spot. Then an installment of \$40 is due on May 1, and the remaining \$40 is due in cash on June 25.

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.



A Note From Pastor Jeff.

Recently my family did some unusual traveling. My dad picked us up in his motor home and we went with him to St Petersburg where he and his wife live. For the return trip we traveled Amtrak from St Pete to Jacksonville. You take an Amtrak bus from St Pete to Orlando (or to Tampa, depending on time of day) and from there take the train into Jacksonville. It was a fun adventure and we had a great time.

I've been thinking about how our lives are like these modes of travel and how they're different. Some Christians think our lives are like the railroad train. We're on a set of tracks and we travel them; you might go faster or slower at times but you can't take detours. Others think of life more like driving; on our way to St Pete we decided to get off I-4 to spend a couple of hours at Dinosaur World before resuming our journey. (You can't do that on a train!)

Here's how I see it: Like the train to Jacksonville, human history is going somewhere, and this is by God's grace. In the Bible we see God looking to redeem creation and the people in it. God will succeed in this and it's every person's choice whether to come on board this train. But the coming on board looks much more like the drive on the interstate. You have choices to make on where you go and who you travel with that either keep you moving along God's will or onto detours of your own making. Perhaps the saving grace is the Spirit of God who, like GPS, is wooing us to the road that is God's will, the road that leads us to, as my GPS says, "your final destination."

Choose well, that you may find yourself on God's way today!

Pastor Jeff



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