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Ministry Fair, May 6

The spring **Ministry Fair** is on **Sunday, May 6** before and after each worship service. Various ministries that serve within and beyond PVUMC will have tables with information about how you can get involved. For more information contact **Eleanor Snite** at eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org. **Come and see what in the world your church is doing!**

Serve Sunday, May 20

The Church has left the building. That’s what they’ll be saying of us **Sunday morning, May 20**. We’re all to arrive at 9:30am, participate in a brief time of worship and then head out the door to serve in the community. (Some will remain behind to serve.) Return to church to swap stories and enjoy a noon-time meal together! See page 5 for details.

OUR MISSION:

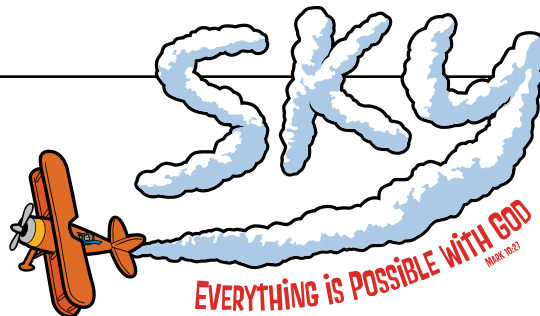
Making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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Save the Date!

SKY: Everything is Possible with God
Vacation Bible School - June 18 - 22
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Upcoming Messages

- May 6 **Whispers That Change the World** (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)
- May 13 **Letting Go of Loneliness** (2 Timothy 4:6-21)
- May 20 **The Church Has Left the Building** (Serve Day, beginning at 9:30am)
- May 27 **Pentecost**

Missions Corner

Did You Know?

Did you know that a group of nine Ponte Vedra UMC members went to work March 30 - April 1 at **The Florida United Methodist Children's Home**? After all the hard work was completed the group attended Sunday worship with the children. Below is a sample of how the members of PVUMC who participated in this special weekend were impacted.

"My heart was touched so much when the 3 five- to seven-year old children (who came into the home this week) came back from being introduced to the congregation and the one little girl looked back at us with her quilt and stuffed animal (monkey) with a big smile on her face. Thank you to the quilters in our church who make quilts for these children."

"I have replayed those little girls at church receiving their love quilts. That act of kindness brought me to my knees. I am very thankful our UMW does the quilting for new residents of FUMCH."

"It was an awesome weekend with other Christians from PVUMC working for the Lord. Our church should be proud to be affiliated with this wonderful mission serving children."

"What I enjoyed most was our time together at the kitchen table. The relaxed schedule of the weekend gave us an opportunity to share memories of our past. Our normal busy lives don't usually allow for this type of sharing."

"It brought back memories of going to church camp. Sleeping with lots of other people, sharing meals together, working together to help the children. Realizing how many folks are devoted to these children, evidenced by those who came to prepare wonderful crafts and an egg hunt for them Sunday afternoon. Although their lives are difficult, they are in a safe place where they can learn about Christ and His loving mercy."

If God whispers for you to serve in this way, at least consider it! All from the team were blessed by this worthy mission.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

Wrote John Wesley,

All Scripture is inspired of God— The Spirit of God not only once inspired those who wrote it, but continually inspires, supernaturally assists, those that read it with earnest prayer.

Explanatory Notes: 2 Timothy 3:16

Ponte Vedra UMC Blood Drive, May 6



The **Blood Alliance** will be in the PVUMC parking lot **Sunday, May 6** beginning at 9:00am. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood. There is no upper age limit to donate, as long as your doctor says it is okay. Please help. Remember, one donation can save up to three lives. A photo ID is required to donate. Contact **Eleanor Snite** at eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org to make an appointment or sign up on-line at www.thebloodalliance.com.

"Teaching Moment"

by Pastor Jimmy Jones, Teaching Pastor



I answer your questions in this column so feel free to call the office, ask in person, or email me with your Bible questions.

Question: Who are the minor prophets?

Answer: In the Old Testament, the word "prophet" was understood in two ways. First, a prophet was considered to be someone who boldly spoke the word of God to others. Prophets were not politicians! They were simply honest servants of God. Secondly, a prophet might also predict a future event based upon interpreting God's words in scripture. The Old Testament is divided into the major and minor prophets. The major prophets are the longer books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. The minor prophets are the twelve shorter books that include the following: Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Join PVUMC?

Been thinking about joining Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church? Come to Pastor Jeff's new member orientation on **Sunday, June 10** 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.)

Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Our thoughts and prayers are with

- **Joe Mitchell** and his family at the death of his wife Kate on March 25
- **Charlotte Evans** and family at the death of her husband Roy on April 13
- **Elisabeth Callahan** at the death of her grandmother on April 19
- **the Bill Morgan family** at the death of Bill's mother Alice Morgan Vyverberg on April 20

Financial Status

General Fund Recap March 2012

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 52,294
Less Expenses	\$ 59,671
March Income/(Deficit)	\$ (7,377)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (11,010)

April 2012 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
4/1	130	151	\$9,186	\$80	\$0
4/5 Holy Thur	60		\$239	\$0	\$0
4/8	189	250	\$13,073	\$124	\$1,731
4/15	167	145	\$15,335	\$17	\$107
4/22	138	152	\$12,599	\$402	\$1,275

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$2,408
Enhancement Fund	\$1,672
Memorials	\$4,601
Building Fund	\$264,518
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2012	\$ 12,824

Owed on Parsonage: \$137,436

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,273,461

United Methodist Women News

Our next UMW meeting will be **Saturday, May 19** at 10:00am upstairs in room 209. Our speaker will be Cheryl Bradford from Faithful Servant Ministries. She will be telling us about their mission in Panama and Costa Rica. Also, we will be planning a social for the women of PVUMC and for friends and neighbors. Please plan to join us to contribute your ideas. We have a wonderful time of sharing our faith and fellowship.

Quilting Circle News

The Quilt Circle is a group of Methodist women who have traditionally met at the home of Marilyn Elston. Meetings are held to discuss group business and the status of current and future projects. Quilters then work individually to hand sew baptismal quilts or machine quilt mission quilts. These include children's quilts donated to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and the Betty Griffin Rape Crises Center at Flagler Hospital. A group from UMW recently spent a work weekend at the Methodist Children's Home and attended a Sunday worship service where they were able to witness the children who have gone through so much receive their quilts. The group is also able to make donations to UMW through the sale of quilts sewn by their quilters. We have members who have offered to help anyone wanting to quilt to get started. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact either **Marilyn Elston** for additional information. Our next meeting will be announced soon.

Marilyn Elston - ELSTONMAR@aol.com 904-223-9477

Volunteer Opportunities

Shepherds are needed to greet visitors at the information desk before the 9:30 service. If you're interested in being a smiling face to a newcomer, contact dixie.thalmueller@pv-umc.org or sue.morris@pv-umc.org.

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
 Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
 Let me be full, let me be empty.
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
 I freely and heartily yield all thing to thy pleasure and disposal.
 And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine.
 So be it.
 And let the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
 Amen.

"Serve the World" - Sunday, May 20

Think you can't change the world? Think again! Rethink Church!

On **Sunday, May 20**, we have the opportunity to impact our community and the world, by participating in a number of serve projects that will challenge us to do what we can and inspire us to do more. You'll have an opportunity to sign-up for your project shortly, but here's a preview of the choices to consider:

- Beach Clean-Up:** Jacksonville Beach Pier
- Jacksonville Zoo:** Project to be determined, but they are looking for 20 volunteers
- St Francis House:** Feeding the homeless, small construction projects
- Emergency Services Coalition:** Providing baskets for homeless families in transitional living situations
- BEAM:** Stocking Food Pantry Shelves, possible painting project
- Sandwich Handout:** Preparation of bagged lunches and delivery to the homeless in downtown Jacksonville
- Families vs. Hunger:** Meal preparation for hungry families beyond our community
- VBS Craft Preparation:** Family friendly project where adults and children will make and decorate crafts that will be used at VBS at our church and Lincolnville VBS.
- Church Maintenance Projects:** Cleaning and small maintenance tasks within our church
- Hart-Felt Ministries:** Light yard work/landscaping at elderly homes
- Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC):** Light landscaping

After a brief time of worship at 9:30am, we'll get to work with our service teams! At noon, we'll meet back at the church to talk about our projects and enjoy a cookout celebration at the church.

Look for more information in your weekly church bulletin!



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. (Children In Action)

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Wednesdays 6:00

Rooms 201-203

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner

Vacation Bible School, June 18 - June 22 REGISTER NOW



Imagine kids trusting God forever...the sky's the limit! Wild Blue Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Sky High Movie & Missions, All-Star Games and snacks at the Sky Dive Diner all come together this summer in **SKY: Everything is Possible with God**. Get ready to discover that by trusting God, everything is possible! **Vacation Bible School** at Ponte Vedra UMC will be **June 18 - June 22 from 9:00am to noon** for ages 4 through completed 5th grade.



Registration forms available at PVUMC or on-line at www.pv-umc.org. Completed forms can be returned to church office, attention: **Jenn Smith** or emailed to jenn.smith@pv-umc.org. If you have any questions, call Jenn Smith at 280-5141.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE VBS A SUCCESS!

Crew Leaders (10 needed) -- Assistant Crew Leaders (10 needed) - Great opportunity for Youth - and community hours -- Preschool Crew Leader (2 needed) -- Assistant Preschool Crew Leader (2 needed) -- Picture Taker -- Movie/Outreach Crew Leader -- Creative Person to help with Decorations and Crafts -- Assistants for Various stations (4 needed) - Great for Youths -- Snack Leader (2 needed)

Volunteers also needed for our outreach **VBS in Linconville!** Dates are **July 18 - 20**. What a fun service opportunity!

Volunteer forms available at church or contact **Jenn Smith** at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

SUPPLIES NEEDED! To make VBS a truly magical experience, we are looking for items to help transform our church into the ultimate sky high adventure!

Kites* Parachutes* Creative sky or flying related items* Telescopes* Glow in the Dark stickers

* - Items with asterisks will gladly be returned after VBS



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For our students and families that participated in the Ponte Vedra Beach Relay for Life! Our team raised over \$1,100 for the American Cancer Society!
- 👍 For the students and leaders who took part in our Game-A-Thon to benefit Sweet Sleep. 2 beds, complete with bedding and nets, were able to be funded by your efforts!
- 👍 For our acts and audience during our annual Variety Show and Silent Auction!

Upcoming Events

CALLING ALL SENIORS! On Sunday, June 3 we will honor our seniors and their families at our annual “Senior Bash”. From 5:30pm-8:00pm we will show pictures, tell stories, eat together, and generally celebrate our seniors. Please come and bring your families! Parents, please start collecting those adorable baby-high school pictures you would like highlighted in the slide shows! Also, on Sunday, June 10 (Youth Sunday) we will be praying over our seniors in worship!

Chill out in May! If you look at our calendar, May tends to be a sparse month as far as activities. This is a purposeful decision by our ministry leaders. May is a difficult month, academically, and we don't want to program against your school work!

Beach Day Wednesdays: Beginning June 20. We will be at Mickler's from noon to 4 on almost every Wednesday of the summer. Come when you can and leave when you must. Bring food if you plan to be there the whole time, and sunscreen! You will find our group immediately off the boardwalk, to the left by the lifeguard stand.

Vacation Bible School June 18-22. Our youth will be helping with PVUMC's annual vacation bible school. See Kelly Minter or Jenn Smith if you want to help!

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 was 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. Seats are first come, first serve so if you do NOT have your deposit in yet, get it in soon!

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:

Unless Easter is really late, the St Johns County School District schedules spring break over Holy Week. This means no vacation for me and my family that week. Instead Jill and the kids enjoy a series of “daycations” and I’m along for the ride when I can be.

Surprising what you can find to do close to home. On my day off we drove up to Fort Clinch, going by way of the Mayport Ferry. It was a great daycation. But the closest-to-home award goes to tent camping... in our own backyard! I set up a borrowed tent after work and at bedtime we tucked in all three kids. At lights out one heard a mosquito and was quickly in the house, followed by a second child 15 minutes later. Jill and I figured we’d all be sleeping in our own beds, parents and children alike by 11:00 but no, one child chose to go the distance. I was sleeping (and not sleeping) in that tent until 4:00am when, awakened by the cat going in the cat door, child #3 decided to move into the house. What an adventure... And in our own backyard!

Sometimes Christians get to thinking that God-adventures require mission trips to faraway places. Not so! Look around. What kind of God-adventures might await you in everyday places... the grocery store, your doctor’s office, your neighborhood, your own backyard? Need some ideas? Be sure to check out the tables at the Sunday, May 6 Ministry Fair!

Watching for the next adventure,
Pastor Jeff



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