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Vacation Bible School

Imagine kids trusting God forever...the sky's the limit! Wild Blue Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Sky High Movie & Missions, All-Star Games and out of this world 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!

SKY Vacation Bible School will be June 18-June 22 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. **Seats are still available** for children ages 4 through 5th grade who are ready to take off and **for adult crew members** who are available to make VBS a true sky high adventure! *Please pre-register by June 4th* to ensure proper planning and materials.

Registration forms available at PVUMC or on-line at www.pv-umc.org. Completed forms can be re-turned 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.

Big Events During June

Praying off our team to Panama on June 3
Men's Breakfast, June 10
Graduates to be honored June 10
Youth Sunday, June 10
Celebrate DISCIPLE III graduates, June 17
Baptisms June 17 and 24

Upcoming Messages

June 3 **Why Bother?** (Mark 5:21-24a, 35-36)
June 10 **Youth Sunday**
June 17 **Elisha: Picking Up Where Elijah Leaves Off** (2 Kings 2:1-18)
June 24 **Elisha: Of Oil and Axheads - Practical Miracles** (2 Kings 4:1-7, 6:1-7)

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist
Church



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, June 10

8:15am

RSVP

cooper.agent@pv-umc.org

273-2657

Missions Corner

Did You Know?

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study has been washing dishes at Mission House in Jacksonville Beach on a regular basis. They are gaining practice to not only serve in our local area, but in their homes as well. Thank you for being an example of Christ to your family.

Pray For Our Missionaries to Panama!

Ponte Vedra UMC is sending a mission team to Panama the week of June 16-23. The team will work at an orphanage on the campus of Faithful Servant Missions near Caizan, Panama on the border of Costa Rica. We will participate in building cottages on the orphanage campus and do a feeding and clothing ministry with the native people there. Please keep our team members in your prayers: Mary Kay Ashby, Hilton Ashby, Jeffery Ashby, Sheila Epperson, Jimmy Jones, Austin Patneau, and Kathleen Patneau.

VBS In Cuba A Big Success!



Change for Cuba purchased supplies for a two day event with 75 kids. All coins given in the offering plate go to a our sister church in Cuba. **Thank you for caring.**

B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry)



Empty grocery bags will be available Sunday, June 3 after both services. Please fill them up and bring them back to church on Sunday, June 10. A list of recommended items to donate is attached to each bag. Please help this very deserving cause.

"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: The remnant is mentioned 85 times in the Old Testament and 6 times in the New Testament. Who is the remnant?

Answer: The Anchor Bible Commentary states that a remnant may be defined as “what is left of a country after it undergoes a catastrophe.” Since the Bible was written over a period of hundreds of years, the meaning of “remnant” developed over time and was based on historical and Biblical context. In Isaiah 10:20-22, the “remnant” refers to a small group of Israelites who survive the invasion of the Assyrian army in 720 BC. A few verses later, in Isaiah 11:11-16, the “remnant” is promised that they will be brought back to the promised land by Yahweh. The Assyrian army sometimes deported these Israelites to various areas and so these verses from Isaiah 11 are a promise that they will one day return to their native land. Later, in Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, and Zechariah, the “remnant” refers to the Jewish survivors who have returned from Babylonian captivity. Babylonian leaders might kill, deport or enslave these native Jews but those who are fortunate enough to return to their native land one day are called the “remnant”. In the New Testament, the “remnant” is referred to in Revelation 12:17 as those who “keep the commandments of God” and “have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

Get Involved!

Wycliffe Bible Translators/JAARS is working around the world to bring the Gospel to groups of people who are going to hear it for the very first time. If you are interested in learning more about this work, a trip to **JAARS Day** in Waxhaw, North Carolina is being planned **August 10-12**. Our goal will to learn more about how we can support their work and to have some fun and fellowship. In addition to learning about the translation work, jungle airplane, helicopter and jeep rides will be available for the adventure seekers. Their will be a cost for housing, transportation and the optional jeep/airplane rides. See the website below and look for the event information table on June 10th.

<http://www.jaars.org/getinvolved/attendanevent/jaarsday>

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

Wrote John Wesley,

It is incumbent on all that are justified to be zealous of good works. And these are so necessary that if a man willingly neglect them, he cannot reasonably expect that he shall ever be sanctified.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap April 2012

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 60,540
Less Expenses	\$ 56,187
March Income/(Deficit)	\$ 4,353
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (6,012)

May 2012 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
5/6	147	128	\$17,485	\$142	\$0
5/13	134	115	\$16,259	\$459	\$0
5/20	187	Serve Sunday	\$4,346	\$100	\$0
5/27	117	122	\$15,720	\$201	\$100

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$2,304
Enhancement Fund	\$506
Memorials	\$4,701
Building Fund	\$265,123
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2012	\$ 12,824

Owed on Parsonage: \$133,598

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,392,450

United Methodist Women News

Mark your calendars now for the next UMW meeting! We'll meet **Saturday, July 14** at 10:00am in Room 207. Our guest speaker, **Kay Durham**, R.N. from Baptist Medical Center Beaches will bring us an interesting program on comfort care for the patients at the hospital. Please join us and continue to learn about our community and strengthen our fellowship with each other. All women of the church are welcome and invited to bring a friend.

What's Your Favorite Hymn?



We all have our favorite hymn. That hymn we can belt out every word to; all 6 verses. That hymn that touches us every time we sing it. That hymn we wish we could sing every Sunday. I want to know what's your "that hymn." You'll find a form in your Sunday church bulletins to fill out and place in the offering plate. I'll be collecting during the month of June.....you don't want to miss out!

--Elisabeth Callahan

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you enjoy entertaining family and friends? Ponte Vedra UMC is looking for a volunteer to **coordinate food and setup** for special church events during the year like the Block Party and Easter Egg Hunt, Back to School Bash, and Trunk or Treat to name a few. Please contact **Eleanor Snite** at eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org or 280-8026.

There are several openings on the **Sunday Morning Snack Calendar** in the foyer area next to the nursery. Get a few friends, your small group, your family or neighbors and grab an opening while they last. You can make your favorite recipes or buy your favorite snacks - it's up to you. Sign up on the calendar or contact Eleanor Snite at eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org.

Wanted: AS-NEEDED Administrative Assistant



We are looking for a back-up candidate for our Administrative Assistant, Susan Bowler. This position is on an as-needed basis called to fill-in for vacations and emergency leave situations. Must be available to come to work on short notice. Excellent computer skills are required. Knowledge of Microsoft Publisher is necessary. Pay will be \$15 per hour, Tuesday - Friday, not to exceed 20 hours/week. If you are interested please contact the Staff Parish Relations Committee in care of Susan Bowler at 904-280-5141 or susan.bowler@pv-umc.org.

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.)

Men's Bible Study Begins "Fruit of the Spirit" Study

Thursday morning men's Bible study is beginning a new study "**Fruit of the Spirit**" this month. This would be a great time to try out a great group! We meet upstairs, Thursdays from 8:00 to 9:00am. We're saving a seat for you.

New Stained Glass Windows in Foyer



Our thanks to **Kristi Awad** for the beautiful stained glass placed in the transom windows of the foyer last month. Kristi created, installed and gifted us these windows. Tremendous! Thank you, Kristi.



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. (Children In Action)

Resumes in September

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 imparted on the children of PVUMC: **Jill Bennett, Alicia Bernet, Nancy Noble, Mary Slaton, Charles Slaton, Dawn Russell, Corrine Garrison, Zach Murta, Jenny Howard, Stefani Lesser, Mary Ashby, Lisa Anderson, Angela Moss, Christy Timm.**

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. All materials are provided. So grab your best friend, spouse, sibling, teen-age son or daughter and contact Jenn.Smith@pv-umc.org. You'll be so glad that you did!

C.I.A. Children In Action

Thank You C.I.A. Volunteers! We have had an incredible year in C.I.A. and it is because of our outstanding volunteers helping every Wednesday night. **Thank You Lisa Middleton and Jeff Timm** for making C.I.A. an exciting place to learn about God's love and how to share his love with the world. PS - Keep an eye out on the circular flower bed in the parking lot. **Our sunflowers** are growing nicely and should be in full bloom by late mid-summer. Great Job guys! C.I.A. will resume the first week of September.



Serve Day Thank you...

This is such a miraculous blessing. We can never thank you enough for the phenomenal service you all are providing!

-- A.R.C. (Association of Retarded Citizens)
Amber Deffenbaugh, Rose Kendrick, Kim



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For our church family who supported the summer mission trips by participating in the variety show and silent auction. Thanks to you we raised almost \$2000 for the summer mission trips!
- 👍 For the acts in our variety show this year!
- 👍 For everyone who participated in serve day.



Upcoming Events

CALLING ALL SENIORS! On Sunday, June 3 we will honor our seniors and their families at our annual “Senior Bash”. Beginning at 5:30pm we will show pictures, tell stories, eat together, and generally celebrate our seniors. We’ll wind our event down around 8:30pm. Please come and bring your families! Parents, please begin 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!

Beach Day and Movie Nights on Wednesdays Beginning June 6 – We will be at Mickler’s Landing from 11:00am to 4:00pm nearly 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 don’t forget your sunscreen! You will find our group immediately off the boardwalk, to the left by the lifeguard stand. Also on Wednesdays we will host movie nights in the sanctuary. From 8:00pm to 10:30pm we will watch movies together and hang out! Our dates are: June 6, June 20 (after VBS), June 27, July 11, July 18, August 8, August 15.

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 Sr High and \$450 for the Middle School.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Wow... What a month May has been. We ushered it in with Ministry Fair Sunday (awesome) and closed it out with Serve Sunday (also awesome) and Pentecost which hasn't yet occurred as I write this but I can tell you I'm pumped about it. You never know how God might choose to show up.

Four years ago my family found a caterpillar on the berm behind our yard. We kept it on our patio, watching it create a chrysalis and emerge as a beautiful bright orange gulf fritillary butterfly. This year we went caterpillar hunting and captured five beauties of different sizes. One has already begun his (her?) chrysalis. We all enjoy watching this and we'll be waiting in great anticipation for butterflies to emerge. If it doesn't happen before our three-day trip to Orlando, I imagine these cocooned critters may be going for a ride in the minivan.

It still strikes me as miraculous that a worm-like insect can become a beautifully winged butterfly. It's no less amazing that people can undergo just as radical a transformation. We're still who we are (fritillary caterpillars don't become monarch butterflies) yet when we trust and follow Jesus we are transformed, fulfilling the potential with which we were created.

It's my prayer that you and all of us together as the church will become what God created us to be. Ministry Fair, Serve Sunday, small group Bible studies, VBS, and more... I love what I already see. And the best is yet to come!

Pastor Jeff



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