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Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 27



*Trunk
or Treat*

Something sweet and a little bit spooky is headed for the Ponte Vedra UMC parking lot! **Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 27 from 6:00 - 8:00pm.** There will be hotdogs, popcorn, face-painting, Halloween crafts, a bounce house, jack-o-lanterns, scarecrows and of course vehicle trunks decked out with fun Halloween themes and candy for all of the little Trunk or Treaters! This event is both an autumn neighborhood party and a safe way for children to trick or treat by going trunk to trunk in our parking lot with all of their friends. *Trunk or Treat* is so much more than candy! It is a chance to invite our neighbors to experience the warm and friendly atmosphere at Ponte Vedra UMC. Everyone who attends is encouraged to bring a food donation for B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Aid Ministry) making this a great opportunity to fill empty pantry shelves. Each child who attends will have an opportunity to tithe 10% of their candy loot! Their offering will be sent to our troops overseas. Grab your costumes, kids, friends and candy bags and join us for evening of tricks, treats and trunks! Want to **volunteer** during this great event, contact **Jenn Smith** at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org or at 280-5141.

Church-wide Study, Beginning September 30... "Not a Fan"

Are you a follower of Jesus? Or just a fan? We begin facing this most challenging question through the message series and companion study underway September 30. See page 5 for the list of small groups. The video itself is well worth the sacrifice of time. You'll want to talk about it with others in your group.

Upcoming Messages

Begin not a fan message series

September 30 **fan or follower?** (Matthew 7:21)

October 7 **the open invitation** (Luke 9:23-27)

October 14 **choosing intimacy** (Luke 7:36-50)

October 21 **the comfortable cross** (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

October 28 **more than rules** (John 8:2-11)

November 4 **is Jesus enough?** (John 6:35)

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
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Missions Corner

B.E.A.M. Food Drive



The mission of B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Aid Ministry) is to keep families in their homes and help them become self-sufficient. B.E.A.M. strives to help during these hard economic times and has been of service to Beaches families in need for over 27 years. B.E.A.M. has always commented on how a smaller congregation has a very large giving heart when it comes to our donations. Empty grocery bags will be available Sunday, October 14, after each worship service. Please fill them up and bring them back to church on **Sunday, October 21**. A list of recommended items to donate will be attached to each bag. Please help this very deserving cause.

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through **gift-filled shoeboxes** and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. Along with shoebox gifts, millions of children are given Gospel booklets in their own language. Our church will once again be sponsoring this mission by filling shoeboxes for the children. Collections will be received Sunday, November 18, 2012. For more information contact **Rita Andreu**, rita.andreu@pv-umc.org or visit <http://www.samaritanspurse.org>.

Crop Hunger Walk



In many ways, America is the land of plenty. But for 1 in 6 people in the United States, hunger is a reality. Right now millions of Americans are struggling with hunger. Often hard-working adults, children and seniors cannot make ends meet and are forced to go without food for several meals, or even days. We all care about hungry people, but what can one person do? Join in the local **CROP Hunger Walk** to raise your voice and funds against hunger to help hungry people around the world and here in our own area. **25% of proceeds go directly to support B.E.A.M.** Be a walker, a sponsor or a volunteer! **October 14**, at 2:00pm starting at First Christian Church of the Beaches. Contact **Sharon Kehoe**, 904-834-3765.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley wrote,

When we are born again, then our sanctification, our inward and outward holiness begins. And thenceforward we are gradually to "grow up in him who is our head."

– *Works II, 198.*

Did You Know?

Joyce and Cooper Agent cook for the Men's Breakfast when they meet quarterly. They also cook for St. Frances house in St. Augustine. Thank you Joyce and Cooper for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our church and community.

"Teaching Moment" *by Pastor Jimmy Jones, Teaching Pastor*



Pastor Jimmy (jimmy.jones@pv-umc.org) answers your questions in this column so feel free to call the office, ask in person, or email him with your Bible questions.

Question: Explain a bit about the book of Revelation. It's tough for me to understand.

Answer: Revelation is the last book of the New Testament. The word "revelation" in its purest sense means that God is revealing something to human beings. The book of Revelation is an example of apocalyptic literature. Apocalypse has to do with an "unveiling or unfolding of events in the future." Revelation is not written in a code, but rather uses symbolic language to describe events that will happen during the persecution period that the writer John endured during Emperor Domitian's reign which ended in 95 AD. John writes from the island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea, where he was exiled because of his unwavering faith in Jesus Christ. While some believe that the book of Revelation addresses events that will unfold at the end of the world, John's primary concern was the persecution era in which he lived. Our small group really enjoyed learning more about Revelation using the Efir Bible study series. Dr. Efir was my faculty adviser when I was a student at Duke University Divinity School. If your small group is interested in borrowing the study from us, don't hesitate to contact me in the office or visit www.spiritualformationbookstore.com.

PVUMC Charge Conference, October 21 *at Isle of Faith UMC*

Each fall United Methodist Churches have a meeting called a **charge conference** at which the congregation elects its officers and sets the pastor's compensation. This year we'll be meeting at **7:00pm on Sunday, October 21** at **Isle of Faith UMC**. (Isle of Faith iofumc.org is located at 1821 San Pablo Road S in Jacksonville.) Beach UMC, Christ UMC – Neptune Beach, and Ft Caroline UMC will be meeting with us as well. Would you like to **carpool**? Meet at PVUMC at 6:15pm.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap August 2012

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 47,610
Less Expenses	\$ 54,039
July Income/(Deficit)	\$ (6,429)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$(26,339)

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$5,915
Enhancement Fund	\$506
Memorials	\$5,801
Building Fund	\$250,404
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2012	\$ 12,824

September 2012 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	6:30 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
9/2	127	141		\$10,272	\$32	\$0
9/9	141	158		\$18,567	\$423	\$92
9/16	140	132		\$11,606	\$1,017	\$0
9/23	116	160	51	\$9,848	\$526	\$0

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,229,313

Owed on Parsonage: \$125,844



Volunteer Opportunities

Thanks to all who have been providing **snacks for the Sunday services**. There are still a few openings for October and November. There are also a few openings for providing altar flowers available. The sign up sheet is on the wall outside the infant nursery.

Ministry Fair

The fall **Ministry Fair** is on **Sunday, October 28** 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!**

United Methodist Women News

UMW would like to offer a sincere thanks you to all who donated supplies to our Christmas in July for our deployed warriors. **Nancy Mingus** filled the back of her van with the donations and delivered them to the distribution center.

During the month of October, we will be taking orders for **pecans**. Order sheets will be in the Sunday bulletins and the pecans will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. All of the proceeds will help fund the UMW missions.

November 3 is the date of the UMW **Autumn Fling**. This an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to visit Ponte Vedra UMC in a social setting. The Fling is an afternoon tea from 3:00 - 5:00pm with entertainment by **The Sweet Adelines**. Tickets are \$5.00 and available in the church office. All women of our church are welcomed and this event will also be a great opportunity for those interested to learn about UMW.

Our next meeting is **November 10** at 10:00am upstairs in room 207. **Jill Bennett** will be our guest speaker and she will be sharing with us about her mission trip to **Haiti**. We will also make preparations for our Christmas Bake sale which will be December 8. Please join us to share our fellowship.

"Not a Fan" Small Groups

Are you a follower of Jesus? Or just a fan? We begin facing this most challenging question through the message series and companion study underway September 30. The 6 installment drama is engaging and thought provoking. It's not too late to join a small group.

"Not a Fan" Study Groups -- September 30 - November 4

Sunday Morning

- 8:30am Early Questors Room 205
Dave Schussler dave.schussler@pv-umc.org
- 9:30am Inquirers Class Room 207
Dotty Rashba dotty.rashba@pv-umc.org
- 9:45am **New Group** Room 209
Bettie Mason bettie.mason@pv-umc.org
- 9:45am Shepherds Class Room 205
Kyle Hancock kyle.hancock@pv-umc.org
- 10:45am Cornerstone Class Room 207
Dan Thomas dan.thomas@pv-umc.org
- 10:45am **New Group** Room 209
Barry Durden barry.durden@pv-umc.org

Tuesday Evening

- 7:00pm Travelling Tuesdays Various Homes
Dotty Rashba dotty.rashba@pv-umc.org

Wednesday

- 10:30am **New Group** Bev Schafffield's Home
Bev Schafffield bev.schafffield@pv-umc.org
- 6:00pm Ladies Group Room 207
Anna Neal anna.neal@pv-umc.org

Thursday Morning

- 8:00am Men's Group Room 207
George Reed george.reed@pv-umc.org
- 10:00am Women's Group Room 207
Jill Bennett jill.bennett@pv-umc.org

Saturday Morning

- 11:00am Saturday Morning Bible Study Room 209
Scott Tinsley scott1.tinsley@pv-umc.org



On A Musical Note

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

C.I.A. Children In Action

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm



Children's Corner

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

CIA (Children in Action) meets every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm in Rooms 201 and 203. Children in Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to bring their sack supper and enjoy a time of fellowship, music, games and Bible story adventures.

Here's a look of what is coming up in October!

October 3 & 10 – Time for some attitude! We are learning about the Beatitudes.

October 17 - Finish our study on the Beatitudes and Trunk or Treat craft preparation.

October 24 – Halloween themed C.I.A Dinner (we make dinner together).

October 31 - NO C.I.A. Have a wonderful and safe Halloween!



Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids meets each Sunday following Children's Time at both the 9:30 and the 11:00am worship services. Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to join us upstairs in the Kingdom Kids rooms for Bible stories, crafts and games.



Save the Dates!

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 27, 6:00 - 8:00pm. Please see the front page for more information on this fun event!

Advent Craft Festival – Sunday, November 25, 5:00 - 7:00pm.



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For Jimmy Jones, Paul Johnson, Bruce Morris, and Jon Noble, and Mike Smith in their help with securing grills and cooking our back to school bash food!
- 👍 For Jenn Smith, Sheila Epperson, Lori Reid, Torrey Kingry, and everyone else who made Back to School Bash possible
- 👍 All of our families and friends who attended our fall kick off!

Upcoming Events

Looking for a way to worship with your teens, or a worship time that is interactive and different? Come check out Connections! Every Sunday night at 6:30pm as we explore worship in a conversational, connectional way. We'd love to see you there!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TRIP TO ADVENTURE LANDING October 3.

We will meet in the Ponte Vedra YMCA parking lot immediately after school is out. We will travel together to Adventure Landing where we will play laser tag, go karts, and video games until 4:30pm, returning at 5:00pm. If you have not already filled out a medical release and permission form for 2012, please download the form from our youth group website fill it out, to be brought to the event.

Middle School Retreat October 26-27. We will meet at the church at 8:00pm and spend the retreat dealing with issues that concern middle school life. We will have one surprise off-site event, and the price of the entire event is \$20, and we will wrap up by 4:00pm on Saturday. If you have not already filled out a medical release and permission form for 2012, please download the form from our youth group website fill it out, to be brought to the event.

Trunk or Treat October 27. Bring your car, decorate your trunk, and get ready for some fun! Bring your friends to this church wide event!

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE DINNERS We need families and church members who are able to help out our youth ministry by providing our weekly dinners. Right now we have **November 4 open**, and many dates in January! More details are available from Kelly. Thanks in advance for your help!

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I always think closely about the fall mailer, our way of inviting the community-at-large to join us in our church wide study. This year was no exception. One of the temptations I face is to somehow dress up the study (or the church!) to make us more appealing to people who don't know Christ or to people who have made a commitment to Christ but aren't actively living out the faith they've proclaimed. The problem with succumbing to this temptation is that we are more likely to attract fans of Jesus rather than make followers of Jesus.

We're best off even in a mailer simply to be honest with God, ourselves and our neighbors. Maybe it looks like we're airing our dirty laundry. Last fall we focused on the hole in our gospel, namely our neglect of the poor. Not something for North American Christians to be proud of. This year we're asking ourselves the very challenging question, **Am I a follower of Jesus or just a fan?**

Marketing gurus might suggest we're shooting ourselves in the foot with this kind of truth in advertising. But if we really are willing to embrace the hard questions and risk being changed by the answers, it doesn't much matter what the neighbors think. Jesus is pleased. And does anything else really matter to those fully devoted to him?

Ready to ask the hard questions,
Pastor Jeff



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