

# THE WAVE



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## Cuba Sister Church Pastor to Visit

We anticipate our Cuba sister church pastor Damián Pacheco Diaz arriving in the U.S. on March 7. **Pastor Damián will bring the message on March 10<sup>th</sup>.** We'll be receiving a **love offering** the first three Sundays of March for La Sierra church and to help defray Damian's trip expenses.

## Easter Musical, "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

*Who Do You Say That I Am?* invites choir, narrators, and congregation to experience anew the earthly life of Jesus, seeing his life, ministry, death, and resurrection through the eyes of front-row participants. Under the direction of **Elisabeth Crumrine**, our traditional choir brings us this dramatic musical at both worship hours Palm Sunday, **March 24.**

## Block Party & Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30, 4 - 6pm

We're having a **Block Party with Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 welcome our neighbors so please come.

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 24: Palm Sunday 9:30 *Alive!*, 11:00 Traditions  
March 28: Holy Thursday 7:00pm  
March 31: Easter 9:30 *Alive!*, 11:00 Traditions

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## Upcoming Messages

Message Series *A Disciple's Path* continues...

- March 3 **Why Give?** (2 Corinthians 9:7, Malachi 3:7-10; Rev. Jimmy Jones)
- March 10 **Serving** (Pastor Damián Pacheco)
- March 17 **Inviting People to "Come and See"** (John 1:35-51)
- March 24 **Who Do You Say That I Am?** (dramatic musical)
- March 31 **The Good, the Bad, and The Resurrection** (*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*)

## OUR MISSION:

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
United Methodist Church



**March 10**

## Missions Corner

### Ponte Vedra UMC Mission Trip to The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

PVUMC will be visiting the **Florida Methodist Children's Home** during the weekend of March 8-10. At present we have openings for six men and five women. The cost for the trip is \$50.00 per person (excluding transportation) but includes all meals and housing. We will be driving to Enterprise on Friday afternoon March 8. For more information please contact **George Garcia** at 249-3382, [george.garcia@pv-umc.org](mailto:george.garcia@pv-umc.org).

Reminder! Look for Florida Methodist Children's Home 5th Sunday offering envelopes in your Sunday bulletins March 24 and 31.

### Mission House Jacksonville Beach



PVUMC's January collection of winter articles to assist the homeless was a great success. We contributed two large bags of blankets and several bags of sweaters, hats, gloves and socks! This donation was met with heartfelt gratitude from the Mission House Staff. Thanks for your contributions.

Do you have a heart for the homeless and want to serve at **Mission House**? There is a need for help answering phones at the front desk for 2 hour periods. This gives the receptionist a break. Days needed are Mondays and Fridays, but fill-ins for regular volunteers are on an on call basis. If you are interested and have some phone experience, call Robyn at 241-6767 or email **Sharon Kehoe** at [sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org](mailto:sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org).

### Serve Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Serve Sunday is May 19<sup>th</sup>!** There will be opportunities for all to serve in our community following each morning worship service. Save the date!

### A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

Wrote John Wesley:

Grace is the source, faith the condition, of salvation.

*Works I, 118.*

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women are preparing for our 4th Annual **Garage Sale** to be held on Saturday, April 6. The sale is from 8:00am - 2:00pm and includes a bake sale and silent auction. As in previous years, tables may be purchased for \$20 which entitles you to sell your objects and keep your profits. Please contact **Denise Durden** at [dedurden@comcast.net](mailto:dedurden@comcast.net), 945-7063 to reserve a table. We appreciate donations of baked goods, household items, children's clothing and silent auction items. All of these items may be brought to the church Sunday, March 31 through Friday, April 5.

**Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 16** at 10:00am in room 207. Mary Ellen Mulligan will be telling us about the services the Women's Help Center in Jacksonville Beach provides to pregnant teens and women. Please join us to help finalize the garage sale plans and to share in our faith and fellowship.

## Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New Members!



On February 17 we received new members **Valerie Brown, Bill Coggins, Kelly Sadler** and **Tom & Kay Sharrit**. We are delighted to be serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 364 members.)

## Check out Connections

**Connections**, our experiential worship service, **is back for the spring!** Sundays at 6:30pm we gather in the sanctuary for an interactive, intergenerational (meaning it's not just for youth) worship experience. We wrap things up around 7:30. Feel free to arrive at 6:00pm and bring your brown bag dinner. Check it out!

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Variety Show with Silent Auction



See those who sit with you Sunday mornings in a whole new light at the church wide **Variety Show** on **Sunday, April 29 at 6:30pm**. Rumor has it that **Pastor Elvis** will be singing this year; intriguing. Proceeds to help underwrite the cost of the youth summer mission trips. \$8 per ticket, or your entire family for \$20.

# Financial Status

## General Fund Recap January 2013

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 58,330
Less Expenses	\$ 59,420
January Income/(Deficit)	\$ (\$1,090)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (\$1,090)

### Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$6,906
Enhancement Fund	\$1,672
Memorials	\$1,862
Building Fund	\$275,490
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2013	\$ 14,160

## February 2013 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
2/3	154	158	\$17,258	\$147	\$10,220
2/10	199	128	\$10,446	\$256	\$2,845
Connections	55				
Ash Wednesday	93		\$791		
2/17	98	128	\$8,093	\$79	\$0
Connections	30				
2/24	141	138	\$14,691	\$5	\$0
Connections	38				

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,186,261

Owed on Parsonage: \$115,832

## Church-wide Study to Begin April 7

### *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*

**Money has great power in our lives.** Used wisely, it is one key to accomplishing our goals, providing for our needs, and fulfilling our life purpose. In recent years, many of us ignored the wisdom of the past when it came to managing and spending our money. *Enough* is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices, experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life, by changing your relationship with money. Our spring church-wide study begins **April 7**. Watch for your opportunity to participate in a **5-week small group Bible study!**

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### 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***

**SUPER JOB C.I.A.!** You guys have done an awesome job **learning all of the 66 books of the Bible** – in order!

Bring your sack dinner and join us in C.I.A. as we spend March looking at things **upside down!** What will we see? Come join us and find out.

There will be **no C.I.A. on March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Have a wonderful spring break.

**Save your old toys!** CIA will have a table set up during our PVUMC Spring Garage Sale on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We are selling our gently used toys to raise money for the children at St. Paul's School of Excellence in Lincolnville, St. Augustine!

### ***Kingdom Kids***

**TEACHERS STILL NEEDED!** Email [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) if you are able to volunteer just 45 minutes a month teaching in Kingdom Kids.

Mark your calendars! All the joy, excitement, music and good times of **Vacation Bible School** is coming to PVUMC **July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**! Make plans now to be part of the fun!

Want to know what is going on in Children's Ministry at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church? Sign up today to receive emails that will keep you and your family up to date on fun events in Children's Ministry. Go to the Children's Ministry section of the PVUMC website and click on link to sign up for emails.

### ***Easter Egg Hunt & Block Party, Saturday March 30***



It's almost time for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** and **Block Party!** Bring your Easter basket and a side dish as we welcome friends and neighbors to this Easter event. We hope everyone will participate in this joyous Easter event. This is one of our favorite events year after year! Mark your calendars – this year it is the day before Easter, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers needed** for our annual Block Party/Easter Egg Hunt on March 30! Come and join in the fun as we prepare for a great event. Volunteers needed for Egg Stuffing (ahead of time), set-up, hospitality & food, egg hunt, craft stations and clean up. Please email **Jenn Smith** at [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) if you can assist in any way!



## Upcoming Events

**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. We have many dates open in March and April! More details are available from Kelly. Thanks in advance for your help!

**Girls Retreat** March 15-17. **GIRLS ONLY!** We will board the vans here at PVUMC at 5:00pm on Friday, March 15. We will travel to downtown Jacksonville for the Jacksonville Sharks Arena Football game and then to Orlando for the rest of our weekend event. We will be staying in a rental house and going through lessons, fun activities and even some go-karting together. We will return to the church by 2:00pm on Sunday. More information such as packing lists and medical forms can be found on our student website. The theme of the weekend is **Creatively Created**. The cost for the weekend is \$70, with a \$30 deposit due by Sunday, March 3. (Yes this is similar to the guys' retreat, but we will be separate all weekend.)

**Guys Retreat** March 15-17. **GUYS ONLY!** We will board the vans here at PVUMC at 5:00pm Friday, March 15. We will travel to downtown Jacksonville for the Jacksonville Sharks Arena Football game and then to Orlando for the rest of our weekend event. We will be staying in a rental house and going through lessons, fun activities and even a paintball excursion together. We will return to the church by 2:00pm on Sunday. More information such as packing lists and medical forms can be found on our student website. The theme of the weekend is **Creativity**. The cost for the weekend is \$70, with a \$30 deposit due by Sunday, March 3. (Yes this is similar to the girls' retreat, but we will be separate through the whole weekend)

**Game-a-THON** (Relay for Life Fundraiser) March 26-27. We will hold an 18 hour game-a-thon here at PVUMC. Students will get pledges to "game" (video, card, board, outside, etc) for the full 18 hours. All proceeds will go toward our Relay for Life team. Students must have \$40 in pledges to participate as a "gamer". They can also sign up as a "helper"; we will assign them shifts to help with clean up, refills, etc. Students who cannot participate in Relay for Life are encouraged to participate. They can raise money for the event even if they can't be there! The Game-a-Thon will begin at 3:00pm Tuesday, March 26 and end at 9:00am on Wednesday, March 27.

**RELAY FOR LIFE** April 6-7, 2013. For 18 hours, community members from all over Ponte Vedra Beach will gather to walk, raising funds to fight cancer! Be part of our team, or donate to our cause. You can register with our team by going to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and inserting 32082 in the zip code line for "find an event". "Join an existing team" and click "sign up;" then choose our team name from the drop down menu (**Ponte Vedra UMC Muppets**). If you aren't able to be part of our team, then you can donate to our team by clicking the same link, clicking donate, then search for a team using the team name above.

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

A single mom dies in a car accident. A woman 22 months into recovery from a life-threatening stroke suffers another stroke and dies. Two deaths too close to each other in the month of February have me repeating this sentence oft spoken at funerals: “In the midst of life we are in death; to whom may we turn for help but to you, most merciful God?”

We often deceive ourselves by thinking that our lives are under our control. They are not. While we each choose how we act and how we react, life happens. Sometimes we simply suffer the consequences of our choices, at other times it’s simply life. (And along the way I’ve learned not to confuse life with God.)

All of this makes me glad for the resurrection of Christ. I see a cross where Jesus of Nazareth, fully human and fully divine, dies that we might be forgiven our sins. I see a tomb open and empty, reminding me that his resurrection frees me from sin and the forever death that results.

It’s not yet Easter but already I’m reminded of that old preacher’s shout, “Friday’s here, but Sunday’s comin’!”

Glad for The Resurrection,  
Pastor Jeff



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