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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 church wide study begins April 7.**

Ministry Fair, April 21

See how you can make a difference in your local church, community, and world through the **ministry fair** being held following each service on **Sunday, April 21**. You'll be amazed by the ways God is using us together!

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 28** at **6:30pm**. Rumor has it that Pastor Elvis will perform but please, come anyway. Proceeds help underwrite the cost of the youth summer mission trips. \$8 per ticket, or your entire family for \$20.

Upcoming Messages

Message Series *Enough*

- April 7 **Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis**
- April 14 **The American Dream: When Dreams Become Nightmares**
- April 21 **Wisdom and Finance**
- April 28 **Cultivating Contentment**
- May 5 **Defined by Generosity**

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
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Missions Corner

Cuba Love Offering

You have given **\$4,308.50** in a love offering to our Cuba sister church La Sierra Methodist and to help defray the cost of Pastor Damian's visit. Thank you and God bless you!

Grocery Bags for BEAM (Beaches Emergency Aid Ministry)

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



Support Mission House and Register Today for the Human Race, presented by Hands on Jacksonville!



If you love to walk or run marathons, Mission House would appreciate your support or participation in the 5K walk/run on April 6. Half of your registration fee goes directly to support the mission of getting homeless adult men and women off the streets of the beaches area. All additional sponsor donations you collect will go directly to support the work of Mission House. Please go to www.handsonjacksonville.org/race to enter. Click on *sign me up*. Fill out the form and on the second page under *select a participation agency* choose Mission House from the drop down menu. If you have any questions please contact **Robyn** at Mission House at (904) 241-6767 or **Sharon Kehoe** at sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org.

Chip In For Youth



Chip in for Youth is a fundraising program created by THE PLAYERS Championship for youth-related charities, schools, PTOs, booster clubs, sports teams, youth groups, and youth sports leagues. All local schools and youth organizations are invited to sell a specially-created, discounted good any one day grounds ticket to the 2013 PLAYERS for \$40 and to keep \$25 of every ticket sold. If you are not already participating in this program through your child's school please consider purchasing your ticket supporting **St. Paul's School of Excellence**. PVUMC serves the children at this school through our Blessings in a Backpack program, our Vacation Bible School outreach, and other volunteer projects.

Our Hearts and Prayers...

...go out to **Dona Prall** at the death of her husband (and PVUMC member) **Horace Prall** on March 21.

Serve Sunday, May 19th

As United Methodist Christians, we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We do that in vastly different and unique ways. What you do with and within your community demonstrates faith beyond walls to those searching for meaning in life. On **Sunday, May 19th**, following each worship service, PVUMC will offer a variety of projects and opportunities to serve in our community including: Sandwich preparation and distribution to the homeless, Mission House Painting Project, St Francis House, beach cleanup, Hart Felt home projects, Jacksonville Zoo, B.E.A.M. sorting and shelving food donations, Water Bottle distribution on the beach, Home Again St John's meal preparation for monthly homeless feeding, Blessings in a Backpack packing food in backpacks for school children, Kids Against Hunger preparing food Packages for the hungry outside of the USA, Vacation Bible School craft preparation for PVUMC and St. Augustine outreach VBS, Preparation of bags for upcoming PVUMC mission trips.

Mission Trip to Wycliffe/ JAARS

INFORMATIONAL MEETING April 28. More information will be announced.

Trip Dates: October 11-18, 2013: Contact: dan.thomas@pv-umc.org

Why are we going? To support bible translation so that families like the one below can be transformed by hearing God's Word in a language they can understand. There is a great response when people hear the Word for the first time.



JAARS Campus



What are we going to do there? Service projects such as landscaping or renovating an apartment, *some team members may work individually in various JAARS departments* such as in Housekeeping, Construction and Maintenance, Food Services, or department offices. Be assured we will find a project that matches your skills. We will also participate in JAARS Day with opportunities for jungle jeep, helicopters and airplane rides.

What is JAARS? JAARS is Wycliffe's support group providing everything from Housing, Information Technology, Transportation, and whatever else it takes to support Bible translators in the field. 50% of the work at the JAARS facility is done by part time volunteers. Anyone over the age of 14 [14-17 with parental/guardian supervision] can participate.

Estimated cost for lodging & transportation \$395 per person single occupancy; less if you share a room.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap February 2013

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 68,442
Less Expenses	\$ 67,290
February Income/(Deficit)	\$ \$1,151
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 61

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$13,307
Enhancement Fund	\$1,672
Memorials	\$3,697
Building Fund	\$276,580
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
3/3	134	145	\$15,099	\$197	\$375
Connections	40				
3/10	138	160	\$16,408	\$3,158	\$1,075
Connections	63				
3/17	176	173	\$11,699	\$1,330	\$600
Connections	30				
3/24	168	165	\$24,398	\$2,081	\$200
Connections	31				

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,177,008

Owed on Parsonage: \$113,786

Church Conference Set for Sunday, May 5

In the United Methodist Church, church conferences are held to discuss and take action on items that impact the entire church community. Your Stewardship Team has been looking into the possibility of bringing **endowment giving** to Ponte Vedra UMC. On **Sunday, May 5th at noon** in the sanctuary, we will hold a church conference to look at passing a resolution that would affirm and bless endowment giving at Ponte Vedra UMC. All are welcome to attend this brief meeting,- church members can vote. Thanks for your commitment to Ponte Vedra UMC and to the kingdom of God! **Review the resolution** being presented by the Trustees at www.tinyurl.com/endowment-res or www.tinyurl.com/pv-gift-policy.

Help-wanted! Part-time Custodian Needed



Ponte Vedra UMC is looking for a part-time custodian to help care for and clean our church facility. The position is a time commitment of approximately 10-15 hours per week and the pay is competitive. For more information or to apply, contact Pastor Jimmy Jones, jimmy.jones@pv-umc.org.

United Methodist Women

The UMW is preparing for our **4th Annual Garage Sale** on **April 6 from 8:00am-2:00pm**. We will also be having a bake sale which will benefit Kelly's kids. Baked goods may be brought to the church on Friday, April 5 or the morning of the sale. Two new additions this year are a toy table sponsored by Children's Minister Jenn Smith and the kids of the children's ministry. This table will benefit Blessings in a Backpack and a boutique section to highlight our nicest items. All items may be brought to the church on Easter Sunday or on Tuesday, April 2 - Friday, April 5 between 10:00am and 3:00pm. We sincerely appreciate your support and as always all of our profits will be donated to multiple missions that the UMW support. If you would like to purchase a table for \$20 to sell your personal items, please contact **Denise Durden**, 945-7063 or denise.durden@pv-umc.org.

On **April 16**, UMW will be going to the **Cummer Art Museum** to view "200 years of Russian Decorative Arts Under the Romanovs." We will meet at the Target parking lot at 1:00pm. If you would like to join us please call **Ann Cook**, 285-0579.

Thank you to everyone who donated bras for the ladies in Cuba. **Loree Reed** delivered 50 pounds of bras to some very excited Cuban women.

Our next meeting is **May 18 at 10:00am** in Room 207. All women of PVUMC are welcome.

Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New Members!



On March 17 we received new members **Brian & Lisa Anderson** and also welcomed their daughters Carina and Holly. It is our joy to be serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 365 members.)

New Member Orientation to be Offered Sunday, April 14

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, April 14** 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.

Check out Connections

The spring season of *Connections*, our experiential worship service, will soon be wrapping up. April 7, 14 and 21 we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30pm for an interactive, intergenerational (meaning it's not just for youth!) worship experience. We finish around 7:30. Feel free to arrive at 6:00pm and bring a brown bag dinner. Check it out!

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

Wrote John Wesley:

I love the poor; in many of them I find pure genuine grace, unmixed with pride, folly, and affectation.

Works XII, 200.



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

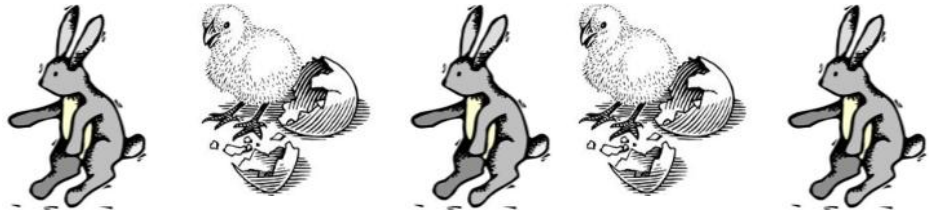
C.I.A. (Children In Action) Briefs

CIA will have a table set up during our PVUMC Spring Garage Sale on April 6. We are selling our gently used toys to raise money for the children at St. Paul's School of Excellence in Lincolnville, St. Augustine! If you have any toys to donate please drop them off at the Church by Friday, April 5

Bring your sack dinner and join us in C.I.A. as we spend April doing a little gardening and learn about God's love for the Earth and all creatures big and small.

Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids Rock!



Congratulations children on raising **over \$80.00 for Heifer International**. Due to your weekly offerings, a flock of chickens and a herd of rabbits were purchased for families in need. What an Easter blessing! What a way to serve.

TEACHERS STILL NEEDED! Email jenn.smith@pv-umc.org if you are able to volunteer just 45 minutes a month teaching or assisting in Kingdom Kids.

Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars! All the joy, excitement, music and good times of **Vacation Bible School** are coming to PVUMC **July 15 – 19!** Make plans now to celebrate God's welcoming love for everyone with *Everywhere Fun Fair* VBS! Volunteers also needed!

What's Going On?



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**.



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. Right now we have many dates in April and May! More details are available from Kelly. Thanks in advance for your help!

RELAY FOR LIFE April 6-7. 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 and inserting 32082 in the zip code line for "find an event". You can then "join an existing team" and then click "sign up" and 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.

VARIETY SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION Sunday, April 28. This will be our first fundraiser for the summer 2013 mission trips! The doors will open at 6:00pm on Sunday night to begin bidding. Our Variety Show will begin at 6:30, and conclude at 7:30. Bidding will close at 8:00pm sharp! Every student who plans to share in the profits of this auction must supply an item per student to be bid on. You can bring in certificates for services, baskets from area organizations, etc...be creative! Church members, please plan to come and enjoy the festivities and support our youth missions teams! Cost for the variety show will be \$8/person, with a \$20 family cap. Tickets will be sold after services beginning Sunday, April 14. Hope to see you there!

Youth Sunday and Confirmation Sunday will be held on May 19. Students who are being confirmed will do so at the worship service which their family regularly attends. This is a great opportunity for our church family to support our young people, so please mark your calendars!

Blood Drive, Sunday, May 5

The next church **blood drive** is **Sunday, May 5 from 9:00am to 12:30pm**. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood every 56 days. There is no upper age limit to donate, as long as your doctor says it's okay. Those who have visited Panama, Costa Rica and other countries that have malaria within the past year are not eligible to donate blood. Beat the crowds, sign up on-line and get the best time for your schedule. Just go to www.igiveblood.com. Click on Give Blood then click on make an appointment and enter 7931 in the fund code box, hit search and it will take you directly to our drive. If you have any questions, please contact Eleanor Snite at eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

For several months our oldest has been wanting a guinea pig. “We have a cat; how would that work?” was my regular reply but I softened up. One of the local pet stores had advertised a Saturday “small animal play day” and since I was the only one in the family who had ever held a guinea pig, Jill and I decided to take the kids to the pet store to hold one of these sweet creatures. We knew going in that by the time you buy cage, food, bedding and the actual animal you are on your way to (gulp) \$150. Jill thought maybe people sold these critters on Craig’s List. Sure enough, a woman in Orange Park was moving and wanted to sell pig and setup for \$60. Maybe...

Saturday morning found us at the pet store holding these furry little creatures and loving it. We’d made it clear to the kids that we’d not be buying any pigs that day. Then a store employee called Jill aside. A man was just dropping off for adoption two full grown guinea pigs (a mother-daughter pair), complete with large cage, food, food dish, two little houses and a bag of food along with a \$5 coupon to put toward bedding, all free to a good home. So to the delight of our children, Molly and Gretchen came home with us that very day.

Jill and I chalk this up as “a God thing.” Too often we recognize only big audacious things as God things. Makes you wonder how much we miss...

Watching to recognize *every* blessing,

Pastor Jeff

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*



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