

THE WAVE



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Church Conference, May 5

A called church conference will be held on **Sunday, May 5 at noon**. The sole agenda item and purpose of this church conference is to establish a permanent endowment fund and committee at Ponte Vedra UMC. Review the resolution being presented by the Trustees at www.tinyurl.com/endowment-res and the accompanying gift policy at www.tinyurl.com/pv-gift-policy. All are welcome to attend this brief meeting; church members can vote.

Serve Sunday, May 19

As United Methodist Christians, we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We do this 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.

May 19 is also **Pentecost, Youth Sunday**, and the day we will **receive members of the confirmation class into membership**. Inspired by our youth, renewed in our own commitment to Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit let's go out and transform our world!

Upcoming Messages

- May 5 **Defined by Generosity**
- May 12 **How to Stay Calm in a Crisis** (Acts 27:13-25)
- May 19 **Youth Sunday**

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist Church

Missions Corner

Grocery Bags for BEAM (Beaches Emergency Aid Ministry)



You gave 86 bags of groceries and \$45 cash to BEAM on April 21. Thank you and God bless you for sharing with our neighbors in need!

Going Hungry in Ponte Vedra?



It may surprise you to know that there are teenagers that attend Ponte Vedra High School that would rather go hungry than be embarrassed or bullied for accepting a free or reduced lunch. **Kristi Awad** has responded to this problem by working with the school nurse and some designated teachers to provide “feeding stations” in classrooms, where these teens can go to pick up something to eat without being noticed by their peers. Kristi can use your help in providing for this “at risk” group. For more information on how you can help....please contact Kristi at kristi.awad@pv-umc.org.

National Day of Prayer



On **Thursday, May 2nd** our church will join with believers from across America to celebrate the Annual National Day of Prayer. This year theme is **Pray for America**, based on Matthew 12:21 which reminds us that "In his name the nations will put their hope." Our sanctuary will be open from **11:00am to 1:00pm** and from **5:00pm to 7:00pm** for individuals to come and pray silently for our nation. Printed prayer guides will be available. Please join us as we humble ourselves before God on behalf of our nation.



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A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

John Wesley had a strong work ethic, especially when it came to matters pertaining to the kingdom of God. Wrote Wesley,

Never be unemployed a moment. Never be triflingly employed. Never while away time.

Jackson VIII, 309.

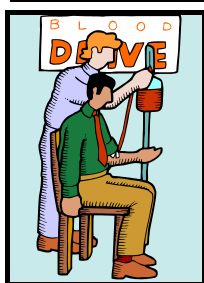
Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New Members!

On April 14 we received new members **Al & Maria Mullan** and also welcomed their daughter Isabella. It is our joy to be serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 366 members.)

Our Hearts and Prayers...

...go out to the family and friends of member **Madolyn Borum** who died April 8. Services for Madolyn were held April 27.

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 Rico 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.

United Methodist Women

Thank you, everyone who supported our **annual silent auction & garage and bake sale**. With your help in donations of baked goods and gently used items we raised **over \$2,000**. A portion of this money has been given to the PVUMC youth for their summer mission trips and to a school in Lincolnville. Also, baby clothes and toys were given to the Women's Help Center in Neptune Beach.

Our next meeting is **May 18 at 10:00am** in room 207. Our guest speaker will be Corporal Diana Bryant from the crime prevention unit of the St. Johns County Police Department. She will be talking preventing crime as it relates to women. All women of the church are invited to join us to share

Eternal Salvation... With Benefits



Do you want to live longer? Have less stress? Have more friends? If you do, new research shows that people who belong to a faith-based community and who attend services more than once a week live as many as seven years longer than people who don't. Seven years! Plus, churchgoers are less likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse, are satisfied with less money, have less stress and a built-in social network. If you belong to a church community, you'll benefit even more if you volunteer.

So, invite your friends to church with you. Live longer, enjoy a healthier lifestyle, have more friends and eternal salvation. We'll see you there!

Financial Status

General Fund Recap March 2013

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 82,431
Less Expenses	\$ 60,798
March Income/(Deficit)	\$ 21,632
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 21,694

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$11,088
Enhancement Fund	\$1,672
Memorials	\$3,847
Building Fund	\$283,566
 General Fund Needed Weekly 2013	 \$ 14,160

April 2013 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
4/7	147	127	\$14,252	\$275	\$1,050
Connections	30				
4/14	133	185	\$18,259	\$49	\$40
Connections	42				
4/21	129	157	\$10,016	\$92	\$500
Connections	55				
4/28	141	159	\$9,755	\$471	\$5000

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,168,335

Owed on Parsonage: \$111,767



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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



Mark your calendar today For Vacation Bible School July 15 - 19

Calling all 4 year old through rising 5th graders for VBS 2013!

We're bringing a global fair to the kids at our Vacation Bible School, ***EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR: WHERE GOD'S WORLD COMES TOGETHER!*** We will "travel" around the world, exploring God's welcoming love and learning about our neighbors in countries near and far! Your children will become loving neighbors at ***EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR!*** So step right up! Join us at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church July 15 -19 from 9am to 12pm.

Registration forms available at PVUMC or register on-line at www.pv-umc.org. If you have any questions, call Jenn Smith at 280-5141 or at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

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 are also needed for our **outreach VBS** in **Linconville!** Dates are **July 31 – August 2**. What a fun and rewarding service opportunity! Volunteer forms available at church or contact **Jenn Smith** at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

Supplies are needed! To make VBS a truly magical experience, we are looking for items to help transform our church into the ultimate worldwide Fun Fair! Items relating to Japan, Australia, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom and Mexico are requested (and will be returned after VBS!)



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!

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!

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

Last month I wrote about how guinea pigs Molly and Gretchen had come into our lives. Sadly Gretchen died just three weeks after we got them; we have no idea why. In my experience, guinea pigs do not suffer lengthy illnesses; if they're sick one day they're often gone the next. True to form, Gretchen went quickly. Everyone hates to lose a pet but death is uncharted territory for my kids. They've lost neither family member nor pet to death, at least not that they remember, apart from a short-lived (literally) series of betta fish.

Each child handled the loss in a different way, from avoidance to a certain fascination, but each was very sad, as were Jill and I. There's a risk to loving, isn't there. If the one we love is taken from us, we hurt. If the one we love rejects us, we hurt. No one knows this better than Jesus, who died for the sake of love, the love of us. It is our blessing that he was raised victorious over sin and death, *our* sin and *our* death.

Like us, guinea pigs are social creatures. Molly had always had another guinea pig with her. For her sake and for ours (it's nice to share two pigs among three kids) we brought little Nellie into our family. Loving is worth the risk, don't you think? I sure am glad that God thinks so!

Happy to be among the well-loved,
Pastor Jeff



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