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The Courage of Nehemiah

Nehemiah was a leader who faced opposition and difficulty from every side – even from his own people. Yet he stood against the enemy and trusted God. We can learn from Nehemiah's courage and faith as we engage in our own struggles. Message series begins **June 2**.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game, Friday, June 21



The district United Methodist Men are inviting all men, women & children to a good old-fashioned **"Family Night at the Ballpark"** on **Friday, June 21**, 7:05pm to see the **Jacksonville Suns** play the Huntsville Stars at The Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. Tickets are **\$7.50** per person, **due by Sunday, June 9**. (Designate **"baseball"** on your envelope if you choose to pay via the offering.) Fireworks immediately following the game, very fun. Pastor Jeff and his family are going... Come on along; we'll all sit together!

OUR MISSION:

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

June's Big Events

Recognizing Kingdom Kids workers (June 2)

Praying off college and young adult mission team to the Bahamas (June 2)

Praying off high school team mission trip to Queens, NY (June 16)

Celebrating a baptism (June 23)

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Upcoming Messages

Message Series *The Courage of Nehemiah*

June 2 **Owning the Problem, Depending on God** (Nehemiah 1)

Jun 9 **Preparing for the Leap of Faith; Planning to Succeed** (Nehemiah 2)

Jun 16 **Working Together** (Nehemiah 2:17-3:13)

Jun 23 **Opposition** (Nehemiah 4, 6)

Jun 30 **LEAD Like Jesus** (Luke 5:1-11, 1 Peter 5:3, Matthew 19:14, Proverbs 15:22)



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Thank you...

To my wonderful church family,

I want to thank you so much for all the visits, flowers, cards and phone calls during my recent hospital and rehabilitation stay. Your being there for me made me feel so loved and cared for. I am deeply moved by all of your kindness. God bless you.

--Lolo Eldridge

Dear Church Family,

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who joined us at our wedding ceremony. We want to say a special thank you to all who worked so hard to make it all happen.

Love,

Sheila & Scott Tinsley

Welcome JR Ross to our Staff!

On June 1, we had the privilege of welcoming JR Ross to our church staff as our new custodian and facilities person. JR's responsibilities will include cleaning our facility as well as doing setups for our growing ministry and other special events. He is a native of Pennsylvania and holds an Associate's Degree from a business school there. JR describes himself as a huge Philly sports fan (he played on some of his high school teams) and also enjoys watching NASCAR races and golf. He has many years of cleaning experience and says that he enjoys it so much that he doesn't really even consider it to be work. We are fortunate that JR came our way. Please join me in welcoming JR as our newest staff member!

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

In a season of mission trips, summer vacations and other travels, we would do well to remember these words of John Wesley:

I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, than in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare, unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation. This is the work which I know God has called me to. And sure I am that His blessing attends it.

— Works XXV, 616.

Be God's blessing to whomever you encounter this summer!

Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New Members!

On May 19 we received these new members, participants of our recent confirmation class: **Martine Gelb, Matt Gibson, Caleb Jones, Scott Lovett, Deven Malone, Shane Malone, Hallie Murta, Abby Reimer, Lydia Reimer, Sarah Reimer, Jasmine Senecal and Miranda VanZyl.** Welcome, new members! It is our joy to be serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 378 members.)

United Methodist Women

At our last PVUMW meeting our guest speaker, Diana Bryant from the St. Johns County Sheriff's office gave us so much information and safety tips. Among them, the fact that Florida has the most identity thefts in the country due to the number of people moving in our state. She also alerted us to the number one problem in St. Johns county: burglary of unlocked cars. Remember, always lock your car - and your home.

Our next **UMW meeting** is **Saturday, July 13 at 10:00am.** We will not have a guest speaker that day to allow us plenty of time to plan our programs and activities for the next year. We will also discuss our second annual tea and the possibility of forming an **online UMW** so the women of PVUMC who are unable to attend meetings will be able to participate in our mission work. All women of PVUMC are invited to join us to help make these plans a reality.

Sunday Morning Snacks

There are many dates available to provide **Sunday morning snacks.** The snacks are on the table in the foyer from 10:30 until 11:00am. **Please sign up** on the snack calendar on the wall by the nursery. Thanks to all who have provided snacks.



On A Musical Note

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

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 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 Crumrine

Financial Status

General Fund Recap April 2013

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 52,691
Less Expenses	\$ 58,792
April Income/(Deficit)	\$ (6,101)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 15,603

May 2013 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
5/5	140	165	\$20,354	\$503	\$1,050
5/12	135	131	\$14,837	\$281	\$250
5/19	160	134	\$11,833	\$31	\$1,357
5/26	134	131	\$12,790	\$647	\$4,250

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$11,757
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,972
Building Fund	\$283,566
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2013	\$ 14,160

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,159,437

Owed on Parsonage: \$109,704

Sign up 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 our Vacation Bible School, **EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR: WHERE GOD'S WORLD COMES TOGETHER!** 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!

Volunteers needed for PVUMC VBS on July 15-19 & Lincolnville VBS from July 31- August 2. Contact **Jenn Smith** at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

Children's Corner

Kingdom Kids

START CHILDREN OFF ON THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OLD THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT.

PROVERBS 22:6 NIV

Kingdom Kids continues all summer, but we need teachers in order to keep up with our growing classes! Now is the time to give back and teach one or more Sundays a month. All materials are provided! Contact **Jenn Smith** at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

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 **Jeff Timm** (co-teacher every Wed.), **Tommie Hall, Angela Moss, Jill Bennett** !

P.S. - 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.



Round of Applause

👍 For our 12 students who joined our church through confirmation on May 19: **Abby, Sarah, and Lydia Reimer, Martine Gelb, Hallie Murta, Matt Gibson, Deven and Shane Malone, Caleb Jones, Jasmine Senecal, Miranda VanZyl, and Scott Lovett.**

👍 To everyone who participated in the church wide Serve Day on May 19.

👍 To all of our church family who supported our students on Youth Sunday, and to our students who took on leadership and lead worship for our congregation.

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 July and August! More details are available from Kelly. Thanks in advance for your help!

BAHAMAS MISSION TRIP June 6-10. Our college group and our young adults are taking a mission trip to the Bahamas. We will be working with an orphanage in Nassau, playing with children, hosting a beach trip, and helping with cleaning and repairs. Please pray for us while we are gone!

Beach days and Movie nights are back! Beginning June 19, we begin weekly summer beach days and movie nights. From 12-4pm at Mickler's Beach, our group will gather at the beach for fun in the sun! Bring a lunch with you and don't forget your sunscreen. It's easy to find us, just go up the walkway and look to your left. We will be there by the lifeguard stand, gathered around our red and pink blanket. Don't forget to come back to the church that evening at 8pm for movie night! We will watch a movie in the sanctuary, and will be finished by 10:30.

Senior High Mission Trip June 21-29. Our senior High group is off to NYC to serve for the week in Queens. Trip information is available on our student ministries website. Please pray for our team while we are away.

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

Throughout my 20's I was privileged to serve the local church as a layperson. While teaching Kingdom Kids during the 11:00 hour on Mother's Day I was reminded of how rich those ten years were. I would do stints of teaching 4th & 5th graders and high school youth with periods in between spent participating in an adult Sunday School class. I even took time off from work one year to volunteer in VBS. It was awesome!

The endowment fund we've established accommodates one kind of legacy giving. We leave an even more vital legacy when we help form faith in the generations following us. I remember well those who taught me when I was a child; their work continues to bear fruit in my life. Why would the same not be true of our own work among kids?

The numbers of children and youth with us Sunday mornings is growing and we need more teachers. We need them for two groups of Kingdom Kids (K-5th) at both 9:30 and 11:00. And this summer at 11:00 we want to split youth into middle and high school classes. (It often works well to have a pair of half-time teachers for each group.) It would be wonderful to begin youth Sunday School at 9:30 as well. We have curriculum available for each of these groups and you'll be well supported by Kelly (youth) and Jenn (children).

Praying you'll know the blessing of blessing others,
Pastor Jeff



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