

# THE WAVE



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## Purchasing Property

At the Church Conference of Sunday, July 28, the congregation voted to proceed with the **purchase of the 2.5 acre parcel** south of the church for **\$360,000**. (Details are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/pv-property> and at the Welcome Table in the foyer.) \$50,000 is coming from funds on hand. While we can borrow it is better for us to pay cash than to finance. To this end we are accepting gifts to underwrite this purchase; designate your gift "**Building Fund**." As of this writing, an additional \$45,000 has been received or pledged.

## Global Leadership Summit, August 8 - 9

Our ministry staff along with other leaders of our church will be participating in **The Global Leadership Summit** Thursday & Friday, August 8 – 9 from 9:30am to 5:30pm. The summit originates in Chicago but we'll be attending at a satellite site, CrossRoad Church UMC in Jacksonville. We'd love to have you join us. The 2013 faculty includes speakers from government, marketplace and church: Colin Powell, Patrick Lencioni, Andy Stanley, and more.

There's space available at The Summit for you. Register online at [www.willowcreek.com/summit](http://www.willowcreek.com/summit); register under our church's name and the cost is \$209. If this is your first time going, PVUMC will reimburse you half the tab. Want to carpool from the church? Let **Dotty Rashba** ([dotty.rashba@pv-umc.org](mailto:dotty.rashba@pv-umc.org)) know you're coming!

## OUR MISSION:

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
*United Methodist Church*

## Upcoming Messages

- August 4 **Love That Challenges** (Nehemiah 13)
- August 11 **Every Brick Matters** (Ephesians 2:19-22)  
– Begin the message series *Risk* –
- August 18 **Making Disciples** (Matthew 28:16-20)
- August 25 **I've Got to Tell Somebody** (John 1:35-42)
- September 1 **"Once I Was Blind, Now I Can See"** (John 9)

## Missions Corner

### School Supply Drive for St. Paul's School of Excellence



The first day of school is rapidly approaching. Soon we will be collecting school supplies for St. Paul's School of Excellence in Lincolnville (St. Augustine) to help ensure that the children have the tools they need to succeed. With so many parents unable to provide even the basic school supplies their children need to be effective, please consider donating to

this important cause. Some suggested items include:

lined paper, construction paper, spiral notebooks, composition books, #2 pencils, colored pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, pencil case, colored markers, crayons, pocket folders, stapler, staples, rulers, glue sticks, scissors, tape, tissues, sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer. Please contact **Sharon Kehoe**, sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org or **Jenn Smith**, jenn.smith@pv-umc.org for additional information.



### Help Raise Funds for Mission House

From 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tuesday, August 20th



■ **Firehouse Subs** located in Ponte Vedra Beach, Neptune Beach and Penman/Beach Boulevard Commitment Night.

■ Present this coupon or mention Mission House and 20% of the proceeds will benefit Mission House.

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

The fundamental doctrine of the people called Methodists is, Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the true faith; the faith which works by love; which, by means of the love of God and our neighbour, produces both inward and outward holiness.

– Jackson III, 24.

## United Methodist Women

It's Christmas! - in August. We are having our annual gathering of items for our deployed troops. **Operation Shoebox** is a volunteer organization that sends requested care packages to members of the US military who are overseas. This is a way to let them know that America stands behind them. Commonly requested items are games and puzzles, hard candy, snacks such as granola bars, Raman noodles and pop tarts, hygiene items for men and women, instant coffee and powdered drink mixes, cd/dvds and batteries. Please put your donations in the red, white and blue basket by the nursery. Thank you in advance for your contributions and "Merry Christmas!"

The Ponte Vedra UMW now have a **Facebook page**; *Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women*. The purpose of this page is to provide an opportunity to women of our church who are unable to attend our meetings. By visiting this Facebook page ladies can participate in our activities and meet other women who share common interests and concerns. We hope to have many new friends and we anticipate your comments on how we can make our page more beneficial.

We are starting the "E-lizabeth Circle" or "**E-Circle**" and its purpose is to provide comfort and grace from a distance, just as Elizabeth provided comfort to Mary from a distance. The email address is e-circle@pv-umc.org. This is another way the women of PVUMC can interact. It provides a venue for us to share prayer concerns and our joys. We encourage your participation so the E-Circle will evolve into an active and beneficial site for us.

Our **next meeting is September 21** at 10:00am. We need help and ideas in planning for the district UMW meeting in October which PVUMC will host. We will also plan our tea in November and our bake sale in December. Please join us to share our faith and fellowship.

## 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.

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

--John Wesley

# Financial Status

## General Fund Recap June 2013

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 71,800
Less Expenses	\$ 65,450
June Income/(Deficit)	\$ 6,351
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 8,545

### Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$13,951
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,972
Building Fund	\$291,654
General Fund Needed Weekly 2013	\$ 14,160


## July 2013 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
7/7	133	103	\$12,775	\$167	\$3,000
7/14	149	159	\$18,680	\$554	\$5,000
7/21	179	128	\$11,493	\$264	\$24,562

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,141,769

Owed on Parsonage: \$105,571

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## Coming In September...



Mark your calendar for the fall PVUMW **Ministry Fair**. 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, September 8**. You'll be amazed by the ways God is using us together!

Do you want to know more about the Bible? A DISCIPLE I class is the answer! PVUMC will be offering DISCIPLE I and DISCIPLE II classes beginning mid-September. DISCIPLE I will meet on Wednesdays from 6-8pm for 34 weeks. It is an overview of the entire Bible. For more information and to register, contact **Pastor Jimmy** in the church office at 280-5141 or email him at [jimmy.jones@pv-umc.org](mailto:jimmy.jones@pv-umc.org). If you have taken DISCIPLE I you should consider taking DISCIPLE II. This class will meet on Sundays from 4-6pm for 32 weeks. It is an in-depth look at specific books of the Bible. For more information and to register, contact **Valerie Brown** at 254-3390. A sign up table will be available in the foyer in late August.

Here are some comments from last year's DISCIPLE I Class:

*"While I've been fanning the flames of my faith in the Lord for about a decade now, this class was like throwing a mass of fuel on the fire – blazingly exciting!"*

*Doug Senecal*

*"This study has helped me realize just how much God loves me and wants a close personal relationship with me. Through Disciple I, I finally know why I'm here and where I'm going with my God-given talents."*

*Carolee Smith*



The next Ponte Vedra UMC **blood drive** is **Sunday, September 22** from 9am to 12:30pm.

A new and exciting **church wide study** will begin **Sunday, September 22** and conclude with a Serve Sunday on November 3 when we'll go into the community to make a difference for Christ. The name of the study is: *Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus*. Let's explore and experience how we can reconnect with the true message and mission of Jesus: to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed. Watch for small group sign up sheets in September. You can sign up for a group study at a time that fits your schedule. Want to be a group leader? Contact Jimmy Jones or Dotty Rashba. We'll have books, as well as study guides, available starting in September. *Looking forward to an inspiring way to Change the World.*



### On A Musical Note

#### Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

#### Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

## Children's Corner



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



### C.I.A. News

Calling all Kindergarten through fifth graders! **Children in Action** starts back **September 4** with a group dinner, games and fellowship. We have some amazing stories, missions and activities planned for the fall – so don't miss being a part of this first C.I.A. of the school year. See you at **6:00pm** on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Vacation Bible School Was a Great Success!

Praise the Lord, all your Nations! We celebrated God's welcoming love with over 65 of our neighbors at **PVUMC** and 60 neighbors in **St. Augustine**. And during VBS at our church we helped neighbors near and far by packing 180 snack bags for the children that attended our outreach VBS in Lincolnville and filled up the Costa Rica cart with school supplies for the children in **Costa Rica** that will attend the VBS with our mission team in August. We could not have done it without the incredible volunteer team for all three Vacation Bible Schools! What a way to lead and serve! Thank you all.

## Back to School Supply Drive is Back



For a second year the Children's Ministry will partner with St. Paul's School of Excellence in Lincolnville, St. Augustine. **We are collecting** new and used books (especially any Dr. Seuss – their theme this year) along with pencils, pens, crayons, notebook paper, highlighters, markers, glue sticks and any other school supplies you wish to donate. Your donations are a blessing to each of the children and a great way for them to have a terrific start to the year. School starts August 19, so please have all donations in by **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**.



## Upcoming Events



**Beach days and Movie nights are back!** We are having our weekly Wednesday summer beach days and movie nights. From noon to 4:00 at Micklers Beach, our group gathers 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 we finish by 10:30.



**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. More details are available from Kelly. Thanks in advance for your help!



## Welcome, New Member!

On Sunday, July 21 we were delighted to receive into membership **Bobbie (Barbara) League**. Welcome, Bobbie! PVUMC's membership stands at 367 persons.

## New Member Orientation to be offered, Sunday, September 22

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**, September 22 from 3 - 5pm. Contact the office (280-5141, [susan.bowler@pv-umc.org](mailto:susan.bowler@pv-umc.org)) and let us know you're coming. Childcare for 5 & under available with advance notice.

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

Shortly before announcing the purchase agreement for the property next to the church, I asked the church leaders elected last fall and the ministry staff to consider a “leadership gift” toward the cost. One of the leaders asked me if I had an amount in mind that he as a leader should give. Immediately I said, “\$300,000!”, about what we seek to raise.

I’ve since given the matter some thought and I offer all of you this suggestion: If you’re not yet tithing (giving 10%) to God’s work here and elsewhere, figure how much you’re likely to give through the end of the year and then give the difference between your total anticipated gift and a tithe (tenth) of your income. This will give you the experience of tithing for one year. And yes, as tithers already know, you will have to sacrifice something to do it.

For those of you already tithing, you might consider a special offering, maybe half again as much as your tithe. Jill’s and my gift is pretty close to this amount. Even though we’re already faithful givers, I just can’t pass up an opportunity that may never come my way again: to help buy land for a church. And we willingly make the sacrifice to keep the church from increasing its debt.

May we each be found faithful in this and in all things,  
Pastor Jeff

P.S. Details of the purchase may be found online at [www.tinyurl.com/pv-property](http://www.tinyurl.com/pv-property).



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