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Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 27



Something sweet and a little bit spooky is headed for the Ponte Vedra UMC parking lot! **Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 26 from 6:00 - 8:00pm.** There will be hotdogs, popcorn, face-painting, Halloween crafts, a bounce house, jack-o-lanterns, and of course vehicle trunks decked out with fun Halloween themes and candy for all the little Trunk or Treaters! This event is both an autumn neighborhood party and a safe way for children to trick

or treat by going trunk to trunk in our parking lot with all of their friends.

Trunk or Treat is so much more than candy! It is a chance to invite our neighbors to experience the warm and friendly atmosphere at Ponte Vedra UMC. Everyone who attends is encouraged to bring a food donation for B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Aid Ministry) making this a great opportunity to fill empty pantry shelves. Each child who attends will have an opportunity to tithe 10% of their candy loot! Their offering will be sent to our troops overseas. Grab your costumes, kids, friends and candy bags and join us for evening of tricks, treats and trunks!

To make this event great we need lots of trunks! Sign up today to decorate your car, truck, SUV, bicycle or golf cart for this event. Our goal is at least 35 vehicles decorated. Contact **Jenn Smith** at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org or at 280-5141.

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist Church

Upcoming Messages

- Continue the message series *Change the World* –
- September 29 “**Love Our Neighbors**” (Luke 10:25-37)
- October 6 “**Feed the Hungry**” (John 6:1-14)
- October 13 “**Heal the Sick**” (Mark 7:31-37)
- October 20 “**Rescue the Victims**” (Luke 13:1-5, 8:40-56)
- October 27 “**GO**” (Matthew 25:34b-40)
- November 3 *Serve Sunday* (regular worship times)

Property Purchased with ZERO Additional Long Term Debt

On September 16 Ponte Vedra UMC closed on the purchase of 2.5 acres next to our property without taking on additional long term debt. You have outdone yourselves, church! You have exceeded our goal of \$310,000 by giving \$315,179. Marvelous!

Missions Corner

Lending to the Poor through Kiva

From time to time I talk about how much joy I've gotten through giving. Four years ago I discovered **the joy of lending**. I've lent money to third world entrepreneurs who farm, operate dairies, establish general stores, make shoes, expand their restaurants, sell fish and knit. I've made 28 loans totaling \$800 so far. (Lots of "recycling" as loans have been repaid; I've invested just over \$200.)

Estela is 40 years old and lives in her own home with her children who are in school. She's had a small bakery in a residential area of El Salvador for several years; her goods are in high demand. This is how she's been able to pay for many household costs. I lent Estela \$25 (of a total \$900 loan) to buy bread-making ingredients like flour, yeast, etc. The loan will allow her to continue her business, increase income, and give her family the quality of life they deserve.

How did I connect with Estela and the other entrepreneurs? Through **Kiva** (www.kiva.org), the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs around the globe. Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty.

Organizations can't lend through Kiva, only individuals. **Would you like to join me in lending some of your resources to a person or group?** Sign on with Kiva and consider joining our team, aptly named *Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church*. Our 9 team members have lent \$2,525 in 95 loans. (As money gets repaid, we get to lend it over again.) We can **Change the World**, \$25 at a time.

– Pastor Jeff

Crop Hunger Walk



925 million people in the world do not have enough to eat — that's nearly three times the population of the United States. In America, 50.2 million Americans live in food-insecure households. We can do something about that! The Church World Services **CROP Hunger Walk** is **November 3** and will be one of our Serve Day projects offered. You can help raise funds to help fight hunger

25% of the proceeds of the walk go directly to B.E.A.M. Be a walker, a sponsor or a volunteer! November 3, 1:30pm registration at First Christian Church of the Beaches. Contact Sharon Kehoe (sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org), 834-3765.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

Wherever the work of our Lord is to be carried on, that is my place for today. And we live only for today; it is not our part to take thought for tomorrow. — *Jackson XII, 496.*

Serve Sunday, November 3

On **Sunday, November 3**, following each worship service, we will have opportunities available in our church and community to demonstrate our faith by serving. The serve projects will include the Kids Against Hunger food package preparation, sandwich preparation for the homeless, food sorting at B.E.A.M. a Hart-Felt project and the CROP Hunger Walk. Children's projects will be available as well. You'll have the opportunity to sign-up for your project in the coming weeks. Look for more information in the weekly church bulletins.

Wycliffe/JAARS Mission Trip

Can't volunteer for a week this year at JAARS, but want to learn more about what they do? **JAARS Day** is the answer! Spend a day at our headquarters in Waxhaw, North Carolina. You can take a ride in a five-seat plane, see how people get Internet in the rainforest, and record your voice into the *JESUS* film. You'll get an up-close look at Bible translation and why it relies on practical support like boats, 4 wheel drives and software. Additional information can be found at this web link: <https://www.jaars.org/events/jaars-day>. For onsite housing information, please contact dan.thomas@pv-umc.org or JAARS via the attached link. The approximate cost for the onsite housing is \$45 per night for either a standard hotel room or a 2 bedroom apartment, subject to availability.

Fill Grocery Bags for B.E.A.M.



B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) is in need of food for the pantry. Empty grocery bags will be available October 20 after each worship service. Please fill them up and bring them back to church on Sunday, October 27. A list of recommended items to donate is attached to each bag. Please help this very deserving cause.

Blessing of the Animals



Ponte Vedra UMC will be hosting a **blessing of the animals** led by Rev. Donna Bowen on Saturday, October 19 at 10:00am at the dog park at the Nocatee Farmer's Market. All pets must be on a leash or in a cage. Representatives from Petco will be there to pass out free goodies!

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Financial Status

General Fund Recap August 2013

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 49,652
Less Expenses	\$ 53,610
August Income/(Deficit)	\$ (3,958)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (3,098)

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$12,735
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,848
Building Fund	\$272,145
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2013	\$ 14,160

September 2013 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
9/1	80	153	\$14,403	\$273	\$19,957
9/8	161	159	\$12,669	\$31	\$13,083
9/15	127	137	\$12,804	\$1,062	\$9,105
9/22	167	125	\$15,312	\$318	\$7,760
Connections	60				

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,132,995

Owed on Parsonage: \$103,501

Sunday Morning Counters Needed

Two counters are needed to count at noon on the 4th Sunday of each month beginning in 2014. If you can serve, please email **Sandy Ostroski** (sandy.ostroski@pv-umc.org).

Welcome, New Members!

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Wilbur Burnett into membership by baptism on August 18. Welcome, Mr. Burnett!

New Member Orientation to be Offered Wednesday Evening, October 2

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 on Wednesday, October 2 from 6:00 - to 7:30pm**. Bring a snack supper if you like! Advance notice is helpful so materials will be ready for you; contact the office (280-5141, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) and let us know you're coming. Childcare for 5 & under available. C.I.A. for K - 5th grade available. YCAM (middle & high school) meets from 6 to 8.

UMW Fall Pecan Sale



United Methodist Women are selling delicious pecans! The pecans are shelled naturally fresh and will make excellent and affordable gift ideas for Christmas or for your own personal use. All proceeds will go to the Altar Kneelers Needlepoint Project which the UMW is sponsoring. We also welcome individual donations for the needlepoint project.

Orders are now being taken! Look for your bright yellow order form in your Sunday bulletin or ask any member of UMW. Order forms are also available on the information table in the hallway outside the infant nursery. Please fill out the order form, attach your check **made out to Ponte Vedra UMC-UMW** and leave it in the collection plate. All orders must be turned in no later than **Sunday, October 20**. We hope for delivery before Thanksgiving but, as always, this depends on the pecan crop. Pick up will be at the church. If you have questions regarding pecan sales please contact **Suvan Shine** at 273-9667.

United Methodist Women News

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our deployed warriors. A load of items was delivered to Operation Shoebox and the red, white and blue basket will remain by the nursery for any contributions that continue to come in.

Ponte Vedra UMC is hosting the **District UMW meeting October 5th from 9:30am to 12:30pm**. All women of PVUMC are invited to join us. We will learn about the focus of the UMW which is missions. Breakfast and lunch will be served and childcare is available.

Our second annual **tea** will be **November 9 from 3:00-5:00pm**. Tickets are \$5 and we encourage you to use this event as an opportunity to invite your friends who are not associated with a church to visit.

Our next bi-monthly **UMW meeting** is **November 16 at 10:00am** in room 207. All women of PVUMC are invited to attend to share our faith and fellowship.

The more you give, the more you get.

The more you laugh, the less you fret.

**The more you do unselfishly,
the more you live abundantly.**

**The more of everything you share,
the more you'll have to spare.**

**The more you love, the more you'll find
that life is good and friends are kind.**

**For only what we give away,
enriches us from day to day.**

-Unknown



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For our grill team during the Back to School Bash; Jimmy Jones, Bruce Morris, Neal Price, and Mike Smith
- 👍 For our decoration and prep team during the Back to School Bash; Jill Bennett, Jenn Smith, Donna Price, Michelle Gorr, Alicia Bennett, and Ashley Sabol
- 👍 To all of our church friends and family and their support of our youth ministries

Upcoming Events

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE DINNERS Thank you everyone for signing up to provide dinners for our youth ministry this fall! We are currently signing people up for January and February. Contact Kelly if you would like to volunteer! This is a great way to support our youth ministry!

Connections Worship is Back! Every Sunday from September 22 to December 15, we will be holding worship in the sanctuary on Sunday nights. This worship service is geared towards teens and their families, and is open to anyone who wants to experience a different type of worship! See you at 6:30 on Sunday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT October 25-26. \$20/person. This event is for Middle Schoolers, and planned by our High Schoolers! Come to the church at 6:00pm with overnight supplies and a Halloween costume. Be prepared to have fun!

Bake-In November 15-16. Do you like to bake? Then you will love our annual bake-in! It is a lock-in where teams of students sign up for a 2 hour time slot in the kitchen. You must bring your own ingredients and at the end of the evening we will have a taste test to determine a winner! Don't like to bake? That's ok, come anyway cause' I bet you'll like to be a tester.

Scouting's 56th Jamboree-on-the-Air, 17th Jamboree-on-the-Internet

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in the community. The Jamboree-on-the-Internet, or JOTI, is an annual Scouting event utilizing the Internet to link Scouts from around the world. Held on the third full weekend of October, **this year JOTA/JOTI is being hosted by PVUMC** from 8am to 5pm on Saturday, October 19 for local Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Our own John Van Zyl is organizing and leading the event. Just thought you should know!



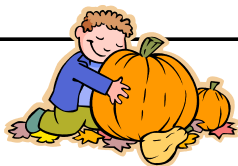
On A Musical Note

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm



C.I.A. News

C.I.A. (Children in Action) meets every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm in Rooms 201 and 203. Children in Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to bring their sack supper and enjoy a time of fellowship, music, games and Bible story adventures.

Coming in October:

Every Wednesday from 5:40-5:55, children who want to sing will join Mr. Scott and Mrs. Jenn for Songs! Please meet us upstairs in Kingdom Kids.

First Wednesday of every month will be C.I.A. Serve Wednesday. We will break into groups and complete serve projects for our church and the community. Projects this fall include, Operation Christmas Child, CROP Walk, Memory Verse Beads, vegetable garden and cards!

Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids meets each Sunday following Children's Time at both the 9:30 and the 11:00am worship services. Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to join us upstairs in the Kingdom Kids rooms for Bible stories, crafts and games.



We are **LOOKING FOR AN ACOLYTE LEADER!**

Children's Ministry would like to start an Acolyte program, and we need volunteers to help start up the program. Please contact Jenn Smith, if you are interested!

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

Mark Your Calendar!



Trunk or Treat

- Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat from 6pm-8pm. (Community Event)
- Nov. 3 CROP Walk – raise money & walk the beach to end hunger!
- Dec. 1 Advent Festival from 5 to 7 pm. (Community Event)
- Dec. 14 PVUMC's Holly Jolly kids Christmas Party from 8:30am-12:30

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Life is such a fragile thing. We have opportunity to remember this daily just by watching and reading the news... People die unexpectedly from natural causes, natural disasters, unnatural acts of violence, and accidents. Maybe we become numb to it because we hear about it all the time. And because most of the time these are *other people's* friends and families.

I'm thinking about this today because of my friend Jimmy Jones' recent tonsil cancer diagnosis, surgery and upcoming radiation and chemotherapy. We expect Jimmy to come through this well and we're certainly praying that way. But we all know this is not the outcome for everyone. What do we do with that?

I suppose we could fret about whether I, *my* friend, or *my* family member will be next to get hit by a bus or cancer or whatever. But that doesn't seem right for followers of Jesus who are trusting themselves and those they love to God, here and in the hereafter. This, I think, is a better way:

Instead of cowering in fear, **celebrate the people in your life**. Throw a party if you like, but I believe the best way to celebrate people is by simply *enjoying* them. You will bless them and you yourself will be blessed. While you're at it, make some space for people beyond your circle. Celebrate them. Enjoy them. Love them. Bless them. And don't be surprised if in doing so, you begin to change the world.

Pastor Jeff



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