

# THE WAVE



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### *Upcoming Message Series: BOLD*

BOLDness is a theme throughout the book of Acts. In Acts 3, 4 and 5 we see Peter's BOLD faith in Jesus, a faith accompanied by BOLD actions. In this message series we'll see BOLDness expressed in prayer, speaking, and obedience. May such BOLDness characterize our own lives! **Beginning January 12** in the 9:30 *Alive!* and 11:00 Traditions worship services.

### *The Christmas Offering*

We have received **\$15,081** through the 2013 Christmas Offering. These gifts will bless malnourished children among the poorest indigenous people of Panama through **Faithful Servant Missions** and through the **Florida United Methodist Children's Home's** building of the Madison Youth Ranch, serve children of north Florida experiencing abuse and neglect. God's blessing rest on each of you who participated in this "second mile" giving opportunity.

### *The Giving Tree*

We are happy to report that through December 24 we've received **67** Publix gift cards totaling **\$1,395** in value. These cards will bless many clients of BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) in the months to come. Good going, church! You have served your neighbors in need.

Haven't turned in your card yet? There's still time to get a card, charge it up (\$25 max per card, please) and turn it in through the collection plate.

### *Upcoming Messages*

December 29 **An Unexpected Journey** (Matthew 2:13-23)

January 5 **Jesus Goes Home** (John 1:1-18)

*Begin BOLD message series*

January 12 **Amazing Boldness** (Acts 4:1-22)

January 19 **Bold Prayers** (Acts 4:23-31)

January 26 **Bold Speaking** (Acts 4:32-37, 5:27-32)

February 2 **Bold Obedience** (Acts 5:17-42)

#### OUR MISSION:

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
*United Methodist Church*

## Missions Corner

### Clothing for Children



Thank you to all who contributed clothing for the closet at Webster Elementary School. Your clothing donations made it possible for children in need to “shop” for items prior to the Christmas break. For many children, these items will be all that they receive for Christmas. With the onset of cooler weather, the need for warm clothing continues. **If you have any gently used children’s**

**clothing** sizes 5-12, please contact **Sharon Kehoe** at [sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org](mailto:sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org). A collection bin is also located in the future preschool room.

### Saint Paul School of Excellence



St. Paul School of Excellence is a free charter school in the Lincolnville area of St. Augustine. Ponte Vedra UMC has partnered with this school in many efforts with the goal of improving the educational outcomes of the children. If you are interested in assisting in the many opportunities available to positively impact the lives of these at risk children, please contact **Laura Lovett** at [laura.lovett@pv-umc.org](mailto:laura.lovett@pv-umc.org), **Sharon Kehoe** at [sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org](mailto:sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org), or **Jenn Smith** at [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org).

### Blessings in a Backpack

Ponte Vedra UMC’s Blessings in a Backpack ministry currently ensures that 110 impoverished elementary school children are fed on the weekends throughout the school year. \$80 provides one child with food items that include easy-to-prepare, ready-to-eat foods, like granola bars, juice boxes, soup, and oatmeal for the entire school year. We need your help to support this wonderful mission!

**Volunteer** - Assist in packing the backpacks Thursdays as your schedule permits.

**Financial Support-** PVUMC supports this program through Mission Funds, but you can help maintain and even expand the program through your donation made directly to the church by designating your check “Blessings in a Backpack”.

**Donate Food-** Food donations are gladly accepted! Your food donations can supplement the limited items in the weekend backpack menu. Suggested items include; granola bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit cups, pudding cups, mac and cheese.

Many of these items can be purchased in larger quantities at Costco or Sam’s Club!

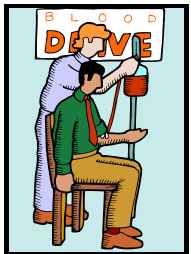
*Hunger Doesn't Take Weekends Off*

Contact Sharon Kehoe at 834-3765 or e-mail [sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org](mailto:sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org)

## Visitation Ministers

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church is looking for **volunteer visitation ministers** to maintain contact with those who are aging, homebound or find it difficult to worship with us (either temporarily or permanently) on a regular basis. We are only asking for one hour of your time each week to let these precious people know we care. Pastor Jimmy will hold a **training session** for our volunteer visitation ministers on **Sunday, January 26** from 4:00-5:30pm in room 205. You will be assigned one or two people to contact weekly either by a phone call, card, or personal visit. No long term commitment is necessary. Come join us for the training session and see if this might be your thing! Please RSVP for the training by calling **Pastor Jimmy** in the office or by emailing him at jimmy.jones@pv-umc.org

## Blood Drive



The next PVUMC blood drive is **Sunday, January 12**. Anyone who is in good health, 17 or older and weights at least 110 pounds can donate blood. Beat the crowds, sign up on-line and get the best time for your schedule. Go to [www.igiveblood.com](http://www.igiveblood.com), click on find a blood drive then choose "sponsor name search," enter Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church and it will take you to our drive. You can also contact Eleanor Snite at [eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org](mailto:eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org) or 280-8026 to make an appointment.

## Ministry Fair

The Ponte Vedra UMC **Ministry Fair** is **Sunday, January 26**. Visit each table, get your questions answered and see how you can make a difference in your local church through the ministry fair being held following each service. You'll be amazed by the ways God is using us together!

## From a Grateful Staff

Thank you, Ponte Vedra UMC, for blessing us with a generous Christmas gift. You are always quick to share words of encouragement and now you have blessed us in this way too. You are a giving people and we are privileged to serve Christ through serving you.

– Your pastors, staff and contract musicians

## A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley wrote,

[Gold and silver is] an excellent gift of God, answering the noblest ends. In the hands of his children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, raiment for the naked. It gives to the traveller and the stranger where to lay his head. By it we may supply the place of an husband to the widow, and of a father to the fatherless.

– Works II, 268.

# Financial Status

## General Fund Recap November 2013

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 54,974
Less Expenses	\$ 78,958
October Income/(Deficit)	\$ (23,984)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (31,467)

## December 2013 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
12/1	144	130	\$15,692	\$2,054	\$350
Hanging of Greens	125				
12/8	167	201	\$18,441	\$1,179	\$7,515
Connections	49				
12/15	164	169	\$12,257	\$1,067	\$4,703
Connections	36				
12/22	203	170	\$26,233	\$5,324	\$1,420
12/24 3 Services		682	\$3,770	\$8,285	\$100

### Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$17,458
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,848
Building Fund	\$224,694
General Fund Needed Weekly 2013	\$ 14,160

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,113,044

Owed on Parsonage: \$92,098

## Money Matters

### Made a Goal for Giving in 2014?

To accomplish important things over time we set goals. **Have you set a goal for giving in the new year?** Making a pledge to your church will help you keep yourself accountable in the financial stewardship aspect of being a follower of Jesus Christ. It also helps your church in setting its budget for the year now upon us.

A **pledge card** may be found in this edition of *The Wave*. Turn it in through the offering, by mail, or simply email or phone the information to our accountant **Jim Larsen** (jim.larsen@pv-umc.org, 904.280.5141 x302). May God bless you in your faithfulness!

## *A Word from C.S. Lewis*

British novelist, academic, and lay theologian C.S. Lewis wrote,

The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. If our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.

-- C. S. Lewis [Mere Christianity, p. 82]

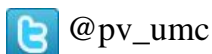
## *United Methodist Women News*

### *Did You Know?*

The United Methodist Women Christmas bake sale is not only about selling cookies and getting to meet new folks in our community. It is about visiting in the church kitchen and learning whose aunt kept vanilla spritz cookies in her cookie jar because her mom made chocolate cookies, which she didn't like. It was about joining with ladies who couldn't be there last year due to bad backs and surgeries. It's listening to who visits her mom and slowly gains things for her kitchen her mom doesn't use anymore. It was hearing from a daughter whose mother isn't able to visit this year, made her mom's award winning breads because if she had been here she'd have baked them herself. It's about busy working moms who still managed to make cookies for the sale to help raise money for missions. It's the lady who makes a special cake each year AND still brings cookies and lemon bars to sell, because she knows her cake is going to be bought by someone whose daughter comes home for Christmas and loves that cake. It's fruit bars that are made every year because they are such a favorite. It's people coming in at the moment the doors open asking for particular cookies that they purchased last year and want them again this year! It's Italian wedding cookies, decorated cookies, and breads, pies, and fellowship and laughter, stories shared, reaching out to those in the community and taking cookies to shut-ins. A big thank you to ALL (UMW members and non-members) who donated cookies and baked goods, and to those who purchased cookies making the sale a huge success. Thank you and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

**Our next UMW meeting** will be **Saturday, January 11** at 10:00am in room 207. All women of PVUMC are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be mapping out our 2014 plans and activities and begin preplanning for our spring garage sale. Come join or visit us to share in our faith and fellowship.

*Like us on Facebook; Follow us on Twitter!*



## PVUMC 2013 Organizational Chart

### Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church

Organizational Structure 2013 The e-mail address of each leader and staff member is [firstname.lastname@pv-umc.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@pv-umc.org)

The **Church Council** provides for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church.

**George Reed** '15 (Chair)  
**Ralph Snyder** (Lay Leader) '14  
**Barry Durden** (SPRC chair) '15  
**Alan Lovett** (Finance chair) '15  
**Andy Andreu** (Trustees rep) '15  
**Donna Price** '16 (Council on Ministries Chair)  
**Jo Miller** (UMW rep) '14  
**Zack Murta** (youth min rep) '14  
**Tucker Holland** (young adult rep / Lay Member to annual conference) '14  
**Sherrill Brown** (Treasurer) '14  
**Jeff Bennett** (Pastor)

The **Staff Parish Relations Committee** guides, teaches, monitors, attends to conflict and organizes celebration of ministry of pastor, staff.

**Mary Ann Brandt** '15  
**Corrine Garrison** '14  
**Vic Bernet** '14  
**Barry Durden** (Chair) '15  
**Ralph Snyder** (Lay Leader) '14  
**Jeff Timm** '16  
**June Koch** '16

The **Committee on Finance** provides financial direction, an annual funding program, program budget, and financial reports.

**Alan Lovett** (Chair) '13  
**Barry Durden** (SPRC Rep) '13  
**Donna Price** (COM Rep) '13  
**Ralph Snyder** (Lay Leader) '14  
 <OPEN> (Trustees Rep) '13  
**Jeff Bennett** (Pastor)  
**Sherrill Brown** (Treasurer) '14  
**Sandy Ostroski** (Fin Sec'y) '15  
**Lanny Bensen** '15  
**Jim Larsen** (Church Acct/non-voting)

The **Board of Trustees** keeps an inventory of property, maintains equipment and facilities and plans future capital needs.

**Andy Andreu** '15 (Chair)  
**Randy Bringger** '14 (Secretary)  
**Carolyn Skordas** '14  
**Chris Chaney** '15  
**Tom Murta** '15  
**Donna Price** (COM Chair) '16  
**Brian Anderson** '16  
**John Noble** '16  
**Bob Spooner** '16

The **Committee on Nominations & Leadership Development** selects and recruits people with appropriate gifts to lead the church.

**Jeff Bennett** (Pastor, Chair)  
**Ralph Snyder** (Lay Leader) '14  
**Ruth Murta** '14  
**Phyllis Monie** '15  
**Carolyn Skordas** '16  
**Sue Morris** '15  
**Catherine Timm** '16

The **Council on Ministries** enables and encourages various ministries to work in concert to fulfill the mission of the church.

**Donna Price** (COM Chair) '16  
**Ralph Snyder** (Lay Leader) '14  
**TBD** (Hospitality)  
**Kelly Minter** (Youth)  
**Dotty Rashba** (Small Groups)  
**Jenn Smith** (Children)  
**George Reed** (Missions > 50 mi)  
**Sharon Kehoe** (Missions < 50 mi)  
**George Garcia** (Children's Home)  
**Dixie Thalmueller, Sue Morris**  
 (Shepherding)  
**Jo Miller** (UMW)  
**Mary Moyes** (Prayer)  
**Jimmy Jones** (Teaching Pastor)  
**Jeff Bennett** (Lead Pastor)

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## Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church Organizational Structure 2013 Continued

**The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee** administers the church's Permanent Endowment Fund.

**Bob Harding** '15 (Chair)

**Sue Morris** '14

**Regis Franskousky** '16

**Bob Spooner** (Stewardship Rep)

**Alan Lovett** (Finance Rep)

**Carolin Skordas** (Trustee Rep)

**Rev. Jimmy Jones** (assistant pastor/non-voting)

**Jim Larsen** (church administrator)



### 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

### Thank You...

A gigantic thank you to all the adult and youth volunteers that made our annual Advent Festival a huge success and helped make and serve waffles at our annual kids Christmas waffle breakfast! Bless you all!

## Kingdom Kids

**January in Kingdom Kids** we will travel around different stations learning about Four Friends. Come join us on Sundays as we cook, create, make, and act out our Bible lesson for January!

## C.I.A. Briefs

C.I.A. (Children in Action) starts back on **January 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm upstairs in rooms 201 and 203. Come join us in celebrating the New Year and preparing to take off for the Winter Olympics in February!

## Calling All Acolytes



### Acolytes

“Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world’ (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus’ coming into our world and into our lives. The job of the acolyte is to carry that light into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus’ coming into the presence of the worshipping community. Then at the end of the service the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere.

**We are starting an acolyte program** at PVUMC this month! We are very excited, but need 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. Contact **Jenn Smith** if your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader is interested in becoming an acolyte. Acolytes will take turns on Sundays during the 11:00 service performing acolyte duties. Training will take place Sunday, January 15 at noon. All acolyte’s and volunteer leaders need to attend.

Want to be an Acolyte Leader? Great! Contact **Jenn Smith**, (jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) if interested.





## Round Of Applause



- 👍 For Erika Wofford, Yolie Macon, Amy Beane, Michelle Gore, Lauren Senecal, and Alicia Bernet and their families for providing meals during Mission Blitz! All of the food was amazing!!!
- 👍 For our students and church family who participated in Mission Blitz 2013
- 👍 For our superstar volunteer leaders during Mission Blitz: Holly Smith, Reid Johnson, Tucker Holland, and Graham Hancock!

## 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 beyond. Contact Kelly if you would like to volunteer! This is a great way to support our youth ministry!

**3<sup>rd</sup> annual Nerf War Night Sunday, January 5.**  
5:00pm - 7:30pm @ PVUMC. Bring your own nerf guns and ammo if you'd like, or borrow one of ours.

**Mission Trip Deposits due January 12!** The middle school mission trip is to Sautee GA June 15-21. The high school mission trip is to New Orleans, July 12-19. These mission trips will cost \$500 each, and a deposit of \$60 is due by January 12 to save your spot. Spots will fill up fast, so don't delay in getting your deposits in!

**Busch Gardens Trip!** Saturday, February 1 we will meet at the church at 7:00am and head to Tampa to hang out at Busch Gardens for the day! We will return at 1:00am Sunday. The cost is \$80/person. \$40 deposit due by January 19.

**Connections Worship** Will be back Sunday, February 9! 630pm in the Sanctuary!

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

In my software engineering days I had a friend with physical limitations whose taxes I did. (We had similar income and deductions; it was no big deal.) A fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, **Shawn's #1 question was always how he'd done in giving to his church.** What percentage had he given? Had he given more than the year before?

At the end of one year and the beginning of the next, I find it good to take stock of my life, reviewing what's been and considering what's to come, and especially my part in all of that. As one who aims to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, I ask myself Shawn's giving questions, and also (for me) the harder question, **How much time am I investing in my relationship with Christ?** (Note that this is not the same as asking, "How much am I serving?" See the story of Mary & Martha in Luke 10:38-42.)

As we turn the page on another year, take some time to examine your life. Invite Jesus to join you in that self-examination, remembering the grace of forgiveness for the past and the grace of "get up and try again" for 2014. Step up, and know the joy God desires for you in the new year.

– Pastor Jeff



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