

# THE WAVE



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*The Hunger Meal Sunday, March 2  
6:00pm Ponte Vedra UMC*

The issue of hunger is often presented as only numbers. But each of those numbers is a person, a story, a struggle. A child who had fallen asleep at school was asked if he had eaten breakfast that morning. He answered "It wasn't my turn." Hunger is a tough reality to face. There is enough food to feed the hungry in this world. We are called to help make that happen. Let's come together; adults, youth, children, as the Body of Christ and make a difference in the life of a child. No reservations needed and childcare is provided. We have a seat for you. **6:00pm Sunday, March 2.**

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,  
and he will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17*

*Ash Wednesday, March 5*



**Ash Wednesday** is the name given to the first day of the season of Lent, in which the pastor applies ashes to the foreheads of Christians. The ashes remind us of the most bitter fruit of our sin: death. We are also reminded of our need to repent (turn from sin and toward God) and to receive the good news that through Jesus Christ there is forgiveness for sin. We will offer a traditional Lenten service at **7:00pm on Wednesday, March 5**

*Honoring Health Care Workers, March 9*

In Mark chapters 1 and 2 we see Jesus healing. Jesus obviously has a heart for the sick and oppressed! Sunday morning, **March 9**, we'll celebrate those who heal through medicine: all those who work in health care (physical & mental). **It will be a great Sunday to invite** your MD, PA, RN, LPN, CNA, PT, OT, RT, counselor, administrator, etc, friends so that we might honor them. And on that Sunday all of us will hear the challenge to live compassionately.

*Upcoming Messages*

- March 2 **Facing Temptation** (Matthew 4:1-11)
- March 9 **Living Out Compassion** (Mark 1:21-32, 2:1-12)
- March 16 **Proclaiming the Kingdom** (Matthew 5:17-48)
- March 23 **Calming the Storm**
- March 30 **Jesus Loves Me (and Other Sinners Too)** Luke 7:36-50
- April 6 **Being Ready for Christ's Return** (Matthew 24:45-25:13)

## OUR MISSION:

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
United Methodist  
Church



**Sunday, March 9**

## Missions Corner

### Box Tops for Education



In today's economy most school systems struggle to make ends meet. Since 1996, the Box Tops for Education program has helped schools across America earn cash for the things they need. You can help **St Paul School of Excellence** by clipping Box Tops for Education. Hundreds of products participate in the program, and you probably already have several in your pantry, freezer and fridge. Every Box Top you clip is worth 10 cents. That may not sound like a lot, but it adds up quickly. Each school can receive up to \$20,000 per school year from clipped Box Tops! If you want to participate, there will be a Box Tops for Education collection box in the future preschool room. Contact **Laura Lovett** at [laura.lovett@pv-umc.org](mailto:laura.lovett@pv-umc.org) for more information.

### Art Supplies Needed



Have an old button down shirt you want to donate? How about some empty egg cartons? Jenn Smith and Donna Bowen are planning a Painting Class for their next volunteer art class at **St Paul School of Excellence**. We can use your old button down shirt as a smock to help protect the children's clothing, and the egg cartons will work perfectly to hold the paint! We'll be collecting these items for the next month so if you can help, please drop them off in the bin in the future pre-school room. If you are interested in assisting in the many opportunities available to help influence the lives of these children at risk, 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).

### Don't Toss Those Outgrown Khakis



The children at **St. Paul of Excellence** can use your child's outgrown khaki pants. If you have any gently used pants to donate, please drop them off in the children's clothing donation bin in the future preschool room. Please contact **Laura Lovett** at [laura.lovett@pv-umc.org](mailto:laura.lovett@pv-umc.org) if you need information.

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

"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."

## JAARS Mission Trip, June 8-14

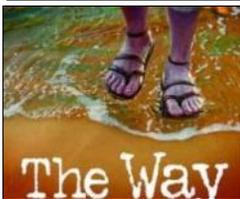
Join **Pastor Jimmy Jones** and **Dan Thomas** on a service trip to Wycliffe/JAARS in North Carolina this summer to do a light construction project. There will be an informational meeting Sunday, March 9, 10:30 - 11:00am in room 209. A team will consist of 10 people. The cost is \$250 for double occupancy lodging and transportation. Meals are not included.

Travel to Wycliffe/JAARS just 6 hours north of us and learn about people like Joseph, a fierce warrior and respected leader who had led numerous wars and who now lives his life for the wellbeing of others after becoming a follower of Jesus. Joseph and the 300,000 in his people group are learning how to lead lives for Jesus not for the plunder of war. Joseph read the Bible aloud slowly in a language used for trade, a language he barely understands, to his people for the first time with tears streaming down his cheeks. The 300,000 people in Joseph's community are waiting on a Bible that speaks to them in a language they understand. Will you help share the message of God's love and redemption to a people eager to hear it by helping with a service project at JAARS HQ? JAARS helps people get the practical support they need to translate God's Word – even in the most remote communities on earth.

## Florida United Methodist Children's Home 5th Sunday Offering

You will have two opportunities to give to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home 5th Sunday offering this month. Watch your Sunday bulletins for envelopes Sunday, March 23 and 30th. Thank you!

## Church-Wide Study "The Way" Begins March 2



Through *The Way*, travel with pastor and author Adam Hamilton as he retraces the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and stories of the faith, Hamilton follows in the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the parables he taught, the enemies he made, and the healing he brought. Accompanying this church-wide study will be a message series beginning March

**2. It's not too late to join one of the 6-week small group Bible studies now forming!**

## Holy Week Schedule

April 13: Palm Sunday 9:30, 11:00 Easter musical *Raise the Crown*

April 17: Holy Thursday 7:00pm

April 19: Easter Egg Hunt & Block Party 4:00-6:00pm

April 20: Easter 9:30 *Alive!*, 11:00 Traditions

# *Financial Status*

## *General Fund Recap January 2014*

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 73,641
Less Expenses	\$ 65,388
January Income/(Deficit)	\$ 8,253
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 8,253

### **Designated Totals**

Mission Funds	\$6,441
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,428
Building Fund	\$221,884

## *February 2014 Giving & Attendance*

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
2/2	120	174	\$12,198	\$264	\$1,570
2/9	175	187	\$17,432	\$158	\$975
Connections	50				
2/16	131	159	\$14,813	\$5,567	\$0
Connections	33				
2/23	135	143	\$11,590	\$202	\$0
Connections	41				

Capital Reserves  
\$21,780

General Fund  
Needed Weekly 2014  
\$ 15,518

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,087,531

Owed on Parsonage: \$85,836

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## *Water Conservation: Thank You, Brownie Troop 1445*

Our thanks to **Brownie Troop 1445** for reminding us to **conserve water** through hand made posters placed throughout the building near sinks and drinking fountains. We'll enjoy and follow these posters during the months ahead! Troop 1445 meets in our building Monday evenings.

## *Hearing Assisted Devices Now Available in Worship Services*



We are pleased to share that hearing assisted devices are now available on Sunday mornings during worship. This technology is best used to hear the message that is being shared that day. Our sound staff has four hearing assisted devices that can be checked out on a first come first served basis. To check out a hearing assisted device on Sunday morning, please see Joey McClain or the available sound technician on staff at the sound booth when you arrive for worship. A special thanks to **Miles & Marty King** for their generosity in providing this gift to the church for those with hearing impairment.

## *Mark Your Calendars!*

### *Variety Show with Silent Auction, April 13*



See those who sit with you Sunday mornings in a whole new light at the church wide **Variety Show** on **Sunday, April 13** at **6:30pm**. Proceeds to help underwrite the cost of the youth summer mission trips. \$8 per ticket, or your entire family for \$20. (Rumor has it that **Pastor Elvis** will be making an appearance; please come anyway.)

## *Check out Connections*

*Connections*, our experiential worship service, is back for the spring! Sundays at 6:30pm we gather in the sanctuary for an interactive, intergenerational (meaning it's not just for youth) worship experience. We wrap things up around 7:30. Feel free to arrive at 6:00pm and bring your brown bag dinner. Check it out!

## *Thank you...*

Dick and I are so thankful to have such a wonderful church family. We so appreciated all the calls, cards, meals brought to our door, prayer and well wishes we both received while we were recovering from being ill recently. Please know that we love you and are so proud to call you our dear friends.

- Lolo and Dick Eldridge

## Medical Emergency Protocol Published



The medical emergency protocol below is offered by the worship planning team, having been reviewed by the head ushers, lay leader and Council on Ministries chair and distributed to the ushers, greeters, shepherds and anyone else for whom it might prove useful. May we be so blessed as to never have to execute the plan!

In the event of a medical emergency in the sanctuary during worship:

**Head usher** and/or **nearest usher** assesses the person's condition and immediately phones (or has someone else phone) 9-1-1 from the sound booth phone. (Use of a land line allows for instant access to the church's street address by emergency services.)

**The sound engineer** places the phone on the front ledge of the sound booth for easy access by the head usher of that day's team (or person he/she designates) to dial "9" and make the call to 9-1-1. Positioning the phone here will also allow for the person calling 9-1-1 to give and receive information.

If the medical emergency may indicate it, **an usher** shall retrieve the A.E.D. (automated external defibrillator) from its kitchen shelf and bring it to those offering aid.

**The keyboard player** shall move to the keyboard.

As all of this is happening, **the pastor** leading worship will offer a prayer for the person who is suffering the emergency, during which **the keyboard** player shall softly play a hymn. After **the pastor** prays, he or she shall invite the congregation to pray in small groups or individually where they are. This may continue until the crisis has passed or until the person has received or been removed to appropriate medical care. *If people begin leaving the sanctuary / property they may impede the arrival of emergency personnel. Invite people to remain in their seats except for those rendering aid.* (If it's nearing 10:30am we face the prospect of more people arriving for the next service; it may be wise to dismiss those who would be leaving so we don't jam the parking lot with more cars than it can handle, impeding the arrival of emergency personnel.)

It will be the pastor's discretion which acts of worship shall follow the crisis.

This plan may be modified to whatever extent necessary given the nature of the emergency.

## Suns Baseball - Friday, April 25, 7:05pm



The North East District United Methodist Men invite all men, women and children to a good old-fashioned "**Family Night at the Ballpark**" to see the Suns play the Montgomery Biscuits on **April 25** at **7:05pm**. Save the date!

## *United Methodist Women News*

In response to our sister church La Sierra's need for their mission outreach to a nearby nursing home, a box of ladies day dresses was sent with **Loree & George Reed** on their trip to Cuba. Thank you for your response to this need.

Congratulations to **Dona Prall** for being chosen as the music leader for the North East District UMW's Spiritual Enrichment Experience, S.E.E., March 7 - 9 at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

The plans are made, the work has begun for the **UMW Garage Sale/Silent Auction** scheduled for **Saturday, April 5** from 8:00am - 2:00pm. We will be ready to receive your shared treasures the week of the event. We appreciate your support. Please watch your Sunday bulletin for drop off dates and times.

**Our next UMW meeting** will be **Saturday, March 15, 10:00am - 12:00pm**. The distinguished guests for our program will be representatives from **Operation Shoebox**, an ongoing mission outreach of the UMW. There is a basket on the table in the hallway outside the infant nursery for items collected for our deployed military personnel. A list of suggested items is always available in the basket. Many thanks for sharing with those who help to keep us safe and free.

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

There are many dates open to provide **Sunday morning snacks** or **altar flowers**. To make it easier for volunteers, we are serving the snacks from 10:30 to 11:00am, between the two services. The coffee service will still begin before the 9:30 *Alive!* service. Small groups, families or individuals are encouraged to check the calendar on the wall next to the nursery. Altar flowers are \$45 and you may place your check in the offering plate. Please designate "altar flowers" on the check. Thanks to all who have been participating.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

Sunday, April 13 - BEAM grocery bag Sunday

Sunday, May 4 - PVUMC Blood Drive (March 9 is the last day to give blood before the 56 day cut off required by the Blood Alliance.)





*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**

*Kingdom Kids*

Kingdom Kids has grown! We now have 3 classes running during the 9:30am service and 2 classes during the 11:00am service. YEAH!

**TEACHERS NEEDED!** Now is the time to volunteer to teach. All you need is a love of children. Curriculum is provided each month and you can choose to teach video, art, cooking, drama, science or games. There are lots of choices and one monthly theme. Contact **Jenn Smith** at [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) or at 280-5141 to learn more!

*C.I.A. Briefs*



Beginning in March, C.I.A. will be joining the church for a 6 week journey of **Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus**. Bring a sack dinner and come join us every Wednesday at 6:00pm as we learn about Christ's life and ministry through fun and exciting interactive activities. **March 19<sup>th</sup>** there will be **NO C.I.A.** due to spring break.

**Save your toys!** CIA will have a table set up during the **UMW Garage Sale/Silent Auction** April 5. We are selling our gently used toys to raise money for St. Paul's School of Excellence's School Library! If you have any toys to donate please drop them off at the church by Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Acolyte News*

Our next training for new acolytes will be March 9 at noon in room 205 (upstairs). If your child is in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to be an acolyte and/or you are interested in being an acolyte leader – please come join us. Contact **Jenn Smith**, [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) or 280-5141.



**Easter Egg Hunt & Block Party – April 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm**

Mark your calendars now for this amazing church event! Volunteers will be needed for stuffing eggs, crafts, and food. Interested? Contact Jenn Smith.

**Vacation Bible School will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Join us as we imagine with God at Workshop of Wonders!



## Round Of Applause



- 👍 For Donna Price, Jeff Schott, and Lisa Anderson. Your help made the Confirmation 2014 retreat an amazing experience for everyone!
- 👍 For Beach UMC, coming to our rescue again and lending us their mini bus for Confirmation Camp 2014
- 👍 For our superstar volunteer small group leaders; Holly Smith, Reid Johnson, Isaac Newton, Tucker Holland, Ruth Murta, and Ashley Sabol!

## Upcoming Events



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

**Pink Flamingo fundraiser!** March 1. If you did not buy insurance, beware! The flamingos will be flocking all day on Saturday, March 1. If you get flocked, you will be asked to pay a removal fee of \$30. All proceeds go to offset the per student costs for the summer 2014 student mission trips.



**Spring Break Game-in.** March 19-20. Beginning at 8:00pm we will have a gaming lock-in at the church. If you are in town for spring break, make sure to put this on your calendar. Bring board games, video games, gaming consoles, etc and we will be up all night playing!

**Gender Retreats** March 28-30. We will all meet at the church at 5:00pm on Friday then each group travel to rental homes in Orlando to begin our separate journeys for the weekend. Our men will gather and discuss testimonies and witness. Our women will discuss self esteem and our identity in Christ. Both groups will take part in group building activities and enjoy free time for fellowship together. These retreats cost \$100/student with a \$40 deposit due by March 2.

**We are now looking for items for our April 13 silent auction.** This auction is one of our fundraisers for our 2014 summer mission trips, so please consider donating an item or coming to the variety show on April 13 to bid on these treasures.

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

I came across this story circulating in Detroit about the early days of Henry Ford and Ford Motor Company. It concerns a machinist with the company who had “borrowed,” over a period of years, tools and automobile parts. Although it was against company policy, “everybody did it,” and management did nothing about it.

One day, however, the machinist came to faith in Christ. He was baptized and became a believer who took his baptism seriously. The day after his baptism, he gathered up all the tools he had collected over the years, loaded them into his pickup, took them to the plant and presented them to the foreman with his confession and request for forgiveness.

The foreman was so overcome by the man’s honesty that he cabled Henry Ford himself, who was visiting a European plant. After reading about the entire event in detail, Ford immediately cabled back this response: “Dam up the Detroit River,” he said, “and baptize the entire plant.”

An amusing story, to be sure. And it raises this very good question: **Are you taking your baptism seriously?**

– Pastor Jeff



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