

THE WAVE



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Easter Musical, "Raise the Crown"

Raise the Crown invites us to relive the events of Holy week through poignant narrations and breathtaking arrangements of signature Easter songs. This Easter musical affirms that Jesus Christ is the King of all creation, but through his death and resurrection, we become joint heirs to his eternal promise: "Be faithful, and I will give you the crown of life!" (Rev. 2:10) Under the direction of Elisabeth Crumrine, our combined choirs bring us this dramatic musical at both worship hours **Palm Sunday, April 13.**

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.) Come at 6:00 for the **Silent Auction!**

OUR MISSION:

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

Block Party & Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 19, 4 - 6pm

We're having a **Block Party with Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday the 19th at **4:00pm**. Our special guests this year are the residents of Roscoe Blvd and nearby Hanover Forest. And anyone you choose to invite! We want as many of us present as possible to welcome our neighbors so please come, no matter your age.



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Holy Week Worship Schedule

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

April 17: Holy Thursday 7:00pm

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

Upcoming Messages

April 6 **Being Ready for Christ's Return** (Matthew 24:45-25:13)

April 13 **Raise the Crown** - A Musical for Easter

April 20 **Can Google Solve Death?** (Matthew 28:1-10)

April 27 **Suburban Legends: God Brings Good Luck**

Missions Corner

Save the Date! Serve Sunday, May 18



On Sunday, May 18 there will be opportunities to put your faith into action in the community and in our church. Please watch for information regarding these serve opportunities in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. Contact **Sharon Kehoe** at sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org if you are interested in a specific project or would like information on becoming a project leader.

Don't Toss Those Outgrown Khakis



The children at **St. Paul School 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 if you need information.

La Sierra, Cuba



Loree and George Reed delivered over **400 pounds** of badly needed supplies to La Sierra, our sister church in Cuba, last month. Thank you so much to everyone who helped out. Pastor Damian sends his thanks and blessings. The church continues to do well.

George Reed Named Chair of the Cuba Task Force

You know **George & Loree Reed** are tireless promoters of our relationship with Cuba sister church La Sierra Methodist. You may not know that George & Loree also serve as North East District Cuba Coordinators for Methodists United in Prayer. And this just in: **George Reed has been named chair of the Florida Conference's Cuba Task Force.** This appointment becomes effective at our Lakeland meeting of annual conference in June. George will be coordinating with the bishop and district superintendents in Cuba and putting together two Conference meetings per year for the Task Force. George (along with Loree) intends to keep his current charge of coordinating the Havana, Mayabeques, and the Artemisa Districts with the Florida North East District.



"The Way" Church Wide Study

Our church wide study is well under way. If you did not get the opportunity to **purchase a book** there are a few still available for \$15 each. Call or stop by the church office, 280-5141.

Suburban Legends

Urban legends are untrue stories that circulate, often through email these days. For instance, did you know that you can stand raw eggs on end on the first day of spring? **FALSE.** Apparently this derives from the notion that due to the sun's equidistant position between the poles of the earth at the time of the equinox, special gravitational forces apply. May sound true but it's not.

We'll resume this popular message series April 27, considering spiritual myths circulating among Christians that may sound wise and even biblical but are simply not the truth. Let's examine them in the light of Scripture for the whole truth.

Taste of the Summit

Each summer our ministry staff along with other leaders of our church participate in *The Global Leadership Summit* (this year Thursday & Friday, August 14 & 15). The summit originates in Chicago but we'll attend at satellite site, CrossRoad Church UMC in Jacksonville. Featured will be leaders from the church and business worlds.

You are invited to sample a **Taste of the Summit** on **Thursday, April 10** at CrossRoad at **11:30am**. The event is free and lunch is included but you'll need to register by Tuesday, April 8 with Susan Lewis (susan@crcumc.org, 493-1247). Sharing will be one of the most highly rated Summit speakers, four-time New York Times bestselling author, **Joseph Grenny**. Pastors Jeff & Jimmy will be participating. Let Pastor Jeff (jeff.bennett@pv-umc.org) know if you'd like to carpool.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap February 2014

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 55,165
Less Expenses	\$ 64,698
February Income/(Deficit)	\$ (9,532)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (1,279)

March 2014 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
3/2	142	150	\$20,076	\$224	\$600
Hunger Meal	92				
3/5	129		\$824	\$200	\$0
Ash Wednesday					
3/9	114	153	\$17,924	\$1,346	\$0
Connections	45				
3/16	93	164	\$11,188	\$728	\$100
Connections	25				
3/23	118	140	\$8,984	\$392	\$0
Connections	38				

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$9,147
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,428
Building Fund	\$222,484
Capital Reserves	\$21,780
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2014	\$ 15,518

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,087,299

Owed on Parsonage: \$83,708



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



A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

“I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions.”

— John Wesley, *How To Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer*

United Methodist Women News

The **annual garage sale/silent auction and bake sale** is **Saturday, April 5** from 8:00am - 2:00pm. Donated items can be dropped off Sunday, March 30, 9:00 - 10:30am and Tuesday, April 1 - Friday, April 4, 10:00am - 3:00pm. All baked sale items can be dropped off in the church kitchen Friday, April 4 from 10:00am - 3:00pm or after 7:00am on Saturday. We are most grateful for your support.



At our last UMW meeting we were blessed and honored to have a presentation by **Sandy DeChristofaro** and **Carol Ide** of **Operation Shoebox**. These ladies gave a wonderful talk on the process of collection, sorting, packaging and shipping care packages to our service men and women overseas. These “goody bags” contain a variety of useful items such as candy, toiletries, knit hats, newspaper puzzles and cards. It is amazing the amount of things that can be packed into a small bag! Sandy and Carol report that they “waste nothing!” One of the most touching items is that each bag contains a star cut from a worn and tattered flag that would otherwise be destroyed, coupled with a small note of explanation reading: “One small star to remember what the soldiers are there fighting for, from a flag that has lost its usefulness - but lives on.”

Please continue to donate items to Operations Shoebox. Look for the collection basket in the hallway next to the nursery. Inside this basket are lists of suggested items as well as directions on how to knit or crochet hats. Our donations, combined with those from all over the country are assembled and shipped from Florida. Last fall, Operation Shoebox assembled its **one millionth package!** They are now working on the second million! Let’s help to provide a small amount of comfort and support to those soldiers who are giving everything for us.



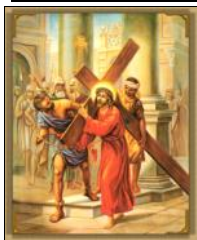
Four of our ladies attended the UMW Spiritual Enrichment Experience Retreat (S.E.E.) the weekend of March 7- 9, held at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island, Ga. The theme was “Fruits of the Spirit.” **Dona Prall** was the music leader for the event and our District Superintendent, the **Rev. Tim Smiley** was our speaker. It was a joyful time!

Our next **United Methodist Women meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 17** at 10:00am in room 207.

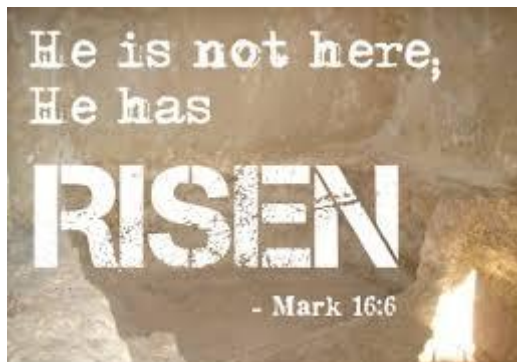
Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New Members!

On March 16 we received new members **Larry Warnock, Douglas & Leigh Rogers Sallas, Tom & Virginia Hanson, Tom & Carol Munsell, Darrel & Ali Dunn, Randy & Nancy Jordan, John & Lori White** (their children **Jenna, Laurel & Daniel**) and **Arlene Smith**. It is our joy to be serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 406 members.)

Easter Stations, Sunday, April 6



Would you like to have a deeper Lenten experience? Come to Easter Stations. A journey to deepen your Lenten experience as we anticipate Easter. Seven stations will raise probing questions to focus your thoughts and heart on God's grace and salvation available for your life. This is a very moving worship event that is appropriate for children, youth and adults. **Sunday, April 6 at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary.



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Children's Corner

On A Musical Note

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm



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



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



It's almost time for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** and **Block Party!** Bring your Easter basket and a side dish as we welcome friends and neighbors! We hope everyone will be able to come out and participate in this joyous Easter event filled with fellowship and community love.

Way To Go!

- ★ C.I.A. made and sent over 140 Rainbow Loom bracelets to the children of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Way to serve!
- ★ Kingdom Kids raised \$60.00 for Heiffer International in February/March! That is enough to purchase 3 flocks of Chicks. Amazing!

C.I.A. Briefs

C.I.A. Sings did a fantastic job singing at both our Ash Wednesday service and during our Sunday services. Great job all! Coming in April – we will be learning Bells. ☺ If your child is interested in participating in C.I.A. Sings – email **Jenn Smith**, jenn.smith@pv-umc.org. We meet from 5:45-6:00 on Wednesday evenings, starting April 9th. Bring your sack dinner and join us in C.I.A. as we spend April following the step of Jesus! C.I.A. is participating in our Church wide study of *The Way*, by Adam Hamilton. CIA will have a table set up during our PVUMC UMW Garage Sale/Silent Auction on April 5. We are selling our gently used toys to raise money for the children at St. Paul's School of Excellence in Lincolnville, St. Augustine.

Kingdom Kids

TEACHERS STILL NEEDED! Email jenn.smith@pv-umc.org if you are able to volunteer just 45 minutes a month teaching in Kingdom Kids. I promise you your faith will grow while growing the faith of our children.

Mark Your Calendars!

All the joy, excitement, music and good times of **Vacation Bible School** is coming to PVUMC **June 23rd – 27th!** Make plans now to be part of the fun!



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For Callie Brown, Kayleigh Robare, and Christy Timm leading our girl's retreat in March!
- 👍 For everyone who helped make our tie dying party a success
- 👍 For everyone who donated to our Pink Flamingo fundraiser! We raised over \$1,500 for our summer 2014 mission trips!

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

Variety Show and Silent Auction Sunday, April 13. Buy tickets for our annual church wide variety show! Tickets are \$8 each with a \$20 family cap. You can buy your tickets after worship services on March 30, April 6, and April 13. You can also buy them at the door! The doors will open at 6:00pm for bidding on the silent auction, and the show will start at 6:30. All proceeds from the event and silent auction will go toward offsetting the per person cost for our 2014 summer mission trips.

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.

There will be no Sunday School or Confirmation Class on Easter (April 20). We encourage you to worship together as a family!



Relay for Life May 3-4 at PV High School. Sign up to be part of our Relay for Life team, or donate to our team. Relay for Life is an event to benefit the American Cancer Society. To join our team or donate, go to www.relayforlife.org and search the PV beach zipcode for the event. Our team is called the PVUMC Muppets.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I wonder how many pastors are like me... I love it when Easter comes late because the school system can't schedule spring break during Holy Week. That means I get to take a week of vacation while my kids are out of school!

We were away for five days. Jill lined up a string of adventures for us. **Day 1:** A privately owned elephant ranch (Two Tails Ranch) in Williston, near Gainesville. Our younger daughter Sophie is a huge elephant fan. We learned all about elephants and even got to feed one. (We left the other end of the business to the professionals.) **Day 2:** Canoeing and kayaking down the spring fed Weeki Wachee; we saw manatees up close! **Day 3:** The wonderful Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. From there to St Pete for grandparent time with my dad and his wife.

Jill grew up in Florida and I've lived in the state most of the last 30 years, yet the first three days of our adventures were new to both of us as well as to our kids. Got me to wondering... What adventures might God have for us close to home, right around the corner, or in our own backyard?

Keeping my eyes open,
Pastor Jeff



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