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"Suburban Legends" Message Series

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 wrong 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.

In this message series we consider 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. **Series now underway!**

OUR MISSION:

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

New Member Orientation, May 7

Thinking about joining PVUMC? Just like to learn more about the church? Pastor Jeff would love to have you participate in the next New Member Orientation on **Wednesday, May 7** from **6 - 7:30pm**. Care and activities available for all ages of children and youth via nursery (with reservation), C.I.A. and YCAM. Bring a snack supper if you like. Contact the office (280-5141, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) and let us know you're coming!

Serve Sunday, May 18

Serve Sunday is May 18th! Sign up Sunday to serve our community and the world following either morning worship service on the 18th. (Several opportunities take place right inside our building.) **See page 2 for more!**

Upcoming Messages

– Message series *Suburban Legends* now underway –

May 4 **Forgiving Means Forgetting** (2 Samuel 12:1-14)

May 11 **A Godly Home Guarantees Godly Kids** (Proverbs 22:6, Ezekiel 18:20)

May 18 **Serve Sunday & Youth Sunday**

May 25 **A Valley Means a Wrong Turn** (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

June 1 **God Has a Blueprint for My Life** (Colossians 3:13)

June 8 **Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide** (1 Corinthians 4:3-4)



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Missions Corner

Serve Sunday, May 18



Sunday, May 18 following each worship service, we will have opportunities within the church and in the community to demonstrate our faith by serving others. The serve projects include sandwich preparation for the homeless, food sorting at BEAM (Beaches Emergency Aid Ministry), food packing for Blessings in a Backpack, Kids Against Hunger food packaging, personal care package preparation for Panama, Vacation Bible School craft preparation, and a garden project for children. We also need a cookout team to feed our hungry servants! Sign up sheets are in the Sunday church bulletins or contact **Sharon Kehoe** at sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org.

Donations Needed for FSM Serve Project



On Serve Sunday, May 18 a team will be asked to prepare “**care packages**” to pass along to the Faithful Servant Missions community in **Panama**. Packages include small shampoos, conditioners, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, combs, band-aids, lotions, deodorant, nail clippers, q-tips, cotton balls, etc. We need donations of these items to assist with this project. Please drop them off in the box located in the future pre-school room. Contact **Sharon Kehoe** at sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org for additional information on how you can help with this project.

La Sierra, Cuba



We had a surprise visit from **Pastor Damian** thanks to his family in Miami. He was able to attend Holy Thursday, the Block Party & Easter Egg Hunt and both Easter worship services. He sends his blessings to everyone and looks forward to his return. Please remember to pray for our Cuba sister church, La Sierra Methodist.

B.E.A.M. Grocery Bag Collection

We received **68 bags of groceries** for the BEAM food drive. Great job, PVUMC!

Congratulations PVUMC!

Congratulations to PVUMC for being recognized as the **Mission Work Group of the Year for 2013** at the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home in Enterprise, Florida.

The award is located on a table in the hallway just outside the infant nursery. A huge thanks to leader **George Garcia** and his entire team for their efforts. The Children’s Home provides housing and education for disadvantaged and abandoned children in the state of Florida.

Global Leadership 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. See willowcreek.com/summit for more information.

Let Pastor Jeff (jeff.bennett@pv-umc.org) **know if you'd like to participate.** Take advantage of the Super Early Bird rate of **\$189** if you commit to Jeff by May 18. If you're a first time participant, the church will gladly cover half the cost. This is a great opportunity to broaden your leadership horizons!

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday morning snack time is enjoyed by everyone. If you would like to provide snacks, please sign the calendar on the wall next to the nursery. To make it easier for volunteers, we are serving the snacks from 10:30 to 11:00am, between the two services. The coffee service still begins before the 9:30 *Alive!* service. You can always sign up your small group, as a family or provide them yourself. Thanks to all who have been participating.

The PVUMC **blood drive** is **Sunday, May 4**. Appointments are available every 15 minutes from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Beat the crowd and sign up on-line and get the best time for your schedule. Remember, one donation can save up to three lives. Contact **Eleanor Snite**, eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org if you have questions.

United Methodist Women News

Thank you to all who helped with the success of the **annual garage/bake sale** and **silent auction**. To our church family, we are deeply appreciative of your continued support which enables us to fulfill our purpose of missions. Part of our proceeds, the bake sale, helps to support our youth for their summer mission needs. For the children of our church, the toy table sales will help their mission outreach with their sister school, St. Paul's School of Excellence in St. Augustine.

There are many benefits of such an event that are of no monetary value. Friendship, fellowship and volunteering have no price tag. They are priceless. It is the joy of such attributes that overshadow the physical work and results in a satisfaction that is felt within the heart and soul. What a blessing!

Our next UMW meeting is May 17 at 10:00am in room 207. All women are invited.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

“Two old members recovered I make more account of than three new ones. I love to see backsliders return.”

– Jackson XII, 452.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap March 2014

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 81,123
Less Expenses	\$ 59,657
February Income/(Deficit)	\$ 21,465
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 20,186

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$7,156
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,203
Building Fund	\$223,212
Capital Reserves	\$21,835
General Fund Needed Weekly 2014	\$ 15,518

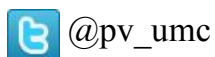
April 2014 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
4/6	129	145	\$16,876	\$405	\$1,045
Connections	40				
4/13	138	191	\$12,973	\$244	\$1,000
4/17 Holy Thursday	85		\$503	\$0	\$0
4/20 Easter	218	283	\$17,221	\$105	\$0

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,069,244

Owed on Parsonage: \$81,583

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Money Matters

Among the financial practices Jill and I follow are **making a budget** and **keeping a record** of where we spend our money. A lot of people think negatively about budgeting but I like this description: **A budget is simply a way of giving every dollar a name.**

Jill and I look at our budget as a plan. We plan to give this much, save that much, spend this amount on food, that amount on clothing, gas, etc. And we track where the dollars actually go. Sometimes we go over budget on this category and under on that. But year after year we hit our giving target (you always do when you give first), we come very close to our savings target, and we never take on consumer debt.

I recently came across these words of author George Fooshee re: keeping records and making a budget:

If someone were to tell me that he's going to run his business without keeping any records, I would say this is downright stupid. And it is even worse for one who really wants to be a good steward of the Lord's money.

A man I know to whom I have given financial counsel thought he was doing great because he had to borrow only \$300 in the last eight months. When I asked him how he managed to get along so well, he admitted he had sold his week of vacation for \$500 and had some overtime pay.

I figured that the fellow was actually spending \$175 per month more than he was making during the eight-month period, despite the one-time windfall of getting rid of his vacation and working overtime. A year from now, at his present rate of overspending, he would owe \$2100 more, with interest adding to his debt totaling more than \$30 each month.

By keeping good records, having a plan and being honest with oneself, a person won't get into financial trouble. I seldom see financially successful people who don't keep good records.

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. – Proverbs 24:3-4

It pays to know where your money goes!

– Pastor Jeff

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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

Volunteers Rock !

A huge round of thank you's to all the amazing folks that made our **2014 Easter Egg Hunt and Block Party** a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated an Easter Basket for the raffle. The winners loved them! And thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy in setting up, working during, and cleaning up after the event. The love and welcoming grace of our church is always awe inspiring!

C.I.A. Briefs

Last month of C.I.A. and C.I.A. Sings! **Our last day of C.I.A. will be May 28th**. But we will be back in the fall! Kids, come and bring a sack dinner and join us at 6pm on Wednesdays as we finish celebrating our last month of C.I.A. preparing blankets for the Linus project, putting on a play and celebrating with an end of year pool party! What a way to wrap up a fabulous year!!

Kingdom Kids

There will be no Kingdom Kids on May 18th – Serve Sunday. But look for family and children friendly serve projects to participate in!

Vacation Bible School, June 23—27, 9:00 - Noon

Calling all 4 year old through rising 5th graders for VBS 2014! And volunteers too! Discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. Meet people from the Bible who used what they had to produce something amazing with God. Use your heart, mind, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God, the one who works wonders! Experience the love of Jesus through **Workshop of Wonders**. Register on-line at www.pv-umc.org.

Volunteers Needed to Make VBS a Success

June 23-27: Crew Leaders (10 needed) & Assistant Crew Leaders (10 needed) - Great opportunity for Youth - and community hours -- Assistant Preschool Leaders (2 needed) -- Picture Taker -- Mission Leader -- Creative Persons to help with Decorations and Crafts -- Assistants for Various stations (4 needed) - Great for Youth -- Snack Leader (2 needed). Volunteers also needed for our outreach **VBS in Lincolnville!** Dates are **July 22-24**. What a fun and rewarding service opportunity! Questions? Call Jenn Smith, 280-5141 or jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.



Round Of Applause



- 👍 For everyone who attended our Annual Variety Show!
- 👍 For our wonderful entertainers who performed at our Annual Variety Show
- 👍 For everyone who contributed to our silent auction and variety show! With your help we raised over \$1200 for our summer mission trips!

Upcoming Events

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE DINNERS Thank you everyone for signing up to provide dinners for our youth ministry this spring! We are currently signing people up for June and beyond. Contact Kelly (kelly1.minter@pv-umc.org) if you would like to volunteer! This is a great way to support our youth ministry!

Relay for Life May 3-4 at PVHS. 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 PVB zip for the event. Our team is called the PVUMC Muppets.

Youth Sunday On Sunday, May 18th, the youth will be presenting both of our worship services! It is also our church wide Serve day, so come to church to hear about how our youth experience the biblical principle of service and how it has changed their lives. Then stay after the services for a chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

District Youth Gathering we won't be having regular youth group on **Sunday, May 18th** instead we will gather at the church at **3:00pm** and travel to Jacksonville Beach to spend fellowship time with and participate in worship with youth from United Methodist Churches all over Jacksonville. Bring \$5 to cover the picnic dinner, and be prepared to have fun! One piece bathing suits OR cover ups are required. **We need some parents to help us transport our group**, so contact Kelly if you are available.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Two or three times a week I like to make myself a 3-egg omelet for breakfast. The day after Easter I had my favorite pan out and was ready to cook when I went to the refrigerator and discovered... one lonely egg. That's not entirely accurate; there were loads of hard-boiled eggs dyed in a variety of pastel colors but only one raw egg. I had been inconvenienced by Easter.

On the one hand, I'm embarrassed to say such a thing. (Inconvenienced by Easter? Come on!) On the other hand, I got to thinking that this ought to be the norm. Christ's resurrection means new life for each person who chooses to follow him. (New life *now*, not just following our own resurrection.) By definition, new life is different from old life, and that disturbs the way we're used to living. When Jesus calls me to follow him, that means putting down what I'm used to doing and, well, following him. For those of us who like the lives we've been carving out for ourselves, that can be mighty inconvenient. And, I will say, worth it.

– Pastor Jeff



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