

# THE WAVE



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## Vacation Bible School, June 23-27



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 **June 23-27** from **9am - noon**. For ages 4 through completed 5th grade.

Register online now at [pv-umc.org](http://pv-umc.org). Questions? Contact Jenn Smith, 280.5141.

## Volunteer for VBS at PVUMC and/or Lincolnville

We're in need of a few more workers for **Workshop of Wonders** at PVUMC (**June 23 – 27**) and in the Lincolnville area of St Augustine (**July 22 – 24**) where we continue to host a VBS for underserved children. Contact Jenn Smith ([jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) , 280.5141) The next training session is Sunday, June 1 at 12:15pm.

## Upcoming Messages

– Message series *Suburban Legends* now underway –

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)

June 15 **Unsinkable? You, Me, and the Titanic** (1 John 1:1-2:2)

June 22 **Get in the Box** (1 John 3:16-24)

June 29 **“God Is Love” and the Problem of Evil** (1 John 4:7-21)

## OUR MISSION:

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
*United Methodist Church*

## Missions Corner

### PVUMC 'Serving' as the Hands and Feet of Christ

Last Sunday, so many of you participated in Serve Day activities throughout the church and in the community. You prepared and packaged over **140 toiletry packages** for the children in Panama, nearly **300 sandwiches** for the homeless, **330 backpacks** for hungry school children, and **6000 high protein meals** for the poor. Our landscape team spent the morning **beautifying the unkempt yard** of an elderly woman as she spent the day with her hospitalized disabled daughter, and our BEAM team sorted hundreds of cans of donated food. **Craft projects** were prepared for our Vacation Bible Schools, and the children **planted flowers** to beautify the front of the church. And, the cook-out team prepared a wonderful **meal** to feed us! Thanks to all for your awesome service! "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10.

### St. 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 areas with the goal of improving the educational outcomes of the children. **Education and opportunity go hand in hand in helping children out of poverty.** While we provide every student in this school with a weekend backpack of food as part of our Blessings in a Backpack Ministry, we've recognized that we can do so much more to impact the lives of these children by providing some of the assistance and tools they need to succeed. This school year many of you have worked towards building the library at St Paul, helped to sponsor a Valentine Read-In, provided funding for software to help the students develop their math skills, and created an art awareness program that allows for hands-on participation by the students. Others have provided much needed school and office supplies, items to improve the safety of the children, and personal donations for the school staff.

This summer, we have an opportunity to assist these children by providing financial assistance towards the **7-week summer camp**. Ponte Vedra UMC's Vacation Bible School is incorporated into this summer camp experience, so volunteering for VBS will allow you to meet many of the children that have been influenced by PVUMC's involvement. If you are interested in assisting in the many opportunities available to help influence 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).

On June 22, **Ms. Mary Hemphill-Davis**, the Principal of St. Paul School of Excellence, will speak briefly to the congregation about St Paul School of Excellence, and thank you personally for your investment in the future of her students.

### Did You Know?



**All loose change** in the offering each Sunday is given to our sister church La Sierra Methodist in Cuba. Small amounts of money given by many can accomplish great things.

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

Each 5th Sunday we receive a special offering for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home located in Enterprise. The Home's ministry includes residential care, emergency shelter care, therapeutic group care, independent living, foster care and adoption services. Children come because of abuse, abandonment or because of family breakdown due to divorce, drug abuse, illness or death of a parent. Look for FUMCH giving envelopes in your Sunday bulletins on June 22nd and 29th.

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

There are many open Sundays on the snack calendar. Everyone loves to have a small snack at the table in the foyer before or after worship service as you visit with your church family. Please consider providing **Sunday morning snacks** in honor of a loved one, in memory of someone or simply because you enjoy it! You can get together with friends or make it a family project, cook up your favorite snack recipe or bring it straight from the grocery store. The snack calendar is located over the table outside the infant nursery. The food is served between church services from 10:30 - 11:00am. Thanks to all of you who have provided snacks in the past.



Make an ordinary summer extraordinary by volunteering for Vacation Bible School! *Workshop of Wonders* begins Monday, June 23 at 9:00am. There are many areas that could use your help to make this year's VBS the best yet! **Rita Andreu** says, "I look forward to VBS every summer. I treasure the music and the fellowship, but my favorite thing is teaching science. It is a blast to watch the students explore and conduct hands-on experiments. They are so inquisitive and creative in their questions and actions. Seeing them interact with one another and make the connections to Jesus' love and His word is priceless. The past two years I have led the science activities at Lincolnville as well as PVUMC. What a blessing! The children touched my heart in indescribable ways. If you want to be blessed, you need to volunteer and join me. You don't know what you are missing!"

## *Welcome, New Members!*

On May 25 we received new members **Marc & Susan Sprouse**. It is our joy to be serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 408 members.)

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

"One great reason why the rich have so little sympathy for the poor is because they so seldom visit them."— Works III, 387

# Financial Status

## General Fund Recap April 2014

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 56,666
Less Expenses	\$ 60,672
March Income/(Deficit)	\$ (4,006)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 16,180

### Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$8,588
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,203
Building Fund	\$223,312
Capital Reserves	\$21,835
General Fund Needed Weekly 2014	\$ 15,518


## May 2014 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
5/4	134	167	\$15,090	\$1,623	\$650
Connections	49				
5/11	156	109	\$14,608	\$198	\$0
5/18	123	121	\$8,830	\$60	\$250
5/25	112	160	\$10,732	\$162	\$0

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,060,364

Owed on Parsonage: \$79,459

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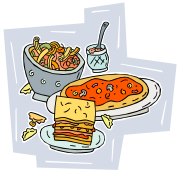
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## Round Of Applause

- 👍 For our students who lead youth Sunday! Your witness and leadership was inspiring to all of us!
- 👍 For Scott Tinsley, Ashley Sabol, Tucker Holland, and Danny Booth in all your help getting our students ready for youth Sunday!
- 👍 For the Gibson family for opening their home and the Kingry family for opening your lawn for our annual Memorial Weekend Party!

## 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 July and beyond. Check out this link or contact Kelly if you would like to volunteer! This is a great way to support our youth ministry! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FAFAD2AA7FB6-sunday>



**Senior Recognition Sunday** At both worship services on Sunday, June 1 we will be honoring our graduates. In the evening at youth group we will extend the celebration by showing our senior videos and sharing blessings for our graduates (6:30-7:30pm)

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** We will celebrate and recognize our Confirmands at both worship services on Sunday, June 8!

**Parent Meeting** Sunday, June 8, 6:15pm. We will gather to get information about our summer programming, meet our newest parents (parents of rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend and get to know one another better!)

**Middle School Missions** June 15-21. Our middle school mission team will be departing the church on June 15 to travel to Georgia for a week of mission work. Please keep our team in your prayers!

**Beach Days and Movie Nights are back!** Beginning June 25, we will be holding our weekly summer beach days and movie nights. Wednesdays from 12-4:00pm at Mickler's Beach, our group will gather at the beach for fun in the sun! Bring a lunch with you, and don't forget your sunscreen. It's easy to find us, just go up the walkway and look to your left. We will be by the lifeguard stand, gathered around our red and pink blanket. Then, come back to the church that evening for movies and games!





### 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

## Items Needed To Make VBS A Success

We are looking for the following items to use in **both** VBS's this summer: 80 Clean & empty 8oz – 12 oz. plastic bottles. Can also donate same size water bottles. If you have any questions, call **Jenn Smith** at 280-5141 or at [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org).

## Great Job To...

### C.I.A. Plays!

What a Mother's Day gift to all! Congratulations on a fantastic job playing bells on May 11!

### Serve Sunday Participants!

Great job all Serve Sunday volunteers that helped make and prepare VBS crafts for both PVUMC and Lincolnville! To the volunteers that helped plant sunflower seeds, thanks! Keep an eye out on the circular flower bed in the parking lot. Our sunflowers are growing nicely and should be in full bloom by late mid-summer.

## C.I.A. Briefs

Thank You C.I.A. Volunteers! We have had an incredible year in C.I.A. and it is because of our outstanding volunteers helping every Wednesday night. **Thank You Lisa Middleton and Mindy Waters** for giving your time and energy every Wednesday. C.I.A. will resume the first week of September.

## Kingdom Kids

Thank You Kingdom Kids Teachers! All school year Kingdom Kids has run 4-5 classes each Sunday! These classes have been staffed by wonderful volunteers, some of whom have been teaching many years!

If you see one of the following, make sure you tell them how much you appreciate the planning, creativity, knowledge and love that they have imparted on our children: **Jill Bennett, Nancy Noble, Jenny Howard, Lisa Middleton, Carolin Skordas, Renee Reimer, Amy Beane, Tena Schlingmann, Yolie Macon, Ken Kehoe, Jenn Smith, Angie Moss, Tommie Hall and Randy Bringger.**



## *United Methodist Women News*

At our May 17 meeting, **Jennie Dorsey** presented our program. It included a historical review of the UMW's beginning followed by reports of mission outreach in three countries, ending with reflections of Mother's Day. A worship center display of pictures, a grandmother's gift of a first Bible, a beautiful Christening gown used by generations, a daughter's poem portrayed the love of God, the love of family, the love of a child and the love of a mother. These special reminders of love and memories are safely tucked away in our hearts forever.

Our **next meeting** is scheduled for **July 12** at 10:00am in room 207. All women are invited.

## *A Note From Pastor Jimmy... Continued from Back Page*

Now, I find myself on the move again. As I write this article I still have no idea exactly where I am going, but I know that God is already there. Just the other day the district superintendent that I am working with gave me a hint but said, "It could change." In other words, I still don't know where I am going. However, I can tell you this: God is already there. And, God is certainly here at PVUMC!

Since I have been on staff here I have seen God show up in amazing ways. I have seen God work through our inspirational worship services, our growing small groups, and as we were serving the poor in places as far away as Panama and as close as Lincolnville. I have witnessed hungry children taking home a backpack on the weekend through our Blessings in a Backpack program. I have also been encouraged by God's peace and counsel as our newly formed care team visits those who are homebound and in the hospital. So, two and a half years ago before I came on staff I didn't know where I was going but God was already here.

Once again I find myself pondering the reality that I don't know where I am going but knowing that God is already there. And I have got to tell you, it's been an exciting journey! I have served country churches where a good Sunday meant twenty-five people. And, I have served on staff at large urban churches where a good Sunday meant that fifteen hundred were in attendance. Ultimately I have found that size doesn't matter. It only matters if God shows up. And, by the way, God never lets me down! In the last several years, I have been downsized (in other words, "fired") at a church, endured the loss of my mother (she died suddenly the day after Christmas in 2010), and struggled with cancer treatments last fall (thank God I am now cancer free). And, in all of this, I didn't know what was coming, but God's healing and powerful presence were already there.

So, now, as I enter the twentieth year of my pastoral ministry, all of these experiences lead me to think the following: It doesn't really matter where I am going, it only matters that God is already there. I will truly miss you all. I love you and will forever hold you in my heart! Feel free to keep in touch with me at my permanent email address: [pastorjimmyjones@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjimmyjones@gmail.com).

- Pastor Jimmy

## *A Note From Pastor Jimmy:*

I am one of those people who is directionally challenged. If it weren't for GPS and my wife, I'd be lost most of the time. I am one of those guys who always thinks that there must be a better way to get somewhere than the way that I am going. And, in my pastoral life, it's often been the case that, I don't know where I am going, but I know that God is already there.

Let me explain. In the United Methodist Church, pastors are assigned to churches in consultation with a district superintendent (who oversees churches in a designated geographical area) and a bishop (who oversees churches in what we refer to as "annual conferences") who determine the needs of pastors and churches before making clergy assignments. Twice I have been asked to move to larger churches by a district superintendent and once I was asked by a senior pastor to come on staff to assist him at a large church. Two and a half years ago, over coffee, I asked Pastor Jeff if he needed some help at Ponte Vedra UMC. I am so glad that he said yes.

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