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Update on 2.5 Acre Property

The PVUMC Trustees contracted with Goodson Nevin & Assoc. Consulting Engineers (GNA) to apply for a stormwater Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) for the adjacent 2.5 acre property purchased last September. (GNA had done the civil engineering on the original 5 acre property and recommended we apply before an anticipated rule change took place.) The St Johns Water Management District has issued a permit authorizing construction of a Stormwater Management System with stormwater treatment by Wet Detention for Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church South Parcel Expansion. (Please note that this is not a *building* permit.) This permit will expire five years from the date of issuance which was May 30, 2014.

PVUMC will soon publish a notice in a local newspaper advising the public that we have been issued a permit for this project, notifying members of the public of their right to challenge the issuance of the permit. Once proper notice is given by newspaper publication there is a 21-day time limit to file a petition challenging the issuance of the permit.

Plans are not yet in place to improve the property. Your Trustees have simply acted to preserve the church's ability to develop the property as intended at the time of its purchase, that is, primarily for parking.

– Trustees

OUR MISSION:

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



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Upcoming Messages

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

July 6 **Lies My Culture Told Me: Romance Brings Fulfillment** (Hosea)

July 13 **Lies My Culture Told Me: Being a Christian is Convenient** (Genesis 11:27-12:9)

July 20 **If Not You, then Who?** (1 Peter 3:15, Acts 8:26-39)

Missions Corner

New Pastor to Serve La Sierra Methodist Church

We have received word that our Cuba sister church pastor, **Damián Pacheco Diaz** is moving to Matanzas, about 40 minutes from La Sierra. He is being succeeded by Pastor **Bianco Almeida** who is moving from Bauta in the Artemisa District this month. Our Cuba coordinator **George Reed** who has done much work with the church in Cuba reports, "Bianco is a wonderful guy and it should be a very smooth transition. I have been working with him for several years now. God is good!" Please remember Pastors Damián and Bianco and their families in your prayers, along with the churches they've served and will serve. May God bless all involved in the transition. And may the kingdom of God increase!

Change for Cuba



Gracias for your continued prayers and support. The last five months of weekly coin collection totaled **\$514.38**. **George and Loree Reed** were able to attend Pastor Damian's seminary graduation last month and deliver 300 pounds of clothes, medical supplies, Bibles and a guitar.

Elementary School Clothing Needed



Did you know that Ponte Vedra UMC helps maintain a clothing closet at Webster Elementary School? As you prepare for the upcoming school year please consider donating any gently used children's clothing (sizes 5-12) to these children in need. A collection bin is located in the future pre-school room. Please contact **Sharon Kehoe** at sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org for more information.

JAARS Mission Trip



Bible translation is about giving people the best resource for knowing God. The Bible provides a complete picture of God's love, holiness and the redemption of humanity. It is the best tool we have for becoming more like Christ and a translated Bible can redefine our relationship with God. Having a Bible in your own language can be transformational for an individual or an entire community. JAARS provides practical, day-to-day support to assist in making Bible translation possible.

PVUMC's Mission Team, led by **Dan** and **Frances Thomas**, spent a week in June at the Wycliffe/JAARS facility in Waxhaw, NC, working non-stop on projects on campus and in the hangar where planes are prepared for trips to Africa and the Pacific. The team learned about the Matses', a cannibalistic tribe who kidnapped women from other tribes for wives. Two Wycliffe missionaries made contact and translated the Bible into their language. The Matses' are now a transformed people with many who have dedicated their lives to Jesus and are now a literate community able to attend school and advance their living conditions.

If you would like to assist in bringing God's Word to people in a language that speaks most clearly to their minds and hearts, contact **Dan Thomas** at dan.thomas@pv-umc.org.

For more photos of this mission trip go to tinyurl.com/newsy6c



B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) News

There are many families in the beaches communities in need of assistance. B.E.A.M. meets the needs of these people in many different ways. One way they assist is providing individuals and families personal items. There are many items that food stamps will not cover and it's these items that are in great demand from B.E.A.M. Their supply of these items is critically low. On **Sunday, July 6 and 13** there will be a donation receptacle in the foyer for personal items. Items such as **toilet tissue, tooth paste & brushes, soap, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, diapers (all sizes including adult), baby wipes, feminine products, dish and laundry soaps, paper towels, cleaning supplies and children's vitamins**. You may purchase travel size or family size. All items will be greatly appreciated.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap May 2014

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 49,804
Less Expenses	\$ 81,444
May Income/(Deficit)	\$ (31,640)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (15,462)

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$6,664
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$3,203
Building Fund	\$218,223
Capital Reserves	\$21,835
General Fund Needed Weekly 2014	\$ 15,518

June 2014 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
6/1	155	161	\$17,673	\$120	\$2,100
6/8	155	132	\$15,622	\$150	\$0
6/15	142	131	\$17,104	\$43	\$1,200

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,051,859

Owed on Parsonage: \$77,345

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A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

“I visited as many as I could of the sick. How much better is it, when it can be done, to carry relief to the poor, than to send it! And that for our own sake and theirs. For theirs, as it so much more comfortable to them, and as we may then assist them in spirituals as well as temporals; and for our own, as it is far more apt to soften our heart, and to make us naturally care for each other.”

– Works XXI, 290.

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.

11:00 Ushers Needed

We are in need of additional ushers to serve during the 11:00 worship hour. Ushers typically serve one Sunday per month. Interested? See head usher **Tod Phillips** (tod.phillips@pv-umc.org).

Welcome, New Members!

On May 25 we were delighted to receive into membership **Marc & Susan Sprouse**. On June 1 we had the privilege of confirming **Faith Timm** into membership. On June 7 we baptized **Hilton Ashby** and the next day **Maddie Day** into membership. Also on June 8 we received into church membership these additional participants in the confirmation class: **Carina Anderson, Holly Anderson, Jillian Awad, Abby Bennett, Caroline Bernet, Sarah Geis, Jon Schott, Jordan Schott**. That's 13 new members over the course of three weeks! Special thanks to **Donna Price** for teaching the confirmation class and for the many mentors who stepped up to walk with our confirmands through this part of their faith journey. Blessings, all! PVUMC now has 421 members.

Men: You Are Invited

The **8:00am Thursday morning men's Bible study** invites you to join them in a new 10-week study in the book of **Proverbs** beginning **July 17**. The wisdom contained in the practical and simple instructions of Proverbs will help you to be successful and prosperous in your work, your dealings with family and friends, and your relationship with God. Group leader is **George Reed** (george.reed@pv-umc.org). Come a week early (July 10) and enjoy a NOOMA short film and conversation around it! Enter by the tower stairwell and head to the second floor where we meet. We begin each Thursday at 8 and finish by 9.

New Sunday School Class

Discovery Class is a new small group that meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 in Room 209. This class is studying 1 and 2nd Corinthians and is open to everyone. Contact **Dotty Rashba**, dotty.rashba@pv-umc.org for information.



On A Musical Note

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm



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

VBS 2014 Was Amazing!

And it's all because of you, the volunteers! Amy Beane, MacKenzie Beane, Jill Bennett, Emma Bennett, Abby Bennett, Randy Bringger, Peg Cameron, Chris Chaney, Carolyn Chelette, Ira Chelette, Ann Cook, Susan Gorman, Nancy Rice-Hill, Ken Kehoe, Sharon Kehoe, Ian Keller, Scott Lovett, Laura Lovett, Deven Malone, Shane Malone, Jan McClellan, John Middleton, Virginia Middleton, Lisa Middleton, Kelly Minter, Phyllis Monie, Zac Murta, Hallie Murta, Anna Neal, John Noble, Tiffany Price, Rose Price, Chey Price, Abby Reimer, Sarah Reimer, Lydia Reimer, Addie Schlingmann, Tena Schlingmann, Laurie Schott, Carolyn Schussler, Lauren Senecal, Angela Shepp, Carolin Skordas, Mike Smith, Sadie Snyder, Cameron Stagner, Sue Stanley, Scott Tinsley, Sarah Waters, Mindy Waters, Janis Wetmore, Serena Wetmore, Lori White, Ron Schaffield and everyone else who could help during the week.

July 22-24, we take Workshop of Wonders on the road to **Lincolntown**! This is an amazing opportunity to serve. If you can volunteer contact **Jenn Smith**, jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

Kingdom Kids

July Kingdom Kids will be studying Solomon Builds Temple. Join us Sunday mornings as we travel through art, science, games, and video to learn more.

United Methodist Women News

Our ongoing mission outreach "**Christmas in July**" is highlighted this month. Items are collected for our deployed military personnel. The collection basket with a list of suggested donated items is located on the table in the hallway by the infant nursery. Each item received by a soldier is a "thought that someone cares." God bless America. **Nancy Mingus** serves as our liaison with this organization.

Friday, July 11 the UMW will prepare and help serve 80-100 people at "**Home Again St. Johns**" mission outreach in St. Augustine. Under the leadership of **Debi Russillo**, this gives us an opportunity to share life's blessings - food for the body, heart and soul.

Our next **UMW meeting** is **July 12, 10:00am** in room 207. All women are invited.



Round Of Applause

- 👍 For our amazing leaders **Elizabeth Gibson, Reid Johnson, Holly Smith, and Ashley Sabol** and their leadership on our middle school mission trip!
- 👍 For our team of 27 people who served in Sautee, GA June 15-21.
- 👍 For our youth volunteers who worked with Vacation Bible School! You are amazing!

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! Go to tinyurl.com/qa2ypnr

High School Missions July 12-19. Please pray for our team as we travel to New Orleans for a week long mission experience with Youthworks missions.

LINCOLNVILLE VBS July 22-24. We will be working with St Paul's School of Excellence in the Lincolnville area of St Augustine. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Jenn Smith to find out how you can help!

Costa Rica Mission Trip Our church is sending two teams to Costa Rica; the first leaves July 26 and the second August 1. Both teams are collecting items to take down to Faithful Servant Missions. The list for this collection is below, and can be brought into the future preschool room between July 1 and July 20: **small notebooks, construction paper, moving eyes, balloons, inexpensive watches, white paper plates, bottles of acrylic paint and backpacks.**

Beach Days and Movie Nights are back! Every Wednesday in July, we will be holding our weekly summer beach days and movie nights. From 12 noon to 4:00pm at Mickler's Beach, our group will gather together 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. Don't forget to come back to the church that evening at 7:00pm for movies and games too!

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

As I write this our Vacation Bible School at Ponte Vedra UMC is underway. Through **Workshop of Wonders** kids are discovering how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. They are meeting people from the Bible who used what they had to produce something amazing with God. One of the wonder-filled things about being created in the image of God is the ability to use your heart, mind, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God, the one who works wonders! Best of all, our kids (and their new friends from beyond our church) are experiencing the love of Jesus.

You might think it doesn't get any better than this, but it does. July 22 – 24 we take Workshop of Wonders on the road to **the Lincolnville area** of St Augustine (**July 22 – 24**) where we will again host a VBS for under-served children of the area.

Our gratitude to the many youth and adults serving kids at PVUMC and in Lincolnville through VBS. We are awed as we see you using your hearts, minds, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God, the one who works wonders, through Vacation Bible School.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff

P.S. Great article on our Lincolnville VBS in the June 19 edition of the Ponte Vedra leader. See tinyurl.com/prglw5k



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