

# THE WAVE



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### *Easter Musical, "Come Walk With Me"*

In this fresh and dramatic setting of the Passion story a narrator leads us from scene to scene, retracing Christ's path during his last days in human form. Brief monologues from those witnessing or participating in Christ's final steps enhance the stark reality of each scene with their observations, frustrations and fears. The music supplies the drama and passion through its incredible mix of styles that range from classical to Appalachian, bluegrass, and Celtic folk. Under the direction of Elisabeth Crumrine, our traditional choir brings us this dramatic musical at both worship hours **Palm Sunday, March 29.**

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

We're having a **Block Party with Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.** Our special guests will be everyone you choose to invite! We want as many of us present as possible to welcome our guests so please come, no matter your age. (See page 8 for volunteer opportunities.)

### *Holy Week Worship Schedule*

March 29: Palm Sunday 9:30, 11:00 Easter musical *Come Walk With Me*  
6:30 *All Around Easter* by Children's Ministry (page 5)  
April 2: Holy Thursday 7:00pm  
April 5: Easter 9:30 *Alive!*, 11:00 Traditions

### *Upcoming Messages*

– Our church-wide study series *The God We Can Know* continues –  
March 1 "I Am the Light of the World": Knowing God's Guidance (John 8:12)  
March 8 "I Am the Good Shepherd": Knowing God's Care (John 10:1-10)  
March 15 "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life": Knowing God's Way (John 14:1-7)  
March 22 "I Am the True Vine": Knowing God's Power (John 15:1-8)  
March 29 **Come Walk With Me** – A Musical for Easter  
April 5 "I Am the Resurrection and the Life": Knowing God's Possibilities (John 11:17-26)

#### OUR MISSION:

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
United Methodist Church

## Missions Corner

### Faithful Servant Missions Run With A Mission



#### FSM RUN WITH A MISSION

10K, 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN

SATURDAY

MARCH 28, 2015

NOCATEE

Register at [www.prsracetiming.com](http://www.prsracetiming.com)



Stay and enjoy the Family Fun Festival after the race

Benefiting Faithful Servant Missions in providing for the physical, educational and spiritual needs of children in Costa Rica & Panama



### Faithful Servant Missions Trip

There is an opportunity for 20 - 24 faithful servants to go to **Costa Rica July 18 - 25** to participate in work projects and spend considerable time with the young children from the Bajo. **Lanny & Sharon Benson** will be leading this mission trip for adults, college students and high school students. (High school students must be accompanied by one parent.) There will be a meeting to provide all pertinent information on **Sunday, March 22 at 3:00pm** upstairs in Room 207. If you have questions prior to that contact Lanny or Sharon Benson, [lanny.benson@pv-umc.org](mailto:lanny.benson@pv-umc.org) or [sharon.benson@pv-umc.org](mailto:sharon.benson@pv-umc.org).

### The 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. Checks may be made out to PVUMC and designated "Children's Home." **March 29** is a 5th Sunday!

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

Prayer may be said to be the breath of our spiritual life.

– Explanatory Notes: 1 Thessalonians 5:16

## *Donna Bowen named Pastor for Spirituality & the Arts*

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee has named the Reverend **Donna Bowen** (retired UMC elder, Virginia Annual Conference) as Ponte Vedra UMC's **Pastor for Spirituality & the Arts**. This is a new volunteer position.

Donna will be leading short term studies in spirituality, assisting in special worship services, introducing visual arts in worship, providing retreats using spiritual disciplines, providing a woman's voice in the pulpit on occasion and leading studies on John Wesley and Methodist beliefs. She will be leading our upcoming family retreat at Epworth by the Sea, has preached here, led short term studies, decorated the altar, and assisted in worship. Donna has been a regular participant in the weekly worship planning team. She and husband Fred are typically with us September through May.

Donna is a gifted pastor whose interests complement Pastor Jeff's and Pastor David's. She will be a fine addition to the PVUMC staff team. **Welcome, Pastor Donna!**

## *A Few Good Men needed by Hart Felt Ministries*

Calling all men! **Hart Felt Ministries** is in desperate need of male volunteers to help our aging male seniors. If you can spare just an hour a week, you can make a difference in someone's life. Please contact **Kelly Moorman Coggins** at [kelly.moorman@pv-umc.org](mailto:kelly.moorman@pv-umc.org).

## *Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New Members!*

On February 15 we received new members **Eleanor Burns, Mike, Aaron and Ian Dahlin, Nancy Dorsey, Lee Ervin and Montie & Bonnie Yeager**. It is our joy to be serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 428 members.)

## *Mark Your Calendars! Variety Show with Silent Auction, April 12*

See those who sit with you Sunday mornings in a whole new light at the church wide **Variety Show** on **Sunday, April 12** at **6:30pm** with Silent Auction beginning at 6:00. 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.)

## Financial Status

### General Fund Recap January 2015

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 60,580
Less Expenses	\$ 74,613
January Income/(Deficit)	\$ (14,033)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (14,033)

### February 2015 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
2/1	123	184	\$16,350	\$97	\$8,006
2/8	160	181	\$13,509	\$55	\$3,799
<i>Connections</i>	41				
2/15	94	158	\$14,148	\$100	\$2,253
<i>Connections</i>	38				
2/22	125	168	\$22,431	\$277	\$4,169
<i>Connections</i>	35				

### Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$4,973
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$1,539
Building Fund	\$221,078
Capital Reserves	\$31,797
General Fund Needed Weekly 2015	\$ 16,085

Owed on Church Facility: \$1,989,586

Owed on Parsonage: \$62,290


## Money Matters

### Double Down on Debt

In December PVUMC received a **\$100,000 matching gift** to be used to reduce the church's mortgage debt. As of February 15 we'd received **\$26,084** which when doubled nearly satisfies our \$64,000 parsonage mortgage. (Our next report will be Sunday, March 1.) Fully matching this gift pays off the parsonage and reduces the time needed to pay off the sanctuary building from more than 14 years to less than 11. This is a tremendous opportunity to free the church of the future for increased mission and ministry. Your gift designated "**Debt Reduction**" will be doubled! (Debt Reduction is a listed option in our online giving service. See [pv-umc.org/give](http://pv-umc.org/give) for details on online giving.) Our opportunity to *Double Down on Debt* concludes **March 31**.

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## Online Giving Now Available

You may now give online using **bank draft, debit, or credit card**. You may give on a one-time basis, or set up a recurring gift schedule. To avoid having the church pay debit/credit card merchant fees (2.75% - 3.50% of your gift) consider using the **free bill payer feature** available on most bank accounts. See [pv-umc.org/give](http://pv-umc.org/give) for details (with links) on these and other ways to give.

Ready to go to the online giving page? Scan this QR code with your smartphone:



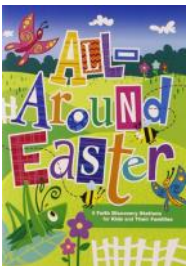
## United Methodist Women News

On Sunday, February 22 the UMW celebrated our first United Methodist Women Recognition Sunday. Past president pins were presented to **Delores Harison** and **Ann Cook**. It is customary for the UMW to present special mission recognition pins to those who have made a difference in the lives of others. Our honored recipients were **Ann Cook** for her tireless volunteer work in many different areas at PVUMC, **Mary Lil McClure** for her life-long commitment to UMW and **Debi Russillo** as volunteer leader to “Home Again St. John’s” food sharing program.

On Monday, March 23 the United Methodist Women will celebrate our 146th birthday. The UMW began with 8 women in Boston and we now have approximately 800,000 in membership. We are honored to be part of this tremendous organization.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, **March 21** in the church foyer from 10:00am - noon. A nursery is available, but please note that reservations are required due Wednesday, March 18. They can be made through **Corine Garrison** at 616-2351 or email **Jo Miller**, [jo.miller@pv-umc.org](mailto:jo.miller@pv-umc.org). **Kay Lawson** will be our guest and will speak to us about our fall pecan sale. As a special treat, the lovely kneelers which are being stitched at this time will be on display at the altar railing. Remember, ALL women are most cordially welcomed!

## All Around Easter



Join us at *Connections* worship on **Palm Sunday, March 29** at **6:30pm** for **All Around Easter**. All Around Easter is a faith discovery Easter walk for families of all ages. Jesus’ footsteps were marked on Earth long ago, but they continue to lead us today. Come, and we will walk together through six interactive stations that celebrate the story of Easter. Brought to you by PVUMC’s Children’s Ministry.



### On A Musical Note

#### **Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

#### **Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

### Children's Corner

#### C.I.A. (Children In Action)

C.I.A. PLAYS did a fantastic job playing the bells at both services on February 8. Starting in March C.I.A. PLAYS will be preparing a skit for our annual church-wide variety show! 😊

Bring your sack dinner and join C.I.A. as we spend March discovering the "I AM" sayings of Jesus! C.I.A. is participating in our church-wide study going on now. We meet at 6:00pm.

There will be no C.I.A. on March 18 due to spring break.

### Kingdom Kids

**TEACHERS NEEDED!** Email [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) today to become a Kingdom Kid volunteer! Just 45 minutes once per month teaching Sunday morning in Kingdom Kids provides you a tremendous opportunity to get to know the children in our church and their wonderful parents. I promise you your faith will grow while growing the faith of our children.

### Easter Egg Hunt and Block Party, Saturday, April 4th 4-6 pm

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 come out and participate in this joyous Easter event filled with fellowship with our church family and our community.

**Volunteers are needed** for set-up, hospitality & food, egg hunt, craft/game stations and clean up. Please email **Jenn Smith** at [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) if you can assist in any way! \*\*We are also looking for folks to donate 1-2 dozen filled plastic eggs for the egg hunt (please do not fill eggs with chocolate... it melts).

### Mark Your Calendars!

All the joy, excitement, music and good times of **Vacation Bible School** are coming to PVUMC **June 22 – 26<sup>th</sup>**! Sign up online today to be a part of this amazing summer event.

### Abundant Blessings!

- ✓ Super job C.I.A making and sending **Valentines cards** in February! Way to serve!
- ✓ Thank you to the **women's Bible study** group for donating **110** new and gently loved stuffed animals for Blessings in a Backpack.
- ✓ Thank you **Nancy Mingus** for making the beautiful Easter quilt to hang next to Children's ministry upstairs! And for making the chair covers for our Kingdom Kids children's bulletin bags that will soon be hanging in the Sanctuary.



## Round Of Applause

- 👍 For **Renee Reimer** and **Mindy Waters** and all of their help coordinating, planning, staffing, and completing our annual Pink Flamingo Fundraiser!
- 👍 For our church family and friends who supported our student ministry summer mission trips by participating in the Pink Flamingo Fundraiser. Thanks to you we raised over \$2,000!

## Upcoming Events:

**Sign up to Provide Sunday Night Dinners!** A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to provide dinners this spring and summer. We are currently signing up dinner providers for March and beyond. This is a great way to support our youth ministry! Check out this link [tinyurl.com/qa2ypnr](http://tinyurl.com/qa2ypnr) to sign up or talk to Kelly!

**PARENT MEETING!** Sunday, March 8. We will hold our quarterly parent meeting from 5:00 - 6:00pm in the worship room (210-211). You are also encouraged to stay after the meeting for dinner and *Connections* worship.

**Gender Retreats!** March 27-29. Beginning Friday evening, we will meet at the church at 5:00pm. Our guys will be traveling to a home on the Suwanee River and our girls will be heading to a resort home in central Florida. This will be a weekend full of retreating, worshipping, fellowshiping and learning about all of the different ways in which God speaks to us! The trip total cost is \$80/person with a \$40 deposit due on Sunday, March 8.

**Annual Variety Show and Silent Auction** April 12. Mark your calendars! We will be holding our annual variety show and silent fundraiser to benefit our summer mission trips. Tickets will be on sale beginning March 22 after worship.



## *A Note From Pastor Jeff.*

I read the quote in the Times-Union the day after Ash Wednesday. **“It’s really quick and easy; you just come and go home.”** The 12-year-old was talking about a roadside opportunity to receive ashes. On the one hand, I’m *very* much in favor of taking church to the streets and I encourage everyone who does this. On the other hand, “quick and easy” is a cultural value that cuts against following Jesus. While not everything about following Jesus is long and difficult, Jesus did say, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23) That sounds neither quick nor easy.

I get the culture; I live in it every day. Even in church I hear about how it’s just too much for people to spend an hour in worship *and* another hour in a small group Bible study, or teaching the faith to children, or helping the good news of Jesus become real to youth. Jesus gets an hour a week. Quick and easy.

I hope that during this season of Lent you are in some way making a sacrifice for the sake of your relationship with Jesus. May you grow closer to the One who gave his life for you and wants to give his life to you.

May God bless you to be inconvenienced by the gospel,  
Pastor Jeff



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