

# THE WAVE



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## Spring Missions Emphasis

**May 3:** Inspiring mission focused worship and an informative **Missions Fair** set up outside under the entryway awning.

**May 10:** Another morning of worship focusing on mission as well as the opportunity to celebrate women, those who are mothers and those who are like a mother to someone, in honor of **Mother's Day**.

**May 17:** Opportunity to participate in local and global mission through a **Serve Sunday Outreach** following 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. Several new outreaches will be offered so come ready to serve! We'll be led in worship by our student/youth ministry.

## OUR MISSION:

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

## Double Down on Debt a Great Success!

What a joy to announce April 12 that we **surpassed our *Double Down on Debt* goal**, raising a grand total of **\$213,869**. Tremendous! We paid off the parsonage mortgage over two years early and have the ashes from the mortgage burning to prove it. Nearly \$156,000 goes against the sanctuary mortgage reducing the balance to \$1.8 million. At today's rates, with the addition of the former monthly parsonage payment, we can pay off the sanctuary building in 10½ years. **May God bless you for your generosity, church!** (If you'd still like to give, designate your gift "Debt Retirement.")

Celebrate your paid-in-full parsonage at a **parsonage open house** Sunday, **May 3**. See page 4 for information!



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## Upcoming Messages

May 3 **"Come and Go"** (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)

May 10 **"The Great Commandment: More Than a Helper's High"** (Matthew 22:35-40)

May 17 **Youth Sunday / Serve Day**

May 24 Pentecost **"Friendly Fire"** (Acts 2:1-21)

May 31 Trinity Sunday **"Three-in-One, One-in-Three... Huh? The Trinity"** (Romans 8:12-17)

## Missions Corner

### Serve Sunday Opportunities



On May 17 following each church service, we'll have the opportunity to put our faith in action by serving within the church and in the community. Please watch for information regarding the serve projects in upcoming bulletins. If you are interested in becoming a project leader or have a project that would benefit a ministry that you support, please contact **Sharon Kehoe** @ [sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org](mailto:sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org).

### Faithful Servant Missions Trip

**COSTA RICA**

Would you like 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 is still space available for you to be on this trip! If you have questions 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 and **Youth Ranch** in Madison County. The 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". **Our next 5th Sunday is May 31.**

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

The terms of acceptance for fallen man are repentance and faith. "Repent ye, and believe the gospel."

*Jackson X, 322.*

## Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New Members!

On April 26 we welcomed new members **Rick & Michelle Harrison** and **Jessica, Brittany and Courtney Harrison**. We look forward to serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 435 members.)

## New Member Orientation

**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 13** from **6 - 7:30pm**. Care and activities available for all ages of children and youth via nursery, C.I.A. and YCAM. Bring a snack supper if you like. Contact the office (280-5141, [susan.bowler@pv-umc.org](mailto:susan.bowler@pv-umc.org)) and let us know you're coming!

## Church Office Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers!**

The church administrative assistant, **Susan Bowler**, needs several people for various duties on a rotating schedule basis. Jobs include assembling *The Wave* newsletter, stuffing Sunday bulletins on Friday afternoons and straightening the media in the back of the chairs in the sanctuary once per week. The more people on the list of helpers the less often you are scheduled to help. If you are interested please call or email Susan Bowler, [susan.bowler@pv-umc.org](mailto:susan.bowler@pv-umc.org), 280-5141.

## PVUMC Blood Drives Save Lives!

The next **PVUMC blood drive** is **Sunday, May 3**. Appointments are available every 15 minutes from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the church parking lot. Go to [www.igiveblood.com](http://www.igiveblood.com) and click on find a blood drive, fill in the zip code, check "include mobile drives" then enter 5/03/2015 as the start date and the end date. Click on "search" and our drive will come up. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood every 56 days. We are currently in the 56 day window for our next drive, so please don't give blood between now and May 3. There is no upper age limit to donate, as long as your doctor says it is okay. Those who have visited Panama, Costa Rica and some other countries that have malaria within the past year are not eligible to donate blood.

Remember, one donation can save up to three lives. Contact **Eleanor Snite** at [eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org](mailto:eleanor.snite@pv-umc.org) if you have any questions.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

**Our thoughts and prayers** are with the family and friends of our brother, PVUMC member **Bill Frazer**. Services were held April 17 for Bill who died on Saturday, April 11. Please especially remember Anita, Bill's wife of 67 years.

# Financial Status

## General Fund Recap April 2015

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 73,754
Less Expenses	\$ 64,267
March Income/(Deficit)	\$ 9,487
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (4,101)

### Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$5,194
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$1,539
Building Fund	\$222,537
Capital Reserves	\$32,487
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2015	\$ 16,085

## April 2015 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
4/5	226	272	\$16,647	\$92	\$9,002
4/12	118	153	\$17,934	\$160	\$3,632
4/19	112	142	\$10,082	\$158	\$12
Connections	34				
4/26	117	156	\$14,685	\$114	\$13
Connections	35				

Owed on Church Facility: \$1,792,163

Owed on Parsonage: \$0

## Money Matters

### Celebrate Your Paid-in-Full Parsonage

Your parsonage family (Jeff & Jill, Abby, Sophie and Spencer Bennett) invites you to a **parsonage open house** in celebration of the church now owning the home free and clear. Drop by anytime **2:00 – 4:00pm on Sunday, May 3.**

Enter by the Fairfield gate on A1A, just south of 210. Follow the road through two stop signs, then take the next right. 9<sup>th</sup> house on the left, **136 Azalea Point Dr S**, Ponte Vedra Beach. At the gate, be prepared to identify yourself as a parishioner of the church, give your name and the address of where you're going (136 Azalea Point Dr S).

## 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.



## 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 6 & 7**). 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](http://willowcreek.com/summit) for more information.

**Let Pastor Jeff** ([jeff.bennett@pv-umc.org](mailto: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 12. 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!

## Pastor Jeff and Pastor David Returning to PVUMC

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee chair **Barry Durden** announced April 26 that our bishop is reappointing **Rev. Jeff Bennett** and **Rev. David Moenning** (half-time) to Ponte Vedra UMC for another year beginning in July. We're glad to have you back, Pastor Jeff and Pastor David!

## United Methodist Women News

Our **Saturday, May 2 United Methodist Women** meeting will begin at **10:00am** upstairs in room 207. Stephanie Harden, Development Director of the **Pace Center for Girls** will be our guest speaker and will be accompanied by one of the young ladies from the center. This promises to an interesting and heart warming program. Come and hear what a difference this center makes in the lives of these young ladies. Our clothing drive for Pace ends Saturday, May 2. Many thanks to all who donated to this mission outreach.

## Need Help With Your Technology?



**Having trouble with any of your personal technology items?** iPhone, Android, Facebook, email, laptops, etc? Bring your problems to us! The youth ministry students will be available from **12:00pm-1:30pm Sunday, May 25** to give you one-on-one time and help answer your questions, free of charge! Just bring your phone, laptop or any other technology device to church on Sunday, May 25!



### On A Musical Note

#### **Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

#### **Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

### Kingdom Kids

There will be no Kingdom Kids on Serve Sunday, May 17. Look for family and children friendly serve projects to participate in!

### Volunteers Rock!

A huge round of thank you's to all the amazing folks that participated in our 2015 Easter Events.

A HUGE Thank you to all the families that led stations during our "All Around Easter" Connections service! It was a fantastic journey through Holy Week. You all did an amazing job opening up our hearts and minds to the messages of each station.

Another HUGE round of Thank you's to all the amazing folks that made our 2015 Easter Egg Hunt and Block Party a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs and/or Easter Baskets 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!

### Vacation Bible School, June 22 - 26, 9:00am - Noon

Calling all 4 year old through rising 5th graders for VBS 2015! And Volunteers too!

It's G-FORCE Time! Time to put God's Love into Action! Come experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God.

Register TODAY on-line at [www.pv-umc.org](http://www.pv-umc.org).

### Volunteers Needed To Make VBS A Success

Crew Leaders (10 needed) Assistant Crew Leaders (10 needed) - Great opportunity for Youth and community hours; Preschool Leaders (2 needed); Picture Taker; Mission Leader; creative people to help with decorations and crafts; Assistants for various stations (4 needed), great for youth; end of week celebration volunteers for our grill out and water party on Friday!

Volunteers also needed for our outreach VBS in **Lincolnvill**! Dates are **July 21 - 23**. What a fun and rewarding service opportunity! If you have any questions, call **Jenn Smith** at 280-5141 or at [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org).

### Children's Corner

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

BRAVO! BRAVO! To all our Hee Haw actors that hosted the 2015 PVUMC Variety Show. Great job everyone!

Our last day of C.I.A. will be May 27. But we will be back in the fall! Come, bring a sack dinner and join us at 6:00pm on Wednesdays as we prepare for our final drama production (NOT to be missed on May 20 at 7pm) and celebrate the start of summer with an end of year pool party! What a way to wrap up a fabulous year.





## A Note From Pastor Jeff:

In February I mentioned during a message how much I *needed* a drone. (“Wanted” would be more accurate.) I had decided to fast from shopping for and reading reviews on gadgets during Lent. That went pretty well but guess what? Two months have passed and Lent is over. I ordered the object of my desire (the oh-so-cool Hubsan X4 H107C 2.4 gigahertz 4 channel radio controlled quadcopter with HD 2 megapixel camera) from Amazon. Ordered it on Monday and the box arrived the following Friday. Since I was so busy Saturday and Sunday I decided to wait even to open it. Finally Monday morning I opened the box and my heart sank. This drone had been used and abused and apparently represented as unopened when it was returned. Nothing for me to do but pack it up for return and order another. More waiting!

Do you ever get tired of waiting? I do. On this second go round Amazon was slow to ship my toy (I admit it; it’s a toy) so I canceled my order and asked a friend with Amazon Prime to order it for me. I hope to be flying in two or three days.

When should you wait, and when should you move? Depends. We’re always called to wait patiently on the Lord. The Bible has many stories of people who got in trouble when they ran ahead of God. Yet waiting on God doesn’t necessarily mean standing still. And when God says go we’re supposed to move out, not “wait patiently” for more favorable conditions. When to act and when to wait? The answer comes as we stay close to Christ and listen to the Spirit.

Ready to fly,  
Pastor Jeff



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