

# THE WAVE



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## *Message series Summer Exodus underway*

This month the **Summer Exodus** message series really heats up! God sends Moses back to Egypt, insisting that Pharaoh free Israel from slavery. We'll see God show up in some big ways to deliver his people. **Does God still send people on risky missions today? As we do our part, can we count on God to be there like God was there for Israel?** These questions can make you sweat! (If you're away, keep up with the messages online or via podcast and sweat remotely.)

## *New Pictorial Directory Coming*

It's time for a new pictorial directory. In hopes of making the directory useable in more ways, we're creating the directory online with **printed copy available**. Rather than making appointments with a photographer who hopes to sell us portraits, we'll be invited to upload photos of ourselves / our families. (We'll schedule some Sunday mornings where volunteers with cameras in hand will be at the ready to take your photo and upload it, if you like.) Instant Church Directory ([instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com)) is the product (and yes, there's an app for that); thank you, **Charles Lovings** ([charles.loving@pv-umc.org](mailto:charles.loving@pv-umc.org)) for organizing us. **Watch for an email from Charles this month** with instructions for uploading your own photo to include in the new church directory!

## OUR MISSION:

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



**PONTE VEDRA**  
*United Methodist Church*

## *Upcoming Messages*

Summer Exodus *message series continues*

July 5 **Dangerous Mission: God Sends Moses to Pharaoh** (Exodus 3:1-10, 4:21-23, 4:27-31)

July 12 **"Let My People Go"** (Exodus 5-7)

July 19 **"I Will Pass Over You"** (Exodus 11:1 - 12:36)

July 26 **Pharaoh's Change of Mind: Showdown at the Red Sea** (Exodus 14:1 - 15:21)

August 2 **Bread from Heaven** (Exodus 16)

## Missions Corner

### Costa Rica Mission Trip Donations Needed

On July 18 **Lanny Benson, Sharon Benson, Ann Cook, Jennie Dorsey, Janet Gardiner** and **Nancy Mink** will leave for a 7 day mission trip to Costa Rica. Listed below are items they would like to take with them. Please place your donated items in the bin provided in the foyer marked Costa Rica by **Sunday, July 12**. Thank you.

Colored pencils

Pencil sharpeners

Coloring books (may be Christian themed)

Pipe cleaners

Hot glue sticks

Acrylic paint

Yarn

Small toys for any age child (\$5 - \$10 range)

Soccer balls

Black garbage bags

Hydrocortisone Cream

Triple antibiotic cream

Bandages, especially large

Children's/Adult ibuprofen

Tylenol

### Elementary School Clothing Needed

We Need Donations of Your  
Child's Outgrown Clothing

Did you know that Ponte Vedra UMC volunteers help maintain a clothing closet at Webster Elementary School? As you prepare for the upcoming school year please consider donating your children's gently used clothing (sizes 5-12). A collection

bin is located in the future pre-school room. Please contact **Sharon Kehoe** at [sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org](mailto:sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org) for more information.

### Fly to JAARS and Back Saturday, October 10



Approximately 2,000 people groups in the world today lack a Bible translation in a language they understand. Bible translation is about offering the best resource for knowing 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.

On October 10, **Dan Thomas** will be leading a group on a **one day trip to JAARS** (located just south of Charlotte, NC) to learn about Bible translation and literacy work around the world. There are 32 seats available on the flight provided by Missionary Flights International leaving round-trip out of the St Augustine airport. The flight will leave in the morning and return that evening. The estimated donation per person will be around \$300 or less depending on the number of participants.

If you would like to learn more about this mission opportunity, contact **Dan Thomas** at [dan.thomas@pv-umc.org](mailto:dan.thomas@pv-umc.org)

## *Lending to the Poor through Kiva*

From time to time I talk about how much joy I've gotten through giving. Six years ago I discovered **the joy of lending**. I've lent money to third world entrepreneurs who farm, operate dairies, establish general stores, make shoes, expand their restaurants, sell fish and knit. I've made 40 loans totaling \$1,100 so far. (Lots of "recycling" as loans have been repaid. My investment totals \$268.)

**Oscar** lives in Concepción, Paraguay. He has a blacksmith's shop in his house and has been producing chairs and barbecue gridirons for the last three years. He delivers his products weekly to shops in the city and to some street vendors. I lent Oscar \$25 (of a total \$1,225 loan) to buy metal to continue to manufacture the products that he sells. He has repaid 54% of the loan to date.

How did I connect with Oscar and the other entrepreneurs? Through **Kiva** ([www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)), the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs around the globe. Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty.

Organizations can't lend through Kiva, only individuals. **Would you like to join me in lending some of your resources to a person or group?** Sign on with Kiva and consider joining our team, aptly named *Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church*. Our 11 team members have made 187 loans totaling \$4,725. (As money gets repaid, we get to lend it over again.) If this intrigues you, sign on! We can change the world, \$25 at a time.

– Pastor Jeff



## *United Methodist Women News*

On the evening of Friday, June 12, the United Methodist Women prepared and served food to over 70 people for the mission outreach program, Dining with Dignity, formally known as **Home Again St. Johns** in St. Augustine. Eleven UMW members along with two husbands and one youth participated in this event. This was such a heartwarming event and we all felt changed when it was over.

The next **UMW meeting** is **July 11 at 10:00am** in the church foyer. Our special guest is **Diane Machaby**, Director of Development for Home Again St. Johns. She will address the envisioned project in the early planning stage for the homeless in St. Augustine. Our church has a heart for the needy in that city as evidenced by our various mission outreaches. Come and join us as this plan is unfolded. We welcome all men, women and youth. A nursery is available with advanced reservation by July 8 and may be made through Jo Miller, [jo.miller@pv-umc.org](mailto:jo.miller@pv-umc.org).

Mark your calendars for the Autumn Tea and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 17.

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

By religion I mean the love of God and man, filling the heart and governing the life. The sure effect of this is the uniform practice of justice, mercy, and truth. *Works III, 448.*

# Financial Status

## General Fund Recap May 2015

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Tithes & Offerings   | \$ 68,606   |
| Less Expenses        | \$ 75,650   |
| May Income/(Deficit) | \$ (7,044)  |
| YTD Income/(Deficit) | \$ (12,912) |

## June 2015 Giving & Attendance

| Date | 9:30 Attendance | 11:00 Attendance | General Fund Giving | Missions Giving | Designated Giving |
|------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 6/7  | 135             | 146              | \$19,973            | \$204           | \$1,620           |
| 6/14 | 103             | 148              | \$16,155            | \$3,118         | \$1,565           |
| 6/21 | 100             | 156              | \$10,723            | \$266           | \$15              |
| 6/28 | 108             | 150              | \$15,172            | \$674           | \$120             |

### Designated Totals

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Mission Funds                   | \$7,412   |
| Enhancement Fund                | \$2,282   |
| Memorials                       | \$705     |
| Building Fund                   | \$223,737 |
| Capital Reserves                | \$32,487  |
| General Fund Needed Weekly 2015 | \$ 16,085 |

Owed on Church Facility: \$1,792,129

Owed on Parsonage: \$0

## Ponte Vedra UMC Altar Prayer Ministry

The Ponte Vedra UMC Prayer Team is expanding its ministry to include an **Altar Prayer Ministry** during both Sunday morning worship services. Trained altar prayer team members will be wearing a white ribbon on their blouse or lapel and will be available at the altar rail to pray with those who come for prayer following the sermon. **Simply extending your hands in an uncupped fashion will let the Altar Prayer Team member know that you would like them to pray with you.** Altar Prayer Team members currently include: Mary Moyes, Cecily Browning, Carol Harding, Ann Cook and Pastor David Moenning.

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## Memorial Garden - Trimming and Weeding Needed

We have a **memorial garden** located on the north side of the building at the entrance to the office. The person who used to weed and trim the plantings moved away last year and the garden is yearning for some attention. Might you be interested in adopting this patch of ground? A little TLC will go a long way! Contact Trustee **Bobbie League** 629-5073 ([bobbie.league@pv-umc.org](mailto:bobbie.league@pv-umc.org)).

## Thursday Men's Study: Unfinished

**So you believe in God. Now what?** On **July 9** the **Thursday 8am men's Bible study group** begins a six-session Bible study to rediscover the mission Christ left his followers: to change the world by proclaiming God's truth and demonstrating his incredible love. The study springs from Richard Stearns' (*The Hole in Our Gospel*) book *Unfinished* and utilizes an excellent DVD resource. Men, if you can make an hour's space on a Thursday morning, please join us!

## Blood Drive, September 27

Ponte Vedra UMC blood drive, Sunday, September 27, 9:00am - 1:00pm in the church parking lot.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

**Our thoughts and prayers** are with the family and friends of our sister in Christ, **Arlene Tinsley**, wife of Ron, mother of Scott. Services were held on Thursday, June 4 for Arlene who died on Sunday, May 31.

**Our thoughts and prayers** are with the family and friends of our brother in Christ, **Joey McLain**. Services are scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at 10:00am at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church for Joey who died on Wednesday, June 3.

**Our thoughts and prayers** are with the family and friends of our brother in Christ, **Bill Elston**, wife of Marilyn. Services were held on Friday, June 26 for Bill who died on Sunday, June 21.

## Thank you...

I would like to offer a special thank you to our church family for all your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Also, thanks so much to those who helped make Arline's service and reception such a blessing to our entire family.

-- Ron Tinsley and Family

On behalf of my entire family I want to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, flowers, food and lovely memorial reception for Betty Anne. It was a difficult time made easier by the closeness of my church family.

-- Jim Wynn and Family



*On A Musical Note*

**Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

**Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

*Children's Corner*

**VBS 2015 WAS AMAZING!**

And it is all because of our volunteers. Thank you all for being a blessing to all who attended!

We are very excited to have packed 75 school supply bags for the children attending St. Paul's School of Excellence in St. Augustine and collecting school supplies for the children in Costa Rica, who will be participating in VBS in July!

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

Summer movie night will be July 15 from 6:00 - 9:00pm in the church sanctuary.

*Kingdom Kids*



**Thank you** to everyone who has signed up to teach Kingdom Kids in July! What a blessing you will be to the children who attend and the teachers who get a month vacation.

July Kingdom Kids will be studying Baby Moses. Join us Sunday mornings as we travel through art, science, games, video to learn more.

*Summertime Family Devotions*

**At the Zoo:** A showcase for God's creativity. Hunt for five of the most bizarre animal facts. Discuss God's purpose in His specific design of each animal. Try to find an animal for each letter of the alphabet. Make an A to Z book. Talk about Adam's job to name the animals. What names would you have chosen?

**At the Beach:** Another display of God's handiwork. Build a sandcastle near the tide, on the sand. Build another one on a rock or on higher land. Discuss the wise man and the foolish man. How does that apply to us? Sing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock."

**In the Front or Backyard:** Go cloud watching. Read Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." Replicate the clouds with a cotton ball art project. Plant Sunflowers (there is still time!). Take care of it daily. Read Mark 4:30-32, the Parable of the mustard seed.

**Go RAK (Random Act of Kindness) someone:** Leave a bag of popcorn on a neighbor's door, with a note to have a great day. Treat a stranger to an ice cream or summer treat.

Thank you to Ministry-to-children.com for some of these ideas.



I pray everyone has a beautiful summer, full of joyous memories with friends and family!

--Jenn Smith



## Round Of Applause

- 👍 All of our wonderful students who helped with youth Sunday
- 👍 Our church family and friends in their willingness to allow the teens lead them in worship
- 👍 Jill Bennett for her wonderful send-a-missionary display

## 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 July and beyond. This is a great way to support our youth ministry! Contact Kelly if you want to sign up for this, or click this link! <http://tinyurl.com/kvdfqbq>

**BEACH DAYS** Every Wednesday through August 5. From noon till 4:00pm we will meet at the beach and enjoy time together. Come when you can and leave when you have to, and remember your sunscreen, towel, and water! We will begin each beach day with a devotional time at 12 noon. We are looking for parents to help chaperone our beach days. If you are interested, click this link! <http://tinyurl.com/lxmkv4c>

**Movie and Game Nights** Every Wednesday, through August 5. From 7 - 10:00pm. We will gather to play games and watch movies. Everyone needs to bring a snack or a beverage to share. We will begin each evening with a devotional time in the youth room, and then the upstairs is open to us for games (board, card, or video), movies (a list of movies to be seen this summer will be published this month), or just hang out time! We need parents to help with chaperoning and clean up. You can sign up with this link! <http://tinyurl.com/n4uhh9a>



*A Note From  
Pastor Jeff.*

Too often we're tempted to think that the seemingly small things we do don't make a difference. For two or three years Karen Trotter tended the church's little memorial garden, located just outside the office. She would come by every month or two to tend the plantings. Last year Karen and husband Roy moved to Texas. Someone has since trimmed the larger shrubs but all of a sudden I notice that the rose bushes look scraggly. As someone who walks by a couple of times a day I've suddenly realized how important this work of Karen's was. Not only to me but to all who come by the office, to those who visit the resting place of loved ones whose ashes are interred there, to anyone who just likes to walk through and listen to the little fountain.

I doubt we're fit to say what constitutes a small thing when it comes to the kingdom of God. Who knows the potential of "small things" done with great love? Something to consider when serving in the church, the community or performing a random act of kindness anywhere!

Pastor Jeff



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| Children's Minister        | Jenn Smith         |
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