

# THE WAVE



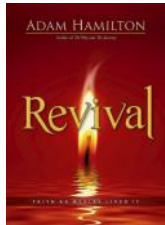
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## Church wide Study "Revival" Begins September 20



After feeling his heart "strangely warmed" by God, **John Wesley** ignited a firestorm of revival in England and America. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a **revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed.**

Small groups will join author and pastor **Adam Hamilton** for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

Get your copy of Hamilton's book **Revival** and sign up for a **small group study** Sunday!

## Mary Lil McClure to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Ponte Vedra UMC charter member and regular 11:00 worshiper **Mary Lil McClure** is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 26. We will celebrate Mary Lil with a reception the very next day, **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Please plan to stay or to return at noon for this very special occasion!

### OUR MISSION:

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



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United Methodist Church

## "Town Hall Meeting" re: Cell Tower Proposal September 13

The Trustees are calling for a **Town Hall meeting** of the congregation on **Sunday, September 13 at 6:30pm** to present a proposal to locate a **unipole cell tower** on the southeast corner of the 2.5 acre parcel purchased in 2013. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide information, answer questions, and receive feedback on the proposal. Lease of an 80x80' portion of the parcel could generate between \$1,000 to \$2,000 per month, depending on the number of antennas installed within the pole.

## Upcoming Messages

September 6 **Where Are We Headed?** (Hebrews 12:1-2)

September 13 **"The Secret of My Success" - Gideon** (Judges 6-7)

– *Begin Revival message series* –

September 20 **"Recover Your Early Love... Turn Back"** (Revelation 2:1-7)

September 27 **Part-time Christian? The Pursuit of Holiness** (1 Peter 1:13-16)

## Missions Corner

### "Change for Cuba" at Work



In the first 6 months of this year **\$544.62** was received through the *Change for Cuba* offering. **George and Loree Reed** will deliver shoes, clothes and medicine to La Sierra on September 16. **Pastor Jeff** will be going to Cuba October 23 delivering more supplies including replacement drum heads and guitar strings. If you're ready to go, let us know! We are still looking for used laptops and smart phones. Bendiciones (Blessings)

### United Methodist Women UMCOR Layette Kits

The Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women will join other UMW chapters of the NE Florida District in collection items for **layette kits** to be sent to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We invite our church family to share in this mission outreach. **Items needed are:** Cloth diapers, Undershirts & onesies (infant sizes), Washcloths (infant size), Gowns or sleepers, Diaper pins (must have protective plastic closure), Sweater and jackets (open fronts) may be knitted, crocheted or sewn, Receiving blankets (28x28 or 32x32 inches), **NO** crib blankets. Please place your donated items in the collection box in the foyer through Sunday, September 20. Thank you, church, for your support.

### Mark Your Calendars!

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home mission trip is April 2 - 3, 2016. Make your plans now to participate in this rewarding weekend trip to Enterprise.

### One Day Round Trip to JAARS

Join us **Saturday, October 10** for a one day up-close look at Bible translation and why it relies on practical support such as aircraft, boats and the internet. We will depart the St. Augustine airport and fly directly to **Waxhaw, NC**. The estimated donation cost is \$225 - \$300 per person for air transportation. Admission to JAARS is free; optional activities and meals will be additional. Please contact **Dan Thomas**, dan.thomas@pv-umc.org, 708-9040 for reservations or questions.

## *PVUMC Blood Drive*

The next PVUMC **blood drive is Sunday, September 27**. Appointments are available every 15 minutes from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the church parking lot. If there is a time slot you prefer sign up online. Go to [www.igiveblood.com](http://www.igiveblood.com) and click on Find a Blood Drive, fill in the zip code then check "Include Mobile Drives", type in 9/27/2015 as the start date and the end date and choose search. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood. 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 [nflagal@aol.com](mailto:nflagal@aol.com) if you have any questions.

## *New Member Orientation Wednesday, October 7*

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, **October 7** from **6 – 7:30pm**. Care and activities available for all ages of children and youth via nursery (with reservation), 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!

## *Online Pictorial Directory Photo Appointments*

By this time most of you would have received an email asking for a digital picture for use in the **new online member directory**. For those who received this email but do not have a digital picture to upload, you may **have a picture taken** after the 9:30am and 11:00am services on **Sunday, September 13**. Please email Charles Lovings, [charles.lovings@pv-umc.org](mailto:charles.lovings@pv-umc.org) indicating that you want your picture taken and which service you attend.

If you have not received an email requesting a picture, most likely it is because we do not have your current email address. If you have not heard from Charles, please email Charles with the email address you wish to use.

We hope to go live with our directory by the end of September and it can be accessed by a link on the PVUMC website. There are also iPhone and Android apps which allow access to the online directory. We will provide instructions for creating your password and user ids when the directory goes live. Printed directories will be made available.

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

With the rhetoric of those seeking their party's nomination for president at full steam, I (Pastor Jeff) thought you might be intrigued by John Wesley's reflection on a visit to British Parliament:

I spent two or three hours in the House of Lords. I had frequently heard that this was the most venerable assembly in England. But how was I disappointed? What is a lord but a sinner, born to die!

*Journal, VII, 46.*

# Financial Status

## General Fund Recap July 2015

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 52,210
Less Expenses	\$ 73,875
June Income/(Deficit)	\$(21,665)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$(37,806)

### Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$6,573
Enhancement Fund	\$2,282
Memorials	\$705
Building Fund	\$224,750
Capital Reserves	\$32,623
General Fund Needed Weekly 2015	\$ 16,085

## August 2015 Giving & Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
8/2	128	136	\$11,850	\$204	\$25
8/9	133	178	\$14,586	\$20	\$25
8/16	145	142	\$22,401	\$208	\$220
8/23	127	132	\$10,291	\$243	\$145

Owed on Church Facility: \$1,756,567

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## Looking for Bell Ringers



The hand bell choir will resume Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30pm and we are looking for additional ringers. Experience is not required, if you can read music, you can ring bells. If you have any questions contact **Eleanor Snite** at [nflagal@aol.com](mailto:nflagal@aol.com).

## Youth Ministry Needs Teachers

Our **youth ministry** is in need of **Sunday School Teachers!** Youth Sunday School meets during the 11:00am service every Sunday. We are looking for some committed volunteers with a heart for teens and the Bible! Volunteers work on a rotating basis, and all materials are provided.

We are also looking for new **small group leaders for Sunday night, 5:00 - 7:30pm**. If you would be willing to serve our youth in this capacity, please contact **Kelly Minter**, [kelly1.minter@pv-umc.org](mailto:kelly1.minter@pv-umc.org)

## Invitation to Christian Meditation

Do you long to fall deeper in love with God and the people in your life? Do you know how to spend time in silence just listening to God and soaking up His love? PVUMC is offering three four-week sessions offering an **introduction to Christian meditation**. The first session will meet on **Wednesday mornings at 9:00am** in room 207 beginning on September 9. (An evening session will be offered in October and an afternoon session in November.)

Margaret Fleming, a writer for 2015 Disciplines and the Assistant Attorney General for the Alabama Attorney General's Office shares from her experience of Christian meditation: "For God's power to return (the power of miracles and renewal), my own way of being present with others must undergo a transformation. I must learn to be present to the moment without boxing it in. I must learn to see people as they are without judging them, for it is judgment that closes the box on the moment. This sort of appreciative awareness lies at the heart of contemplative practice, and it is essential to my allowing God's power back in my world...For me, prayer is a time of total vulnerability and utter surrender. These qualities make this endeavor seem a little scary. But it offers me a place to go where I find my connection to a strength that is humble, gentle and yielding. In this place I can sense that I am slowly changing, becoming more and more open, like the gentle Spirit."

Be bold and join us in an introduction to a prayer practice that will change your life! Led by **Pastor Donna**.

## Revival Church Wide Study Small Groups

This fall PVUMC will be offering a wide array of small group opportunities on different days, times and locations. Each small group will be centered around the theme of our church wide study, **Revival**, based upon a book by Adam Hamilton. Check out the list below and find the time and location that best suits you. You may sign up in the church foyer or by emailing the leader of the group.

### Sunday Morning:

- 8:30am Early Questors Room 205  
Dave Schussler dave.schussler@pv-umc.org
- 9:45am Inquirers Class Room 207  
Dotty Rashba dotty.rashba@pv-umc.org
- 9:45am Discovery Group Room 209  
Davis & Karen Johnson davis.johnson@pv-umc.org
- 10:45am **New Group** Room 205  
Andy & Rita Andreu andy.andreu@pv-umc.org
- 10:45am Cornerstone Class Room 207  
Barry Durden barry.durden@pv-umc.org

### Tuesday:

- 4:30pm **New Group** - Youth Room 209  
Kelly Minter kelly.minter@pv-umc.org
- 7:00pm Traveling Tuesdays Group Various Homes  
Steven Dorsey steven.dorsey@pv-umc.org

### Wednesday:

- 6:00pm **New Group** Room 207  
Bill & Kelly Coggins bill.coggins@pv-umc.org

### Thursday:

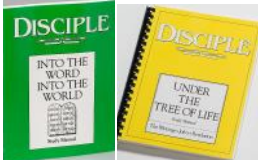
- 8:00am Men's Study Room 207  
George Reed george.reed@pv-umc.org
- 10:00am Women's Study Room 207  
Lisa Middleton lisa.middleton@pv-umc.org

### Saturday:

- 11:00am Saturday Group Room 209  
Scott Tinsley scottl.tinsley@pv-umc.org

TBA: **New Group** Nocatee

## Disciple II and Disciple IV Classes Offered



Disciple Bible study classes will begin in mid-September. George Reed will lead **Disciple II** to be offered Sunday afternoons from 4:00 - 6:00pm. If interested please contact **George Reed**, [george.reed@pv-umc.org](mailto:george.reed@pv-umc.org), 285-8796. **Disciple IV** will be led by **Valerie Brown** also on Sundays, 4:00 - 6:00pm. Please contact Valerie at 254-3390 or sign up Sunday morning.



## United Methodist Women News



It's PECAN time of year! Be watching for your order forms!

Our next **UMW meeting** is **Saturday, September 19** at 10:00am in the church foyer. We will have 3 completed kneelers on display at the altar railing in the sanctuary for you to see. Anyone who wishes to see these lovely finished kneelers is most welcome to drop by and welcome also to join our UMW meeting. Our program will feature some of the Costa Rica, Faithful Servant Mission trip team. **Sharon Benson, Ann Cook, Jennie Dorsey, Janet Gardiner** and **Nancy Mink**, all UMW members, were present on this mission trip and will tell us of their experience.

Thank you for your donations of items for the **Layette Kits for UMCOR**. We will be collecting items through Sunday, September 20. A list of items needed is available at the drop off box and in this edition of *The Wave*.



Mark your calendars! The **Autumn Tea & Silent Auction** is **Saturday, October 17** and the planning has already begun!



## Help PVUMC Serve Family Promise

Do you have a tug on your heart to serve families in need? PVUMC has joined the **Family Promise** network of churches in the Jacksonville area to provide accommodations and meals for families without homes. Family Promise provides struggling families the opportunity to become self-sufficient again. For two or three weeks during the 2016, we will host up to three families in our church for a week at a time. **We need your help!** We'll need hosts to spend the night in the church, people to interact with families, meals each evening, set up teams and bedding supplies. We will have a **training** on **Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 in room 207**. If you would like to learn more, please contact **Jill Bennett** at [jill.bennett@pv-umc.org](mailto:jill.bennett@pv-umc.org)



### On A Musical Note

#### **Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

#### **Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

## Children's Corner

### Let's Serve!

The children and staff of **St. Paul's School of Excellence** were excited to receive the school supply pouches from VBS and look forward to our continued partnership this school year.

We are currently requesting **used school and office supplies** (such as old crayons, markers, paper, paint, etc.) that our children will sort and make into classroom supply boxes for St. Paul's. We are also always looking for used children's books, used uniform clothing for k-5 grade age children and "treasure box" reward items. Thank you!

## Kingdom Kids

Make sure you take a moment and register your child online, so you will hear about all the exciting spiritual activities the Children's Ministry does throughout the year. Register at:

<https://securesite.ministrytracker.com/a.cgi?a=6sECcQJz0IJS5kveSq2BKM>

Kingdom Kids is happy to announce that we will be participating in our church wide study *Revival* beginning September 20.

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

Calling all kindergarten through fifth graders! **Children In Action (C.I.A.) is back!** Bring a snack dinner and join us every Wednesday at 6:00pm to enjoy fellowship, fun and exciting Bible themed activities. We are starting the fall season by studying God and Nature!

**C.I.A. Sings** will start back on **September 23** from 5:40-6:00pm upstairs in the youth room. C.I.A. Sings is open to all kindergarten through fifth graders that like singing and playing hand bells. We will learn the Books of the Bible Song and perform for the church on October 25 during both worship services.

## Acolytes

We are so excited to welcome back our **acolytes** to the **11:00 Traditions** service. Being an acolyte is a beautiful way for our children to serve in the church. And we are excited to welcome the newest acolytes: **Sophie Bennett, Christopher Kilpatrick** and **Taji Moss**. If your fourth through seventh grader would like to become an acolyte, please contact **Jenn Smith**, [jenn.smith@pv-umc.org](mailto:jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) for more information. We would love to have you!

## Please Pray...

Pray for all children going back to school that they will have a successful, happy, confidence building year! Also pray they will always know that God is with them everyday watching and helping them along the way.





## Round Of Applause

- 👍 All of the leaders and parents who helped with our Annual Back to School Bash
- 👍 Our new counselors and Sunday school teachers who have signed on to serve with our students!

## Upcoming Events:

**Sign up to Provide Sunday Night Dinners!** A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to provide dinners this summer. We are currently signing up dinner providers for the fall. 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>

**Anchored 2015.** Reminder, **Sunday, September 6**, the **balance for the senior high retreat is due!** Balance amount is \$50/person, with the total being \$130/person. For the event we will meet at the church at 5:00pm and leave at 5:15. Check the youth group website for your packing list.

**Connections worship is back!** **Sunday, September 20** is the first week of a very special fall connections! Right after small groups and dinner, come worship with us! Everyone is invited!

**There will be a youth Bible study along with the church wide study!** The youth ministry is forming a small group to begin **Tuesday, September 22** at 4:30pm. This group is for grades 6-12. Due to release time at the high schools, any high schoolers who need a ride from school to the church should contact Kelly!

# BIBLE STUDY

## Opportunities Abound!

Our youth ministry is in need of a few more **Sunday school teachers!** Youth Sunday School meets during the Traditions (11:00am) service every Sunday. We are looking for some committed volunteers with a heart for teens and the Bible! Volunteers work on a rotating basis, and all materials are provided. Talk to Kelly Minter ([kelly1.minter@pv-umc.org](mailto:kelly1.minter@pv-umc.org)) if you have any questions!

We are also looking for new **small group leaders** for Sunday night. If you believe you would like to serve our youth in this capacity, please contact Kelly.

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff.*

Eleven days, five states, four national parks, and 2,000 miles in a rented minivan. I'm calling it "the vacation of a lifetime." Our family of five flew to Salt Lake City and visited Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon – North Rim, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. Everything was new to our children and most of it was new to Jill and me. The natural beauty of landscapes and wildlife far different from what we know on Florida's east coast was breathtaking.

Just a few days ago I was on an early morning bicycle ride and struck by the beauty of where we live. I witnessed a "cloud scape" that rivaled the grandeur of the Grand Canyon. To watch the sun rising over the vast Atlantic Ocean is awesome. I wonder how many times I have failed to see this part of God's beautiful creation simply because I'm so used to it. For that matter, how many times have I failed to appreciate the pinnacle of God's creation, my fellow human beings?

So I'm making a point to see the splendor in nature, from grand vistas to the tiniest creatures. And to marvel at the people I encounter, each of whom is created in God's image, from the kindergartner at my kids' bus stop to the person sitting next to me in worship to the grumpy person ahead of me in line at the store. Each person loved by God, each person celebrated by God even more than the splendor a new day dawning. May God bless us to see.

Pastor Jeff



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