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Upcoming Message Series

The Time for Change Is Now **God & Your Resolution**

The new year is upon us; it's a time for setting goals and making resolutions. **Might God be at work in prompting the change we seek?** In Revelation 21 God says, "See, I am making all things new!" In our upcoming message series we'll discern our part and God's part in the most common resolutions becoming reality. **Begins January 10.**

Connections Celebration

Our final *Connections* worship service will be **Sunday, January 10** at 6:30pm. *Connections* enjoyed a four year run, launching Ash Wednesday (February 22), 2012.

The 2015 Christmas Offering

To date we have received \$13,739 through the 2015 Christmas Offering. These gifts will go to **Faithful Servant Missions - Panama** to complete and furnish a "casita" (small home) to house up to six orphan children and to **Family Promise Jacksonville** to improve facilities serving homeless families at First UMC - Jacksonville. God's blessing rest on each of you who participated in this "second mile" giving opportunity.

Upcoming Messages

January 3 **Star Gazing** (Matthew 2:1-12)

– *Begin God & Your Resolution message series* –

January 10 **Spend Less, Save More**

January 17 **Get Healthy**

January 24 **Get Organized**

January 31 **Time with Family**

February 7 **Fall in Love**

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
*United Methodist
Church*

Missions Corner

Family Promise News

Ponte Vedra UMC will host Family Promise guests the week of January 31 - February 7. For those who have attended previous trainings and those interested in learning more, we will have a **team meeting** on **Sunday, January 10 at 5:00** in the sanctuary. We will be announcing additional opportunities to support this ministry in the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing our church home with those who find themselves without a home. For additional information, contact **Jill Bennett** at jill.bennett@pv-umc.org.

Change for Cuba



The ladies in the choir loved the **gift bags** from the United Methodist Women. A much needed **table** has been built for the children's open air classroom since Pastor Jeff visited there. The Reeds will visit our Cuba sister church, La Sierra, later this month. There are opportunities for you to visit throughout the year. If you would like more information, contact **George** or **Loree Reed** at george.reed@pv-umc.org.

New Ponte Vedra T-shirts Coming for the Lenten Season

"Ponte Vedra Runners... Running the Good Race" 2 Timothy 4:6

Lent is a time we reflect on our faith journey. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, celebrates that he is running the good race for Christ. We are running for Christ in local charity runs and in our mission "runs" for BEAM, Mission House, Home Again St. John's, Family Promise and all the multitude of runs in which we serve as Christ's hands and feet. **We will preorder T-shirts in January** and have them to wear after Ash Wednesday. Let's see what blessed conversations are started as we wear our "Ponte Vedra Runners" shirts.

T-shirts can be ordered on January 10 and January 17 before and after each worship service. Ponte Vedra Runner t-shirts are tropical blue with navy design. You can see an example before ordering. The shirts are available for adults, youth and children. They may be ordered on two different fabrics; a heavyweight standard fabric or "Dri-Fit" athletic fabric. The standard fabric each shirt is **\$7.50** and the Dri-Fit is **\$10.50**. You might want to order one of each!

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home News

There will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, January 24** at **10:40am** upstairs in room 205 for everyone interested in attending the **local mission trip** to The Florida United Methodist Children's Home **April 2-3**.

Ponte Vedra UMC Blood Drive Information

The next **PVUMC blood drive** is **Sunday, January 24**, 9:00am - 12:30pm. Sign up early to get the time slot that works best for your schedule. Go to www.igiveblood.com choose find a blood drive, fill in the zip code then choose "Include Mobile Drives" type in 1/24/2016 as the start date and the end date then search. Anyone who is in good health, 17 or older 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 or other countries that have malaria within the past year are not eligible to donate blood. Please have a photo ID. Contact **Eleanor Snite**, nflagal@aol.com for information.



Cell Tower Update

At its regular November meeting the Trustees reviewed the September "town hall meeting" and the status of negotiations with NexTower to build a cell tower and decided to **stop pursuit of a tower**. The Trustees asked Church Council to affirm their decision and the Council did so at its December 17 meeting.

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, January 28** from 6 – 7:30pm. Care and activities available for all ages of children and youth via nursery (by request), C.I.A. and YCAM. Bring a snack supper if you like. Contact the office (280-5141, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) and let us know you're coming!

From a Grateful Staff

Thank you, Ponte Vedra UMC, for blessing us with a generous Christmas gift. You are always quick to share words of encouragement and now you have blessed us in this way too. You are a giving people and we are privileged to serve Christ through serving you.

– Your pastors, staff and musicians

Financial Status

General Fund Recap November 2015

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 91,953
Less Expenses	\$ 65,703
October Income/(Deficit)	\$ 26,250
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ (44,506)

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$23,512
Enhancement Fund	\$2,282
Memorials	\$2,415
Building Fund	\$200,572
Capital Reserves	\$32,779
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2015	\$ 16,085

November 2015 Giving, Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
12/6	109	174	\$17,716	\$2,820	\$1,896
Connections	22				
12/13	124	170	\$25,970	\$1,950	\$12,740
12/20	92	167	\$12,231	\$2,899	\$12,550
12/24	255	213	\$10,257	\$8,595	\$3,595
4:00 & 5:30	147				
7:00					
12/27	92	145	\$6,536	\$636	\$2,494

Owed on Church Facility: \$1,720,167

Owed on Parsonage: \$0

PLEDGE CARD 2016



In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and his church, I/we plan to give \$ _____ per _____ (week/month/year).

Prayerfully consider computing these numbers. Reporting them is optional.

This pledge represents _____% of my income*.
Giving to God's work beyond PVUMC will represent another _____% of my income*.

"Where your treasure is, your heart will be also." Matt. 6:21

Name (printed) _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for returning this card by mail or in Sunday worship. Your commitment may be revised or canceled at any time. If you have a question, please contact the church office at 280-5141.

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Money Matters

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 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:



Make a Goal for Giving in 2016

To accomplish important things over time we set goals. Have you set a goal for giving in the new year? Making a pledge to your church will help you keep yourself accountable in the financial stewardship aspect of being a follower of Jesus Christ. It also helps your church in setting its budget for the year now upon us. Cut the card from this newsletter and place it in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church. Or **make your commitment online** at pv-umc.org/pledge. May God bless you in your faithfulness!

PVUMC Organizational Structure 2016

The e-mail address of each leader and staff member is firstname.lastname@pv-umc.org

The **Church Council** provides for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church.

Ralph Snyder (Chair) '18
Charles Lovings (Lay Leader) '17
Ken Kehoe (SPRC chair) '18
Cooper Agent (Finance chair) '18
 <open> (Trustees chair) '16
Ann Cook '16 (Council on Ministries Chair)
Jo Miller (UMW rep) '16
Ian Keller (youth min rep) '18
Tucker Holland (young adult rep / Lay Member to annual conference) '18
Loree Reed (Treasurer) '18
Jeff Bennett (Pastor)

The **Committee on Finance** provides financial direction, an annual funding program, program budget, and financial reports.

Cooper Agent (Chair) '18
Ken Kehoe (SPRC Rep) '18
Loree Reed (Treasurer) '18
Nancy Mingus (Fin Sec'y) '18
Dan Thomas '18
Charles Lovings (Lay Leader) '17
Ann Cook (COM Rep) '16
Bob Spooner (Trustees Rep)
Jeff Bennett (Pastor)
Jim Larsen (Church Acct/non-voting)

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The **Staff Parish Relations Committee** guides, teaches, monitors, attends to conflict and organizes celebration of ministry of pastor, staff.

Amy Beane '18

Darell Dunn '18

Ken Kehoe '17

Bob Harding '17

Charles Lovings (Lay Leader) '17

Jeff Timm '16

June Koch '16

The **Permanent Endowment Fund Committee** administers the church's Permanent Endowment Fund.

Bob Spooner (chair) '18

Lanny Benson '17

Regis Franskousky '16

<open> (Stewardship Rep)

Alan Lovett (Finance Rep)

Carolyn Skordas (Trustees Rep)

David Moenning (assistant pastor/nonvoting)

Jim Larsen (church administrator)

The **Board of Trustees** keeps an inventory of property, maintains equipment and facilities and plans future capital needs.

Cecily Browning '18

Jay Ambler '18

Andy Andreu '18

Bobbie League '17

Randy Bringger '17

Brian Anderson '16

Ann Cook (COM Chair) '16

John Noble '16

Bob Spooner '16

The **Committee on Nominations & Leadership Development** selects and recruits people with appropriate gifts to lead the church.

Jeff Bennett (Pastor, Chair)

Randy Jordan '18

Debi Russillo '18

Bill Coggins '17

Charles Lovings (Lay Leader) '17

Carolyn Skordas '16

Catherine Timm '16

The **Council on Ministries** enables and encourages various ministries to work in concert to fulfill the mission of the church.

Ann Cook (COM Chair) '16

Charles Lovings (Lay Leader) '17

Kelly Minter (Youth)

Dotty Rashba (Small Groups)

Jenn Smith (Children)

George Reed (Missions > 50 mi)

Sharon Kehoe (Missions < 50 mi)

George Garcia (Children's Home)

Dixie Thalmueller, Sue Morris

(Shepherding)

Jo Miller (UMW)

Mary Moyes (Prayer)

David Moenning (Teaching Pastor)

Jeff Bennett (Lead Pastor)

Sunday Morning Snacks

The **snack calendar** is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the infant nursery. Please sign up and reserve the Sunday that has special meaning for you. Sunday morning snacks are available in the foyer from 10:30-11:00am and may be home made or purchased.

United Methodist Women News

The first UMW meeting of 2016 will be **Saturday, January 9** upstairs in room 207 at 10:00am. We will have a prayer breakfast followed by a planning session. Please come and join us for this special event. Bring with you your thought and suggestions as we plan for a new year.

Financial Peace University

Coming Sundays, 2:00 - 4:00pm, beginning **January 17**. Contact, **Ralph Snyder**, ralph.snyder@pv-umc.org or **Chris Chaney**, chris.chaney@pv-umc.org

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

John Wesley's "Covenant Prayer" is a prayer used for the renewal of the believer's Covenant with God. It is often recited in special worship services, but is also a wonderful expression for individuals who want to affirm their commitment to God.

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

– as used in the *Book of Offices of the British Methodist Church, 1936*



On A Musical Note

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner

Kingdom Kids

Make 2016 your year to volunteer in Kingdom Kids and teach! Teachers are NEEDED to lead both 9:30 and 11:00am services. Contact **Jenn Smith** (jenn.smith@pv-umc.org) today and say – **Yes!** I want to serve and bring the love of Jesus to the children at PVUMC!

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

*If you attended C.I.A. last January, make sure you open up your Time Capsule from last year!

C.I.A. (Children in Action) starts back on January 6 at 6:00 upstairs in rooms 201 and 203. Bring a sack dinner and come join us in celebrating the New Year!

Beginning in February we are introducing C.I.A. for younger children! Children ages 5 through 1st grade will attend from 5:00pm – 6:00 and can stay from 6:00 – 6:30 to share a sack dinner with both young and older C.I.A. Come join us Wednesday, February 3rd!

Acolytes

LEAD AN ACOLYTE!

“Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world’ (John 8:12).

The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus’ coming into our world and into our lives. The job of the Acolyte is to carry that light into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus’ coming into the presence of the worshipping community. Then at the end of the service the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere.

We are looking for leaders for our Acolyte program. If you already attend the 11:00am worship service and would like serve in this ministry, contact **Jenn Smith**.

December Thank You's

- ◆ Thank you to everyone who made the Advent Festival a joyous occasion for all!
- ◆ Thank you to all our acolytes and youth that packed craft bags for blessings in a backpack during Mission Blitz! And to our drivers that night.
- ◆ Thank you to our C.I.A. children who baked cookies for the UMW bake sale.
- ◆ Thank you to Laura, Lisa and Carol for driving C.I.A. to Vicar’s Landing for caroling. And thank you C.I.A. for bringing Christmas joy to the residents there – with your beautiful carols and bell ringing.
- ◆ Thank you to Laura Lovett for leading our “Ju-bell-ation ringers” during the Christmas Eve service!



Round Of Applause

- 👍 **Jill Bennett** for coordinating our annual youth group Christmas party! Thanks also to **Alicia Bernet, Renee Reimer, and Amy Beane** for opening their homes to our group and providing food, and thank you to **Ashley Sabol** for helping to drive.
- 👍 **Jenn Smith, Mike Smith, Jim McDonald, and Tucker Holland** for their help with the Star Wars Marathon! It was a great night!
- 👍 Everyone who helped with Mission Blitz 2015!

NOTICE! We are **changing our Sunday night meeting times!** We will be meeting from **5:00 - 7pm** on Sunday evenings for dinner, games, announcements, and small groups. We will then have fellowship and recreation time from 7-7:30. Feel free to hang out after youth group, or head home at 7 and get ready for Monday!

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 dinners from December through June! 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/kvdfqbg>

Nerf War Night Sunday, January 3. We will meet at 5pm for dinner and then commence our annual Nerf war! Bring your own Nerf gun and ammo or bring \$4 to rent from us. Invite your friends!

CONNECTIONS CELEBRATION NIGHT Sunday, January 10. We will gather for one final *Connections* worship on January 10. We will honor everyone who has served this service over the years, and celebrate our time together! 6:30pm in the sanctuary!

Tuesday Teen Bible Study We will begin meeting together again on January 12. We meet from 4:30-5:30 in room 209. This Bible study is for anyone in grades 6-12! Because of the release time for the high schools, any high school students who want to attend but need a ride should let Kelly know.

Busch Gardens Saturday, February 6. This is our annual outreach event! Bring your friends! We will travel to Tampa for a day of fun and fellowship at Busch Gardens! The total cost of the trip will be \$95/person. Deposit of \$40 is due January 10. Spaces are first come first served, so talk to your friends and get your deposits in!

Help Wanted

Our youth ministry is in need of a few more Sunday School teachers! Youth Sunday School meets 11:00am. 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 if you have any questions.

We are also looking for additional **small group leaders** for Sunday nights. If you would be willing to serve our youth in this capacity, please contact Kelly.

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

The future... Do you dread it or embrace it? Some folks are looking forward to wonderful things in the new year: a child beginning school, a child graduating, their own retirement. Others face health concerns so severe that they may not see another New Year's Eve. And then there are the many unknowns about which we might fret.

I confess that I have done more than my share of worrying. Fortunately my faith is saving me. I'm not so naive as to think that God will spare me hardship but my faith reminds me that, come what may, God holds me in the palm of his hand. I love how this verse from *Amazing Grace* puts it: "The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures." Keeping my eyes on Jesus, I'm choosing to embrace as adventure whatever comes my way. After all, the Lord has work for me to do. For you, too!

Finally this practical word from our 30th president, Calvin Coolidge: "If you see ten troubles coming down the road, you can be sure that nine will run into the ditch before they reach you." Best of all, when Jesus is with you, you won't be alone when that one trouble reaches you.

Counting on Christ, just as Christ is counting on me,
Pastor Jeff

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; **for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."** So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

– Hebrews 13:5-6



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