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Variety Show with Silent Auction, April 17



See those who sit with you Sunday mornings in a whole new light at the church wide **Variety Show** on **Sunday, April 17** 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; Pastor Jeff says please come anyway.) If you have any items to donate for the auction, please contact **Tena Schlingmann** at tenaschling@gmail.com or 914-582-2666. This is a great church wide event and we hope to see you there!

New Youth Sunday School Begins April 3

Beginning April 3 our 11:00 youth Sunday School transitions to a **youth worship service** following the same themes as the sanctuary services. **11:00 Sundays upstairs in the Youth Room!**

Visioning Retreat, Sunday, April 3

All are invited to participate in our **Youth Visioning Retreat Sunday, April 3** from **12:15 to 2:15**. We'll consider short term and long term goals and receive a progress report on our Ministry Architects Plan. Please RSVP to kellyl.minter@pv-umc.org.

Mission Fair, Sunday, April 17

Check out what in the world Ponte Vedra UMC is doing locally, nationally and internationally at our **Mission Fair**, held before and after each worship service **Sunday, April 17**.

Upcoming Messages

April 3 **Give Yourself the Benefit of Doubt** (John 20:19-31)

April 10 **The God of Second Chances** (John 21:1-19)

April 17 **Mission Mythbusters Myth: Do As You Wish** (John 21:15-24)

April 24 **Mission Mythbusters Myth: Our Convenience Matters** (2 Corinthians 11:23-28)

OUR MISSION:

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



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Missions Corner

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home News

There is still time to sign up for the local mission trip to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home April 2 - 3. There is room for an additional 5 people this trip. Don't miss this great opportunity to serve the children and staff of the FUMCH. Please contact **George Garcia**, george.garcia@pv-umc.org, 904-707-2800 for more information.

PVUMC Mission Fair Sunday, April 17

The next Ponte Vedra UMC **Mission Fair** is **Sunday, April 17** before and after each worship service. The displays will be set up to provide valuable information on all our missions; local, national and international. Discover our mission projects and partners and how you can be a part of Christ's mission for us on this earth!

FSM - Run With A Mission

Faithful Servant Missions annual **Run with a Mission** is **Saturday April 30** at 9:00am in Nocatee. This is a fun run/walk with **many family activities** in addition to the run/walk. Ponte Vedra has our own team this year and we hope you will be part of this great morning. Come to run or walk or bring a chair to cheer on our team on as they cross the finish line. **Use code pvumc for a \$3 discount!** Please register as part of PVUMC team. If possible, participants and supporters are ask to wear their Ponte Vedra Runners t- shirts.

The apostle Paul compared his life to a race toward Christ and Christ's call on his life. "In this race, everyone wins because Christ has made us his own. Circumstances may offer the opportunity to take a step back. Obstacles will appear along the pathway but we simply press on. When challenges arise and seemingly impede our progress toward being the hands and feet of Christ and responding to his calling on our lives we tie up our laces and continue to press on 'toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus'." -- Kathy Evans from Cookeville, Tennessee

Register for "Run With a Mission" at tinyurl.com/FSMrun16 and **use promo code pvumc** for a **\$3 discount!**

Family Promise News

Ponte Vedra UMC will be hosting another group of families from **Family Promise** the week of **May 15-22**. To those of you who helped to host, feed, visit, or donate time to our last group of guests, thank you! You were such a blessing to them. Once again, **we are in need of volunteers to be overnight hosts**. We are required to have both a male and a female host each night. Our guests leave early in the morning so hosts are able to leave for work or home at 6:00am or shortly after. Please prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to serve in this way. This is a BIG need, and you will be blessed by being a part of this amazing ministry. Contact **Amy Beane**, Beane_a@comcast.net or **Tena Schlingmann**, Tenaschling@gmail.com for more details.

A Note from Webster Elementary School

Pastor,

My name is Alyssa Socket and I am the new school counselor here at Webster. I wanted to thank you so much, both you and congregation, for your generosity to our students in need here at Webster. The donations of clothing, shoes, and coats is greatly appreciated and fulfilled a great need here.

We are so grateful to have amazing individuals in our community who do so much to help our students. Please reach out if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you,

Alyssa Socket

School Counselor

The Webster School

PVUMC Blood Drive, May 15

The next **PVUMC blood drive** is **Sunday, May 15**, 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.

Hart Felt Ministries Fundraiser



Hart Felt Ministries is having a Praise Band Fundraiser and **our praise band is participating!** The fundraiser will be held at The Salem Centre (7235 Bonneval Road, Jacksonville) on Saturday, April 23 from 6:00-8:00pm. Tickets are **\$10 in advance** and may be purchased through hartfelt.org.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

Salvation is carried on by “convincing grace,” usually in scripture termed “repentance,” which brings a larger measure of self-knowledge, and a farther deliverance from the heart of stone. Afterwards we experience the proper Christian salvation; whereby, “through grace” we “are saved by faith,” consisting of those two grand branches, justification and sanctification. By justification we are saved from the guilt of sin, and restored to the favour of God; by sanctification we are saved from the power and root of sin, and restored to the image of God.

– *Works III, 204.*

Financial Status

General Fund Recap February 2016

Tithes & Offerings*	\$ 64,236
*including 2016 pre-paid pledges	
Less Expenses	\$ 73,877
February Income/(Deficit)	\$ (\$9, 641)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 24,008

March 2015 Giving, Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
3/6	110	133	\$17,128	\$605	\$100
3/13	95	143	\$14,335	\$217	\$650
3/20	115	170	\$15,257	\$484	\$1,810
3/24 Holy Thursday	80		\$342	\$0	\$0
3/27	217	261	\$17,838	\$557	\$270

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$10,744
Enhancement Fund	\$1,673
Memorials	\$5,120
Building Fund	\$226,328
Capital Reserves	\$32,901
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2016	\$ 15,260

Owed on Church Facility: \$1,680,153

Money Matters

Online Giving 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.



The Walk To Emmaus

Have you participated in *The Walk to Emmaus* or similar 3-day spiritual retreat? Pastor Jeff wants to know! Please send him an email at jeff.bennett@pv-umc.org so he'll have your email address.

The United Methodist Women

At our March United Methodist Women meeting the discussion of a church cookbook covered all areas of this idea such as printing costs, profit and interest in this project. Knowing cookbooks continue to be used by some, the majority of people go online for their recipes. It was decided the cookbook would not be a profitable undertaking and the project was tabled.

The UMW Recognition Day is Sunday, April 10 at both worship services.

Our next UMW meeting is **Saturday, May 7 at 10:00am**. Please come and hear **Loree Reed** share her experiences and information about **Cuba**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Men's Fellowship Pancake Breakfast



Men and boys of Ponte Vedra UMC mark your calendars! The **Men's Fellowship** will hold a **pancake breakfast Saturday, April 9**. We will fellowship and have coffee at **8:00am** then the first round of pancakes will be served at 8:30. **George Reed** will update us on all the good things going on at **La Sierra**, our sister church in Cuba. **Please RSVP** to Randy Jordan, randy.jordan@pv-umc.org or call Susan in the church office, 280-5141.

Sunday Morning Snacks

Do you have a special event that deserves a special kind of celebration? A birthday, anniversary, a new grandchild? **Sunday morning snacks** is a great way to share your joy with your fellow church members. Snacks should be set up by 10:20am and are served between services. Please sign up on the snack calendar located on the wall outside the infant nursery.

Thank you...

Words cannot express my gratitude for all the love and support shown to me during Ron's illness and passing. Thank you for the wonderful meals, cards, phone calls and visits that were such a blessing to us, as well as your prayers that carried me (and still carry me)) through this storm. I thank God for each and every one of you who walked this walk with me, and am humbled by the love you have shown in so many ways.

Several people who attended Ron's service remarked to me that they could feel the love in our church, and I know that to be true. Jesus said, "They will know you by your love," and that is evident to guests as soon as they enter the building. I am blessed beyond measure to be part of this Body of Christ at Ponte Vedra UMC. God bless you all. -- Beverly Schaffield



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 Briefs

C.I.A. is MC'ing our annual Variety Show on Sunday, April 17! You won't want to miss this fun event. The proceeds go to raise money for our Youth Mission Trips. It will be a "Muppet" of a good time! ;-)

Bring your sack dinner and join us Wednesdays for C.I.A. Juniors at 5:00pm and Seniors 6:00pm as we prepare for the variety show and study parables of Jesus.

Kingdom Kids

Thank you to all of our dedicated teachers in Kingdom Kids!! Please consider joining this incredible ministry of teachers! Contact **Jenn Smith**, jenn.smith@pv-umc.org for more information.

Volunteers Rock!

A HUGE round of Thank you's to all the amazing folks that made our 2016 Easter Egg Hunt and Block Party a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs and/or stuffed Easter eggs. And thank you to everyone who volunteered time and energy in setting up, working and cleaning up after the event. This church is awesome and it shows!

Way To Go!

- C.I.A. made and mailed Easter cards to many of our church members to let them know we love them and to wish them a happy Easter.
- Kingdom Kids has raised \$30.00 for Heiffer International this year! That is enough to purchase a gift of honeybees! A springtime blessing.

Surf Shack VBS... June 13 - 17, 9:00am - Noon



You're invited to catch the wave of God's amazing love with Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church for Surf Shack VBS! Register today at 2016.cokesburyvbs.com/pvumc.



Round Of Applause

- 👍 Our Renovation Team members and their hard work filling our volunteer spots
- 👍 Everyone who has prayerfully considered a position serving in our youth ministry

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/kvdfqbq>

Tuesday Teen Bible Study We meet on Tuesdays at PVUMC from 4:30-5:30pm 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.

YOUTH WORSHIP BEGINS IN APRIL. Our Sunday morning Sunday School will now be a youth worship service! Our themes will mirror the church wide worship services with a slightly different format. In response to the Ministry Architects suggestions for renovating our Sunday morning youth offerings, the team has decided to provide an opportunity for our youth to worship together. By mirroring the same themes as the church as a whole we are able to keep the continuity of worship and potentially give our families some common ground talking points for the week! Come check it out beginning in April, 11:00am in the Youth Room.

Youth Ushers! We are looking for some students who like to smile! We are currently signing students up to join our weekly usher team. If you are interested, contact Kelly Minter.

Visioning Retreat Sunday, April 3 from 12:15-2:15pm we are inviting EVERYONE to the church to participate in our Youth Visioning Retreat. We will be visioning short term and long term goals, as well as hearing an update on how we are doing with our Ministry Architects Plan. Students and parents are STRONGLY encouraged to attend together. We need your voice in this process! RSVP's are needed since we will be providing lunch. Contact Kelly Minter, kelly1.minter@pv-umc.org to reserve you or your family's place.

Variety Show and Silent Auction, Sunday April 17. We will open the doors at 6pm for the silent auction and 6:30pm for the show! Want to donate something for the auction? Contact **Tena Schlingmann** (tenaschling@gmail.com). Would you like to be in the variety show? Contact **Scott Tinsley**, scott2.tinsley@pv-umc.org. Every student attending the Georgia or NYC mission trips this summer must donate to the auction and help on the day of the event. Looking to attend the show? Tickets will be on sale after church beginning April 17, and we will also sell them

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I'm reading a good little book by Ronald Greer titled, "If You Know Who You Are – You'll Know What to Do: Living with Integrity." In a brief section on self-esteem Greer talks about the desperate striving for validation so common in any arena of life. The pressure is great—to be good enough, to fit in, to excel in some relatively shallow way. The effect on adults is bad, but it's even worse on children, I think. Greer recalls two bumper stickers he'd seen. One read, "Childhood is brief, but its effects last a lifetime." The second offers a different perspective. Greer was in Atlanta traffic next to a lane of a half dozen motorcyclists. These weren't Hell's Angels riders but a group of Harley riders in their late 50's and beyond. He writes,

The rider on the bike just beside me had covered his helmet with little sayings, like mini bumper stickers. I would have loved it anyway, but I especially did in the setting of hearing these guys laughing and revving their engines. The message that I remember catching my eye read, "It's never too late to have a happy childhood."

Greer concludes, "Never. It's never too late."

While there's more to the abundant life than our own happiness, I pray that we would know the abundant life offered us by the risen Christ. It's never too late.

Pastor Jeff



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