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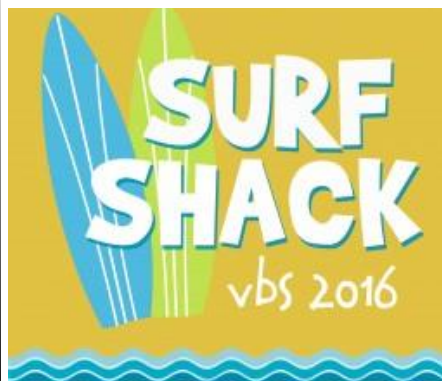
Welcome, Pastor Greg; We'll Miss You, Pastor Jeff

As announced on Sunday, April 17, the **Reverend Greg Doss** will be appointed to serve as our lead pastor effective July 1. Pastor Jeff's last Sunday will be June 19; he is being appointed senior pastor of First UMC of Stuart, Florida.

Say Cheese

Perhaps the best gift a church can give its new pastor is an **up-to-date pictorial directory**. If we don't have a photo of your smilin' mug, please email a picture of you or your family to Charles Lovings (charles.loving@pv-umc.org) by **Sunday, May 29**. (Or Charles or one of his team of photographers can take your picture in church any Sunday.) We go to print May 31. **View the directory online or via app today**; see pv-umc.org/directory/

Surf's Up for VBS, June 13-17



Join us as we discover how to surf through life with God and others at **Surf Shack; Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!** The fun runs June 13-17 from 9am - noon for ages 4 years old - completed 5th grade. To be a part of the excitement at Surf Shack, register at <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/pvumc> or contact Jenn Smith, 280-5141. Catch the wave of God's amazing love!

OUR MISSION:

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



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Upcoming Messages

May 1 *Youth Sunday* Sacrificing for Jesus

May 8 **He Ascended into Heaven... And He's Still Here** (Acts 1:1-11)

May 15 **Joy: What Life Looks Like When We Trust God** (Acts 16:16-34)

Missions Corner

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home News

Each 5th Sunday we receive a special offering for The **Florida United Methodist Children's Home** and **Madison Youth Ranch**. The Home's 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." **The next 5th Sunday is May 29.**

Change for Cuba



Our Cuba sister church, La Sierra Methodist has new ceiling fans! Pastor Bianco purchased 6 fans with the money we sent him last month. A **new projector** will be delivered to them next week. 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. Remember, all loose change in the offering each Sunday is given to our sister church La Sierra in Cuba. Small amounts of money given by many can accomplish great things.

Family Promise News

Family Promise Host week is May 15 - 22. We will host 1-3 homeless families in our church and we need YOUR help! Each person can help in some way!

Slumber Host - Always wanted to sleep in the church? We need a male and female host every evening to spend the night at the church. Give up your nice bed for just one night to allow our guests a warm, safe place to sleep instead of sleeping in a car or shelter. In by 7:00 pm and out by 5:15 am in time to get an early breakfast, get to work or go home to sleep! Air mattress provided. Contact **Tena Schlingmann** at tenaschling@gmail.com

Donate food items – Items needed for snacks at the church and at the Family promise Center during the week. Contact **Amy Beane** at beane_a@comcast.net or visit sign up genius at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4FA4AA283-family

Like to cook? Contact **Sherill Brown** about preparing a meal at sherbrown86@gmail.com. You could prepare one item or get a small group to prepare the whole meal one evening or morning!

Daytime Host - Daytime hosts needed Sunday and Saturday afternoons – 2 hour slots. Contact **Tena Schlingmann** at tenaschling@gmail.com

If you have questions please contact **Jill Bennett** at jill.bennett@pv-umc.org

BEAM Grocery Event



Thank you to all who generously contributed to our BEAM Serving Event on Sunday, April 24. Because of your efforts, we were able to fill 3 pick-up trucks and an SUV with donations and deliver them to BEAM! A special thank you to our drivers **George Garcia, Clyde Garrison and Lee Ervin** who not only donated their vehicles and time, but assisted in loading and unloading all of the donations. And thank you to **Kelly Minter and the youth** who passed out flyers to encourage the participation of Sunday morning shoppers! What a wonderful opportunity this was to not only provide for those that are in need, but also to show our love for Christ and our commitment to doing his work.

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 05/15/2016 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.

JAARS Day Rescheduled to Saturday, June 11

Due to severe storms, last fall's JAARS Day, one day trip is rescheduled to **Saturday, June 11**. Join us for a one day up-close look at how JAARS supports Bible translation and why it requires practical support such as transportation, media, information technology, construction and medical care. We will depart the St. Augustine airport and fly directly to Waxhaw, NC. The estimated donation is \$290 per person for air transportation. Admission to JAARS Day is free; approximate cost of meals is \$8 and activities \$15-25. Contact **Dan Thomas**, dan.thomas@pv-umc.org, 708-9040 for reservations or with questions.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

The best of all is, God is with us.

– Jackson, V, 547.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap March 2016

Tithes & Offerings*	\$ 72,038
*including 2016 pre-paid pledges	
Less Expenses	\$ 63,962
March Income/(Deficit)	\$ (8,076)
YTD Income/(Deficit)	\$ 32,162

April 2015 Giving, Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
4/3	114	184	\$12,072	\$833	\$120
4/10	131	153	\$12,562	\$828	\$120
4/17	128	149	\$14,091	\$211	\$120
4/24	136	124	\$15,129	\$184	\$50

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$11,388
Enhancement Fund	\$2,282
Memorials	\$5,034
Building Fund	\$227,049
Capital Reserves	\$33,037
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2016	\$ 15,260

Owed on Church Facility: \$1,672,551

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 11** 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) and let us know you're coming!

Sign up for the Pastor's Pen



Did you know PVUMC has a **weekly email newsletter**, The Pastor's Pen? This email has a weekly teaser for the upcoming Sunday message and informs you of goings on around our church. If you would like to get this email on your desktop or conveniently on your mobile device, you can sign up at <http://www.pv-umc.org/resources/pastorspen/>.

Ponte Vedra UMC Bunko Night

Everyone is invited to a night of fun, fellowship, food and prizes at our **Bunko night kickoff**, Friday, **June 3 at 6:30pm**. Don't worry if you have never played Bunko, the rules are easy and you'll be an expert in no time. The evening will start with a potluck supper, so please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided. A small donation of \$3 individual and \$8 for an entire family is requested.

The United Methodist Women

The proceeds from our Easter bake sale and the sale of Easter Crosses crafted by Bobbie League, was approximately \$400. Thank you church family for your support.

April 10 was UMW Recognition Sunday. The ladies of our organization work joyfully and willingly to expand the concept of missions. It is customary to present special recognition pins to those who have made a difference in the lives of others. This year, recognition pins were presented to Corrine Garrison and Nancy Mink. These two ladies were "Marthas" for our Autumn Tea, but rest assured they have "Hearts like Mary."

The UMW will prepare and serve dinner for Family Promise on Wednesday, May 18.

Our next meeting is May 7 at 10:00am in the church foyer. Come and join us as **Loree Reed** shares her experiences and information about **Cuba**. All are invited. A nursery is available. Email jo.miller@pv-umc.org for required reservations needed by Wednesday, May 4

In Our Thought and Prayers...

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of our brother, PVUMC member **Dod Schroter**. Services were held April 16 for Dod who died on Saturday, April 9. Please especially remember Colleen, Dod's wife of nearly 26 years.

Please remember too the family and friends of **Ruth Sheppe** who died on April 16. Ruth is the mother of member Steve Sheppe. We've had the privilege of loving Ruth for many years. Services for Ruth were held in Virginia on April 20.

Thank you...

Colleen Schroter and her family wish to express gratitude for love and support shown by PVUMC during our beloved Dod Schroter's recent illness and passing. Love of God, family, and country were the pillars of his life. Dod left an indelible mark on the world and he will be truly missed.

-- Colleen Schroter and Family



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

It's Bible Olympics Time!! Join us in May as we celebrate the upcoming summer Olympics – Bible Style!

Our last day of C.I.A. (and annual pool party offsite) will be May 25th but we return in the fall! Come bring a sack dinner and join us for C.I.A. Juniors for ages 5 through 2nd grade from 5pm – 6:30pm on Wednesdays or C.I.A Seniors for ages 3rd through 5th grade from 6pm – 7:30pm on Wednesdays.

Kingdom Kids

We are going deeper with our faith in Kingdom Kids! Under the sea deep! The sea contains many wondrous sights created by God. When we go under the sea and take a closer look, we see that the sea has much to teach us about God.

Our Muppets Are Awesome!

Thank you to all our C.I.A. juniors and seniors that participated in the Variety Show in April! You all did a fantastic job MC'ing the event and bringing the Muppets to life. And thank you to **Lisa Middleton** for making our props and keeping us running smoothly during the show!

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

Calling all 4 year old through rising 5th graders for VBS 2016! Come catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love and discover how to surf through life with God and others! **Register today** at <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/pvumc>. Call **Jenn Smith**, 280-5141 or jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

Volunteers Needed to Make VBS a Success!

YOU, the volunteer, are the reason VBS is a success! We need you to:

Cut out decorations/supplies at home	Set- Up
Assistant Director	Crew Leaders
Registration	Picture Takers
Youth Helpers	Assistants and More!

We are looking for the following props to use during VBS week.

Beach Umbrellas	Volleyball Net
Beach Chairs	Tiki Torches
Small plastic pool	Fake Palm Trees
Beach Balls (lots!)	



Round Of Applause

- 👍 Tena Schlingmann in her coordination of our Silent Auction
- 👍 Scott Tinsley for coordinating our acts
- 👍 Jenn Smith, the Children's Ministry, and all of the Muppets who emceed our show and brought smiles to everyone's faces!
- 👍 Everyone who donated, performed, or otherwise supported the church wide Variety Show and Silent Auction. Thanks to all of you, we raised over \$3,000 to help offset the cost of the youth summer mission trips!

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>

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. We will hold our last Bible Study before summer on Tuesday, May 17.

YOUTH WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. We have changed our Sunday morning Sunday School into a youth worship service. We use the same theme as our Sunday morning whole church worship service, with a slightly different format. In response to the Ministry Architects suggestions for renovating our Sunday morning youth offerings, the team has decided to bring in an opportunity for youth to worship together in the morning. By following the same themes as the rest of the worship services in our church, we are able to keep the continuity of worship, and potentially give our families some common ground talking points for the week! Come and check it out every Sunday, 11AM in the Youth Room.

Visioning Retreat result information can be found on our youth group website! Check out all of the hard work that our group did!

Youth Group Preview Night, Sunday May 22. We are inviting all of our rising 6th graders (and their parents!) out to youth group for a preview night. We will have dinner together at 5pm and then head upstairs for announcements, after which we will break up into small groups. The parents of our rising 6th graders will go to a parent session with Kelly Minter, Youth Minister, and the students will attend the middle school small group. Scheduled activities end by 7:00, with hangout time until 7:30pm.

Confirmation Celebration, May 21. We will meet at 4:30pm at Mickler's Beach for the **baptism of David and Taylor Hall.** We will then meet back at the church at 6pm for desserts, presentations and a quick walk through of the following day ceremony.

Confirmation Sunday, May 22. We will be confirming our group at both services

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.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

In 1998, when I was applying to serve as a volunteer pastor in Central America, I took a weekend course designed to help volunteers deal with the inevitable shock that comes from living in a culture foreign to your own. They call it **culture shock**. The single best thought I took from the weekend was, **“It’s not better or worse, it’s just different.”**

In June my family and I will move to Stuart, Florida where I will serve Jesus as pastor of First UMC. I know it’s still the U.S., still Florida, and still the UMC, but I also know there will be differences in church and community. I’ve been recalling that volunteer training, reminding myself to think, **“It’s not better or worse, just different.”** As Pastor Greg Doss comes to serve Jesus here, he’s bound to do some things differently. Maybe remembering “not better or worse, just different” will serve you well. (I’m hoping that the people of First – Stuart will embrace this attitude as I follow Pastor Phillip.)

A couple of folks from Stuart have shared with me that I’ll have some big shoes to fill. They’re really saying they’ve loved their pastor of 11 years, he’s done fine work. But I can only wear my own shoes. The same will be true of Pastor Greg as he becomes your lead pastor. Perhaps it would be good to celebrate that humorous French saying, **vive la différence**, literally, *long live the difference*. For with God, life is good, no matter how different.

Still wearing size 10½,
Pastor Jeff



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