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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!

Printed Directories Available Soon

We expect **printed pictorial directories** to be available as early as **Sunday, June 12** at a cost of \$5 each. And for free you may **view online or via app today**; see pv-umc.org/directory/

Reception for Pastor Jeff and Family

Pastor Jeff's last Sunday with us will be **June 19**. The United Methodist Women are hosting a **reception** for Jeff and Jill and their children immediately following each service.

Send a Note of Welcome to Pastor Greg

Would you like to send a note of welcome to Pastor Greg? Write to him at

Rev. Greg Doss
208 East 9th Ave
Havana FL 32333

or grdoss@gmail.com. Pastor Greg's first Sunday at PVUMC will be **July 3**.

Upcoming Messages

June 5 **Living with Integrity: Who Am I Now?** (Isaiah 43:18-19, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

June 12 **Living with Integrity: Building Character** (Romans 5:1-5)

June 19 **Seasons** (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

June 26 **In Christ Alone** (1 Corinthians 1:18-25, 2:1-5; Colossians 1:15-23)

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist Church

Missions Corner

Family Promise Update



Family Promise
of Jacksonville

The week of May 15 - 21, Ponte Vedra UMC hosted three families in our church through Family Promise. Four adults and six children slept on air mattresses upstairs in classrooms, ate meals here each evening and weekend mornings, enjoyed games and fellowship with the youth and children of our church, and were together as a family each night in a safe place. If you served in any way during that week, I know you were blessed. You slept on an air mattress instead of your own bed, cooked a meal, shared a meal and conversation, donated food and drink, prayed for the families, smiled, played and welcomed them warmly. Thank you for making our church their home for the week. Two of the families are in the process of moving into permanent housing. It has been a joy to serve with you in this ministry and I'm thrilled that **Cecily Browning** and **Sherrill Brown** will be the new coordinators for Family Promise. Watch for ways you can help during our next host week August 28 – September 4. -- Jill Bennett

Day Trip to JAARS

Spend a day at JAARS for an up-close look at Bible translation and why it relies on practical support like aircraft, boats, and the Internet. Join Missionary Flights International for a trip to JAARS, located just south of Charlotte, NC. We'll leave from the St. Augustine Airport, returning later the same day. Estimated donation is \$290 per person but the final cost will be determined by the number of people attending. Contact **Dan Thomas**, dan.thomas@pv-umc.org or 708-9040.

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

We celebrate another awesome 5th Sunday offering for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and Madison Youth Ranch. A total of **\$1,296** was received. Our next 5th Sunday is July 31. Good going, church!

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

In a season of mission trips, summer vacations and other travels, we would do well to remember these words of John Wesley:

I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, than in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare, unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation. This is the work which I know God has called me to. And sure I am that His blessing attends it.

– Works XXV, 616.

Be God's blessing to whomever you encounter this summer!

Wanted, PC "Expert"



Over the years, Pastor Jeff has often provided **expertise for the PC's used by the staff**. We don't think we can count on him to do this from Stuart! If you can provide assistance on an occasional basis, please let our admin assistant **Susan Bowler** (susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) know. If it's an issue that's beyond you, have no fear. We have a professional lined up whom we can pay for difficult to resolve problems.

Wanted, Network "Expert"



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Welcome Ponte Vedra UMC New Members!

On May 15 we received **Bob & Nancy Goin** into membership. On May 22 we received these new members, participants of our recent confirmation class: **Joey Altadonna, Ian Dahlin, David Hall, Taylor Hall, Natalie Lovett, Sonja Smith, Amy Waters, Jenna White and Laurel White**. On May 29 we will have received **Mitch & Meghan Bishop**. Welcome, new members! It is our joy to be serving Christ together with you! (PVUMC now has 446 members.)

Family Bunko Night & Pot Luck Dinner Friday, June 3



Bunko is a fun dice game that requires no skill; just a little luck and lots of laughs! It's fun for the entire family and this event will be a great way to get to know each other!

Pot luck dinner begins at 6:30. Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert enough for six people. Drinks are provided. There is a small cost to cover the prizes; \$3 per individual, \$8 for the family.

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



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE VBS A SUCCESS! Sign up today! You will be glad you did!

If you have any questions, call **Jenn Smith** at 280-5141 or at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org.

Financial Status

General Fund Recap April 2016

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 53,095
Less Expenses	\$ 77,744
April Income/(Deficit)	\$ (23,839)
YTD Income/(Deficit)*	\$ 8,244

*Including 2016 pre-paid pledges

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$11,556
Enhancement Fund	\$2,282
Memorials	\$5,584
Building Fund	\$227,249
Capital Reserves	\$33,037
General Fund	Needed Weekly 2016
	\$ 15,260

May 2016 Giving, Attendance

Date	9:30 Attendance	11:00 Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
5/1	115	137	\$9,367	\$54	\$420
5/8	107	142	\$10,998	\$329	\$335
5/15	85	105	\$15,966	\$549	\$0
5/22	91	161	\$12,902	\$809	\$43

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

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.



New Summer Bible Study Class

Beginning **Sunday, June 5th** our own **Pastor Dave** will be leading a **10:45** summer Bible Study upstairs in Room 207. This new group will begin by studying Galatians. All are welcome!

The United Methodist Women

The gift of the stitched kneelers will be presented, received and consecrated at both services on Sunday, June 12. This long labor of love has come to fruition. May they serve as a place for bended knee as the prayers of God's people are lifted up to Him. Those who have served as stitchers are **Dixie Thalmueller, Ann Wickersham, Nancy Mink, Tori Kingry, David Schussler, Jane Ambler and Carolyn Wheat.**

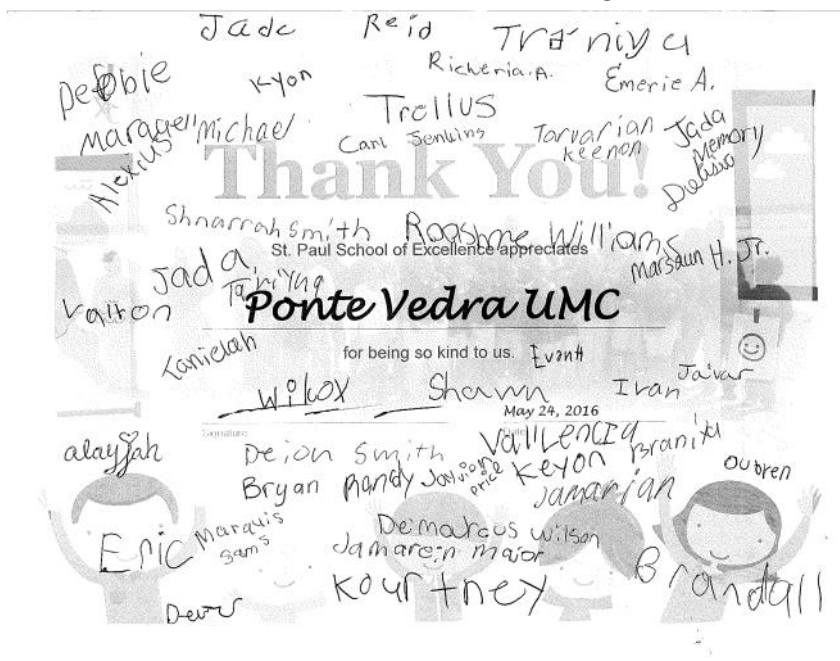
On June 19, the United Methodist Women will host a **reception for Pastor Jeff, Jill, Abby, Spencer and Sophie.** This will be Pastor Jeff's last Sunday before becoming the Senior Pastor of First UMC in Stuart, Florida. UMW is most grateful appreciation for his support of our organization throughout the years.

Our ongoing support of our service men and women **Christmas in July** will be highlighted Sunday, July 10. There will be a collection area by the elevator for items needed such as hygiene supplies, postage stamps, crossword puzzles, etc. A complete list of items is available in the collection basket by the infant nursery. There will be an insert in the July 3 bulletin with the printed list of needs. **Nancy Mingus** serves as our liaison with the group.

Our next **UMW meeting** is **Saturday, July 16** at 10:00am in the foyer. Our program will be presented by **Kaitlin Mallory** and the topic is "Domestic Violence." Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

A "Thank You" from St. Paul's School of Excellence

Jenn Smith was presented this certificate of appreciation on her last day of art class at St. Paul's School of Excellence in the Lincolnville area of St. Augustine.





On A Musical Note

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner

Many Thanks...

... to the Dad's that taught kingdom kids on Mother's Day! **Vic Bennett, Cameron Beane, Mike Dahlin, Tom Murta, Randy Bringger and David Crumrine** for teaching on both Kingdom Kids on May 8. What a blessing for the moms and treat for the kids!

Kingdom Kids

Thank You Kingdom Kids Teachers! All year Kingdom Kids runs 4 classes each Sunday! These classes have been staffed by incredible volunteers, some of which have been teaching over 5 years! **THEY NEED A BREAK! So WE NEED YOU!** We are asking parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone who loves God and children to volunteer to teach at least one Sunday in July. Full Lesson plans are provided! Just email which date and service you can teach! Dates are: July 3, 10, 17 and 24 for 9:30 & 11:00 services. Training is provided! Please sign up today! Email **Jenn Smith** at jenn.smith@pv-umc.org

AND If you see one of these Kingdom Kids teachers, make sure you tell them how much you appreciate the planning, creativity, knowledge and love that they have imparted on our children: **Mary Margaret Barbour, Amy Beane, Ken Kehoe, Nancy Noble, Yolie Macon, Lisa Middleton, Renee Reimer, Tena Schlingman, Angela Sheppe, Jenn Smith.**



C.I.A. Briefs

We have had a great season of C.I.A and even added a second C.I.A. class for younger kids in action at 5:00pm every Wednesday. Thank you all for an awesome year of praying, serving and playing! And a big thank you to our C.I.A. Volunteer - **Lisa Middleton** for volunteering your time, love and energy every Wednesday evening at C.I.A. for over 5 years!

Summertime C.I.A. Movie Nights are: June 8 & July 13 at 6:00pm at the church.

Have a fantastic summer! C.I.A. will resume August 17th.



Round Of Applause

- 👍 Laura Lovett for coordinating our Confirmation Celebration
- 👍 New Confirmands Jenna and Laurel White, Sonja Smith, Natalie Lovett, Joey Altadonna, Taylor and David Hall, Ian Dahlin, and Amy Waters
- 👍 Susan Gelb, Ruth Murta, Tucker Holland, Eric Morris, Laura Lovett, Jeff and Catherine Timm, Ashley Sabol, and Tommie Hall for committing to lead our 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/kvdfqbq>

YOUTH WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. Beginning June 1, in order to participant in the ministries of the entire church, we will be temporarily suspending our Sunday morning programming for youth. In a recent meeting of the Renovation Team, it was decided that the best way to support Pastor Jeff in his last few weeks here and Pastor Greg in his first few weeks, we will be concentrating our efforts on worshipping as a whole congregation on Sunday mornings. Youth are being encouraged to be in Sunday morning worship, either sitting together or with their families. We will resume Sunday morning programming for youth on Sunday, August 21.

Beach Days and Movie Nights are back! Starting June 1 we will be at Mickler's Landing from noon - 4:00pm for Beach day and at the church from 7-10 for movie and game nights. Come when you can and leave when you must! If coming to the beach, come up the boardwalk at Mickler's and head to the left to the first lifeguard stand, and we will be there! If coming to the church, head to the second floor!

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

Middle School Mission Trip Sunday, June 5- Saturday, June 11. We will pray our team off at worship and then meet at the church at 2PM, load the vans and head to Brunswick GA. We will return by non on June 11. Thank you to our prayer partners during this amazing experience, and keep an eye out for our blog and pictures during this amazing trip!

Costa Rica Mission Trip June 18-June 25. We will meet at PVUMC at 6:45am and travel to Orlando for our flight to San Jose Costa Rica! While there we will be working with Faithful Servant Missions in San Ramon. Thank you to our prayer partners during this amazing experience, and keep an eye out for our blog and pictures during this amazing trip!

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:

I recently told our staff how thrilled I was to learn that someone very new to our church had volunteered to be an overnight host during our recent Family Promise week. That same day I learned that on their very first Sunday a guest signed on for the new *Daniel Plan* small group. **New opportunities to serve and grow appeal to people who are new to the church.** This is part of the reason we start new small groups each fall and spring in conjunction with our twice yearly church wide study.

I've realized that one of the challenges we face is to maintain the link between study, service and actually following Jesus. A fellow pastor told me about a mission trip with youth from his church. The team comprised followers of Christ and a few teens who professed to be atheists. My friend told me he discovered that **atheists can paint as well as Christians.** Is our serving transforming the world? Is it transforming us? A parallel question: Is our study of the Bible forming us into disciples who will change the world? By God's grace may we keep the connection between following Jesus and study & service vital!

Ponte Vedra UMC's mission statement is

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

May Christ find us true to our mission.

With joy at having served as your pastor,

Jeff



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