

This week's opportunities:

Sunday, December 11

9:30a 9:30 *Alive!**

11:00a Traditions*

5:30p Youth Group

Thursday, December 15

8:00am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 12

6:00p Scout Troop 288

Tuesday, December 13

10:00a Intercessory Prayer (Room 209)

6:30p Praise Choir

7:30p Praise Band

Wednesday, December 14

6:00p Y.C.A.M. (Youth Creative Arts
Ministry)

**Please silence cell phones and
other electronic devices during
our worship.**

*Indicates childcare provided
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PONTE VEDRA
*United Methodist
Church*

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Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Tuesday - Friday
Closed Mondays

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Pastor	Jeff Bennett
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The flowers at the altar today are given by Carolee Smith in loving memory of her parents, Clyde Smith and Dorothy May Fox.

Following Children's Time kids through 5th grade are invited to enjoy 40 minutes of crafting and learning at Kingdom Kids this morning.

The morning snacks are provided by Cornerstone Sunday school class. Thank you!

The **St. Augustine Community Orchestra** will present “**A Classic Christmas**” at PVUMC **today at 3:00pm**. The music will include all-time favorites such as Leroy Anderson's “Sleigh Ride”, selections from Peter Tchaikovsky's “Nutcracker Ballet Suite”, and an audience sing-along of traditional carols, including ‘Feliz Navidad’ of “Salsa Carols” from the Caribbean and Puerto Rico. Admission is \$10 at the door; children 12 & under admitted free.

At the back of the sanctuary you'll find **The Giving Tree**, adorned with **Publix gift cards**. You are invited to take a card from the tree and have Publix “charge it up” in an amount of \$15, \$20, or \$25. Place it in the offering plate the following Sunday and we'll get the cards to BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) where staffers will distribute them to those in need of diapers, formula and food items not available in the BEAM pantry. (Please don't put more than \$25 on a single card; a gift of multiple cards is preferred.) Forget to get a card from the tree? Any grocery gift card will do!

Our pastor, staff and musicians have served us well this year. If you'd like to bless them with a monetary gift at Christmastime designate your gift “**Staff gift**” and turn it in by December 20 to the office or through the weekly offering.

Anyone who currently does not have **offering envelopes** but would like them for 2012, please sign up on the clipboard on the table at the rear of the sanctuary or you can e-mail our accountant Jim Larsen at jim.larsen@pv-umc.org. If you have been receiving envelopes but do not wish to use them, we would like to know that too.

Consider blessing your church with a **year-end gift**.

Start the new year right with your very own **name tag!** Print your name at the bottom of the prayer side of your Welcome Card; we're putting together a December order.

Needed at noon: Strong backs to clear the chancel area (includes removing the heavy modesty rails) in preparation for the 3:00pm concert. **Scott Tinsley** is leading the effort.

Shepherds are needed to man the information table for the **9:30 *Alive!*** service. It's easy and fun, just greet newcomers or other visitors and tell them what's happening at Ponte Vedra UMC. You can sign up for a specific Sunday each month or for a one-time trial. Handouts are provided on the table. If you are interested, contact Dixie Thalmueller, dixie.thalmueller@pv-umc.org.

Cleaning out your children's closets? **Homeless children** in the **St John's County School System** need your **new or gently used clothing**, particularly in size 7-14. For the next two weeks there will be a basket under the table at the infant nursery entrance for items you may wish to give. Contact **Sharon Kehoe** (sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org, 834-3765 if you would like more information on this opportunity.

Interested in joining PVUMC? Or just learning more about the church? Pastor Jeff will lead a new member orientation on Sunday, January 22 from 3:00 to 5:00pm. Please let our administrative assistant Susan Bowler know if you're coming (susan.bowler@pv-umc.org, 280-5141). With advance notice we can arrange for child-care for children younger than Kindergarten.

We'll host three traditional **Christmas Eve** candlelight services at **4:00pm**, **5:30pm** and **7:00pm**. The nursery will be available at each service. Invite a friend!

On **Christmas Day** we'll enjoy **Lessons & Carols** in a **10:00am** combined worship service. This traditional service, focusing on the prophets, brings Scripture and song together in a beautiful telling of the Christmas story.

What would you do for love? God's love has no limits. God's love is an "always" love, just as marriage is intended to be, only God's love is even greater: there's no "death do us part." God is willing to give Jesus the beloved on behalf of this fickle, unappreciative world. For love God will offer that which is most precious. Next week's message springs from Psalm 89:1-4,19-26; it's titled **Restore Us, O God: Love.**

Celebration of Worship

Traditions

December 11, 2011 **11:00am**

PRELUDE *Danny Booth*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Traditional Choir*

“When He Comes”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Cooper Agent*

FULFILLING OUR FAITH *Ralph Snyder*

**LIGHTING OF
THE ADVENT WREATH** *The Youth Counselor Family
Kelly Minter, Jenn Kocher,
Ashley Sabol, Reid Johnson, Tucker Holland*

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **211**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS **34**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **12**

***HYMN** **213**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

THE CHILDREN’S TIME *Yolie Macon*

OFFERTORY

Traditional Choir

“Gloria”

***DOXOLOGY** **95**

RESPONSIVE READING **847**

“Psalm 126”

MESSAGE *Rev. Jeff Bennett*

“Restore Us, O God: Joy”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **13**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

***SENDING FORTH HYMN** **206**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Danny Booth*

(*) The people standing (*those who are able*)

Welcome to Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church!
We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us.
It is our desire that you will feel the warmth of God’s
Spirit, and will return soon.