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Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social - July 6th

This year's Hymn Sing will feature patriotic hymns and special music from our Seasonal Chorus. Immediately following the Hymn Sing join us for an American summertime favorite - ice cream! Enjoy delicious ice cream and an array of toppings while also enjoying great fellowship. If you are interested in helping with the ice cream social, please contact **Cheryl Bradford** at 992-0196 or e-mail clbrad@comcast.net.

Come join us as we celebrate God's blessing of freedom!



PVUMC Children's Mission Month - July 2003

Ponte Vedra is a fortunate area of town. Pristine schools, shopping centers, beaches and quiet gated communities with new neighborhoods steadily developing. We know, however that right in our own back yard, here in Ponte Vedra and the other Beach communities there are people in need. Whether it be food, clothes, school supplies or even shelter, Ponte Vedra is a community growing rapidly and with that growth will come more and more economic diversity.

What better way to demonstrate a Christian heart than to offer assistance to those who cannot help themselves? How would it make a senior citizen feel, who may have no one else, to hear the innocent voices of children singing, laughing and smiling? How does it make us feel when we give without expectation of receiving anything in return; when we give for no other reason than it is the right thing to do when a fellow human being is in need? What greater lesson can we teach our children? We hope to help do just that with our Children's Mission Month July 2003.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

- to know Jesus
- to grow disciples
- to show love
- to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist
Church

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
July 9 - 9:30-11:30	July 16 - 9:30-11:30	July 23 - 9:30-11:30	July 30 - 9:30-11:30
Wrap birthday presents and make birthday cards for the Children's Home Society.	Make bag lunches and "Thinking of You" cards for those in shelters and children's day care	Paint potted plants for senior citizens	Sing to a senior

It is our hope that this will become a yearly event that will be a great service to those in need as well as spiritually rewarding for our children. Please call Denese Fields at the church office to reserve a spot for your child. If you are interested in volunteering on the Children's Council or just helping out with this event, please call **Cheryl Gillespie** at 285-0222.

Say 'Cheese'

So much of church life is about connections. Connecting people to each other and to ministry that fits their talents and spiritual gifts. There are so many times when I'm trying to describe one person to another so they can connect. It will be so nice when I can just grab a "face book" from the Welcome Desk and say, "This is her!"

Christie Crowe and **Dottie Rashba** will be taking photos of you on Sunday morning, July 13 before and after both services. No need to dress up or get a haircut; just bring your smiling face to my office where they will have set up shop. Afterwards we'll assemble the photos into a face book and make just a couple copies for church office use. To borrow a line from an old sitcom, we'll come closer to being "a place where everybody knows your name."

-Pastor Jeff

Single Again

If you are divorced or widowed, this group is for you! Come the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm to hear a guest speaker and enjoy great fellowship. This month's meeting is July 1st and the guest speaker will be our own **Brett Merrill**. Brett is an attorney and will be available to answer your questions regarding laws, situations when an attorney can best assist you, and how to find the right attorney for your needs. If you would like more information about this group contact **Nancy Nelson** by e-mail at singleagainpvb@aol.com. Come join us!

St. Johns Youth Detention Center Ministry

Our ministry at the St. John's County Detention Center is in full swing. This is a much needed outreach to the troubled youth in our county. We will be going every 4th Saturday, the time commitment is from 8:30 till about noon. Our next visit will be July 26th. If you have questions or are interested in giving this ministry a try, call our new leaders, **Max & Sue Stanley** at 285-2946.



Promotion Sunday

It's time for some of our kids to be movin' on up to the Sunday School class that reflects their new grade. They'll meet in their new classes for the first time on August 3. In both worship services that day we'll acknowledge all of our Sunday School kids, youth and adults.

Kid's Korner



Lighthouse Kids
Shining God's Light

Shining For the Lord!!!

"From the inside out, there's no doubt we are shining for the Lord!" These words are lyrics to one of the songs the kids sang during our Vacation Bible School, words certainly true of them! What an exciting week for 39 Lighthouse Kids...We had a fabulous time. Our special thanks go to the 25 adult and youth volunteers who worked tirelessly to share God's light through stories, crafts, music and snacks.

-Jill Bennett, 2003 VBS Director



On A Musical Note

The 2nd Annual Hymn Sing and Ice-Cream Social to be held July 6th. Come, join hearts and voices as we celebrate and sing the old patriotic favorites. Invite your fiends and neighbors to join the fun. After the July 6th Hymn Sing, The Seasonal Chorus will break until September 25th when we resume meeting for the Fall Season.

Contemporary Praise Choir off to a dynamic start. Rehearsals began June 12th with coffee and dessert and a great turnout. Praise Choir is open to all, we meet Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.

Arts Conference Update...A Big Thank You! To all those who donated so generously and prayed the way for our team to participate, we say thank you! Our guitar player, Scott Tinsley, shared that the Willow Creed Arts Conference "far exceeded his expectations." We plan to attend again next June and would like to encourage you to make plans now to join us.

Children's Choir will start in the Fall. Stay tuned for more information. July-Mission Month Wednesday Mornings for children Pre-K through 5th Grade 9:00am-12:00pm. Come and be a part of the fun. Sing songs and make crafts.

For Further information regarding any of the above please contact The Minister of Music Carol Zur at 280-5141 ext. 15 or e-mail carol.zur@pv-umc.org

Worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth.

Pastor's Picks

The Reverend Orrin Hall is a retired United Methodist minister who has been worshipping with us. Rev. Hall has graciously offered to do some visiting among members and constituents who can no longer attend church regularly. Unfortunately his eyesight does not permit him to drive. Might you on occasion be willing to pick up Rev. Hall from his Ponte Vedra home and drive him to the home of a shut-in, returning a bit later to pick him up? It's a practical way to be in ministry by enabling someone else to minister. (Plus, you'll enjoy the car time with Rev. Hall!) Call me at 280-5141.

Here's a *pastor's pick* for the benefit of another ministry. I mentioned crisis pregnancy centers in my June 29 message. For 21 years Jacksonville Beach Birthright has served women as a practical emergency pregnancy service. Birthright has focused on the distressed mother and her baby, helping her not feel pressured into an abortion and providing whatever particular help she needs to bring her baby to birth. This non-profit interfaith organization is looking for caring women to volunteer in staffing the center. Contact Denese in our office for a copy of the information I've received or Michelle Daly at 280-0309.

- Pastor Jeff

Office Volunteers Needed

Our Administrative Assistant, Denese Fields, will be attending a Seminar for Church Business Administrators through Emory University in Atlanta from July 14-25. During these two weeks, we will need volunteers to answer phones and do light office work. If you can help, please call Denese at 280-5141.

Attendance & Giving

June			
	Contemporary	Traditional	Giving
6/1	78	83	\$ 6,881
6/8	81	83	7,390
6/15	88	75	4,174
6/22	96	58	5,016
6/29	81	82	3,084
June Avg	85	76	\$ 5,309
Sunday School (avg. weekly)			62
Avg. weekly giving YTD			\$ 6,633

Needed weekly
(after "new church" support)
\$ 6,393*
Needed weekly
(before "new church" support)
\$ 15,685*

Designated Totals	
Building Fund	\$4,668
Missions	\$2,175
Enhancement Fund	\$5,765

*Changed due to new designation of offering funds (10% Building Fund and 10% Missions.)

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

"What? Four weeks on money? He'll preach that church down to nothing!" My experience of United Methodist churches is that you talk about money for a week or two in the fall, hand out the pledge cards, and that's all you hear about it until next fall. Jesus talks about money a lot: 16 of his 38 parables deal with money and possessions. There's plenty of wisdom in the Old Testament and elsewhere in the New Testament as well.

So much of a typical week is spent earning money, deciding how to spend money, and thinking about where to save and invest money. Everybody else tells you what to do with your money (especially advertisers!); this is an opportunity for us to listen to what God says. We'll spend four weeks beginning July 13 talking about things financial. Our church is in a good place fiscally and it's not the time of year when we ask for commitments of giving so no one has to worry about Pastor Jeff putting his hand in their pocket. 😊 Join me with open hearts and open minds as we examine this part of our lives together in my message series "Money May Talk but God Speaks Louder."
- Pastor Jeff

*Upcoming
Message
Topics:*

- July 6: **Living in a Theocracy**
- "Money May Talk but God Speaks Louder" Series*
- July 13: **Laying the Groundwork: Whose Is It Really?**
- July 20: **On Debt: Acting Your Wage**
- July 27: **How Much Should We Save?
How Much Should We Give?**
- August 3: **How Much Should We Spend?**

P.S. If you've got to be away for one or more of these weeks, consider investing \$2 and 20 minutes in the cassette tape recording of the messages, now available weekly.



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