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Worship at

Landrum Middle School on November 6

We'll celebrate the conclusion of our REALITY series off site at Landrum Middle School on **November 6** at a combined **10:30am** worship service. At 11:45 we'll dismiss to the Landrum cafeteria for a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship. It will be a great day indeed! Need directions?

Landrum Middle School is located 4 miles from PVUMC.

Traveling south on A1A,

Turn **RIGHT** onto CR-210 (Palm Valley Road).

Turn **RIGHT** at the light onto Landrum Lane.

Landrum Middle School is on the right.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes destined for hurting children all over the world will soon be winging their way from Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. Read more about this exciting way to share God's love in the *Missions Corner* of this edition of *The Wave*.



OUR MISSION:

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



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Upcoming Messages:

November 6 **"Reality: You Know God as God Works Through You"***

**off site at Landrum Middle School, 10:30am*

November 13 **"How Is Your Investing Going?"** (Matthew 25:14-30)

November 20 **"Give Thanks... In All Things?"** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

November 27 **"No Time to Sleep"** (Mark 13:24-37)

Missions Corner

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. Along with shoe box gifts, millions of children are given Gospel booklets in their own language.

Our church will once again be sponsoring this mission by filling shoe boxes for the children. Bulletin inserts on October 30 and November 6 provide details; bring your boxes to church on Sunday, November 13. For more information visit <http://www.samaritanspurse.org>.



A Heart Felt Thank You

HART FELT MINISTRIES is very grateful to receive \$1,000 from Ponte Vedra UMC. What a tremendous boost this is as we begin our second year of service to Jacksonville's frail elderly and disabled adults who need practical assistance to remain independent. Your donation enables us to continue to provide transportation to medical appointments, respite for family care givers, assistance with yard work and household chores, minor home repairs and wheelchair ramps -- all at no charge to our clients. Many of our volunteers are members of Ponte Vedra UMC, which makes your donation just that much more meaningful. Thank you for joining us in making a real difference in the lives of this valuable yet vulnerable part of our community.

Position Available

Hart Felt Ministries, Inc., has just been awarded The Community Foundation grant and is seeking candidates for a newly created part-time position called "Faith Community Liaison". The Faith in Action Hart Felt Ministries program is part of a national initiative of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and uses volunteers to perform practical tasks for frail elderly and disabled adults to help them continue to live independently. They provide, at no charge, transportation to medical appointments, help with yard work and household chores, minor home repairs and wheelchair ramps, and respite for family caregivers who care for loved ones in their homes. The Faith Community Liaison will report to and assist Jane Hart, Executive Director, in attracting, training, and managing volunteers in areas of Jacksonville where referrals are on a waiting list. For more information on Hart Felt Ministries, Inc., visit their website at hartfelt.org. To obtain a job description, e-mail Jane Hart at hartfelt@comcast.net.

From the Campaign Followup Team

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

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<i>A Journey of Faith</i> goal:	\$1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$1,308,921
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 346,183
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 446,049

Of the two "first choice" properties under consideration since last report, one seller informed us that he was unwilling to sell at this time. Some days later the seller acknowledged that he had received a bid 50% beyond the top end of the price range we'd been discussing with him. The seller has not entered into a contract with the other party but given the hike in price, that property is now second on our priority list.

The other seller has set an asking price and the Trustees have submitted a letter of intent to purchase at that price. While the letter is not legally binding, if it is signed by the seller the Trustees will be encouraged to further our evaluation of the total cost to develop the parcel. As always, the first contingency is congregational approval.

The Trustees continue to withhold the locations of properties under consideration that are not listed for sale. It is a simple matter for others to outbid us, a situation we hope to avoid.

– Your Followup Director Team: David & Patricia Branham, Jim & Sherry Banks

November 2005 Giving & Attendance



Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital
10/2	86	71	\$ 10,065	\$ 925
10/9	101	103	\$ 9,121	\$ 3,302
10/16	66	74	\$ 6,098	\$ 400
10/23	73	79	\$ 4,720	\$ 2,620

Designated Totals
Building Fund
\$ 446,049
Missions (YTD)
\$ 10,075
Enhancement Fund
\$ 4,748

Need weekly
(after "new church" support)
\$9,894

Needed weekly
(before "new church" support)
\$11,680

Youth Ministry News & Events

Ski Trip with Isle of Faith UMC

Isle of Faith's youth group has invited our youth to join them for a ski trip at Sugar Mountain Ski Resort in Boone, North Carolina. We'll depart around noon on Friday, January 13th and return Monday evening, January 16th. (Monday is the MLK Jr. holiday.) The cost for the trip is \$300 . A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due no later than Sunday, November 6th, while the remaining \$200 balance is due by the day of the trip. I am looking for adults to come along as "Big Trip" chaperons. If you would like to drive or simply accompany please let me know by Sunday, November 6th.

Adam Myers, Youth Minister

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Youth Ministry is gathering food items to create Thanksgiving care-packages for local families in need. We have a strong desire to be involved in our community's well-being, and this is a great opportunity to provide support. While we are searching for the best way to distribute these packages, we are asking for food contributions. If you would like to help us, please look over the list we have provided and bring any donations to the church by Sunday, November 20th. Items should be clearly marked as Thanksgiving Donations. Thank you for helping us assist others in our community.

Turkey, chicken, or ham gift certificates
 Aluminum roasting pan
 Stuffing mix
 Gravy mix
 Instant mashed potatoes
 Cranberry sauce
 Canned vegetables
 Canned yams or sweet potatoes
 Canned fruit
 Pie crust mix
 Pumpkin pie mix
 Apple juice or other juice



Thanksgiving
 Donations



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4

Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

Preschool Room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5

Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 5:45-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

In Hebrews 10: 23-25 God's word says , "Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the day approaching."

And the Beat Goes On...

Some fantastic leaders have stepped up to lead our varied music and drama ministries on an interim basis.

The **Cherubs** and **Children's Choirs** are being led by **Anne Torgerson** and **Jill Bennett**. They're hard at work on an original presentation for you Sunday evening, December 11. (But don't worry; you'll get to hear them in church before then!) Our youngest voices gather together on Wednesdays from 5:45 - 6:45pm.

The **Youth Creative Arts Ministry** is being led by youth minister **Adam Myers** and **Pastor Jeff**. YCAM meets Wednesdays from 5:45 - 8:00pm for recreation, a devotional, snack supper, music and drama rehearsals, and worship. It's an awesome group with room for more. 6th - 12th graders, come on out!

Scott Tinsley's the man directing the band and the **Praise Choir** too. There's room on the risers for you at the 9:00 contemporary worship service. Rehearsals are held Tuesday night from 6:30 - 7:30. Great music and great fellowship... It can all be yours each Tuesday evening and Sunday morning.

The **Traditional Choir** is back in action with **Diane Wright** at the helm. They'll be bringing us special music at the 11:15 traditional service every other week. Soprano, alto, tenor, bass or not-sure-what-you-are, come and make a joyful noise at their 7:00pm Thursday rehearsals.

And high above it all, serving in the sound booth is **Eric Charlton**. Eric is a student at Jacksonville University. Be sure to welcome him if you've not yet taken the opportunity.



Church Conference to be held November 5

Our annual church conference (Rev. Rick Neal, District Superintendent, presiding) will be held in conjunction with the church conferences of Beach, Christ - Neptune Beach, CrossRoad and Isle of Faith United Methodist Churches on Saturday, November 5, 9:00am at Beach UMC, 325 7th Ave N, Jax Beach. This is a new way of doing church conference; all

UMW Organizing at PVUMC

Fall gathering luncheon is planned for United Methodist Women on Saturday, November 12 at noon.

Hanging of the Greens

We'll decorate our sanctuary and sing the songs of the season during our festive "Hanging of the Greens" service at 7:00pm on Sunday, November 27. Got kids? Come early (5:30) to enjoy Christmas crafts with them.

Building to be Re-Keyed

The exterior doors of our church building will be re-keyed on Tuesday, November 15. If you have a key checked out and have legitimate need of a key beyond that date, please contact the church office. **New keys will be available beginning November 8**, once week in advance of the change.

A Word from Wesley

Consider these words from the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, on how to use what God has entrusted to us.

If you desire to be a faithful and a wise steward, out of that portion of your Lord's goods which he has for the present lodged in your hands, but with the right of resuming whenever it pleases him,

- (1) First, provide things needful for yourself; food to eat, raiment to put on, whatever nature moderately requires for preserving the body in health and strength.
- (2) Secondly, provide these for your wife, your children, your servants, or any others who pertain to your household.
- (3) If when this is done there be an overplus left, then "do good to them that are of the household of faith."
- (4) If there be an overplus still, "as you have opportunity, do good unto all men."

In so doing, you give all you can; nay, in a sound sense, all you have: For all that is laid out in this manner is really given to God. You "render unto God the things that are God's," not only by what you give to the poor, but also by that which you expend in providing things needful for yourself and your household.

"The Use of Money," a sermon on Luke 16:9

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Missions giving, giving to support work beyond the local church, is near and dear to my heart. I've seen wonderful results from churches pooling their resources in support of work that reaches far beyond them and I suspect that what I see is just the tip of the iceberg. In 2004 we made available \$42,500 for this kind of kingdom work: \$9,500 designated toward specific efforts and \$33,000 from tithes and offerings for a grand total that was 10% of everything received from the congregation.

To date we've received \$10,075 designated toward special mission efforts but have set aside just \$4,000 for missions from general tithes and offerings. You have been giving faithfully. The shortfall on our 10% \$47,000 goal is due in part to the greater portion of our budget that we underwrite under our sliding scale of support and in part to the greater carryover balance we'll need as we are self-supporting in 2006. If you were not already giving faithfully, I'd ask you to give more. But since you are already faithful stewards, let me ask you to join me in praying that God will provide extra funds through the end of the year to provide for work beyond our church.

-Pastor Jeff

P.S. Through our regular giving we've been supporting Habitat for Humanity, Hart Felt Ministries, Mission House, BEAM, Helping Hands Ministry, Florida U.M. Children's Home, BRIGHT Kids (Detention Center), Heifer Project International, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Mission on the Move, Mission Society for United Methodists, and First Coast Women's Services.



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