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40 days of community

Worship at

Landrum Middle School on November 5

We'll celebrate the conclusion of our *40 Days of Community* series off site at Landrum Middle School on November 5 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.

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist Church

Worship Times Changing

Effective November 12, our worship service schedule will become 9:30 Contemporary, 11:00 Traditional.

Upcoming Messages

- November 5 **"What Have We Learned"** - 10:30am at Landrum Middle School
- November 12 **"My Worryin' Days Are Over"** (Psalm 127)
- November 19 **"Giving Away What We Wanted"** (I Samuel 1)
- November 26 **"What Is Truth?"** (John 18:33-28a)

Missions Corner

Operation Christmas Child



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 missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Our church will be collecting the shoe boxes for children in need on November 12. Each box should contain simple gifts such as small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. A \$7.00 check made to Samaritan's Purse must accompany each shoe box. This donation is necessary for processing purposes. Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this mission.

Costa Rica Habitat Mission Trip

We are invited to partner with Habitat for Humanity and area churches to build three Habitat houses in the San Ramon / Bajo Tejares area of Costa Rica. Needed are 30 construction missionaries and 10 Vacation Bible School missionaries.

Dates: March 25 - April 1, 2007

Cost: \$1200

Orientation / Information Meetings:

Sunday, Nov 5, 12:30pm at Beach UMC

Tuesday, Nov 7, 7:00pm at Beach UMC

If interested contact **Rev. Tim Machtel** (249-2343, tim.machtel@beachumc.org) or **Larry Bradford** (992-1096, clbrad@comcast.net). A \$100 deposit is due by December

A Word from Wesley

A "serious man" whom John Wesley sought out told him, Sir, you wish to serve God and go to heaven? Remember that you cannot serve him alone. You must therefore find companions or make them; the Bible knows nothing of solitary religion.

The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion. A good word for us to remember as we consider the community God seeks to create among us.

"A Journey of Faith" Followup

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

A Journey of Faith goal:	\$1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$1,311,921
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 658,581
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 817,253

– Your Follow-up Director Team: David & Patricia Branham, Jim & Sherry Banks

Congress Passes IRA Rollover Legislation

In August the president signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which includes several provisions designed to promote charitable giving. Most prominent among these is a two-year IRA Charitable Rollover provision allowing persons 70-1/2 years of age and older to exclude up to \$100,000 of otherwise taxable distributions from an IRA from their gross income for a taxable year for cash gifts directly to a qualified charity, including United Methodist churches, institutions and agencies. The rollover provision applies to both traditional and Roth IRAs, but not to other retirement plans such as 401(k) or 403(b) plans. To qualify for the rollover treatment, a gift must be made directly from the IRA account to a qualified charity. This bill offers a new opportunity for charitable giving for qualified persons. You are urged to consult with your professional advisors before making any gift from you IRA.

– from an article by Tom Wilkinson, VP Development
Florida United Methodist Foundation, Inc.



The church office is open Tuesdays—Fridays from 10am—2pm.



October 2006 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital	<u>Designated Totals</u>
10/1	78	100	\$ 10,033	\$ 610	Building Fund \$ 817,253
10/8	84	95	\$ 5,739	\$ 555	Missions (YTD) \$ 7,450
10/15	100	128	\$ 11,242	\$ 2185	Enhancement Fund \$ 3,690
10/22	92	107	\$ 9,889	\$ 4745	
10/29	90	86	\$ 4,220	\$ 1140	

Needed Weekly 2006
\$10,346

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church Financial Plan 2007

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Change</u>
Missions		59,000	
Payroll & Benefits	249,273	247,450	-0.1%
Administration	14,500	16,000	+10.3%
Programs (including advertising)	40,300	44,200	+9.6%
Worship Facility			
Rent	177,000	156,000	-11.9%
Utilities, Maintenance, etc.	19,000	24,000	+26.3%
Parsonage	<u>37,900</u>	<u>37,000</u>	-2.4%
Total	537,973	583,650	+8.5%
<i>Details available upon request</i>			

New Member Orientation

Pastor Jeff will be offering a new member orientation on Sunday, November 12 from 4—6pm. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about our church and meet some other people along the way. There's no obligation to join, but the orientation is required for membership. Let the office know you're coming (280-5141); childcare available upon request.



Church Conference to be held November 19

Our annual church conference (Rev. Rick Neal, District Superintendent, presiding) will be held in conjunction with other church conferences of our area on Sunday, November 19, 7:00pm at CrossRoad Church, 10005 North Gate Parkway in Jacksonville. All are welcome to participate.



On A Musical Note

The Children's and
Youth

Cherubs Choir

Ages 3-Kindergarten

Wednesdays 5:45—6:45pm

Children's Choir

Grades 1-5

Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Worship Planning Team

The Worship Planning Team meets each Friday afternoon to, you guessed it, plan worship. Got an idea? Pass it along to **Pastor Jeff, Ada Elliott** (Contemporary), **Marilyn Elston** (Traditional), **Scott Tinsley** (Minister of Music), **Diane Wright** (Minister of Music), **Adam Myers** (Youth) or **Jill Bennett** (Children).



Giving Thanks When Times Are Hard

The first settlers in America landed in December of 1620 in Massachusetts, and within one month 10 out of the 17 fathers and husbands who were on that ship, the Mayflower, died. Within a couple months only four of the mothers and wives were alive out of the first 17 couples. And by Easter almost half of the pilgrims had died. They landed in the middle of winter without provisions, without shelter and that took a toll. It took a huge toll and yet in 1621 they celebrated and they gave thanks to God. It was amazingly difficult, amazingly difficult those first years.

On another continent about 25 years later there was a Lutheran pastor named Martin Rinkart. He lived in Eilenberg in Saxony and it was during the siege of the Thirty Years War. Eilenberg was a walled city that was surrounded by Swedes and there were 800

homes were burned, and the people within suffered from the plague, from starvation, and it got to the point where the pastors within that town, within that village were burying 12 people a day. Pretty soon the pastors themselves started to die and Martin Rinckart was the only pastor left. He was conducting 50 funerals a day, can you imagine? Fifty funerals a day. He buried over 5,000 people that year, including his own wife. When the war ended a year later in 1648 he sat down, and listen to the words that he penned:

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

This was a man who knew horrors beyond all we can think and imagine, getting on his knees and leading people in praise and thanks to our God.

—Deb Kielsmeier, "Thanksgiving," November 25, 2004, *Christ Presbyterian Church Web Site*, christpresbyterian.com.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

With Celebration Sunday, our *40 Days of Community* comes to an end. The life of our Christian community will continue to move forward. It must; it is integral to our witness to God's loving presence. When marked by faithfulness in prayer, hospitality toward each other, and a shared confidence in Christ, we are a sign of hope to the world. Our community is marked with joy as God's saving work flows out to all the world. In our life together we anticipate seeing joy, hope and love becoming real.

I echo the words of the apostle Paul who wrote to the Christian community of Philippi, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

– Philippians 1:6

Pastor Jeff



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