

THE WAVE



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Graceful Parenting with Love & Logic

In this fun and funny parenting workshop, learn how to: neutralize arguing and avoid power struggles, set and enforce limits in a loving way, get chores done without reminders, raise responsible kids, end lectures, threats and warnings, and battle sibling rivalry.

This 5-week parenting workshop begins **Wednesday, February 2**, 6:00-8:00pm (bring a snack supper if you like). \$60 for the first parent; second parent for no charge at this or a future workshop. Nursery, children (C.I.A.) and youth (YCAM) activities available. Please call or email the office (280-5141, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) to let us know to expect you!

Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 13 is Scout Sunday. To the children, youth and adults of our congregation who are involved in Scouting: **please wear your uniforms to church that day.** We want to honor you. We're delighted to be the charter organization for Scout Troop 288 and Cub Pack 291. And we're pleased to be the meeting place of Daisy Troop 1445 and Brownie Troop 29. What's more, several girls and the leaders of Junior Troop 67 are a part of our church. (There's a whole lot of scouting going on at PVUMC!) **We look forward to welcoming our scouts and their families as they join us in worship on the 13th.**

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent is late this year, beginning with Ash Wednesday on **March 9**. We will be offering a worship service at 7:00pm that evening.

Upcoming Messages

When Less Is More: Creating Space message series continues...

January 30 **Rightsizing Your Lifestyle** (Malachi 3:7-12)

February 6 **Reordering Your Finances** (Luke 16:1-13)

February 13 **Finding Professional Margin** (Exodus 18:13-24) *Scout Sunday!*

February 20 *Una Sobredosis de Fe (An Overdose of Faith)* (Judges 1-6; 11-14)

Damián Pacheco Diaz, Pastor of our sister church in La Sierra, Cuba

February 27 **A Time to Run*** (1 Corinthians 6:18) **Rated PG*

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OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist Church

Visit from Pastor Damián

We anticipate that the pastor of our sister church in La Sierra, Cuba will arrive for a visit of approximately three weeks on February 10, though his arrival date continues to be subject to change. If you are interested in **hosting Pastor Damián in your home** for a couple of days, please let George Reed know (george.reed@pv-umc.org). Damián's visit promises to be an enriching experience for all involved.

Looking for a Lasting Valentine's Day Gift for your Spouse?

How about reserving a spot for the 2011 Couple's Retreat sponsored by the Florida Conference United Methodist Men? Flowers wilt and candy gets eaten but a weekend investing in your relationship with your spouse will last forever. This year's theme is: "**As for Me and My House.**" There are two dates available, **April 29-May 1** or **May 20-22** at *United Methodist Retreat Center in Fruitland Park*. For further information, contact Cecily Browning at Cecily.Browning@pv-umc.org or 285-2648.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Snacks

Sunday morning coffee and snack time has become an important part of our PVUMC church experience. It's so warm and engaging for our first time guests to be invited to have a cup of joe and a quick snack before or after worshipping with us. And the snack table encourages our own church family to stop for a few minutes to greet and catch up on what's going on in the lives of their fellow members. Wouldn't you love the opportunity to continue this important ministry?

We are looking for teams of one family or two, three or even four families together to sign up to provide coffee and snacks for one week. Small groups could sign up for a month utilizing different people attending the small group each week. The snacks could be in celebration of an anniversary, birthday or other important occasion and the family or small group would be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin. Snacks could be simple or elaborate, homemade or purchased. Ponte Vedra UMC will supply all coffee, paper goods, supplies and lemonade mix.

Phyllis Monie and **Georgia de Roziere** will be available for questions at the hospitality table in the foyer. Won't you sign up today?

From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. *Ephesians 4:16 (TNIV)*

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, wrote,

The sympathies formed by grace far surpass those formed by nature.

Jackson, XI, 435.

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women

We are delighted to announce that **Ann Cook** has been named the new President of the United Methodist Women at PVUMC. Congratulations Ann! We thank **Vera Combs**, treasurer and **Dean Decker**, secretary for agreeing to continue in these offices this year. All three will be attending the UMW Northeast District Training Workshop on January 29 at Keystone Heights UMC.

Start setting aside those gently used articles you no longer use and would like to donate to a worthy cause. The UMW will be holding our second annual **garage sale** on **Saturday, April 30** from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the church parking lot. All proceeds will be used to fund our 2011 mission projects. Tables will also be available to rent for a fee of \$20 for those who would like to sell their own articles and keep the profit. More on the garage sale in next month's *Wave* newsletter.

UMW member **Ann Krawiec** will hold a **jewelry sale** at her home February 12 - 19 and has offered to donate a generous portion of those proceeds to our mission projects. If you would like to view her treasures, any member of our congregation, their families and friends may call her at 280-1664 to set up a convenient time.

Our next **UMW meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 19** at 10:00am. Ann Cook will begin her presidency at this meeting - let's all bring a friend to the meeting to help give her a warm welcome!

The UMW **Quilting Circle** will have a meeting on Monday, February 14 at 10:00am at the home of Marilyn Elston. If you are interested in joining, please call Marilyn for directions (223-9477). All

Disciple Alumni Needed

Many people have transferred from other United Methodist churches to our church in the past year. We would like to find out if you have taken any or all of the Disciple classes at your former church. If you have, please contact our lay leader at Cecily.Browning@pv-umc.org or 285-2648.

Beginning March 16...

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace University**, begins **Wednesday, March 16**. Through this 13-week life-changing program learn to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. Highly entertaining, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice and biblical messages. \$99 per person or couple. Nursery, children and youth activities available. **6:00 – 8:00pm**, bring a snack supper if you like. Contact the office (280-5141, susan.bowler@pv-umc.org) to register.

Financial Peace University, Continued

Financial Peace University empowers churches to train their congregations to handle God's money according to biblical principles. In each two-hour weekly session, your class will watch an entertaining lesson on DVD and then engage in an active small group discussion. Dave Ramsey teaches your church members in 13 informative lessons:

Week 1: Super Saving Proverbs 6:6–9

Common Sense for Your Dollars and Cents

Week 2: Relating With Money Matthew 6:21

Nerds and Free Spirits Unite!

Week 3: Cash Flow Planning Luke 14:28–30

The Nuts and Bolts of Budgeting

Week 4: Dumping Debt Proverbs 22:7

Breaking the Chains of Debt

Week 5 Credit Sharks In Suits Proverbs 3:27

Understanding Credit Bureaus and Collection Practices

Week 6: Buyer Beware Proverbs 10:22

The Power of Marketing on Your Buying Decisions

Week 7: Clause and Effect Proverbs 27:12

The Role of Insurance in Your Financial Plan

Week 8: That's Not Good Enough! Proverbs 11:1

How to Buy Only Big, Big Bargains

Week 9: Of Mice and Mutual Funds Proverbs 21:5

Understanding Investments

Week 10: From Fruition to Tuition Proverbs 13:22

Planning for Retirement and College

Week 11: Working In Your Strengths 1 Peter 4:10

Careers and Extra Jobs

Week 12: Real Estate and Mortgages Proverbs 24:27

Keeping the American Dream from Becoming a Nightmare

Week 13: The Great Misunderstanding Psalm 24:1

Unleashing the Power of Generous Giving

Small-Group Discussion After the class views the video each week, a volunteer coordinator will circle the chairs and lead an engaging small-group discussion. This is where genuine life-change takes place. Together, the group will walk through Dave's Seven Baby Steps toward Financial Peace. This isn't a time to pry into everyone's private situation; it's a time to sit face-to-face and knee-to-knee with other families as you work *together* toward a common goal.

Free Preview

Sunday, February 13

9:45, 10:45

Sunday, February 27

9:45, 10:45

Join PVUMC

Been thinking about joining Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church? Come to Pastor Jeff's **new member orientation** on **Sunday, February 27** from 3:00 to 5:00pm. No obligation to join if you come; some simply choose to use the opportunity to learn more about PVUMC. Please let the office know (susan.bowler@pv-umc.org, 280-5141) if you plan to be with us so we'll have materials

Lay Servant Classes Offered

March 4 & 5, 2011 is the date, Christ UMC, 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach is the place for our next **Lay Servant** training.

The *Basic* course, taught by Connie Bookholt, CLS will qualify the participant as a Local Church Lay Servant. In this course you will be encouraged to recognize and employ personal spiritual gifts for the church in order to use them as God fully intended. Students are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship.

Stewardship, will be lead by Bill Coggins, CLS. Spirited stewards go beyond financial commitments and become living examples of the gospel.

Lay Speakers Tell Stories taught by Linda Zelenka, CLS. Learn what constitutes a good story and discover your storytelling styles and practice creating stories from your own experiences.

All classes are \$30.00 (includes materials and lunch) and meet Friday, 6:30-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.. You must attend both sessions to receive credit.

The church office will have registration forms, or contact Gwen Dubé, (904) 751-4912. ggdube@comcast.net

Our Hearts Go Out to...

... the family of **Art Denning** at Art's death on January 22. Daughter Debbie Hutchinson, her husband Bobby, and their children are in our prayers.

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap as of January 24, 2011

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (97 pledges)	\$ 1,526,434
Pledges received to date (85.7%)	\$ 1,307,774
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 170,382
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 16,311
Total received to date	\$ 1,527,799

General Fund Recap December 2010

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 55,491
Expenses	\$ 50,897
Parsonage Mortgage	\$ 1,812
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$ 2,782

Building Fund Recap as of January 24, 2011

Income	\$ 13,923
Paid on Principal	\$ 205,000
Expenditures	\$ 0
Balance	\$ 75,719

January 2011 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
1/2	97	120	\$ 7,366	\$4,655	\$0
1/9	140	159	\$18,116	\$8,223	\$142
1/16	103	151	\$7,318	\$655	\$502
1/23	158	166	\$7,468	\$390	\$567

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 75,719
Memorials	\$ 11,886
Enhancement Fund	\$ 1,764
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2011	\$ 13,287

Owed on Parsonage: \$165,237 Owed on Church Facility: \$2,370,000



Campaign Followup

At 34 months into our 36-month *Building on Faith* capital campaign, we have received nearly **86%** of funds pledged. Well done, church!

In January our building loan converted to a 19-year permanent mortgage of \$2.37 million with a monthly payment of \$14,915. Last year we paid interest only on our loan (approx \$8,000 per month) from the operating budget; our challenge this year is to grow into the full payment. You will help greatly in this by fulfilling any outstanding pledge to our *Building on Faith* capital campaign which concludes next month. Your giving will help with the principal portion of the payments.

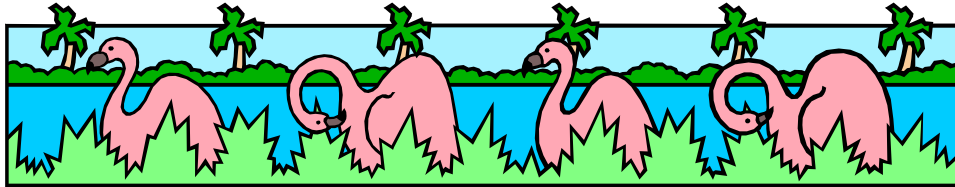
Building on Faith is on track to become an incredibly successful capital campaign in the midst of a very challenging and uncertain economic period. For this we give praise to God and thanks to you who have given and are giving so faithfully. God bless you!

Your Followup Director Team: Jim Wynn, Dave & Patricia Branham

ATTENTION!!!!!!



The Flamingos have escaped from Busch Gardens! One of the PVUMC students left the cage open during our annual January visit, and now they are migrating toward us! At the current progression, they will be landing in the Ponte Vedra Beach area on **Saturday, February 5** between 10:00 and 3:00. On that day they can land on ANY lawn they want, and they make a MESS! In order to repent for their blunder, the youth of PVUMC have been taking classes in flamingo removal, and will be willing to help you out (for a small fee!) If, on February 5, your lawn happens to be “flocked” by the flamingos, you can call the flamingo removal hotline and the youth will come out and remove them immediately (for a fee of \$20). Plus, for an additional \$3, you can choose where the flamingos go next! Or, you can bypass the potential mess all together and buy flamingo insurance for your house. For just \$25, you can rest safely knowing you will not be bothered by these pink birds. (You will be given the opportunity to purchase your insurance on Sundays after worship January 30. Or you can buy insurance by emailing kelly.minter@pv-umc.org.) All proceeds go towards the summer 2011 mission trips for middle school and high school students.



(For those who are confused: Every year we do a pink flamingo fundraiser. For 3 weeks we set up a table and people can buy insurance for \$25 (which means you WILL NOT be bothered on the day of the event) or they can write down the name of a friend (for a small fee) that they want to flock to be sent to. Then on February 5 the youth get together, most of them dressed up like flamingos, and they stand on the lawns of church members and friends. The homeowner is given a paper with a phone number on it (the flamingo removal hotline). Once they call them, the “removal team” shows up and collects the flamingos (and the removal fee of \$20). You can suggest the next place we go, too! This is a great fundraiser, and tons of fun!



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. Children In Action

Kindergarten through 5th Grade
Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm

YCAM

Grades 6-12
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir - GodSong

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner



C.I.A. (Children In Action)

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE? Not for our HEROES OF THE BIBLE! Each week in C.I.A. we are exploring the nail-biting, death defying, super hero actions of biblical characters. If you are in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade we invite you to come along for the mission each Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30. Bring your snack supper and get ready for action!

C.I.A. also welcomes our very own JUKE BOX HERO, **Scott Tinsley!** Mr. Scott joins us each week for musical madness. Look for our first public performance with him on Sunday, February 6 in both worship services!

Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids is PVUMC's Sunday morning delight for all children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. We meet during both services directly following the Children's Time. Join us for bible exploration through stories, games, art and fun!

VBS Will Soon Be Served

Stories, songs, science and sport are all on the menu this summer at the **SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ!** Make your reservations **June 27 – July 1** for VBS at the Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church campus and get prepared to carry out God's recipe as we bring celebrations of the Bible to life.

VBS MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY: This summer PVUMC has the privilege of hosting a Vacation Bible School at the Cyprian Center for Expressive Arts in the Lincolnville area of St. Augustine. The Cyprian Center is a non-profit organization that endeavors to bring art, music and enrichment to children and adults in St. Augustine and St. Johns County with a special focus on those that may not otherwise have access. In addition to serving the students at the Cyprian Center, we will also serve the children from the Homeless Coalition and the Betty Griffin House. We expect to bring the fun and excitement of Vacation Bible School to about 60 children.

This off-campus VBS will take place **Monday, July 25 through Thursday, July 28.** Please consider volunteering to help make crafts, tell stories, compose snacks, create sets, hold hands, take pictures, pray or contribute in any way that is possible for you and your family during this very special week of learning and mission. For more information about VBS or any children's programming at PVUMC contact **Anne Torgerson** at anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org.



Round Of Applause

- 👍 For Brynne Plant, who lead our Parenting and boundaries seminar
- 👍 For Rion Johnson, who was awarded Student of the Month at PVHS!
- 👍 To our new counselors, Barb Bowker, Brynne Plant, and Taylor Brill!

Upcoming Events

Pink Flamingos! Saturday, February 5. The flamingos will be landing in the Ponte Vedra Beach area. This is our first official fundraiser for the summer 2011 mission trips! See the insert in **THIS Wave** newsletter to find out more information.

Student Leadership retreat Friday, February 18- Sunday, February 20. \$95/person for the weekend! We will take part in a conference wide student leader training weekend in Orlando FL. We will leave at 5:00pm on Friday and return by 3:00pm Sunday. See Kelly or sign up on our website!

Gender Retreats! We will be taking Gender Specific retreats March 18-20! Look for info in our parent newsletter and our website for more information!

Spring Break Mission-palooza. Spring break is March 25-April 4 this year, and we will spend a few days doing mission work in our area. A few of our Foci will be: Dignity-u-Wear and the Sweet Sleep Campaign! Check out our website for more information!



Mom to Mom

Mom to Mom is a place where you can enjoy meeting other moms and listen to great speakers talking about relevant topics while your infant or preschool child is cared for in a loving, nurturing environment. Whatever your stage of motherhood, *Mom to Mom* will be there to nurture, equip and encourage you in forming relationships with God and each other. February topics will include, Feb 2 - The Peter Potential: Kids (& Parents) In Progress, Feb 9 - Practical Perspectives on Discipline, Feb 16 - Sibling Rivalry, Feb 23 - Biblical Blueprints for Family Life. Meetings are **Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30am** and childcare is available.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

I love grace.

I was 15 minutes late for a meeting of our church's Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). 15 minutes! My natural inclination is toward punctuality. I once heard a bishop advise our clergy, if you're not 10 minutes early to a meeting, you're late. I aim to be 10 minutes early. This is the only team in the church that can't meet without the pastor, so here I was holding up six people who were giving their time and effort to the church on a Sunday afternoon. And it was the first meeting of a new team!

I phoned in my estimated time of arrival. While I didn't think I'd get beaten up over this, I didn't have a leg to stand on. Here's where the grace comes in: They didn't hold my tardiness against me! I took some ribbing, having just preached that morning about the need for margin in our schedules, but there was no edge to it at all.

This is so very like God, ready to forgive our foibles and failures. Habits that have to change, God will address, just like I'd expect an SPRC to admonish a pastor who was habitually late. (Even this is grace, if you think about it.) But sometimes you're handed a *Get Out of Jail Free* card, and that feels pretty good.

Reveling in the grace of God and of my fellow Christians,
Pastor Jeff

P.S. If you're wondering why I was late, my family had been invited to a birthday party aboard *The Black Raven Pirate Ship* in St. Augustine and I wanted to be part of the fun. (And it was fun!) Thought I'd be back at 4:30pm on the dot but, well, I needed margin I didn't have. A word of advice: If you're going to be late to a meeting, wear your child's cardboard pirate hat!



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