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Trunk or Treat, October 29



Trunk
or
Treat

Something sweet and a little bit spooky is headed for the PVUMC parking lot! Trunk or Treat will be hosted by PVUMC on **October 29** from 6 – 8 pm.

There will be hotdogs, popcorn, face-painting, Halloween crafts, a bounce house, jack-o-lanterns, scarecrows and of course – car and truck trunks decked out with fun Halloween themes and candy for all of the little Trunk or Treaters! **Trunk or Treat** is both an autumn neighborhood party and a safe way for children to trick or treat by going trunk to trunk in our parking lot with all of their friends.

But **Trunk or Treat** is so much more than candy!

It is a chance to invite our neighbors to experience the warm and friendly atmosphere at PVUMC.

Everyone who attends is encouraged to bring a donation for B.E.A.M. so it is a great opportunity to fill empty pantry shelves.

Each child who Trunk or Treats will have an opportunity to tithe 10% of their loot! Their candy offering will be used to fill holiday goody bags for those less fortunate.

Grab your costumes, kids, friends and candy bags and join us for evening of tricks, treats and trunks!

Introducing Our First Ever Sunday Serve Day

Can you imagine coming to church, only to be sent into the world to serve? That's what will happen to us Sunday morning, November 6. 15 minutes to celebrate Holy Communion and we're out the door. What a fitting conclusion to our church wide study *The Hole in Our Gospel!* See the insert within to sign up for one of six serve opportunities, from feeding the homeless in downtown Jacksonville to assembling food bags for hungry people around the world. That day it will be said of us, *The church has left the building*, and that's a very good thing. Our thanks to **Bette McEvoy** and those leading the projects. Oh yes... Do plan to return to church to swap stories and enjoy a noon-time meal together!

Upcoming Messages

– Continuing The Hole In Our Gospel message series –

October 2 **Finding the Hole in Me** (Matthew 25:31-46)

October 9 **What's Wrong With This Picture?** (Luke 12:13-21; 2 Corinthians 8:1-8)

October 16 **A Hard Look at "The American Dream"** (Matthew 25:14-30)

October 23 **Uncovering the Hole in the Church** (Luke 10:25-37)

October 30 **Repairing the Hole in the World** (Luke 10:17-23)

November 6 **The Church Has Left the Building**

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OUR MISSION:

Making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



PONTE VEDRA
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Missions Corner

Operation Christmas Child



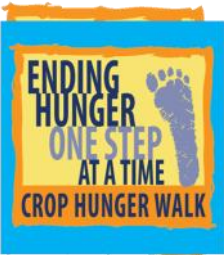
Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. Along with shoebox gifts, millions of children are given gospel booklets in their own language. Our church will once again be sponsoring this mission by filling shoeboxes for the children. National collection week is November 14-20. **Collections will be received and taken to the drop-off location on Sunday, November 20.** For more information visit <http://www.samaritanspurse.org> or contact Rita Andreu rita.andreu@pv-umc.org.

Fall 2011: Mission Trips

Haiti – A district team including PVUMC members **Jill Bennett** and **Ellen Carson** traveled to Haiti for a work project September 3 – 10. Jill will share about their experience in worship on October 2.

Mountain T.O.P. - Be praying for the team comprising **Don & Ellen Carson, Dave & Carolyn Schussler** and **Randy & Julie Bringger** who will serve the people of the mountains of Tennessee, October 6 - 9. Ellen Carson is the team leader. We're already looking forward to learning about their mission on Sunday, October 30.

Support the Crop Hunger Walk



We all care about hungry people, but what can one person do? You can join in the local **CROP Hunger Walk** to raise your voice against hunger and raise funds to help hungry people around the world and here in our own area. Twenty-five percent of proceeds go directly to supporting B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Aide Ministry). Be a walker, a sponsor or a volunteer! The walk is **October 23 at 2:00pm** at the Jacksonville Beach Sea Walk Pavilion. Contact **Sharon Kehoe** 834-3765 sharon.kehoe@pv-umc.org.

Mission House Fundraiser

Countdown to kick-off! Come celebrate the Florida/Georgia pre-game at the **Mission House** poolside fundraiser at Sawgrass Marriott on Thursday, October 27. Mission House is a day facility in the Beaches community that helps the homeless survive and return to productive, independent lives. There will be a silent and live auction, live music, food, and fun! For tickets (\$75) and details, please call 904-241-6767 or go to missionhousejax.org.

PVUMC Volunteer Opportunities

We need help with the **Sunday snacks** served in the foyer each week. You can get together with friends or make it a family project, cook up your favorite snack recipe or bring it straight from the grocery. Just check the calendar over the table in front of the nursery for open dates. Sign up on the calendar or contact **Georgia** at georgia.deroziere@pv-umc.org.

There is also a sign up sheet in the same area for **flowers** for the altar each Sunday.

Blood Drive, October 30



It's that time again! Please join us on Sunday, October 30th from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Contact **Don Carson** at **280-2893** to make an appointment. Don will be available October 2 and October 23 after both worship services in the foyer to sign up donors. Please don't wait, sign up online at www.thebloodalliance.com.

Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood every 56 days. We are currently in the 56 day window for our next drive, so **please don't give blood between now and October 30th**.

There is no upper age limit to donate, as long as your doctor says it is okay. Please help. Remember, one donation can save up to three lives. A photo ID is required to donate.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

In 18th century England Christians often organized themselves into "societies" while keeping their membership in a church. (John and brother Charles Wesley themselves were priests in the Church of England until their deaths.) Many were welcomed into the societies who never joined a church. These societies provide the context for John Wesley's remarks on the necessity of giving in proportion to our wealth. Wrote Wesley,

"These money-lovers are the pest of every Christian society. They have been the main cause of destroying every revival of religion. They will destroy *us*, if we do not put them away. A man not worth a shilling enters our society. Yet he freely gives a penny a week. Five years after, he is worth scores of pounds; he gives a penny a week still. I must think this man covetous, unless he assures me he bestows his charity some other way. For every one is covetous, whose beneficence does not increase in the same proportion as his substance."

– John Wesley. *Addenda to the Minutes of Some Conversations, 1781. Q32*

Financial Status

General Fund Recap August 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 42,052
Less Budgeted Expenses	\$ 45,590
Less Mortgage Principal	\$ 8,577
Income/(Deficit)	\$(12,116)

September 2011 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Missions Giving	Designated Giving
9/4	81	120	\$10,191	\$16	\$555
9/11	144	111	\$12,428	\$195	\$261
9/18	113	121	\$8,893	\$344	\$300
9/25	123	154	\$10,470	\$478	\$355

Designated Totals

Mission Funds	\$2,438
Enhancement Fund	\$286
Memorials	\$4,410
Building Fund	\$198,342
General Fund Needed Weekly 2011	\$ 13,287

Owed on Parsonage: \$148,727

Owed on Church Facility: \$2,315,547

Money Matters

Terry Parsons, stewardship official for the Episcopal Church, describes three kinds of giving... First is **ordinary stewardship**, the day-in, day-out giving of a portion of your time, talent and money. The second is **extraordinary stewardship**: the opportunity to make a meaningful onetime gift because of a sudden increase in your net worth. 'I think of it as a spiritual adventure, whereas ordinary stewardship is a spiritual discipline.' The last category is **legacy stewardship**, leaving 10 percent or some other portion of your estate to the church.

-Sean O'Neill

[Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, May 1999, p.101]

Welcome, New Members

We are pleased to have welcomed **Mary Moyes** (her husband is Jim), **Lanny Benson** (his wife is Sharon) and **Ralph & Ann Wickersham** into membership on September 25. So glad to have you join us!

A Prayer Request...

from Pastor Jeff to our e-prayer-ers, August 27th

Greetings, all. A prayer request of a different nature this afternoon...

Our 2011 giving through July is up compared to last year's giving. But because we now make principal as well as interest payments on our building loan, the church has spent \$45,000 more for general budget expenses than has been given toward the general budget. (Principal payments for the building totaled \$41,000 through July, by the way.)

I sense that the mood among many in our country is to cut, cut, cut expenses. Looking at the situation at PVUMC, I perceive our problem as an income problem rather than an expense problem. The table we published on page 5 in the July edition of *The Wave* (this issue is online if you missed it) indicates how few of us practice the spiritual discipline of tithing, giving 10% of their income.

I invite you to join me in praying that our people will make godly management of their finances a priority. Speaking from personal experience, it simply is not possible to tithe without sacrifice. Given the sacrifice God has made for us, I can't see complaining about making do with less at home.

Frankly, I'm not as alarmed by the fiscal state of the church as I am by the spiritual state of our people. Our vision is "making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Fully devoted followers of Jesus make stewardship of time, talent and treasure a priority. May this come to be true of the members of Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. I hope you'll each pray with me to that end.

Blessings always,
Pastor Jeff

From the Trustees



Adopt our Garden! Eagle Scout **Eric Morris** did a great job creating the memorial garden last summer. Sadly the water feature has failed but it will be upgraded by the Trustees at minimal cost this fall. The plantings need a good bit of TLC. **Would you be willing to take on the garden's care for a year?** (Pastor Jeff has never been accused of having a green thumb and suggests we keep him and his hedge clippers out of the garden.) For guests entering by the office door during the week, the garden is their first impression of our church.

Contact Trustee **Ron Schaffield** (ron.schaffield@pv-umc.org, 221-7262).

Kudos to Max Stanley and Pastor Jeff for picking up and installing microwave oven and refurbished dishwasher to replace failed appliances at the parsonage in September. You saved the church a good bit of money in "labor and delivery."

The Hole In Our Gospel Small Groups

We have started our church wide study. If you haven't joined a group it is not too late. Refer to the insert in the bulletin and just show up. We'd be happy to have you join any group. **Join a group, get involved, make a difference!**

Sunday Serve Day

**PVUMC Serve Day – November 6th
9:30 am – Noon**

Lunch provided following the Serve Projects

PVUMC Serve Day is a church-wide endeavor where people of all ages and skills can serve others. Prayerfully ask yourself and God, "How can I help those less fortunate and improve the surroundings in my community?" Serve Day follows our six week church study, *The Hole In Our Gospel*. Wear work clothes to church November 6!

Projects

Senior Center Clean Up – Must be 16 for this project. Clean the outside building (porch area) and inside of The Players Community Senior Center on Landrum Lane. Participants will bring the cleaning supplies (very basic) to complete this project. We can carpool to this location. **Co-Leaders: Mary Ann Brandt 686-1442 and John Noble 280-5968**

Fun Morning at Pablo Towers- Must be 16 for this project. Venture to this HUD senior retirement community in Jacksonville Beach. Bring your favorite game and a breakfast pastry to share with the residents who join us. Help sing a few songs and enjoy fun fellowship. We can carpool to this location. **Co-Leaders: Julie Bringger 629-0349 and Bette McEvoy 280-4678.**

Micklers Beach Clean-Up – Open to all ages. Clean up the beach area; gloves and trash bags will be provided. Parent must accompany minor children. We can carpool to this location. **Co- Leaders: Sue/Max Stanley 285-2946 and Ken Kehoe 834-3765.**

Holiday Gifts – (K-5th grade) and adults who wish to stay at church. Make holiday gifts for residents of in the Lincolnville community (St. Augustine) **Co-Leaders: Anne Torgerson 280-5141 anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org and Joyce Agent 273-2657.**

Feeding The Homeless and Fighting World Hunger – Choose from two serve projects. 1) **Travel to downtown Jacksonville area** to feed the homeless, asking the congregation for food donations to accomplish this morning activity. List of foods needed will be announced. Must be 6th grade or older unless accompanied by a parent. 2) **At church** make food bags for feeding and fighting world hunger. **Kelly Minter 280-5141 kelly.minter@pv-umc.org will lead these projects.**

***Permission/information form required for children 18 yrs. and under not accompanied by a parent.**

United Methodist Women News

The UMW has planned an outing to the **Alhambra Dinner Theatre**. We will be attending the matinee performance of *My Fair Lady* on Sunday, November 6. Family and friends are welcome to join us. Please call **Ann Cook**, 285-0579 by Thursday, October 6 if you would like to join us. The cost is around \$48.

This year the PVUMW is blessed to be the beneficiary of the fall pecan sale. The order forms are found in the Sunday bulletins and there are extra forms located on the table in the hallway outside the nursery. Pecans will arrive by Thanksgiving.

Our next meeting is Saturday, November 12 at 10:00am. We will vote on the missions we will financially support and finalize plans for our Christmas bake sale on Saturday, December 4. We will take nominations for officers for next year. All women are invited to join us!



Sunday Serve Day, Continued...

***Please complete this form by October 23. Place in the collection plate, basket provided in the foyer or give to Bette McEvoy, Coordinator of Serve Projects. Additional forms may be found in the foyer for family members serving on different projects. Leaders will contact you as forms are received.**

Name: _____

Check one: _____ adult _____ youth _____ K - 5th _____ preschooler

_____ (I need child care for children not yet in kindergarten)

_____ **How many children?**

Phone _____ **Cell** _____ **Email** _____

I would like to help with (number by preference: 1,2 and 3)

Senior Center Clean-Up _____

Holiday Gifts _____

Bless Residents of Pablo Towers _____

Feeding the Homeless Downtown Jax _____

Micklers Beach Clean-Up _____

**Feeding and Fighting
World Hunger at Church** _____

Blessings to you and thank you for serving! Any questions contact Bette McEvoy - Coordinator of Serve Projects 280-4678 bette.mcevoy@pv-umc.org.



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. Children In Action

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Wednesdays 6:00

Rooms 201-203

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Resumes August 10

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner

CIA (Children in Action) BRIEFS

C.I.A. is in operation for the 2011-2012 school year! CIA is a service organization for children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. We meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Kingdom Kids rooms. Our first CIA mission will be on World Communion Sunday, October 2 at both the 9:30 and the 11:00am worship services. We will be presenting the Call to Worship and singing. Arrive early so you don't miss out!

KINGDOM KIDS

Kingdom Kids meets each Sunday following the Children's Time at both the 9:30 and the 11:00am worship services. Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to join us upstairs in the Kingdom Kids rooms for Bible stories, crafts and games.

The Holidays Are Just Around The Corner

True, it's only the first of October, but the Christmas season has a funny way up of sneaking up on us! Be prepared this season! Mark your calendars now with the following holiday opportunities!

Advent Craft Festival – Sunday, November 27 from 5-7pm

Christmas Cantata – Sunday, December 5 at 9:30 and 11:00 – Children will begin rehearsing at the end of October in C.I.A.

Advent Wreath Lighting – One family lights the Advent Wreath at each service during the four Sundays in Advent, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If your family would like to light the candles during one of the services, please contact Anne Torgerson at anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org.

Well-done Abby Bennett!



Congratulations to **Abby Bennett** who raised \$142.00 this summer for *Heifer International* by participating in the Read to Feed Program! Your efforts have provided a gift of food that will grow and grow in God's Kingdom! Well done! We continue to collect offering for Heifer International in Kingdom Kids. We have recently collected enough to purchase yet ANOTHER flock of chickens! Well done children of PVUMC! Keep those coins coming and feed the world!



- 👍 For Tom and Ruth Murta and their chauffer services at *Rock the Universe*
- 👍 For Catherine Timm, hosting our first ever Youth Support Team meeting
- 👍 For all of our students who pitched in and helped us clean up after Messy Olympics

Upcoming Events

Mission 2012 decision meeting October 2, 4:30pm. We will gather in the youth room to decide the locations and dates for the 2012 middle school and high school mission trips. Please be on time, and bring a parent or dates that are significant to your families in summer 2012. We will do our best to accommodate all family dates!

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT October 7 - 8. An on-site retreat for middle schoolers, lead by our Senior Highers. We will be here from 6:00pm Friday-3:00pm Saturday, \$20/person. Our theme this year is "Who am I?" See our website for a packing list or to register.

Game-A-Thon October 15. This 24-hour game-a-thon will be held to raise money for Child's Play, an organization which donates toys and games to children's hospitals around the world. We will begin at 8:00am on Saturday and end at 8:00am on Sunday. In order to participate (as a "gamer") you must have a minimum of \$25 in sponsorships. If you do want to attend but do not want to "game", you can sign up as a helper! Get your donor forms, register, or get more information on our youth website.

Trunk-or-Treat October 29. Bring your car, decorate your trunk, and give out candy! 6:00 - 8:00pm in the church parking lot, so you will want to get there early to set your car up. Come out and have fun!

Don't forget, every Sunday (except on the first Sunday of the month) at 11AM we have Sunday school upstairs in the youth room! Come in and check it out!



Want to volunteer? Fill out the volunteer form below and put it in the offering plate, return it to the church office or contact Anne Torgerson at anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEER FORM

Name _____ email _____

Phone _____

- I would like to decorate the trunk of my car and pass out candy to Trunk or Treaters.
- I would like to help set up on October 29.
- I would like to volunteer my help during the event on October 29.
- I would like to help plan the Trunk or Treat event.

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

This summer I lent my French Horn to one of my Chicago nephews. Not having actually played that horn in years, this made sense to me. Some weeks later though I did a funeral where the gentleman's military service was recognized by the playing of taps on the bugle. Remembering fondly my scout troop bugling days, I went on eBay and bid on one. My online bugle search led me to this cool little instrument called a pocket trumpet. I took the money I'd gotten for my birthday and bought that trumpet. Been practicing for six weeks now and I've got my first gig! (Look out, 9:30 *Alive!* worshipers...)

It's good to do new things, isn't it. It's good for churches to do new things too. On November 6 we're going to gather at church at 9:30am for a brief (15 minute) time of worship and then out we'll go to serve the world around us. We've never done that before! It's one way we'll begin to fill the hole in our gospel. All will return to the church to share a noon-time meal.

In the weeks ahead I look forward to God putting us to work transforming the world in a variety of ways, many of them new to us. A God-sized adventure, to be sure!

Glad to be adventuring with you,
Pastor Jeff



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