



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted and the train of his robe filled the temple” (Is. 6:1).

The prophet Isaiah came to the temple with an overwhelming feeling of despair. He saw himself as a sinful man, member of a sinful nation. He did not consider himself worthy to address God on behalf of his people, but despite Isaiah’s sinfulness God chose to reveal himself to him.

Isaiah then experienced a divine encounter. Three things happened to Isaiah when he met God:

- 1 - He received a new Vision
- 2 - He obtained the Victory
- 3 - He began a service Venture

January is usually the time for new beginnings and resolutions. Let us seek after God with passion and zeal, so we too can receive a new vision, victory and set the course for a dynamic service venture. One that would bless not just us, but also the community around us and beyond!



Have a blessed New Year!
Pastor Jacquie




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“Meet the Pastors” is the first Sunday of every month, after each service. If you are new to our church, or a regular attendee, please stop by the outside table and say “HELLO” to Pastor Jacquie and Pastor Edwin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/1: Combined Service at 11:00am

1/8: Communion Sunday and Meet the Pastors

1/14: UMW Prayer Breakfast

1/15: Church Directory Photos

1/18: Family Night

1/22: Church Directory Photos

FROM PASTOR EDWIN:



*Yours in the Eternal Gospel,
Pastor Edwin*

For different reasons, many of us have had to press “reset” on our computers or mobile devices. Sometimes, in order for our devices to reconnect to the internet, or to allow for an update, we must press the “reset” button. In a similar way, it is important for us to sometimes perform a level of “reset” of our minds, if we are to live God’s purpose for each of our lives.

With cares, obligations, joys, sorrows, opportunities, setbacks, and all the experiences that come with life, we should do all we can to continually “reset” and keep “resetting” our minds to the word of God. The Bible has much to say about our minds and we would do well to think about what we are thinking about.

Our thoughts can dictate the direction of our lives. I invite us in this first month of the year to ask God to show us if there are any thoughts or thought patterns that need to be replaced with new ones from God’s word (see Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-2). We are all a work in progress. And our God will be Faithful to continue His work in each of us in this new year (Philippians 1:6).

Happy 2023!

YCAM - YOUTH CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

YCAM is currently meeting on Wednesdays at 7:15pm, and we have a few positions to fill. If you know a youth who loves to play or sing, or one who would be interested in learning, please contact Scott Tinsley.

media@pontevedra.church



MUSIC MINISTRY

As we look back and reflect on the Christmas season we see all the good things that have happened during the Advent season. Not only did we sing songs of Joy and Hope but gathered to worship as well as reaching out into the community with gifts for those in need.

Now as we look forward into the new year let’s continue the feelings of great Joy and Hope that the birth of Jesus has brought to us. There are music opportunities that can help us do just that. Our Traditional choir is open to all those that would like to sing. Rehearsal is Thursday nights starting at 7:00.

You can email me for more info at media@pontevedra.church or call the church office 904-280-5141.

Thanks,
Scott Tinsley
Director of Music



FAMILY PROMISE

Christmas came early for me this year. My Christmas was made when I read the Family Promise newsletter. The two families that we hosted at the church both have jobs and housing. Sylvester works for Fatherhood Pride as a mentor. Tamica is working for a non-profit using her culinary skills. Sylvesters's daughter and Tamica's son, both 8 years old, met at our church when they entered the Family Promise program. They quickly became friends and are now enrolled in school together. This is why we do what we do. The Family Promise model works. I can't thank all the volunteers and supporters of Family Promise enough. It takes a lot to host or sponsor a week. I am so proud and appreciative of our church's support!

Our weeks to sponsor or host Family Promise in 2023 are May 28 to June 4 and September 24 to October 1. I am looking forward to, once again, help families regain self-sufficiency.

Cecily Browning

From our Core Beliefs: "We hold to the traditional, historic doctrines of the Christian faith."

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Once again, this year we will be supporting Blessings in a Backpack for Seabreeze Elementary School in Jacksonville Beach during their Spring Break. Last year, with your generous support as a church, we were able to pack 150 bags of non-perishable food to underprivileged children during their Spring Break. In essence we packed enough food to last a week for 3 meals a day for 150 children.



This year, Spring Break for Duval County is March 13th. through the 17th. We are asking for monetary contributions *through February 26, 2023*. Please designate your contributions as *Blessings in a Backpack*.

The food will be purchased with your generous giving, bagged, and delivered to Seabreeze Elementary by the Thursday morning Ladies Bible Study group. Please plan on supporting this mission. We can make a difference in these children's lives.

Janeene Hart



THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study want to wish everyone Happy New Year. We also want to thank everyone who took an angel off the Angel Tree and contributed Visa gift cards to the seniors at Pablo Towers and also at Pablo Hamlet.

Thanks to your thoughtful generosity, we were able to deliver a total of 100 gift cards (50 to Pablo Towers and 50 to Pablo Hamlet) and 125 candy cane cards as well. These gifts were delivered on 12/14 and made some seniors very happy this Christmas!

Nancy Rice Hill

FAMILY Nights ARE BACK!

JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
BEGINNING ON THE 18TH
5:30-7:15PM FOR FUN,
FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!

"HOLY HABITS" Sermon Series

1/8: Be Proactive
Hebrews 12:1-2

1/15: Begin with the End
in Mind
Proverbs 29:18

1/22: Put First Things First
Psalm 90:12

1/29: Think Win-Win
Ephesians 4:1-6

2/5: Seek first to
Understand, then to
be Understood
Colossians 3:8; James 1:19

2/12: Synergize & Sharpen
the Saw
John 17:21

2/19: Transfiguration
Sunday
Matthew 17:1-8

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Our church now has two new handicapped parking spaces conveniently located just across from the main entrance to the sanctuary.

A hardy thanks to Bill Sekeres, Max Stanley and Scott Tinsley for undertaking and completing the project before the close of the year. Their strong backs, razor sharp mathematical skills, steady hands and uncanny ability to improvise on the spot made the project come together nicely.

Thank you, men of the church.

Barry Durden



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the
new creation has come: The old has
gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)*

SPRC

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with plenty of thankfulness to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all he's done and continues to do for us. As we approach the new year, please keep in mind that we are still looking for a part time Director of Children's Ministry.

We continue to strive towards increasing the number of children and youth attending our church. We want our church to be a leader in teaching and guiding our children to Christ. Help us by referring anyone you know who can fill this role and be a good addition to our staff.

Thank you and Happy New Year.

Sandra Williamson
SPRC/Chair

GRIEF SHARE

It had been almost five years since he had lost his sweetheart of 45 years. He still missed her. Then he met and began to date a woman about his age who had lost her husband of 42 years about one and a half years ago. Their relationship deepened, but he brought up his deceased wife in almost every conversation they had.

After many months, he proposed marriage. The woman did truly love him by then, but she turned him down because, in her own words, there were 3 people in their relationship. She said that she would continue to be his friend and loved being in his company, but she could not compete with “a ghost.”

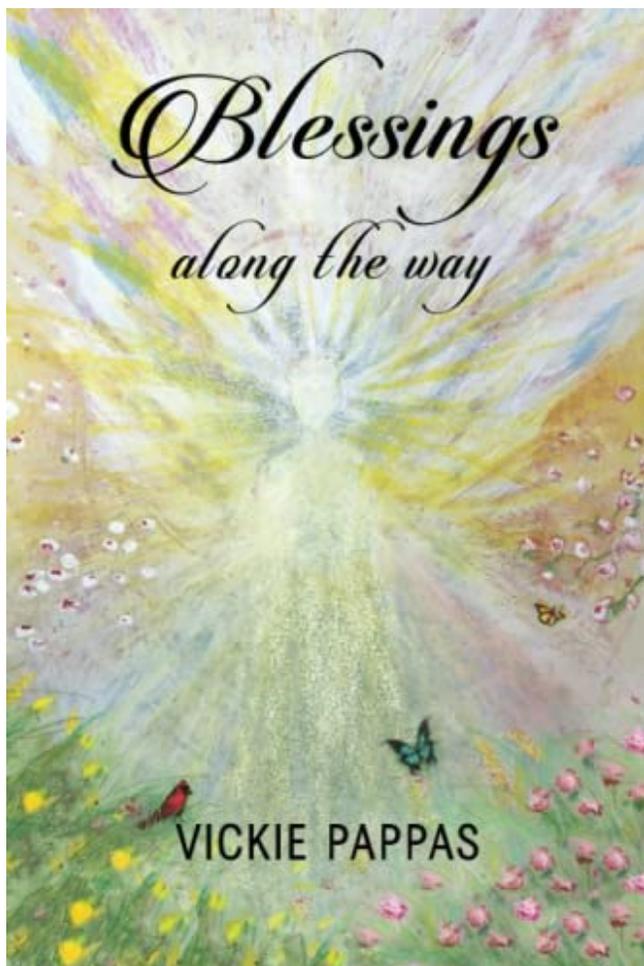
As she was telling me this, I mentioned that perhaps she might recommend Grief Share to him. She shared that she had attended a grief share support group and that it truly helped her. Will he come? Only he can answer that, but he still needs to work through his grief, especially after 5 years.

Marg Farnsworth



New 16-week session
beginning on Tuesday,
January 3rd at 3:30pm

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The United Methodist Women will open the new year with its traditional Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 14th, at 10:00am in the church. We are excited to welcome Vickie Pappas, author of *Blessings Along the Way*, to be our guest speaker. This promises to be a very inspirational program, so we are inviting all women in the church to participate. Our members will supply the breakfast.

Our Christmas Bake Sale was a tremendous success raising about \$900 for Missions. Thank you to everyone who participated, both by baking and buying.

Don't forget we have a special Women's Retreat planned for all ladies of the church at Epworth by the Sea March 17th-19th. We hope to see you there. Look for registration forms in the church narthex soon.

Don't forget your prayer sisters will be revealed at the January meeting. Looking forward to a blessed new year.

Jennie Dorsey





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Charles Lovings	Jan 7
Jay Morris	Jan 12
Anita Frazer	Jan 13
Ada Elliott	Jan 22
Larry Warnock	Jan 22
Corrine Garrison	Jan 24

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