



FROM PASTOR JACQUIE

For his compassions never fail! They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

A new year is upon us, a time to set new goals and a time to ponder. A new year is also a time to reflect on the events of the past year. Some people celebrated graduations, job promotions, retirements, milestone birthdays and anniversaries.

Others buried loved ones, faced the pain of divorce, a challenging illness, or even a traumatic crisis. Nevertheless, through it all we have continued to experience the unchanging love of God.

We don't know for sure all that the year 2024 will bring, nor do we know the joys or heartaches we will face. However, one thing we are certain of is that the faithfulness of God is great! So, we begin this new year in hope, expectation, anticipation and trusting his Word; being secure in his dependable presence, love, compassion, help and peace.

May the Lord bless you with a prosperous and joy-filled new year!



Peace to you and yours,
Pastor Jacquie

*"We hold to the traditional, historic
doctrines of the Christian faith."
(PVC Core Beliefs)*



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**"Meet the Pastors" is the
first Sunday of every
month, after the service.**

**If you are new to our
church, or a regular at-
tendee, please stop by
the outside table and say
"HELLO" to
Pastor Jacquie and
Pastor Edwin.**

January

1: Church Closed -
Happy New Year

10: Bibles & Bonfire at
6PM

17: YCAM starts

20: Ladies' Prayer
Breakfast

FAMILY MINISTRY (Pastor Edwin Richiez)



Grace and Peace,
Pastor Edwin

Happy New Year!

As we enter 2024, I invite us to be encouraged by remembering God's faithfulness. God promised us in His word that nothing will ever separate us from His love (Romans 8:31-39) and that He will always be with us (Matthew 28:20). May we be encouraged by these wonderful promises.

A new year is a great time to renew our commitments to grow as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. And if you would like to be encouraged and challenged to go deeper with Christ, allow me to invite you to our Wednesday Night Family Nights. We will soon begin our new study, Christian Beliefs, in which we will explore the foundational teachings of our Christian faith. We will use a study guide which will guide our discussions. If you don't already attend, make plans to join us every Wednesday beginning at 6pm, for a great time of fellowship, food, and learning together.

Happy 2024!

DIGITAL MEDIA (Taylor Hall)

You can follow us on social media! We post updates, clips from the services and events, and even livestream (Facebook and YouTube). Find us here:

Facebook: facebook.com/pontevedra.church

Instagram: instagram.com/pontevedra.church

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@pontevedrachurch

MUSIC MINISTRY

2024 is here! We look forward as we begin a new year. A fresh start and new beginning. As we look forward there is plenty of opportunity to get involved in music at Ponte Vedra Church.

Music is an important part of worship. We sing praises to God through music. The Chancel choir sings weekly during the 11:00 service. Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 6:45 and we welcome all levels.

On Wednesday nights, our youth music program meets for our Youth Creative Arts Ministry (YCAM). From singing to learning to play instruments, this group works toward several worship performances throughout the year.

We also have a bell choir that meets on Thursdays starting at 6:00pm.

If you would like information on any of these programs, please contact me at media@pontevedra.church. See you Sunday.



Scott Tinsley
Director of Music

SPRC & CLT (Sandra Williamson)

Staff Parish Relations Committee Report:

Please welcome Emily Edwards as our new Director of Childrens' Ministry. Emily is currently attending UNF with a background in Childrens' education. She is looking to attend graduate school after graduation in May. We are excited to have her with us and look forward to the wonderful things she will bring to our children's programs.

Also new at Ponte Vedra Church is Jennie Spalding as our Accountant/bookkeeper. Jennie is semi-retired with a strong background in managing accounting functions in several job markets. She moved to Florida from North Carolina to be near her family. We are very happy to have Jennie and feel she was indeed an answered prayer.

Please help welcome both Jennie and Emily to the Ponte Vedra Church family.

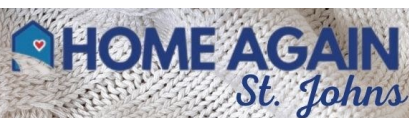
Church Leadership Team Update:

Agenda items discussed at our meeting on Wednesday, December 13

- Emily Edwards has been hired as the Director of Childrens' Ministry
- Jennie Spalding has been hired as the Accountant/Bookkeeper
- New lighting has been replaced in stairwells and stage
- Projects completed as a result of generous donor gifts:
 - Gutter repaired in overhang at the front of the church
 - Hot water heater replaced
 - New stripping in parking lot
- Ponte Vedra Church to become mortgage holders of church property at closing on 12/29/23
- Awana has been selected as the new curriculum for Kingdom Kids and Children's Wednesday night
- New candidates for Leadership positions and committee members presented. Congregation vote to be held in January.

CLT meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 10. Congregation members are welcome to attend.

HOME AGAIN ST. JOHNS (Rita Andreu)



HOLIDAY OUTREACH BLANKET AND CARE BAGS DRIVE

Items Needed:

- **New or gently used blankets**
- **Care bags (in a large Ziploc bag please include socks, hygiene items and anything else you think a homeless person would appreciate)**

Please bring these items to Ponte Vedra Church between late November and New Years as they will be handed out on January 12th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Emily Edwards)

Please welcome our new Director of Children's Ministry!

Emily Edwards is a college student at the University of North Florida and spent 2 years at California Baptist University. She is currently majoring in Child Psychology and minoring in Early Childhood Education. She has a passion for painting and traveling, and she has two cats named Luna and Clementine. She was raised in California and was actively involved with the children's ministry growing up. Being new to the area, she spends her days at the beach or at Sago Coffee. She is very excited to help the littles grow in their faith and to help the church flourish.



Emily Edwards

Director of
Children's Ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY (Jennie Dorsey)

Methodist Women to begin 2024 with Prayer

The Women of Ponte Vedra Church will begin their 2024 church year on Saturday, January 20th, at 10:00am with their annual Prayer Breakfast. All ladies in the church are invited to participate with members of our unit providing the food for our Brunch. It is at this time that we contemplate in prayer our personal mission for God as well as the church. Please invite a friend and join us.

We will also at this time be installing new officers for our unit as well as revealing our Prayer Sisters from 2023 and choosing new Prayer Sisters for 2024. It is always a comforting thought knowing someone is praying for us every day.

We also have a very active Prayer Chain which prays every morning for special concerns in the church via devotions and text prayers. Please let Jennie Dorsey know if you would like to be a part of this ministry. Our "Prayer Team" meets once a week on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 to pray for concerns brought by members of the church for family and friends. If you feel called to contribute to such a covenant group, please let us know. We welcome the opportunity to share the miracles of faith which come from united intercessory prayers for others.

Finally, do not forget that all women of the church are invited to participate in our Women's Epworth by the Sea Retreat on March 15-17. This year's theme will be "For Such a Time as This" with Dr. Adele Berenz leading the program on Esther. There is still time to register with a \$100 deposit, and we hope to have 25-30 women participating. If you need help with finances or transportation, please let someone know. If you need a roommate, we can work something out. Pray about it. God wants you to have fellowship with other believers, and this will definitely be an opportunity to grow in Christ. God bless you.



GRIEF SHARE (Marg Farnsworth)

Grief Share begins a new 16-week session on January 9th at 4pm. Please reach out to Marg Farnsworth or Ann Cook for more information on this heart-healing ministry.

Marg: mfarns934@gmail.com
Ann: anncook111@gmail.com



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

The ladies of Ponte Vedra Church would like to extend a very special thank you to the Thursday Morning Men's group for hosting a wonderful Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on December 7th. It was a great time of food, fellowship, music, and fun.



FAMILY PROMISE (Cecily Browning)

Family Promise Jax, with the help of churches and community partners, provided for 46 families with more than 150 family members in 2023. I am so thankful that Ponte Vedra Church is a part of this wonderful ministry.

Looking ahead to 2024, our church will host off-site **August 11-18**. We will be providing all the food, toiletries and cleaning supplies for the families in the program that week. An additional blessing will be a home cooked meal delivered to the Family Promise Resource Center each night. This not only nourishes their stomachs but their souls as well.

Plan now to help Family Promise "end homelessness one family at a time". We are making a difference in the lives of these families. God bless you for your participation.

January BIRTHDAYS

5: Karin Cruz

7: Charles Lovings

12: Jay Morris

12: Jennie Spalding

13: Anita Frazer

22: Ada Elliott

22: Larry Warnock

24: Corrine Garrison

26: Barb Weisman



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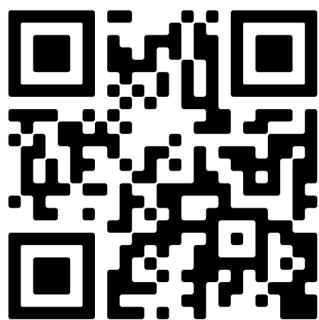
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