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It has been said, **"Prayer is the backbone of the church."** Prayer is also, **the backbone of our lives.** Only through prayer and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ can the church fulfill the Great Commission effectively.

We are called to intercede for one another and to pray without ceasing for his kingdom to come and His will to be done in our midst.

Through prayer, the presence of God is released. Through prayer, the transformative power of the Holy Spirit changes our lives. Through prayer, the chains of addiction are broken. Through prayer, revival comes and the passion for Christ and compassion for others is renewed in our hearts. Through fervent prayer, the church is awoken and growth begins to take place.

Beloved friends, prayer is the key that opens the unlimited blessings God has for us. Let us continue to believe in faith and pray without ceasing!

~ Pastor Jacquie



Bishop Ricardo Pereira to Join Us Sun, June 20

Ponte Vedra Church is so pleased to welcome **Bishop Pereira on Sunday, June 20 at our 10:00am worship service.** You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear this mighty Man of God speak to us a word for this day and time. We are so honored to have him and look forward to his visit.



LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, GROW CHRIST FOLLOWERS

Missions



FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK JULY 25 – AUGUST 1 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is hard to believe that it has been 2 full years since we have opened our church doors to Family Promise. That doesn't mean we haven't supported this ministry. We continued to provide housing and supplies during the pandemic through your financial generosity. Now, we are happy to announce, that with Pastor Jacquie's blessing, we will once again host up to 3 temporarily homeless families at the church.

There are a lot of moving parts to having a successful host week. We couldn't do it without all of our faithful volunteers. Thank you to all who have participated in the past! There is always a need for new volunteers, especially when we host over the summer because people are often travelling. Listed below are ways you can participate in this very worthwhile ministry:

- **Slumber Hosts** – We need a male and female host every evening to spend the night at the church. The church provides a very nice, high air mattress for our host. You just need to bring your own pillow and linens. **Slumber hosts need to be at the church by 7:00pm and will be gone by 5:15am.** Your volunteering provides these families with a safe, comfortable place to sleep.
- **Donate Food Items** – Food items are needed for snacks at the church and breakfast and lunches at the Family Promise day center downtown. Items **needed will be posted in the back of the church on Sundays July 11th and July 18th.** Perishable food needs to be brought to the church the day the families arrive or a few days preceding it. There will be a refrigerator marked Family Promise to place them in. A bin will be provided for non-perishable items by the Family Promise display in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Provide a Meal** – **The host church provides a hot meal each evening for the families.** A small group, family or individual can volunteer to do this. In addition, we provide breakfast at the church Saturday and Sunday mornings. **The church also provides a bag lunch for departure Sunday.**
- **Help with Laundry** – The church provides linens for each family member to use during the week. **These linens need to be laundered and packed away after the week is completed.**

COVID – All necessary COVID precautions will be followed. It is good to note that **not one Family Promise staff person or program participant contracted COVID during the pandemic.**

We are very excited to resume our normal host week. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact **Cecily Browning** at tcbmom@hotmail.com.



United Methodist Women News

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:30



On **Saturday, May 15th**, the women of the church gathered for praise, worship, and fellowship in the lovely home of **Corrine Garrison**. It was our first "unmasked" meeting in more than a year, and everyone enjoyed the smiling faces of sisters in Christ.

Jenny Dorsey, welcomed members and guests by opening with Scripture and prayer. **Dianne McElcannon** shared a lovely message in music with, *"He Touched Me."* Our own **Pastor Jacquie** shared from Scripture the importance of our hearts being in tune with God in order to control our tongue. She reminded us of the dangers of thoughtless words, and the importance of our speech being guided by God's spirit. We were all blessed and given food for thought by her words. The worship time concluded by singing *"Amazing Grace."*

Jo Miller opened our business meeting with the **Pledge to the Flag**, and **Jennie Dorsey** read the **"Purpose" of the United Methodist Women**, followed by an explanation of our missions. She also explained that we would be **donating our offering to UMCOR to help with the Covid-19 relief in India and Brazil**.

Denise Durden handed out minutes and explained the financial report submitted by our treasurer, **Nancy Noble**. One hundred percent of all offering to United Methodist Women are designated for missions. **Rachel Clements** then explained that we will be having **in-person Vacation Bible School** this year in July and recruited our members to help. Ladies can still sign up with Rachel at the church.

Ann Cook introduced two women who represented the effort to return **"Prayer to Schools."** They explained the petitions to be signed to get this important issue on the ballot in Florida. If you would like to be a part of this movement, please contact Ann at the church.

Jo Miller reminded us that the **Navy Band will be coming to our church for a community wide concert this fall**. She also said that our **Women's Retreat at St. Simon's Island, Georgia is on hold until next Spring**. Following the offering, we concluded by singing, *The Doxology*.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 24th at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. We adjourned and enjoyed a delicious brunch served by Corrine and the UMW Executive Committee.



Let's Start Using Our Name Tags!

Now that we are no longer required to wear a mask, it's time to get reacquainted! **Please stop by the name tag board as you enter on Sunday mornings and put your name tag on.** If you do not have a name tag and would like one, **clearly write your name on the back of the Connect Card stating you would like a name tag.** Over time, we will replace the old name tags with new ones that sport our terrific new logo! They will look something like this:



Praise and Prayer Night, Thursday, June 17 at 7pm

Please plan to attend the Praise and Prayer night on Thursday, June 17 at 7:00pm. These times of praise and prayer are special and the Holy Spirit never fails to make His presence known. If you have never been to a Praise and Prayer night you are really missing out. We look forward to your joining us.

2 Worship Services on Sunday Returns

Beginning Sunday, July 11 we will return to two worship services every Sunday morning. The **Celebration Service will begin at 9:30am** and our **Traditional Service will begin at 11:00am**. Sunday morning Bible Study groups will be returning. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks.



What's Happening:

The United Methodist Men will be **preparing and serving dinner at The Mission House in Jacksonville Beach on Sunday, July 11 from 1:30-3:30pm**. We will need help for this mission. Please take this opportunity to service God by serving the neediest in our surrounding community. Contact **George Garcia** if you can help, ggarciaiii@gmail.com.

Thursday morning Men's Bible study meets live and virtually from 8-9am every Thursday. Contact **George Reed** for an invitation, George@mediaservicesgroup.com.

Thursday evening Men's Bible study meets live and virtually from 7-8pm every Thursday. Contact **Max Stanley** for an invitation, maxout51@yahoo.com.

Stephen Ministry



The Stephen Ministry Logo, with the broken person behind the cross and the whole person in front of the cross, symbolizes that we are all broken people and that it is only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole.

Stephen Ministry is a caring ministry being used by thousands of congregations to increase care and outreach to hurting people. Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople - Stephen Ministers - who provide one-to-one, CONFIDENTIAL Christ-centered care to people experiencing some of life's difficulties.

As the COVID-19 pandemic goes on, the needs for care continue to grow in congregations and communities everywhere. People from all walks of life are struggling with a variety of challenges - grief, health concerns, isolation, anxiety, and more. In the midst of all this, Stephen Ministry congregations are doing amazing ministry, providing much-needed care.

Visit www.stephenministries.org to learn more about Stephen Ministry and to watch online video stories about the difference Stephen Ministers are making in people's lives.

Stephen Ministries work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time. If you think you might be interested in having a Stephen Minister Caregiver, talk with **Pastor Jacquie Leveron**, or contact **Sadie Snyder**, Stephen Ministry Leader:

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Children & Youth Happenings

Summer Schedule



We continue to offer in-person Kingdom Kids lessons.

Our summer program will be loads of *"Fun in the SON"*. Look forward to games and outside play during service hours.

Additionally, Kingdom Kids lessons will continue to be uploaded to youtube weekly.



CIA (Children In Action!)

Will be taking a break for the summer. **We will resume August 15th.**

There will still be many opportunities to have worship and fellowship together.



Our next family movie night will be **June 12th**. This outdoor event is free and does not require an RSVP. Please bring a camp chair and or blanket.

June Memory Verse

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." **Ephesians 4:29**



Vacation Bible School registration is NOW OPEN!

VBS will be the week of July 12th-16th. We are planning on a great year of IN PERSON games, learning & fun. However, Ponte Vedra Church will remain vigilant on the status of COVID in the area, so plans may change as needed.

You can register a child or volunteer by clicking this link:

<https://knightsofnorthcastle.cokesburyvbs.com/pontevedrachurch>



Youth Creative Arts Ministries

Scott Tinsley has been hard at work with the up-coming group of musicians and they are excited to play for Ponte Vedra Church in the fall. The **Praise band will continue to meet until June 16th** with a kick off to summer social.



H2O (Helping & Healing Outreach) Youth Group will end their weekly meetings on June 2nd and will resume meeting in the fall. There will still be events for youth throughout the summer, with our summer of **MINI-MISSIONS** and **game nights**. If you would like to be added to our Remind group, please contact Rachel Clements.



Youth Summer Schedule 2021; contact Rachel Clements to be added to our Remind group for updates in times and meeting locations

June 16th	Volunteer at Animal Shelter (tentatively meet @ 1PM)
June 23rd	Youth Game Night
June 26th	VBS Fun Fair (day of prep for Vacation Bible School) Time 9-12 (lunch will be served)
June 30th	Pack Sandwich bags for homeless & Make cards for the homebound; Finish at Top Golf
July 7th	Cleaning project @ PV Church (meet @ 1PM); Followed by Game Night at the church
July 12th-16th	VBS; need volunteers for songs, group assistants & section assistants (crafts, etc)
July 21st	Pack Sandwich bags for homeless & Make cards for the homebound; Finish at Main Event (bowling)
July 28th	Prep dinner for Family Promise

May's Mission Work:

During the month of May, **H2O Youth** packed sandwich bags for the homeless and cleaned and sanitized the nursery.



Are you looking for a way to serve?



This event is for **those volunteering at Vacation Bible School AND those who cannot participate the week of but are still looking to help!** We will also hold a CYP training sessions (required for all VBS volunteers). Contact **Rachel Clements** for more details. Lunch will be provided.

We are looking for Christmas Trees again this year. If you have some that you can loan to the church for the week of Vacation Bible School (July 12th-16th), please **bring them by the church the week of July 5th.** Please label them with your name so that we can make sure they are returned properly.

Appreciation: **David Hall**, one of our youth, **recently completed his Eagle Scout project**, painting a mural in the nursery here at Ponte Vedra Church. This project involved sketching and computer rendering, budgeting, managing a team of volunteers and required hours of work by David and many other youth that attend our church. If you have a chance, **please stop by to see this amazing art!**



Jet Blue Airline Credits Available! Please Help Us Recover These Funds!

Do you plan to fly anywhere in the near future? Will you be using the **Jet Blue Airline**? Due to a cancelled missions trip last year, (because of COVID19), Ponte Vedra UMC has **\$3,416.49 in Jet Blue airline credits that need to be used before July 2, 2021.** This is a large amount of money the church will be out if the credits aren't used. If you are planning a trip, please call **Susan Bowler** in the church office (904-280-5141 or email info@pontevedra.church) and she will explain how you can help out your church by purchasing your tickets using these airline credits.

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