

LIVING A HIGHER LIFE



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ”.
(Eph. 4:13)

It is God’s desire for his children to grow up, to reach the “fullness of Christ.” The phrase “fullness of Christ” means spiritual maturity. How do we mature in the faith?

1-A Balanced Spiritual Diet: (I Pet. 2:2) We must consume the pure milk and meat of the Word of God daily through Bible study, prayer, worship, etc.

2-Regular Exercise: (James 1:22) Put into practice the Word of God daily.

3-Ample Rest: (Mat. 11:28-29) Trust and rely on the promises of God. The dictionary defines the word “rest” as to be free from anxiety or disturbance to remain confident.

4-Periodic Checkups: (II Cor. 13:5) We need to examine our spiritual health regularly.

5- Have a Positive Outlook: (Phi. 4:13) Believe and focus on the promises of God not on the crisis at hand.

Beloved, spiritual maturity is indispensable. God is not finished with us. Let us continue to live the higher life through Christ!



Peace to you and yours,
Pastor Jacquie

CHURCH EVENTS

- **Oct 2: Sunday Meet the Pastors**
- **Oct 8: UMW Fall Tea**
- **Oct 15: Share Jesus Workshop**
- **Oct 23: Charge Conference @ Isle of Faith**
- **Oct 29: Fall Festival**
- **Oct 30: 5th Sunday Children’s Home Collection & Operation Christmas Child Collection through Nov 20**

**** SPECIAL EVENT ****



Come join us for our Fall Festival!

There will be pony rides, face painting, Trunk-or-Treat, and so much more. We are also in need of volunteers .

For more information, and to sign up for volunteering, please contact Taylor Hall: cym@pontevedra.church

**** FOR YOUR INFORMATION ****



All groups or persons wishing to use any area of our church facilities are required to submit a Facility Usage Agreement. This allows church staff to ensure availability of space and make any necessary arrangements.

Please contact the church office at: info@pontevedra.church or call 904-280-5141 if you are needing this form.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Grief Support Group



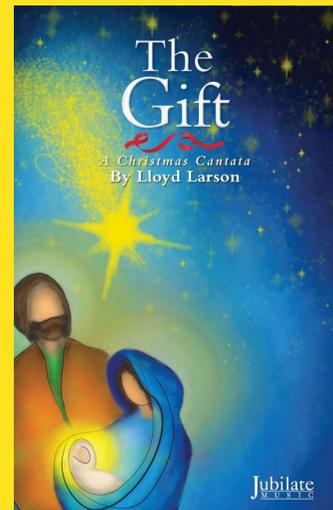
Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

If you find yourself grieving, you are welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in Room 209. Our current group is small, which gives us an atmosphere of intimacy where everyone is "safe" in sharing deep pain.

We welcome people at any time!
Each of the 13 weeks we discuss a different topic.

For more information contact:
Marg Farnsworth: mfarns937@gmail.com
Ann Cook: anncook111@gmail.com

**** MUSIC ****



Our Cantata for this year is entitled "The Gift".

Rehearsals will resume on Sept 22nd at 7:30pm.

The Cantata Retreat will be held on Sept 17th.

For more information, please contact Scott Tinsley:
media@pontevedra.church

** UMCH 5TH SUNDAY **

United Methodist Children's Home

5TH SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30th, will be our "5th Sunday Collection" for the United Methodist Children's Home. Please mark your calendars!



** FAMILY PROMISE **

FAMILY PROMISE GREENERY SALE

FRESH, FRAGRANT CHRISTMAS GREENERY

Brighten your home during the holidays! Get your Christmas greenery from Family Promise and help change the lives of families.

Your purchases from the Sherwood Forest Farms in Washington State will be sent directly to you or your recipient the second week of December.

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FAMILYPROMISEJAX.ORG
DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 9

** YOUTH CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY **



Youth Creative Arts Ministry (YCAM) is currently meeting on Wednesdays at 7:15pm, and we have a few positions to fill. If you know of a youth who would like to learn a new instrument or sing, please contact

Scott Tinsley:

media@pontevedra.church

** ALTAR FLOWERS **



Ponte Vedra Church has recently received notice that our flower vendor, Floral Emporium, will be closing their doors effective October 1st. We have looked into other local florists, and through our search, have been informed of the overall increase in floral prices. We have decided to use Kuhn Flowers for providing the beautiful altar arrangements for our Sunday services.

The price per arrangement will be \$92.90

**** SPECIAL EVENT SUCCESS ****



Gospel Dinner & Music night was a great success! A special heartfelt thanks for all those who cooked, served, and sang God's praises. We look forward to doing this event again next year.



** OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **



Operation Christmas Child Collection November 14-20, 2022

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that blesses children with joy, hope, and love. A shoebox filled with treasures is the first gift many children have ever received! Last year we packed 142 boxes. Thanks for your upcoming support of this incredible mission of love. Your giving will bless children around the globe.

Here's how you can help in one or more ways:

- **Pack one or more shoeboxes:** The suggested shopping list can be found below or at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>
- **Bring in items for our packing party:** These items can be given to or left for Rita Andreu. Please **do not include** candy or food, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns/ knives/ military figures, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items.
- **Donate to the shipping costs:** The boxes cost \$10 each to ship. Donating to this cause will help the PVC children ship their shoeboxes (be sure to write OCC on your donation to PVC).
- **Include a card with a personal note and PRAY for your shoebox.**
- **Build a shoebox online** and print the receipt so we can add it to our total: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>
- **Get your small group involved:** It would be awesome if all the small groups would pack boxes!

Suggestions

Start with a medium to large WOW item (stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or doll) and then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies:

School supplies

Pens, pencils and sharpeners
Crayons or markers
Writing pads or paper
Coloring and picture books

Hygiene items

Toothbrush (no toothpaste)
Mild bar soap (no liquids)
Comb/brush
Wash cloth

Small Toys

Small balls
Cars
Stuffed animals
Stickers
Kazoos
Harmonicas
Yo-yo's
Jewelry
Slinky
Dolls
Hair accessories
Sunglasses
Games

Others: socks, sunglasses, flashlights with batteries, flip flops, or Crocs

** UNITED METHODIST WOMEN **

UMW Hosts Tea Time With God

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples."

On Saturday, October 8th, from 3-5 pm, more than one hundred women will gather for "Tea Time with God" and fellowship with other believers committed to mission in the church. We look forward to delicious food and drink served to us by the men of our church family as well as entertainment provided by The Patriotic Chorus of Ponte Vedra. This is one way our United Methodist Women raise money for local, national, and international missions. We hope to see you there.

Upcoming Events

Fall Calendar:

Will include a celebration early in November, as well as feeding the homeless of Saint Augustine their Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 11th. If anyone would like to help with this event by serving or preparing turkey and trimmings, please contact Jennie Dorsey at (304) 629-9636. We are also collecting sleeping bags and blankets to distribute to Home Again St. Johns for those who are without housing.

Winter Calendar:

Will include our Christmas bake sale on Saturday, December 10th, a Christmas gathering, the January 14th Prayer Breakfast, the Church Women's Retreat at Epworth by the Sea March 17-19th, and the Navy Band Concert in May. We hope to continue to support UMCOR, Faithful Servant Mission (Costa Rica), Hart Felt Ministries (local), Red Bird Mission (Kentucky), Dining with Dignity (St. Augustine), and all mission projects of our local Ponte Vedra Church. Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of Christ's missions.

Our Prayer Team and Prayer Chain remain active in praying for the needs of our church family and community. Please, continue to keep us in your prayers.
God bless you.



** A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR EDWIN **

Dear Friends,

Right before the Risen Christ left this earth, He left an amazing task for His followers. Jesus entrusted His disciples with the task of sharing His message with the world. Telling others about Jesus is both a responsibility and a privilege. It is a responsibility because now that we have salvation, hope, and all the blessings that come from being in relationship with God, we have been called to share the same with the world (*Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-20*).

It is in an effort to obey Jesus' command to tell others about Him that we hosted our Share Jesus Workshop on October 1st. I would like to thank everyone who came to participate in this event that we hope encourages and equips us to share Jesus more effectively and more frequently. May we open our eyes, beyond our routines and regular day-to-day concerns so that we might see that indeed, the fields are ripe for harvest (*John 4:35*). The fields are our communities, filled with people who are in need of Jesus.

Would you be one of the few workers willing to work the harvest fields for your Lord? (*Matthew 9:37-38*).



Yours in the Eternal Gospel,

Pastor Edwin

**** UPCOMING EVENTS ****



MEET *the* PASTORS!

“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.

SHARE Jesus

Join us for this workshop!
NEW DATE: Saturday, Oct 15th @ 10:00am

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
3:00 - 5:00PM

Prayer Night

*The first Monday of every month.
Mark your calendars for
Nov 7th @ 7:00pm*

FAMILY NIGHT

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

WEDNESDAYS - 5:30 TO 7:15 PM

Activities:

5:30-6:00pm: Games for children & youth

6:00-6:30pm: Dinner

6:30-7:15pm: Bible-based study groups for all ages

76 S. Roscoe Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

United Methodist Women

FALL TEA

Saturday, Oct 8th, 3:00-5:00pm

For tickets, please go to the Welcome Table after the church service.

Charge Conference

Saturday, October 23rd @ 3:30pm
Isle of Faith United Methodist Church
1821 San Pablo Road S.
Jacksonville, FL 32224

** OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS **

Carol Maurer	Oct 2
Max Stanley	Oct 2
Catherine Timm	Oct 5
Suvan Shine	Oct 6
Cooper Agent	Oct 14
Brenna Stanley	Oct 15
Kyle Hancock	Oct 16
George Reed	Oct 20



.....and a **Happy 54th Wedding Anniversary** to
Bill & Jan Sekeres!

PRAY

Without Ceasing

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH EVERY DAY AT NOON.



Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church

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- Install the "MyChurch" app
- Open the app and press "Find My Church By Name"
- Type in "Ponte Vedra UMC"
- Click "Connect"

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