

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28 – Sunday, April 4

10:00am Palm Sunday – Combined Worship

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

11:00-12:00pm Good Friday Church Open for Prayer

8:30am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

10:00am Celebration Worship Service (Outside)

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Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name! (John 12:27)

Most of us desire to have a worry-free life, a happy life, and when trouble comes our way our immediate reaction is to try to escape the pain. Jesus offers us a different option. Confront the painful issue head-on and with honesty.

As He faced the impending hour of his crucifixion, he said, ***"My soul is troubled."*** **Jesus Christ, the King of kings experienced a troubled soul.** It might be hard for us to understand this reality, but he did. Nevertheless, he embraced it because he knew **his obedience would reveal the love of God to us and also glorify his Father.**

The Lenten journey affords us an opportunity to do a spiritual inventory, to **take an honest inward look and assess the present status of our soul.** If your soul is troubled, you are invited to follow Jesus' example. Confront it, acknowledge it, surrender it to Jesus, knowing that something positive will come out.

Peace to you and yours,

Pastor Jacquie

OUR MISSION:

Love God, Love People, Grow Christ Followers



Missions

Family Promise Jacksonville Celebrates



Family Promise has been serving temporarily homeless families in the Jacksonville area since June of 2006. Many lives of North Florida families have been changed through the dedication of the Family Promise staff and volunteers. **We are so thankful for those of you in our church family that have chosen to serve on this ministry team!** A celebration is planned for this fall. You can read some of their stories by following their Facebook page.

Birdies for Charities: The Players is just around the corner. One of the many ways The Players benefits the local community is through their *Birdies for Charities*. Family Promise is one of the recipients of the money raised. By making a minimum donation of **\$20** (above or beyond your tithe commitment to our church) to Family Promise or other charity and guessing how many birdies will be made during the competitive rounds of the tournament, you are helping these organizations. As a bonus you entered in a chance to win \$10,000! You can obtain more information and make a donation by going to: birdiesforcharity.playerschampionship.com. All donations must be made by March 9th at 5:00pm.

Amazon Wish List: Family Promise is in need of new bath towels, full size bottles of body wash and twin and twin XL sheets for program participants moving into their own housing. They have a wish list on Amazon <https://a.co/3o7qB04> or you can donate any of these items by contacting **Family Promise at 354-1818** or emailing director@familypromise.org. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



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.

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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Elisabeth Gadd to Present FLUMCH Award on Sunday, Mar 21



Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer with **The Florida United Methodist Children's Home**, will be with us in worship on **Sunday, March 21**, to present an award for being one of the **top giving churches** in the North East District of the UMC. We look forward to Elisabeth worshipping with us, and thank you for your continued support for the FLUMCH and the Madison Youth Ranch.



United Methodist Men Upcoming Events



The UMM will prepare and serve dinner (in a safe environment) at the **Mission House on Shetter Avenue in Jacksonville Beach on Sunday, March 14 from 1:15-3:30pm**. More help serving would be beneficial. If you would like to skip the preparation and just help with serving, please come to the Mission House at **2:00pm**. Thank you.

New Men's Thursday Evening Bible Study

Max Stanly is beginning a new virtual Men's Bible study on Thursday evenings beginning March 4th at 7pm. For the time, we will meet virtually on Zoom. Our first meeting will be getting acquainted with those attending as well as a discussion of **Proverbs 1:1-19**. If you would like to join us, please download the Zoom app, then use the link provided to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86147671910?pwd=Wk0vL1daMmJoTGdpb2RWOGxGeEtzZz09>

There continues to be a Thursday morning Men's Bible study group also meeting virtually on Go To Meeting at 8am every Thursday morning. This group is led by George Reed. To join this group, please download the GoToMeeting App, then use the link below:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/394083821>





United Methodist Women News

“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow... Because He lives, all fear is gone... Because I know He holds the future... and life is worth the living just because He lives.”



The words of this beautiful **Gaither hymn** reminds us all of the immeasurable joy we share in the celebration of His resurrection. On **Saturday, March 20th at 10:00am**, the UMW will be gathering to celebrate Easter together. Please invite a friend and join us as **Pastor Steven Dorsey** shares an Easter message of hope and love. God has seen us through a difficult year, and we are ready to celebrate new life in Jesus. During our meeting, we plan to discuss our **Church-Wide Women's Retreat**, our **Navy Band Concert** as well as the missions we continue to support through United Methodist Women. No need to bring food as we will be masked and socially distanced in the sanctuary. Plan to sing some Easter hymns with **Dona Prall** and enjoy fellowship together.

Jo Miller and **Jennie Dorsey** will attend the **Northeastern District United Methodist Women's Annual Retreat** on **March 13th** in **Middleburg, Florida**. This year is very different than in past years when we met at St. Simon's Island. This year will meet masked and socially distanced and only for one day. If anyone would like to join us, please call **Jennie at 304-629-9636**.

A reminder that God is still answering prayers within our faith community, we have a **Prayer Team led by Mary Moyes** that meets every Tuesday as well as a Prayer Chain which offers intercessory prayer throughout the week. If you have a prayer concern, please do not hesitate to call the church office or Jennie Dorsey. Miracles are happening!

We praise God for our ladies who have been vaccinated against the COVID virus and encourage them to return to live worship while safely distanced and masked. God is with us during His Holy Season and **if you haven't heard Pastor Jacquie in person, you are missing a blessing!**

Sunday Morning Worship: In Person, Facebook and YouTube Live Stream



As the CORONA virus continues to be a concern, we at Ponte Vedra UMC want to provide as many ways as possible for you to stay connected. As you know, we offer in-person worship services every Sunday morning at 10:00am. **Masks are REQUIRED** and **social distancing is maintained**. Our facility is cleaned and sanitized prior to



ANY gathering inside the church building. Professional sanitizing products are used, and the cleaning protocols designed by Jim McDonald continue to provide a safe environment for the staff and our church family. However, if you are still not comfortable attending in-person service, we provide **Facebook Live Stream** and now we offer **YouTube** channel for you to view the service in real time. Both links can be found on our website (www.pontevedra.church) and in the weekly Sunday church bulletin you receive in your email and on our Facebook page.

Children & Youth Happenings

We continue to offer in-person Kingdom Kids lessons. We will be monitoring the status of COVID in the area and will update you as to any changes. If you are uncomfortable visiting us in person, please stay connected using the Remind App and our Children's Ministry Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/pvumccym/). That's PVUMCCYM (Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church Children and Youth Ministry). Kingdom Kids lessons will continue to be uploaded to youtube weekly.

Mission Projects:

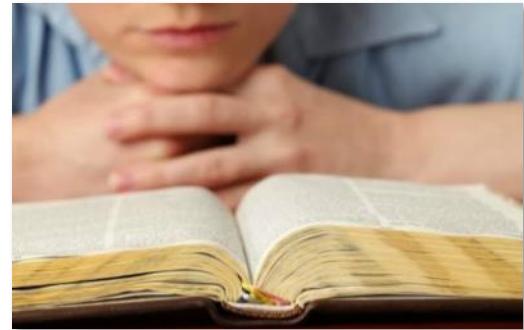
During the month of February, **CIA** and **H2O Youth** made sandwich bags for **Port in the Storm** (Port in the Storm is a “port in the storm of life” for youth who have fallen through the cracks; located at the St. Francis House in St. Augustine). The youth also added prayers and messages of love for the recipients. Thank you to all who donated to this project. **We will be packing bags again in March.** If you would like to contribute please visit <https://pushpay.com/g/pontevedraumc?src=hpp&r=monthly> and **designate a gift to the youth group.**



March Memory Verse

Jesus answered, “I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6



Upcoming Events

Youth Game Night: March 13th from 6:30-9:30pm



Calling all gamers! We will have **Super Smash Bros** upstairs and **Jackbox** in the Sanctuary! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Masks will be required.



Weekly Events



CIA (Children In Action!)

Please join us at 4:30pm for outdoor play. At 5:00 we begin our Bible lesson and service projects. We will then have a combined dinner with the youth at 6. Pick up at 6:30pm.



Please join us **every Sunday** for a combined BYO dinner with CIA @ 6PM. We will then have a devotional, play some games and plan our future events. There will be **NO YOUTH** March 21st.



YCAM (Youth Creative Arts Ministry)

This praise band is open to youth ages 7th-12th grade. Please join us at 5:30 **every Wednesday** for a BYO dinner. All instruments and voices welcome! Rehearsal starts at 6pm.



Lenten Reflection Praise & Prayer Night

Please plan to join us **Thursday, March 11 at 7:00pm** for our next Praise and Prayer Night. If you have not yet attended one of these special worship services, you don't know what you are missing! We look forward to seeing you there!



Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 13th!

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