

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Luke 22:31-33



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Peter was a peculiar individual, to say the least. He was also very self-confident. He was convinced that no matter what came his way, he would overcome it by his own power.

The night of the Last Supper, **Jesus announced to Peter the plans that Satan had for him**. Peter, of course did not believe what Jesus said. Hours later, Peter's faith was tested just as Jesus had foretold.

Friends, **our faith will be tested as well**, not once but many times. However, let us not forget that **Jesus is praying for us just as he did for Peter**. As the apostle James reminds us, *"the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete."*

If we exercise our faith daily, then our faith will become a conquering type of faith, strong and steady, one that will not fail, even amidst the storms of life.

Peace to you and yours,

Pastor Jacquie



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Missions



*Who will feed
the kids
this weekend?*



Thanks to the **Ponte Vedra Christian Co-op Students** who assisted in packing the weekend food bags for the **45 children** we serve at our local **Palm Valley Schools**!

Nease High School Students

Since January, **Nease Senior High School** students have been helping feed the **136 children** we serve at **Osceola Elementary School**. The students pick up the prepackaged food packs at **Ponte Vedra UMC**, and after adding fresh fruit and healthy snacks, they deliver the bags to the school!



Handmade Gift for Seniors at Pablo Towers

Taking advantage of the extra time available due to COVID-19, **Bev Allphin** used her knitting skills to put together so many beautiful lap blankets for donation to the residents at **Pablo Towers**. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Bev!

5th Sunday Offering for The Florida United Methodist Children's Home & Madison Youth Ranch, May 30



Sunday, May 30 we will receive our **5th Sunday offering** for **The Florida United Methodist Children's Home and the Madison Youth Ranch**. Please mark your check "5th Sunday Offering" in the memo section. Thank you for your continued support.



Family Promise Making Big Strides for Families Finding Themselves Temporarily Homeless

Family Promise Jacksonville overcame many challenges to have a **banner year** in 2020 helping families overcome temporary homelessness. While many Family Promise affiliates across the county had to suspend services for a period of time, **Family Promise Jax continued to operate at full capacity**. No family member or staff contracted COVID.

Some interesting statistics that show the impact Family Promise Jax makes are:

Forty-nine families with 172 family members were served in 2020.

83% of the families moved in to housing.

100% of the families had medical needs addressed.

95% of the children were placed in school or daycare.

67% of adults were employed when they graduated from the program.

Family Promise Jax partnered with 40 social service agencies to meet the needs of these families.

89% of funds received go directly to programming.

Our church is proud to be a part of this network that is changing people's lives. Thank you to our many faithful volunteers. **Our next host week will be July 25 – August 1.** If you have any questions or would like to become involved, please contact **Cecily Browning** at 904-613-2314 or tcbmom@hotmail.com.

Bibles, Brats and Burgers, Wed, May 5



The Ponte Vedra Church Men's Bible Study Group is hosting **Bibles, Brats and Burgers** on the lawn of the church **Wednesday evening the 5th of May at 6pm**. Please bring your own bible, chair and beverage. **Burgers, Brats and condiments to be provided.**

RSVP: John DAquila at john@daquilaLLP.com



SPRC to Seek Director of Family Ministry

The Staff Parish Relations Committee of Ponte Vedra Church is seeking candidates for **Director of Family Ministry**. This is a **new position which focuses on small groups and bringing new families to Christ (and to Ponte Vedra Church!)**. The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated Christian faith commitment and be an effective communicator and leader. A BA or BS degree is required, and a Master's preferred. Interested parties should contact **George Reed** or any member of the SPRC.

"Outnumbered Bible Study" to Begin New Study

The Monday Morning Bible Study group, "Outnumbered" will begin a new study on Samuel 1 and 2 beginning Monday, May 3rd. If you would like to join us for this study, please contact **Rick Williamson** at **904-699-7951**. The cost of the book is \$9.



United Methodist Women News

"...but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

United Methodist Women will join in fellowship **Saturday, May 15th at 10:00am** at **Corrine Garrison's home**. (Please call the church office for Corrine's address, 904-280-5141) All women of the church are invited to attend this meeting on the grounds of Corrine's home. We will have drinks and will enjoy safely prepared and wrapped food to enjoy, as well as time for devotion, prayers and praise. God has richly blessed us with a wonderful church family and we look forward to being together again. For anyone who may prefer, **Ann Cook** will be in the church parking lot at **9:30am** to guide you to Corrine's home or you can get a ride from the church. If you need a ride, please contact **Jennie Dorsey** at 304-629-9636. Please invite a friend to join us. ***"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*** Philippians 4:7

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

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.

April was a VERY busy month for missions and outreach.

CIA & H2O Youth worked on special Easter crafts for the homebound.



And... CIA completed a mini-mission of weeding the planting beds.



May Memory Verse

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



H2O Youth assisted with crafts at our Spring Fling Outreach and **packed 70 sandwich bags**



It is after prayerful consideration that H2O Youth Group has decided to NOT have a traditional mission trip this summer. Instead we will have a summer long focus on **LOCAL MINI-MISSIONS**. If you are interested in more information, please contact Rachel Clements (cym@pontevedra.church) or attend our **H2O gatherings Sunday evenings at 6PM**.



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, PVUMC 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>

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 6pm. Pick up at 6:30pm. **There will be NO CIA on Mother's Day, May 9th.**



Note the date and time change; H2O Youth Meets Wednesday, May 5th

H2O (Helping & Healing Outreach) Youth Group Please join us **every Wednesday** following YCAM (7-8). We will have a devotional, games, mini-missions and planning.



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. We are beginning to work on songs for next year!



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.

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.

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