



Ponte Vedra Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2022

From The Pastor's Desk

When speaking to Peter in Matthew 16:18 Jesus told him, "I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Jesus refers to the church as "My church." The term denotes not only possession but endearment.

The Church is a living organism. A body of believers called to come together in fervent prayer to worship the King of kings, to study his word, to encourage and build up one another. Then we must go out into the world to share the Gospel in the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit.

This pattern will reverse the attendance decline, the financial scarcity, the biblical illiteracy, etc.

Friends, the Church is more than a "do good-welfare agency." More than a "social club." The church is a redeeming fellowship fueled and sustained by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The message of the church of Jesus Christ is the only Hope for the world!



On August 7th, we will begin a new series of messages titled, "The In and Out Church." Please, come join us!

Blessed to be in ministry with y'all!!!!
Peace,
Pastor Jacquie

Church Events

- **Aug 2 - Jenny Dorsey Bible Study Resumes**
- **Aug 3 - YCAM & Youth Resume**
- **Aug 7 - Sunday Meet the Pastors**
- **Aug 14 - Family Promise Host Week Begins**
- **Aug 18 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00pm**
- **Aug 21 - Family Promise Host Week Ends**
- **Aug 28 - Small Groups Fair**

Children & Youth



Summer is almost over and school is getting ready to start. YCAM (Youth Creative Arts Ministry) will resume August 3rd, and will run from 7:15 - 8:00pm. The dinner and devotion portion will be part of the Wednesday "Family Night" program, starting at 5:30pm with games.

For questions about YCAM, contact Scott Tinsley:
media@pontevdra.church

United Methodist Children's Home

Friday, August 12:

Cooper Agent, Barry Durden, George Garcia and Al Stevens will cook and serve at Florida UMC Methodist Children's Home back to school party. The Thursday morning men's group purchased the food for this fun event.



Grief Support Group



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

**Grief Share will resume on
Tuesday, August 6th, at 4:00pm**

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
The church office: info@pontevdra.church



**The Traditional (Chancel) Choir will resume on
Thursday, August 18th, at 7:00pm**

For more info contact Scott Tinsley:
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Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. (Psalm 95:1)

Family Promise 2022

On August 14-21st our church will be welcoming up to 3 temporarily homeless families from Family Promise Ministry. It takes approximately 40 hands-on volunteers to host on-site. This number doesn't include the large number of members who generously donate supplies. Below is a list of opportunities if you would like to help serve:

- **Provide a hot meal for up to 14 people** – Dinner Friday night or Saturday night, and breakfast on Sunday. If you can help, please contact Corrine Garrison at corrine13@comcast.net.
- **Overnight Hosts** – We need 1-2 females and 5 males to spend one night at the church. You will be staying in your own private room with a queen-sized air mattress. An orientation will be held before the host week starts.
- **Laundry Volunteers** – People are needed to do 1-2 sets of linens at the close of the host week. Bags of laundry can be picked up at the end of each service on August 21st and should be returned the following Sunday, August 28th.
- **Supplies** – Items that we need donated for the week are located at the Family Promise display table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a sticky note with the item you would like to donate then put your name, item donating, and email address on the sign-up sheet.
- **Air Mattresses** – If you have experience inflating and deflating air mattresses, we could use your help on Sunday arrival and departure to inflate and deflate the 2 queen mattresses in the hosts' rooms.

Important: please make sure you give your email address if you have signed up to serve. Email is our main method of communication.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer in any of these capacities and did not sign up on Family Promise Promotion Sunday, please visit the display table on Sunday, August 7th, or email Cecily Browning at tcbmom@hotmail.com. God bless you for your support!



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

(Matthew 25:35-40)

DONATIONS



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women to Learn about Oberammergau Passion Play Experience

"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refused to believe will be condemned."

(Mark 16:15-16)

On Saturday, August 13 at 10:00am, our United Methodist Women will have the privilege of hearing from our sisters Susan Merrill, Nancy Noble, and Jo Miller what it is like to view this live passion play in Oberammergau, Germany. Since the early 1600's, this play has been produced in Bavaria, with the actors being born and trained for a lifetime to represent the Biblical characters involved in the passion, crucifixion, and resurrection of our Lord. Susan and Nancy were blessed to see this year's production, while Jo has seen previous plays before it was cancelled due to Covid. We are excited that they are sharing with us the inspiration of this drama for our August program. Invite a friend and come join us!

During the meeting which follows, we hope to set details and dates for our Fall Tea and Christmas Bake Sale, Womens' Retreat, and hopefully the return of the Navy Band Concert in the Spring. We also will be serving Thanksgiving dinner to our Home Again St. Johns friends. We hope you will be able to participate in some of these exciting events.

Cecily Browning and Corrine Garrison are busy organizing live Family Promise at our church in August. There are still opportunities to serve a dinner or spend the night as a chaperone. Our ladies served a delicious pasta dinner to the Wednesday Family Night gathering and enjoyed the study groups which followed.

This July, our ladies have been busy with the bereavement committee, prayer chain, and prayer team. If you would like to help with any of these endeavors, please contact Mary Moyes (231-750-0049) or Jennie Dorsey (304-629-9636). If you haven't found a Bible study or Life Learner group, please see Jo Miller or Veronica Richiez about one that might work best for you.



A Message from Pastor Edwin

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all having a great summer. We know that God will continue to work in and through us this month of August. Our Family Nights continue and we are having such a wonderful time together. The outside games, the fellowship around the dinner table, and the meaningful discussion during our small groups are such a blessing! We encourage you to extend an invitation to your friends to come and be part of Family Night.

Learning and sharing our lives together is vital for our Christian growth. This month we will have our Small Groups Fair! This is an opportunity for our congregation to learn more about each of our Life Learner Groups and how to be involved in one. After each service, everyone is welcome to stop by the tables outside and visit with our group facilitators and learn what topics each group is discussing, who are the group members, meeting times, etc. Our Life Learner Groups are a wonderful opportunity for each of us to grow in Christ together.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”
(Acts 2:42 NIV)



Grace and Peace,
Pastor Edwin



Life Learner Groups Resume

Jenny Dorsey's Group: Will resume on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 7:00pm in the Community Room. Pastor Dorsey will be leading the study on John 3:16 using Max Lucado's book, "3:16 The Numbers of Hope". Jennie Dorsey is the facilitator of the group. Please bring your Bible and a desire to grow in your faith. A limited number of Study Books will be available at a cost of \$5.00 each, or you may purchase your own. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see Jennie Dorsey or Nancy Mingus with any questions.

Nancy Rice Hill's Group: Will resume on Thursday, September 8th, at 9:30am in Room 207. Our class usually lasts 1 to 1½ hours. This year, we have chosen to study the following:

- Unveiling Mary Magdalene by Liz Curtis Higgs
- Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam by James W. Moore (Advent Study)
- Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado (Lenten Study)
- Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer.

Our group also has several ministries we do throughout the year:

- Card Ministry - We send cards to those in our church needing a little "pick-me-up".
- Adopt a Buddy - We have adopted some buddies from our congregation who no longer are able to attend regularly so they know they are being thought of by us.
- Lunch for the Homeless: On the third Thursday of the odd months, we prepare lunch for the homeless at Mission House in Jacksonville Beach.

We also help in many other ways! We would love to have any women join us who are seeking a way to study the Bible and prayer with other Christian women. If interested, please contact Nancy Rice Hill at 904-607-1182 or nancy.rice.hill@gmail.com

Pastor Edwin's Virtual Group: Will resume on September 6th at 7:00pm. The Acts 2 Connection is a great time for community and learning together. Being a virtual gathering, it offers great flexibility to those who participate. We normally follow the SOAP approach during our times together: Scripture (what the text says), Observation (what the text means), Application (how the text applies to us today), and Prayer at the end of our gatherings.

Barry Durden's Group: Will resume on September 11th at 10:45am in Rm # 207.



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 Jacqueline and Pastor Edwin.



Family Nights @



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!
WEDNESDAYS - 5:30 TO 7:15 PM

ACTIVITIES:

5:30 - 6:00 pm: Games for Children and Youth
6:00 - 6:30 pm: All gather for dinner
6:30 - 7:15 pm: Bible-based study for Children, Youth, Couples and Singles

76 S. Roscoe Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida



SMALL GROUPS

Developing deep rooted relationships with God and each other



Join us on Sunday, August 28th, for our Small Groups Fair after the 9:30 & 11:00 services. Information regarding each group, along with sign-up sheets, will be available.



GOSPEL MUSIC

AND DINNER
SUNDAY, SEPT 29TH, 5:30PM



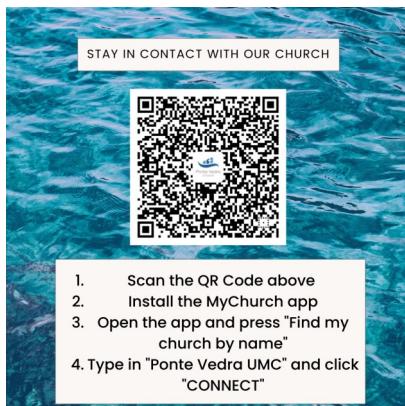
FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
2:00 - 4:00PM



Birthdays

Andy Andreu	08/03
Alice Morris	08/03
Lori White	08/07
Coletta Hodges	08/09
Christy Timm	08/09
Roberta Walters	08/16
Matthew Koch	08/20
Graham Hancock	08/25
Bruce Morris	08/25
Beverly Rapaport	08/28



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