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## From the Desk of Pastor Steve



Dear Friends,

In the coming weeks we are going to celebrate together the resurrection of Jesus Christ and our own eternal selves! It is always a pleasure to be a part of the worshiping community as we celebrate being "Easter people," during the days and weeks following Easter. Please be ready to come and join us in worship in the coming weeks for great music and joy in the Lord!

One of the other joys that you will have to look forward to is the appointment of a new pastor for Valencia UMC. Rev.

Steve Peralta will begin work here on July 1, 2016, having been appointed and sent to us by Bishop Carcaño. You will have the opportunity to hear a different voice from the pulpit, in meetings and all around as your new pastor gets to know you.

A few things that could happen to make the transition easier are:

Pray for the transition every day.

Be prepared to wear a name tag as often as possible.

Write a note of encouragement to the pastor in the first days and weeks here.

Give generously so that the church is on great financial ground.

Invite others to get to know the pastor along with you.

I am sure that you have other ways to make this transition smooth and I trust you with this process. So let's get ourselves together as we *PARTY ON!* during this holy Easter season!

Peace,

Steve Hundley

[shundley@umcv.org](mailto:shundley@umcv.org)



**PARTY ON!**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is cause for celebration. Easter brings hope and joy to all people. But Easter is just the beginning of the party. Because we are Easter people, we have many reasons to rejoice and celebrate. Jesus Christ has set us free and came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. In our post-Easter sermon series, *PARTY ON!* we will keep the party going by focusing on the gifts we receive that contribute to our living an abundant life. We invite you to come worship that we might explore together these gifts that create an abundant life through Jesus Christ:

**Joy!**

**Birth of the Church!**

**Generosity!**

**Compassion!**

**Good News!**

**Hope!**

## Small Group Training



All small group leaders are invited to our next gathering on Saturday, April 23rd, 9-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please [click here](#) to RSVP to Michelle.

## New Member Class



### **New Member Class Begins April 17th**

Are you ready to take the next step? We are offering a three-session new member class that meets at 11:45 a.m. on Sundays and includes a light lunch. Through the new member class you will discover your spiritual gifts, learn about the United Methodist Church, and the ministries and structure of Valencia United Methodist Church. Our pastor and other members of our church will share the vision and mission of our church and what membership in the church is all about. Childcare will be provided upon request. To reserve your space, please email [sklahs@umcv.org](mailto:sklahs@umcv.org) or call the church office at 255-1301.

## Christian Education Sunday



During both worship hours on Sunday, April 17th, we will recognize and celebrate those who serve in Christian education. We are grateful for our children, youth and adult Sunday school teachers and assistants, small group leaders, youth leaders, Pioneer Clubs guides and junior guides, nursery workers, and choir leaders for the children and youth.

## Grief Support Group



An eight-week grief support group, facilitated by Martie Smith, will be forming at VUMC. Meetings will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2-4:00 p.m., beginning Sunday, April 10th, in the church library. The study will be based on the book, *Beyond the Broken Heart*, by Julie Yarbrough. The weekly reading, combined with video presentations and group discussions, will cover the stages and emotions involved with grief, as well as faith-based coping strategies. This group welcomes both men and women, no matter what the source or reason for your grief. We grieve for many types of loss, not only as a result of the death of a loved one. Please [click here](#) to contact Michelle Andrews for more information or to sign up.

## Family Promise



*The next VUMC host week is April 24 - May 1.  
Unpaid servants are needed for set-up, tear-down,  
dinner delivery, and to be evening and overnight hosts.  
If you can help, please [click here](#).*

Youth Sunday - April 24th

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VALENCIA United Methodist Church

## *My God Is Big Enough!*

Join us for a special morning of youth-led worship. Through music, messages, prayer, Scripture, and drama, our young people will focus on God's amazing love, how they experience it in their lives and how their own faith, hope and love have grown. This is a Sunday you won't want to miss!

## Stop Hunger Now 2016 Photos and Results



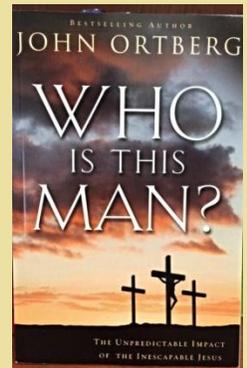
Thank you to everyone who helped out with Stop Hunger Now, both financially and with the assembly of the 12,000 meals, which are headed to Cambodia!

To see a slide show of the action of the day,  
please [click here!](#)

## Who Is This Man? Follow Up Conversation

### *Who Is This Man?* Follow-Up Conversation (and dessert!)

Whether you read the book, heard the sermons, or participated in the small group study, John Ortberg's book, *Who Is This Man?*, generated a lot of thought and discussion and we want to keep the conversation going. Join us for "dessert and discussion" on Monday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. Watch the bulletins for more information and to sign up.



## Spring Musical Coming this May!

# FAITHING *Forward*

Spring Musical featuring Valencia UMC's youth and children's choirs

Sunday, May 8th, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

A musical about kids who think faith isn't for them and other youngsters who think they know everything about God. Much to their mutual surprise, the two groups find they have something to learn from each other. In a fun-filled and emotional journey, all the kids discover something new about God, friendship and what it means to share your faith.

## Stewardship 365

# STEWARDSHIP 365

### *Practicing Extravagant Generosity*

by Robert Schnase

*Giving helps us become what God wants us to be. Giving is not merely about the church's need for money, but about the Christian's need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth. God uses our giving to change the world for God's purposes, and God uses our giving to reconfigure our interior lives and to change us!*

## Who We Are



### Vision Statement

We are a community of faith where lives are continuously transformed through Jesus Christ.



### Mission Statement

Our Church exists to:

- Invite people
- Nurture them with Christ's love and the Word of God
- Send them out to serve others.



### Our Core Values:

- Worship - Public and private
- Small Groups - Building relationships
- Service - Using God-given gifts

### Please join us in worship on Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Classic Celebration  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise

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Avenida Navarre, across the street from the hospital.  
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