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Faith Notes from Pastor Galloway



Happy New Year to you!

What was the best part of Christmas for you? Did you experience the miracle of Christmas? Did you become the miracle? Perhaps, because of you, someone had the best Christmas ever! Over the past few weeks we have traveled with awe through the season of Advent and we have worshiped the One who has come, the One who comes to us in every moment of our lives, and the One who will come again to reign in righteousness, love, and peace.

We have also experienced the mystery of Christmas. We found those treasured moments with family and friends, in sharing and caring, and in the sights and the sounds of the season. We have listened to hear the angels sing, and we joined the heavenly choir with our own singing during Advent, and the carols of Christmas. Music has been in our hearts and singing has given us hope, peace, and joy!

Now the music of heaven must continue to be heard and proclaimed in the new year. Our worship cannot cease and our acts of compassion cannot waver. Our embrace of peace on earth and good will among all people must now become a way of life.

Our journey continues into the new year as we seek to follow the star and allow ourselves to be led by its glorious light. At VUMC, you will be invited to a journey that is designed to be a holistic challenge. Are you ready for a journey that will call forth better overall health and spiritual awareness? I invite you to seek physical fitness, pray, fast, meditate, give of your time and resources, and so forth. My prayer for you is that you will follow the star and find wonder, beauty, and newness of life!

Finally, I invite you to do everything you can to keep the heavenly music alive in your heart. In 2016, there will be great excitement around national campaigns and presidential elections, and there is great danger that the rhetoric of the rallies will drown out the message of the Messiah. The words of Howard Thurman (1899-1981) can inspire our thinking as we continue the work of Christmas into the new year. Let us take his words to heart:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

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New Sermon Series - Cross Training for Spiritual and Physical Health

We are starting the new year off with a great series that will challenge all of us to improve our spiritual and physical health. Our series will tackle spiritual disciplines - prayer, fasting, worship, studying the Word and service. We will also look for changes that we can make towards a healthier lifestyle. We will be issuing challenges, offering classes, activities and devotions that will support your efforts. The series will culminate in a special "Celebration Event - Family Fun Run and Breakfast" on February 6th. It all starts January 10th so plan to be in worship so that you don't miss a thing and can make 2016 the year that leads to better overall spiritual and physical health.

If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you!



During this five-week series we will be challenging everyone to improve their physical and spiritual health. We invite you to jump in and take the challenge to become more spiritually and physically fit.

Here is some of what we have planned for you:

Daily Cross-Training Log with suggested exercises for various levels of spiritual and physical fitness.
Classes: Centering Prayer, Fasting, Prayer Beads, Heart-Healthy Eating and Weight Management
Activities: Weekend hikes, Family Fun Run/Walk Celebration on February 6.

Doorways - Campus Improvements



Hopefully you have noticed a few improvements around our campus. Our Sanctuary has new carpeting and the lobby has a fresh coat of paint. The wood floors will be redone this month. The choir room will also be re-carpeted in January. We have a new sound console that replaces a chronically faulty one. Special drains have been installed outside the doors to our Sanctuary to prevent rain from coming in to the building. In addition, exterior beams have been sanded, sealed and repainted in several areas. All of these improvement/repairs have been made possible by the Doorways Campaign dollars. We thank you for your support of this project.

Pioneer Clubs Drive-In Movie Night



Drive-In Movie Free Popcorn!

Kiddos, make a car
out of cardboard!

Enjoy your drive-in
experience with
free popcorn and
Minions.

Ideas? Questions?
Contact Ellen or
Stephanie at
pioneerclubs@umcv.org.

Or just bring a lawn
chair!



Saturday, January 16 ~ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

Miracle Offering 2015



*It's not too late! If you would like to donate to the Miracle Offering, or Christmas Offering, please go to the giving area of our website:
[Click here.](#)*

Youth Update

VUMC youth

VALENCIA United Methodist Church

The VUMC Youth have been busy working to raise funds for youth projects and missions. Thank you for your recent donations of clothing and shoes which netted over 2900 pounds!

At Parent's Night Out we had 44 children who enjoyed a great evening of fun while parents enjoyed some quality time together.

Watch for more info coming soon on the Youth Soup-er Bowl!

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