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From the Desk of Pastor Steve



Steve and Becky Hundley

Dear Friends,

As we continue to work our way through the *Radical Rabbi* worship focus, we need to affirm some basic tenants of our faith. Ponder these:

1. The Radical Rabbi did what He did for you and for everyone who has ever lived and will live.
2. The Radical Rabbi did things His way - which was God's way.
3. The Radical Rabbi made lots of promises to us, including the promise to love us and be our advocate.
4. The Radical Rabbi reminded us to be radical by serving the least, the last and the lost. He had a special place for children, women and the foreigner in our midst.

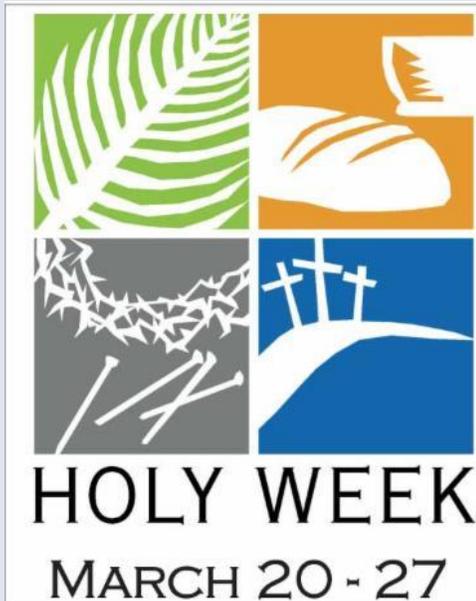
So friends, clearly He is calling us to a radical servanthood where we give all we can, pray all we can and serve all we can - because the Radical Rabbi showed us how!

I have decided to have an Easter sunrise worship at 6:30 a.m. on the patio. We will sing together, pray, share Easter joy and celebrate holy communion. Come join in!

See you at Valencia UMC - *#HereforGood!*

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Holy Week and Easter



The graphic features a 2x2 grid of icons: a green palm frond, a white bread roll on an orange background, a crown of thorns on a grey background, and a white cross on a blue background. Below the grid, the text reads 'HOLY WEEK' and 'MARCH 20 - 27'.

PALM SUNDAY
March 20

MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 24, 7 p.m.
Kids' program at 7 p.m.
Childcare available

GOOD FRIDAY
March 25, 7 p.m., SCUMC

EASTER SUNDAY
March 27, 8:30 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00
6:30 - 7:00 Sunrise
Communion on the Patio
Children's activities at 9:45 and 11 a.m.

EASTER

RADICAL BELIEF

MARCH 27

8:30 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00

6:30 - 7:00 Sunrise Communion on the Patio
Children's activities at 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Stop Hunger Now

Sunday, March 6th

This year, we will again partner with *Stop Hunger Now* to package meals that will be sent to ongoing school feeding programs in places around the world that sustain lifelong change.



How can you participate?

- Enlist your family, small group, friends, neighbors or co-workers to help you sponsor 10 meals (\$3), 100 meals (\$30) or maybe 1,000 (\$300) meals. Every dollar will help us meet our goal of \$3,000/10,000 meals.
- Help unload and carry supplies from the parking lot to Fellowship Hall. (Adults only, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.).
- Sign up for a shift to assemble and package meals.

Follow this link to donate and to sign up:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/ValenciaUMC2016>

Travel to Kenya and Ethiopia with Tirzah International



There is still time to join Tirzah International's trip to Kenya and Ethiopia, June 3-13. This team will be spending time with courageous women working to rebuild their lives, despite HIV and poverty. These two Tirzah programs train women in small business and skills, provide medical care and show women who have felt discarded and disregarded that they are valuable and worthy of love. Come on this trip and encourage them with your presence and love!

If you are interested in getting more information about this trip, please contact Casandra Morgan-Loyer at cmorganloyer@gmail.com.



Grief Support Group

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An eight-week grief support group, facilitated by Martie Smith, will be forming at VUMC. Meetings will take place on Sunday afternoon 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.

More information and sign-ups will be available at Coffee Fellowship soon.

Family Promise



The next VUMC host week is coming again soon!
Please make a note on your calendar:

April 24 - May 1

Habitat For Humanity



Valencia United Methodist Church is adding yet another way for its members to serve others in our community. A small group has been started to volunteer at the Habitat for Heroes village on Centre Point Drive in Santa Clarita. Habitat is building nearly 80 homes on the site for low-income and disabled military veterans and their families.

Jeff Meyer has coordinated three volunteer days for this project. The first will be held Saturday, March 5th, and the others will be Saturday, July 9th, and Saturday, October 1st.

Habitat is looking for work groups of about 20 people for each date. If you would like to volunteer on any or all of the three days, that would be great!

A few details about helping at a Habitat site: All work days are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All tools and materials will be provided by Habitat. You do not need to be skilled in construction work to volunteer. Habitat will provide water and a lunch for all volunteers. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

So far, nearly 40 VUMC members have expressed an interest in joining the group. If you'd like to be included or just have questions, please contact Jeff at (661) 253-1737 or via email at jeffameyer@icloud.com.



Campus Workday



Spring Church Workday Saturday, March 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Calling all hands on deck! We are looking for unpaid servants to help make minor repairs, clean out rain gutters, wash windows, paint and do general cleaning. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with donuts and coffee. If you have a leaf blower and/or an extendable ladder, please bring them along. If you can help, please contact Sherry Klahs at sklahs@umcv.org.

Miracle Offering Update



We are pleased to announce that the 2015 Miracle Offering raised \$46,247.07, bringing our total since the first Miracle Offering in 2009 to more than \$250,000.

The 2015 Miracle Offering money will go to help support:

- The United Methodist campaign, *Nothing But Nets*, to continue the work toward eradicating Malaria
- The work being done in rural Nicaragua through Project Chacocente, and our support of a United Methodist missionary
- Support of two local homeless programs: Family Promise, which helps families transition from homelessness to self-sustainability; and Bridge to Home which offers a range of services to the homeless
- The work of Tirzah International; particularly the sewing center in Burundi, where women who have faced tragic events in their lives learn a trade that will help them support themselves.

Our Miracle Offering truly helps to make a difference in the lives of people, and we thank you for helping us to continue to be *#HereforGood* - in places as near as our valley, and as far as Central America and Africa.



FOUNDATIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP

Part VI - Tithing

The last in our series on *Foundations for Stewardship* focuses on the tithe. The word "tithe" is a biblical word for 10%. It is one of the basic building blocks of stewardship.

In the Bible, the tithe was the basic offering to God. The farmers brought 10% of their harvest and gave in thanks to God, and the shepherds brought 10% of their flock as an offering (the best 10%, too). It was God's instruction to do just that. "You shall bring a tithe"

This instruction is still one of the basic foundations of stewardship. It is a good practice not only because it comes from God's Word but also because it is extremely helpful.

How much should we give? Here's an easy answer: 10% - whether we are good in math or not, we can easily calculate 10%. This means we enjoy having 90% left for our needs and use. That's not a bad deal!

Surprisingly, moving toward the tithe can also help us better manage the 90% left for us. Most of us need more discipline regarding our finances. Becoming a tither is a way of forcing ourselves to manage money more carefully. When we are giving that generously, we simply have to be better at managing money, and we will pay more attention to where it goes.

For many, the tithe is a good goal to grow toward. Calculate your total giving, including that to non-church charities and community programs, and determine the percentage of your total take-home household income this represents. If it is 1 to 4%, as in most households, set your sights on growing by 1% a year. If you are already at 10%, continue to stretch your giving in gratitude.

The important thing is to begin by giving a percentage of household income as opposed to simply picking an amount that seems okay. That is a start toward tithing, a foundation for stewardship and a source of great satisfaction.



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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