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**From the Desk of Pastor Steve**



Dear Friends,

The month of May will be full! Here at our place we will celebrate our music ministry, Mother's Day, Pentecost (the birthday of the church), confirmation and begin our focus on "Therefore, Go...!"

I know you join me in great appreciation for the leadership and gifts we have at VUMC within our music programs. They always seem to have a passion for this work and provide such inspirational music.

It is always a privilege to witness the baptisms and confirmations of people who want to publicly profess faith in Jesus Christ, as we will witness on Pentecost.

"Therefore, Go" is the theme for the General Conference in Portland this month. We thought it would be appropriate to carry on the same theme for our time through June in our worship life.

I will be attending the General Conference of the United Methodist Church as it meets in Portland, Oregon, May 10 - 20. I will be helping to host the conference, lead volunteers, have meetings with a legislative committee (on general administration), and share in meetings of the general church finance leadership. You may hear many things about what we are doing as a church from the conference. Most will be about what we say about LGBTQ persons, clergy issues, and bishops, but please be aware that in the midst of it all, this group of 864 elected persons from around the world is setting the missional priorities for our work in the next four years. Pray for the conference as it meets and I will be prepared to share with you about what really happened when I return.

Be the church in the world -

Pastor Steve  
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\*\*\*\*Editor's Note:

Congratulations to Pastor Steve on his new position! To read more, [click here](#).

## SCVHC - Santa Clarita Valley Homeless Coalition



did you know?

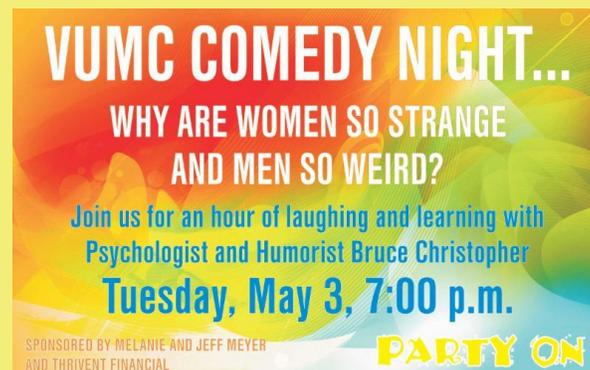
The Santa Clarita Valley Homeless Coalition began as an idea from the Vision Team to expand on the good things VUMC has done for the homeless in our community. What started with a round table discussion hosted by VUMC, quickly grew to include local government, homeless service providers, faith-based organizations, businesses, and individuals working collaboratively to provide and advocate for comprehensive and readily accessible services to those who face homelessness. Its purpose is to share information, resources and ideas and to find working solutions to end homelessness in the Santa Clarita Valley.

## Music Celebration Sunday



Join us for *Music Celebration Sunday* this Sunday, May 1st, as we make a joyful noise to the Lord at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

## Comedy Night



Someone once said, "Life is relationships." It's true, people who have achieved success are those who have developed effective relationship skills.

Communication is the skill which makes relationships work, yet sometimes communicating with the opposite sex can be a frustrating experience ... at home and at work. Men and women are equal--but different! This talk takes a very hilarious look at how men and women think, speak, and make decisions differently.

"Why Are Women So Strange and Men So Weird" presents strategies for both men and women to enhance their relationships and build intimacy. Laugh 'til you cry. Learn 'til you change. These are the only rules that apply at a Bruce Christopher presentation.

## Mother's Day and Spring Musical

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than to bring the whole family to church on Sunday, May 8th, to share in the Spring Musical featuring our youth and children's choirs! Casandra Loyer has done it again: written a timely and inspiring script that speaks of God's love and care for all us, no matter our circumstances. It's a family experience you won't want to miss!

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to attend - [click here](#) to share this event with your Facebook friends.



## Senior Ministry Luncheon



It's Coming!  
The senior ministry May luncheon is almost here!

Saturday, May 28th, 11:30 a.m.  
in Fellowship Hall

Watch for more information to come and be sure to stop by the sign-up table to make your reservation during Coffee Fellowship!

## Coming July 1st to VUMC - Pastor Steve Peralta



Pastor Steve has served Thousand Oaks UMC since July of 2006. He was first ordained in 1998 and served in Huntington Beach and Santa Barbara before landing in the Conejo Valley. His experience in ministry includes youth and young adult ministry, visitation ministry, mission and service work, Biblical study, worship design and leadership, and evangelistic outreach.

Pastor Steve possesses a variety of interests, styles and skills. He loves music of many styles, including rock, pop, Celtic, and classical. However, he more than listens; he also sings, plays guitar, and has been known to pen a tune or two. If you know the music of U2, The Violet Burning, Radiohead, and Social Distortion, you can get an idea of the soundtrack playing in his mind.

Pastor Steve used to be something of an athlete: he ran track in college and was track team captain (1991) at Humboldt State University. He still loves to run, work out, and play most of the traditional, recreational sports such as softball and basketball. He also enjoys adventures: backpacking, mountaineering, snowboarding, river rafting, canyoneering, and international travel. When not on the go, Pastor Steve enjoys reading, writing, and cooking.

### Education

Pastor Steve earned his BA in English at California State University, Humboldt, Class of 1992. He earned his Masters of Divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary, Class of 1998. Both degrees are cum laude.

### Professional Profile

Pastor Steve is known for good pastoral care skills, creative worship, powerful preaching, and an ability to minister across generational gaps. He is a part of the emergent conversation, yet is quick to honor and remember the traditions of Methodism. He is equally comfortable singing modern worship songs or the traditional hymns. He believes that ministry is a work of the entire church body: all Christians are called to ministry. Pastor Steve's ministry experience is not limited to the local church. He served as District Youth Coordinator in the Santa Ana District from 1996 until 2002. He sat on the Conference Council on Youth Ministry and served on the YPC Steering Committee 1997 - 2000. He actively participates in District summer camping (Santa Ana District Senior High Dean, 1999-2001, camp staff for Santa Barbara District 2003-2007); served on the Santa Barbara Wesley Foundation (2002-2006) and the Santa Barbara District and Planning and Strategy Committee (2005-2006); served on the Conference Council for Young Adult Ministries (2002-2005); and coordinated the young adult ski retreat weekend twice (2005-2006). He has led worship at Annual Conference; coordinated the Annual Conference youth worship (1999); and lead worship singing at YPC (2000-2004) and at JHC (2005). Finally, he served as dean for the youth worker and camp leader retreats (1999-2001) and taught a course at the first ever Conference workshops on youth ministry and camping in Hawaii (1999).

## Graduate Recognition



Graduate Recognition Sunday ~ May 22nd

We want to recognize our church family graduating high school or college seniors in the bulletin on Sunday, May 22nd. Please email the student's name, school they are graduating from, and future plans to [ssleutjes@umcv.org](mailto:ssleutjes@umcv.org) by Monday, May 9th.

## Sixth Grade Breakfast

Sixth Grade Promotion

# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 5, 9 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

We're so excited to have the old 6th graders  
come into Youth Group as our new 7th graders!



For more info,  
contact David Stradling, [dstradling@umcv.org](mailto:dstradling@umcv.org)



## Pentecost

May 15th is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is one of the principal days of the Christian year, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. The Greek word *pentecoste* means "fiftieth day." Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem, the story given to us in the second chapter of the book of Acts.

Pentecost marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world and is often referred to as the birthday of the church. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. It is a custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear **RED** on the Day of Pentecost, as a reminder of the fire of the Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4)

All are invited to wear red, yellow or orange to worship on Sunday, May 15th! (to signify colors of flames).



## Summer Sunday School Help Needed



Summer Sunday School  
June 19th - August 7th

It's that time again - time to give our beloved Sunday school teachers a break! We're giving others the opportunity to contribute to the children in our church family by signing up to help out.

Choose any dates you like! There is no prep, just come and enjoy a fun and meaningful morning with us!! [Click here](#) to sign up!

## Vacation Bible School

Cave Quest is coming!! Tell your family, friends and neighbors!  
Mark your calendars - registration opens May 15th!  
Space is limited, so register early!!

**Crew Leaders Needed! Email Karyn if you can help!**  
[kmalchus@umcv.org](mailto:kmalchus@umcv.org)



Space is limited. Register Soon!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 27 - July 1, 9 am - 12:15 pm

## CAVE QUEST

**FOLLOWING JESUS  
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Cost: \$40.00 first child/  
\$35.00 each sibling

Ages 3 years (potty trained)  
through 6th grade

Special "tween" program  
for 5th and 6th graders!

Registration forms  
available at [umcv.org](http://umcv.org)  
or in the church office.

Valencia United Methodist Church  
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[umcv.org](http://umcv.org) ~ 661.255.1301 ~ [f](https://www.facebook.com/ValenciaUMC) Valencia UMC

The poster features a yellow background with a purple and orange cave illustration. The title 'CAVE QUEST' is written in large, 3D, stone-like letters. Below it, a sign reads 'FOLLOWING JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD'. To the right, there is a cartoon butterfly character and a wooden sign that says 'here for good'. The bottom section contains registration details and contact information for Valencia United Methodist Church.



"But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving."  
 2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV

First Quarter Financial Report

The Finance Team met on Monday, April 11th, to review first quarter financial results. They are pleased to report that all of the bills are paid through March for the mission and ministries of our church. We have also been able to pay 17% of our apportionments through the generosity of our church family. We are pleased to be a part of a generous worshipping community here at Valencia UMC!  
 -Dan McConaughy, Finance Team Chairman

First Quarter Financial Status - March 31, 2016				
Valencia UMC 2016 Apportionments				
	Annual	Total Paid	% Paid	
<b>General Church Apportionment</b>				
World Service Fund	14,475.53	1206.29	8%	
Ministerial Education Fund	4969.74	2216.79	45%	
General Administration Fund	1747.69	1747.69	100%	
Interdenominational Fund	388.86	388.87	100%	
Episcopal Fund	4666.35	4666.35	100%	
Black College Fund	1982.48	1982.48	100%	
Africa University Fund	443.80	443.80	100%	
<b>Total General Church Apportionment (A)</b>	<b>28,674.45</b>	<b>12652.27</b>		
<b>Western Jurisdiction Apportionment (B)</b>	<b>804.29</b>	<b>804.29</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Annual Conference Apportionment (C)</b>	<b>102,446.56</b>	<b>8537.21</b>	<b>8%</b>	
<b>TOTAL APPORTIONMENTS</b>	<b>131,925.30</b>	<b>21993.77</b>	<b>17%</b>	
<b>Bills Paid as of 3/31/2016</b>		<b>201,930.93</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Income as of 3/31/2016</b>		<b>214,918.55</b>		
<b>Income minus Bills Paid &amp; Apportionments Paid</b>		<b>-9,006.15</b>		
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>		<b>14,687.59</b>		

## 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