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Leading Out with Pastor Steve

Leading Out...

"The One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the righteousness of your harvest."

2 Corinthians 9:10, NRSV

This week, I will be retreating to the mountain village of Oak Glen to spend some time with the Bible, with some colleagues, and my preaching calendar stretched out in front of me. We will be pouring through the Word of God and asking, "God, what are you saying to your church?" At the end of the week, I hope to have set my upcoming sermon series, scriptures, and sermon titles through this time next year. It will be an intensive week...so please hold me in prayer; that the hard work will pay dividends in the days to come.



This work resembles plowing and planting, which usually occurs in the spring. Fall is a time for harvest: the time when we reap the fruit of spring and summer's hard work. When I think of our church, we have come through an interesting year...one of unexpected shifts and transitions. We've emerged with a new sense of who we are and a new resolve to move forward in service to God's mission.

But the plowing and planting work continues...even out of season. We will soon be reaching out for people to fill positions of leadership. We will be having our annual pledge campaign for the budget. We will be talking about how each of us has a place in the body of Christ. We will be taking in new members. We will start to prepare for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

So much work...yet it remains important that we find moments to celebrate. One of the moments will happen on October 2nd: World Communion Sunday. On this day, in our worship of God, we will acknowledge the global nature of the church and celebrate the many cultures that echo the Gospel throughout the world. I hope you will join us that day!

Thank you for a good first three months. The work we do in the next three months will be the work that sets up a great 2017. Now is the time to trust that we have seeds to plant. Now is the time to trust that God will help us see a yield for his kingdom. Onward and upward my brothers and sisters!

In Christ,

Pastor Steve
speralta@umcv.org

Daniel Pearl Concert



danielpearlmusicdays.org

Daniel Pearl
WORLD MUSIC DAYS

Harmony for Humanity Concert
Sunday, October 23
4:00 p.m.
Free Valencia UMC Sanctuary



Tirzah Trip

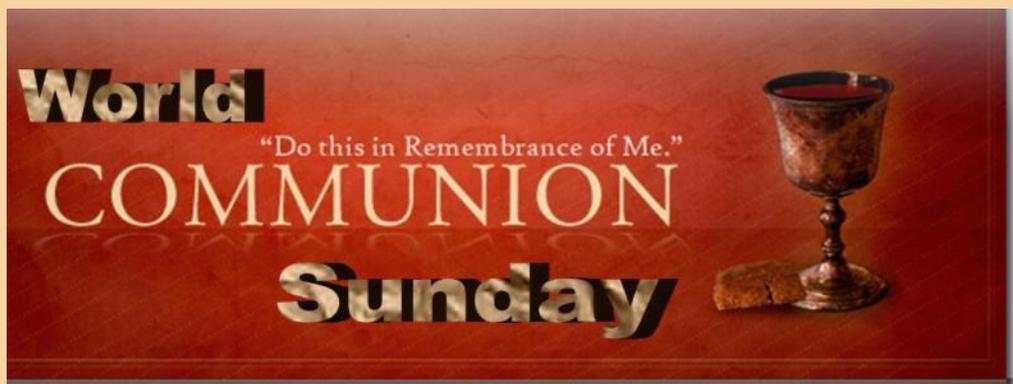


Tirzah Trip November 4-14, 2016

Tirzah is hosting a trip to Ethiopia and Kenya next month, and there are several spots open.

For more information, contact Casandra Loyer, cmorganloyer@tirzah.org.

World Communion Sunday



Please join us on October 2nd for
World Communion Sunday
celebrating the unity of Christians around the world.
We invite you to wear ethnic clothing to worship!

Rejuvenate



What is it?

re-ju-ve-nate is a women's ministry that is open to women of all ages.

What do you do?

We always begin our meetings with some time to talk with other women. So often women are pulled in multiple directions at one time tending to others' needs, that we need some time to just talk with other women - without interruption. After this opening time, we have a brief input, which may take the form of a video clip, a guest speaker, or a short talk. Following this, we break up into small groups with the women seated around us and discuss what we've just heard. There are guiding questions and no right or wrong answers. It's just a time to share as you are comfortable and learn from other women. We come back together to share joys and concerns and close with a prayer.

Why do you do it?

re-ju-ve-nate is like a "mini-retreat" every month. Its purpose is to refresh your soul and rejuvenate your spirit.

When is it?

We meet monthly. Our next meeting is on Sunday, October 16th at 5:30 p.m. Our topic for the October meeting will be Wisdom.

Where is it?

We meet in Fellowship Hall.

How can I get connected and find out more?

You can check out our Facebook page at Rejuvenate at Valencia UMC or email Vicki Kubasak at vkubasak@saugusd.org.

Is there childcare?

Yes, we offer childcare. Please let Vicki know in advance if you will need it, so we can be sure to have coverage.

Please consider joining us for our next meeting to see what it's all about.
You are always welcome to invite a friend as well!

Project Chacocente Informational Meeting

Are you thinking about going to Project Chacocente?

If you are interested in learning more about the 2017 mission trip to Project Chacocente in rural Nicaragua, please join us on Sunday, October 2nd at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The brief meeting will offer a background of the project, what the trip entails, trip dates, and expected costs. There is no obligation, so if you would simply like to know more, feel free to come! For more information, contact Kim Fisher at 713-0234 or kfisher12@yahoo.com. To learn more about the project, visit outofthedump.org.



Habitat for Heroes



Habitat for Heroes

If you have ever wanted to participate in a Habitat for Humanity build, there is an opportunity this month at the local Habitat for Heroes building project. Anyone 16 years and older is welcome to build homes for local veterans on October 29th. For more information, please contact Jeff Meyer jeffameyer@icloud.com.

Stop Hunger Now

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VUMC will be hosting a meal packaging event on Sunday, November 6th. This year, our goal is to raise \$4,350 to be able to package 15,000 meals that will be sent to feeding programs around the world. Each meal costs just \$0.29, and makes a difference in someone's life. We need help in the following ways:

- Raising money to cover the costs of the meals, and to ship them
- Working a shift on the day of the event



Shifts will begin with unloading and set-up at 8:30 a.m., and finish by 12:30 p.m. Feel free to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join in and help.

To donate, or register to help on the day of the event, please click here:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/ValenciaUMCNov2016>.

New Sermon Series



Sept. 25 - Oct. 23

Love One Another

Love Your Neighbor
As Yourself

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 26, 6-7:30 p.m.



DJ ~ Monster Maze

Games ~ Crafts ~ Candy

Safe Family Fun

For kids through sixth grade

Non-scary costumes, please!

Free and Open to the Community

Invite your friends and neighbors



New Members Class

Ready to Take the Next Step?

A new members class will begin on Sunday, October 23rd and will also meet on Sunday, October 30th and November 6th, following late worship. The class will meet from 11:45 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., and will include a light lunch. You will be received as new members on Sunday, November 13th. For more information and to sign up, please [click here](#).



All-Church Work Day



our campus.

The workday runs from 9 a.m. - noon, and coffee and doughnuts are provided. If you are able to help out on this day, [click here](#) and let us know.

Saturday, October 15th

is our fall all-church workday. There is something for everyone to do as we work together to spruce up



Senior Fall Luncheon

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We invite all seniors to the
Fall Halloween Luncheon
on

Saturday, October 29th in Fellowship Hall.

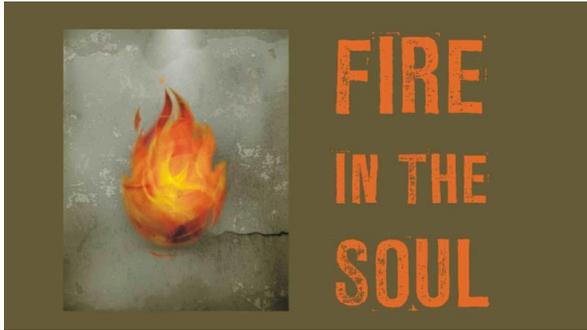
Costumes are optional but add to the fun!!

We will gather at 11:45 a.m. and lunch will
be served at noon. Special entertainment
will be provided by Ann Moore's
accomplished piano students.

Look for the sign-up table on the patio after
worship on October 16th and 23rd. You may
also call Dick and Maria Sears at 259-4142, to
make reservations by October 24th.

Hope to see you there!!

Youth and Children's Choirs



Our youth and children's choirs begin again on October 9th:

Fire in the Soul

is led by Andrew Heath and John Fairbanks and is for junior and senior high school students. The group meets in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 11:45 a.m.

The Littlest Angels (Pre K - 1st grade) will be led by Joane Walvoord, Michelle Marks and Amber Kubasak. They meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in room 7, for singing, storytelling and crafts.

Sounds of Joy (2nd-6th grade) is led by Sherry Klahs and John Fairbanks. They meet at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays in the choir room.



All of these choirs are always open to new singers and participate regularly in worship and other special events.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, October 22
8:00 a.m.

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

"Living as Fathers and Sons in the Twilight Years,"
a panel discussion led by Pastor Steve
on relationships, faith, and community

GET CONNECTED - GET FED - GET TO IT

If you would like to attend the men's ministry breakfast, please [click here](#) to RSVP to Mark Murphy.

Annual Charge Conference

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The annual four-church charge conference will be held at SCUMC on Sunday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m., with D.S. Jim Powell presiding. All are welcome to attend.

Our regular VUMC charge conference will be held at VUMC on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m., at which time we will conduct our regular business, including the 2017 budget, the ratification of committee nominees, etc.
Please mark your calendars for the January 24th date.

New Bishop

Bishop Grant Hagiya, our new bishop, will be introduced on

October 16, 2016 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at our

North District Welcome Celebration

being held at

Glendale First UMC on
134 N. Kenwood Street
Glendale, CA 91206

Eight years ago he moved from the California-Pacific Annual Conference to become Bishop of the Greater Northwest Area and now we are welcoming him back. All are welcome to come to this event as we pray over our new Episcopal leader.

Generosity 365

GENEROSITY
365

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first of all your crops.

-Proverbs 3:9

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