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Leading Out with Pastor Steve

Leading Out...

On Tuesday, September 26th, 2017, I attended my first city council meeting to support an agenda item that was close to my heart. The city council, after many years of trying to say Santa Clarita did not have a homeless issue and permanent shelters only attract the chronically homeless, listened and researched and cooperated with those who serve the homeless community. As a result, the council proposed to transfer ownership of the Drayton Street property to Bridge to Home, which would clear the way for a year-round shelter and an expansion of services. The proposal passed with a unanimous vote!

At a time when our country and community have been increasingly divided, I am encouraged to see a community take time to listen to one another, have a respectful discourse, and reach a decision that will benefit our community and serve an often misunderstood segment of our population. I am encouraged that civil discourse still exists at some level in our community. I am also very excited that we can offer a more holistic approach to working with the homeless community. Here at Valencia UMC, we hold the Bridge to Home and Family Promise ministries close to our hearts. We have people who serve on the boards of both organizations; we donate to both organizations; and we volunteer and serve in both ministries. Our service not only makes a difference in the lives of many, it also opens our eyes to how small acts of kindness and goodness can make a difference in our community. Our work humanizes the homeless: it not only provides them a meal and shelter, it reveals faces and names and changes the way we speak about them. We look forward to being a part of all the new possibilities moving forward. Whether it is Box City or a Feed it Forward night, we have opportunities to serve both organizations in October.

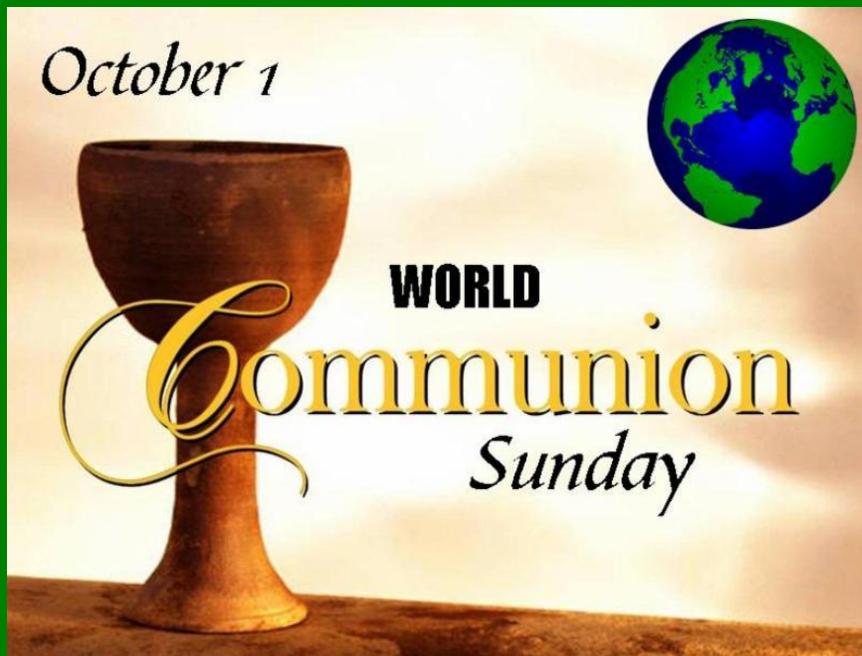
When I came to VUMC, I was told that we were #hereforgood. After a year, I truly believe it. We will continue to be a place that *invites*, *nurtures*, and *sends* people through Jesus Christ, so that the goodness of God's Kingdom might be made known in our community and world. I encourage you to look for ways that you can be a part of the goodness!

In Christ,

Pastor Steve
speralta@umcv.org



World Communion Sunday



Please join us on October 1st for World Communion Sunday celebrating the unity of Christians around the world.

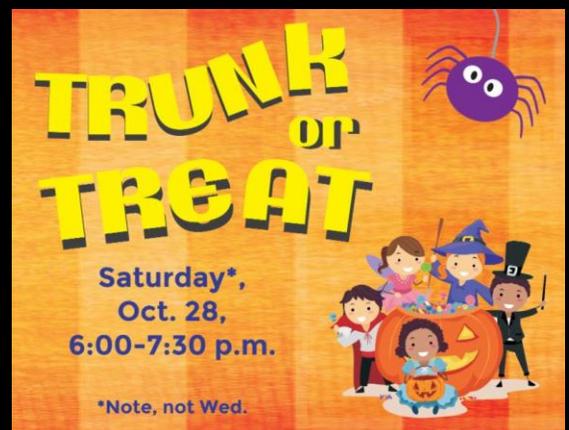
We invite you to wear ethnic clothing to worship!

Trunk or Treat

It's that time again!
Trunk or Treat!

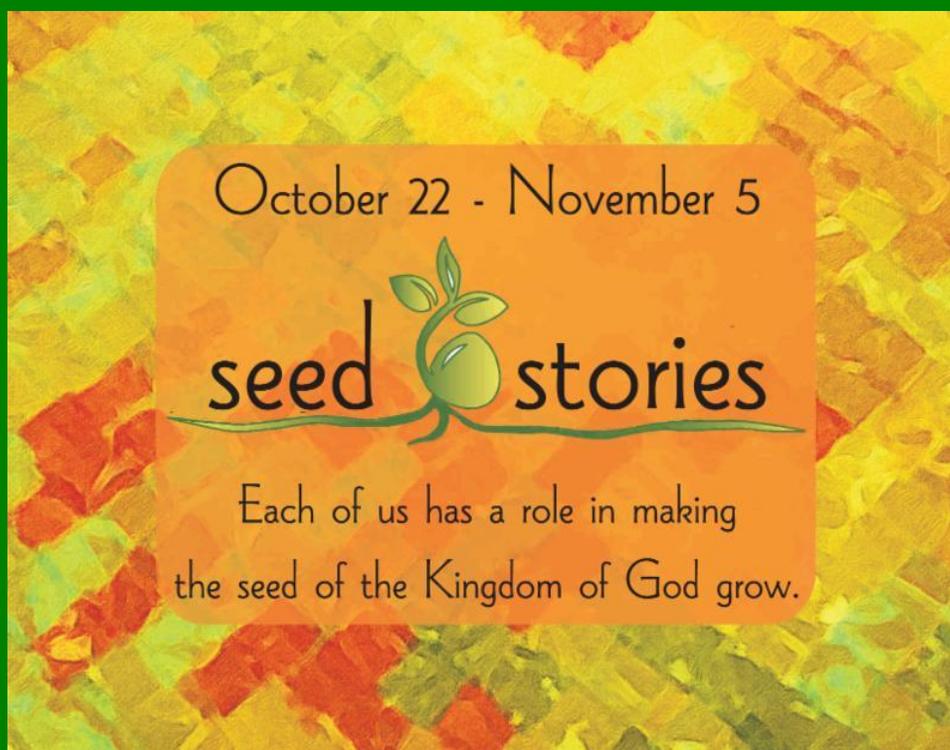
...brought to you by Pioneer Clubs!

It takes a whole lotta people to get this crazy fun event off the ground. If you would be able to help in any way at all and/or donate candy for this awesome night, please [click here](#).



Kids love this!! We can't wait!!

New Sermon Series



Smart Money



Free Live-Stream Event
Dave Ramsey's "Smart Money"
Tuesday, November 7, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Room B

Tired of living paycheck to paycheck and wondering where your money is going? The Live-Stream Experience will give you a proven plan for dumping debt and building wealth in seven steps.

Pizza and salad will be served. Child-care will be provided.

RSVP by Wed., Nov. 1st to 661.255.1301

Harmony for Humanity



daniel pearl world music days
danielpearlmusicdays.org

harmony for humanity
concert

sunday, october 22, 2017
4:00 P.M.

valencia united
methodist church

free admission

"Thousands of musicians have united and inspired audiences in the spirit of Daniel Pearl, who dedicated his life to connecting people through words and music.

*Danny, a **Wall Street Journal** correspondent, was kidnapped and murdered by militants in Pakistan in 2002, but his work bridging cultural gaps continues through the Daniel Pearl Foundation (www.danielpearl.org)."*

Join us at the *Harmony for Humanity* concert and help us continue Daniel Pearl's beautiful dream of world harmony through music.

All-Church Work Day

ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY

Please mark Saturday, October 21st, on your calendar for our fall all-church work day. There is something for everyone to do as we work together to beautify our campus in preparation for the upcoming Advent season. The work day runs from 9 a.m.-noon, and coffee and doughnuts are provided.



Chacocente Mission Trip

2018 Chacocente Trip

If you are interested in travelling to Nicaragua in January to work at Project Chacocente, a \$500 deposit and paperwork is due by October 1st. For more information about the trip, email [Kim Fisher](#), [Rigo Rosales](#), or [Michelle Andrews](#).



New Members Class



Ready to Take the Next Step?

A new members class will begin on Sunday, October 22nd and will also meet on October 29th and November 5th, 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

12th.

For more information and to sign up, please email [Susann](#).
Childcare available upon request.

Box City 2017

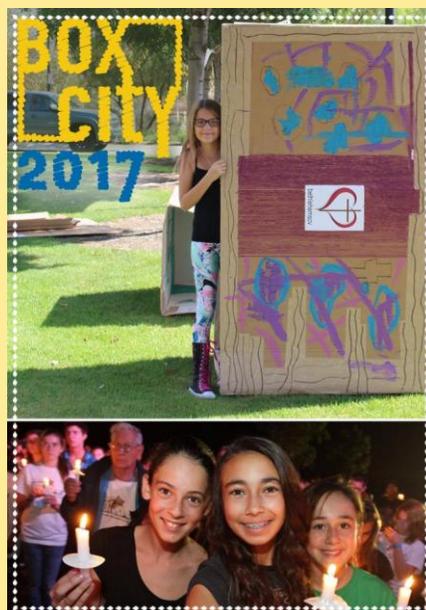
BOX CITY 2017!!

It is not too late! You can still join in and support the youth for Box City 2017.

There are ways for all ages to participate in Box City and help raise awareness and support for Family Promise.

Make plans to join us by clicking here on the [Family Promise](#) website to sign up as a participant or as a virtual attendee, and be a part of this amazing program.

Fill out all of the information and then click the blue "Join a Team" button and choose *VUMC Youth David Stradling* from the drop down menu.



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Saturday, October 14th



Habitat is building more than 80 homes at the 21500 Centre Pointe Parkway location for former military personnel and their families. The hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and breakfast and lunch are provided by Habitat.

This project is a great way to show your appreciation for the service and sacrifices of these American families.

If you're interested in participating, please contact Jeff Meyer at 644-5515 or jeffameyer@icloud.com.

Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat January 26-28, 2018

All ladies are invited to a weekend away at La Casa de Maria Retreat Center in Montecito. This year's theme "Friends in High Places" will explore the friendships that women

have with themselves, with their "sisters," with strangers, and with God. The weekend will be filled with learning, sharing, fun, great food, and a lot of laughter. You may register during Coffee Fellowship on October 22nd and 29th. Cost for the weekend is \$250, and a deposit of \$90 is due when you register.

For more information, email Michelle Andrews.

Friends in High Places



2018 Valencia UMC Women's Retreat

Generosity 365

GENEROSITY
365

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6

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.

