

The Messenger



VALENCIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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40 Days All Church Study Kick-Off Sunday March 6 – 5:30 pm

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion is to look out to the Earth. Yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good and yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now.” (St. Teresa of Avila)

What does that mean exactly? What does God expect of us? These and many more questions will be part of our 40 Day Study – *The Hole in Our Gospel*—which begins in March.

On Sunday, March 6 we will have a special kick off that will be a “don’t miss!” event!

The event will begin with dinner in a third world setting. Worship follows at 6:30 with great music, thought provoking challenges to each of us and an inspiring message. Next, dessert! All “The Hole In Our Gospel” materials needed for everyone participating will be distributed at the end of the evening.

There is no charge for this event, however a reservation is mandatory. Child care will be provided for those six and under during our worship time. Last day to RSVP is March 1st. Please call the church office to reserve your spot today – 255-1301.



Ash Wednesday and 24 Hour Prayer Vigil March 9 – 7:00 pm

Our 40 Day journey will be heightened by participating in our Ash Wednesday worship experience. Worship will be contemplative in style meaning our time together will be spent in prayer, silence, contemplation, meditative music and singing and active acts of worship. This worship is a perfect break from the busyness and sensory overload of our daily lives. Worshippers describe this kind of worship as peaceful, soothing and deeply moving. Our time together will end with the beginning of our 24 Hour Prayer Vigil.

Prayer is central to our 40 Day experience and creates a powerful foundation for this important season. In our first 24 Hour Prayer Vigil, participants will choose an hour to spend in prayer over the following 24 hours. Prayer guides and helps will be distributed to those in attendance at the Ash Wednesday service. For those unable to attend the Ash Wednesday worship, the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Guide will be posted on our website.

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Off the Blocks with Pastor John



In just a few days, March 6th, we will kickoff another 40 Days Campaign as we all read, discuss, meditate on, and wrestle with Richard Stearns' challenging book, *The Hole in Our Gospel*. In this book, Stearns describes his personal journey, from living an upper class Christian life as CEO of Lenox, Inc. to becoming the president of World Vision. With gentle humility, Stearns describes how God prompted his dramatic life change, and then challenges the reader to consider what the whole gospel asks of each one of us.

But reading the book together is just the beginning. Our six-week campaigns always involve much more. We immerse ourselves in a topic, totally focusing the church on it, so that we all gain depth to live out our mission to..."Invite, Nurture and Send."

Sometimes, campaigns are geared toward generally reinforcing church core values. "Forty Days of Purpose" and "40 Days of Community" are examples of this. *The Hole in Our Gospel* campaign will focus on helping us deepen our understanding of "Missional Living"

and becoming the Church God has called us to be.

We often group Sunday messages into a topical "series," and that series might even incorporate drama, special music, etc., all based around the series theme. A campaign includes all of that and much more. Depth is added with a book, DVD, and study material, all served up in an environment, usually a small group, that encourages conversations around the topic. Our youth and children's ministry will get involved as well, which gives parents the opportunity to reinforce the campaign's theme around the dinner table.

Campaigns often provide memorable slogans and quotes, such as "It's Not About You," or "Better Together." And they always incorporate strong visuals and takeaways. The timing of the campaign is set to correspond with Lent (the 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday) to offer a powerful time of reflection during this important period. And the theme was prayerfully considered as well.

I hope that you will pray about joining a small group if you are not in one already. I also hope that you would pray about inviting a friend or family member to join you during this powerful study.

More information is available at the small group table during coffee fellowship and throughout this Newsletter.

Meanwhile, if you haven't heard about the book, you might want to check out some of the book reviews for *The Hole in Our Gospel* at www.amazon.com. As one reviewer put it: "Reading this book has completely changed my life. It changed the way I look at things. It changed the way I think. It changed the way I view material things. If you ever wanted to read a book that will change your life for the better, this is it!"

I look forward to joining you in a life-changing time together!

Grace and Peace,

John (ishaver@umcv.org)

Baby News!

Welcome to **Leah May Broneer**

January 21, 2011
6 lbs 15 oz 20 inches

Parents: Amy and Eric Broneer

Grandparents: Jan and Paul Broneer



Baby News!

Welcome to
Jameson Daniel Kehoe

January 17, 2011
6 lbs 11 oz 19 inches

Parents: Jessie and Shayla Kehoe

Grandparents: Deb Baur and Shunil Borpujari



Spring Events

March 9 Ash Wednesday Worship 7 p.m.

March 20 Sierra Service Project

March 26 Pioneer Clubs Easter Celebration

April 17 Palm Sunday "The Hole In Our Gospel Celebration" Celebration

April 21 Maundy Thursday—Combined Worship with Santa Clarita United Methodist Church—7 p.m. at Santa Clarita UMC

April 22 Good Friday Worship—Combined Worship with Santa Clarita United Methodist Church—7 p.m. at Valencia UMC

April 24 Easter Worship—8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Karyn Malchus: Assistant Director of Christian Education

Karyn Malchus recently joined the church staff on a part-time basis. She wrote the following to let you get to know her better:

My husband, Budd and I have been married for eighteen years. We have three children; Max (13), Zachary (10) and Megan (7). We started attending VUMC when we moved to this valley in 2001. We were instantly drawn in by the amazing church family.

Over the years I have been involved with Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Pioneer Club, Christ-Centered Kids for 5th and 6th graders and small groups. Our children have learned so much and have had so much fun in the wide variety of programs our church offers.

As for my background, I grew up in San Diego. I attended the University of Southern California (Fight On!) and

I received my Bachelor of Fine Arts. I tried my hand at acting, but preferred my day job at My Gym Children's Fitness Center (kids are so much more fun). Eventually, I owned my own My Gym in Encino, California. I loved working with the kids and also mentoring my staff, who were mainly young adults.

In 2004, when we were expecting our third child, we decided to sell the gym. I have enjoyed staying at home with my children, but when offered an opportunity to come on board the staff here at VUMC I could hardly believe it. What a blessing! I am so excited to see how God will use me in our children's ministry. Let the journey begin!!

Blessings,

Karyn



Relay for Life - 2011

Relay will be held on Saturday 5/21 to Sunday 5/22 at Central Park. The Tuesday night Youth Small Group will be organizing the booth and preparing for this wonderful community event to raise money for the American Cancer Society! If you have not participated in Relay before please consider doing so this year. It is such a great fundraiser event - you will not regret it. We encourage all small groups, families, friends, and children to get involved. If you are a knitter, please start on those "chemo-caps" - they were a big hit in the past!

Taylor Bouknight, will be the youth leader and Leslie Bouknight will be the adult leader. More information to follow soon!

Mark the date on your calendar!

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YOUTH HAPS....The REFRESH Ministry

Love God—Love Others—Serve—Repeat

by Pastor Joseph Yoo



Things To Keep In Mind:

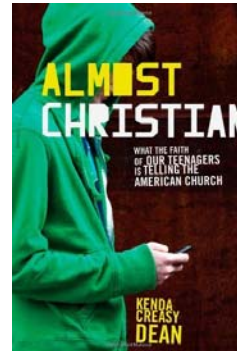
March 13th we are heading out to Los Angeles to hand out sandwiches. Our goal is to collect enough money to make about 200 sandwiches to give to hungry people. We also need some adult leaders who will be willing to drive our youth to LA and back.

We want to be faithful on our part for the 40 Days study of *Our Hole in the Gospel*. This is one way for us to address a hole in our county and we look forward to tackling other holes in our society and lives.

March 20th is our SSP Benefit Dinner. Please save the date, and watch for more information to come. There will be dinner and stories about why SSP is so important to the lives of our students and why we go to SSP year after year.

Book Recommendation

There is a book that someone told me to read, and it's been an eye opener for me. So much so that I'm willing to get you a copy. The book is called *Almost Christian* by Kenda Dean. She talks extensively about the faith of teenagers of America and how that reflects the faith of the adults they come in contact with. If you are interested, send me an email jyoo@umcv.org, and I'll get you a copy. You better read it, because I might test you on it! :)



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Valencia United Methodist Church

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:

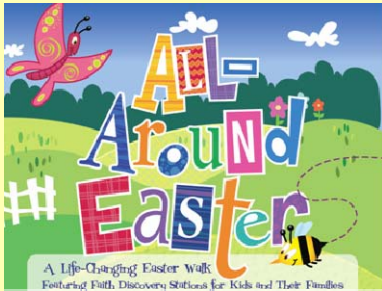
Worship—Public and private

Small Groups—Building relationships

Service—Using God-given gifts



Pioneer Clubs Easter Celebration



Please join Pioneer Clubs Saturday, March 26th from 2-4pm for an Easter Celebration that includes engaging faith discovery stations for kids and their families. Come walk, jog, eat, and swing through the six major events leading up to the amazing event of Jesus' resurrection. Please contact Ellen Fagan or Stephanie Eckelman for more details.

Kids' Worship Leaders and Assistants Needed

We are looking for several adults who are willing to serve once or twice a month in one of our two Kids' Worship groups as a leader or as an assistant. Easy-to-use lesson materials and supplies are provided. If you love kids, this is a great place for you to serve. You'll have lots of fun sharing God's love with our kids. Please contact mandrews@umcv.org for more information.



Sunday School News

For the time being, we have put the 9:00 2s & 3s class on hold. When more of our little ones get old enough, we will open their class back up. Until then, 2 year olds will be cared for in the Nursery, and 3 year olds will join in on the fun in Room 4.

March Sunday School Themes 9:00 Sunday School

3s, Pre-K & Kinder: *Peter Serves*

1st & 2nd Grades: *Missions*

3rd & 4th Grades: *Becoming Part of God's Family*

5th & 6th Grades: *The World God Made*



10:30 Kids' Worship Theme

3s – 1st grade: *Peter Serves*

2nd – 6th grades: *Becoming Part of God's Family*

Bible Bucks Store:

The Bible Bucks store will be open in Room 5 following both Worship hours on March 27th. Parents, please be sure to have your child get their Bible Bucks from Sunday School and/or choir before taking them shopping.



Habit Sunday on Sunday, March 6th!

Support our Pioneer Clubs Program by having lunch or dinner at the Habit (located in Granary Square). Just present your Sunday bulletin to the cashier when you place your order and a portion of your total bill will be returned in support of our children's program. Get the Habit!

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Mini-Bible Quiz

- 1) Which books come before and after Daniel?
- 2) What were the names of the mother and grandmother of Jacob?
- 3) Who prophesized the coming of Jesus shortly beforehand?

1. Ezekiel, Hosea
2. Rebecca, Sara
3. John the Baptist

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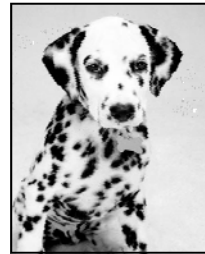
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Upcoming Events:

- 3/6 Habit Sunday
- 3/6 40 Days Kick-Off Event
- 3/9 Ash Wednesday
- 3/13 Daylight Savings Confirmation Begins
- 3/20 SSP Fund Raiser Talent Show



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 40 Days Kickoff/Habit Sunday	7	8	9 Ash Wednesday	10	11	12
13 40 Days Begins/Confirmation Begins	14	15	16	17	18 Angel Food Order Deadline	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Angel Food Dist.
27	28	29	30	31		

Body & Soul

Meets every other Wednesday 9:00 a.m. in Room 1. Contact Suzanne Bowman 513-0683

Chancel Bells

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Barb Hauge 259-2899

Chancel Choir

Thursday 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Contact Steven Applegate 284-1866 ext. 101

Contemporary Praise Band

Rehearses every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Contact Paul Anderson 259-7224

F.I.S.H.

Every Thursday 6:30 p.m. in the Kitchen. Sign-up on the FISH calendar posted on the wall in the kitchen

Men's Bible Study

Every Thursday 6:30 a.m. in Room 1

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Meets periodically at various locations and times. Contact Pete Brosnan 263-8991

MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am. Contact Michelle Jones 284-2564

Prayer and Share

Women's Prayer Group 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Contact Vicki Cranmer 259-2774

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Maria Sears 259-4142

Senior Service Ministry

Plans luncheons, sends cards, provides rides, makes visitations and calls. If you can help in any of these activities, contact Ron Kari at 799-3808 or Dick & Maria Sears 259-4142

Youth Prison Ministry

Every Wednesday. Held at youth prison. Training materials, and childcare are provided. Carpool departs from church at 5:30. Contact the Church Office for more information.

Pioneer Clubs

Meets every Wednesday, September through May from 6-7:30pm. Contact Ellen Fagan (255-3829) or Stephanie Eckelman (297-7406)

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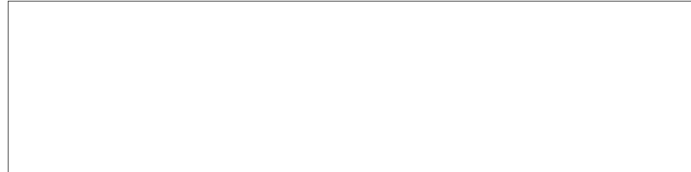


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The Hole in Our Gospel - Reading And Sermon Schedule

March 6 - Kickoff event - Book and materials distribution

March 7 - 13

Book Reading - Chapter 1-3

Personal Action Journal - Days 1-7

March 13 - Sunday Sermon: **What is the Hole?**

March 14-20

Book Reading - Chapters 4-7

Personal Action Journal - Days 8-14

March 20 - Sunday Sermon: **Finding the Hole in Me**

March 21-27

Book Reading - Chapters 8-11

Personal Action Journal - Days 15-21

March 27 - Sunday Sermon: **What's Wrong With This Picture?**

March 28-April 3

Book Reading - Chapters 12-14

Personal Action Journal - Days 22-28

April 3 - Sunday Sermon: **Putting the American Dream to Death**

April 4 - 10

Book Reading - Chapters 15-22

Personal Action Journal - Days 29-35

April 10 - Sunday Sermon: **Uncovering the Hole in the Church**

April 11-17

Book Reading - Chapters 23-26

Personal Action Journal - Days 36-42

April 17 - Sunday Sermon: **Repairing the Hole in the World**