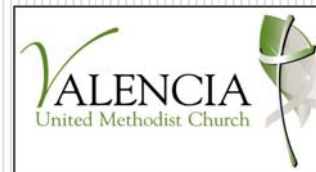


The Messenger



New Look for The Messenger!

We're updating and streamlining The Messenger to give you the just the quick facts you need to keep up to date with everything that is going on at Valencia United Methodist Church. You will see more bulleted points and be referred more often to our website, www.umcv.org, where you can see more details. As we move to streamlining our communication systems, we will be saving on paper and postage which over the years means more money for our missions.

THE HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL

SIX-WEEK QUEST

The Hole in Our Gospel Celebration - April 17

Join your church family in the celebration and culmination of our understanding of "The Hole in Our Gospel" and what God expects of us.

5:00 - Festive music and appetizers from around the world

6:00 - Celebration in the Sanctuary - Hear the stories, the stats and enjoy a great band, "The Blessing"

7:00 - Dessert

\$5 per person/\$20 max per family

Paid reservations by 4/10—Make your reservation at Coffee Fellowship

Stay In The Loop—The Youth Loop!

Check out the youth e-blast that goes out every week. To get it, please email Pastor Joseph at jyoo@umcv.org and ask to receive the emails. It's for anyone who wants to be informed of what's going on in the youth ministry. In addition, you can follow Pastor Joe on his blog: www.josephyoo.com.

Kids News -It's an Exciting Month in Children's Ministry!

VBS—July 18-22

- Theme is "Pandamania"
- VBS Team Meeting—Sat., April 30—10:00 a.m.
- More Info—Contact Michelle at mandrews@umcv.org



Sunday School

- Learning about Holy Week Events

Easter—April 24

- Special Activities at 9:45 & 11:00
- Meet in Fellowship Hall
- It's gonna be fun—invite a friend!

Summer Camp—Camp Wrightwood

- June 19th - 22nd: Camp for kids entering 1st - 3rd grades
 - June 19th - 25th: Camp for kids entering 4th- 6th grades
- More info? www.calpaccamps.org

Off the Blocks with Pastor John

Building hope in the Santa Clarita valley



Dear VUMC family,

In just a few weeks we will celebrate Easter together and I HOPE we can challenge each other to invite someone. At our Christmas Eve services just a few months ago more than 1,100 people shared in worship because many of you invited them!

This year we'll start by posing a question to the community "Got Hope?" and then our theme on Easter will be "Got Hope!" It will be a morning filled with HOPE and encouragement to show how God, through Easter, gives us a chance to be filled with HOPE in a world that sometimes has a lot of question marks.

So the challenge begins! First, start by praying for a friend, relative, neighbors, or co-workers who you know needs to hear about hope. People are more likely to be open to your invitation at Easter than at any other time of year. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to invite them to one of our worship hours!

Here are just a few reminders to help us build HOPE in the SCV with a great Easter:

The 411 on Worship Prayer Cards

On Sunday mornings, we have a powerful and wonderful time of prayer when we lift one another up in prayer together. Prayer cards are available in pew racks and from the ushers. Here are some helpful suggestions as you fill out the prayer card.

- Please write as clearly as possible.
- Please note who requested the prayer.
- Prayer cards go to the Care Team who prays over them.
- When you check the e-devotional box, your request for prayer goes out to everyone who receives the daily email.

Morning prayer at Sunday worship is a holy and powerful moment. We thank all those who are willing to share their prayers and we thank all those who continue to hold one another in prayer.

1. BE welcoming to those you don't know (...and do it every Sunday)! GREET everyone around you. There will be a lot of first-time visitors. Please help them with any questions.
2. PLEASE set an example and fill out the bulletin tear-off that we have at Sunday Worship – so visitors will see you do it and feel comfortable doing it too.
3. PRAY that all who come to worship will be open to God speaking to them this Easter.
4. PARK at the hospital (if you are able) to open spaces for guests (if you're able, try doing this each Sunday).

This will be an exciting morning. Let's share and shout HOPE in the SCV this year!

Grace and Peace,

John

Easter—Got Hope?

The HOPE of the Resurrection, the HOPE of new life, the HOPE of Life Abundant—got it covered! We've "Got HOPE"!

Let's celebrate it together. Bring a friend—it will be a great day of rejoicing.

The Facts:

- Worship 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.
- Children's Activities 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.
- Nursery Care all 3 hours

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40 Days Small Groups

We would like to have a picture of all of our 40 Days Small Groups to share at the Celebration on April 17th. Please email a picture of your group to umcv@umcv.org no later than April 10th.

Habit Sunday on April 3rd!

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.



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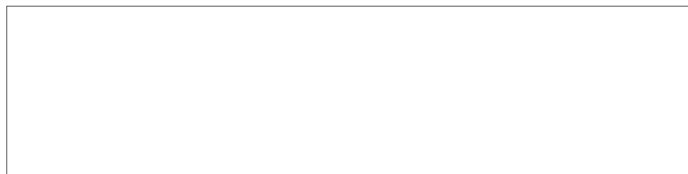
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Holy Week Worship

April 17—Palm Sunday

It's the last Sunday of "The Hole In Our Gospel," our 40 Days Series AND Double Sunday! Our Praise Band, Chancel Choir and Kids Choir will join together to mark Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The joy of that day will be further expressed through our giving of our special "Challenge Offerings."
Please place your offerings in the appropriate "Challenge Offering" envelope.



April 21—Maundy Thursday Worship— 7:00 p.m. at SCUMC
We will join with Santa Clarita UMC to commemorate the Last Supper.



April 22—Good Friday Worship—7:00 p.m. at VUMC
Santa Clarita UMC worshippers will join us as we contemplate and reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and his crucifixion.

