

# The Messenger



VALENCIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Season of Stewardship, Time of Harvest

*"But who am I? And who are my people? Without your help we wouldn't be able to give this much. Everything comes from you. We've given back to you only what comes from you.  
1 Chronicles 29:14*

Dear Church Family,

As we enter a season of stewardship and historically a time of harvest, I am reminded that as Christ Followers we are called to give. Sometimes we may not understand what giving is about or what to give. This year we will be sharing together in a Stewardship Series entitled Christianomics – the study of what Jesus had to say about money and giving.

As followers of Christ, we are called to give, through our time, our talents, and our treasure. It's a natural tendency to hold onto the things we have. Yet, one of the founders of Methodism, John Wesley said, "Earn all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can." Wesley didn't stop at the action of saving but moved onward into giving and he lived this out as well!

As I live my personal life, I see that every time I choose to give I also experience joy, satisfaction and realize I have "enough" (a thought that resonates from last year). When we give we live out the words of Jesus, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Whether spending time in one of our outreach or "in-reach" ministries, or leading a small group, or financially supporting the ministries of the church, God gives us the gift to see the world-changing impact we have.

As I pray about this time of stewardship and what our family will give, I am allowing God to use me as an instrument of God's grace and demonstrate a real way to "Seek first God's kingdom and God's Righteousness."

In Jesus, God gave us everything so that we could have everything. Take a moment to pray so that God can speak to you and inspire you!

May you continue to count your blessings!  
Grace and Peace, John

### October 24<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Series Kickoff and Honoring Pastor Pete Falbo as Pastor Emeritus

As we begin our Stewardship Series this fall we will kick things off in a very special way. That morning, Pastor Pete Falbo, will be back with us to share the opening stewardship message. We will also be honoring Pastor Pete in a special way with the title of Pastor Emeritus that Sunday!

For a little clarification, here is what Pastor Emeritus means. The word "*Emeritus/a*" has to do with being retired from active service while retaining one's title as an honor. The retaining of title is offered because of merit earned during the time of active service. The honor is never an automatic one

but rather is a recognition of exceptional service.

The Vision and Implementation team are planning an exciting celebration to honor the many years of Pete and Susan's ministry at Valencia UMC. Watch the bulletin for more details on this exciting day!

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## **EU2Charist** Sunday, November 7th, 6:30 p.m.

### **EU2Charist 2010 and Project Chacocente Benefit**

Join us for a night when food trucks pull up on campus for some casual dining before the concert, a great worship experience followed by a dessert bar and drawings by the children of Nicaragua!

On November 7<sup>th</sup> we will hold a special EU2Charist worship gathering featuring the spiritually rich music of the Irish rock band U2, messages from Nicaragua, and Communion.

The VUMC Praise Band and guests will lead the worship for the evening. The offering from the worship gathering will benefit Project Chacocente, our global initiative in Nicaragua. This will continue to help move people out of the garbage dumps of Managua, Nicaragua and into a new life. For more information on Project Chacocente check out [outofthedump.org](http://outofthedump.org).

U2's lead singer, Bono, has been a driving force in the fight against extreme poverty and the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa. Bono is also a founder of the [ONE campaign](#) toward that effort. Says Bono, "Where you live should no longer determine whether you live."



**“Ancient Christian worship meets the music of U2”**

**5:30 p.m. Food Trucks**

**6:30 p.m. Concert**

**7:30 Dessert Bar**

**Bring a Friend!**

**Angel Food Dates For October**

*Order deadline through the church office—10/22*

*Order deadline through the website, with credit card 10/24*

*Distribution Day 10/30*

*To volunteer for distribution day, contact Chris Norton at [chris.norton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chris.norton@sbcglobal.net)*

**Daniel Pearl Music Days  
Harmony for Humanity Concert  
Sunday, October 24, 4 p.m.**

In 2002 Daniel Pearl, a journalist, was brutally murdered in Pakistan. To honor his legacy, his family started a foundation to promote peace through music. Last year almost 100 countries participated in the foundation's "Harmony through Humanity Concerts."

Valencia UMC will be hosting a Harmony through Humanity Concert in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 24, at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The Music Students Service League in association with the Music Teachers Association of Santa Clarita is presenting the concert, featuring outstanding student musicians from the Santa Clarita Valley. Other highlights of the event will include a performance by the Escape Theater of selections from "Grease," as well as an art exhibit by Academy of the Canyon students.

Mrs. Ruth Pearl, Daniel's mother plans to be in attendance. For more information about Daniel Pearl Music Days, visit <http://www.danielpearlmusicdays.org/>. For more information about the concert on October 24, contact Belinda Taylor at 661-297-1311 or [datawgal@aol.com](mailto:datawgal@aol.com).

**UPCOMING SERMON SERIES**

**World Changers or History Makers  
or What Would You Do?**

- 10/10 "Accepting the Challenge"  
Key Verse: Esther 4:16
- 10/17 "Stepping Out In Faith"  
Key Verse: Esther 7:6

**10/24—11/14 Stewardship Series**

- 10/24 "Earn All You Can" —Pastor Pete
- 10/31 "Save All You Can"
- 11/7 "Give All You Can"

**Martie Smith 2010  
Towel and Basin Award**

Congratulations to Martie Smith who received our first annual "Towel and Basin Award" given to honor Unpaid Servants who serve using their spiritual gifts to the glory of God.

**Habit Sunday—October 3rd**



Help support our Pioneer Clubs Program by having lunch or dinner at The Habit (located in the Granary Square). It's so easy! 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 programs.

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## YOUTH HAPS....The REFRESH Ministry

*Love God—Love Others—Serve—Repeat*



### Want to know what's happening in our youth ministry?

My first summer with the youth has been great. I'm getting to know them and the things that they are passionate about. Unfortunately, they have been getting to know me and my hilarious (well, I think they're hilarious) jokes. I'm still in the process of getting to know many of the youth. But the journey has been great and I can see so many great things that we can do in the name of God. You should just know that this church has wonderful servants in the youth ministry.

A lot of people may want to know what is going on in our youth ministry. One way is for you to sign up for our youth ministry ReFresh Weekly e-blasts. You don't have to be in youth ministry or even want to be part of youth ministry to want to know what's going on. And you'll have another weekly devotion to chew on. Email me ([jyoo@umcv.org](mailto:jyoo@umcv.org)) if you want to be added to our youth ministry email blast.

Another way is to just check in on our facebook page. [www.facebook.com/vumcrefresh](http://www.facebook.com/vumcrefresh). You don't have to have facebook to look at the contents of the website. Also, [www.vimeo.com/vumc](http://www.vimeo.com/vumc) is where a lot of made-in-house videos are posted, such as the "What Are You Thinking" man on the streets video and Box City promo video that were shown in worship.

And if you want to, you can go check out my blog: [www.pressingtoward.wordpress.com](http://www.pressingtoward.wordpress.com). But be warned. The contents of the blog reflects only my thought and not the church's nor the UMC denomination. And I'm fairly open and honest in my thoughts. But always willing to talk about my posts to people who email me or comment.

I look forward to connecting with you all through cyberspace. Please continue to pray for our youth ministry that we can be the ministry that God wants us to be.

### WORLD COMMUNION DAY

October 3rd we will be celebrating **World Communion Sunday with a great time of worship**. On that day, we will join Christians around the world as we eat and drink at the Lord's Table.

People of many languages, in churches large and small, grand, ornate, simple, in homes, or made of mud-brick and palm branches, will eat together at the Welcome Table and declare that we are One. We are God's people!

We will be having special music from around the world and we will hear from our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua! You don't want to miss the excitement and the way in which we will praise God at 9 and 10:30 worship hours! **This is a Sunday you'll want to bring a friend too!**



#### 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

### Pajama Party

Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us. If you like to plan kids' parties, and would like to help with the Pajama Party, please see Michelle Andrews. The party will be held on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> during our one Worship hour at 10:30. It's a fun way for the kids to continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and you get to wear your PJs to church!



### Pioneer Club

**“Come one, come all,  
it's almost Trunk or Treat  
night this fall!**

The fun starts Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm. Sign-ups will be late October. Please see Chelsea Ghasserani for more information.



### Sunday School Need

We are in need of two parents to lead the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School class at 9:00, one Sunday each month. The curriculum is easy to use and gives plenty of suggestions for activities to reinforce each morning's lesson. Please see Sandie Suarez (you can find her in Room 2 on Sunday mornings) or Michelle Andrews.

### Family Life Group

Family Life Group will be meeting at the church on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 2:00pm for a Chili Cook-Off and scarecrow making. If you would like more information about this or other FLG events, please contact Amy Young at [a77young@ca.rr.com](mailto:a77young@ca.rr.com). Family Life Group is a ministry for families with kids ages newborn – elementary school that meets once or twice a month for a variety of fun activities.



### Chacocente Christmas

We will be sending backpacks to the kids living in Chacocente ([www.outofthedump.org](http://www.outofthedump.org)) again this year in time for Christmas. Backpacks and instructions will be available to be picked up between October 24<sup>th</sup> & November 7<sup>th</sup> on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings during Pioneer Clubs, and during the week in the church office. This year, you will need to sign a backpack out, fill it with the suggested items and return it to the church (with \$10 for shipping included)



### All Church Workday Sat., October 2nd

It's Fall clean-up time again! We will have a morning clearing of gutters, gardening, painting, minor construction and general clean-up. The All Church Workday begins at 9 a.m.

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Upcoming Events

# October 2010

- 10/2 Work Day
- 10/3 Habit Sunday
- 10/22 Angel Food Order Deadline
- 10/24 Daniel Pearl Concert
- 10/27 Trunk or Treat
- 10/30 Angel Food Distribution  
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- Looking Ahead:
- 11/7 EU2Charist
- 11/ 28 Advent Celebration

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**Body & Soul**

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

**Chancel Bells**

Tuesday 7:30 pm 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 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Paul Anderson 259-7224

**F.I.S.H.**

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

**Men's Bible Study**

Every Thursday 6:30 am 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 am in Room 1. Contact Vicki Cranmer 259-2774

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. 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.

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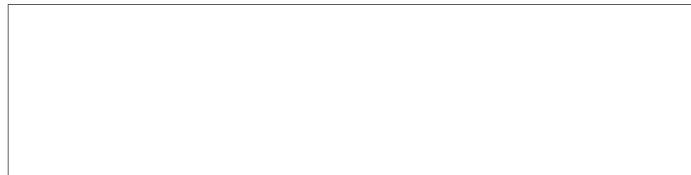


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