

# The Friendly Visitor

April 2024



Sunday Worship  
Hymn Sing 9:20 am

Worship 9:30 am



Fellowship Time  
follows for Coffee  
and Conversation



Invite a Friend to  
Church, to the Free  
Saturday Movies,  
and other events!

## Donations Needed!

Bring cereal and other non-perishable food to the Narthex any time during the month, and we will deliver it at the end of the month to **ICSC (Inter-faith Community Support Center)** to distribute to families in need.

We also encourage you to bring donations of food, clothing, and household goods to the **Yucaipa Calimesa Family Assistance** at 35075 Avenue B, Yucaipa. They are open to the public MWF from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, and are a wonderful support for our elderly and disadvantaged neighbors and the unhoused in our community.

Steven Mickel is requesting donations of casual clothing for prisoners just released from prison. Leave them in the Narthex. **Thanks!**

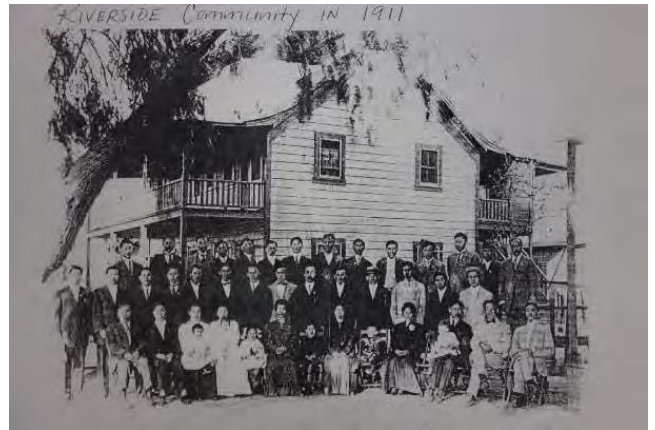


Grace and peace to you all from the risen Lord!

I am going to share with you a very interesting piece of history related to Riverside. As a pastor under the itinerant system, I do not get to choose where I live. Riverside was not my plan, but God's. I had never heard of it before Bishop Sano appointed me there over two decades ago, and I have lived there the longest, even longer than in my hometown of Seoul, Korea. Unbeknownst to me, Riverside has a deep root for Korean immigrants.

American Presbyterian and Methodist missionaries came to Korea around 1884. The missionaries provided avenues to migrate and work on pineapple and sugar plantations in Hawaii. For this reason, half of the first immigrants in 1903 were Christians. As soon as they arrived, they began worshipping together. In 1905, the first Korean Methodist Church in Honolulu, presently known as Christ UMC, was chartered. After Japan illegitimately annexed Korea in 1910, resistance and independence became a focal point for Korean immigrants.

With this sentiment in the background, Chang Ho Ahn and his wife arrived in San Francisco in October 1902. His friends who worked on citrus farms in Riverside encouraged him to come, so he and his wife moved to Riverside in 1904. Ahn established the Korean Labor Bureau, which contributed to an influx of Korean workers and formed a community of up to 300 Koreans on Pachappa (currently Cottage) Street. There were only 800 Koreans on the mainland, not counting Hawaii, during that time. Immigration scholars, including the city of Riverside, believe it was the first Korean community in the US. Edward Chang, a UCR professor, calls it the first Koreatown in the US in his book, "Pachappa Camp." The Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside established a mission there in 1906. The Riverside Enterprise wrote, "The Korean mission . . . has only been established a year, but is a strong organization. A majority of the members are converts from the mission in Korea." The Great Freeze in 1913 devastated the citrus industry in California and forced Koreans to look for work elsewhere. Otherwise, the Korean community in Riverside would have thrived.



While in Riverside, Ahn taught English, led Bible studies, formed the Korean National Association, drafted the constitution, and pioneered the independence movement from Japanese colonization. To Koreans, Ahn is analogous to Thomas Jefferson or George Washington. Edward Chang claims Riverside was the birthplace of modern democratic Korea. Ahn went to Shanghai, China, to establish a provisional government and was appointed premier until 1921. He had been through several tortures and imprisonment by the Japanese. While in prison, the Japanese police demanded he give up his independence struggle, and Ahn's answer was, "No, I cannot. When I eat, I eat for Korean independence. When I sleep, I sleep for Korean independence. This will not change as long as I live." He was released in 1937 from prison, but his health was severely deteriorated from the imprisonment. He developed severe illnesses and died in March, 1938.

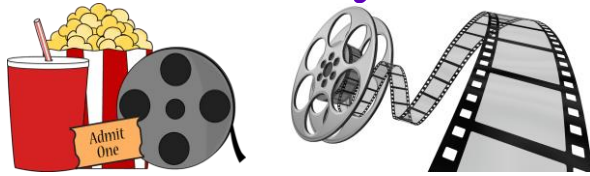
Ahn's legacy lives on. The Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Memorial was built in downtown Riverside in 2001. Now, Korean communities are raising \$50 million to build a cultural center in Riverside to tell the story of Ahn and modern-day Korea. Another Ahn memorial is in Gangnam, Seoul, which is Riverside's sister city.

This history is a testament to the power of the Gospel. So many American missionaries, influenced by the third great spiritual awakening in America came to Korea and awakened the once-a-heathen nation, raised people like Ahn, and planted invaluable seeds for Korea today. My prayer is that the Lord will bring another great awakening here in America.

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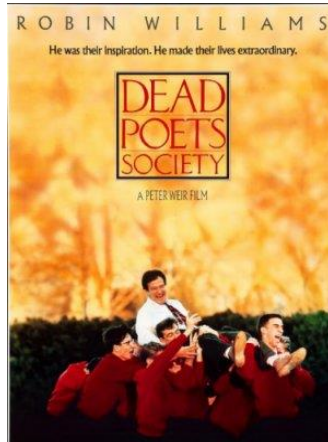
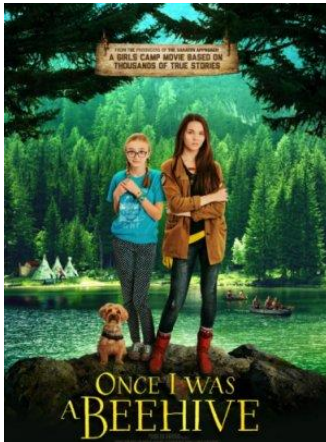
# Free Saturday Movies!



## Once I Was A Beehive

Shows on April 6, 2024

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



## Dead Poet's Society

Shows on May 4, 2024

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2

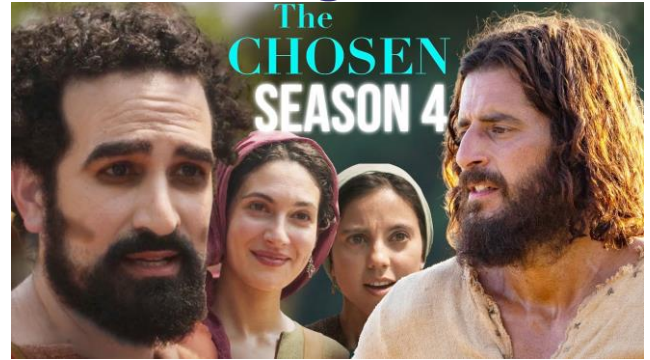
*First Saturday Movies offer a hearty refreshment menu with ¼ lb. all-beef hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, candy, chips, cold and hot drinks, ice cream, and more.*

**Doors open at 10:30 am.**

*For ramp access, use the Acacia Street door by the parking lot, open from 10:30 until 11:00 am.*

*Invite friends and neighbors to a great lunch with our free Saturday movies!*

# Coming Soon!



We are still waiting for The Chosen Season 4 to be released. They have had some legal difficulties with the royalties that are being worked out. As soon as it's available on DVD, we will be showing one episode a week with a meal at 11:00 am after worship.



Always be kind.  
If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them.  
If someone is being ignored, find a way to include them.  
If someone has been knocked down, lift them up.  
Always remind people of their worth.  
Be who you needed when you were going through hard times.  
Just one small act of kindness could mean the world to someone.



# *Parent's Night Out!*

## *Easter Egg Coloring, Snacks & Stories, and a Palm Sunday Narrated Play*







***The Next Parent's Night Out will be on Friday, April 26 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.***

## Put It Together

Do you like to do quilting, crocheting, knitting, painting, drawing, or other crafts?

Join with others on the third Saturday of the month for a day of your favorite creative things. Bring a lunch and whatever you need to work on your project and have a great time of socializing and creating.

The next meeting will be **April 20** in the **Matthews Room** from **9:30 am to 4:00 pm**. There will be a donation basket to help the church cover costs.

Questions? Contact Deena Barwick at 909 936 0123 or Judy Salvesson at 909 633 5853.

## Like to Read?

Join the **Book Club** that meets in the **Camellia Room** at **10:00 am** (**next meeting is April 16**). You can also join on **Zoom**!

We will read one book a month and then discuss it together. And we have some **GREAT** discussions!

Books are suggested by members, so if you have a great book to share, pass it on! These are the next books:

**April 16** – **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by **James McBride**

**May 21** – **The Art Thief**

by **Michael Finkel**

**June 18** – **Women of the Dune**

by **Sarah Maine**

Contact Deb Davidson to join the book club email list:  
[deb@yucaipamethodist.org](mailto:deb@yucaipamethodist.org)



### April Birthdays

Edna Barrett	April 2
Deb Davidson	April 2
Tim Mertz	April 8
Darlene Coleman	April 10
Bill Harps	April 12
Judith Wheeler	April 14
Nancy Reitzler	April 15
Laurena Van Winkle	April 15
David Brown	April 22
Charles Strohl	April 27

### April Anniversaries

Deb & Paul Wohlers	April 2
Trudy and Bill Baird	April 27
Steve & Claudia Joseph	April 29



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*The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa*

## Buy Stater's Scrip Cards!

Your grocery shopping can benefit the church if you use scrip cards at Stater Bros Market. You get the full value of the card, but the church gets 6% of your shopping dollar to help pay our bills and support the General Fund.

Scrip cards can be purchased in Fellowship Hall after worship, or in the office any time.

Scrip cards can also be purchased for ICSC so that they can purchase food supplies that they need for distribution. Your generosity is appreciated!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <b>Once I Was a Beehive</b> Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
7 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion	8	9	10 <b>Pastor's Lunch at Legend China 8 at noon</b>	11	12	13
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21 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship	22	23 <b>Admin Council</b> 7:00 pm on Zoom	24	25	26 <b>Parent's Night Out</b> Cremer Lounge 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	27 <b>P.E.O.</b> Reciprocity Event 8:00 am - noon
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**Sunday Services start at 9:20 am with a Hymn Sing, continuing with Worship at 9:30 am.**  
Please visit our website: [www.yucaipamethodist.org](http://www.yucaipamethodist.org) for more information.

# God and Me and Prayer

by Lucy Birnbaum

Today I got to thinking  
About God and me and prayer.  
No matter when I need Him,  
God's always waiting there.

Sometimes when things are going well,  
I don't take time to pray,  
But then when things go wrong,  
I seek Him right away.

I tell Him about my happiness  
And things that make me sad.  
And as I listen to Him,  
Things don't seem so bad.



When I open up my life to Him  
And tell Him how I feel,  
I sense His loving presence  
And my heart begins to heal.

I hear Him tell me, "Be not afraid,  
You've really naught to fear.  
Just come to me believing,  
For I am always here!"

Once again my soul's at rest,  
I continue on my way.  
For I only have to listen  
To what my Master has to say.

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## *"The House of Faith"*

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**Deb Davidson** - Education Director

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**Coleen Dolinsky** - Music Director

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