

The Friendly Visitor



August 2016 Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule
Gathering & Hymn Sing
9:15 am

Traditional Worship
9:30 am

Adult Sunday school,
EPIC Youth Sunday
school

Children's Sunday
School
10:45 am

Coffee & Fellowship
Nursery Care all morning

**Holy Land Tour for Ten Days
with Pastor Ron Faux
Departure Date:
January 31, 2017**

**Cost: \$2898 from New York.
All inclusive pricing, entrance
and program fees, breakfast
and dinner daily, first class
hotels, deluxe motor coaches.**

**Covered Areas: Galilee,
Canna, Nazareth, Tel
Megiddo, Caesarea, Jericho,
Qumran, Mount of Olives,
Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and
more.**



For further information, visit www.eo.travelwithus.com or ask Pastor Ron

HOLY LAND TRIP

There will be an informational meeting for those who may be interested in traveling to the Holy Land with Rev Faux in January 2017. The meeting will be at the United Methodist Church of Yucaipa, Sunday, July 17, 10:45 am



Greetings to you all in the Lord!

My van decided to quit without giving me a proper warning. I visit different churches during my vacations. On the morning of the third Sunday of July, I was driving down the 91 Freeway to worship at a church in Orange County. The engine was running just fine but all of a sudden the van slowed down and did not move. The van has received a series of major repairs, in hopes that it would last several more years. But this heartless machine completely ignored my personal wish and investments on it. In the midst of distress, I found the grace of God. Thankfully, the traffic was at a snail's pace in Corona when the van stopped moving, and I was able to maneuver to the shoulder. You know how many cars are on the 91 Freeway and how fast people drive. If it weren't for the unusual traffic jam on that Sunday morning, there could have been a serious collision or other kinds of disaster.

With one car to operate for the last two weeks, my busy schedule has become busier as a taxi driver between the church and my house. This situation contributed to the delay to this issue of the Friendly Visitor. So I would like to make an excuse. It was not Linda. She had everything ready but my letter. It was not exactly me, but the "dumb" van, thank you Linda for your patience.

Johanne and Steve own a house Walla Walla, Washington. The Methodist Church they attend, while there, had the African Children's Choir for Sunday worship. Johanne came down with an exciting idea about inviting them to our church. Johanne kindly volunteered (not knowing the heavy work load before her) and has systematically coordinated, for many weeks, to have the Children's Choir at our church on the last Sunday of July. She also happened to win a raffle ticket, to advertise the event, along with our church name, on dozens of businesses in Yucaipa and Redlands, free of charge.

The performance of the African Children's Choir at our church was a huge success. A limousine bus brought 18 members of the children's choir, the professionally trained staff, and sophisticated gear for performance. The songs the children sang during rehearsal in the sanctuary brought tears to my eyes. 15 minutes before the Sunday worship, the sanctuary was already filled more than half and by the beginning of the worship, the sanctuary and the balcony were filled with people. There were a total of 167 people in attendance. Do you know when we filled our church like that before - maybe about 40 years ago as some reflected.

So, thank you Johanne, and those of you who volunteered to feed and house them, and helped raise money. Thank you for attending the worship and for your contribution as well. Do you know what this new record of attendance means? As I promised, I will sing again. Just give me some time to warm up my voice.

The message for worship on the Sunday with the Children's Choir was about finding rest in God. I heard tragic stories of Uganda, how many innocent lives were sacrificed by a ruthless dictator, and how many children lost their parents, and how many people are suffering. It pains me to listen to the sad reality that these children have faced in their home land. But the smiles on their faces and their praise made me think that these little children have overcome the tragedy by faith in God, and they even rest in the knowledge of the never-failing love and provision that God provides. Their songs spoke a powerful message of who God is. "He's got the whole world in His hands." So why don't we trust in Him and find rest?

It was a shock to hear that Rob Michaelson passed away. I just did not find the right words to comfort Joe and Teresa. However, I am grateful that in the midst of confusion and even anger, God spoke to Teresa in a very powerful way and gave her His peace.

Hubert has been called to be with the Lord as well. What a testimony he has been to me! When I went to see him two days before his passing, he still had a sense of humor and acknowledged that God has been good to him.

Thank you pastor Ron for providing wonderful pastoral care for these families.

As the African Children's Choir taught us, let us continue to celebrate our life in Jesus. He is good - all the time.

Phillips



August Birthdays

Debbie Wilson	August 1
Raymond Wilson	August 2
Karen Colby	August 4
Johanne Dyerly	August 9
Erma Hudson	August 20
Kelli Wilson	August 20
Lousie Gorin	August 21
Steve Dyerly	August 22
Anne Fox	August 28

Happy ***Belated*** Birthday to
Ralph Snook July 4

August Anniversaries

Mike & Carol Pistilli	Aug. 7
David & Lori Moore	Aug. 14

Stater Bros. Scrip Program
 Your participation in the Scrip program adds income to the church budget. Please see the ladies in the fellowship hall to purchase your scrip.

Cereal Sunday
 The second Sunday of the month is Cereal Sunday. This helps support the Interfaith Community Support Center.

News From UM Men....
 The United Methodist Men will hold their next meeting July 9, at the Oak House Restaurant, 7:30 am. All men and ladies welcome for food, conversation, mediation, prayer and program. See you there,
 Ralph Snook/President

EPIC Youth News!

Thanks for your support of our Sierra Service Project trip to Stockton, CA! SSP changes lives (both ours and theirs) by building a community of loving, selfless service to others.



You helped us raise over \$600 at the Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction to cover our trip expenses and start our funds for SSP 2017.

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Leah Circle News

Greetings from Leah's Circle,

As the new president of Leah's Circle, I am looking forward to leading the United Methodist Women of Yucaipa this year. Currently, I am in process of making contact with the various organizations we support to invite them speak to our Circle on how our efforts have helped the Community. Our first speaker will be our very own Sarah Van Tassel. Sarah will be talking about tutoring special needs children and how she received a special invitation and tour of the Whitehouse with Michele Obama's assistant.

Leah's Circle would like to thank Emily Hinckley, and Barbara Forte for their recent donations of yarn. The yarn is put to good use by making, quilts, afghans, lap robes and prayer shawls. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

We also knit and crochet bandages for Vietnamese people suffering from leprosy (Hanson's Disease). The bandages can be knitted or crocheted using size (10)100% mercerized cotton bedspread thread. White, cream or ecru colors only as other dyes can irritate the skin. Our supply of thread is sadly lacking right now so any donations of thread would be greatly appreciated. Several people have asked for a written pattern for the bandages, so I have posted both knitted and crochet patterns below:

Knitted Leprosy Bandage Instructions:

Use size 2 (2.75mm) knitting needles if you knit loosely or average

Use size 2 (3.25 mm) knitting needles if you knit tight

Cast on 24 to 34 stitches so the bandage measures about 4" across

Knit every row until the bandage is 4 feet long then bind off

Crocheted Leprosy Bandage Instructions:

Use size D (3.00 mm) crochet hook

Chain enough stitches to measure 4" across

Row 1: Single crochet into each chain. Chain 1 and turn

Row 2: Single crochet into single crochet across row.

Chain 1 and turn

Repeat Row 2 until the bandage reaches 4 feet long.

We accept completed projects anytime throughout the year however we ask that all completed projects be turned in by All Saints Day, November 1, 2016. The items will be blessed the 1st Sunday in November and will then be mailed or hand delivered.

You don't have to be crafty to join the Leah's Circle. The United Methodist Women members seek to share the blessing of their relationship with God through mission. There are many causes we support. We meet the third Wednesday of the month September through June. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Camilla Room. Our first meeting will be Wednesday September 21, 2016, all are welcome.

Aleta Kerker, President
UMW of Yucaipa

Vacation Bible School

Surf Shack – an Awesome Place

July 11-14 was quite the adventure! This year's Vacation Bible School "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love had energy and love to share.

Children from the community came to explore each day's themes (God Helps, God Shares, God Calms, and God Sends) through music, crafts, experiments, dinner, snacks, games, and Bible Storytelling. We had an amazing staff of leaders: Sue and Lisa Wamsley, Mike and Carol Pistilli, Emily and Denise Hinckley, Rachael Moore, Deb Davidson, Ross Harps, Sue Abel, Paula Fisher, Lois Crosby, Marlene Humphreys Juan Gutierrez and Erik Bahnson.

What a blessing to have such support and donations from this congregation. We had a full four evenings and I want to thank everyone who had a part in this year's VBS. It's a joy to serve with such a wonderfully devoted team who serve God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength and obviously love their neighbor as themselves.

Please check out our daily newspaper made by Deb Davidson and her Middle School team. It's on our webpage: www.yucaipamethodist.org. Click on the VBS link on the left hand column and each day is listed individually. Thank you to that dedicated and fun-loving team as well.

Next year's VBS will be here before you know it. You may feel led to volunteer with these exciting folks.

Key Scripture: Remember that the Lord is great and awesome. Nehemiah 4:14b

Amy Bahnson



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