

The Friendly Visitor

August 2023

Sunday Worship
Hymn Sing 9:20 am
Worship 9:30 am

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Fellowship Time follows  
for Coffee  
and Conversation

Watch The Chosen  
every Sunday at 11:00 am  
on the 30 foot screen in  
Faith Fellowship Hall  
with a lunch & discussion.

HELLO  
*August*



We are all a bit broken in some way, but remember... even broken crayons can fill a page with glorious color...

-Lizbeth-



**Thanks for helping  
make the P.E.O.  
Electronic Waste Drive  
so successful!**



Greetings to you all at the House of Faith!

The summer heat wreaks havoc in many different parts of the world. The temperature at Saratoga Springs in Death Valley went up to 129°F on July 17, 2023, only 1°F below the world record. The warmer temperature sparked the wildfires in Canada in late April and has extended from coast to coast. According to Sciencedirect.com, more than 70,000 Europeans died from the heat wave this year. NPR reports, "More hot weather is expected for much of the United States in the coming months.... Driven by a combination of human-caused climate change and the El Niño climate pattern."

To combat the heat wave, I have done a lot of math and science to cool down the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall more efficiently. Since the new system to bring fresh air from outside was completed last year, the sanctuary remains relatively cool throughout the week. Now the attic fan is turned on Saturday night to bring cool air from outside and runs until 6:20 AM on Sunday morning. This lowers the temperature significantly and allows us to turn on the A/C at 6:30 AM instead of 2:00 AM. A new challenge this year is to keep the usage under Edison's demand rate. When we ran the A/C in the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall at the same time, we lost the discounted rate last year. Now we run the A/C in the Fellowship Hall for an hour starting at 5:30 AM, and the temperature remains comfortable enough until the A/C comes back on at 10:30 AM. The A/C usage in the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall are staggered, and only run for about 15 minutes concurrently. This should help us to stay below the demand level and get the discounted rate back.

The good news is that even under the new rate, our electric bill has been just over several hundred so far this year and we have built a credit of about \$1200. This may go down over the summer, but it will still help our bottom line. We used to have a budget of \$14,000 for electricity before installing solar panels, and it is now only \$1,200. Last year we paid "zero dollars" for our main electric bill. More good news is that after installing timers on two water heaters, the gas bill has decreased to \$130, saving the church about \$3000/year. We used to heat the water heaters all the time, but now can turn it on just when we are there.

If my memory serves me right, (do not worry, my brain still works most of the time), Al and Jan came to us shortly after I began serving the church. Jan moved to Yucaipa before her retirement from the county of Los Angeles in Santa Clarita. Jan's sister Laurena and Laurena's husband Harold retired soon after and moved right next door to Jan. Laurena said to me that as soon as she stepped into the sanctuary, she knew in her spirit that she had come to her home church. The two couples traveled the world together and have done more than 40 cruises. Harold and Al went to be with the Lord after having dealt with health issues. Jan fell in her sleep and suffered a brain hemorrhage early this year, but by the grace of God, fully recuperated. Through hospitalization and recovery, Laurena took very good care of Jan. Several months ago, Laurena suffered an infection, which caused a lot of pain and hospitalization. It was Jan's turn to take care of Laurena, and she did it so lovingly. Laurena was recovering steadily, but her family made the decision to move her closer to her daughter, and Jan accompanied Laurena. We are going to miss Jan and Laurena and their hugging each other after worship every Sunday morning. We wish them Godspeed. Here is their new address:

**Jan Pasqua and Laurena Van Winkle**  
**23951 Decoro Ave. APT 229**  
**Valencia, CA. 91354**

Yucaipa is a very cool place to live, about 30°F lower than Death Valley. And do you know the coolest place in Yucaipa? It is the House of Faith, the oldest and prettiest church in Yucaipa.

Blessings to y'all,  
*Phillips*





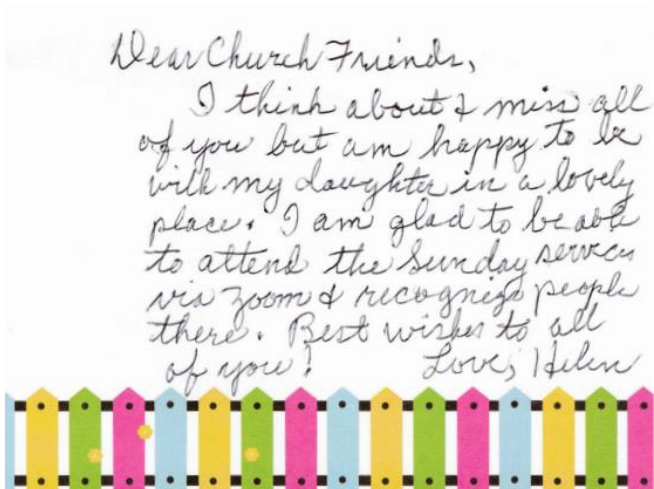
August Birthdays

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|------------------|-----------|
| Debbie Wilson    | August 1  |
| Ray Wilson III   | August 2  |
| Dale Barwick     | August 5  |
| Judy Lloyd       | August 5  |
| Maynard Reitzler | August 5  |
| Gina Genovese    | August 11 |
| Larry Stiff      | August 13 |
| Kelli Wilson     | August 20 |
| Katie Mickel     | August 21 |
| Laurie Pertile   | August 25 |
| Jack Kelsey      | August 28 |

August Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Maynard & Nancy Reitzler | August 1  |
| Steven & Anne Mickel     | August 5  |
| Mike & Carol Pistilli    | August 7  |
| Perry & Linda King       | August 19 |

*A Note from Helen Davis!*



**Free Saturday Movies!**

**A Man Called Otto**

Shows on August 5, 2023  
11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



**I Still Believe**

Shows on September 2, 2023  
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.

Inviting friends to the movie is a great way to introduce them to our wonderful church!



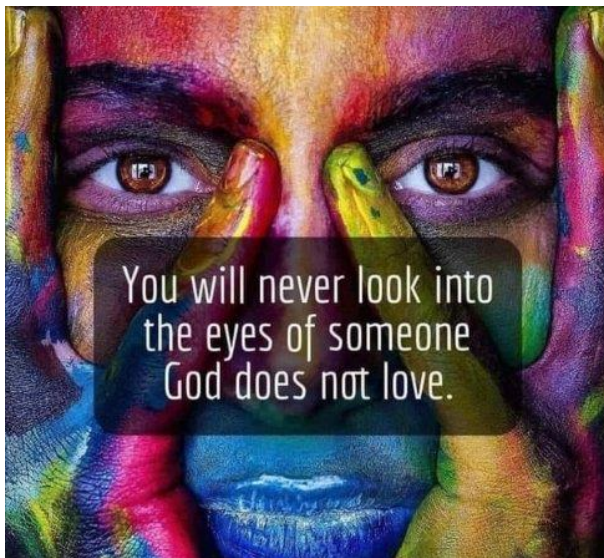
# Christmas Shoe Boxes for Children

This year our church is participating in Operation Christmas Child, a program run by the charity Samaritan's Purse. With the help of many participating organizations, thousands of Christmas boxes are shipped to children in need around the world, including the United States. Boxes can include school supplies, hygiene items, and toys. Items should NOT be wrapped. These boxes are shipped to children who would otherwise get nothing for Christmas, and/or who do not know about Jesus.

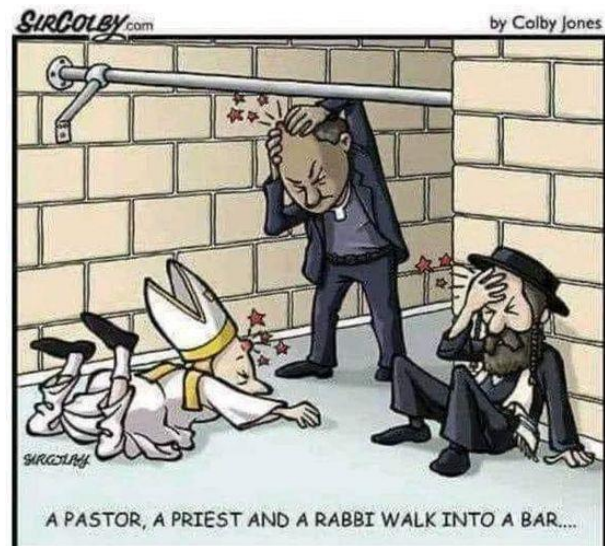


Empty boxes and suggestion lists for different age groups (boy or girl aged 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) can be picked up in Fellowship Hall or the church office. This will give you time to shop sales and find great things for your child's shoebox. You can include a photo and a personal note to your child! Each box should have a donation of \$10 cash in the box to cover program costs and shipping. Samaritan's Purse will add candy and a book about Jesus.

The shoeboxes should be returned to the church by November 5 so that they can be taken to a drop-off location, processed, and delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you for helping make a child's Christmas special!



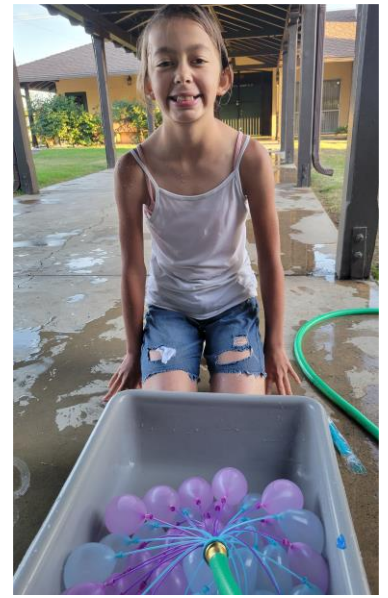
You will never look into the eyes of someone God does not love.



A PASTOR, A PRIEST AND A RABBI WALK INTO A BAR...



# Parent's Night Out! Water Fun, Snacks & Stories



But the next morning, Ruthie could barely eat. Maybe Mrs. Olsen wouldn't understand. Maybe Ruthie would have to sit in the time-out corner. Maybe Martin would never talk to her again. Maybe *no one* would ever talk to her again... not one teeny-weeny word.

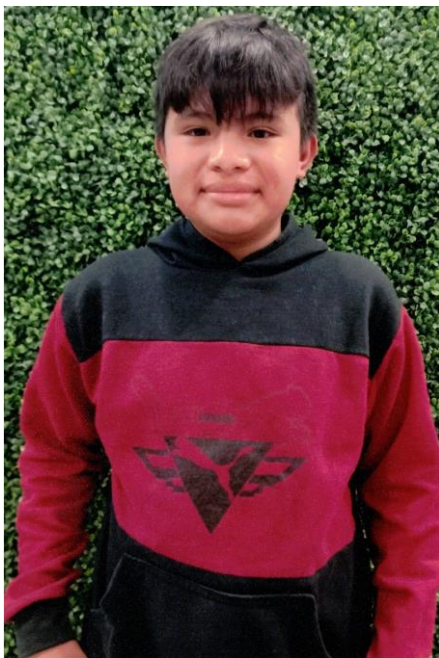




## Watch The Chosen Sundays at 11:00 am

This excellent series takes a historical fiction approach to give us a better understanding of the reality of Roman occupation, the Jewish culture, and the arrival of Jesus that turned everything upside down to bring God's Kingdom to earth. *Join us in experiencing this series with food and discussion each week! Upstairs in Faith Theater 1.*

## OUR COMMON HOPE CHILDREN Back to School!



Erick Gómez Hernández is 13 years old, and has been promoted to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He does well in school. He and his family are healthy and are grateful to God. His favorite holiday is Holy Week, and he likes Mexican music. He likes to play soccer and spend time with his friends. He likes rabbits, eating avocados, and his favorite color is black. He's very happy to be going back to school to learn more and make new friends.



Cynthia Analy Luche is 13 years old, has been promoted to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and is doing well in school. She is excited to meet her new classmates and continue learning. She wants to continue her education, and would like to become a flight attendant so that she can travel the world and visit many different countries. During the holidays she made clothes for her Barbies, did the house cleaning and dishwashing, watched TV and played with her cousin.

# August

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The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa

## We are the Cereal Church!

The Interfaith Community Support Center (ICSC) needs our help with cereal, oatmeal, and any other non-perishable food to help families in need with up to a 3-day supply of food. Bring your cereal to the Narthex any time, and we will deliver it to ICSC at the end of the month. Thank you for sharing God's bounty!



| Sunday                                                                                                    | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                        | Thursday                                      | Friday                                                              | Saturday                                                     |
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|                                                                                                           |        | 1       | 2                                                                                | 3                                             | 4                                                                   | 5<br><b>A Man Called Otto</b><br>Faith Theater 2<br>11:00 am |
| 6<br><b>Sunday Worship</b><br>9:20 am Hymn Sing<br>9:30 am Worship with Communion<br>11:00 am The Chosen  | 7      | 8       | 9                                                                                | 10<br>First day of school<br>Yucaipa/Calimesa | 11                                                                  | 12                                                           |
| 13<br><b>Sunday Worship</b><br>9:20 am Hymn Sing<br>9:30 am Worship<br>HeArts Grow<br>11:00 am The Chosen | 14     | 15      | 16<br>Lunch with Pastor<br>Legend 8 China<br>noon - \$15 each<br>please sign up! | 17                                            | 18                                                                  | 19                                                           |
| 20<br><b>Sunday Worship</b><br>9:20 am Hymn Sing<br>9:30 am Worship<br>11:00 am The Chosen                | 21     | 22      | 23                                                                               | 24                                            | 25<br>Parent's Night Out<br>Illusion & Imagine<br>6:00 pm – 8:30 pm | 26                                                           |
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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  
or call the church office at 909-797-1143 Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

# Whatever Nature Wills

by *Floyd Crosby*

Dawn came quiet in the sky, just a glow  
Warm and pleasant to the eye.  
Colors then came rushing touching all the hills,  
The tops of trees and where the water spills,  
Chasing shadows in the canyons deep  
Awakening most from a night of sleep.

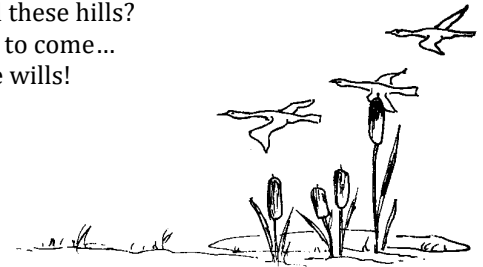
The dews begin to sparkle on each blade of grass  
Glistening with the sun as nightshades pass.  
Early morning clouds of gray turn pink and gold  
And rest for just a moment as in a fold.  
Then day springs full upon the scene,  
Bright and warm, full of life, and sparkling clean.

A flock of geese swoop low to test the lake  
Then rise on flashing wings behind a drake,  
Their honking call is wild and lusty in the air  
As they bank and glide to land... pair by pair.  
They feed by day and rest among the reeds by night  
Resting towards a long and arduous flight.

So on a day too warm for arctic geese they wing away  
A ritual born of instinct from some ancient day.  
For some this trip will be their last,  
But not a sad farewell.  
Such are the blessings of those who fly  
Others may never tell.

New faces soon will greet the dawn  
Fledgling wings that are not yet strong  
Will lift and feel the thrill of flight,  
Calling to each other through some star-filled night  
Honking high above the fields of grass and grain  
Until their winter home is reached again.

So life is dear to all who come this way  
Thrilled with sunsets or awed at breaking day.  
How many wings have flown these skies  
Or feet have trod these hills?  
How many more to come...  
Whatever nature wills!



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