

The Friendly Visitor



December 2017 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

Christmas Concert

Suggested Donation:

\$10.00 for Individuals, \$25.00 for Families

December 10, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

The House of Faith - United Methodist Church of Yucaipa



Tenor ~
Rev. Phillips Whang



Jose Prieto and friend
will perform a guitar duo.

Greetings to you in the Lord Jesus!



Our first fall concert in October was successful. Three exceptional young musicians played solo music of cello, violin, and piano, and a trio of chamber music. It was truly entertaining. Undoubtedly, the level of their performance was at the top tier. They touched many hearts through their music and their youthful energy flowed to the audience.



The Thanksgiving Dinner was well attended and the food was delicious. UMW organized the dinner methodically (we Methodists are good at this) and decorated the hall beautifully. Thank you those of you who volunteered to cook turkey and ham. Thank you to all the rest for your contribution of food and your presence. Thank you Tom for leading Christmas carols to usher us into the Christmas season.

Charge Conference is scheduled on December 3. We will reflect upon what we as a church have accomplished, appoint lay leaderships, and approve the budget for the coming year.

As to accomplishments and blessings from God during this year, we installed a new A/C in the fellowship hall. The Foundation gave \$10,000 for the project and the rest came from fund-raisers and donations. It was truly amazing for me to witness how this seemingly impossible project at the beginning came to fruition. With the new A/C, we enjoyed very comfortable fellowship during the summer for the first time. We handled memorial services without having to be concerned about weather conditions. VBS probably benefited the most with the new A/C. A steady flow of visitors to our Sunday worship means that our church remains visible in the community. Vision Dinner II was held and we celebrated the successful completion of many projects suggested during Vision Dinner I Dinner, and also brainstormed how to continue to revitalize the church. The church held two major church-wide dinners, the Vision Dinner and the Thanksgiving dinner both of which were well attended. The quilting group has been revived and makes prayer quilts for those dealing with health issues and Afghans for the needy in the community. After a survey, one more community movie program for the older age group was launched. Now our church offers two monthly movie programs. For the first time, spring and fall concerts were held to reach out to the community and raise funds for exit coverings. Praise the Lord!

The Christmas Concert will be held on December 10, 2:30 pm. I have invited guitar duo, Calé. Jose Prieto introduces his band, “Calé creates an intimate relationship with their audience, connecting almost immediately with deep, guarded places in the soul. The origin of their Latin-fusion music, shaped and re-shaped through generations, is from Spanish-Arabic, North African and Romany regions.” Calé has produced two Cds, “Vente Conmigo” and “Noches de Mala Vida.” By popular requests, I will be singing, “O Holy Night, and “The Holy City,” and more.

The choir will bring their Christmas Cantata on Christmas Sunday. We will have a beautiful candle light service with a lot of music on Christmas Eve. It is one of the best times of the year for you to invite your families and friends. If you have not yet invited anyone to our church, it is about time that you did it.

It is already the end of the year but I have not had a summer vacation yet. Is it just me? I feel that time seems to fly faster. Do I feel this way because I am advancing in age? (Do not laugh please). Thank the good Lord for his sustaining grace. We have come this far only because of Him who has provided for us and has sustained us.

With gratitude, Phillips



December Birthdays

- Cameron Causey Dec. 3
- Sarah Van Tassel Dec. 9
- Carole Jones-Grassel Dec. 10
- Sheila Cheetham Dec. 14
- Tyler Shook Dec. 14
- Ed Elliott Dec. 17
- Paul Wohlers Dec. 25
- Sally Gibson Dec. 30

December Anniversaries

- Cedric & Nona Linton Dec. 15
- Steve & Johanne Dyerly Dec. 18

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.

Church Information

Do you have a name tag? If not, please contact Johanne Dyerly

Also...

The church needs help with drivers to bring people to church, and other functions. If you can help with this, please contact Susan Wamsley

UMW Leah Circle News

November has been a very busy month for Leah Circle. We met on November 15th for the final arrangements for the Church Thanksgiving meal. The Valentine's Day Tea was discussed, and be on the lookout for all the fun to come. We are preparing to gather the knitted and crocheted blankets for dedication and delivery-to the CHP.



The thanksgiving dinner this past Sunday was a huge success. I wish to thank all the loving and helping hands that made this a reality. The food was delicious, and the fellowship wonderful. Thank you for all the turkey and ham cooks. The set up crew brought our fellowship hall a place of warmth and love, a huge shout out goes to Chris and David Smith on the kitchen management. We were honored to have Dan Kerker and Betty Thompson join us, after both have been through health challenges.

We have a couple of changes in officers. Trudy Baird has accepted position of President/Vice President until May. Chris Smith has accepted position of Secretary.

Our December meeting is going to meet at Abby's Cafe' Restaurant, 34432 Yucaipa Blvd, Yucaipa, Ca. We will meet at 11:00 a.m., December 20th, 2017. Please call me by December 6th so I will be able to call Abby's and ask for seating. Trudy: [909-742-2774](tel:909-742-2774) or e-mail: trudy.baird@verizon.net.

Sincerely,
Trudy Baird

Dear Family at the UMC OY,
House of Faith,

I send greetings from Guatemala GT and Texas. It is hard to be so far away from our warm fellowship of Christian family in Yucaipa.

It was such a privilege to be at Adalia Noemi's graduation last Saturday in Antigua Guatemala. Our church congregation has been sponsoring Adalia for about 5 years. We saw her through high school and many DIFFICULT challenges. She has two siblings with cerebral palsy, and 3 other siblings two of whom, along with Adalia are diligent in studying and have high grades. The other brother is younger and has speech delay which through Common Hope he is getting speech help. Adalia is so proud and grateful to have graduated high school with the support of our people in the Yucaipa Methodist Church via Common Hope and her family and friends. It truly does take "a village" of committed sponsors to help children from homes with very limited resources to become high school graduates 🎓. We are a significant part of that support "village" for Adalia.

God has given us this opportunity. I am thankful. I hope we can continue to be a part of this excellent project called Common Hope.

Thank you all who support with prayers and material giving. You can donate to Edgar's (our other sponsored student) educational fund by designating any amount you can give one time or regularly in an envelope put in the collection.

Blessings to each of you,

Love,

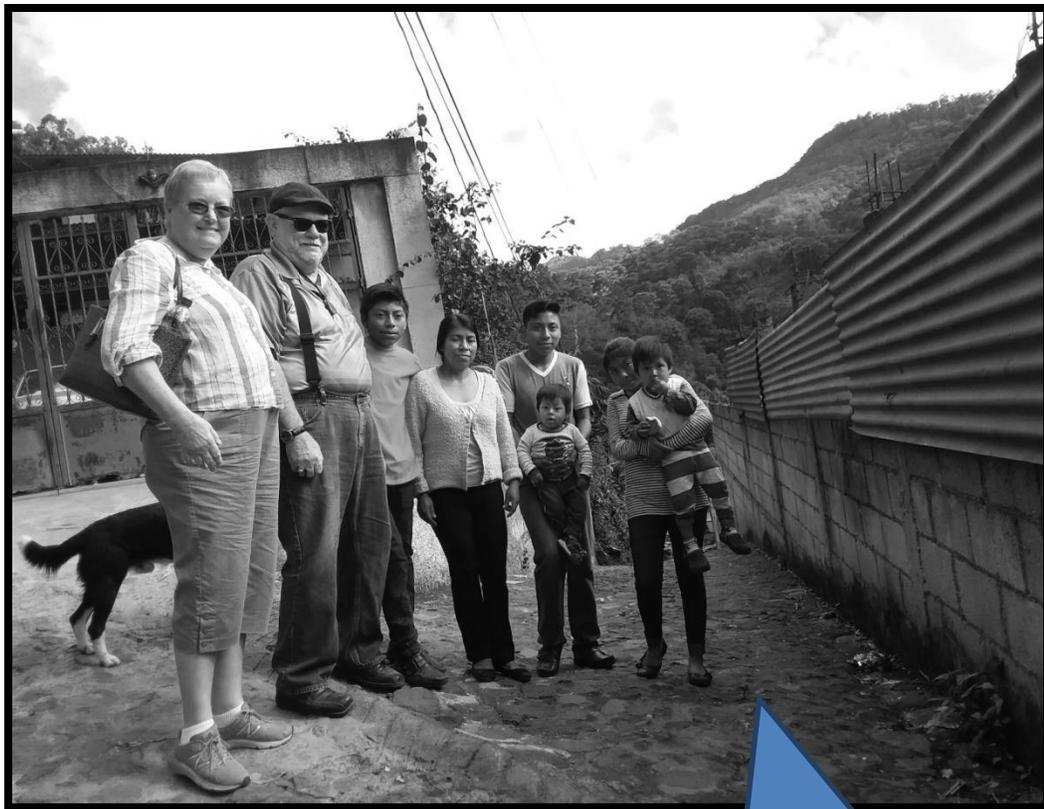
Carole Jones-Grassl

Adalia
graduating





Adalia's
Parents



Edgar's Family
with Sarah and Alan

EPIC Youth News!

SSP trip dates to Tsaile, Arizona are July 21 – 29, 2018!



Youth going into 6th grade through finishing 12th are eligible, and we still have 2 youth spaces for this summer's trip. Turn in your \$50 payment to Deb!

Free Movies First Saturday Each Month

The House of Faith Fellowship Hall Theater

- ★ Free, family-friendly movies open to everyone
- ★ Full-sized theater - high resolution and surround sound
- ★ Bring bean-bag chairs or blankets for ultimate comfort
- ★ Low-cost refreshments are available for cash purchase

Movie
Schedule

December 2

10:30 am **Casablanca (1942)** PG length 1:42

2:00 pm **Elf** PG length 1:37

January 6

10:00 am **The Shack** PG-13 length 2:12

2:00 pm **Despicable Me 3** PG length 1:30

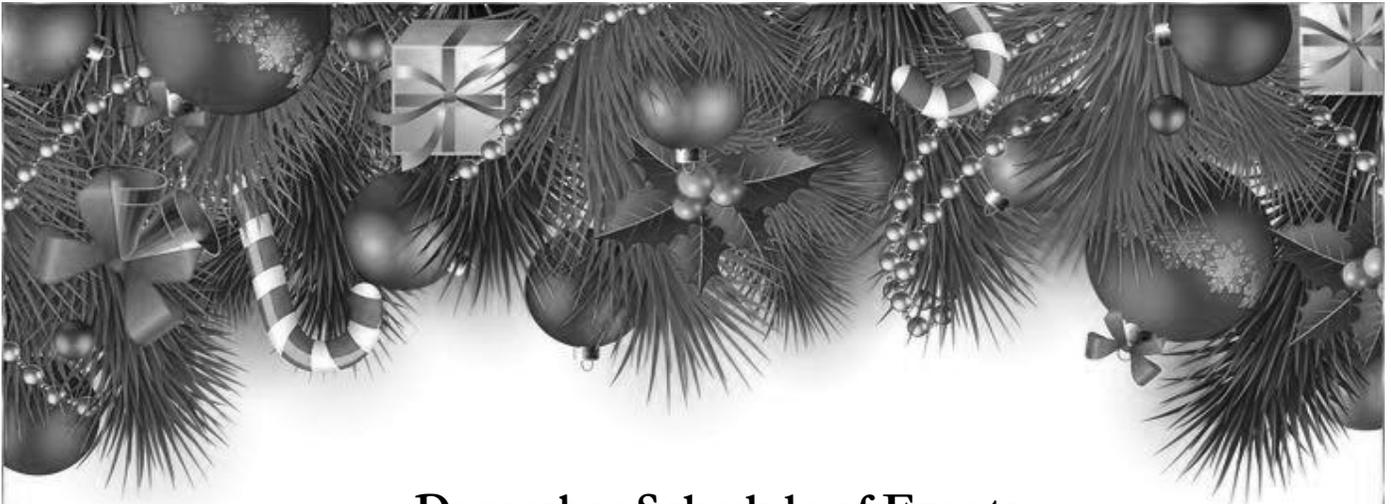
February 3

10:30 am **Wonder** PG length 1:53

2:00 pm **Cars 3** G length 1:42

Big thanks to all of those who came to share our authentic SSP meal and pictures from our 2017 trip to Smith River, CA! Your generous contributions have put us \$500 closer to our financial needs for 2018.

The cost for each SSP participant is \$375, which covers meals, housing and all of the building materials needed for each project. To make sure that money is not a limiting factor, we only ask that each youth put in \$50, and we fund-raise all the rest, including the trip expenses such as van rental, fuel, and overnight accommodations. We always include a special surprise fun destination for the kids to round out their SSP experience.



December Schedule of Events

December 10 – 9:30 am. - Welcoming New Members at Worship
2:30 pm – Christmas Concert
Featuring Rev. Whang & Jose Prieto and Friend

December 12 – Trip to the Mission Inn, Riverside to see the beautiful lights
Meet at Church 4:30 pm

December 17 – 2:00 pm – Community Caroling – Meet at Church

December 24 – 9:30 am - Christmas Eve Morning Worship
The Choir will bring their Christmas Cantata

7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service
This will be a candlelight service with lots of music





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