

The Friendly Visitor

May 2024



Sunday Worship
Hymn Sing 9:20 am
Worship 9:30 am
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Fellowship Time  
follows for Coffee  
and Conversation  
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Invite a Friend to
Church, to the Free
Saturday Movies,
and other events!

Bible Study: The Practices of Prayer *with Rev. Dr. Deena Barwick on Zoom*

Mondays in June: 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Pacific Time

Why do we pray? What do we pray for? When and where do we do it? And perhaps the most interesting question – how do we pray? How do we know if we have received the ‘correct’ answers for the focus of our prayers? Praying to a gracious God is very, very personal. Many of us think that public prayers are something we can’t do as well as others. So why do we pray? Because it is the most important communication we have with our Lord. I am sure that each of you have your favorite way to pray and feel uncomfortable when you are asked to engage in a “different way of praying”. How much do you really know about prayer techniques or practices? Would you like to know more?

This four-week on-line Bible Study class is being offered to those who want to dig deeper into different practices of prayer. We will learn to listen to and value our inner knowing, that part of us that is informed by all we have experienced so far. We will experience and learn new ways of listening for the still, small voice of God through the art of prayer.

Sign-up details and instructions for the class will be available soon!

Greetings to all you faithful at the House of Faith!

As I wrote in my letter last month, American missionaries in Korea were influential in sending the first Korean immigrants to the US. I want to share the story of a very prominent American missionary who is held in the highest esteem among Korean Methodists. Henry Gerhard Appenzeller, a man with total dedication to the Gospel, came to Korea, where Buddhism and Confucianism had been the dominant religions for millennia. Despite Christianity being regarded as a religion of the West and Christians being persecuted and sentenced to capital punishment, Appenzeller fearlessly came and woke the nation from its long spiritual slumber. John Wesley is the founder of worldwide Methodism, but Henry Appenzeller is the founder of Methodist Church in Korea, which now boasts a membership of 1.5 million only after 130 years of history.

Henry Appenzeller was born in Souderton, Pennsylvania, on February 6, 1858. His mother was a Swiss Mennonite, and his father was a fourth-generation Pennsylvania Dutchman. German Reformed faith was the norm around the area. His mother significantly influenced him and would gather him with his two brothers on Sunday afternoons to read from the German Bible. She spoke very little English, and Henry spoke only "Pennsylvania German" until he was twelve. Henry used German all his life, even with Germans in Korea.



Henry learned the Heidelberg Catechism, which emphasizes personal faith. The Catechism covers the basic tenets of the Christian faith with questions and answers. His father did not give Henry and his sons infant baptism but waited until they made the affirmation of faith on their own. When Henry was eighteen, the Presbyterian Church hosted a series of special services with an evangelist. On October 6, 1876, Henry had a deeply personal spiritual experience and celebrated that date each year as his spiritual birthday.

He attended Franklin and Marshall College, rooted in the Reformed Church. During his college years, he found class meetings at First Methodist Episcopal Church attractive and soon decided to join the church. Henry felt more at home with the Methodists than in the Reformed Church. Henry joined the First Church and became an assistant pastor while still in college and felt a call to foreign missions. He wrote in his diary, "The ambition of my life is to spend it entirely in the service of the Lord." During college, he met Ella Dodge, from Berlin, New York. She was a devout Christian and a descendant of William Dodge, who emigrated from Chester, England, to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1629. As she fell in love with Henry, she became an eager partner in the common call to cross the sea and serve Christ. Before joining the First Church, she had been brought up as a Baptist.

After graduating from Franklin and Marshall College in 1882, Henry entered Drew Theological Seminary to prepare for pastoral ministry. Drew was an exciting place for Henry's keen mind and spirit. A part of the excitement came from the rapidly expanding global missionary movement of the late 19th century. Henry caught the spirit and applied to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church for service in Japan. The Board had no opening there, but decided in late 1884 to open a new field in Korea. Korea was "the Hermit Nation" and had just signed a treaty with the US that encouraged friendship and commerce, but lacked a religious freedom clause. On December 20, 1884, the Board of Foreign Missions finally decided to send Henry and his bride, Ella, to Korea. They joined a previously selected missionary doctor, William B. Scranton. Henry and Ella got on the Good Ship Arabic with Scranton and his wife, daughter, and mother and set out across the Pacific. The story continues.

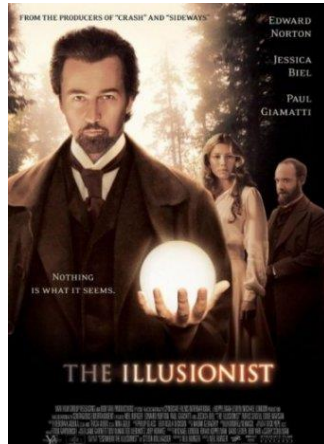
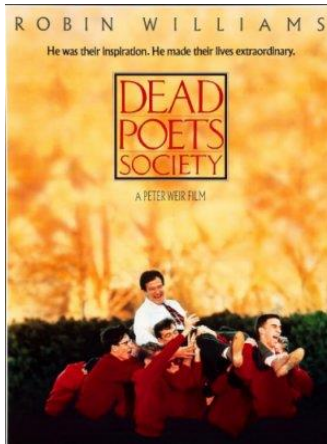
See you in church.

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Free Saturday Movies!



Dead Poet's Society Shows on May 4, 2024 11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



The Illusionist Shows on June 1, 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.

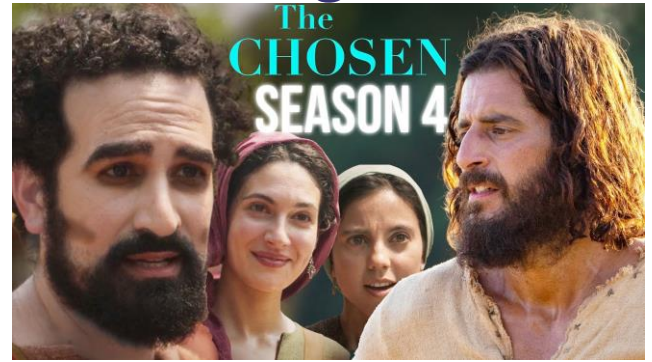
Doors open at 10:30 am.

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

Share the fun!

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

Coming Soon!



The Season 4 DVD release date for The Chosen is now in mid-June, so plan on seeing one episode a week with a meal at 11:00 am after worship!

We will have a sign-up sheet for a few people to bring food to share each week.

God has placed you in a unique spot to make an impact on someone in a way that no one else can.



ROMANS 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Parent's Night Out!

Daniel and the Lion's Den





The Next Parent's Night Out will be on Friday, May 24 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

A BIG THANK YOU to Brian Porter and David Moore for their great work in cleaning out the church gutters! They did a wonderful job in helping with the maintenance of our church.

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 (Interfaith 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.

Thank you!

Like to Read?

Join the **Book Club** that meets in the **Camellia Room** at **10:00 am**
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:

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



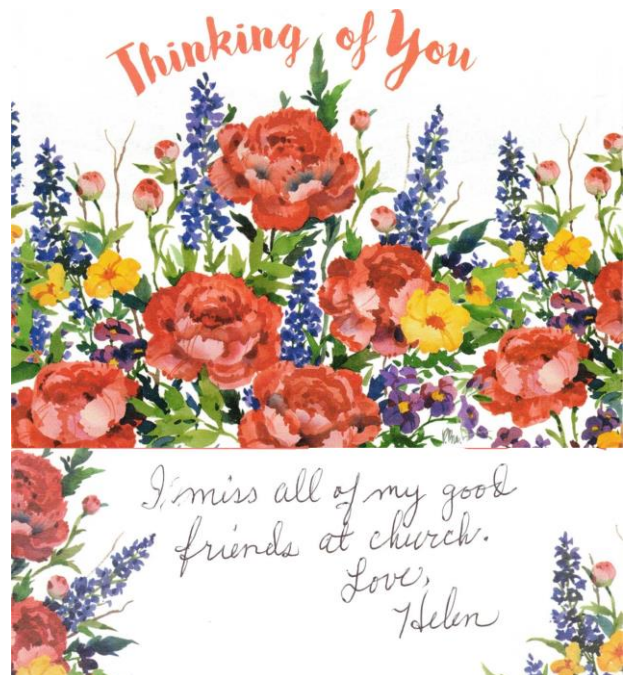
May Birthdays

April Klein	May 8
Everett Pereira	May 17
William Greening	May 18
Gary Moline	May 22
Susan Wamsley	May 29

May Anniversaries

Dale & Deena Barwick	May 10
David Will & Sharon Heustis	May 12
Mike & Denise Hinckley	May 26
Jim & Carolyn Manlowe	May 29

A note from Helen Davis:



How wonderful to be remembered with a card!

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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.

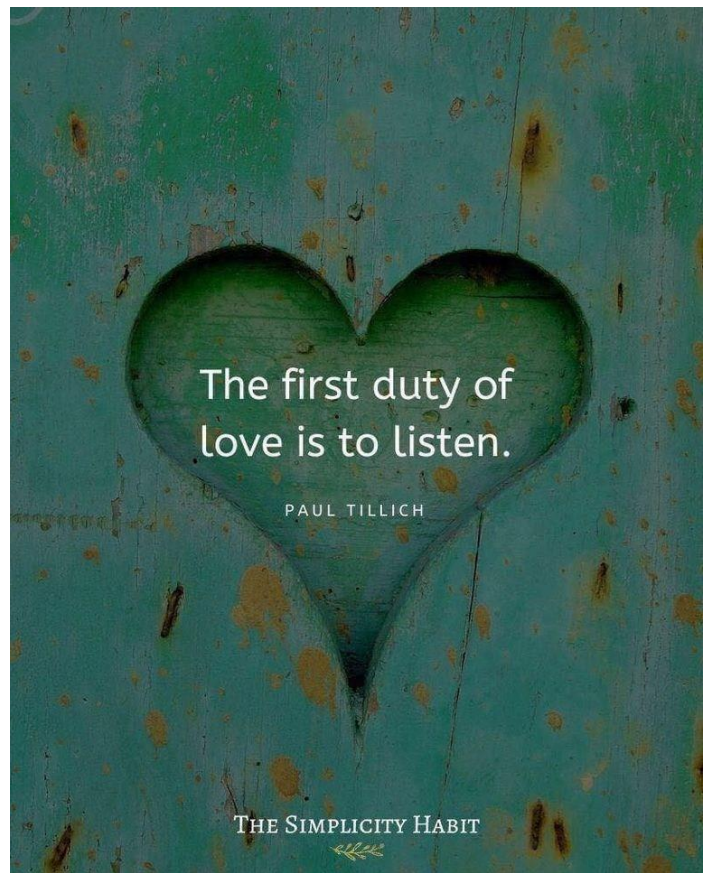
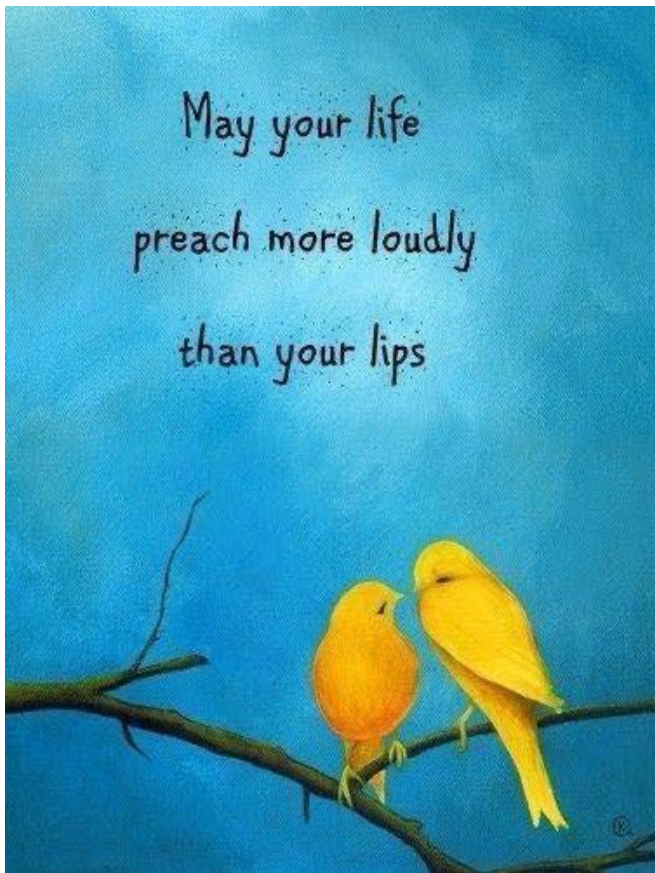
Scrip cards can be purchased in Fellowship Hall after worship, or in the office any time.

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 Lauren on vacation until May 15	2 Office Hours 9 am - noon	3	4 Dead Poet's Society Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
5 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion	6 Office Hours 9 am – noon	7 P.E.O. Camellia Room 10:00 am	8 Pastor's Lunch Legend China 8 at noon	9 Office Hours 9 am – noon	10	11
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Special Note! Lauren, our Office Administrator, will be taking a well-deserved family vacation from May 1 to 15. The office will be open as shown above from 9:00 to noon for the those days. **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 for more information.



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