

# *The Friendly Visitor*



*April 2025*

**Sunday Mornings**

**Hymn Sing - 9:20 am**

**Worship - 9:30 am**



**Fellowship Time  
follows for Coffee and  
Conversation.**



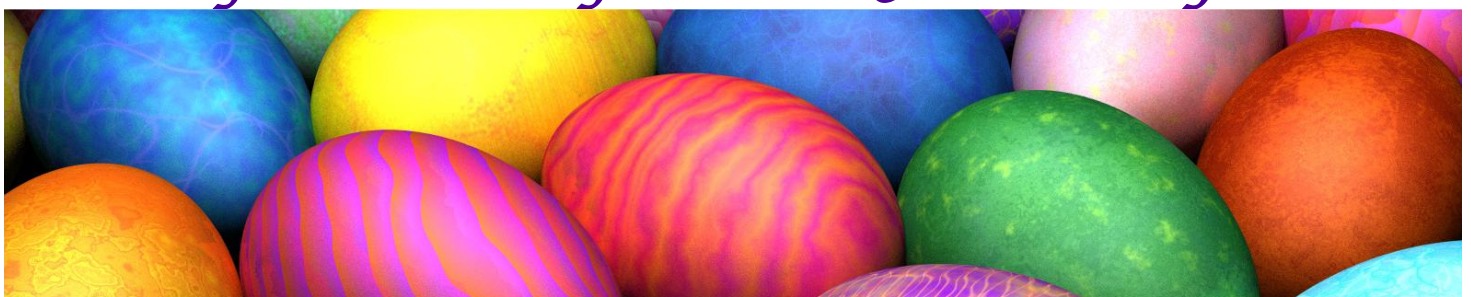
**Adult Discussion Class  
11:00 in Camellia Room**



*Maundy Thursday Service  
April 17 at 7:00 pm at The House of Faith*

*Good Friday Community Service  
April 18 at noon at the Seventh Day  
Adventist Church, 35225 Ave E, Yucaipa*

*Easter Sunday Service  
April 20 at 9:20 am at The House of Faith  
followed by Easter Fellowship*



Grace and peace of Christ be with all who belong to the House of Faith!

On April 22, our church gathered for a Celebration of Life service in honor of Gerry Pugh. From my very first week of ministry in Yucaipa to his final days, I had the privilege of witnessing God's grace at work in Gerry's life. Though he was involved in a car accident, by God's mercy, he walked away unscathed. When he needed a vehicle, God provided Gerry with a car free of charge through the generosity of a church member. When he was no longer able to work and lacked the financial means for senior housing, God made a way for him to become a resident at Mediterranean Gardens. Despite battling bone cancer, God sustained him with health and strength, and he did not begin losing weight until shortly before his passing. Though he had no immediate family nearby, God gave him the church as his family. His life is a beautiful testament to God's faithfulness and grace, reminding us all of the ways God provides.

Ken Lingle arrived in Yucaipa from West Palm Beach, Florida a few years ago and became actively involved in the life of our church. I've often called Yucaipa a "hidden jewel," so I was curious about how he discovered this special place. It turns out he has a son and family living here. Ken's roots run deep in Methodism, and he faithfully served his home church in Florida in various leadership roles. A passionate reader and a wellspring of knowledge, he has been a blessing to our church family. Sadly, he is returning to the East Coast, and once again, I find myself asking: Has he really found a place better than Yucaipa? Apparently, he has—somewhere near the beach in Georgia! We trust that he is following God's leading. We will miss him and pray for God's blessings on this new chapter of his journey.

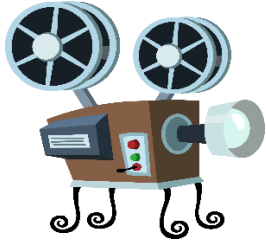
I recently investigated replacing the entrance door that connects the Narthex to the covered walkway to Fellowship Hall. The door frame had been broken in the middle for quite some time, possibly due to vandalism. Whenever it was pulled too hard from outside, it triggered the alarm, and the loose frame often made it difficult to lock the door securely. A carpenter assessed the damage and determined that repairs were not possible. Constructing new doors from scratch to match the existing design of the doors and neighboring windows would have been very costly and replacing them with custom-made doors would have cost at least \$8,000. However, Dale stepped in. After examining the door, he not only fixed it but also reinforced it—making it virtually unbreakable by attaching a thick stainless steel strip along the inner frame. Dale also helped repair the water line for the sprinklers along Adams and Beech. Thank you, Dale, for your service to the church!



Maundy Thursday worship will take place in the sanctuary on April 17 at 7:00 PM. The Good Friday Ecumenical service is scheduled for April 18 at 12 noon. The service will be held at Green Valley Christian Church on Bryant St., although the location has not yet been confirmed. Please inform the church office if you would like to contribute Easter Lilies; and order form will be available for the next few weeks. Additionally, please bring flowers from your garden for the flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday. Deb is organizing a fellowship with heart finger foods after worship on Easter and would appreciate knowing if you plan to contribute any items.

Celebrating the Risen Christ with you,  
*Phillips*

# Free First Saturday Movies



## City of Ember

Shows on April 12, 2025

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



## Loving

Shows on May 3, 2025

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2

*Free Saturday Movies offer a hearty refreshment menu with 1/4 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, inexpensive lunch at our free Saturday movies!*

# Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



## 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
Laurena Van Winkle	April 15
David Brown	April 22
Charles Strohl	April 27
Robin Harps	April ?

## Anniversaries

Paul Wohlers & Deb Davidson	April 2
Steve & Claudia Joseph	April 29



**The Book Club** is reading

The Frozen River

*by Ariel Lawhon* and will discuss it **it in the Camellia Room on Tuesday, April 15 at 10:00 am.**

Call Deb at 909 228 8758 to join on Zoom.



## Keep in Touch!



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# *Parent's Night Out* *Planting Spring Pots*



We each painted a pot for our springtime planting.

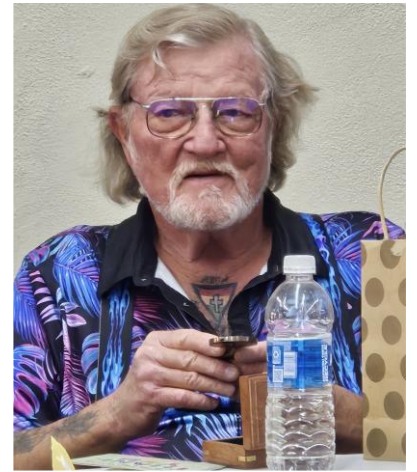


**We ate macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets, tangerines, and Rice Krispie treats while we watched stories about Irish legends and springtime.**



**We each chose a flower or a cherry tomato to plant.**





And we said farewell to Mr. Kenny, who will be missed.

*Bring your children for movie night, popcorn, snacks and fun at Parent's Night Out April 25, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. We will be watching Because of Winn-Dixie.*

**Buy Stater's Scrip Cards!**

Your regular grocery shopping can benefit the church by using scrip cards at Stater Brothers Market. You get the full value of the card, but the church gets 6% of your shopping dollar to help support our General Fund. Scrip cards can be purchased from Fellowship Hall after worship, or from the office any time.

**Donations**

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, as well as the unhoused in our community.

**Thank you!**

# April

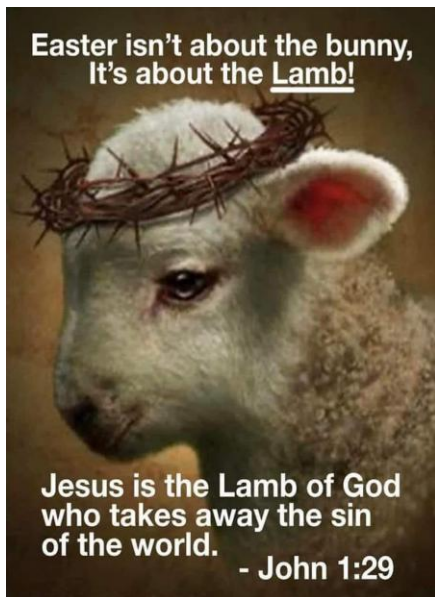
# 2025

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 P.E.O. meets in Camellia Room 10:00 am
6 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 - Adults Camellia	7	8	9 Pastor's Lunch Legend China 8 in Calimesa at noon	10	11	12 City of Ember Faith Theater 2 11:00 am Darlene Colemans 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday 1 pm
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20 Easter Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 -Easter Brunch	21	22 Admin Council 7:00 pm on Zoom	23	24	25 Parent's Night Out Movie Night: Because of Winn-Dlxie 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 and Fellowship Time after. Adult discussion classes are held in the Camellia Room at 11:00 am, currently featuring short NOOMA films with Rob Bell. Please visit [www.yucaipamethodist.org](http://www.yucaipamethodist.org) for more information.**



*“He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said  
would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.”  
– Matthew 26:8 NLT*

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