

Grace and peace be with all of you at the House of Faith!

Many of you may have noticed the large dirt smudges in the parking lot. The entire mess was caused by a broken pipe under the Crosby Memorial Rose Garden. I experienced something dramatic while repairing the pipe, and I want to share it with you for your entertainment and as a testimony.

“It wouldn’t be easy, but I could handle it,” I thought, since I had already worked on rusted pipes around the sanctuary with the same issue multiple times. The only challenge was digging in the wet soil while water kept seeping in. The main valve is too old and doesn’t fully shut off the water. Muddy water made it hard to detect the leak’s source. The problem happened on Friday, the same day as Parents Night Out with the Adrian Empire, scheduled for that evening. Thankfully, many kids and parents attended and enjoyed the fun activities, avoiding the “river crossing.” I waited until the event ended and then spent hours scooping out muddy water and digging. I had a spotlight, but I had no way of knowing that there were five pipes buried one after the other. The more I dug, the more pipes I found. I needed God’s help because it was getting late, and the situation wasn’t improving. It was only by God’s grace that I finally found the leak’s source about two feet down and managed to stop it. Thankfully, the temporary patch held, and we had no problems with Sunday’s worship. However, water seeped in little by little, and the hole I dug filled with water again. During the second repair attempt, I saw three thick wires and realized one of the pipes was an electrical conduit. “That must be an old electric line no longer in use, with many water pipes next to it,” I thought.

In the office, Linda noticed that the security cameras in the Fellowship Hall were not turned on. I soon learned that the Fellowship Hall had power, but the entire Sanctuary did not. Having worked on electricity in the church for so long, I knew some basics. I turned the sanctuary circuit breaker back on, but it quickly tripped. “There must be a short that’s causing the breaker to trip,” I thought. While I was inspecting the cause of the short, I smelled burnt wires from the hole I had dug. Apparently, the wires in the hole were the main feed to the Sanctuary, and one of the exposed wires in the mud was shorted, creating sparks and burns. Think about it. The electric current of 240V could have electrocuted someone and caused him to fall during the Parents Night Out. It could have electrocuted Francisco, who worked on it earlier, or me while I was scooping water out with my bare hands. I was so tired and was alone close to midnight on Friday. If I had been electrocuted, it might have led to my instant retirement. Come to think of it, that makes sense because I was digging the hole myself. But thanks be to God, for no one was electrocuted by it.

Dale said that the wires were installed when the sanctuary was built, and people did not install them properly. Dale gave me instructions on how to clean the muddy junction box and wires, as well as how to pump water out of the electric pipe. He also sent his son, Adam, who, according to Dale, is a better electrician than his father. Adam had a very busy schedule working on wiring a new factory but unexpectedly had a few free hours. He came and removed decades-old wire bolts and installed new connectors with proper insulation. Like his father, Adam is a devout believer and willingly offered help at no charge. Thanks to Dale and Adam, we haven’t had any problems meeting and worshipping in the Sanctuary. The Trustees are now looking into how to properly address the issue.



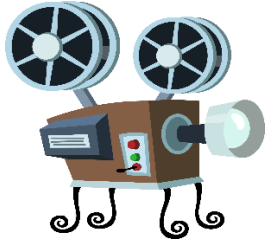
Rose Hope, the director of Renu Hope Foundation, has been very busy obtaining permits and approvals and lining up contractors. It seems that the actual renovation will start within a month or so. Let us continue to pray for their progress and the cooperation of the City.

Bring garden flowers for the flowering of the Cross on Easter!

Have a blessed Easter!

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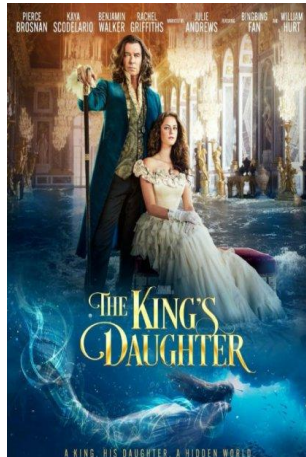
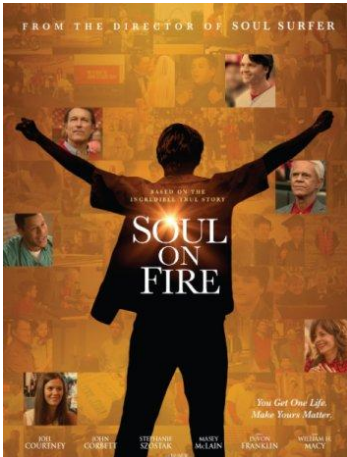
Free First Saturday Movies



Soul on Fire

Shows on April 4, 2026

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



The King's Daughter

Shows on May 2, 2026

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, baked goods 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 our free Saturday movies and a delicious lunch!

Best Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary Wishes

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 ?

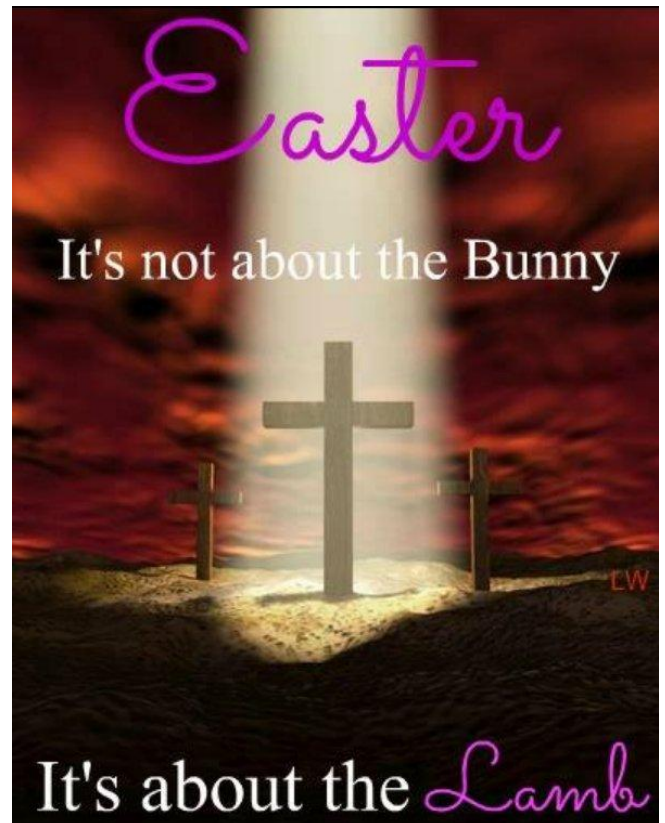
Anniversaries

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



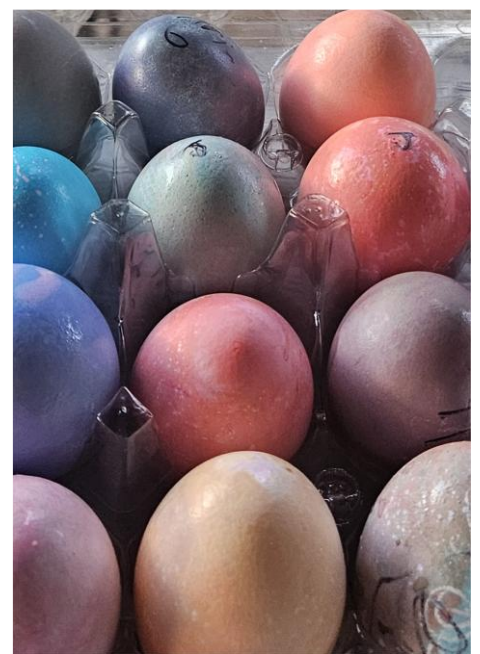
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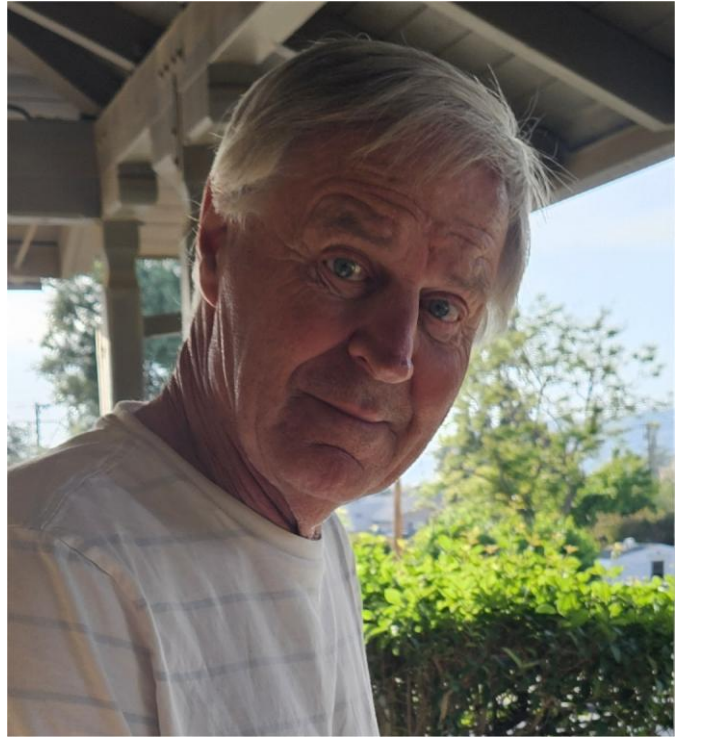
It's not about the Bunny



It's about the Lamb

March Parents Night Out Celebrating Easter Joy!





**The Next
Parent's
Night Out
is April 24!**

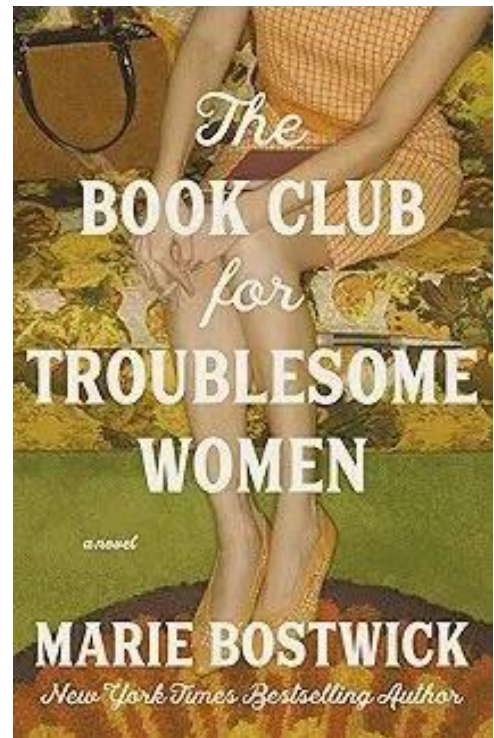
Donations

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.

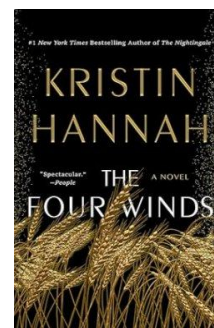
Thank you!

**Join us for Book Club!
Tuesday, April 21
at 10:00 am
in Camellia Room
with great discussions
and snacks!**

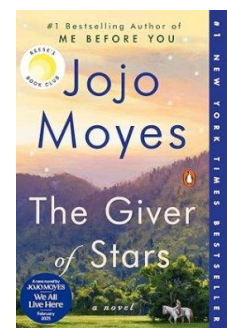


April's Book

abridged classics



for May



for June

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.” - George R.R. Martin

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The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa

Purchase Staters Scrip Cards!

Your regular grocery shopping can benefit the church if you buy scrip cards for Stater Brothers Markets.

See Kathy at the Scrip table in Fellowship Hall!

You get the full value of the card, but our church makes a little money to support our general fund and pay bills.

Cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 values.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Soul on Fire Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
5 Easter Sunday 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion Fellowship & Egg Hunt	6	7	8 Pastor's Lunch Legend China 8 at noon - \$15	9	10	11 Lorene Muñoz Memorial 12:30 pm Elks Lodge 12165 2 nd St, Yucaipa
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Sunday Services start at 9:20 am with a Hymn Sing, continuing with Worship at 9:30 am followed by Fellowship Time. We are currently showing episodes of The Chosen in Camellia Room at 11:00 am after Worship. Join us for great discussions! Please visit www.yucaipamethodist.org for more information.


MANY PEOPLE REJECT JESUS
BECAUSE OF BAD EXPERIENCES
WITH RELIGIOUS PEOPLE.

BUT, HERE'S THE THING... JESUS
HAD BAD EXPERIENCES WITH
RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, TOO.

IN FACT, THEY KILLED HIM.
PEOPLE WILL LET YOU DOWN.

JESUS WON'T. ✝

A CHILDREN'S STORY
WHICH IS ONLY
ENJOYED BY
CHILDREN IS A BAD
CHILDREN'S STORY.
-C.S. LEWIS

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“Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”- *John 11:25-26*

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