

The Friendly Visitor

"THANK YOU" FROM JILL MURATET

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the festive retirement basket with celebratory flutes & sparkling cider, yummy caramel squares, and so generous Chili's gift cards! You have always been so thoughtful and generous to me.

This Church will always be a special place with wonderful & warm memories. I know I will always have a welcoming place to come to with a seat at the table!

Thank you for having trust & faith in me and for giving me an opportunity all of these years; you certainly have been a blessing to me — God's blessings to each and everyone of you.

Jill Muratet

August 2026

Sunday Mornings

Hymn Sing – 9:20 am

Worship – 9:30 am



Fellowship Coffee Time
with Conversation



Invite a Friend to Church!

Share the warmth
of our church family.

AUGUST FUN FACTS

This month is full of quirks and historical highlights:

- Originally called Sextilis (meaning the sixth month in the ancient Roman calendar); it was renamed to honor Rome's first emperor, Augustus Caesar.
- The month originally had 30 days, but Augustus Caesar added an extra day so it would equal the length of July, which was named after his great-uncle, Julius Caesar.

(Reference: History.com)

- It's a special month because it marks the peak of the summer vacation season in the Northern Hemisphere and is the official monthly observance of Family Fun Month.
- Mid-August features the spectacular Perseid meteor shower, one of the most prolific and brightest displays of the year. The shower is active from July 17 – August 24, with the peak expected on August 12-13. (Reference: History.com)

POPULAR AUGUST THEME IDEAS

- **Classic Summer & Sunshine:** Celebrate the peak of the season with themes centered around Summer fun, camping, sunlit fields, sunflowers, and backyard activities. (Reference: Reddit)
- **Tropical & Coastal Vibes:** Embrace breezy linen textures, lemon or aqua color palettes, and vacation motifs. Popular concepts include an "Under the Sea" motif, Hawaiian luaus, and travel. (Reference: Facebook)

Grace and peace to you all at the House of Faith

For me, summer represents renewal, stemming from a transformative experience in my teenage years. I volunteered as a youth leader at my Methodist church in Seoul, Korea. Every year, the youth participated in a weeklong retreat. One memorable year, we visited a mountain prayer center near a river, perfect for fellowship and spiritual growth; during the retreat, we attended services and prayer meetings three times daily, complemented by fun afternoon activities. I was responsible for organizing these activities, ensuring everything went smoothly.

One evening, a youth I was close to encouraged me to prioritize prayer over busy programs; his advice triggered a change of heart. I began to focus on worship and prayer and, during that time, felt the Holy Spirit's presence; by the end of the retreat, I experienced a deep transformation. Everything I had known about the Bible since childhood came alive, and my heart was filled with gratitude for the cross. A new purpose emerged—to repay Jesus for what He had done. Soon after, I sensed a call to ministry. Although I loved Jesus, the idea was overwhelming at such a young age, leading to years of inner conflict. Still, God's sovereign power guided my path.

My spiritual heritage predates my mother, who introduced the faith to the Whang family, and even extends beyond my home church; it traces back to America's third spiritual awakening, which occurred from the late 1850s to the early 1900s. This revival was the main catalyst for many Protestant missionaries to go to Korea; it emphasized personal conversion, living according to the Bible, and global evangelism. While Catholicism was established earlier, Protestant churches became more influential in shaping Korea's spiritual landscape. American Presbyterian and Methodist missionaries arrived in 1884, bringing a Bible-centered faith and a love for Jesus to free people from centuries-old spiritual bondage. Their efforts ignited a spiritual awakening in Pyongyang in 1906, now sadly part of North Korea.

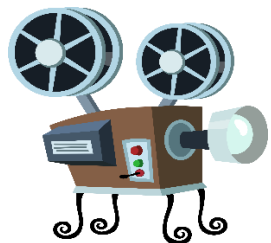
Those missionaries brought not only the Gospel of Jesus and their passionate faith to Korea, but also introduced a new way of practicing belief and worship. Traditionally, churches in America held two lengthy services on Sundays—either in the morning and afternoon or in the evening—and also organized midweek Bible studies and prayer meetings. In the early American colonies, almost the entire day was devoted to church activities on Sunday, with attendance enforced by law; Korean churches have maintained and expanded this tradition. My experience with a Korean congregation dates back several decades, and worship styles might have since evolved; previously, they conducted two Sunday services, a Wednesday night service, a Friday prayer vigil, daily dawn prayer meetings, weekly home classes, and seasonal revival events.

Christianity has been declining in America and Europe, including our own church which has faced downturns for many decades; yet I firmly believe in a forthcoming worldwide spiritual awakening. Our church was founded on November 11, 1911, near the end of the third spiritual revival. Though we are a small congregation, with perseverance and faith, we can witness another revival. Our church building will undoubtedly stand because it has been maintained with great care. More importantly, I speak of the people—despite the world turning away from faith, our church will stay faithful to Jesus and the Bible until His return.

Praying for the great spiritual awakening,

Phillips

Free First Saturday Movies



Cabrini

**Shows on August 1, 2026
11:00 am in Faith Theater 2**



Grace Unplugged

**Shows on September 5, 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!**

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



Birthdays

Debbie Wilson	August 1
Ray Wilson III	August 2
Karen Colby	August 4
Dale Barwick	August 5
Judy Lloyd	August 5
Johanne Dyerly	August 9
Ron Pittsenberger	August 9
Larry Stiff	August 13
Kelli Wilson	August 20
Katie Mickel	August 21
Steve Dyerly	August 22
Susan Elmore	August 24
Laurie Pertile	August 25
Jack Kelsey	August 28
Mark Chero	August 31

Anniversaries

Steve & Anne Mickel	August 5
Mike & Carol Pistilli	August 7
Perry & Linda King	August 19

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST!

It's time to take advantage of sales to start collecting great items for your Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox! Small toys, school supplies, hats and hair things, personal grooming items, soccer balls with a pump, yo-yos, fishing kits, sewing kits, clothing, and more! There are lots of wonderful ideas at samaritanspurse.org under **Operation Christmas Child**.

On July 5th, we celebrated our nation's freedom and abundantly thanked God for blessing our country.



Frozen at the Redlands Bowl: July 25th



The Redlands Bowl has been providing great summer fun to our communities since 1924. There is no charge to attend, but donations are taken at intermission; donate as generously as you can!

All Performances start at 8:00 pm.

The season concludes with:

August 4 – Navy Band Southwest

August 7 – The Doo Wop Project

August 11 – The Glenn Miller Orchestra

*August 14 – A Fireworks Finale with
the Redlands Symphony*

July Parent's Night Out: *Water Fun*



Next Parent's Night Out
Friday, August 28 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm

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!



Visit our Little Library!

YUCAIPA COMMUNITY EVENTS

August 4 @ 5:00 – 8:00 pm:

National Night Out @
Yucaipa Community Park

August 7 @ 6:00 pm:

Past Pleasures Car Club's
Family Classic Car Show @
Yucaipa Valley Center

August 8 @ 4:30 – 8:30 pm:

Hot Summer Nights Drone Show
@ Yucaipa Regional Park

August 22 @ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm:

Community Parking Lot Sale @
Yucaipa Community Center

**WALK,
CONNECT,
THRIVE**

**EVERY TUESDAY
EVENING AT 6PM**

AND

**EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING AT 8AM**



Join the Healthy Yucaipa
Committee's Walking Group!

YUCAIPA COMMUNITY PARK

34900 OAK GLEN RD.

MEET AT THE TENNIS COURTS ON SUNNYSIDE DR.

August

2026

The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Cabrini Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
2 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am Fellowship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	10	11	12 Pastor's Lunch Legend China 8 at noon - \$15	13	14	15 Wedding
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23 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	24	25	26	27	28 Parent's Night Out 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	29
30 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	31	September 1	2	3	4	5 Grace Unplugged Faith Theater 2 11:00 am

**Sunday Services start at 9:20 am with a Hymn Sing,
continuing with Worship at 9:30 am, followed by Fellowship Time.
Please visit www.yucaipamethodist.org for more information.**

Looking for scripture that says
Christians will have an easy life .



God didn't promise an easy journey, but He did promise to walk with you through it.

“The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand. ”

Psalm 37:23-24 (NIV)

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