

The Friendly Visitor



February 2025

Sunday Mornings

Hymn Sing - 9:20 am

Worship - 9:30 am

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Fellowship Time
follows for Coffee and
Conversation.

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Adult Discussion Class
11:00 in Camellia Room!

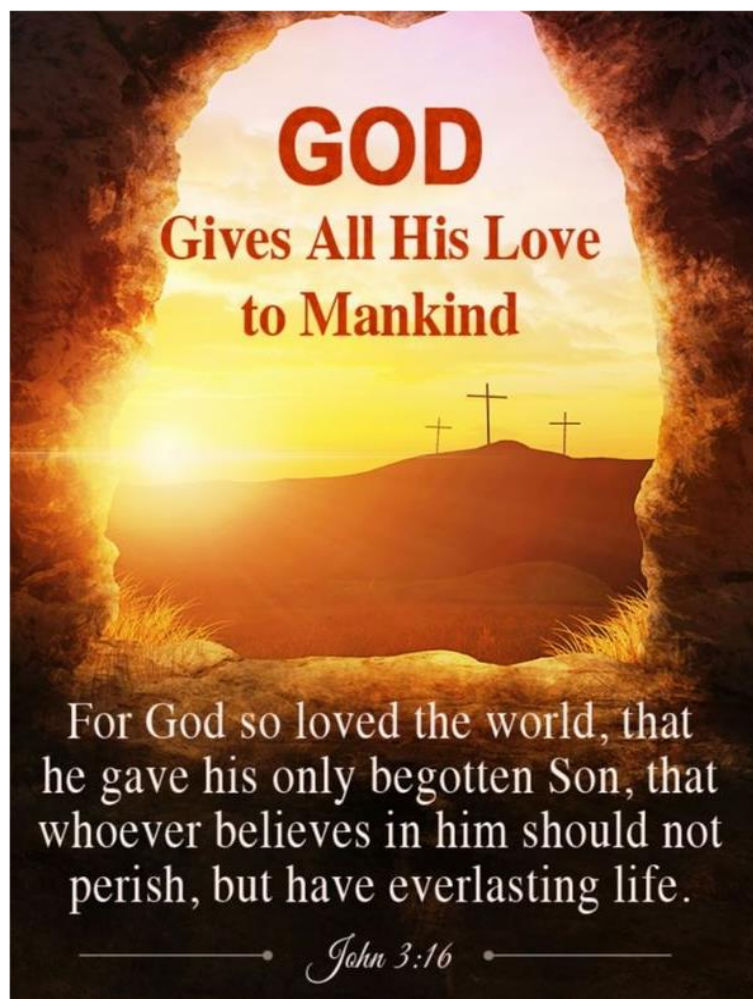
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Donations

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!



Warmest greetings to everyone in the House of Faith!

We're starting off strong this New Year, and I have some wonderful news to share.

Rose Hope, the director of Renu Hope, informed me that the State of California has finally approved her application to open a new daycare facility in Yucaipa. She mentioned that the application requires a tremendous amount of paperwork, and some applications can take nearly a year for the State Board to review; however, this one was processed quite quickly. The approval represents a significant step forward for Renu Hope. For us, it is an answer to prayer from our good Lord.

We are working to clear everything out of the Education building before the daycare center starts renovations. Deb's office has now been relocated to the Yellow room in the basement of the Fellowship Hall. She has organized her new office and classrooms beautifully. Go check out how nicely she has set them up. Laurie sorted through the piles of sheet music in the basement storage and chose the pieces the choir wished to keep. The music file cabinets have been moved to the Cressy Room. Soon, the choir robes and the piano from the choir room will be moved to the Matthews Room. Five out of six bookshelves from the old library are installed in the Camellia Room. While moving books, I noticed many inspirational titles. Feel free to check out any books you'd like to read; there is a signout sheet next to the bookcases. I have also been clearing things out of the Education Building and have filled the dumpster many times. But we still have much more to throw away, such as shelves, tables, chairs, desks, etc. Two very heavy old pianos are in the basement. Moving them out and disposing of them will be costly. The good news is that the daycare center might be able to use them. Rose mentioned that we could place some larger items in their dumpster when the renovation begins.

There are a few final steps remaining. Once they give us the revised lease, we will review it and send it to the District Office for approval. After that, we will hold a Charge Conference. If everything goes smoothly, the remaining process will take about a month or two. I have said this before, but now, with the approval from the State, the timeline has become more realistic. Let us seek God's blessings upon Renu Hope, as the new daycare center will bless our church. They will renovate almost the entire Education Building and will help with our finances. The first lease period is for three years, but we hope and pray that they will be with us for many years to come. They have operated a facility at Banning UMC for over 20 years. Please continue your prayers for this leasing opportunity and also for my aging knees and shoulders.

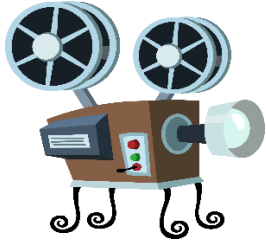
We joyfully welcomed Beverly and Cheryl Stephens as members of our church. It was wonderful to see a mother and daughter joining together. Beverly has been worshiping with us for many years, but Cheryl initially expressed the desire to join, and Beverly felt compelled to follow (even though there was no actual pressure). This lovely mother-daughter duo is under the spiritual care of our church family, and we pray for many blessings on their faith journey us.

The furnace in the Fellowship Hall still hasn't been fixed. No worries! Two heaters have kept the Hall comfortably warm, and our fellowship time hasn't been disrupted throughout the winter. I expect to have a technician who knows how to repair it later this month.

If you've noticed, a younger chef with better culinary skills has been working in the kitchen at Legend 8 for the past few months. Join me for lunch on the 12th to enjoy good food and camaraderie. I guarantee that you won't find a better deal in town.

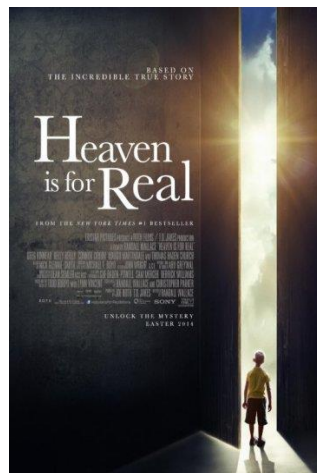
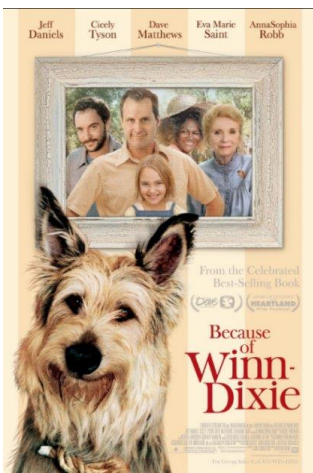
Blessings,
Phillips

Free First Saturday Movies



Because of Winn-Dixie

Shows on February 1, 2025
11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



Heaven is for Real

Shows on March 1, 2025
11:00 am in Faith Theater 2

Free 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.

Invite friends and neighbors to a great, inexpensive lunch at our free Saturday movies!



Birthdays

Carol Pistilli	February 1
Sharon Kelsey	February 6
Phillips Whang	February 13
Mary Miller	February 17

Anniversaries

Robert & Barbara Forte	February 4
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The Book Club is reading
The Girl Who Drank the Moon

by Kelly Barnhill and

Wish *by Barbara O'Connor* and
will discuss it in Camellia Room

on **Tuesday, February 18 at 10:00 am.**
Call Deb at 909 228 8758 to join on Zoom.



Parent's Night Out Fort Building



Three teams of children used their imagination to create fabulous forts out of old cardboard boxes and packing tape. The results were wonderful!



A tasty, hearty snack of chicken nuggets, applesauce, raisins, Rice Krispy treats, and Capri Sun fruit juice provided energy for their building projects.

Bring your children for Crafts and Playtime at the next Parent's Night Out February 28, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm

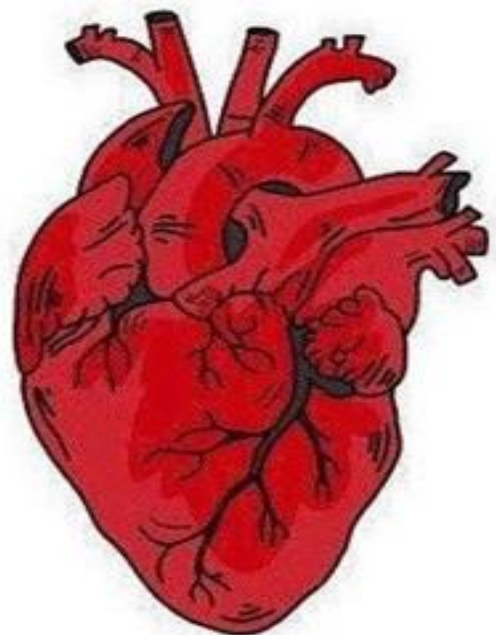


Buy Stater's Scrip Cards!



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.

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P.E.O. Electronic Waste Drive on February 8

The Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) is an international organization that supports education for women. Many the members of our local chapter RH are also church members at The House of Faith, and the church is hosting an electronic waste drive to help raise scholarship money for two Yucaipa High School students who will be attending Crafton Hills College in the fall. If you have any old televisions, computers, or other old electronics on the acceptable list below, please bring them to the church parking lot between 9:00 am and noon.

Electronic Waste Drive

9:00 am to noon (or until the truck is full)

church parking lot – items must be in your vehicle

Accepted Electronics:

Audio, Visual, Computer, Cords & Cables

• Audio

- Cassette Recorders
- CD Players
- Cell Phones
- Digital Music Players
- Electronic Piano Keyboards
- Office Phones
- Speakers
- Stereos

• Visual

- Monitors
- Televisions
- Cable Boxes
- Cameras
- DVD Players
- VCRS
- Projectors

• Computer

- Circuit Boards
- Cords and Cables
- Computer Keyboards
- Computer Mice
- FAX Machines
- Laptops
- Mainframes
- Modems
- Printers/Scanners
- Servers
- Tablets
- Video Game Consoles

All proceeds go to the P.E.O. Scholarship Funds. P.E.O. is the Philanthropic Educational Organization.

Non Acceptable Items

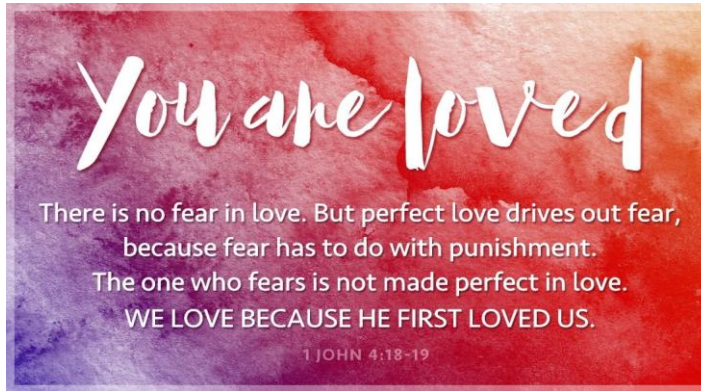
- Air Conditioners
- Alkaline Batteries
- Bulbs
- Ceiling Fans
- Large Household Appliances
- Microwave Ovens
- Fire Extinguishers
- Furniture
- Refrigerators
- Small Household Appliances
- Smoke and Fire Detectors
- Treadmills

Remain in your vehicle! The E-Waste personnel will remove your items and sort them into their bins. Come early to make sure your items make it into the truck! The E-Waste drive ends at noon, or when the truck is full.

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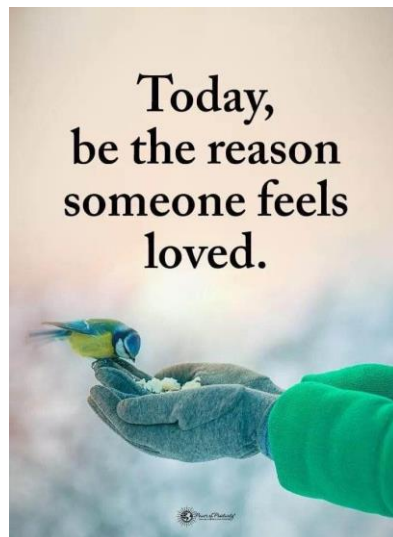
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The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Because of Winn-Dixie Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
2 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 Adults Camellia	3 Mark Bible Study on Zoom 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	4	5	6	7	8 E-Waste Drive parking lot 9:00 am to noon
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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 for more information.



Love the Lord your God with *all* your heart and with *all* your soul and with *all* your mind and with *all* your strength. – *Mark 12:30*

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