

# The Friendly Visitor



June 2025

Sunday Mornings

Hymn Sing – 9:20 am

Worship – 9:30 am



Fellowship Coffee Time  
with Conversation

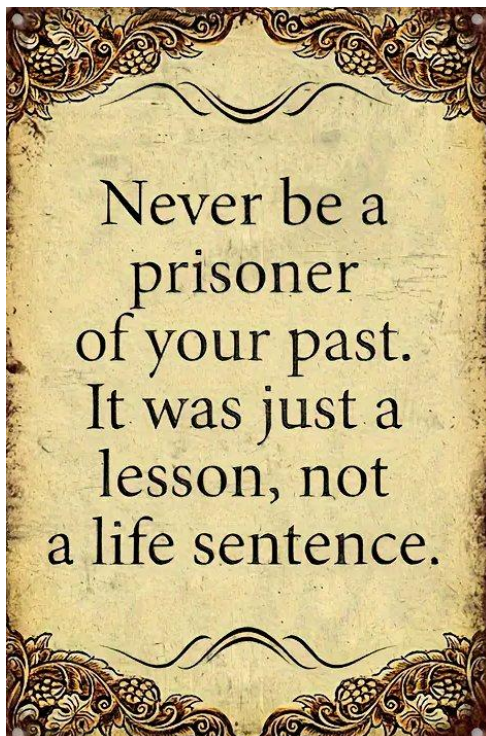


Adult Discussion Class  
11:00 in Camellia Room  
with The Chosen Seasons 1-5



If we **confess our sins**, he is **faithful and just to forgive** us our sins, and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.

– 1 John 1:9



**PENTECOST SUNDAY IS JUNE 8 – WEAR RED!**



Pentecost is observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter. It celebrates the arrival of the Holy Spirit into the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as told in Acts 2:1-31.

The day of Pentecost is recognized as the birthday of the church. Guided by Peter's preaching, many thousands were converted in Jerusalem on that day.



Warm greetings to the families at the House of Faith!

I have a few records from my four decades of parish ministry. I served a small congregation in Boston, which was the most ethnically diverse with nine or more different nationalities, in the New England Annual Conference. In Westbrook, Maine, I presided over funerals on four consecutive Saturdays. Although we celebrate life at the end of our journey, I found myself emotionally drained. During my time there, I welcomed about 45 new members in two years. The district superintendent was skeptical, as church growth in old New England congregations was quite rare, so I sent him a letter listing all the names. In Riverside, I covered nine visitations in a single day. I hadn't planned it, of course; usually, one or two visits a day are sufficient, but it just happened. I was so busy that I forgot to change the oil in my car for 18,000 miles, and my car died. A lesson, and now I try to perform oil changes regularly. One year, I drove over 55,000 miles. Arlington UMC gained 99 new members during my tenure and was once the fastest-growing congregation in the Riverside District. The longest tenure before I arrived in Yucaipa was nine years in Arlington. I broke my record here and will complete my 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive appointment at the end of June. Lord willing, when I return in July, I will set the record in the church's history as the longest-serving pastor.

I am truly humbled by all of this and give all the glory to the good Lord who has been so faithful not only to me but also to the churches I have served. I also want to thank my family for supporting my ministry, especially with financial help for some significant upgrades. Over the past ten years, I have tackled many projects, all of which God has abundantly blessed. I shared with you that all the capital improvements have an insurance value of \$650,000. Renu Hope has added a plan for an additional playground, which has increased their renovation cost. One playground will cost over \$65,000. I estimate that they will need to spend over \$300,000 on all the renovations. Now, the total capital improvement of the church will reach close to or over a million dollars. The new revenue from the lease will provide the church with significant financial benefits for many years, hopefully even decades to come. Thanks be to God!



Marion is preparing to move to Chicago where her daughter lives. Marion has many talents. We all know that she excels at making desserts, far better than See's Candy (I mean it), and has spoiled us with her delicious treats. As you might have guessed from her fashionable appearance, she has been a professional hairstylist for decades. Additionally, she is very skilled at growing plants and wants to donate them. She will bring them to the church on June 8. Here are some pictures of her plants. We will definitely miss her and her delicious treats, but it's a positive step for her to be closer to her family. We ask for God's continuous blessings upon her.



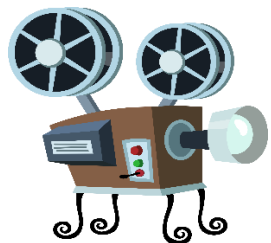
We will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of Christ's church, on the second Sunday of June. There are many lovely ladies at the church, if you haven't noticed. We may be a congregation with a bunch of ladies in red on that Sunday. Men are welcome to wear red as well.

The Annual Conference will be held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa in Indian Wells from June 11 to June 14. Pastor Tom Watt will be preaching on June 15, accompanied by his accomplished wife, Donna.

Grateful for God's goodness and mercy,

*Phillips*

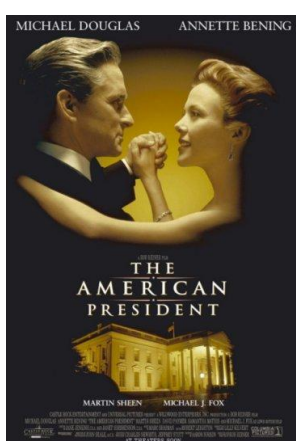
## Free First Saturday Movies



### The Bridge to Terabithia

Shows on June 14, 2025

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



### The American President

Shows on July 5, 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!*



### Birthdays

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Deena Barwick     | June 1  |
| Dan Anderson      | June 3  |
| Jerry Pugh        | June 8  |
| Mick Gibson       | June 10 |
| Lynn Stiff        | June 13 |
| Alina Barboza     | June 14 |
| June Fisher       | June 17 |
| Joan Faux         | June 18 |
| Steven Mickel     | June 18 |
| Joyce Schlitt     | June 25 |
| Marlene Humphreys | June 28 |

### Anniversaries

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Rev. Ron & Joan Faux   | June 10 |
| Steve and Anne Mickel  | June 25 |
| Mark & Laurie Pertile  | June 25 |
| Brian & Jeanine Porter | June 25 |
| Amy & Paul Bahnson     | June 29 |



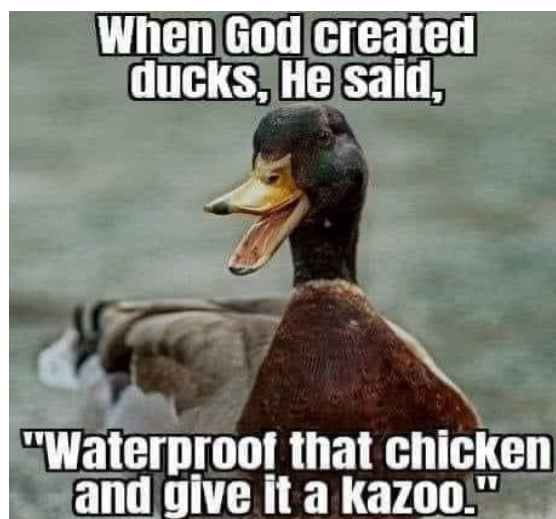
**The Book Club** is reading

**The Woman with the Cure**

*by Lynn Cullen* and will discuss it  
in the Camellia Room on

**Tuesday, June 17 at 10:00 am.**

Call Deb at 909 228 8758 to join on Zoom.



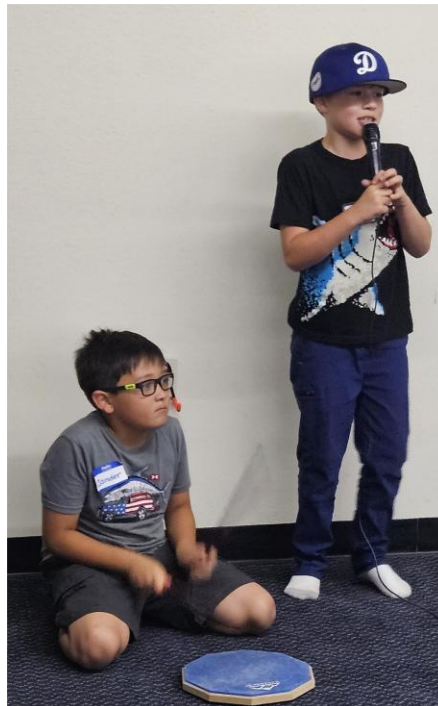


# *Parent's Night Out Talent Night*



We painted red, white and blue suncatchers, had a snack of chicken dinosaurs, tangerines, raw carrots, raisins, Rice Krispie Treats, and Capri Sun juice. Our talents included animated powerpoint shows, acrobatic dancing, comedy, sharing our Limbo trophies, demonstrating Karate, sound effects, playing the recorder, puppet shows, drumming and singing.





## 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!***



ICSC is so happy to get your cereal, food, and scrip donations! They make a big difference in the food they can provide.

## Purchase Staters scrip!

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. **Cards come in \$25, \$50 and \$100 values.**



Hello Yucaipa  
Church  
Family!  
Love,  
Sally Gibson

Sally and Mick Gibson moved up to Oregon several years ago to be near their grandchildren, but she was able to visit for a few days recently when she came to the area for the funeral of a dear friend and coworker.



**FINCA** is an organization that is helping to end global poverty by providing small business loans to women since 1984. This allows women start a business that can make money to provide food, health care, and education for their families. As little as \$25 can start a business!



Donate securely online:

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Or mail your donation to:

**FINCA**

**1201 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington DC, 20005**

**Almost all of us could put aside \$25 and not miss a beat in our normal lives. But if that \$25 were invested in a microloan for a small business, it could change the lives of a family forever by providing money for food, health care, and education. FINCA has a 4/4 charity rating with 97% of its funds going directly to programs.**

**Plant a seed! Give today.**



# June

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



**Teaching where she once learned**

In Cambodia, former sponsored child Phanet now teaches fifth grade in her old classroom.



**Eyes that shine again in Chad**

At 9 months old, Hamed was severely malnourished. With support, he gained weight, and his mom regained hope.



**Giving birth without water**

Anzazi delivered her baby at a rural clinic in Kenya. Then she waited hours for water to wash herself and her baby.



| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|--------|--|---|----------|---|--|
| 1<br><b>Sunday Worship</b><br>9:20 am Hymn Sing<br>9:30 am Worship<br>with Communion<br>11:00 – The Chosen                          | 2      | 3  | 4   | 5        | 6   | 7<br><b>P.E.O. meets in Camellia Room</b><br>10:00 am                |
| 8<br><b>Pentecost Sunday Worship</b><br>9:20 am Hymn Sing<br>9:30 am Worship<br>11:00 – The Chosen in Camellia Room                 | 9      | 10   | 11<br><b>Pastor's Lunch</b><br>Legend China 8 in Calimesa at noon | 12       | 13  | 14<br><b>The Bridge to Terabithia</b><br>Faith Theater 2<br>11:00 am |
| 15<br><b>Sunday Worship</b><br>Rev. Tom & Donna Watt<br>9:20 am Hymn Sing<br>9:30 am Worship<br>11:00 – The Chosen in Camellia Room | 16     | 17<br><b>Book Club 10 am</b><br><i>The Woman with the Cure</i> by Lynn Cullen<br>Camellia Room | 18  | 19       | 20  | 21   |
| 22<br><b>Sunday Worship</b><br>9:20 am Hymn Sing<br>9:30 am Worship<br>11:00 – The Chosen in Camellia Room                          | 23     | 24   | 25  | 26       | 27<br><b>Parent's Night Out Paint Night!</b><br>6:00 pm – 8:30 pm | 28   |
| 29<br><b>Sunday Worship</b><br>9:20 am Hymn Sing<br>9:30 am Worship<br>11:00 – The Chosen in Camellia Room                          | 30     | July ->  |   |          | <b>Independence Day</b>   | <b>The American President</b><br>Faith Theater 2<br>11:00 am         |

**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 one episode of The Chosen, Seasons 1 – 5 each week. Please visit [www.yucaipamethodist.org](http://www.yucaipamethodist.org) for more information.**

We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

Madeleine L'Engle

MindfulChristianityToday.com



“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”– John 13:34-35

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