



Warm greetings to you all at the House of Faith,

Leasing the Education Building is now official! It has been a big challenge both for Renu Hope and our church. To open a daycare center at our church, Renu Hope went through a multi-layered processes to secure approval from the State of California. But that is only half of the process. The Administrative Council, the Trustees, the District Superintendent, and the Building and Relocation Committee of the District all had to review and approve the lease. But God is faithful, and He has answered our prayers. My heartfelt thanks go to all of you for your prayers for this to happen.

Everything we need has been removed from the Education Building and relocated to various rooms in the Fellowship Hall. Except for office visits, most meetings and programs will now take place in the Fellowship Hall. Renu Hope will spend several months renovating the entire Education Building. The renovation includes installing new flooring, repainting the walls, adding new bathrooms in the basement, installing three new HVAC units, converting the storage space at the entrance of the office into a bathroom, and installing more security cameras and an alarm system.

I am especially happy that they will also be converting the courtyard between the Education Building and the Sanctuary into a playground. The old playground in the parking lot was in a bad shape and inconvenient for both children and parents. When we repaved the parking lot and removed the playground area, I told myself that a new one in the courtyard would be much better. Now, God is providing us with a new playground at no cost, in the exact location I had envisioned! Though we do not have any children in our congregation now, let us continue to pray that God will bring them to us in the future and that we can create a good space for them.

The lease will generate \$66,000 per year, which is more than \$10,000 higher than their initial proposal. We have been cleaning out the modulars in case Renu Hope wants to use the space in the future. One of the modulars was previously used to store clothes for a homeless support program that is no longer in operation. Debbie Wilson, director of Yucaipa/Calimesa Family Assistance, gratefully took all the clothing and supplies to her center. The modulars have the potential to generate an additional \$20,000 per year in revenue. The income from the lease will help pay our apportionments and rebuild the Foundation, which has been depleted over the years.

The broken heater in the Fellowship Hall is finally scheduled for repair, with improved functionality. We found a company that can repair our half-a-century old furnace. They will re-pipe and clean up the wiring, replace the pilot light with an electronic ignition, and install a new gas valve. This repair will extend the heater's lifespan by several decades.

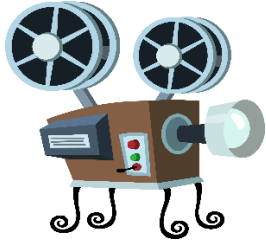
Lent begins on March 5. This annual season serves as a time of spiritual retreat, rededication, and reflection on our faith, helping us strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus. We can observe Lent through fasting (which doesn't have to be food-related but can include abstaining from certain activities), praying, reading scripture, or engaging in other faith-strengthening practices. Perhaps you can do "walk and talk"—taking a walk for physical health while talking to God for spiritual renewal.

Ash Wednesday is March 5, and Maundy Thursday is April 7. We will hold worship services for both in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. The Ecumenical service on Good Friday will be held at Green Valley Christian Church on the corner of Bryant and Date St. I will confirm this later. Easter Sunday is April 20.

Serving our awesome God joyfully with you,

*Phillips*

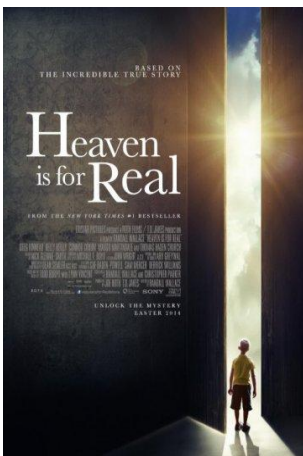
# Free First Saturday Movies



## Heaven is for Real

Shows on **March 1, 2025**

**11:00 am in Faith Theater 2**



## City of Ember

Shows on **April 12, 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!*



# Anniversaries and Birthdays

## Birthdays

Cheryl Stephens	March 5
Lucy Birnbaum	March 7
Becky King	March 8
Rachael Moore	March 9
Steven Morales	March 10
Destiny Fountain	March 22
Alicia Medina	March 22
Jennifer Kelsey	March 22
Jan Pasqua	March 27
Denise Hinckley	March 31

## Anniversaries

Mick & Sally Gibson	March 5
Lynn & Larry Stiff	March 9



**The Book Club** is reading **The House We Grew Up In**

*by Lisa Jewell* and will discuss it in the Camellia Room on

**Tuesday, March 11 at 10:00 am.**

Call Deb at 909 228 8758 to join on Zoom.



# *Parent's Night Out Playtime & Crafts*



Playing "Would You Rather..."



*Bring your children  
for great fun,  
fellowship, and  
learning  
at Parent's Night Out  
March 28, 2025 from  
6:00 to 8:30 pm.  
We will be decorating  
pots and planting  
flowers to take home.*

## 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!***

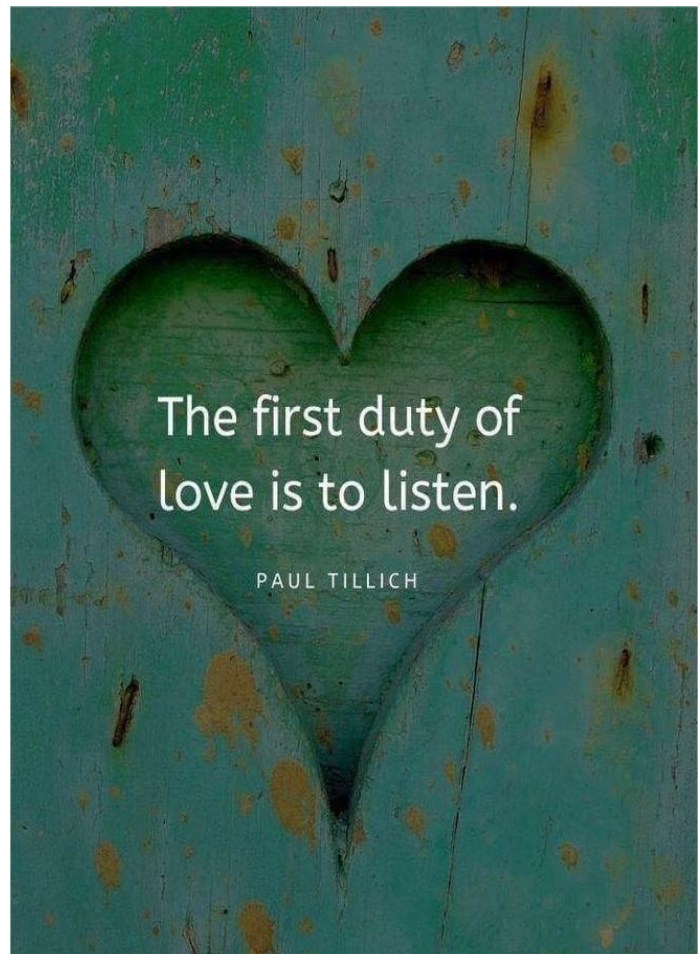
WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET. WE MAKE A LIFE BY **WHAT WE GIVE.**  
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL



**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.



# March

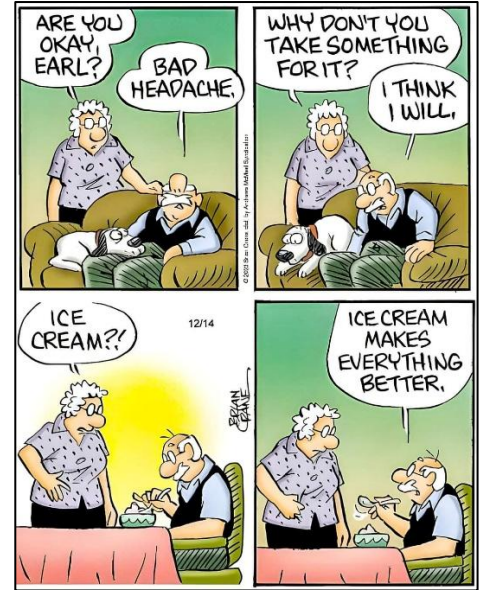
# 2025

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>Heaven is for Real</b> Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
2 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion <b>Charge Conference</b> 11:00 - Adults Camellia	3 <b>Mark Bible Study on Zoom</b> 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	4	5 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Service 7:00 pm	6	7	8 <b>P.E.O. meets in</b> Camellia Room 10:00 am <b>Set Clocks ahead</b> one hour at bedtime
9 <b>Daylight Savings Time Starts</b> <b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 –Adults Camellia	10	11 <b>Book Club</b> 10:00 am <u><i>The House We Grew Up In</i></u> by Lisa Jewell <b>Camellia Room</b>	12 <b>Pastor's Lunch</b> Legend China 8 in Calimesa at noon	13	14	15
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23 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 –Adults Camellia	24	25 <b>Admin Council</b> 7:00 pm on Zoom	26	27	28 <b>Parent's Night Out</b> <b>Flower Pots!</b> 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	<b>April 12</b> ← 🌸 <b>City of Ember</b> Faith Theater 2 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 short NOOMA films with Rob Bell. Please visit [www.yucaipamethodist.org](http://www.yucaipamethodist.org) for more information.**



*“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” – Matthew 6:28-29*

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## *“The House of Faith”*

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**Deb Davidson** - Education Director

**Lauren Schafer** - Office Administrator  
**Coleen Dolinsky** - Music Director

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