

The Friendly Visitor



May 2025

Sunday Mornings

Hymn Sing – 9:20 am

Worship – 9:30 am



Fellowship Time
follows for Coffee and
Conversation.



Adult Discussion Class
11:00 in Camellia Room



THE FLOOR

WHY THEY MAKE A FLOOR SO LOW
IS SOMETHING I WILL NEVER KNOW.
WHEN I WAS A CHILD SMALL
IT WAS ALWAYS THERE TO CATCH MY FALL.

THEN AS INTO A YOUTH I GREW,
ITS DUTIES BECAME SOMETHING NEW.
PERHAPS A TABLE WHERE GAMES WERE SPREAD,
OR FOR A PLACE TO LAY MY HEAD.

SEEMS NO MATTER WHAT I CHOSE
THE FLOOR TO THAT OCCASION ROSE,
UNTIL I STARTED GROWING OLD.
YOU KNOW – THOSE YEARS WERE MADE OF GOLD.

WHEN SUDDENLY THE STORY CHANGED.
JUST TO REACH IT CAUSES PAIN!
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE THE ROOM I CHOOSE,
THE FLOOR'S TOO LOW FOR ME TO USE.

BY LUCY BIRNBAUM ♥



NOW I'VE A QUILT THAT'S ALMOST DONE,
AND IT'S A VERY SPECIAL ONE.
THERE'S ROOM ON THE FLOOR TO MAKE SURE IT'S STRAIGHT,
BUT I GUESS THAT TASK WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

I HATE TO COMPLAIN, BUT IT'S PLAIN TO SEE
THE FLOOR IS MUCH TOO LOW FOR ME.
THE PAIN IN MY BACK IS TOO MUCH TO TAKE,
AND I CAN'T GET OFF MY KNEES, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!

NO MATTER JUST HOW HARD I TRY,
I JUST CAN'T FIND A REASON WHY
THEY MAKE THE FLOORS SO LOW TODAY.
HAVE THEY ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY?

Peace and grace to you all at the House of Faith!

The Church Calendar follows the life of Christ, beginning with His birth and continuing through His ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and Pentecost. Each of these moments carries deep biblical meaning and serves as a foundation for core Christian beliefs, helping to strengthen our faith and guide our spiritual growth. These annual celebrations remind us of Jesus' work for our salvation, drawing us closer to Him and giving us a chance to express our gratitude. Much like birthdays help us deepen bonds with loved ones, these sacred days help us nurture a more personal relationship with the Lord.

Every Easter, I usually bring roses and calla lilies from my garden for the flowering of the cross. But this year, as I was pulling out of the driveway on Easter morning, a thought suddenly came to me—to bring some tiger lilies. These flowers were transplanted from the old parsonage in Riverside to my home, and they've thrived. They're beautiful, though their stems are too thick to fit easily through the wires on the cross. Still, I decided to bring them anyway. I found the perfect spot at the top of the cross to place them. Later, when I showed Becky a photo of the cross, she told me the tiger lilies reminded her of the crown of thorns, covered in the blood of Jesus. That touched me. This Easter marked the tenth I've celebrated with you all, and the tiger lilies felt like a quiet message—one of grace. It's only by Christ's grace that we've shared these years together. What a blessing it is to remember His goodness to each of us, a goodness that will carry us through to the very end.

Thank you all for bringing your flowers. The cross looked more beautiful than ever.

And the sanctuary choir—what a joy! You sounded like a group of vibrant young people in your thirties, lifting the Easter song with such spirit and joy.

After Marilyn passed away in 2023, George Weeks moved back from Hawaii to Yucaipa. Since returning, George has experienced several health episodes involving falls that caused him to lose consciousness. In one instance, his next-door neighbor found him on the floor thirteen hours later and rushed him to the hospital. Due to his condition, George has decided to move closer to his daughters, Tina and Michelle. Some of you might remember the beautiful sketches George used to draw on the backs of offering envelopes—so lovely that Linda often pinned them to the board at the office entrance. I recently discovered just how gifted an artist George truly is. One of his pencil drawings—a remarkable depiction of a turtle—serves as just one example of his talent. As he embarks on this new chapter, we pray for God's blessing and guidance in his move. George is settling into a newly purchased home near a lake and warmly welcomes anyone who would like to visit. His new address is: **115 Lakeside Dr., Higden, AR 72067**

George is donating the organ that Blanche used to play. If anyone is interested in giving it a new home, please feel free to reach out to either George or me.

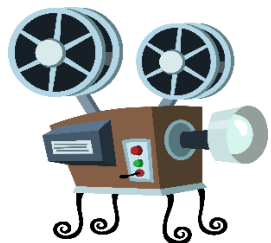
I will attend the Annual Conference at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa in Indian Wells from June 11 to June 14.

Celebrating the Risen Christ with you,

Phillips



Free First Saturday Movies



Loving

Shows on May 3, 2025

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



The Bridge to Terabithia

Shows on June 14, 2025

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2

Free 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!

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



Birthdays

April Klein	May 8
Everett Pereira	May 17
William Greening	May 18
Gary Moline	May 22
Beverly Stephens	May 28
Susan Wamsley	May 29

Anniversaries

Dale & Deena Barwick	May 10
David Will & Sharon Huestis	May 12
Mike & Denise Hinckley	May 26



The Book Club is reading

Before We Were Yours

by Lisa Wingate and will discuss it
it in the Camellia Room on
Tuesday, May 20 at 10:00 am.

Call Deb at 909 228 8758 to join on Zoom.

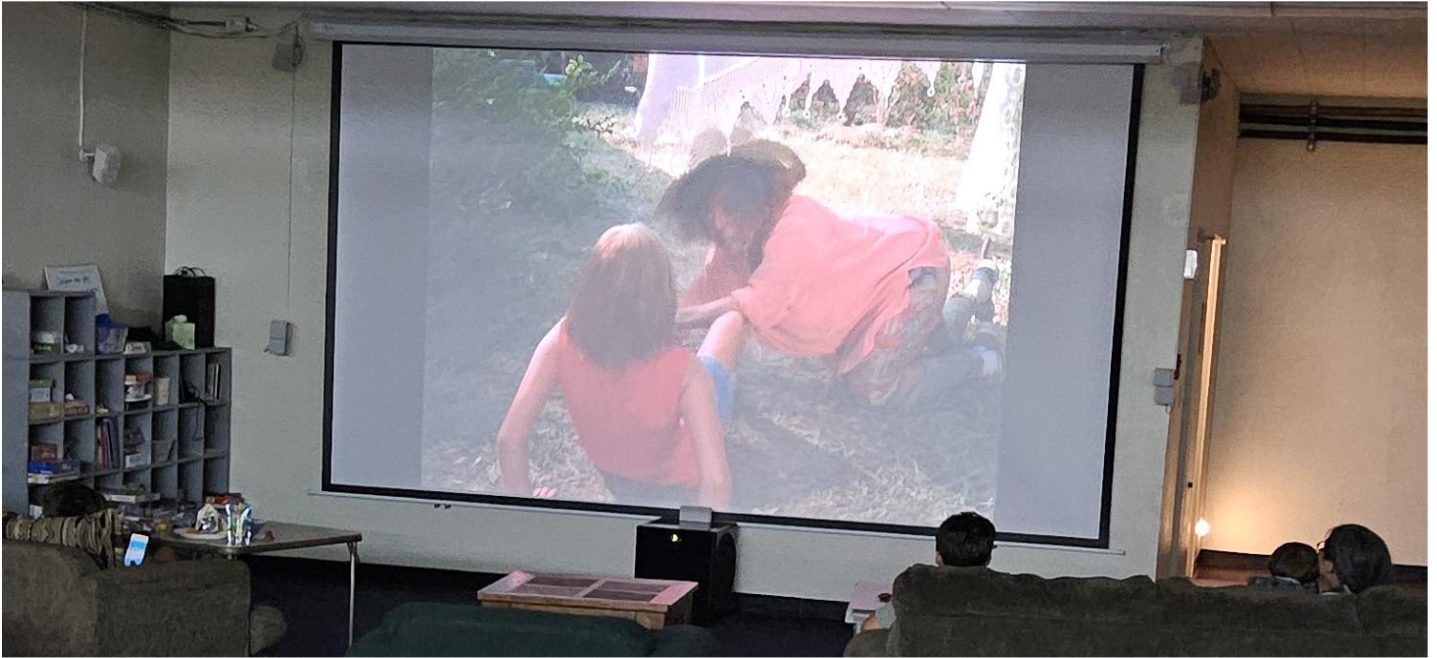


DEATH

WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT...

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know ..."
"You don't know? You're a Christian Man, and don't know what's on the other side?"
The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing ... I know my Master is there and that is enough."

Parent's Night Out Movie Night





We watched **Because of Winn-Dixie** while we ate pepperoni pizza, popcorn, tangerines, chips, and drank water and juice. Then we talked about the movie afterwards over Drumstick ice cream cones. The children each took home a bag of Easter Eggs.

Next Parent's Night Out on Friday, May 30 will feature **Talent Night!** The children will each get 5-10 minutes to demonstrate one of their talents. There will also be snacks and games.

Parent's Night Out is a free evening for children 5 years and up from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm.



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. ✝

Love & Kindness

are never wasted. They always
make a difference. They bless
the one who receives them,
and they bless you, the giver.

~ Barbara De Angelis ~

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.



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!

Happy 90th Birthday to Darlene Coleman!

Her family came from all over the country for her birthday celebration!



May

2025

The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa



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 today:***

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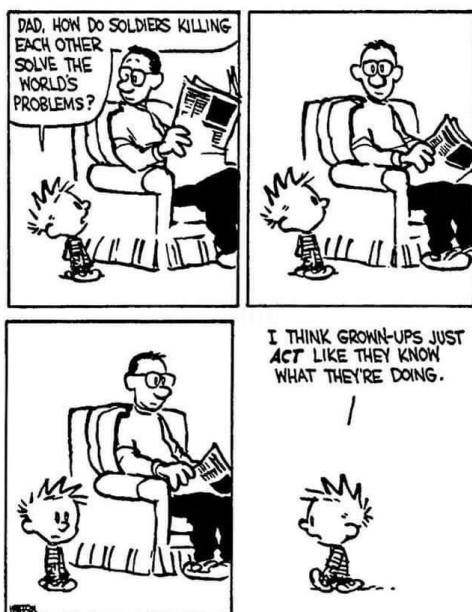
Or mail your donation to:

FINCA

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Loving Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
4 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 - Adults Camellia	5	6 P.E.O. meets in Camellia Room 10:00 am	7	8	9	10
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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 films and other topics.
Please visit www.yucaipamethodist.org for more information.**



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts
be troubled, neither let them be afraid. – John 14:27

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