

The Friendly Visitor



November 2024

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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This is Stewardship Month! Please prayerfully consider your financial pledge for 2024 to continue the ministry of our church and the outreach to our community.

Join our Adult Discussion Class in Camellia Room Sundays at 11:00 am
Feel free to bring your coffee, a snack, or a lunch.

November 3 – Beware of Christians

Four college students make a thought-provoking documentary traveling across Europe to take a closer look at their own Christian habits. What happens when they let go of their rote beliefs and begin to follow Jesus?

November 10 – NOOMA with Rob Bell: Dust

November 17 – NOOMA with Rob Bell: Breathe

NOOMA is a series of short films that explore the world today through the teachings of Jesus that help us search, engage, and discuss what matters most. We will continue these short films through the holiday season.

November 24 – All-Church Thanksgiving Meal!

Turn in your completed food order no later than Monday, November 18.



Greetings to you all at the House of Faith!

Thank you for celebrating a decade of my ministry in Yucaipa and expressing your appreciation. God has been faithful and blessed me and the church in numerous ways. The church will continue to enjoy all the wonderful changes and improvements for decades to come. Completing my long wish list for the church has added more meaning to the celebration. Thank you for your presence at the dinner, and contributions to the delicacies, as well as your sumptuous gifts. Christmas has arrived early this year for me! Yucaipa has taken a significant part of my four decades of ministry, and I will cherish the beautiful memories from Yucaipa as long as I live.

The November Pastor's Luncheon will be the first one beyond our local community. The driving distance to the Golden Corral in San Bernadino might be challenging, but we can relish an early Thanksgiving meal there, and it will help me gather some ideas about future outings. We will return to Legend China 8 in December.

The end of the year is approaching fast, and our yearly holiday activities await. We will celebrate our annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 24. Deb and Judy have volunteered to take care of the ham and turkey, and we need volunteers for the rest of the menu. Dale and Deena are staying in Alaska through the winter this year, which means that our master salmon chef is unavailable for this dinner. However, Dale has again donated his fresh caught Sockeye Alaskan salmon to the church. Thank you very much, Dale, for your special treat. We get to enjoy it without fishing in the beautiful Kenai River in Alaska.

Lastly, let me speak about the church's finances. I am so grateful for the good Lord, who helped us overcome many financial woes and has sustained the church's finances for the last decade. Taking care of our old buildings could have occupied a major portion of the church's finances. But they have been well maintained, repaired, upgraded, and have become fully functional at a minimum cost. From the year 2025, the church is hopeful for financial gain by hosting daycare programs that are operated by the Renu Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization funded by the State of California. The Trustees are now reviewing the terms of the lease. If everything goes well, this new opportunity will generate annual revenue of \$55,000. Once their programs are established, they could add more programs, which would mean using the modulars to provide even more revenue for the church. We will put this new income into the Foundation to make a more robust financial backup for the church's financial sustenance in the long run.

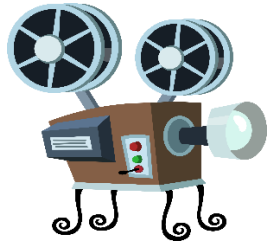
Giving to the church is our humble action, recognizing that we are managers and stewards of all that God has given us. We may forget this fact, but God has entrusted all we have to us while we are down here. We came empty-handed and will return empty-handed. I was working for Samsung's research firm when the founder of Samsung passed away. The newspaper ran an article about his fancy funeral, including the words of his close friend. "You are one of the richest in the world but could not take anything except a small coffin." The good news is that we can store treasures in heaven while here. Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal (Matthew 6:19-20). Therefore, remember this benefit of giving. And when you give, give cheerfully (II Corinthians 9:7).

Your giving, presence, prayer, and services are essential to sustaining the House of Faith, the most beautiful church in town. Before completing your pledge card, please pray about what you can contribute to the church in 2025. We will ask God's blessing upon our pledges on Consecration Sunday, November 24 (the same day as our Thanksgiving dinner).

The Charge Conference for our church is scheduled for Friday, December 6, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Thankful to the good Lord for countless blessings upon our church,
Phillips

Free First Saturday Movies



Unsung Hero

Shows on November 2, 2024

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



White Bird

Shows on December 7, 2024

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2

Free First 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.

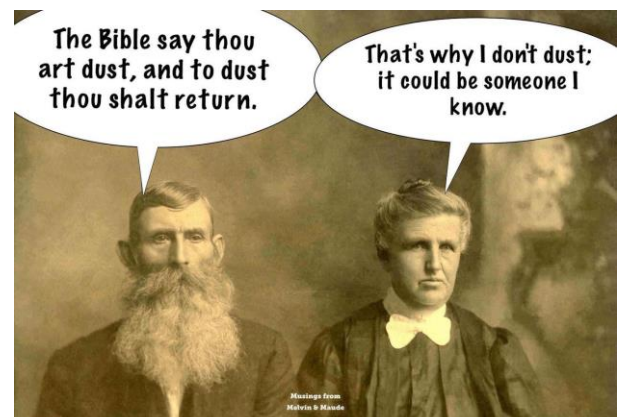
Invite friends and neighbors to a great, inexpensive lunch at our free Saturday movies!

Always be kind.
If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them.
If someone is being ignored, find a way to include them.
If someone has been knocked down, lift them up.
Always remind people of their worth.
Be who you needed when you were going through hard times.
Just one small act of kindness could mean the world to someone.



The Book Club is reading **Horse** by **Geraldine Brooks** and will talk about it in **Camellia Room** and on Zoom **Tuesday, ~~Nov. 19~~ Nov. 26** at **10:00 am.**

We have very interesting and far-ranging discussions. Join us! You can sign out books from the P.E.O. bookshelves in Camellia.



Parent's Night Out: Minion Fun!



*The next
Parent's Night Out
is a
Thanks Feast
Friday, Nov. 22
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Children will enjoy
turkey, mashed
potatoes and gravy,
scalloped corn, and
pumpkin pie!
And play time together.*

Thanksgiving Meal with the House of Faith

Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Indicate your preference

- Dining in-person
- Will pick up (parking lot > 1:00 pm)
- I need local meal delivery

Meal order forms need to be sent to the church office no later than Monday, November 18th so that enough food can be prepared.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address (*Delivery Only*) _____

List Any Special Needs _____

servings

	Turkey		Ham
	Mashed Potatoes		
	Gravy		
	Stuffing		
	Green Beans		
	Cranberry Sauce		
	Rolls and Butter		
	Pecan Pie		Apple Pie
			Pumpkin Pie



Birthdays

Austin Barrett	November 2
Brian Porter	November 6
Rebecca Harps	November 10
Ray Wilson	November 16
Ron Faux	November 18
Jeri Pittsenburger	November 24



Anniversaries

Janet Reed	November 28
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Donations Still Needed!

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.

Steven Mickel is requesting donations of casual clothing for prisoners just released from jail.

Pants are especially needed, along with t-shirts, button-shirts, warmer clothing, flip-flops, slippers, or sneakers.

Clothing should be in reasonably good condition. Just leave them in the Narthex.

Thank you!

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The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa



Buy Stater's Scrip Cards!

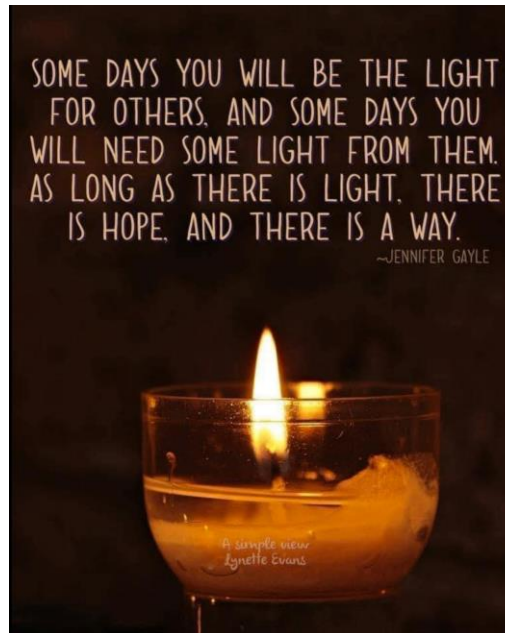
Your grocery shopping can benefit the church by using scrip cards at Stater Bros Market. You get the full value of the card, but the church gets 6% of your shopping dollar to help support our General Fund. Scrip cards can be purchased from Fellowship Hall after worship, or from the office any time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Unsung Hero Faith Theater 2 11 am Daylight Savings Time ends tomorrow!
🕒 <i>Back one hour!</i> 3 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 Adults Camellia	4	5 P.E.O – Camellia Room at 8:30 am	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 –Adults Camellia	Veteran's Day	12	13 Pastor's Lunch at Golden Corral 11:30 to carpool	14	15	16
17 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 –Adults Camellia	18	19 <i>Note: Book Club</i> <i>moved to next</i> <i>Tuesday!</i>	20 Charge Conference Forms Due	21	22 Parent's Night Out Thanks Feast <i>6:00 pm – 8:30 pm</i>	23
24 Sunday Worship Consecration of 2024 Pledge Cards 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11 –Thanksgiving Meal	25	26 Book Club 10:00 am <i>Horse by G.Brooks</i> Admin Council Zoom – 7:00 pm	27	28 <i>Happy</i> <i>Thanksgiving!</i>	29	30

Sunday Services start at 9:20 am with a Hymn Sing, continuing with Worship at 9:30 am.

Adult discussion classes are held in the Camellia Room at 11:00 am with faith-based video lectures, faith-filled movies, and more.

Please visit www.yucaipamethodist.org for more information.



Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

- John 8:12

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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