

The Friendly Visitor

September
2026



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

Sunday Mornings

Hymn Sing - 9:20 am

Worship - 9:30 am



**Fellowship Coffee Time
with Conversation**



Invite a Friend to Church!

*Share the warmth
of our church family.*

SEPTEMBER FUN FACTS

- Name comes from *septem* ("seven") because it was originally the seventh month of the Roman calendar. (Reference: The Old Farmer's Almanac)
- The only month not named after a Roman deity. (Reference: Facts.net)
- Has nine letters and is the ninth month – the only month with this match. (Reference: Facts.net)
- Marks the autumnal equinox (around September 22), when day and night are nearly equal. (Reference: The Old Farmer's Almanac)
- A prime month for aurora borealis viewing and major bird migration. (Reference: abookgeek.com)
- Statistically, the most common birthday month in the U.S. (Reference: abookgeek.com)
- It's blend of history, seasonal change, and cultural celebrations makes it one of the most eventful months of the year.

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

- Labor Day (Sept 7), Grandparents Day (Sept 11), Constitution Day (Sept 17), International Day of Peace (Sept 21), and Rosh Hashanah often falls in September. (Reference: The Old Farmer's Almanac)
- Fun observances include: National Happy Cat Month, World Coconut Day (Sept 2), International Talk Like a Pirate Day (Sept 19), National Punctuation Day (Sept 24), and Ask a Stupid Question Day (Sept 28). (Reference: The Old Farmer's Almanac)

Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus to you all at the House of Faith,

Southern California saw some really hot days at the end of August, but I have some uplifting news that might help you feel a bit cooler! Richard Brown kindly named our church as one of the beneficiaries in his will, and we'll soon receive a wonderful gift from his estate. While we don't yet have the exact amount, I estimate it to be around \$300,000.

Many of us might not know Richard Brown personally, but we could recognize the people and places connected to his life. To start with a name that may ring a bell, Richard was the son of Ethel Holsinger Hitchcock (May 1899-April 2002), a dedicated member of our church. News Mirror once ran an article about Ethel, writing, "she found meaning in her life through her church." She was actively engaged in service projects around Yucaipa, including the Red Cross, PTA (Parent-Teacher Association), and other welfare efforts. Ethel's first husband, Harvey Brown, was a banker. Like so many others, they faced hard times during the Great Depression and suffered a significant loss. Raising two little boys, John Jr. and Richard, in Arizona was tough, so they moved to Yucaipa in 1933 for better opportunities—especially since Ethel's uncle owned Holsinger Lumber Yard in town. Harvey worked at the yard but died suddenly from cerebral thrombosis at 47. Ethel then took on the challenge of raising her two boys, ages six and ten, on her own and later remarried to C. M. Hitchcock.



Some of you old-timers (including me) recognize the Holsinger Lumber Yard on Yucaipa Blvd, a block from the church. According to Stater Bros' website, Ethel's uncle, M. D. Holsinger, was the wealthiest man in the valley at the time. Cleo and Leo Stater, the founding twin brothers, had exhausted their financial resources and were on the verge of giving up the business. As a last resort, they approached Holsinger, who gladly lent them money.

The memorial service for Richard was held at Hillside Memorial Park in Redlands on Friday, August 21; he is laid to rest next to his beloved mother and father. The following is an excerpt from the heartfelt obituary written by Helen Matyas, whose entire family had truly been like a second family to Richard and his loved ones:

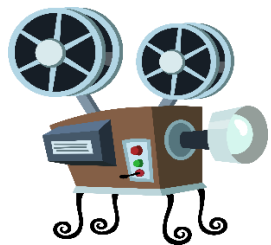
"Richard was born on August 25th, 1932, in McNary, Arizona. He had an older brother, John Harvey Brown Jr. Sadly, Jack passed shortly after retiring from his career as an elementary school teacher...Richard attended grade school in Yucaipa and graduated from Redlands High school. He attended University of Redlands, where he earned a Master of Arts and Education. He also served in the Army and was awarded the Occupation Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Richard became an elementary school teacher and served in schools throughout the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. He later worked for the IRS and then Rose Hills Memorial Park as a sales representative. Richard loved music, literature, history and was an avid reader. When his mother could no longer care for herself, Richard moved in with her and became her devoted and loving caregiver. He was gentle and kind to her and sacrificed so much to care for her until the end. Richard passed away on March 30, 2025."



Richard's generous gift will establish an endowment fund. I hope the investment income from the endowment fund will be sufficient to cover repairs and maintenance and then expand into other areas of ministry. May the good Lord bless his soul! Amen.

See you in church, *Phillips*

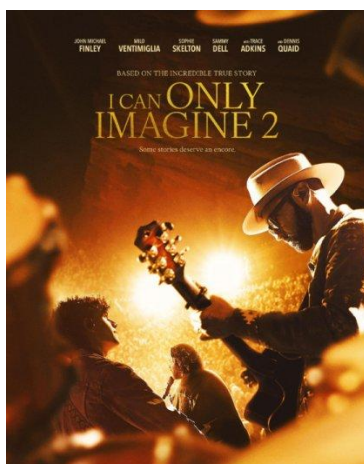
Free First Saturday Movies



Grace Unplugged

Shows on September 5, 2026

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



I Can Only Imagine 2

Shows on October 3, 2026

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, baked goods 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.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



Birthdays

Judith Thompson	September 4
Judy Salvesson	September 6
Robert Forte	September 8
Emily Hinckley	September 18
Carol Mertz	September 19
Carolyn Manlowe	September 23
Arion Armstrong	September 25
Mark Pertile	September 25
Chung Char	September 26
Kenny Lingle	September 30

Anniversaries

Ron & Sheri Pittsenberger September 23

Upcoming Events @ UMC OY

October

- 3: Free Movie: I Can Only Imagine 2 @ 11:00 am
- 11: Pastor Appreciation Day
- 12: Federal Holiday: Columbus Day
- 14: Pastor's Lunch @ 12:00 pm
- 20: Book Club @ 10:00 am
- 23: Parent's Night Out @ 6:00 pm
- 27: Administrative Council Mtg (Zoom) @ 7:00 pm

November

- 7: Free Movie: The Sheep Detectives @ 11:00 am
- 11: Federal Holiday: Veterans Day
- 11: Pastor's Lunch @ 12:00 pm
- 17: Book Club @ 10:00 am
- 20: Parent's Night Out - Date subject to change
- 22: Church "Thanksgiving Potluck"
- 24: Administrative Council Mtg (Zoom) @ 7:00 pm
- 26: Thanksgiving Day
- 29: Advent Begins

December

- 5: Free Movie @ 11:00 am
- 9: Pastor's Lunch @ 12:00 pm
- 15: Book Club @ 10:00 am
- 18: Parent's Night Out - Date subject to change
- 22: Administrative Council Mtg (Zoom) @ 7:00 pm
- 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7:00 pm

Interfaith Community Support of Yucaipa Valley (ICS)

22 Years of Service to the Community
(6/30/2026)

- Food was provided to 4,162 individuals; 8% more than last year.
- Individuals served include 57% adults, 18% seniors and 25% children
- Distributed 43,350 items including: fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy, grains and carbohydrates, non-food items and personal products such as soap, toothpaste, toilet tissue and incontinent supplies.
- ICS expenses: 97% for groceries, 2% for utilities, 1% for supplies; ICS continues to be operated by an all-volunteer professional staff.
- Support is received from individuals and groups from various churches, including the *United Methodist Church*, 7th Day Adventist Church, St. Frances X Cabrini Catholic Church, Sanctuary Church, Calimesa Worship Center and others.

ICS acknowledges that it could not continue to exist without **everyone** involved.



CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER!

It's time to take advantage of sales to start collecting great items for your Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox! Small toys, school supplies, hats and hair things, personal grooming items, soccer balls with a pump, yo-yos, fishing kits, sewing kits, clothing, and more! There are lots of wonderful ideas at samaritanspurse.org under **Operation Christmas Child**.



Dear Linda Wayne
& Pastor Phillips,
Thank you for
the note in
"The Friendly Visitor"
about collecting for
"The Christmas Shoeboxes".
My daughter is
"Jennifer" is very
involved she just
had her team in
for "Christmas in
July" where they
put together
"Christmas Shoeboxes".
Never too early
to pack our
"Christmas Shoebox".
Thank you
and God Bless.
Love You
Marion Ruffner

August Parent's Night Out: Claymation

Scripture consistently portrays children as **divine blessings**, rewards from God, and sources of joy and spiritual growth. They are to be valued, nurtured, and guided, reflecting God's love and the continuation of His promises through generations. (biblestudyforyou.com)



Next Parent's Night Out
Friday, September 25
6:00 – 8:30 pm
Come and play!

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!



Visit our Little Library!

YUCAIPA COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 4 – 13:

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma
@ Yucaipa Performing Arts Center
(check website: yucaipaperformingarts.org
for show times and ticket information)

September 11 @ 4:00 pm:

9/11 Memorial Ceremony @
Yucaipa City Hall

September 19 @ 9:30 – 11:00 am:

Meet and Greet with
a Super Hero @
Yucaipa Community Center

September 26 @ 12:00 – 9:00 pm:

Autumn Fest & Car Show @
Uptown Yucaipa near YPAC and
California Street

**WALK,
CONNECT,
THRIVE**

**EVERY TUESDAY
EVENING AT 6PM**

AND

**EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING AT 8AM**



Join the Healthy Yucaipa
Committee's Walking Group!

YUCAIPA COMMUNITY PARK
34900 OAK GLEN RD.

MEET AT THE TENNIS COURTS ON SUNNYSIDE DR.

September

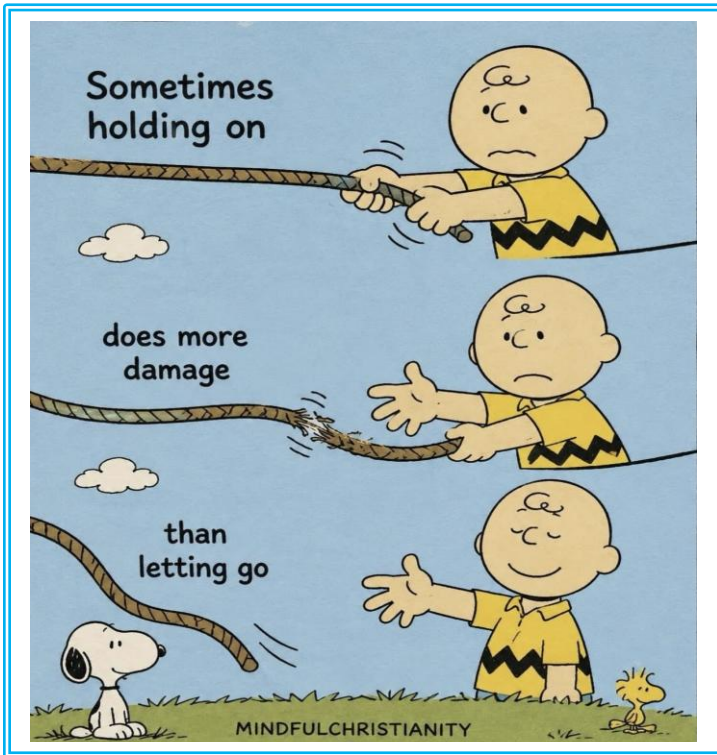
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The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa

“September symbolizes transition, balance, introspection, and the harvest of both spiritual and personal growth. It carries a profound spiritual significance as a time of transition and transformation. It marks the shift from summer to autumn, reflecting the natural cycles of life and encouraging us to embrace change, release what no longer serves us, and prepare for new beginnings.”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Grace Unplugged Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
6 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am Fellowship	7 Labor Day (Holiday)	8	9 Pastor's Lunch Legend China 8 at 12:00 pm - \$15	10	11	12
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**Sunday Services start at 9:20 am with a Hymn Sing,
continuing with Worship at 9:30 am, followed by Fellowship Time.
Please visit www.yucaipamethodist.org for more information.**



LET GO AND LET GOD!

The Lord said, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

2 Corinthians 12:9

"Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew 6:34

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:18-19

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