

The Friendly Visitor



February 2026
Sunday Mornings
Hymn Sing - 9:20 am
Worship - 9:30 am
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Fellowship Coffee Time
with Conversation
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Free Saturday Movie
Saturday, Feb. 7
Doors open at 10:30 am

**Greater love has no one than this,
 than to lay down one's life
 for his friends. – John 15:13**

Learn About Our Sponsored Children: Erick, Cynthia, & Abdul

Our Sponsored Children

Erick
 common:hope profile card
 DESCRIBIR TUS MAS GRANDES SUENOS
 WRITE A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Cynthia
 common:hope profile card
 WRITE A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Abdul
 common:hope profile card
 ALL ABOUT ME
 Thank you!
 6,744
 2,032

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

Flash flooding in Forest Falls last November severely damaged the basement of Pastor Olin Richey's home. Pastor Richey serves at the Worship Center in Calimesa, and our church responded by collecting a \$400 special offering and volunteering to help restore the electrical wiring. After weeks of delays, the county finally removed the red placards and allowed the work to begin. While helping, I asked Dale if the wire I was working on was hot. "I'll show you how to test it," he said—then bit the wire with his teeth. I'm no electrician, but I know that's not the right way to do it! Once the wiring was finished, Dale turned his attention to the broken furnace in the attic. Hearing a strange rattle, he confidently announced, "There are acorns in the blower." I thought he was joking again—until he opened it and pulled out nearly a quarter-pound of acorns. After removing them, the furnace sprang back to life. Dale not only gave his time and expertise but also donated all the materials, bringing great financial relief to the pastor and his family. We continue to pray they will be able to move back into their home very soon.



Aleta Kerker has launched the Prayer Quilt Ministry. With prayerful care, she designs patterns and creates beautiful quilts for members of our church family who need prayer support. These quilts deeply bless those who receive them, wrapping them in the love and compassion of our congregation. Let us continue to devote ourselves to prayer—the fuel for our spiritual health and the strength we need to run the long marathon of life. Our church continually needs prayer, and we ask that the Lord would draw many to us so that we may grow together in faith and number.

Joyce Schlift moved to Golden Oaks several years ago to be closer to her son, Lloyd, and soon became part of our church family. She partnered in worship with June Fisher and faithfully attended Sunday services via Zoom. Though her health declined, her mind remained sharp. She remembered every verse of the hymns we sang together—perhaps a reflection of her years as a teacher. I was encouraged by her readiness and the peaceful way she entered eternal rest. Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, at our church.

Mary Brubaker made excellent progress during rehabilitation and settled comfortably back at home with the help of her daughter, Karen. Her sudden passing from a heart attack came as a surprise, yet we trust that the Lord has healed her fully from this life. The name Brubaker was familiar to me from my alma mater in South Korea, where a respected organist and professor shared that name. When I mentioned this to Mary, she told me that many in her family dedicated their lives to mission work. There is no doubt that Mary lived with a strong faith and now rests in God's glory. Her memorial service will be held sometime in February at Weaver Mortuary in Beaumont. I will share details as soon as I hear from Karen.

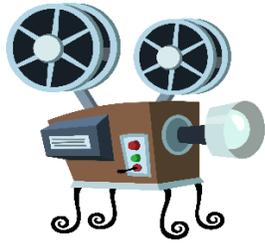
The Renu Hope Day Care Center is still working on the architectural drawings for the City to approve. It is moving much slower than I expected, but progress is steady.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. We will hold the service at 7:00 PM. Maundy Thursday is April 2. The Ecumenical Service on Good Friday in Yucaipa is still to be decided, and Easter Sunday is April 5.

See you in church.

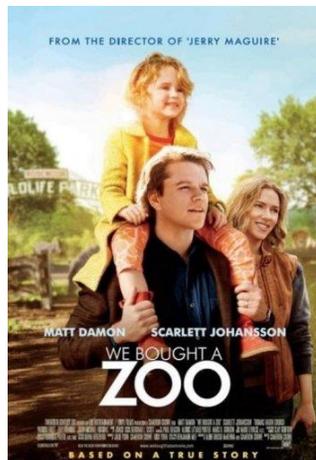
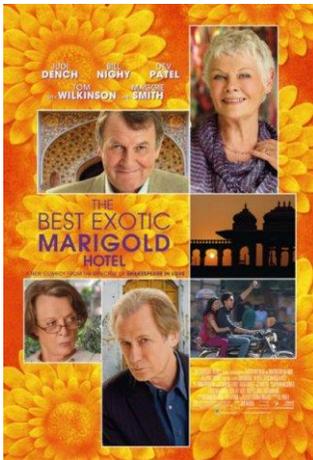
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Free First Saturday Movies



The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Shows on February 7, 2026
11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



We Bought A Zoo

Shows on March 7, 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.

Invite friends and neighbors to our free Saturday movies!



Birthdays

Carol Pistilli
Sharon Kelsey
Phillips Whang
Mary Miller

February 1
February 6
February 13
February 17



Anniversaries

Robert & Barbara Forte February 4



The Season of Lent

The season of Lent begins on February 18, Ash Wednesday. It marks a time of deep spiritual significance for many Christians, including a variety of traditions designed to bring us closer to God. These focus on reflection, repentance, and community engagement. These practices prepare believers for Easter and foster a sense of connection to the Christian faith and each other. Each tradition, whether common or unique, contributes to the rich tapestry of Lenten observance across different Christian cultures and denominations. Observe the Lent season through prayer, fasting, and increased devotion to God.



January Parent's Night Out

Build a Fort – Make a Pizza





The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. - Psalm 18:2

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. - Isaiah 49:16



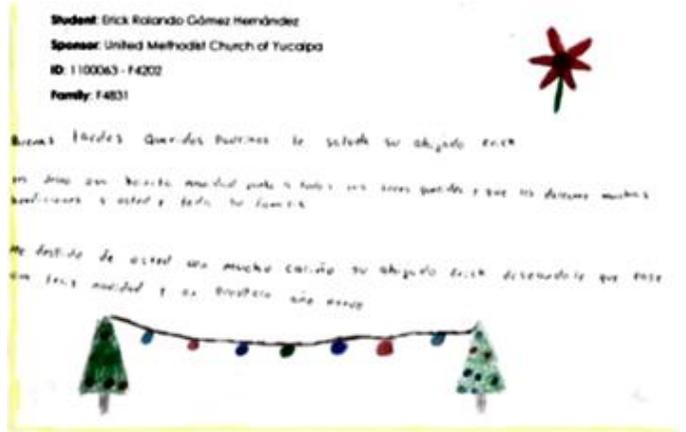
... Our sponsored children (continued from Page 1)

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!



Good Afternoon dear sponsors, your sponsored child says Hi! I wish you a merry Christmas with all your loved ones and to fill your family with a lot of blessings.
I say bye to you with a lot of love, your sponsor child Erick, hoping you enjoy Christmas and a happy New Year.

Come and browse the bulletin board just outside the church office and learn about our sponsored children!

Cynthia is 15 years old and lives with her parents and one older sister. Her father is a carpenter, and her mother is a maid. Cynthia goes to school in Santa Ana, Guatemala and has dreams of being a flight attendant or a restaurant owner.

Erick is 16 years old and lives with his parents and one older sister. His father is a masonry assistant and his mother makes tortillas. Erick goes to school in Antigua, Guatemala and likes to play the marimba.

Abdul is 10 years old and lives in Pejeh-Sowa, Sierra Leone, Africa. His favorite subject in school is Mathematics, and he likes to play ball games.

Abdul is sponsored by the children and youth through World Vision, and Erick and Cynthia are sponsored by YOU (all of our church congregation) through Common Hope.

Please donate what you can to our Common Hope fund to support these beautiful children and their families! Write Common Hope on the memo line of your donation. Thank you!

Student: Cynthia Analy Luche Silvestre
Sponsor: United Methodist Church of Yucaipa
ID: 1100063 - F17521
Family: F4018



Hola buen dia espero estan muy bien les mando Saludos, nosotras en la navidad comemos tamal o Churasco de tomar gaseosa o ponche, salimos a quemar juegos artificiales, yo sigo con el mismo Sueño de graduarme de cazaFata, de ser cheff tambien quiero formar mi familia con una persona buena, pero primero quiero cumplir mis sueños de ser alguien en la vida. Que pasen Felizes fiestas, Feliz navidad y año nuevo Saludos a toda Su familia un Fuerte abrazo.

Hi, good day, I hope you are very well. I send you my greetings. At Christmas, we eat tamales or grilled meat, and drink soda or ponche, and we go out to set off fireworks. I still have the same dream of graduating as a flight attendant, of being a chef, and I also want to start my family with a good person, but first I want to achieve my dreams of being someone in life. I hope you have happy holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Greetings to all your family, a big hug.

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The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa

Purchase Staters Scrip Cards!

Your regular grocery shopping can benefit the church if you buy scrip cards for Stater Brothers Markets.

See Kathy at the Scrip table in Fellowship Hall!

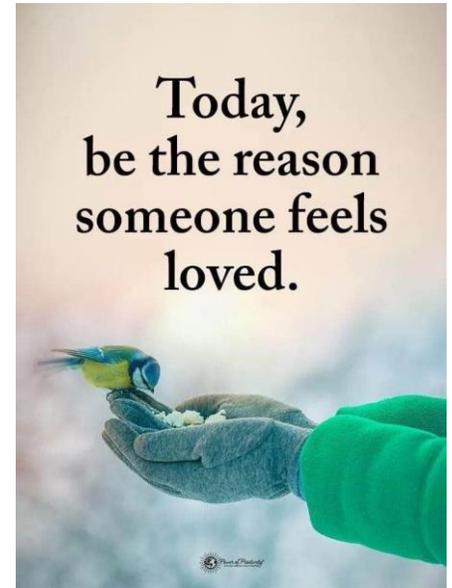
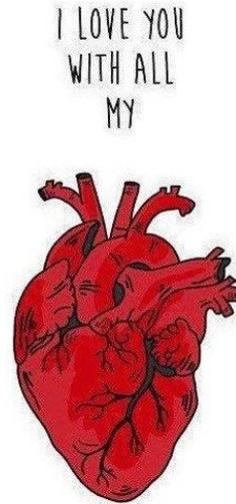


You get the full value of the card, but our church makes a little money to support our general fund and pay bills.

Cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 values.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 The Chosen in Camellia Room	2	3	4	5	6	7 The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel Faith Theater 2 11:00 am 1:30 pm – UMCoy Stained Glass at Mousley Museum
8 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am The Chosen in Camellia Room	9	10	11 Pastor's Lunch Legend China 8 at noon - \$15	12	13	14 Valentines Day P.E.O. in Camellia 10:00 am
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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. We are currently showing episodes of The Chosen in Camellia Room at 11:00 am after Worship. Grab your coffee and a snack and join us for an episode and some great discussion! Please visit www.yucaipamethodist.org for more information.



“Three things will last forever — faith, hope, and love — and the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13

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