



The peace and grace of our Lord Jesus to each and every one of you at the House of Faith.

My return to Yucaipa for the 12th straight year of ministry was confirmed at the Annual Conference. Since the church's founding on November 11, 1911, the longest a pastor has served was 10 years. I surpassed that last July and will do so again this July. Do you see what that suggests? It means I won't be surpassed for another 12 years before a new pastor breaks my record. Just joking! I genuinely pray that our church continues to flourish. As I have worked hard to establish the church, I pray God will bless us to keep our ministry here in Yucaipa until His return.

At this year's Annual Conference session, there appeared to be more churches scheduled for closure than in past years. When I moved from the New England Conference decades ago, the California Pacific Annual Conference had over 650 churches; now, that number has dropped below 290. I am grateful to the Lord that Yucaipa continues to thrive, even as a small congregation.

Jill Muratet and her daughter Jena began attending our church about twenty years ago. She has been carefully and faithfully performing church custodial duties and maintenance for 17 years. Many might not have met her, as her work required her to avoid worship times and events. Her position at the church was secondary to her main career as the athletic department manager at Redlands University, a role she held for 30 years. She plans to retire from both jobs at the end of June. Jill's husband, John, retired a year prior, and now that they're both retired, they aim to travel, visit family, and explore new places. They enjoy camping and nature outings. Jill feels honored to have served the church in this way. We deeply appreciate her long-standing dedication and wish her and John a joyful retirement and Godspeed.

Over the past two months, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee has evaluated various custodial providers to replace Jill, and they have selected Stratus Building Solutions. This well-established company serves much of Southern California and will begin custodial services for us in July.

Helen Davis went to be with the Lord. She lived a remarkably long and blessed life of 105 years. In my estimation, she was the longest-living United Methodist in the world. We thank the good Lord for giving her excellent health throughout her earthly journey. She and her husband enjoyed many years of RV trips with church families. She enjoyed cooking. I still remember her delicious apricot jelly. Her mind was as sharp as a tack, perhaps because she listened to my message twice a week: once during the service and once a week from the online recording. People would not believe that Helen still drove when she was 102, but she did, and very fast. She accelerated out of the church parking lot in less than a couple of seconds on a Sunday, and I could almost hear the tires squeaking as she drove away. After she moved to Chico to be with her daughter Susie, she hardly missed Sunday worship with us on Zoom. We are so grateful to Susie and her husband for their wonderful care of our dear friend Helen over the last three years. We thank the Lord for her ultimate healing and will dearly miss her.

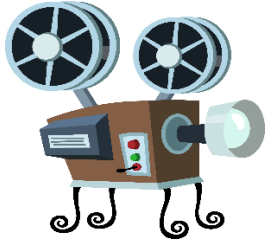
Renu Hope Foundation is currently selecting a general contractor for the renovation project. Rose, the director, mentioned she received three bids and plans to select the one with a mid-range cost, which exceeds half a million dollars. We pray that the renovation goes smoothly.

We have enjoyed the unusually cool temperatures so far, but it seems it will get hot in July. Summer always reminds me of the camp revival I attended in my teenage years, which changed my life. Let us not lose our passion for loving the Lord, who is always good to us.

See you in church.

*Phillips*

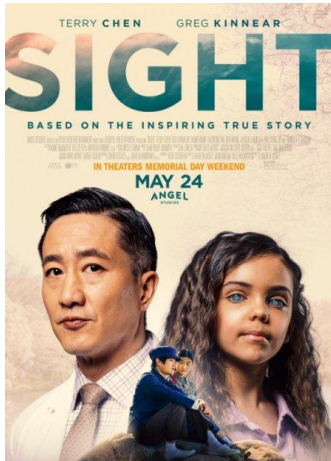
# Free First Saturday Movies



## Sight

Shows on July 4, 2026

11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



## Cabrini

Shows on August 1, 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!**

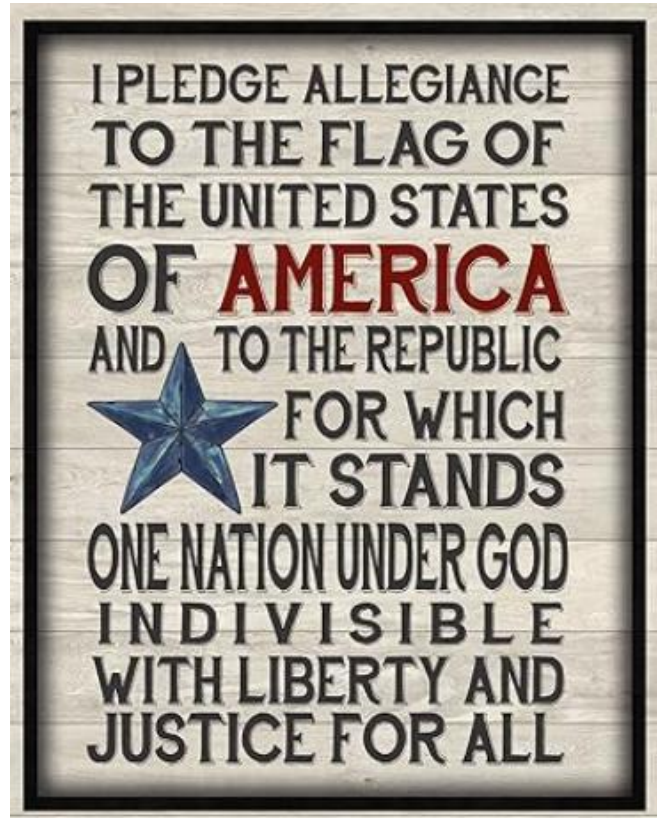


## Birthdays

Aleta Kerker	July 1
David Moore	July 3
Tracey Brown	July 6
Linda Crabtree	July 7
Perry Wahe	July 16
Ruthi Martin-Moore	July 22
Yung Char	July 30

## Anniversaries

Austin & Edna Barrett	July 16
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# June Parents Night Out: *Camp Night*



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## ***Fun at the Redlands Bowl***



The Redlands Bowl has been providing great summer fun to our communities since 1924. There is no charge to attend, but donations are taken at intermission. Donate as generously as you can! All Performances start at 8:00 pm.

July 3 – Evening of Patriotic Pops  
July 7 – The Filharmonic – a cappella group  
July 10 – Leyenda Folklorico – mariachi dance  
July 14 – Neil Diamond tribute by Jay White  
July 17 – Hutchins Consort – Vivaldi & more  
July 23 – 26 – Disney's Frozen: The Musical

***Join with your Merry Methodist friends to see Frozen on July 25!  
Contact Deb Davidson if you need a ride: 909 228 8758.***

# 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!*

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

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](http://samaritanspurse.org) under **Operation Christmas Child**.



**Visit our Little Library!**

# 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.



# July

# 2026

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



**Pack a Christmas Shoebox or two and share the story of Jesus and some generous love with a child that would not have a Christmas otherwise!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b> Sight Faith Theater 2 11:00 am
5 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am Fellowship	6	7	8 <b>Pastor's Lunch</b> Legend China 8 at noon - \$15	9	10	11
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26 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	27	28	29	30	31	August 1 <b>Cabrini</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 followed by Fellowship Time. Watch episodes of The Chosen in Camellia Room at 11:00 am after Worship. Please visit [www.yucaipamethodist.org](http://www.yucaipamethodist.org) for more information.**

## Celebrate Independence Day

I know that the Lord is always on the side of right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side. - *Abraham Lincoln*

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land. - *2 Chronicles 7:14*

Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to them to do the same. - *Ronald Reagan*

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WITH YOU; MY  
PEACE I GIVE YOU.  
I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU AS THE  
WORLD GIVES. DO NOT LET  
YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED  
AND DO NOT BE AFRAID. -  
JOHN 14:27

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