

The Friendly Visitor

HAPPY
OCTOBER



As God paints the world
with autumn colors, may
He paint your life with
blessings.

October 2026

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.*

OCTOBER FUN FACTS

- The name “October” comes from Octo (Latin for eight), as it was originally the eighth month of the Roman calendar. (Reference: funworldfacts.com)
- It is the first full month of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere, known for vibrant foliage caused by chlorophyll breakdown which reveals red, orange and yellow pigments. (Reference: funworldfacts.com)
- It stands out as a month rich with celebrations, symbolism and seasonal beauty.
- It is known as the best harvesting month for many crops including apples, carrots, corn, grapes, onions, potatoes, squash, and pumpkins.
- Peak hurricane month for Atlantic hurricanes.
- Famous historical October events include the October Revolution (1917) and Henry Ford introducing the Model T (1908). (Reference: funworldfacts.com)
- It’s a great time for stargazing.
- Keep an eye out for the Draconid meteor shower in the late evening of October 8-9, and the Orionid meteor shower, linked to Halley’s Comet, in the predawn hours of October 21-22. (Reference: Farmer’s Almanac)

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

- Oktoberfest: Begins in late September and continues into early October. (Reference: The Old Farmer’s Almanac)
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day/Columbus Day (U.S.): Observed on the 2nd Monday of October. (Reference: The Old Farmer’s Almanac)
- Themed awareness campaigns: Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Book Month, National Pizza Month, and World Animal Month. (Reference: Reader’s Digest)

Grace and peace to you all from our Lord Jesus,

Since we don't have a stewardship committee, I've been taking the initiative to write our annual pledge drive letter in October instead of the usual pastoral letter. I'd like to share some thoughts on how we can continue to support and care for the House of Faith, which we all cherish, during the year 2027. Let's look at four areas of our membership vows—prayer, presence, gifts, and service—that sum up our ongoing commitment to the church and its ministry.

Prayer is truly the most valuable gift we can offer our church community. The early church showed us that dedication to prayer invites the Holy Spirit to move powerfully among us. A church that prays together remains spiritually alive and continues to grow. Let's ask the good Lord to send us faithful harvesters, ministry partners, and his people—just as He has done for the past 110 years. Remember, without the people of God, we cannot be a church. I would love to see our sanctuary filled with people once again, as in the good old days.

Please pray for continued blessings on our finances. We are truly grateful that the Foundation has generously contributed more than \$1.3 million to support the church's operations over the past 11 years. God has blessed the Foundation with steady revenue while keeping the principal nearly intact. Let's ask the Lord to continue pouring His blessings upon it. We also appreciate the opportunity to lease the unused facility to Renu Hope, which brings in a new revenue stream of \$5500 per month. The good Lord connected us with them at just the right time for this blessing. Additionally, we are establishing a new endowment fund supported by the Richard Brown Estate. The income from this fund will help cover building repair and maintenance costs and some of our apportionments. To ensure ongoing financial stability, we're exploring additional avenues, including applying to install a cell tower on the church campus. Please pray that God guides us to the right cell tower company. God is faithful and merciful and hears us when we pray.

As a small church, we truly value having you with us; your presence is, actually, for your own benefit. In our gathering, we experience Jesus' presence, as he promised when two or three are together in his name. Whether you join us in person or online on Sunday mornings, your presence is a wonderful opportunity to uplift yourself spiritually. Coming together for fellowship helps us form meaningful bonds of love, build each other up, and support one another in our faith journey.

Our financial gift goes beyond covering the church's day-to-day expenses. With it, our hearts acknowledge the many gifts God has bestowed upon us: salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus, His endless grace, faithful sustenance throughout our lives, and more. Our giving also recognizes that we are stewards, not owners. We give from what the Lord has entrusted to us.

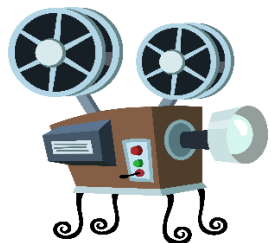
When it comes to giving gifts, we often focus on financial contributions. While your financial support for the church is truly appreciated and valuable, remember that you can also share your talents and skills. Whether it's singing in the choir, offering leadership and organizational skills, cooking, electrical work, carpentry, listening quietly, gardening, financial management, or countless other talents, your service makes a huge difference. With unique gifts and grace, we are interconnected as the body of Christ, strengthening the ministry. For a practical example of your service, the church has spent over \$100,000 on repairs over the past decade. If we had hired professionals instead of relying on volunteers, the cost would have been much higher. Your service, in so many ways, is an invaluable asset to the church's ministry.

So, let's prayerfully reflect on our call from the Lord and consider how we can help build up Christ's kingdom at the House of Faith in the coming year. Please fill out the pledge card and place it on the offering plate. We will ask the Lord's blessing upon our pledges on consecration Sunday, November 22.

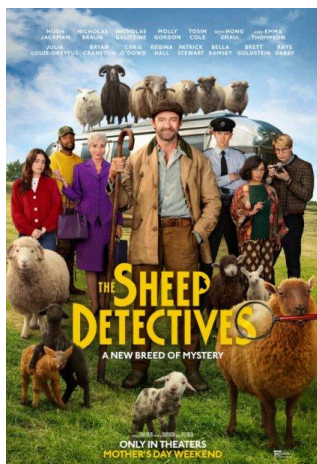
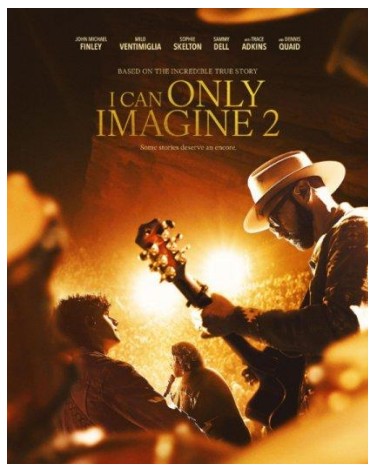
Joyfully serving the church, together with you,

Phillips

Free First Saturday Movies



I Can Only Imagine 2
Shows on October 3, 2026
11:00 am in Faith Theater 2



The Sheep Detectives
Shows on November 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.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



Birthdays

Jeanine Gray Porter	October 1
Sharon Huestis	October 2
Kathy Anderson	October 3
Mike Hinckley	October 5
Brent Rolf	October 13
Barbara Forte	October 15
Mary Deem	October 23
David Will Huestis	October 24
Bruce Crabtree	October 25
Claudia Joseph	October 26
Trudy Baird	October 27
Breanna Hinckley	October 30

Anniversaries

Bill & Robin Harps	October 20
Jack & Sharon Kelsey	October 26
David & Chris Smith	October 30

Upcoming Events @ UMCoy

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 – *Thanks Feast* @ 6:00 pm
22: Church "Thanksgiving Meal"
24: Administrative Council Mtg (Zoom) @ 7:00 pm
26: Thanksgiving Day
29: Advent Begins

December

5: Free Movie: *A Great Awakening* @ 11:00 am
9: Pastor's Lunch @ 12:00 pm
15: Book Club @ 10:00 am
18: Parent's Night Out – *Christmas Party* @ 6:00 pm
22: Administrative Council Mtg (Zoom) @ 7:00 pm
24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7:00 pm

January

1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2: Free Movie @ 11:00 am
13: Pastor's Lunch @ 12:00 pm
19: Book Club @ 10:00 am
26: Administrative Council Mtg (Zoom) @ 7:00 pm
29: Parent's Night Out @ 6:00 pm

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY October 11, 2026

Join us for lunch after the Worship Service.
Main dish and dessert will be provided;
please sign up to bring a side dish.



YUCAIPA COMMUNITY EVENTS

Every Thursday @ 4:30 – 8:30 pm:

Farmers' Market
Yucaipa Community Center

October 10 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm:

(Event will end earlier if truck is full)
Shred-It

Yucaipa Community Center
(Bring photo ID/Proof of residency)

October 12 @ 8:00 am – 1:00 pm:

Pancake Breakfast
Fire Station #2
32664 Yucaipa Blvd.

October 17 @ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm:

Yucaipa Community Center's
Parking Lot Sale
(Clothing, Toys, Books, Antiques)

October 23, 24, 30 & 31:

Sweeney Todd Musical @
Yucaipa Performing Arts Center
(check website: yucaipaperformingarts.org
for show times and ticket information)

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER!

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**.



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!

September Parent's Night Out:

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
October 23 - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Carve a Pumpkin

Build a Castle



FALL WORD SEARCH

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ACORN

FOOTBALL

NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER

APPLES

HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER

SUNFLOWER

AUTUMN

HARVEST

PUMPKIN

SWEATER

CANDY

HAYRIDE

RAKE

THANKSGIVING

CIDER

LEAVES

SCARECROW

TURKEY

October

2026

The House of Faith, United Methodist Church of Yucaipa



October is a month of transformation, crisp air, and golden leaves, making it perfect for reflection and motivation.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 I Can Only Imagine 2 Faith Theater 2 at 11:00 am
4 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am Fellowship	5	6	7	8	9 P.E.O. Event Setup	10 P.E.O. Citrus Reciprocity Luncheon 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
11 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Pastor Appreciation Luncheon	12 Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)	13	14 Pastor's Lunch Legend China 8 at 12:00 pm - \$15	15	16	17
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25 Sunday Worship 9:20 am Hymn Sing 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	26	27 Administrative Council (Zoom) 7:00 pm	28	29	30	31

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.



October
Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect joy. Be positive.
Serve with compassion.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give thanks for everything.
See goodness in others. mary davis

*"October's golden light reminds us that
God's promises are as steady as the
turning seasons."*

*"In the crisp air of autumn, breathe in
grace and exhale thanksgiving."*

*"Just as trees release their leaves, release
your worries into God's hands."*

*"The harvest is not only in the fields but in
the soul that trusts God's timing."*

*"As the leaves fall, let pride fall too, so
Christ may grow in you."*

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