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August 2017 “The Bridge”

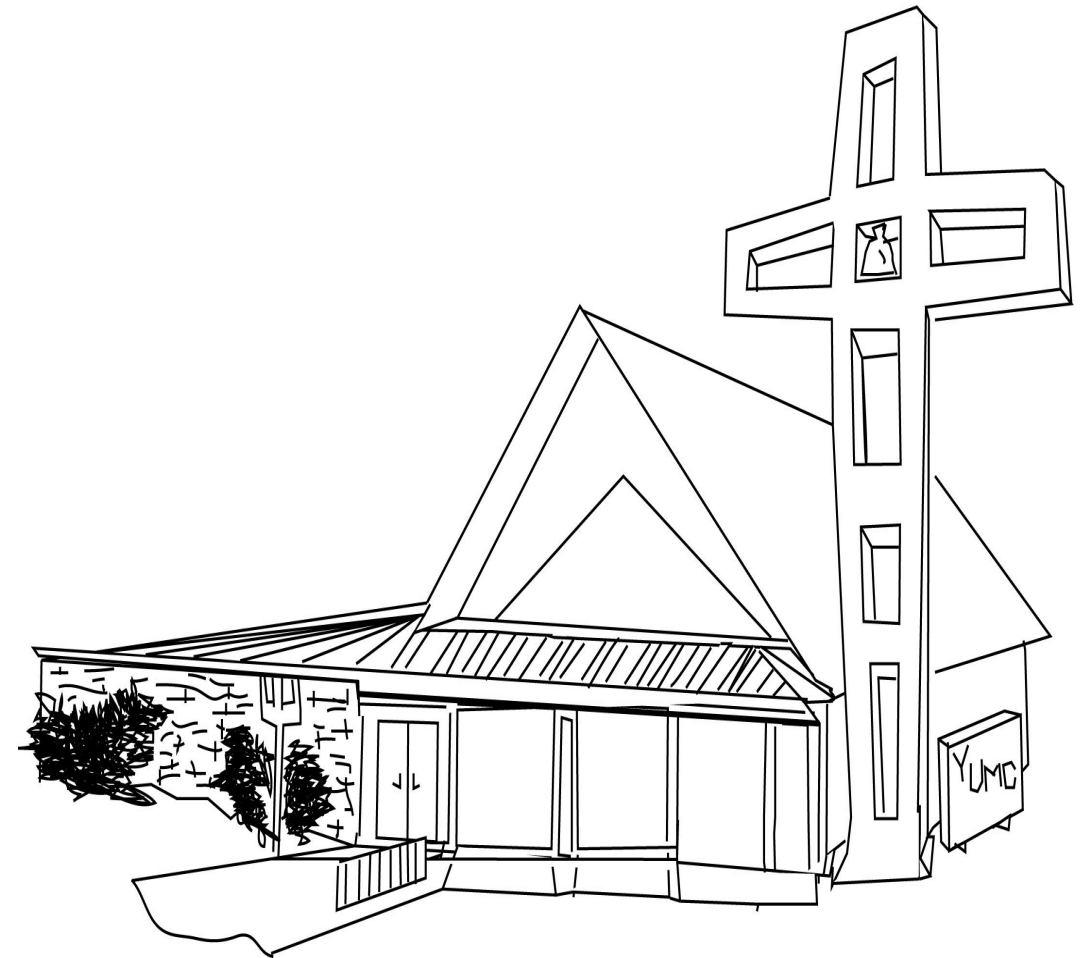
Yreka United Methodist Church

Leadership Board

The next Leadership Board meeting is August 17th at 5:30pm. The Board meets in the MPR in the Ed Bldg. All are welcome. The meeting agenda is posted in the Wesley Room the Sunday before the meeting.

Board Members

Kelly Atchley
Pete Bein
Charles Cook
Sharon Dawson
Pastor Toni Hartman
Ed Matthews
Debbie Pendley
Lynne Schafer



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers count as almost one-third of our church. Once commissioned these members are always Stephen Ministers. Our church has lost many people this year and we are wanting to help those of you who could use a Stephen Minister to walk along-side you in your time of grief, someone who is willing to listen, who truly cares and is there consistently. We are looking to our Stephen Ministers who have been inactive to come back into working with some of these people. If you are one of the hurting or one of the Stephen Ministers, please contact Lisa Raffaelli. We love you and our prayers are with you.

Are You A Single Woman?

The single women in our congregation have been invited to join with the single women at the Lutheran Church for lunch at the Purple Plum on the 4th Sunday of each month.

The lunch time will be from 11:45 am or so until about 1:00 pm. Its purpose is both social and to network. The meal is Dutch treat and they are a delightful group of ladies.

We hope to have a group who will join them next month on Sunday, August 27th.

Talk to Lynne Schafer at 842-1435 if you have any questions



Walk to Emmaus

Joint Team Sept 8 and 9th

Men's walk:
Sept 21st thru 24th

Women's walk:
October 5th thru 8th

Fourth day October 21st

Deadline for pilgrim applications:
August 10th

August 11-24 applications are an additional \$10.

Prayer Tent News

Those who would like to contribute to gifts for the prayer tent, crosses, color books, and markers are available at the Dollar Tree and Wal-Mart.



Work Out Women (WOW) Exercise Group is now meeting at the Thornburg's house @ 800 South Street for summer Aqua Aerobics.

Sundays — 3:00 pm
Mondays — 5:30 pm
Wednesdays — 5:30 pm
Thursdays — 5:30 pm

\$10 per person for the summer session.
Join the fun and get fit!



Chrysalis



We had three girls attend Chrysalis from our community: Abigail Alvarez, Audrey Stott, and Laraina Chitwood. They got a lot out of the weekend. There should be another flight for the boys on Presidents Day weekend. I am waiting for more details and will let you know. We are hoping one of the girls will share about their weekend, but so far, no takers.

IMPACT—Youth

The African proverb, “it takes a village to raise a child” comes to mind as I continue pray and pray some more for our next generations. What is our responsibility as a congregation to our community of youth?

As parents, we disciple our children until they leave the nest and continue to disciple appropriately when they are on their own. Taking to heart, to our best ability, that they have been loved, guided, and taught the correct tools to succeed in life. We do this best out of our relationship and unconditional love for our children.

Our relationship with God should be a reflection in all we accomplish in our daily lives, along with discipling our next generations with the appropriate tools and abundant, unconditional love. Paul and Timothy’s relationship is a beautiful example of discipleship.

To the right, is an article by Pastor Rick Warren. I hope this will encourage all of you to become a part of our youth’s lives. This role in their lives is of vital importance.

Blessings,
Pastor Colleen Alvarez

IMPACT
Inspiring
Many
People
About
Christ’s
Teachings

3 Phases of a Paul and Timothy Relationship

By Pastor Rick Warren

Every leader needs mentors and models – typically other leaders just ahead of where we are in our growth and our journey. And every leader also needs to be mentoring and modeling those just behind us. This is the only way for discipleship to take on the multi-generational nature described by Paul in 2 Timothy 2:2, “You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.” (NLT) In order to both mentor and be mentored effectively, it’s important to see how the relationship between Paul and Timothy developed over time. It unfolded in three phases.

Phase One: Parenthood In Paul’s first letter to Timothy, he addresses him as “my true son in the faith.” (1 Timothy 1:2) We first meet Timothy in Acts 16 when Paul is heading out on his second missionary journey. He stops in Lystra to pick up the young disciple who accompanies him, assists him, and serves as a sort of apprentice under him. Timothy’s biological father was Greek, but no evidence is ever given that he was a Christian. So Paul filled the shoes of a spiritual father to Timothy. My heart hurts as I look around at the number of young Pastors and leaders who are enthusiastically serving with big dreams but who lack spiritual fathers in the generation ahead of them. The past is always part of our future. I recommend that at least 25% of a church leader’s reading be spent in pre-Reformation era writings and another 25% from the Reformation to the modern missionary age. Another 25% of our reading should be drawn from the generation just previous to ours and only the remaining 25% among contemporary authors. We need a sense of parenthood as we mentor because it’s vital that we be grounded as we dream big dreams.

Phase Two: Pacesetting. The second phase of our ministry mentoring is pacesetting – being the example of what mature ministry looks like. In Paul’s second letter to Timothy, he points out that, “you know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance...” (2 Timothy 3:10-11 NLT) Paul sets the pace with his life and challenges Timothy to learn by keeping up and emulating his lifestyle. You’ve probably heard people say that Christianity is always one generation from extinction. I think that might be oversimplifying it, but the fact is that no generation is exempt from the call to fulfill the Great Commission or to serve God’s purposes as fully as possible. The next generation is always watching, so we get to set the pace.

Phase Three: Partnering Over. In the book of Romans, there is a somewhat obscure reference that Paul makes to Timothy in chapter 16, verse 21, “Timothy, my fellow worker, sends you his greetings.” Timothy has gone from being a son to a student and now to being a colleague and a co-laborer. We spend plenty of time desiring and praying for more laborers, but perhaps not enough time investing in those with the potential to become our partners in the mission.

We serve today because of the repetition of this three-phase process for centuries. It didn’t stop with Timothy. The baton has been passed to you who are reading this, and it is our responsibility to be parents, pacesetters, and partners with the next generation until Jesus comes!

Nursery Worker Needed

Coral Harper has been a wonderful nursery worker and we have enjoyed having her here for the last four months and what usually happens with young, gifted, intelligent people, they grow up and move off to college. So here we are again...

We are currently looking for a nursery care provider. We wish to offer childcare, infant to age 4 years, during our Sunday Worship Service. This would be two hours every Sunday morning. We can expand the hours if the need arises for adult Sunday School and choir participation. A successful applicant will have childcare experience, a love for young children, and the desire to provide a safe and loving Christian environment for our little ones.

If anyone is interested, please contact the office: 842-4291.



CHOIR

Tuesday evenings
from 6:30-7:45pm

Do you need a place where you can go to wash away the stress of a busy day?

Are you looking for something to do on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm?

Why not join the choir? There you'll find fellowship filled with laughter, prayer, and uplifting music in praise of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Not feeling comfortable about your singing expertise? There's no need to worry! No experience necessary. Believe it or not you don't even need to read music to sing in our choir. We work together as a team and help one another as we learn music enabling us to better share the goodness and grace of Jesus with all who hear our music.

As always, I am looking forward with great anticipation to leading this group of Levites in this music ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to me or any choir member.

In His Peace,
Karen

August 2017



Christal Duncan	1
Lauren Aceves	2
Doris Callison	4
Griffen Dodd	8
Loralai Dodd	14
Michael Burleson-Raney	14
Kelly Atchley	15
Susan Crow	17
Ray Watson	18
Liz Hockaday	26
Susan Pritchett	29



Duane and Sandy Johnson	1
Don and Ginger Haack	11
Kelly Atchley & Susan Erhardt	12
Jim and Sarah Frey	24



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