



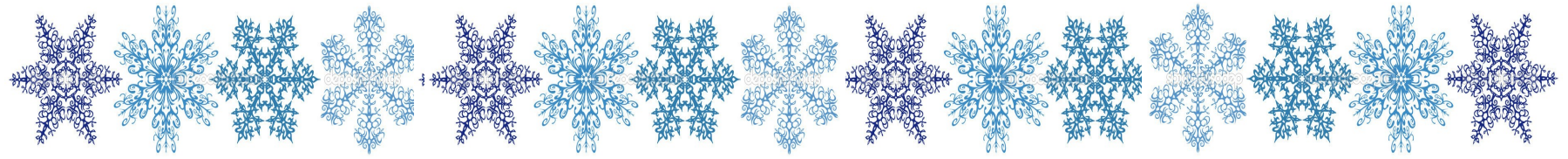
January 2018 “The Bridge”

The Monthly Newsletter of the
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A Note from Pastor Toni



We trust that God's promises are all YES and Amen in Christ Jesus, and so even though we still live between the "already" and the "not yet" of the kingdom, we can rejoice in hope. New Years will be upon us before we know it. For me, New Years is about new hope, new possibilities, new challenges, new opportunities, and new beginnings. While we all know that looking back accomplishes nothing, there is a tendency to live in the "*what was*" rather than the "*what will be*." No doubt it's way safer. But following Jesus has never been safe. 2017 was all about learning to become a follower of Christ. I have heard it expressed on the lips of so many of our church family as the echo the statement we started 2017 with: "*Stop trying to be a Christian and start training to follow Jesus*." And that is the challenge that many of you accepted in 2017. It's exciting to see what God is doing with those of us who have submitted ourselves to going deeper in this journey of faith. More of you are seeing the power in prayer. More of you are experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. Many of you are walking in your gifts, talents, skills and abilities and putting them to good use for the Kingdom. Some of you have stepped way out of your comfort zones and found out that there really is nothing to fear in taking that risk; in fact there is much to gain and learn.

So what does 2018 have in store for Yreka United Methodist Church? I can't really say...only God knows the answer to that question. But what we can do is seek the answer as we meet together in January to discern God's direction for 2018. How do we build on the success of existing ministries? What new ministries can we offer that will meet the needs of our community? How can we become more effective and more visible in our outreach to the city? What are *you* doing personally to become a better follower of Jesus? How do you love your family, your friends and neighbors, and your city in a way that shares the love of Christ and produces new fruit? Where do we need to grow within our congregation in order to become more committed to Christ and His Kingdom work beyond our congregation? What kinds of discipleship opportunities do we need to create for people to become stronger Disciples of Christ? Are you committed to becoming a disciple of Christ and do whatever it requires to grow into an effective disciple? These are the questions I have been asking and praying about as your pastor. But the answer is not mine alone to discern, in fact I would never miss an opportunity to be in a process of discerning with others. Collectively we come to some

amazing conclusions. The past has proved that to be true. We are a team, YUMC. We are blessed with a leadership board that believes in the mission of the church:

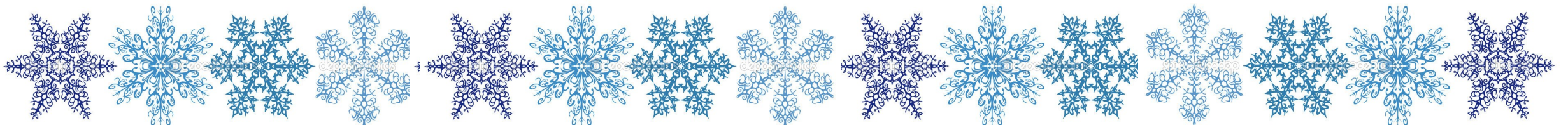
To partner with God in bringing people to the transforming power in Jesus Christ.

How we do that in 2018 remains to be seen.

I want you to know how much I appreciate all of you and your dedication to this Church family, our mission, and the Savior we serve. You have been a Godsend to me this past year and continue to be attentive to my needs as I process the loss of my sweet husband, Bill. ***I could not have gotten this far without you!*** Thank you again for your love, concern and thoughtful assistance when the need arises for something that used to be Bill's job! I Love you so much YUMC. A very Blessed and Happy New Year to you all!

Love,

Pastor Toni



January 2018

Birthdays

Val Chambers	1
Marjie Bley	3
Tammy Lambert	8
Sylvia O'Connor	9
Pam Piemme	9
Michael Bray	13
Mary Skeahan	20
Jan Sinnott	22
Tom Callison	23
Tom Brackney	28
Mike Aceves	29
John Krueger	30
Richard Ashe	30

Anniversaries

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YUMC Prays Together

All are welcome

Mondays 7:00 am

Open Prayer
Church Sanctuary

Thursdays 6:30 pm

Sacred Space prayer & worship
Church Sanctuary

Sundays 8:00 am

Prayer for the Service
Church Sanctuary

Leadership Board Update!

With the coming of 2018,
we welcome

Debby Whipple
to the Leadership Board.!

We offer immense thanks to
Pete Bein
for his leadership this past year.

The next Board meeting is
Thursday January 18th at
5:30 pm in the Ed Bldg
all are welcome to attend.

Secret Sisters

We are in the month of revealing. We will meet after church on Jan 21st and have a potluck and share a final gift with our secret sister who we gave to and who gave to us.

Remember mums the word until then.

Mark Your Calendar.



Did you know we have abundant exercise programs available at YUMC?

Happy New Year, Everyone! Do you know YUMC offers two group exercise programs for women and would be happy to create one for both men and women?

Strong Women is a program of weight training and stretching specially designed for mid-life and older women. Strong Women meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in the YUMC Social Hall. Join the fellowship of other women improving strength, balance, and range of motion. The contact person is Sarah Frey, 842-4980.

Work Out Women offers a varied routine of both floor and standing exercise and stretching. WOW meets Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Social Hall. Join the workout to enjoy good times and the benefit of improved health. For more information contact Linda Thornburg at 262-5586.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives In you?

...God's temple is sacred and you are that temple.

1 Cor. 3: 16, 17b

More YUMC Family, Events & Ministries!



Bible Study at Home!

Interested in studying the Bible?
Pickup a daily Bible study sheet
and

Learn about the Bible in:

1. historical order
2. chronological order
3. book order.

Do a short 31 day study on
God's plan for us
or a short study on getting to
know Jesus.

**The study sheets are outside
of the Office.**

Missed a Sunday sermon & wish you hadn't?

Well, you are in luck!

The Sunday Worship service is
available on CD for just \$2.00!
Call the office, let us know what
date you need & we will get you a
copy. Keep up with the sermon
series even when you have to
miss a Sunday!

SAINTS ALIVE!

Mondays

Ongoing 12:00 pm

Crafting for a Cause

*Join anytime! Gather to fellowship while
creating a project of your choosing to benefit
a cause you love.*

Tuesdays

Ongoing 9:00 am

Quilting Lessons

*Join anytime! With award winning quilter
Kathryn Matthews*

Thursdays

2nd & 4th Thursdays

2:00 pm

Fun and Games

*Join anytime! Gather to fellowship while
playing board games, card games and more.*

3rd Saturday

2:00 pm

Movie Matinee

Saints Alive! Dream Team JANUARY 9TH

Plan on joining the Saints Alive! Dream
Team on Tues. Jan 9nd as they set goals for
events, outings and more for
those 55 or older
(or those who know someone 55 or older!)
They meet at 5:00 pm in the Ed Bldg!

All are welcome!

Ongoing Programs & Ministries at YUMC

Sacred Space Worship Service

Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Feel the Holy Spirit!
Pray and worship your way, with dance, flag, kneeling, hands
raised and watch the Lord work in mighty ways.
Contact Pastor Toni: 514-9282 (c)

Adult Sunday School

Sundays 9:00 a.m. in the Education Building
Contact: Linda Thornburg: 842-2815 (h) or 262-5586 c

Children's Sunday School

Sundays during worship in the Room 9 Education Building
Contact: Debbie Pendley: 598-4827 c or 842-5827 (h)

IMPACT Middle & High School Youth (6th-12th grades)

Both Middle School and High School youths meets Sundays at
4:00 p.m. for dinner and then are separated for age appropri-
ate Bible teaching, life skills and discussion. Dinner available at
4:00 pm Contact: Colleen Alvarez: 598-0769

YUMC Tailgaters

Serving the hungry. Make sandwiches on Saturday mornings
and serve lunches on Sunday after worship. To donate or serve
contact Deb Bein 405/820-3639

Strong Women

Mon/Weds/Fri ~ 2:00-3:00 p.m. (Social Hall)
Strength training for women to build stronger bones, improve
balance and strength. Call Sarah Frey: 842-4980

Work Out Women (W.O.W.)

Mon/Thurs 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Social Hall) Weight training for
women to build : Linda Thornburg: 842-2815 or 262-5586

IMPACT is looking forward to starting off 2018 with enthusiastic youth ready to Inspire Many People About Christ's Teachings. This will strengthen each Jesus follower into Jesus Christ's transforming power as servants of fire to transform schools, cities and nations.

Our new youth room, located in the Education Building, has been expanded and renovated with a fresh new modern look. Many thanks to YUMC congregation, board members, maintenance volunteers to make all of this happen. Come take a tour as we finish up the final details!

Starting January 7, 2018 from 4pm-6pm, 6th, 7th & 8th graders will start a new hands-on curriculum from KIMI, Kids in Ministry International by Becky Fisher. These classes will be instructed by Sadie Gorseth & Kevin Stott. The 9th-12th graders will start our Young Saints Curriculum by Rory Helart and Tom Crandall, instructed by myself and John Villiani.

Invite one, invite all!

I am honored to inform YUMC that our youth attending IMPACT includes youth from Siskiyou County neighborhoods: 1st Southern

Baptist Church, Covenant Chapel, Four Square, Yreka Nazarene & Mount Zion Lutheran Church. This is the Kingdom of God and a true witness of bringing Heaven to earth. IMPACT has adopted the Charlie Byrd's Youth Correction Center with the help of Jennifer & John Villiani. IMPACT sent stockings and inspirational cards at Christmas to encourage the youth at the center. Our goal is to continue to inspire Christ's teachings that our past does not dictate our future when we are in relationship with Jesus Christ.

As IMPACT'S new year starts, the youth have decided to honor the Protect & Serve Forces of Yreka for Valentines Day. We would like to show love and gratitude to the following forces to the Yreka Police Department, Sheriff Department, Yreka Fire Department and California Highway Patrol. The Peace Officers and Rescue Forces are often over-looked and taken for granted for their duties and commitment to our city. Not only will IMPACT deliver goodie bags and cards, we will have an opportunity to pray over the officers and staff that would like to participate.

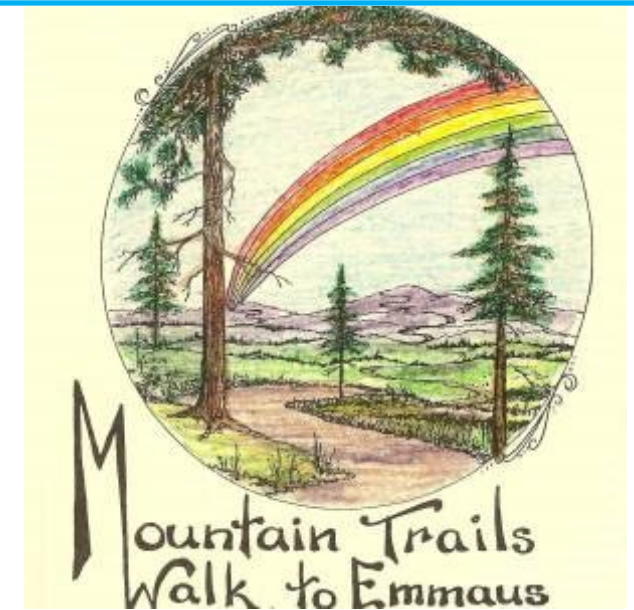
IMPACT will be heading to Sacramento February 1-4 to attend the Jesus Culture Conference at Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

This will be a powerful event with a great line-up of speakers and Christian music artists with youth and leaders from all over the world. IMPACT will continue to have monthly guest speakers from our church, other congregations and followers of Jesus.

Thank you YUMC for your unconditional love, support and contributions to help take a "NEW STAND" for youth in our city and county in 2018 and generations to come!

Much love,

Pastor Colleen Alvarez




Walk to Emmaus

we are still looking for applications for sponsors (pilgrims) and workers for both walks. Please get them in to make this happen in April. We are getting the teams together and looking forward to meeting at a Bible Camp. Deadlines will be coming up soon.

Chrysalis—For Youth.

There is a flight happening on Feb 16-18 for boys and girls in Sacraments at St Marks UMC. They are looking for applications for both caterpillars and workers now. You can find applications on ncnec.org. contact Melisa Raffaelli if you have questions at 541-778-3182.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ~~Office Closed~~ Happy New Year!	2 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Beacon of Hope	3 2:00 pm Strong Women	4 5:30 pm WOW 6:30 pm Sacred Space	5 ~~Office Closed~~ 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women	6 8:00 am Tailgaters
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