



September 2018 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church

502 N. Fairchild St, Yreka CA 96097

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



IMPACT YOUTH TEAM

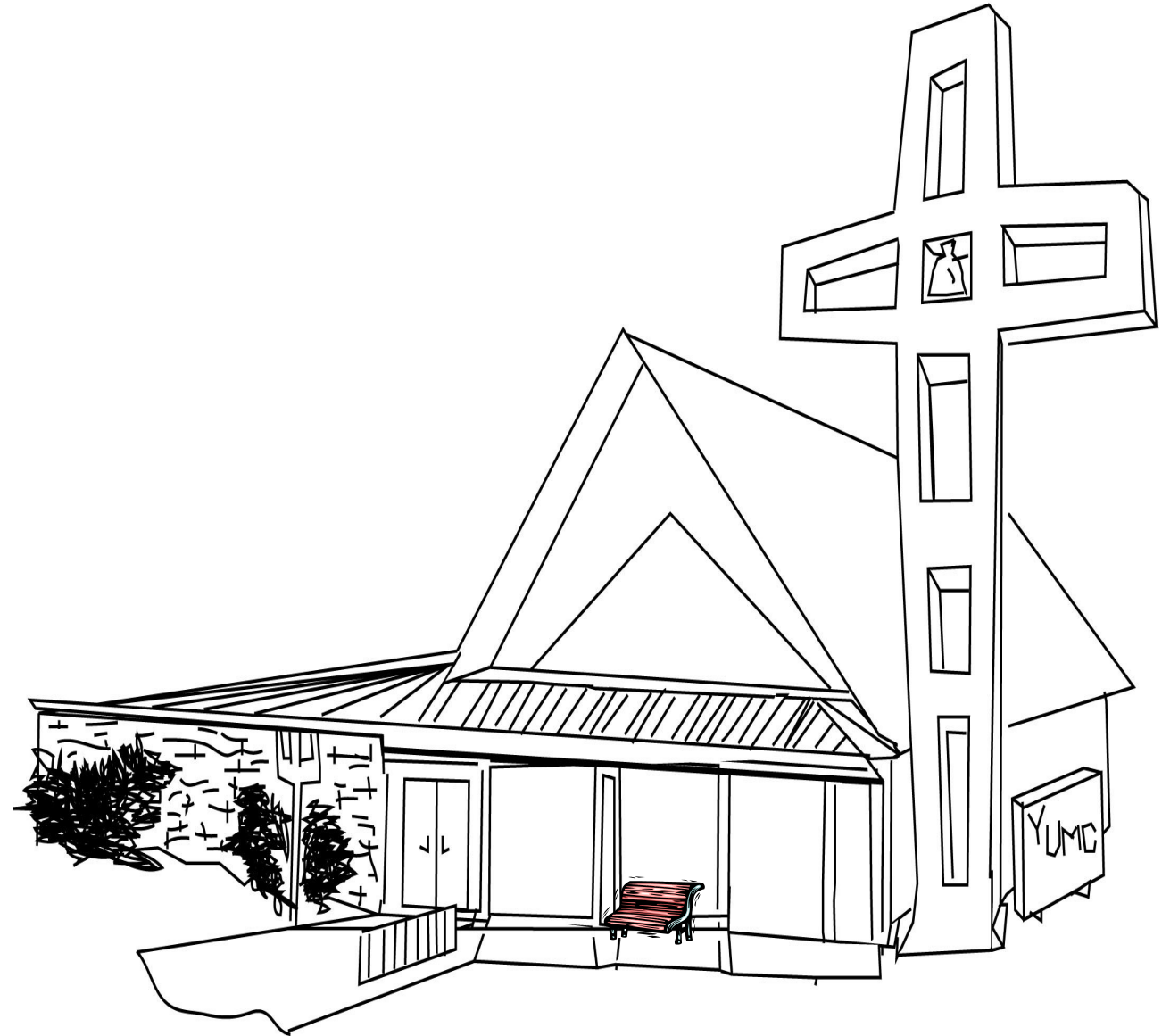
Drive-Thru Dinner

@ YUMC

September 28 5:30pm — 7:00pm

Kalua Pulled Pork
Hawaiian Macaroni Salad
rice and a Hawaiian desert

Funds go toward mission trips,
conferences and Christian concerts.



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A Note from Pastor Toni

As your pastor I will always have a concern when we as God's people seem to be getting too comfortable within our little piece of the kingdom. The raw truth is, I'm concerned that we're not growing; that we're not seeing guests and friends being invited to join us in worship on Sundays. That more of you aren't challenging yourselves by participating in small group or classes that are offered by wonderful teachers. We are called to make disciples not attendees. Of course, we all want to see people make the decision to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior! That's a great thing when it happens! But how will they be challenged to even consider that step if they aren't exposed to Jesus in different ways? But what happens after they come into a relationship with the Lord? Where's the follow up? How do we train up new Christians?

Our mission isn't to win converts; it's to make disciples. So, what's the difference? I found this wonderful description of the difference between converts and disciples that I want to share with you in this newsletter. I ask that you read it slowly and ponder your own commitment to getting ready, getting set and going into your world to make disciples for Jesus.

1. Converts are believers who live like the world.
Disciples are believers who live like Jesus.

2. Converts are focused on their values, interests, worries, fears, priorities, and lifestyles.
Disciples are focused on Jesus.

3. Converts go to church.
Disciples are the church.

4. Converts are involved in the mission of Jesus.
Disciples are committed to it.

5. Converts cheer from the sidelines.
Disciples are in the game.

6. Converts hear the word of God.
Disciples live it.

7. Converts follow the rules.
Disciples follow Jesus.

8. Converts are all about believing.
Disciples are all about being.

9. Converts are comfortable.
Disciples make sacrifices.

10. Converts talk.
Disciples make more disciples.

So if I read this correctly a disciple is someone who whole-heartedly follows the life and example of Jesus, who makes His mission their mission, His values their values, and His heart their heart.

A disciple is someone who desperately seeks to be like Jesus. A disciple is someone so committed to the cause of Christ that they would follow Him through the gates of hell and back!

A disciple is someone who finds their entire identity, purpose and meaning in Jesus. Jesus is the center of their lives. They are all in, fully committed.

Not only is a disciple willing to die for Jesus, but they are dedicated to living every day of their life for Him.

Jesus doesn't call us to be converts or to win converts. Jesus calls us to make disciples. Jesus offers us grace and love with-

out condition, but not without expectation. When we try to water down the message by saying things like, *You don't have give up sin. You don't have to change. You don't have to be transformed. You don't have to die to yourself. You just need to believe.* In doing this, not only are we depriving people of the truth, we are denying them access to a real, exciting, transforming relationship with the almighty God.

Christianity isn't just a system of belief. It isn't a lifestyle. It's a life transformed by Jesus Christ!! Jesus doesn't call everyone to leave everything every day. He calls us to be willing to give up everything at any point. His call for each of us is different. He has uniquely gifted every person to carry out a unique and valuable function in His kingdom. While what we are called to may be unique, the call is an extreme standard: Jesus must be greater than everything else. We all are guilty of putting things above Jesus.

Whether it's health, wealth, comfort, causes, dreams, hobbies or interests, we all come to Jesus with expectations of what He will do for us. We all have our passions and causes. But Jesus didn't come to take sides. Jesus came to take over. And Jesus needs you to be on His take-over team! So...YUMC...the future of your church is in your hands...what's it going to be?

Love,

Pastor Toni

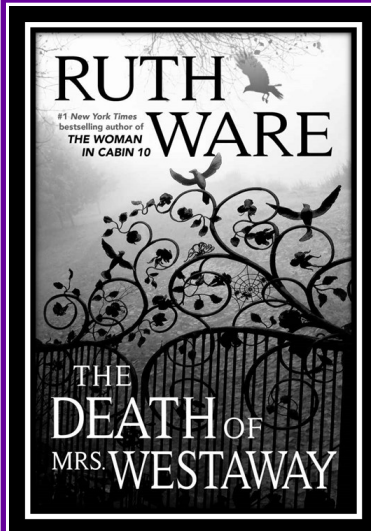
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Birthdays

Marilyn Gray	2
Norm Shaskey	6
Nancy Krueger	7
Rad Hockaday	8
Arden Carr	13
Adonia Stott	16
Pam Chitwood	18
Karen Clark	18
Lisa Rafaelli	18
Jack Skeahan	19
Chris Bowers	20
John Villani	26

Anniversaries

Dennis & Karen Clark	1
Rob and Joann Bicego	4
Sharon and John Dawson	8
Gail and Al Broske	15
Richard and Sue Ashe	24
Dean & Ruth Boyd	25
Molly Aumack & Steve Renner	25
Arden & Wendy Carr	30



Saints Alive!

9/4/18 @ 5:00 pm
Dream Team Meeting
Rm 8 in Ed Building

9/6/18 @ 4:30 pm
Book Club
Casa Ramos

9/11/18 @ 11:30 pm
Lunch a Bunch
Puerto Vallarta

10/6/18 @ 7:00 pm
Talent or Not Show
YUMC Sanctuary

THE BOOK CLUB

**WE'LL MEET AT STRINGS,
OCTOBER 11 AT 4:30 P.M.**

On a day that begins like any other, Hal receives a mysterious letter bequeathing her a substantial inheritance. She realizes very quickly that the letter was sent to the wrong person—but also that the cold-reading skills she's honed as a tarot card reader might help her claim the money. Soon, Hal finds herself at the funeral of the deceased ... where it dawns on her that there is something very, very wrong about this strange situation and the inheritance at the center of it. Full of spellbinding menace and told in Ruth Ware's signature suspenseful style, this is an unputdownable thriller from the Agatha Christie of our time

E-mail Mary Skeahan @
mskeahan@siskiyouda.org
or call her at (530)905-0270
before 9/7 if you would like her to order a copy of the book for you.

A Heart That Dances Begins

**Wednesday, September 5th in room 8
at both 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.
Presented by Anita Lantz**

UMM BREAKFAST

9/9 at 8am

**All Methodist
Men are welcome!**



CARE CALLING

Our Church Congregational Care Ministry is needing a team of a few caring people to visit our fellow parishioners who find themselves unable to attend Sunday worship. A brief telephone call or a short visit is all it takes to let someone know they are loved, missed, cared about...not forgotten.

I invite you to talk to God about this "Care Calling" ministry and ask if this is where He is nudging you to serve. Let me know if you have a heart for this type of ministry. I would love to have you on our "Care Calling" team! Abundant Blessings are in store for you!

In His Service,

Debby W. ♥

IMPACT

September is here with the evidence of fall's arrival and the IMPACT Youth Team is ready for an action packed 2018-2019 school year. Recently, IMPACT has helped remove lava rocks at the corner of Cedar & Fairchild on YUMC property. Enthusiasm and teamwork were displayed in conquering this project to help the Facilities Team at YUMC.

As the IMPACT Team Leader, it has been an honor to serve this ministry. I have watched all involved, grow in maturity and spiritually in Jesus Christ. The youth have exemplified the image of Christ in their own personal walks of following Jesus and are learning, as leaders to display grace and honor to others around them. We have gone back to the basic blueprints of Jesus in Matthew 18, of displaying love and grace when a conflict arises. Our next Leadership "tidbit, we will be discussing is Ephesians 5:21, "Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ."

On another note, I am excited to partner with Mike & Christal Duncan and the "Good News Club Team". Mike, Christal and their team will lead kindergarten through fifth grade in learning the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. Thank you YUMC congregation for lifting off this new ministry that Mike & Christal received in their hearts! More "Good News" to come after September 10, and "Stay tuned" to "The Good News Club"!

Prayer warriors are needed!! I need prayer warriors to partner with God, myself and the prayer intercessory team to pray into a new Children's Sunday School Director and Nursery Teacher. Sending the right man or women that will partner with God and myself to fulfill the gospel of Jesus Christ to our younger generations. The importance of these two ministries will have an eventual effect on our future leaders of Siskiyou

County and the United States of America! God doesn't "fill the holes" He sends wells of living water (John 4:4-26) to fulfill His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Much love and gratitude,
Colleen Alvarez
Youth Educational Director



IMPACT IS
WORKING
HARD HERE,
CLEARING
OUT ALL
THE LAVA ROCKS

YOUR CHURCH CARES

ATTENTION... All God's Students/Servants...We are all COGPOWS!!! Unlike some of the mega churches in the larger cities throughout the country, Yreka United Methodist is home to a tad bit smaller congregation.

I was 12 when I was baptized in the original United Methodist church on South Oregon Street, now the site of Girdner's Funeral Chapel. I soon joined the youth group with Wilma Elsea as our leader; many of you fondly remember Wilma! As time went on I left "church" in pursuit of "the world". It was in the early 90's, after marrying Mike and starting our family that God led me back to YUMC.

I will never forget the loving look on Wilma's face as she and God welcomed me home! During the past 25 years I have witnessed many changes in the church. I guess you could say I have watched the ebb and flow of YUMC over the years. It has been interesting, sometimes concerning and challenging, but always it has been exciting to watch God shape and mold YUMC into the exciting House of Worship we are today! He has done this through His children, the students of His Word and the servants of His Kingdom, all faithful Jesus Followers and as Pastor Toni has christened us... COGPOWS!!!

If you don't know what a COGPOW is just ask the person sitting next to you in church on Sunday morning! They will surely be glad to tell you what a COGPOW is and that you are most certainly one!!!

I think God is calling us to be both His students and His servants while we are here. Jesus told His disciples to tend His sheep! He said to watch over His flock! Isn't that what He still asks of us today? Whether you are new to YUMC or have been around for 25 plus years, like some of us, I would like to say "WELCOME COGPOWS" and I encourage you to get involved! YUMC has many ways for you to become a Student and a Servant of the King of Kings! What an honor it is to tend His sheep!!!

I can't help but wonder what Wilma would think of the term "COGPOW"??? I'm pretty sure she would love it!

In His Service...
Your Sister in Christ,
Debby Whipple ☺



Bringing Heaven to Earth VBS Recap

Here at YUMC we had a great week of VBS, Victory Bible Students. There was phenomenal questions about God, songs, crafts and a lot of laughter! This is the first year that the IMPACT youth group has participated in partnering in leading in VBS.

Each day we started with a "wacky professor" and a "teacher" starting the declarations and songs! All the group leaders dressed up with enthusiasm that brought joy, love and comfort to all participating. Each day had a coinciding craft and snacks they built. Not to mention fun games to exert any extra energy.

The declaration of Day 1 was "God Is In A Good Mood" The children learned that they are very good and He is happy with them. He created the world with his powerful words, but created them with his hands. They learned to look for Jesus when they read the Bible. The memory verse each day was John 5:39(NLT) You search the scriptures because you think they give you eternal life, but the scriptures point to me.

The declaration of Day 2 was "Jesus Blood Paid For Everything" For everything I have done or will do that's wrong. The children learned that Jesus died on the cross for what we deserved and we got what He deserves. They learned that the Bible has a Old & New Testament and that there are many translations to the Bible. Also that Jesus died on the cross to is the key to the Bible.

The declaration of Day 3 was "I am Important" I am important because Jesus loves me. The children learned that Jesus rose from the dead and the tomb was empty, that Jesus is the invisible image of God and that Jesus is all through out the Bible, we just need to find Him.

The declaration of Day 4 was "With God Nothing is Impossible" The children learned that Jesus heals because He loves them & He sent us to do the same, along with a short song on how to read the Bible.

Day 5 We closed with a grand finale of a review of declarations, songs, including a congregational and family BBQ, with bounce houses and fun!

We are honored to say that Heaven was brought to earth with our volunteers at YUMC, IMPACT Youth Team, Bethel Assembly Volunteers and Pastor Lori Keyser-Boswell as the Bible teacher. I thank God and the Holy Spirit for never changing and loving us through a event orchestrated by Him!

Shalom,

Colleen Alvarez IMPACT Youth Leader
YUMC Educational Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		<h1>September</h1>				The Weather  Rain  Sun  Wind  Clouds		1 8:00 am Tailgaters
2 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service Noon Tailgaters 3:00 pm WOW Water	3 LABOR DAY Office Closed 5:00 pm WOW Water	4 5:00 pm SA Dream Team 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Choir	5 Office Closed 2:00 pm Strong Women 3:00 pm Heart Dances 5:00 pm WOW Water 5:30 pm Heart Dances 6:00 pm Sermon Study	6 Office Closed 1000 am Work Study 4:30 pm SA Book Club @ Casa Ramos 5:00 pm WOW Water 6:30 pm Sacred Space	7 Office Closed 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women	8 8:00 am Tailgaters		
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