

YUMC
February 2022
Bridge Newsletter

Pastor Mike Bekstrom

Church Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Office Manager
Michael Burleson-Raney



A Word from Pastor Mike



*As we move forward into the new year I am reminded how God has labored over humanity since the beginning of time and showed his ultimate love for us in the person and work of Jesus Christ who came to offer grace and forgiveness to all who will believe. John 3:16 proclaims, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." If we can even **begin** to comprehend the magnitude of this one simple verse of scripture our lives will be different. Knowing what God has already done for us helps us approach each day with gratefulness and grace. Knowing we are forgiven gives us more reason to be forgiving of each other. Understanding how patient God is with us must lead us to be more patient with each other. Knowing the compassion that Jesus had for those around him calls us to reach out in love to serve our neighbors in his name.*

The late Mother Teresa once wrote, "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world." As we move through this new year, consider what sort of story you are and what your life is saying about God to a hurting and broken world. We are blessed and also called to be a blessing. We are a part of a story that is bigger than we are and continues to be written in and through us. Through the seemingly never-ending chorus of bad news in the world, may God speak through you to offer an alternative; a love story as old as time itself that is still being written in the hearts of all who come to understand the love of God for the world. In such times as these perhaps Romans 10:15 has never been more true..."How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

It is my great privilege to serve as your Pastor and together we will share Gods word and bring the good news to the World.

*Blessings,
Pastor Mike*



Bible Study Opportunity

Are looking to join a Bible study group?
Join Chris Barre & others on Wednesday mornings from 10 am—noon.
Currently they are studying the Book of Matthew. All are welcome to join them in Rm 8 of the Ed Building

Would you consider taking communion to shut-ins? We call it Extending the Table.

People who extend the table go out in pairs at a scheduled date during the congregation's communion service with the communion elements and a script for serving communion. They are given a list of recipients with their address and phone number.

Come join the orientation on **Sunday February 13 in Room 8** of the Ed Building. We will meet right after worship. Pick up coffee and snack if you like, and come on over. Contact person is Sarah Frey, 530/842-4980.





The Church Spending Plan

Each year at this time the Leadership Board evaluates what we are going to need to manage expenses during the upcoming year. We call it a spending plan. We consider the previous year’s actual expenses and add in anticipated increases going forward.

This year’s spending plan includes money for:

Education and Training for the staff /volunteers	estimate \$2,000
Bookkeeping/Annual Audit	estimate \$2,500
Office Expenses	estimate \$5,000
Technology & Equipment	estimate \$4000
Worship Expense	estimate \$1,000
Annual Conference for lay leaders	estimate \$2,000

We are spending more on technology as we work to expand our online presence. Hopefully you have been able to attend church from home on Face Book and/or saw our online Advent devotions.

Our total spending for the last few years has been a little over \$200,000. **It is thanks to your support of the church programs that we are able to continue to serve our community. Thank you joining us in our mission.**

The Leadership Board has begun planning our master calendar of events for 2022.

*In addition to our church celebrations (i.e. Christmas and Easter) **are there events you would like to see happen this year?***

Please let any Board member or Michael know about anything you would like to see come back, or perhaps some new opportunities for the coming year.

YUMC Leadership Board

Chris Bowers
Cliff Lantz
Deb Bein
Joe Allison
Karen Clark
Kelly Atchley
Nick Sinnott
Sarah Frey
Shawn Cortright

Thank you for your service!



The Leadership Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:15pm. Generally they meet in Rm 8 in the Ed Building. All church members are welcome to attend.



We need your input!

Chris Bowers, the leadership director for children and youth, wants your thoughts, brainstorm & ideas about the future of children & youth programming at YUMC.

Please feel free to contact Chris in church, via email at **chris929@outlook.com** or on her cell at **530/598-6374**.

She promises that having an opinion or idea will **NOT** automatically commit you to anything!

IMPACT:

Ignited messengers passionately applying Christ's teachings

The IMPACT Youth group will begin meeting again soon. We are waiting out of an abundance of caution due to COVID. Please keep our youth in your prayers.

As the YUMC board moves forward into 2022, I am privileged to serve as a new board member in the unique capacity as your prayer coordinator. It is my desire to see prayer permeate into all areas of church ministry, fellowship, discipleship, and governing activities. Prayer is powerful but praying in one accord, in like mindedness can be exciting and ignite our faith.

Yes, prayer is exciting because it is seeking God and then watching Him answer.

Psalms 32:8 says: *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*

Prayer is powerful but imagine how much more powerful if a church is praying the same thing, petitioning the courts of heaven in one accord.

Acts 1:14 *They all with one mind and one purpose were continually devoting themselves to prayer.*

Chris Bowers (who is overseeing children's and youth ministry) recently held a meeting to brainstorm ideas to implement a much-needed program to serve our young people. Many great ideas were tossed around. Along with all the wonderful ideas we acknowledged we need God's direction, not our ideas alone.

SO BROTHERS AND SISTERS I AM ASKING YOU TO JOIN IN AS A BODY OF BELIEVERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO PRAY IN ONE ACCORD, WITH LIKE MINDEDNESS.

We just want what God wants but we have no idea what that is. First, we remind ourselves of the truth that God does not want his will to be a mystery.

Jeremiah 33:3 *Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you did not know.* Then we draw near to him in faith asking him to guide us.

He may not write the answers in the sky or tattoo them on our forehead but when the time is right, He will open doors, after He closes a few others. He will bring conversations, information, and opportunities our way. He will nudge impressions on your heart that He will confirm in other ways. His methods are limitless but one thing I know for sure; **HE WILL GUIDE US.**

I have compiled some scripture for direction and transformed them into prayers. Look for this prayer initiative to be sent out in a separate email, made available in the church office and as an insert in the Sunday Bulletin.

Will you join me in the month of February, lifting up these prayers as a body of believers in one accord?

Sincerely
Shawn Cortright



February 2022 Birthdays

Sarah Frey	1
Robert Lansdown	7
Beverly Short	7
Alvin Broske	12
Laraina Chitwood	12
Ron Kindred	13
Dennis Clark	18
Richard Garvin	19
Frank Cortright	22
Deborah Hotchner	23
Doris Porter	24

Happy Anniversary

Steve & Linda Thornburg 16



Happy Birthday Beverly!
February 7th, is Beverly Short's birthday. Beverly is still at Shasta View Nursing Ctr recuperating from her stroke and broken pelvis. Please consider sending her a birthday card to brighten her day! Shasta View, 445 Park Street, Weed, CA 96094.



Out of an abundance of caution the United Methodist Men will be holding off until March to meet.
All Methodist men are welcome to join them for breakfast & conversation Sunday March 13th at 8:00 am in the Social Hall.



Please don't forget to check the volunteer signup sheets in the Wesley Room to see where you can serve!

Do we have your correct address and phone number?

We are working on an updated Congregation directory. Have you changed your address? Gotten rid of your home phone and forgotten to tell us? Changed your email? Have a new cell phone?

Please make sure we have your current information so you don't miss any important church news! Once updated, print and/or digital copies will be available to all who want a copy.

Please turn in any changes to the Church office by February 12th!

Thank you YUMC family and friends. It is through your generous hearts that we raised \$4675.00 for our brothers and sisters in Mayfield KY.

Mayfield is a town much like Yreka. Their church was devastated during the December tornadoes which leveled much of their community.



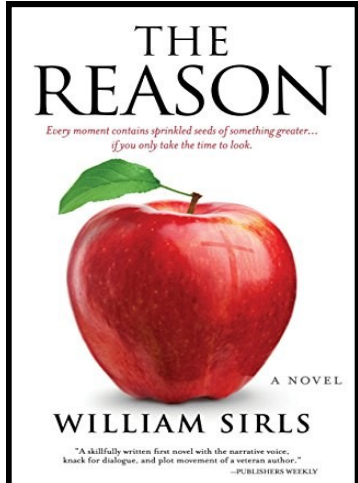
Our prayers are with them as they continue to serve while rebuilding their house of worship. **Thank you.**



The Book Club is an exuberant subsidiary of YUMC's Saints Alive! The Club generally meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 PM at varying locales. This club is open to all who enjoy reading and socializing. **Please consider joining us!**



February's Book Club Choice is **"The Reason"**



WHAT DOES GOD LOOK LIKE?

Welcome to southeast Michigan and the small town of Carlson where faith, hope, and struggle are defined by the different faces of those who live there. An addict that sits at a bar to forget. A mother whose five-year-old boy has Leukemia. Two doctors. An atheist haunted by his past and a brilliant young oncologist that places all her hope in the power of modern medicine. A blind pastor whose son hasn't spoken a single word in thirty-eight years. But the minister sees by faith. He knows there are answers and believes that someone who cares is watching—someone with a greater purpose. Yet there is something he doesn't know... that none of them know. In the midst of the ordinary and the devastating, there is a reason these lives will be changed forever. Lightning is about to strike.

The Reason opens with a thunderbolt and never lets up as it introduces us to everyday characters who are wrestling with questions: Where is God when bad things happen? Does God ignore the prayers of the faithful? The answer each character receives will astound readers while offering an unforgettable call to hope, to change, and to believe.

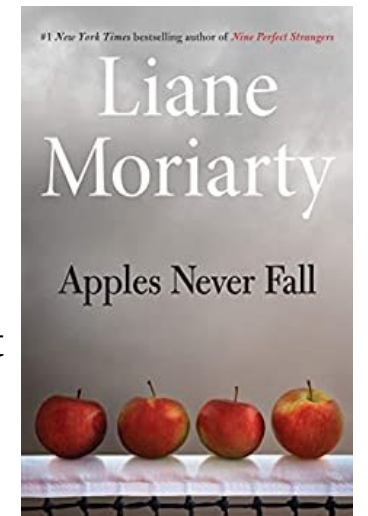
February's Book Club is being hosted by Sue Ashe on February 10th at Casa Ramos. Join us at 4:30 pm for good food and good company.

March's Book Club Choice is **"Apples Never Fall"**

March's Book Club is being hosted by Kelly Atchley on Thursday March 10th at Strings Italian Café. Join us at 4:30 pm for good food and good company.

Apples Never Fall, by veteran Australian novelist Liane Moriarty, begins as a mystery thriller: Joy Delaney, a 60-something mother and retired tennis coach, suddenly vanishes on Valentine's Day, and all signs point to her moody and volatile husband, Stan, himself a former world-renowned tennis coach, as the most likely killer.

However, as the days pass and the police continue to search for Joy, the novel evolves into a probing psychological study of a profoundly dysfunctional family. Each of the couple's four grown children harbors deep grudges and bitter resentments against the parents who dreamed of coaching their kids to be world-class tennis champions.



Questions? Please contact Michael in the YUMC office!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 am Quilting Crafting	2 10 am Strong Women Bible Study 6 pm Small Group	3 10 am Work Study 5 pm WOW 5:30 pm Worship Team	4 10 am Strong Women	5 9 am Tailgtrs Sand. Prep
6 9 am Prayer Worship team Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 12 pm Tailgaters 4 pm Impact Youth	7 10 am Strong Women 5 pm WOW	8 9 am Quilting Crafting	9 10 am Strong Women Bible Study	10 10 am Work Study 4:30 pm Book Club at Casa Ramos 5 pm WOW 5:30 pm Worship Team <i>Ldrshp Board Reports due</i>	11 10 am Strong Women	12 9 am Tailgtrs Sand. Prep
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