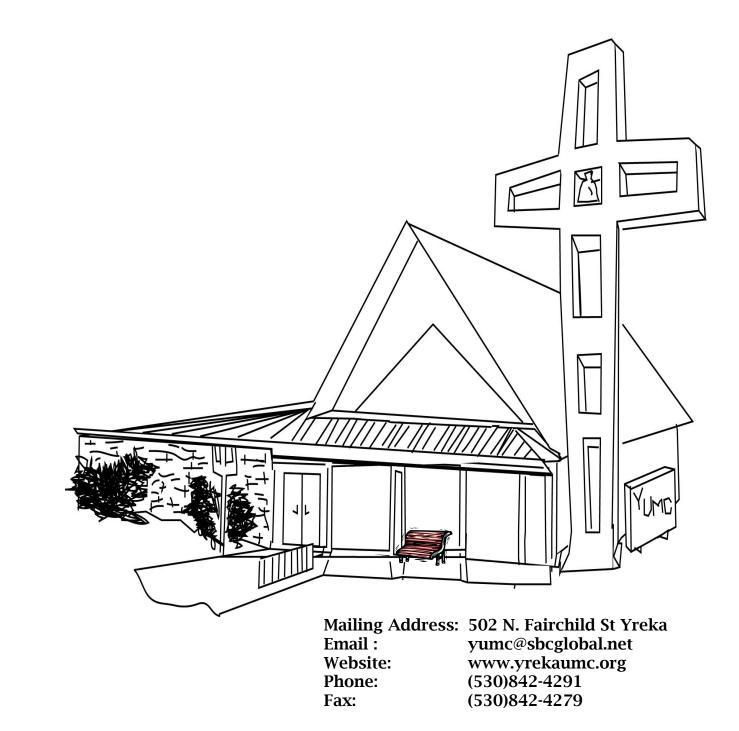
August 2018 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church 502 N. Fairchild St, Yreka CA 96097 *A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



A Note from Pastor Toni

Our series on the Exciting Church is winding down.

I only have three more sermons planned. I hope this series has thoroughly covered what it means to be an exciting church and how we can model the Acts 2 church of the first century.

At the very beginning of this series I said, "there is always room for improvement as Jesus followers in all of us and in all of God's churches." Because God wants to do greater things through our church than God is already doing! I said that an exciting church is full of God. That it is a church <u>envisioned</u> by God the Father, <u>established</u> by God the Son and <u>empowered</u> by God the Holy Spirit!

I suggested that if we are going to take God's challenge to become the exciting church of the 21st century seriously, we needed to ramp up our commitment to our mission and raise the bar on our responsibility to that mission. Our current mission statement is: *To partner with God in bringing people to the transforming power in Jesus Christ*. I proposed that we change it to: *"partnering with God in transforming people from unbelievers or uncommitted believers, to becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ to the glory of God?"* I said that we need to consider fresh expressions of doing church in a society that no longer places great value on Sunday morning church; that we need to seek God's direction in how to reach and connect people to Jesus and His church.

<u>Church, we gotta get serious!</u> It will require all of us willing to make sacrifices, willing to take the time, willing to invite others into our homes, into our small groups, to our

Sunday morning worship; it's time to recommit to seeing God's Kingdom come to earth right here in Yreka!

What can we do that will improve the way we love our city; the way we love as Christ loved. Jesus loved those nobody wanted and nobody saw. Can you become a little more aware of being Jesus with skin on for others? What's the condition of your heart when it comes to loving others as Jesus loves them? John Wesley reminds us to: "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, in all the places you can, at every time you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can!" That sounds to me like a life-long, daily, on-going commitment to be a Jesus follower in everything we do with everything we are! And it saddens me to realize how few of us actually do this. We are the Ecclesia-the gathered people of God called to belong to one another, share deep friendships with one another, be devoted to each other and encourage one another. We are in so many ways something the secular world is not and cannot offer. Jesus intended for His church to offer something to the world that the world could never give itself.

Jesus told the first century church before He left this earth that they (and we) WILL be His witnesses. Not could be or might be or should be...WILL BE! Being a witness simply means declaring and proclaiming what you have experienced; what you see and hear. Telling your story about Jesus and how He touched your life is all that is required of us to be obedient followers, and credible witnesses to Christ. **TELL YOUR STORY!** How did you come to know Jesus? What were you like before you came to know Him? How has knowing Jesus changed you? We can all relate to these simple questions. This is all it takes to be a witness for Christ; to reach out to a neighbor across the backyard fence and tell him or her what God is doing in your life. When you do that, you're a witness! You're an evangelist! Whatever your story is, God wants you to share it. It's how His church will grow, it's how people will come to know Jesus in a personal way. It is the most important request God makes of us when He tells us to go and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Church, the church in the U.S. is in drastic decline. I believe that it is because too many Christians have become complacent and expect the church to do for them forgetting the most important part of the equation: *Christ calls us to do for HIM!* Plain and simple—*Jesus can change lives for* <u>the better!</u> You are His hands and feet, heart, voice and eyes! He is counting on you! Doesn't our city and our world deserve to know all this? We are the gift of the Giver to the world He created. Unwrap yourself and be the church!!

Love,

Pastor Toní

YUMC Prays Together

SACRED SPACE Thursdays 6:30 pm In church sanctuary

Prayer for the service Sundays 8:00 am In church sanctuary

August 2018

Birthdays

Christal Duncan	1
Lauren Aceves	2
Doris Callison	4
Griffen Dodd	8
Loralai Dodd	14
Michael Burleson-Raney	14
Nate Taylor	14
Kelly Atchley	15
Susan Kyle	17
Ray Watson	18
Kingston Grenvik	21
Liz Hockaday	26
Kimberly Grenvik	28

Anniversaries

Duane & Sandy Johnson	
Don and Ginger Haack	1
Kelly Atchley & Susan Erhardt	1
Jim and Sarah Frey	2





Saints Alive! wants to help you satisfy your desire for Intimacy with God

Wednesday, September 5th here at YUMC at both 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.

A close relationship with God is not just a walk; it is a dance of the heart as you keep in step with the Lord. Many people search for religion, but God desires relationship; many people want to *do*, but God emphasizes that His people should *be*. In A *Heart That Dances*, author Catherine

Martin presents a journey of daily quiet times that will help you learn how biblical characters interacted with God and how you can apply that knowledge to your own life.

A Heart That Dances will take you on a great adventure of intimacy with God. You will experience firsthand the joy of life with the Lord as the celebration it truly is!

Details: This study incorporates an interactive book/Bible study/and DVD with nine video messages. The book costs \$15, but grants are available to offset the cost. Anita Lantz will be facilitating the sessions, beginning on

<u>Wednesday, September 5th</u> here at YUMC at both 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.

(You may sign up for either time, and even switch back and forth if one time works better than another...)

For more information, call

Anita at 468-2119 or

check with any of your Saints Alive! Friends.

Father, I long for a heart that dance



SATISFY YOUR DESIRE FOR INTIMACY WITH GOD

Saints Alive!

8/7/18 @ 5:00 pm

Dream Team Meeting

Rm 8 *in Ed Building*

8/14/18 @ 11:30 pm

Lunch a Bunch

Sidewinder

(old Purple Plum)

"YOUR CHURCH CARES..."

What a summer we've had so far and it's only August! Has me wondering and asking God what He has planned for the remainder of summer 2018! So far, we've had a beautiful wedding, fires and evacuations with smoke filled skies and an awesome and exciting VBS plus more fires and more smoke! I told Mike "we need to organize our stuff" just in case we get one of those evacuation knocks on the door! But through it all God is Faithful and oh so Good and will see us through! Amen!

THANK YOU to all who said "yes" to driving our fellow worshippers to church on Sundays and to various doctors' appointments. This is huge in the person's world who can no longer drive themselves! Many Thanks!

PLEASE keep our following friends in your prayers: Karen and Dennis Clark, Sue Ashe, Mary Baker, Marji Bley and always Pastor Toni. Thank you for keeping me informed of any new prayer requests; also and definitely of answered prayers so we can give Glory to God!!!

Thank you for keeping me updated with your prayer requests, concerns and needs AND let us not forget answered prayers, so we can give the Glory, Honor and Praise to God!!! Blessings to All...

In His Service, Your Sister in Christ, Debby 🛇 (Col 3:23,24)







DANIEL

PLAN

We will begin Monday, September 3

at 12:30 pm.

Daniel Plan In Multi Purpose Room

During an afternoon of baptizing over 800 people, Pastor Rick Warren realized it was time for change. He told his congregation he needed to lose weight and asked if anyone wanted to join him. He thought maybe 200 people would sign up, instead he witnessed a movement unfold as 15,000 people lost over 260,000 pounds in the first year. With assistance from medical and fitness experts, Pastor Rick and thousands of people began a journey to transform their lives.

Here's the secret sauce: *The Daniel Plan* is designed to be done in a supportive community relying on God's instruction for living.

When it comes to getting healthy, two are always better than one. Our research has revealed that people getting healthy together lose twice as much weight as those who do it alone. God never meant for you to go through life alone and that includes the journey to health.

Unlike the thousands of other books on the market, this book is not about a new diet, guilt-driven gym sessions, or shame-driven fasts. *The Daniel Plan* shows you how the powerful combination of faith, fitness, food, focus, and friends will change your health forever, transforming you in the most head-turning way imaginably—from the inside out.

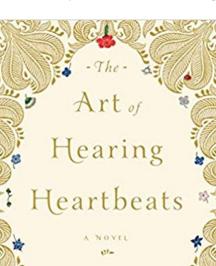


OCC

Now is the time to be thinking about Operation Christmas Child. Why you

ask? The great Back to School Sales! Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, Grocery Outlet and so many other stores have stocked up on school supplies and now is the time to SHOP! The OCC Box is under the desk just outside the office.

A poignant and inspirational love story set in Burma, *The Art* of *Hearing Heartbeats* spans the decades between the 1950s and the present. When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be...until they find a love



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letter he wrote many years ago, to a Burmese woman they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will reaffirm the reader's belief in the power of love to move mountains.



Reminder- kids will be headed back to school, please drive safely.



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