



February 2018 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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A Note from Pastor Toni

Francis Chan is the former teaching [pastor](#) of Cornerstone Community Church in Simi Valley, California; a church he and his wife started in 1994 that grew from a small group started in his living room to a congregation of 4000. He also is founder and Chancellor of Eternity Bible College and the author of many best-selling books. He left his church because he began to realize that to fulfill God's Kingdom work, people needed to learn to use their gifts and work with other people, *united for the cause of Christ*. People needed to begin to embrace and own the challenge in John 17. Jesus says this:

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me. I have given them the glory that you gave Me, that they may be one as We are one—I in them and you in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me."

God's plan is clear—that we become one as Jesus and the Father are one; that we love one another and be united in love, for love, through love!

Something stirred in my soul and brought tears to my eyes at Pastor Tina Haynes' life celebration. Five different choirs stood on our platform together, not as individuals representing *their* church but

as the body of Christ singing with all of their hearts together in unity and harmony. They were united through song and out of respect for a much-loved pastor who touched lives in all five churches.

It was a small, albeit momentary, taste of being one as Jesus and the Father are one. IT IS THE WAY IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE!!

I am often saddened by the lack of unity among the churches in Yreka. There is such a spirit of territoriality that causes us to fear connection. Rather than striving to be the Body of Christ collectively, we settle for doing our own thing often with a competitive attitude that leads to pride in what we are doing and what they are not. That's crazy thinking and exactly what Satan wants! We have been doing that for years right here where we live with our own UM sister churches! That's crazy thinking and exactly what Satan wants! What do the UM churches in our area have to Un-learn in order to do the work of ministry on behalf of our God, United Methodist Connection, and the call to be the church in the world where we have been planted. Are the needs of the people and the conditions of their souls really that different in Montague, in Yreka and in Mt. Shasta? I don't think so.

What a testimony it would be if the United Methodist Churches in our area could truly unite under one mission, demonstrating ministry and outreach proactively and collectively beyond the walls of each of our churches. Maybe it begins with the

choirs? Maybe a collective VBS in a park somewhere in each community is possible? Maybe the pastor's exchange pulpits so that each church could get to know each of us. Maybe we worship together quarterly and celebrate our unity. Maybe there is much for us to UN-learn first? What are we willing to let go of and give up in order to see the Gospel of Good News shared as one church rather than three? I think God would be pleased with us! I believe that God would smile on us and give us favor if we could get to the place where together we work for a common mission. I invite you to pray with me about this and see if we might be a catalyst for unity.

In Mission together,
Pastor Toni



5 choirs sing at Pastor Tina Haynes' celebration of life

February 2018

Birthdays

Nicole Sanchez	1
Sarah Frey	1
Beverly Short	7
Hazel Berghoefer	8
Alvin Broske	12
Laraina Chitwood	12
Ron Kindred	13
Dennis Clark	18
Richard Garvin	19
Vera Clements	20
Frank Cortright	22
Deborah Hotchner	23
Doris Porter	24
Steve Thornburg	26
MaryAnn Gould	26
Ginger Haack	27
Mike Duncan	28
Caroline Green	28

Anniversaries

Steve and Linda Thornburg 16



2/6/17 @ 5:30 pm
Dream Team Meeting

2/13/17 @ 11:30 pm
Lunch a Bunch
At Black Bear Diner

2/17/17 @ 2:00 pm
Movie Matinee:

Emmaus
Gathering
Feb 10th
@ Mt. Zion,
noon-2 or so

includes a
potluck

Bishop Minerva Carcano

Will be at YUMC
February 11th

This is a HUGE
deal and we're
So excited.

Please plan to attend.
Bring a friend, neighbor
or family member.

Want to be in a small group?

Wednesdays in the
Wesley Room at 6pm

A weekly study of the prior Sun-
day's message with questions
written by Pastor Toni.

This class will be facilitated by
Allison Leal.

Come on out and see
what it's about.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for singing Happy Birthday to me in
our worship last Sunday and for the party that fol-
lowed.

These are moments I shall cherish forever.

With love and blessings,
Tom Brackney

You are Invited to Celebrate Beverly Short's 80th Birthday!

Holiday Inn Express
Saturday, February 10th
3:30 pm—5:30 pm.

You're welcome to bring
Warmest wishes, but
No gifts please.

RSVP Pam Short:
598-2730

YUMC Prays Together

SACRED SPACE
Thursdays 6:30 pm
In church sanctuary

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

IMPACT YOUTH TEAM NEEDS MEALS

Could you prepare a meal for the teens on a Sunday? They are a great group of kids and very appreciative of whatever you make. If you could take the time to give to them one Sunday meal, they would be truly blessed.

Currently, the list looks like:

February 11:

February 18:

February 25: Pam Chitwood

March 4:

March 11:

March 18:

March 25:

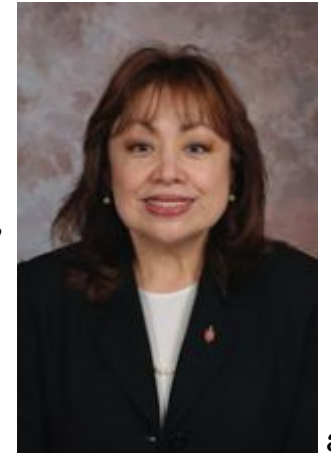
April 1:

April 8:

April 15:

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

Minerva Garza Carcaño was born in Edinburg, Texas. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Texas at Pan American, and then earned her Masters of Theology at Perkins School of Theology. Ordained in 1976 she has served congregations in Texas, New Mexico and California. In 1986, she became the first Hispanic woman to be appointed a United Methodist district superintendent in the continental United States serving in West Texas and New Mexico. She was then appointed the lead pastor of the South Albuquerque Cooperative Parish Ministry from 1992 to 1996. From 1996 to 2001, she served as the Director of the Mexican American program Perkins School of Theology. In 2001, she assumed the appointment of District Superintendent to the greater Portland, Oregon area in the Oregon-Idaho Conference.



On a national level, she has served on the former General Board of Education, the General Boards of Global Ministry and Church and Society, and the United Methodist Publishing House. She both served on and chaired the National Cooperative Parish Ministry Leadership Team of the UMC, and was the lead clergy delegate to both the 1996 and 2004 General Conferences. She has a long history of committed involvement in ministries with immigrants and refugees, the poor and US/Mexico border communities. She has encouraged and led congregations to be active in community organizing and to work ecumenically believing that communities hold the experience and wisdom to create a world of justice and peace if they will but come together.

Minerva serves on the Board of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the National Plan for Hispanic and Latino Ministries and the General Conference Study Committee on the Relationship Between The United Methodist Church and the Churches of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Minerva Garza Carcaño was elected to the episcopacy in 2004 by the Western Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church, the first Hispanic female ever elected bishop. She was assigned to the Phoenix Area on September 1, 2004. After 8 years, she was assigned to the Los Angeles Area in 2012.

Minerva is married to Thomas Spaniolo, an immigration lawyer, and they are the parents of a teen-aged daughter, Sofia.

Saints Alive!

Dream Team February 6th

Plan on joining the Saints Alive! Dream Team Tuesday, February 6th as they set goals for events, outings and more. Saints Alive meet at 5:00 pm in the Ed Bldg!

All are welcome!

Lunch-a-Bunch February 13 at 11:30 am Black Bear Diner

SAINTS ALIVE 'S ONGOING EVENTS

Mondays at 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 at 9:00 am

Quilting Lessons

Join anytime! With award winning quilter Kathryn Matthews

Thursdays at 2:00 pm on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Fun and Games

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

3rd Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm

Movie Matinee



Saints Alive! At the Cabaret MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

April 7, 2018

Who: Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis
What: "Million Dollar Quartet," Brunch/Matinee OR Matinee only
Where: Oregon Cabaret, Ashland OR
When: Saturday, Apr. 7, 2018

Why: One of the greatest jam sessions ever! Don't miss this Tony Award-winning musical, a tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal and hit songs like "Blue Suede Shoes," "Walk the Line," "Sixteen Tons," "Hound Dog," and "Great Balls of Fire!"

Seating limited. Don't wait to sign up. See flyer at the SA table for details.

Must sign up and pay for ticket by Mar. 16, 2018.

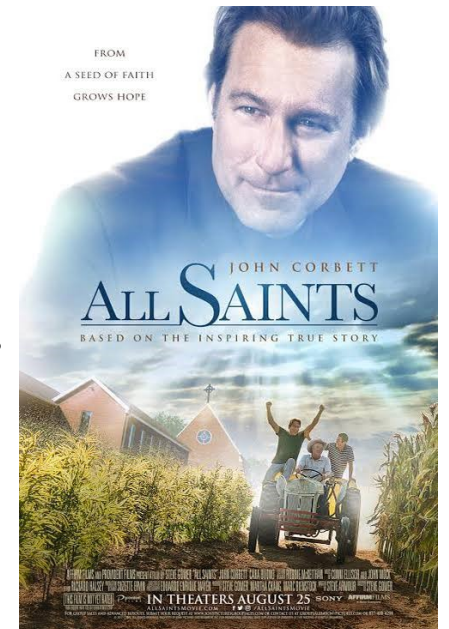


Saints Alive! Movie Matinee

February 17th at 2 pm in the Ed Building

Anyone and everyone is welcome!

Michael Spurlock decides to trade in his corporate sales career to become a pastor. Unfortunately, his first assignment is to close a country church and sell the prime piece of land where it sits. He soon has a change of heart when the church starts to welcome refugees from Burma. Spurlock now finds himself working with the refugees to turn the land into a working farm to pay the church's bills.





IMPACT Youth Schedule

February 1-4 Jesus Culture, Sacramento
 February 4 no IMPACT
 February 11 IMPACT Greet 9:30 am,
 3 hours of Power 4pm-7pm
 February 18 IMPACT
 3 Hours of Power 4pm-7pm
 February 25 Tailgaters 12:30pm
 3 Hours of Power 4pm-7pm

As we come into the month of February, we are reminded of the celebration of love. The 1st commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is one of the most rewarding scriptures. When we choose to align with Matthew 22:37, is when we start to build "relationship" with our Heavenly Father. This divine relationship is unquenchable, choosing to keep the fire going. Relationships are so important to the Father. He enjoys to see His children (all believers) in relationship with Him, with family, friends, non-believers and especially the body of Christ. This really pleases the Father's heart.

The relationship meaning in the Merriam Webster's dictionary:
 1. the state of being related or inter-related. 2. The relation of connecting or binding participants in a

relationship. 3. a state of affairs existing between those having relations or dealings. We are all bought into the Kingdom of God, by Jesus's blood. With the shed of Jesus's blood we are bound together to obtained inheritance, through relationship. Relationships are building blocks in the Kingdom of God to obtain God's purpose in our personal lives, cities and nations. Jesus spent time in relationship with the disciples, where he invested his time through intimacy, transparency and vulnerability. John 15:13 says, "Greater Love has no one than this: to lay one's life for one's friend." Jesus initiated relationships, it is time we initiated relationships even if we have to sacrifice our personal comfort and our own will. Relationships can be a challenge, an example is when Jesus continued a relationship with Judas knowing that betrayal would come. This is truly a

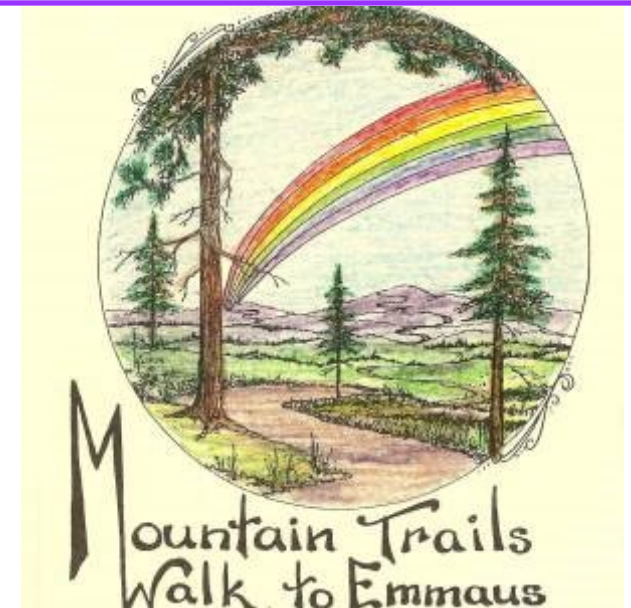


selfless act, with an IMPACT of freedom and power to humble our souls, a reminder to keep our eyes focused on the Father.

As YUMC Youth Ministry Pastor, I encourage and invite you to disciple, mentor, listen, and teach our youth through relationship. Paul fathered Timothy, Mary followed her own son, and the disciples became Apostles of Nations. Teach the youth to carry the baton, before it is passed. As the body of Christ we live in the abundance to believe in the "Freedom" that love brings in a relationship.

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.

SECRET SISTERS

Please turn in applications to Lisa Raffaelli or the office thru Feb and new secret sisters will be assigned the first week of March.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>February 2018</div>				1 5:30 pm WOW 6:30 pm Sacred Space IMPACT to Sacramento	2 ~~Office Closed~~ 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women	3 8:00 am Tailgaters
4 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service Noon Tailgaters	5 7:00 am Morning Prayer 12:30 pm Crafting/Cause 2:00 pm Strong Women 5:30 pm WOW 6:30 pm Beacon of Hope	6 9:00 am SA Quilting 5:00 pm SA Dream Team 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Beacon of Hope	7 2:00 pm Strong Women	8 2:00 pm SA Fun & Games 5:30 pm WOW 6:30 pm Sacred Space	9 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women	10 8:00 am Tailgaters
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