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Yreka United Methodist Church

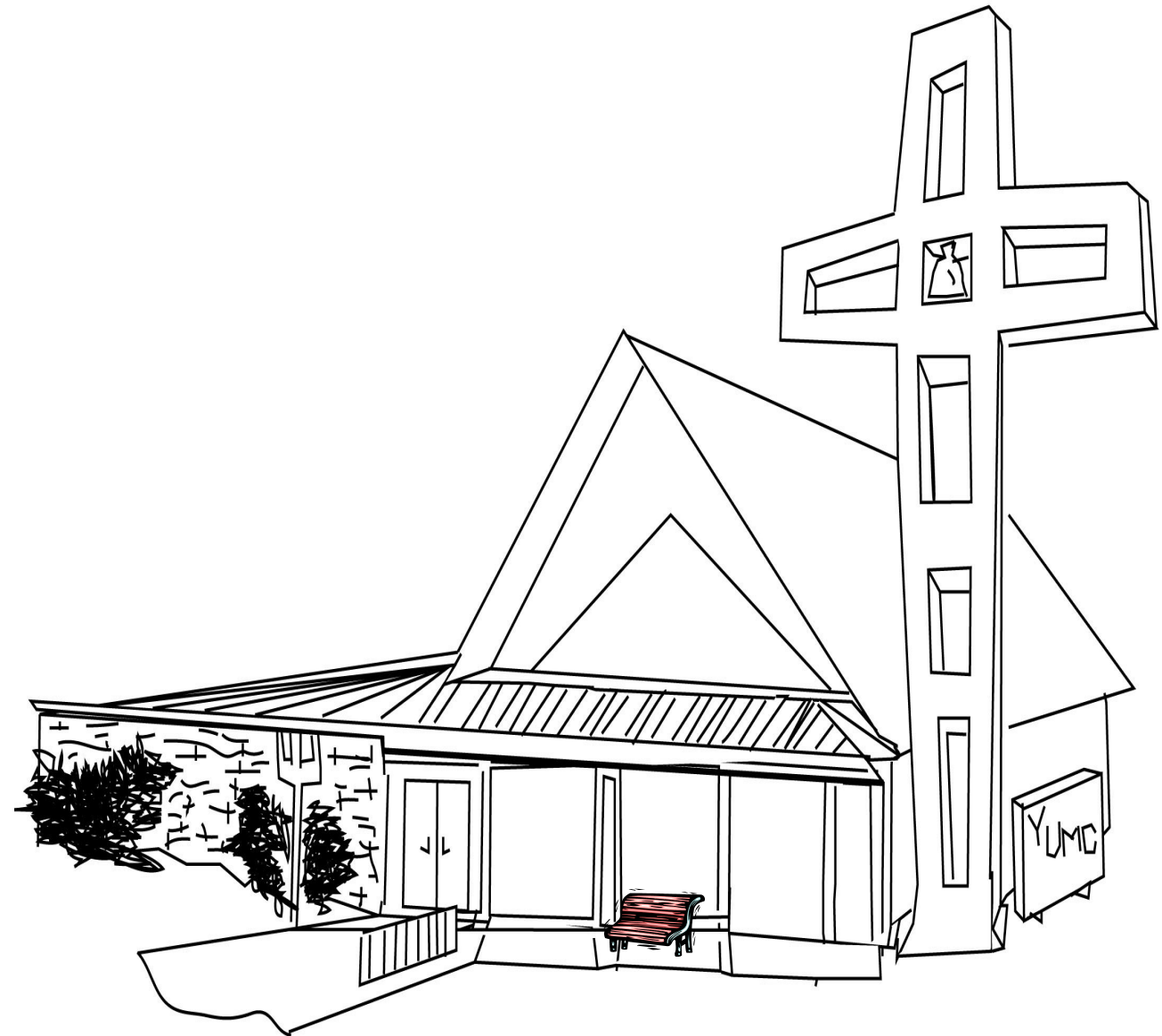
New Year's Edition



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Operation Christmas Child

Dear YUMC elves, we have an update on our Operation Christmas Child Boxes! We have looked up our boxes and we know that at least one of them is headed to....

MADAGASCAR!

Madagascar is an island nation located in the Indian Ocean off the coast of East Africa. It is known for its lemurs, baobab trees, vanilla, and pepper. Samaritan's Purse began delivering Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children here in 1993. Since 2010, they have also offered these shoebox recipients a follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

Enjoy a story about Tsodrano, an OCC box recipient.....

Tsodrano, a girl whose name means "blessing," faces many challenges in her village. There is a lack of food, water, and education, and worse yet, spiritual darkness. Yet Tsodrano and her little sister were invited to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event where they received gift-filled shoeboxes. To Tsodrano's delight, among the many fun items in her shoebox was a flashlight! Now, every day when it starts to get dark, Tsodrano turns on her flashlight at the door of her home, so her family and neighbors can all enjoy its light! After a ministry partner mentioned that Jesus, the True Light, had come into their home, 12 of her family members accepted Him as their Lord and Savior and were baptized. I'm so thankful that we have included flashlights in many of our boxes!



Thank you so much for helping to bring Christmas to children far and wide.

Susan Erhardt

Is New Exercise in your New Year?

Women, is 2022 the year for you to begin exercising regularly with a group? YUMC has two exercise groups especially designed for women: Strong Women Stay Young (SW) and Work Out Women (WOW).

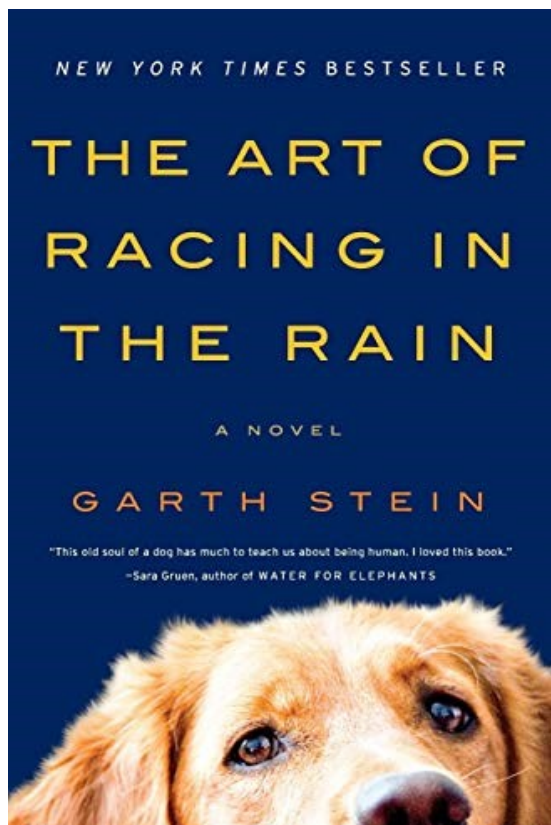
Strong Women exercises are focused on the needs of mid-life and older women, using hand weights and adjustable ankle weights to help build strength, balance and stamina for everyday living. No need to get down on the floor.

Work Out Women is designed for more active women using a wide variety of exercises over time. WOW also helps one to build strength, balance and stamina using weights and aerobic activity.

You may check out both programs, see which one is more right for you. They both offer good fellowship as well as physical conditioning. For questions about WOW, contact Linda Thornburg at 530-262-5586. They meet twice a week, Monday and Thursday, at 5:00 for one hour. The contact person for Strong Women is Sarah Frey at 530-842-4980. SW meets three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for one hour at 10:00 a.m. Equipment is provided for both groups. They meet in the Social Hall.

Strong Women and WOW!

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!**



Welcome to the New Year!
January's Book Choice is
"The Art of Dancing in the Rain"
by Garth Stein.

The story is about a dog named Enzo who is owned by a man wanting to be a professional racecar driver. Enzo sees his owner go through marriage, life, death, legal issues, a career change, etc. Enzo shows you, through his dog eyes/brain, what it is like being there through all those moments.

"A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope—a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life . . . as only a dog could tell it."

January's Book Club is being hosted by Karen Clark at her home on January 13th. Bring your own beverage, and Karen will provide the hors d'oeuvres!

Questions? Please contact Michael in the YUMC office!

February's Book Club Choice is **"The Reason"** by Garth Stein.



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 book company.

Questions? Please contact Michael in the YUMC office!

January 2022 *Birthdays*

Marjie Bley	3
Pam Piemme	9
Michael Bray	13
Mary Skeahan	20
Jan Sinnott	22
Tom Brackney	28
Mike Aceves	29
Richard Ashe	30



Happy Anniversary

Liz and Rad Hockaday 7

Tailgaters

Thank you one and all for the gifts, time and prayers that made Christmas on the Street 2021 such an amazing day. For some it was the only Christmas they would have this year and you welcomed them with open arms and shared that special love that came to earth with the birth of a tiny baby, born in a manger, who came for all.

For other guests it was being recognized, accepted, and respected on this “Christmas Day” despite the differences in our life styles. Many needed food and we provided. Others needed protection from the elements and we supplied gloves, hats, socks, jackets, hand warmers, and all we had. But all needed love and we gave that in abundance. I was so proud of our congregation as we opened our hearts and made connections. Our stories are often miles apart but our needs are the same...to be noticed...to be loved...and to know we are the beloved child of God.

You made a huge difference that afternoon. Thank you! But our work is not done...

The Mood of Christmas

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoners,
To rebuild the nation,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.





Pictures from Christmas on the Street 2021



January 2022



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New Years Day!

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9:00 am Prayer
9:00am Worship team
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Tailgaters

3

10:00 am Strong Women
5:00 pm WOW

4

9:00 am Quilting
9:00 am Crafting

5

10:00 am Strong women
10:00 am Bible Study
6:00 am Small Group

6

10:00 am Work Study
5:00 pm WOW
5:30 pm Worship Team

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10:00 am Strong Wom-
en

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9:00 am Tailgates
Sand. Prep

9

9:00 am Prayer
9:00 am Worship team
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Tailgaters

10

10:00 am Strong Women
5:00 pm WOW

11

9:00 am Quilting
9:00 am Crafting

12

10:00 am Strong women
10:00 am Bible Study

*LT Board reports due
Agenda items due
TODAY*

13

10:00 am Work Study
4:30 pm SA Book Club
at Karen Clark's Home
5:00 pm WOW
5:30 pm Worship Team

14

10:00 am Strong Wom-
en

15

9:00 am Tailgates
Sand. Prep

16

9:00 am Prayer
9:00am Worship team
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Tailgaters

17

10:00 am Strong Women
5:00 pm WOW

18

9:00 am Quilting
9:00 am Crafting

5:15 pm LT Board Mtg.

19

10:00 am Strong women
10:00 am Bible Study
6:00 am Small Group

20

10:00 am Work Study
5:00 pm WOW
5:30 pm Worship Team

21

10:00 am Strong Wom-
en

Bridge Articles Due

22

9:00 am Tailgates
Sand. Prep

23/30

9:00 am Prayer
9:00am Worship team
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Tailgaters

24/31

10:00 am Strong Women
5:00 pm WOW

25

9:00 am Quilting
9:00 am Crafting

26

10:00 am Strong women
10:00 am Bible Study

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