



## *October 2019 Bridge*

**Yreka United Methodist Church**

502 N. Fairchild St, Yreka CA 96097

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**Pastor  
Toni Hartman**

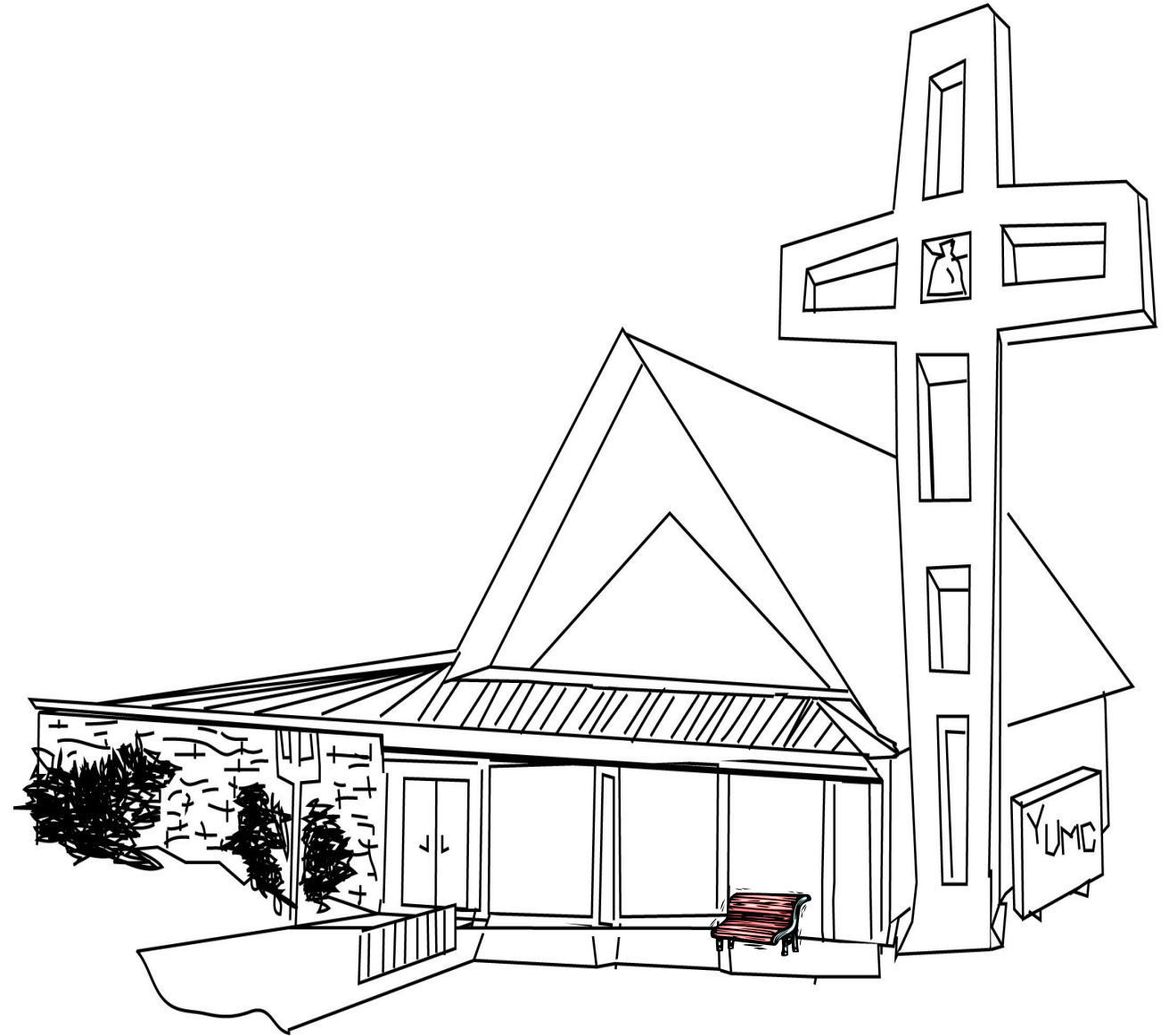
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# A Note from Pastor Toni

Today I'm in Wales. We left the Highlands in Scotland and headed for Holy Island (Londisfarne) where Christianity was birthed in Britain by St. Aidan. Bishop Aidan, Bishop on the Isle of Iona, was commissioned by King Oswald who converted to Christianity in 635 AD. to bring the gospel to Northumbria. The king gave Aidan the isle of Lindisfarne so that he and the twelve monks who came with him, could build an Abbey and a community where people could live together, learn about the gospels and begin to live as followers of Jesus, ultimately taking the good news throughout Wales and England. Aidan's informal approach brought immediate success as he visited villages on the mainland where Aidan established schools and taught the local children to read and write; then later how to share in evangelism in and beyond Northumbria.

Despite the current fact that much of western Europe and the UK is no longer Christian, despite the fact that the U.S. is no longer seen as a "Christian nation" the presence of the Holy Spirit has lingered for centuries in the hearts of men and women who have, with a love in their hearts for Truth, carried the message of Jesus since His ascension into heaven. Yes, the church struggles, but i think that so much of our struggle is caused by our own lack of vision at times, as well as our lack of attention to spiritual disciplines that keep us focused, centered and connected to our lifeline- the Holy Spirit.

I look at the communities and churches here who have committed themselves wholeheartedly to the cause of the gospel. They live out the Acts 2 church with a deep understanding and conviction of what it means to be community; not just within the church but within the villages, towns and cities where they live. The mindset for being the church is an active presence as a collective in the schools, places of business, community events, local government, and within the artists communities. They move as one body of believers within their various diversities for one cause— to share the love of Christ—the Way, the Truth and the Life. And... they are reaching people!

People are drawn to their energy, excitement, gentleness and deep sense of love for one another and others like them or dif-

ferent from them.

Its refreshing to see this renewed conspiracy of love happening with deliberation and intent all across the UK. They call it, Messy Church. Its real, its raw, its threatening in a good way and its beautiful. Its not self-indulging, but completely about being a community of believers strategically and with intent creating new spaces for church, and it has had a serious effect across the UK and England. Its slogan is, "Church, but not as you know it."

Held on a day, other than Sunday, and not in a church, families and individuals gather to experience fun and faith-formative, informal Christian activities. Its for people who have not found other forms of church engaging and who don't yet belong to a church. It explores a biblical theme through, includes hands-on creative experiences, a celebration and a meal. It is usually held once per month at a time other than Sunday morning. It does not prioritize either the needs of children or adults but intentionally welcomes and provides for all ages.

We observed a Messy Church experience in a the town of Tenby. The usual Messy Church experience includes relaxed welcome zone where people gather from their busy lives and reconnect with each other. Then activities for all ages, playing and working together, begin to explore the theme of the bible story. A short interactive celebration time of story, song and prayer followed the activity time. Finally, the worship experience culminated in a meal together. Just like the first century church!!! Reverend Greg Ross described Messy Church in this way: "1) it introduces people to the risen Christ 2) by offering the unconditional hospitality of God 3) in a way that has all ages sharing together in all parts of Messy Church 4) and in ways that strive to engage people with creative opportunities and responses, and 5) it celebrates the gift of the whole of life."

The whole of life! YUMC, we could have this same experience of being the kind of Church that Jesus created and envisioned. There are too many churches in our community that

keep to themselves and are more like the institution shaped by human-made ideas and ideologies rather than by the whole truth of the gospel!

Wouldn't it be refreshing if we could become messy?? Really messy for the sake of Christ??!

I think this is a conversation worth having and an idea worth exploring. I love YUMC and want to see it thrive but i also want our thriving to infect in a good way, so many more beyond the walls or the institutional impression of church today. That's always been my passion and i know its many of yours as well.

Jesus changed the world with 12 committed disciples, Aidan changed the world with 12 monks, we could certainly broaden our footprint in the city of Yreka and try something like the Jesus followers in the UK are doing! Church, who wants to get messy??

See you in Church,

**Pastor Toni**



# September 2019

## *Birthdays*

Pete bein	5
Milt Debuhr	6
Charles Cook	7
Deb Bein	9
Audrey DeAvila	13
Nathan Lantz	13
Jodi Aceves	17
Nick Sinnott	23
Dwala Smith	28
Glenn Joesten	30



## *Anniversaries*

Vern & Dwala Smith 1



### *What's Happening with Saints Alive in September!*

*October 1*

*Saint's Alive! Dream team meeting  
5:00 pm Room 8*

*October 8*

*Lunch-a-Bunch 11:30 am  
The Roadhouse Express*

*October 10*

*Book Club 4:30 pm  
Casa Ramois  
Hosted by Sue Ashe*

*Saints Alive events are open to anyone 55  
or older, or anyone who knows  
someone 55 or older!  
If you have questions or  
comments please contact  
Michael in the office.*



### **UMM BREAKFAST**

**October 13, 2019 8:00 am  
Downstairs in the  
Social Hall.  
All Men are welcome!**



Saints Alive is off to the Theatre again and you don't want to miss the opportunity to see this classic holiday show! Join us on Saturday, November 23rd at the Oregon Cabaret Theatre for "Miracle on 34th Street!"

Tickets will be on sale all the Sundays of October. Final payment (\$34.40 per person) is due by October 27th. Make checks payable to YUMC with Cabaret in the memo line. Stop by the Saints Alive table for details!

### *The YUMC Choir Clothing sale is back!*

On October 12, 2019 the YUMC Choir will host a clothing sale to raise funds for music! And we want your donations! Bring us your gently used, clean clothing, shoes and purses! Donations Accepted until October 11th.





# The Book Club –October 10, 2019

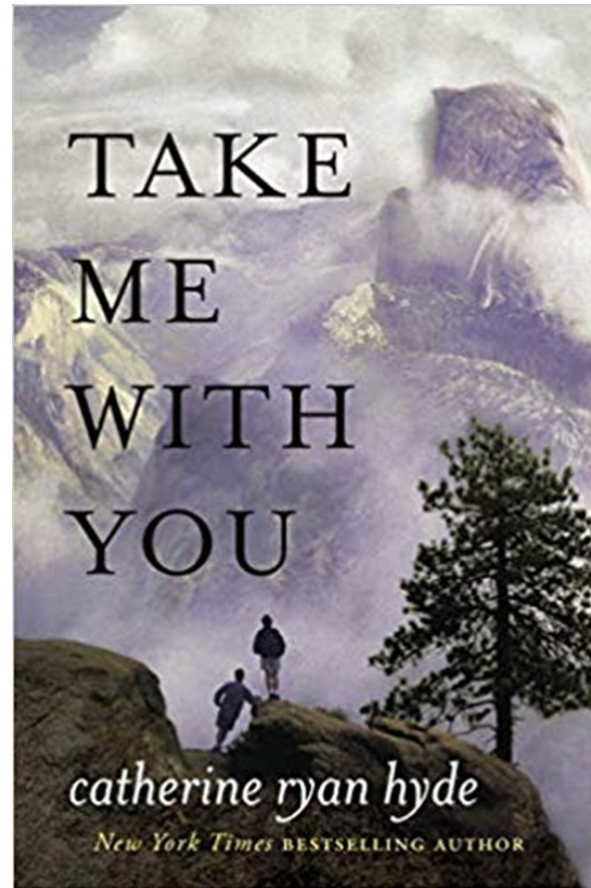
(An exuberant subsidiary of YUMC's Saints Alive!)

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month

*New York Times* bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde tells the emotional story of an alcoholic reeling from the loss of his son on the journey to finally facing his pain—and forging a path to redemption.

August Shroeder, a burned-out teacher, has been sober since his nineteen-year-old son died. Every year he's spent the summer on the road, but making it to Yellowstone this year means everything. The plan had been to travel there with his son, but now August is making the trip with Philip's ashes instead. An unexpected twist of fate lands August with two extra passengers for his journey, two half-orphans with nowhere else to go.

What none of them could have known was how transformative both the trip—and the bonds that develop between them—would prove, driving each to create a new destiny together.



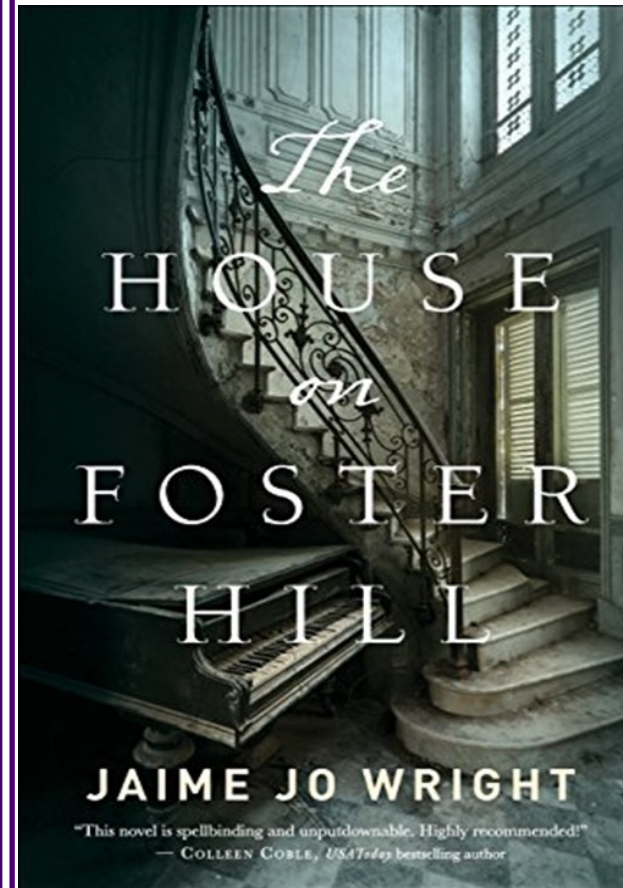
*The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m., hosted by Sue Ashe  
At Casa Ramos*

*If you have any questions, or would like to have a copy of the book ordered for your reading pleasure, please get in touch with Sue Ashe at 530-598-8505 on or before September 6<sup>th</sup>*

# The Book Club –November 14, 2019

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Meeting on the second Thursday of each month



Kaine Prescott is no stranger to death. When her husband died two years ago, her pleas for further investigation into his suspicious death fell on deaf ears. In desperate need of a fresh start, Kaine purchases an old house sight unseen in her grandfather's Wisconsin hometown. But one look at the eerie, abandoned house immediately leaves her questioning her rash decision. And when the house's dark history comes back with a vengeance, Kaine is forced to face the terrifying realization she has nowhere left to hide.

A century earlier, the house on Foster Hill holds nothing but painful memories for Ivy Thorpe. When an unidentified woman is found dead on the property, Ivy is compelled to discover her identity. Ivy's search leads her into dangerous waters and, even as she works together with a man from her past, can she unravel the mystery before any other lives—including her own, are lost?

*The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m., hosted by Robin Watson  
at Esperanza's Mexican Restaurant 219 W Miner St, Yreka, CA 96097*



On September 25<sup>th</sup>, IMPACT gathered around school flagpoles in a global day of prayer called "See You At the Pole." Before beginning the school day, IMPACT youth met with IMPACT leaders, other students and teachers to pray. We prayed for our schools, our communities, our nation, and the world. We met at Yreka High School, Jackson Street School and Golden Eagle Charter School. I am proud of the few IMPACT teens/tweens, who woke up early on a school day to stand in solidarity with thousands across the globe!

September 29<sup>th</sup> was a blessed Sunday, when IMPACT led the worship service! Our kids LOVE to worship the Lord in song, and IMPACT leaders will continue to work with our youth to build a strong music team. We look forward to our next opportunity to lead the congregation in worship!

Next on the agenda is our Fall Festival outreach event. This will be a time, when kids are encouraged to bring friends for food, games and FUN! We will be introducing new kids to IMPACT—who we are and what we're about—in hopes of exposing more kids to the gospel of Jesus and growing our youth ministry. Stay tuned for more details and ways you can contribute to the Fall Festival.

Many thanks to our generous congregation—for your prayers, your love and your support!

Peace & Blessings,

Leah



# IMPACT



# Tailgaters!

Rain or shine the Tailgaters are on  
the  
street every Sunday.

You are always welcome to join us!





## Mountain Trails Walk To Emmaus

**We are still needing workers for the Men's walk. Can you work a day, the full weekend, or love team cleaning up and putting church back together? Please contact John Villani or Kevin Stott, or Melisa Raffaelli if you can. This is happening October 3-6. Details will be given when you talk with John or Kevin.**

**We are still needing workers for the Women's walk with the same as above. This is happening October 17-20.**

## Secret Sisters

This is in full swing and the surprises are showing up with lots of Joy!  
Thank you for being a Secret Sister and caring and praying for one another.

Please be careful. Several people have reported getting phone calls that say they are from the Social Security Dept. stating that due to illegal activity on your Social Security number your account has been suspended and you may even be arrested. These calls are a scam and should be reported to the Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271.

## Our 2019 Board Members

**Joe Allison**  
Board Chair  
Facilities

**Jennifer Villani**  
Board Co-Chair  
Personnel

**Charles Cook**  
Facilities

**Pete Bein**  
Finance

**Kelly Atchley**  
Finance

**Debby Whipple**  
Congregational Care

**Rev. Toni Hartman**  
Pastor

## Time to order Upper Room Disciplines 2020

—A daily devotional guide—  
If you want to save with group rates  
And shared shipping costs,  
Sign up on clipboard at Saints Alive!  
Table.  
Books will arrive in early November.  
Pay at that time of delivery.

## Let's go nuts!!

Liz Hockaday will once again be selling Nuts with her Sorority. Proceeds benefit several local charities such as Tailgaters! They not only receive a monetary donation but they also receive nuts that they hand out to our weekly guests.

From the Leadership Board . . . .

Potluck. Thanks to Leah and Jennifer for briefing us on worship, personnel and youth activities. Kelly pointed out that all gifts are welcome, but gifts to specific programs do not address the overall needs of the church. Thank you to Sue Ashe and all her helpers who helped cook, set up, serve and tear down.

Children's Ministry. Ages K through 5 are currently not being served because no one has volunteered to take the lead in this regard. If you can help, please contact Jennifer Villani or Joe Allison.

Speak your mind. A few parishioners spoke their mind at the potluck. Our fellowship is a family in Christ and benefits from a free exchange of ideas and feelings, especially at this time of imminent change of pastoral leadership. Write letters or attend Leadership Board meetings. The Leadership Board cannot represent your thoughts to the bishop and district supervisor and consider your thinking if you don't share it with us.

Finances. The general fund shortfall is \$ 28,268 based on giving and expenses through August 31, 2019. The Finance Committee is meeting to generate suggestions for present and future finances. My personal opinion and thought to share with you is that all our programs are worthy of support, but if you make a gift to a specific program you deprive your elected leadership of their duty to you to manage the entire church finances. Please consider making your donations to the general fund, thus giving your elected leadership board flexibility to manage the church.

Leadership team recruiting. Normal operation of the leadership team provides that some members rotate off (for a well earned respite) and new members join. New members are approved by the church members at our coming general membership meeting/charge conference, Saturday, November 2 at 2 p.m. If you are interested or have a suggestion for a good candidate please let a team member know.

In His service,  
Joe Allison  
Leadership Board Chair