



November 2019 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church

502 N. Fairchild St, Yreka CA 96097

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Pastor
Toni Hartman**

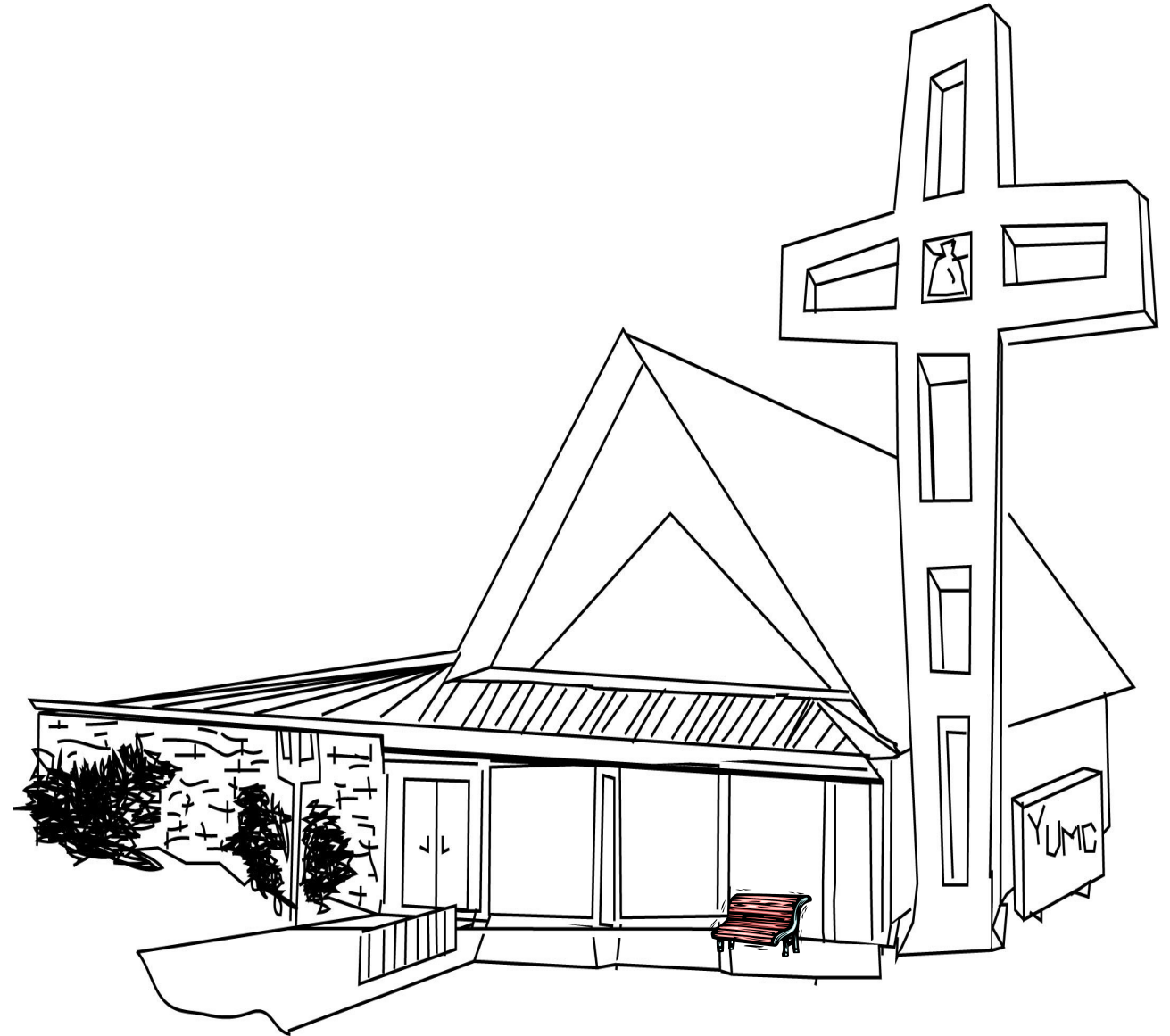
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A Note from Pastor Toni

OMGosh!! The holidays are knocking at the backdoor already!! Can somebody please stop the train?! Why does it seem that time speeds up as we get older? Before we know it, we'll be baking turkeys and pumpkin pies, making plans for Christmas dinner, planning for family visits, starting our Christmas shopping, wrapping gifts, using our credit cards... *ARGH!*

STOP! When will we get to the place where nothing matters more than Jesus and the time we spend with Him? I so want for my church family to experience more of Him, especially during this season when commercialism assaults us around every corner and in every nook and cranny!

I am excited about the strategic plan for discipleship opportunities as we move into 2020. In December you will be hearing more about that. Those who will be teaching classes will have the opportunity to share briefly during worship about what their class will cover. A syllabus will be provided for each class and sign-ups for those classes needing materials will come shortly after. Right now, the plan is to offer ***EQUIP UNIVERSITY (henceforth know as EQUIP U)***. every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30pm beginning January 8, 2020. For those who don't like to go out at night I

am hoping we will be able to offer a few of those classes mid-morning, one day a week. Currently that has not been firmed up.

Those of you who attended the church conference on November 2nd heard the passion our District Superintendent has for providing ways for people to grow into a deeper understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ and then in turn help others become disciples in the Kingdom.

This is the focus and strategy of our Cal/Nev UM Conference moving forward. I for one am excited that **YUMC** will be a part of that effort.

The only way we can truly know Jesus is to seek Him more. The only way we can become His disciples is to delve deeper into the word and meditate on Jesus' life and ministry. Jesus is our one true role model for how to live more like Him; more often, more deeply, more intentionally, more humbly. So, as we move closer and closer to our holiday season I encourage you to begin praying about taking one of the classes offered on Wednesday evenings at ***EQUIP U***. They will teach us to ***SEEK HIM MORE*** and how to become more Christ-like in our everyday lives.

SEEK HIM MORE...that's the answer to get-

ting through a busy holiday season that too often drains us of the joy it is intended to bring.

SEEK HIM MORE...because this is what feeds and nurtures our souls and spirits no matter what is happening around us.

SEEK HIM MORE...in our storms, in our calm days, in our fears and in our lack of understanding.

SEEK HIM MORE! That's what will slow down the frenetic holiday train, give us back our breath, and calm us in the storms of life that appear out of nowhere.

SEEK HIM MORE...that will restore our joy and provide us with the peace God promises when we trust Him.

You are my community of faith. I love you as your pastor and I pray for you often. My prayer is that this holiday season will bring a different kind of peace, and that you will find grace and peace in choosing to take time to be with Jesus in His Word!

Here's to a blessed and joy-filled holiday season!

See you in Church,

Pastor Toni

November 2019

Birthdays

June DeBuhr	6
Sue Ashe	9
Sue Doron	11
Mary Baker	16
Sharon Dawson	18
Pam Shaskey	19
Molly Aumack	21



Anniversaries

Teri and Keith Callison	8
Ron and Linda Kindred	18
Ray and Robin Watson	28



What's Happening with Saints Alive in September!

November 12

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

November 12

*Lunch-a-Bunch 11:30 am
Casa Ramos Mexican Restaurant*

November 14

*Book Club 4:30 pm
Esperanza's Mexican Restaurant
Hosted by Sue Ashe*

November 23

*"Miracle on 34th St."
Oregon Cabaret Theatre
10:15 am at the Church*

*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

**November 10, 2019 8:00 am
Downstairs in the
Social Hall.
All Men are welcome!**



It's here! It's here! Time to
build Operation Christmas Child
Boxes!!

Saturday, November 16, 2019
At 9:00 A.M.

We will meet in the Social Hall
and have the best time!
Be ready for the fun!



Just a reminder that we are still
in need of stuffed animals and
small toys for our Operation
Christmas Child boxes. One
other thing we need to think
about is postage. For each box
that we send, we must collect
\$9.00 for postage. In the past we have had wonderful
Donors that have picked up the cost of postage for us.
Any donation will be gratefully accepted!

Saints Alive Quilting Group

Last Spring, Gail and Al Broske donated quilting magazines to the SA Quilting Group. We spent the summer going through the magazines looking to find the perfect quilt to make for the start-up of the Fall Season.

Since then, we have been busy with our fellowship gathering using our sewing machines as props to let passers-by think we're busy sewing. We have to the end of November to finish our projects and will start a "Got to have it Tomorrow" quilt using oriental fabric which is a quick quilt just in time for Christmas. Wishing everyone the best during these holiday times.

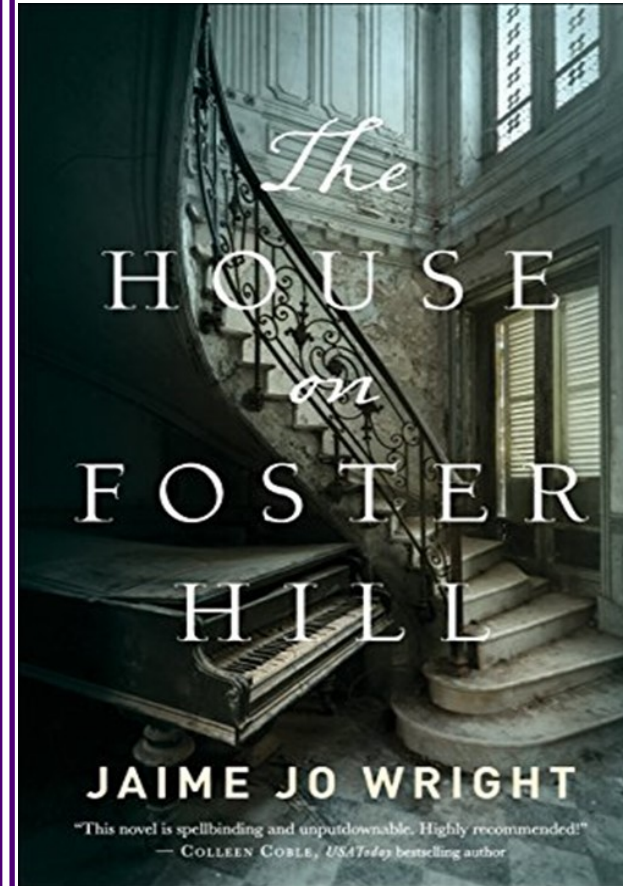
Kathryn Matthews



The Book Club –November 14, 2019

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

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month



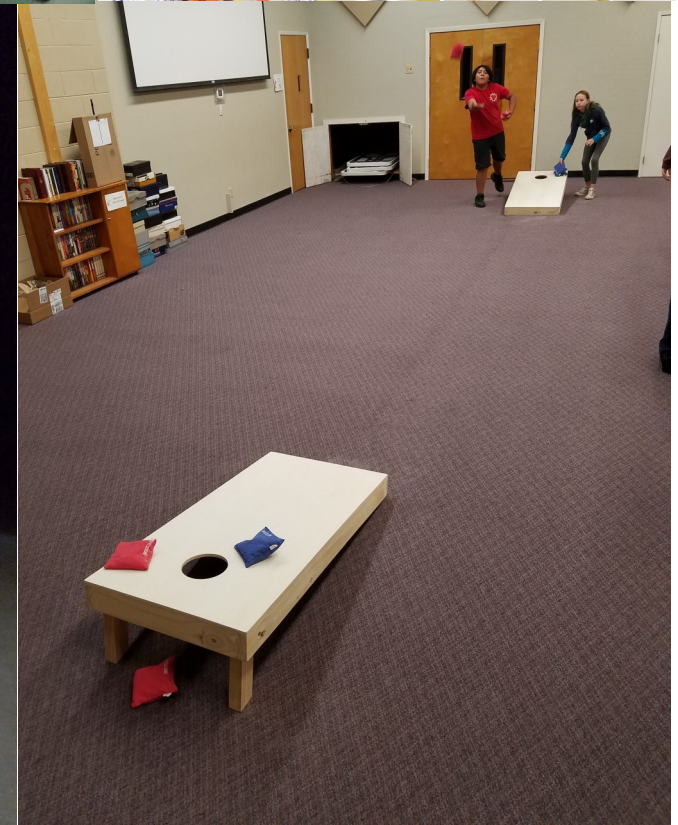
Kaine Prescott is no stranger to death. When her husband died two years ago, her pleas for further investigation into his suspicious death fell on deaf ears. In desperate need of a fresh start, Kaine purchases an old house sight unseen in her grandfather's Wisconsin hometown. But one look at the eerie, 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

IMPACT

A few pictures say a
THOUSAND words!
These smiles say a
MILLION more!



From the Leadership Board

Annual Charge Conference. Mark your calendars for Saturday November 2, 2019 at 2 p.m. for our annual charge conference. To his credit our District Superintendent Blake Busick is travelling all the way up here to conduct the meeting. DS Busick has about 100 congregations to visit for charge conferences so of needs the meeting will be brief. You may inform yourself as to what happens at the meeting by reviewing minutes of previous meetings kept in the church office. You will have an opportunity to vote for the new leadership team and the lay member/delegate to the annual conference.

Leadership Team. It was brought to my attention that some members may not know what the Leadership Team is and what it does, so here goes: Mission statement: “The mission of the Yreka United Methodist Church is to bring people to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.” To encourage and support this mission the Leadership Team (hereafter “LT”) is “responsible for administrative as well as significant ministry decisions”. Candidates to the prospective LT are discussed by the existing LT members and pastor in executive session at a board meeting typically immediately prior to the annual charge conference (in the instant case the meeting of October 21). The identification of good candidates is not limited to LT members; as you may recall, my last message invited church wide participation, “If you are interested or have a suggestion for a good candidate please let a team member know.” In other words, it is not an elite club but rather open to all qualified church members. Guidelines for the selection procedure, member roles and responsibilities and a list of qualifications are found in the LT information binder located in the church office and available for you to read at your convenience.

New pastor selection process. Pastor Toni is writing a letter to explain the process to everyone.

FY 2020 budget. The FY 2020 is currently being evaluated by the LT. It will be a six month budget because the salary and benefit package for the new minister may be different than our present costs.

Current budget shortfall. The finance team of Kelly Atchley, Pete Bein, Ed Matthews and Joe Allison met for four hours in October and observed to the Leadership Team for future action: (1) about \$ 6,000 of the 2019 shortfall was due to staff salary owing from 2018 but not paid until early 2019 (making this a cash flow incident rather than a 2019 budget problem), (2) donations to some special projects such as IMPACT (youth program) are counted by the conference when calculating our apportionment, but have not been used to pay a pro rata share of the apportionment; further, due to the way the budget is currently structured the donations are not available to pay employee costs and some other costs associated with the programs (we plan to change that), and (3) we have not reduced our payment of apportionment to the conference despite a reduction of the donations/income that the apportionment is based on (we have now ceased all such payments until the end of the year when we’ll square things with conference).

Children’s Ministry. Ages K through 5 are currently not being served because no one has yet volunteered to take the lead in this regard. If you can help, please contact Jennifer Villani or Joe Allison (530.340.3224).

Sunday school security. To prevent unauthorized access to the Education Building when the Sunday school and childcare activities are in progress it will be locked after the children enter. The church telephone number (posted at both doors) will ring in the rooms if you need to contact those adults or you can just tap on the window. The adults will continue to contact you via the message board on the wall your right of the altar.

Vandalism. As you may have noticed, the steps to the Education Building were recently decorated by unauthorized artwork. The culprit confessed the deed and was counseled. Thank you to Susan Erhardt for her cleanup efforts !!

Complaints and suggestions. Calling the church office Monday morning is not nearly as effective as writing a short/long note to the Leadership Team to be discussed by the whole team at their monthly meeting. Better yet, write the note then come in person. The Leadership Team works on your behalf but can’t address problems that you keep to yourself.

In His service,
Joe Allison
Leadership Team Chair

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>November 2019</div>					1 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women	2 8:00 am Tailgaters
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