

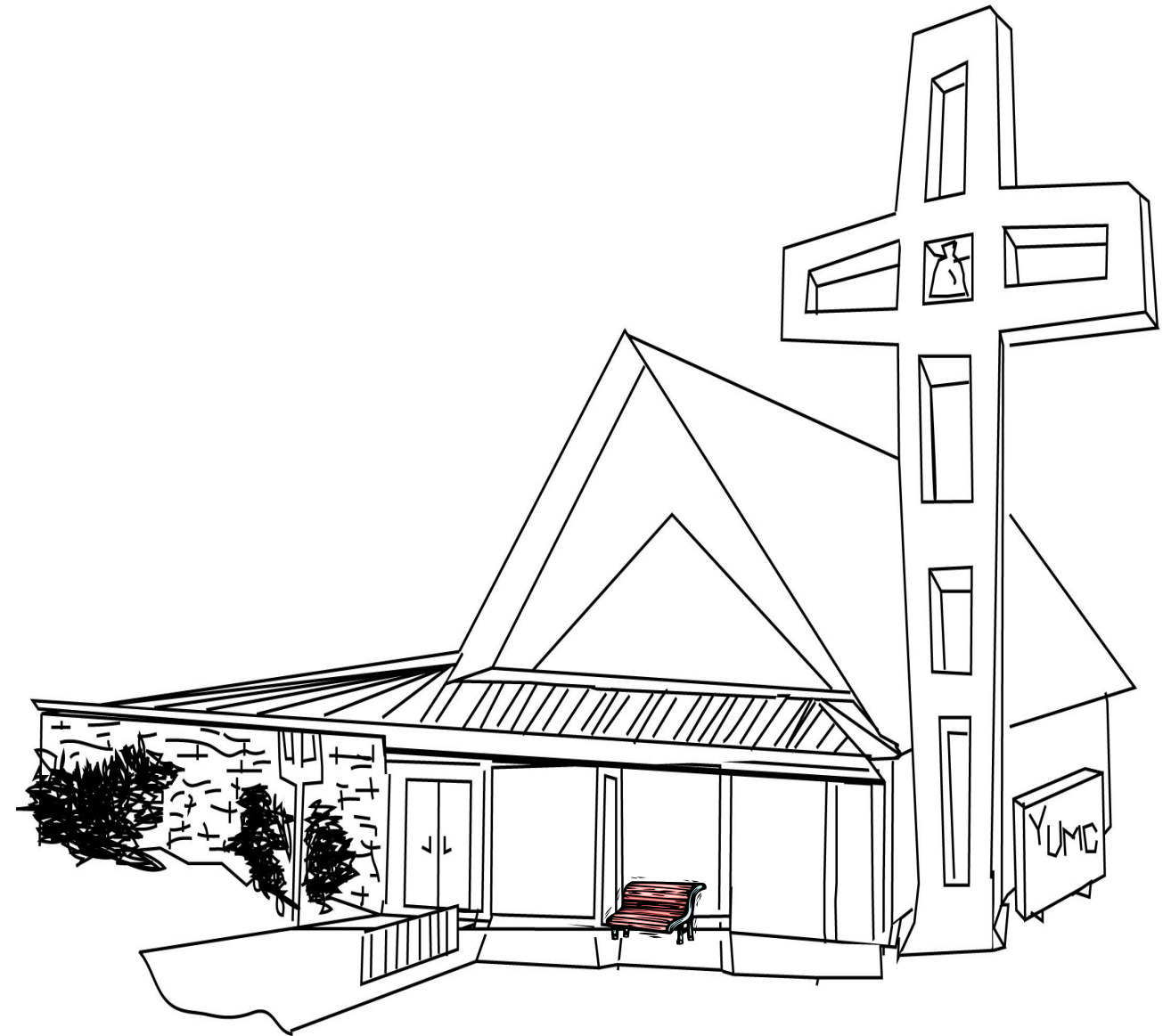


## *May 2018 Bridge*

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## A Note from Pastor Toni

April is almost at an end. We have come through the greatest celebration of our Christian faith with the sweet reminder of who we are as followers of Jesus; of the gift of eternal life we have received through the resurrection and of the coming hope of being filled with the Holy Spirit once again as we approach Pentecost.

During this time of preparation for Pentecost, life for Jesus' followers was anything but normal. All Around them there was an excitement and an energy building in His followers as He appeared to over 500, reassuring them of His presence with them, teaching them, encouraging them, preparing them to share the Good News throughout the known world. When Jesus said to them: *"Go into all the world..."* I'm sure that they had no idea the impact they would have, how they would go about that command, or if they would even live to see it through. Remember, they were still fearful of what the religious leaders and might do to them.

Jesus offered them peace in the upper room when He appeared to them twice, but that peace would be fleeting until they were empowered by the Holy Spirit. They knew in their minds that Jesus would do what Jesus said He would do, but in their hearts they were still grieving His loss, questioning His promises, and reticent to receive His grace. Not because they didn't want it, but because they didn't yet understand how it would become their new reality.

Sound familiar? Isn't this the same struggle we have as His followers today? We know His promises, we declare with our mouths that we believe them, we commit to follow Him and be His hands and feet, His heart and voice, and then when trouble, or heartache or circumstances challenge us, we too can become fearful, timid or resistant, and question whether or not we can really represent Jesus as He trusts us to.

Here's the thing...we can't...at least not on our own. We were never intended to be a follower alone; we were never intended to walk this journey of faith by ourselves. The disciples' strength came from the empowerment they received from the Holy Spirit and the unity they built together with other followers. In the book of Acts, chapter one, we learn about how they sustain themselves in strength and courage. It came in unity! It came in fellowship! It came in collective prayer! It came in studying with one another.

Pentecost is the birth of the New Testament church. Pentecost is fifty days after Jesus ascension into Heaven. In the Old Testament it was the *Feast of Weeks*. During the Feast of Weeks offerings were made of the first fruits of their harvest. On the day of Pentecost the "first fruits" of the church were gathered together as 3,000 people heard Peter present the Gospel after the Holy Spirit had empowered and indwelt the disciples. This was the beginning of the spiritual harvest under the New Covenant. We are the continuation of that harvest as we invite people to know Jesus

and become a part of the community of faith. We too have been empowered and indwelt by the same Holy Spirit that came as wind and fire to the 120 followers waiting in anticipation in the upper room the morning of Pentecost.

And even in our questioning, even in our fears, even in our losses, even in our reticence, Holy Spirit overcomes and overwhelms us with all we need to be faithful harvesters for Christ. We will never succeed in our own strength; but with Jesus and the indwelling of Holy Spirit we only are asked one thing: To be faithful, and God will do the rest.

YUMC, *I would like to propose that we start with harvesting unity among the churches*. Jesus said that when we (*His church collective*) lift Him up all people will be drawn unto Him. Will you join me in prayer as God is beginning to birth a new idea in me for unity among the churches in Yreka? I believe that God wants to use the Emmaus Community initially to bring us together. The Emmaus community represents churches from across the city. Lets pray for God's direction, timing, provision and blessing, that we might launch a new Pentecost in Yreka!

Love,

*Pastor Toni*

# May 2018

## *Birthdays*

JoAnn Bicego	1
Vern Smith	4
Allison Wells-Leal	6
Anita Lantz	7
Audrey Stott	7
Bill Doron	8
Donna White	10
Duane Johnson	11
Bonnie Whitlow	20
Cliff Lantz	21
Debby Whipple	23
Barbara Matthews	29
Colleen Alvarez	29

## United Methodist Men BREAKFAST!

May 20th at 8:00 am

All Methodist men are welcome



*A Huge Thank You To:*

*Mike Duncan  
Ed Matthews  
Charles Cook  
Dennis Clark  
Steve Thornburg*

*And a special thank you to  
Pat Wernicke*

*For helping to box up items and  
gathering together helpers.*

*Thank You!!!  
Mary Baker*

Pam will be out of the office  
June 8-11 prepping for Blake's  
High School graduation.

## The IMPACT Youth Team MISSION TO MEXICO FUNDRAISER DINNER

May 4th at 6:00 pm

The youth are making and serving  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Roasted Asparagus  
Baked Potato  
Green Salad

Come out for a wonderful meal, great  
conversations with friends, family and the  
community.

There will be a dessert auction  
following dinner.

If you would like to make a fancy dessert  
For the dessert auction, that would be  
greatly appreciated! Please contact  
Colleen Alvarez or Pam Chitwood.

**Tickets are \$15**

Ages 10 and under are \$5



## *Saints Alive!*

5/1/18 @ 5:00 pm  
***Dream Team Meeting***  
*Rm 8 in Ed Building*

5/8/18 @ 11:30 pm  
***Lunch a Bunch***  
***Taqueria Los Michoacharos***  
*1009 South Main Street*

5/19/18 @ 2:00 pm  
***Movie Matinee:***  
***Wonder***



***Talent or Not Show  
Has been postponed.***

*The date to be announced.*

*This will give you time to pull  
together your team, your  
songs, dust off your tap shoes  
and work on your yodeling.*

## YUMC Prays Together

SACRED SPACE  
Thursdays 6:30 pm  
In church sanctuary

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



# The Book Club

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

Meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m\*.

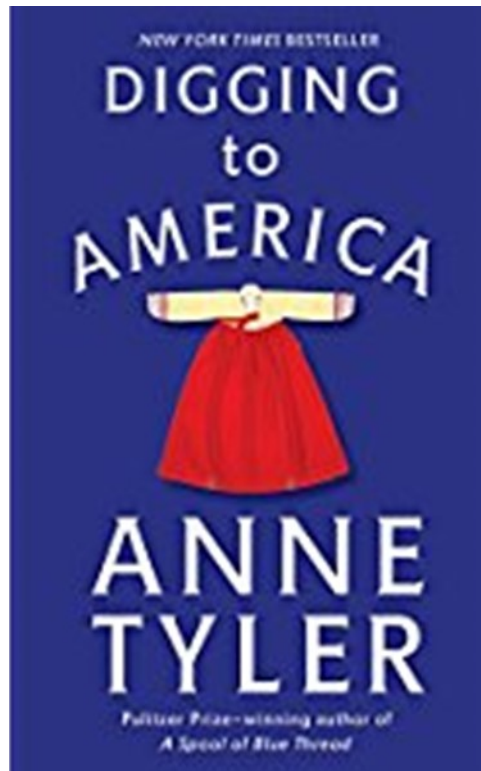
## Our May 2018 Selection

Two families meet at the Baltimore airport while waiting for their baby girls to arrive from Korea. The Iranian-American Sami and Ziba Yazdan, with Ziba's elegant and reserved mother, Maryam, in tow, wait quietly while brash and all-American Bitsy and Brad Donaldson, plus extended family, are armed with camcorders and a fleet of balloons proclaiming "It's a girl!" After they decide

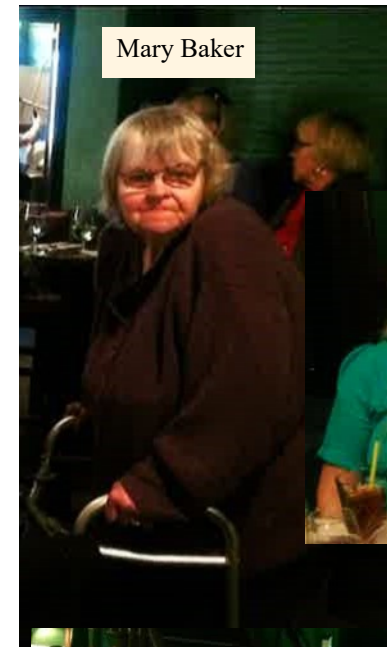
together to throw an impromptu "arrival party," a tradition is born, and so begins a lifelong friendship between the two families.

As they raise their daughters, the Yazdan and Donaldson families grapple with questions of assimilation and identity. When Bitsy's recently widowed father sets his sights on Maryam, she must confront her own idea of what it means to be other, and of who she is and what she values. Rich, tender, and searching, *Digging to America* challenges the notion that home is a fixed place, and celebrates the subtle complexities of life on all sides of the American experience.

**\*Except, this month we are meeting  
May 10 – 4:30 p.m.  
at Jefferson Road House**



Mike Raney & Robin Watson



Mary Baker

Katherine Prudhomme, Colleen Setzer and Bonnie Whitlow



Blake Chitwood and his momma, Pam

## Saints Alive

The Million Dollar Quartet was wonderful!

We had great food, Music and friends.

Kinda hard to see, but Lisa Raffaelli is on the left and Carolyn Houghton on the right.





## “THE GREATEST OF MANS POWER IS THE MEASURE OF HIS SURRENDER”

General William Booth

IMPACT Youth Team & Leaders are consistently learning to SURRENDER to God through WORSHIP, PRAYER and growing RELATIONSHIP!! The intransitive verb meaningful SURRENDER is: to give oneself up to the power of another: yield.

Recently, we have been discussing worshipping a Good God. Romans 1:12 “Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy, and pleasing to God. SURRENDER is not simply, letting someone win. Surrender is giving whole heartedly to God, with the beauty of His loving mercy, in the greatness of God to want to please Him. When we SURRENDER to God, we can receive the greatness of what he has for us, a impartation of His love & mercy. IMPACT has learned that we worship God because He is:

WORTHY! Psalm 145:3 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise, His greatness no one can fathom. I especially like this scripture where it says that no one can fathom His greatness. This is simply a invitation from God to receive MORE of His greatness. 1 Chronicles 16:11 Look to the Lord & His strength; seek His face always. Worshipping will allow us to SURRENDER to His strength while we seek His face. The youth have learned that praise & thanks to the Lord is act of SURRENDER that will change our atmosphere around us & and others. I call it “attitude with gratitude”.

God is HOLY, this is why we have a “attitude with gratitude” and SURRENDER to God. Psalm 99:9 “Exalt the Lord our God in worship at His HOLY mountain, for the Lord God is HOLY. We discussed Revelations 4 where the Saints worshipped 24/7. Worship: to bow down, kiss towards. Oh, how our Father loves for us to SURRENDER in worship to Him in the soft kisses of praise and adoration. In John 4:23-24 But the time is coming, indeed it’s here now, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit & truth. The heart of the Father God, does not care what it looks like. God loved David’s worshipping with all his might. (2 Samuel 6:14)

Simply we worship God, because God is GOOD! Psalm 136:1 “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His love endures forever. His love endures for ever....what an honor to love & worship the Lord, to bow down, kiss towards the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings.

As the IMPACT leader I invite all of God’s people to SURRENDER to God, while we learn to fallow Him & receive God’s love and His DNA! To be His hands & feet, to be His eyes & ears, to wear His heart, to carry the Kingdom of God that lives with in us!

Shalom,

Colleen Alvarez  
IMPACT Team Senior-Leader



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## T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Mexico  
Mission  
June 2018



IMPACT is headed to Mexico June 20-25th with Jesus Culture to help change people’s lives!

On the back is JBN in gold  
Which stands for:  
JUST BE NICE

\$25<sup>ea</sup>

---To order your t-shirt---  
Contact: Colleen Alvarez  
any of the youth, youth leaders  
or Pam at the office 842-4291

**Together we can make  
an IMPACT!**





## COS TWO WEEK CONCERT SERIES

May 7th for the COS CHOIR  
May 14th for the COS ORCHESTRA  
7:00 pm @ YUMC

Join us at 7pm for the wonderful music from our amazing local talents. Support your local community college and the arts.



Tuesday 4/24 was the last day for the Quilters until after summer.  
Last Tuesday in September, Quilters will be back at YUMC!

Check out some of the quilts they made this year.



## YUMC 8th Annual Community Rummage Sale

**Saturday May 26th 8am~1pm**

**It is time for you to clean out your closets  
& bring us everything for  
our annual Rummage Sale.**

**This event is the primary fundraiser  
for our Outreach account.**

**Items may be dropped off at the church, in  
room 4 or give Kelly a call (412-1684)  
& we can pick up from your house.**

**And please share with your friends!**

**We are NOT accepting clothes.**



# CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

We had a great first game, we were ahead until they decided to play one extra inning and we lost 2 to 3. We all discovered muscles that hadn't been exercised since last softball season. :0

T-Shirts are available free to all players and \$15 for anyone who would like one.

## SCHEDULE:

Apr 28-- 6:15pm

May 5-- 3:00pm and 4:30pm  
(if we win the first game)

May 12-- 6:15pm

May 19-- 4:30pm

June 2-- All day tournament



See that grey spec?

Laraina Chitwood as Left Field

Ray Mackenzie pitching  
for Covenant Chapel.

Pam Chitwood @ 2nd Base

Would you like to play? We would love to have you. We nearly adopted John as the only non-Chitwood Family player. The rest of the team was made up from Hornbrook Community Church and they were wonderful. There at the bottom is Debbie Nilsson as 1st base coach.

Blake Chitwood @ Center Field



John  
Burleson-Raney  
At Right Field

## BEACON OF HOPE SHELTER

We are getting close to building Beacon of Hope shelter. We will be needing a lot from the churches in the next few months.

Right now -- to get our building permit we need some backhoe work ASAP. We can pay gas and a stipend or maybe if necessary full commercial cost. About 3 or 4 hours of work.

Please help if you can! Have a qualified person call Daniel Simon 598-9671. We need this week!

Thank you,

John Kreuger

*What do you hear?  
I hear Wedding Bells!*

*Congratulations  
Susan Crow & Wes Kyle  
For their engagement.*

*The wedding is June 30th  
At 11:00 am in the  
YUMC Sanctuary*

*Susan and Wes invite you all, their friends and church family to join them on their special day.*

*There will be a reception to follow,  
please RSVP Susan Crow at: 598-5153  
susancrow3@gmail.com*

*to reserve your space at the reception.*

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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