



## *September 2019 Bridge*

**Yreka United Methodist Church**

502 N. Fairchild St, Yreka CA 96097

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**Pastor  
Toni Hartman**

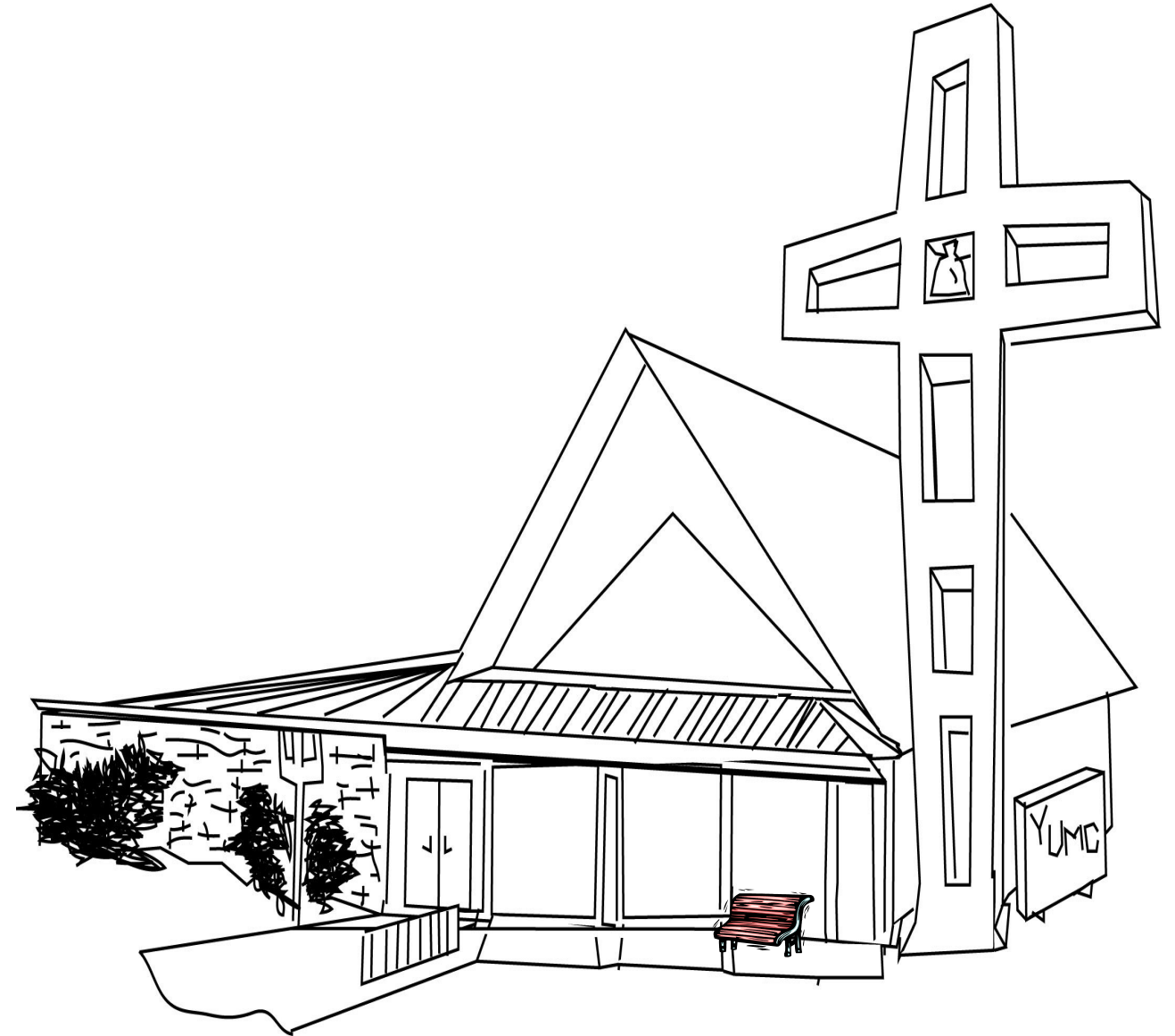
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## A Note from Pastor Toni

Fall is in the air. That means Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are already showing up in stores! I dread hearing Christmas music in Wal-Mart as early as Nov 1! ARGH!! Time passes quickly enough without the help of retailers! The trees are beginning to change color, the morning air is brisk, and we're bouncing all over the place when it comes to weather and temperature. I genuinely enjoy living in an area where I have the privilege of experiencing four distinct seasons a year!

Seasons imply change. Seasons bring challenges. Seasons encourage preparation. Seasons are not only reserved for the weather. Our economy experiences seasons. Our ministries experience seasons. Our lives experience seasons—seasons of abundance and seasons of scarcity; seasons of struggles and trials, seasons of joys, grief and celebrations. God's Word says, "in all things, give thanks," "... for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good pleasure." Did you catch that? God desires to act through you in accordance with what brings God joy—not you! God's joy is supposed to be our joy as well. If you are truly desiring to look more and more like Jesus to the world around you, then whatever God desires from you ought to be a simple YES the moment you feel the nudge, hear the voice, read the Word and know God is speaking directly to you. But oh, how we drag our feet; how we question and doubt, deny and make excuses.

Every one of us knows what God expects of us as followers of Jesus Christ. Every one of us knows our responsibilities to the Body of Christ as His hands and feet. Every one of us knows within our hearts whether or not we are truly doing our part for God's Kingdom. I know that God's church will not grow without all of you doing your part—inviting friends and family to Sunday worship, reaching out to neighbors and sharing the opportunities available for children throughout the week, helping to serve in our children's ministries when needed, inviting folks beyond the church community to join your small group, encouraging those who have broken ties with the fellowship to return, offering to give rides on Sunday morning to worship. All of these and many more are within each one of our abilities to be Jesus to someone.

We've been learning about what Jesus means when He teaches us to love our neighbor; to have wide-eyed compassion and see those around us who no one else sees or wants; to extend Christ-like compassion to the strangers that we meet; to not back away from our Godly responsibilities to be the presence of Jesus to the people around us! Church, YOU make the church in our community what it is because you are the church! YUMC needs every one of you if it's going to not just survive but thrive into the next 30-40 years. That means making the necessary sacrifices to engage families in our community. I have people say to me frequently, "Well, maybe that's not our church's call to minister in Yreka? Maybe we're supposed to minister to an

older population?" And how long will a church who believes that last? Not very long. Most of us have families living in our neighborhood. When was the last time you invited them to church, or Christmas Eve, or VBS or Kingdom Kids? It will require all of us pulling our weight to grow YUMC. We are moving into a critical time where we can have a positive effect on the lives of others simply by inviting them to join us on Sundays! Tell people your story, introduce them to your faith community and let the Holy Spirit do the rest. Statistics say that it requires a minimum of five invites before most people will respond. Are you willing? If you haven't been to a Sunday worship celebration for a while, I encourage you to get back into the habit of connecting with God and your church community once a week. It's a good habit to get into for you and the kids. Re-connect, refresh, renew yourself. Get a good dose of GOD! You'll be glad you did! It's Fall!

Fall into Jesus!

See you in Church,

**Pastor Toni**

# September 2019

## *Birthdays*

Marilyn Gray	2
Norm Shaskey	6
Nancy Krueger	7
Rad Hockaday	8
Arden Carr	13
Adonia Stott	16
Pam Chitwood	18
Karen Clark	18
Lisa Raffelli	18
Jack Skeahan	19
Chris bowers	20
John Villani	26

## *Anniversaries*

Dennis & Karen Clark	1
Rob & Joann Bicego	4
Sharon & John Dawson	8
Gail & Al Broske	15
Richard & Sue Ashe	24
Molly Aumack & Steve Renner	25
Arden & Wendy Carr	30

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

*September 3*

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

*September 10*

*Lunch-a-Bunch 11:30 am  
Black Bear Diner*

*September 12*

*Book Club 4:30 pm  
405 Summit Court  
Hosted by Karen Clark*

*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**

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

### **It's time for choir!!!**

Choir started Tuesday, August 27th. There's still time to join. No experience necessary! Join us for great fellowship, lots of laughter and time spent with our Heavenly Father through music. Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Ed. Building.

Questions? Call Karen @ 340-2044

### *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!





# The Book Club – September 12, 2019

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

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month



A stunning story about the Women Airforce Service Pilots whose courage during World War II turned ordinary women into extraordinary heroes 1941. Audrey Coltrane has always wanted to fly. It's why she implored her father to teach her at the little airfield back home in Texas. It's why she signed up to train military pilots in Hawaii when the war in Europe began. And it's why she insists she is not interested in any dream-derailing romantic involvements, even with the disarming Lieutenant James Hart, who fast becomes a friend as treasured as the women she flies with. Then one fateful day, she gets caught in the air over Pearl Harbor just as the bombs begin to fall, and suddenly, nowhere feels safe. To make everything she's lost count for something, Audrey joins the Women Airforce Service Pilots program. The bonds she forms with her fellow pilots reignite a spark of hope in the face war, and--when James goes missing in action--give Audrey the strength to cross the front lines and fight not only for her country, but for the love she holds so dear. Shining a light on a little-known piece of history, The

Flight Girls is a sweeping portrayal of women's fearlessness, love, and the power of friendship to make us soar.

***The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m., hosted by Karen Clark at her home, 405 Summit Court, Yreka***

***PS Bring your favorite beverage. Water and snacks provided.***

***Theme: Flight***

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 Anita Lantz at 530-468-2119 before August 15<sup>th</sup>.

# The Book Club –October 10, 2019

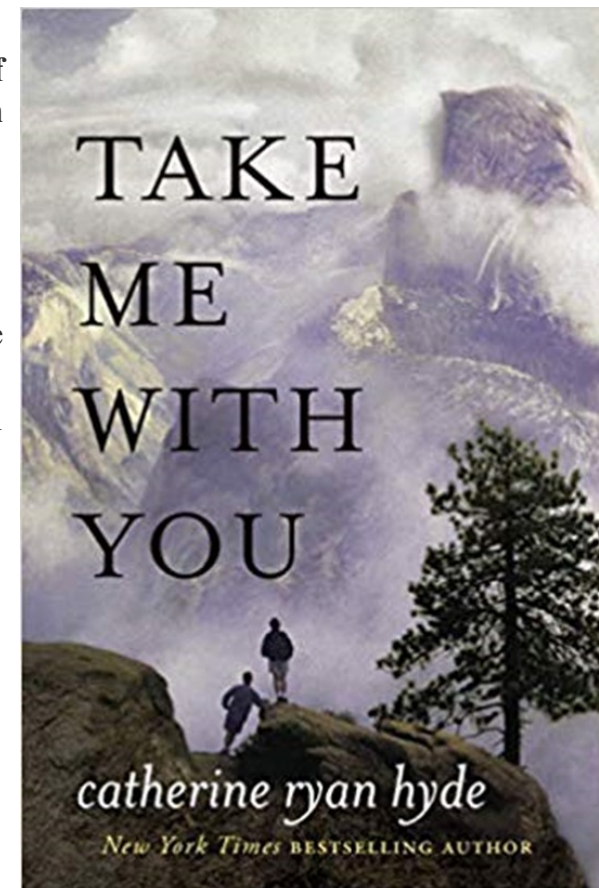
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***New York Times* bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde tells the emotional story of an alcoholic reeling from the loss of his son on the journey to finally facing his pain—and forging a path to redemption.**

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>*

## SAINTS ALIVE Minutes Meeting of August 6, 2019

The meeting was opened at 5 pm. Those present were: co-Chairs Michael Raney and Mary Baker, Kelly Atchley, Mike Fallon, Nancy Krueger, Kathryn Matthews, Kathy Prudhomme, Marilyn Stepanovich and Pat Wernicke.

DEVOTION – Nancy told about a “translation” of the Bible different from any other. A mother 're-wrote' the scriptures into words she knew that her children could understand. In this way, God's promises and lessons became real and memorable to them from their early years and for the rest of their lives. The question for us is: Are we reliable “translators” of His Word to others?

### OLD BUSINESS

Kitchen remodel – Kathryn reported that the kitchen in the MP room of the Ed. Building has been made ready for the new counters, sink and faucet. Kegg's Creations will be installing the new items on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The old sink will be recycled.

Prayer Tent – Mary Baker thanked all who set up the Tent today at the Fair. Michael explained that the Gideons can no longer physically join us as they have in the past. However, one of the members will be giving us a few Bibles that we can pass out this year. We have bracelets and crosses for the young people and many books to offer the adults. We do not have enough prayer workers signed up at this point. Michael made reminder calls to the Pastors of the four churches who agreed to help with workers. In addition, he sent an email to our congregation. We are hoping to fill the open time slots.

FINANCES – no report

SPIRITUALITY – Shawn Cortright's class begins Thursday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 pm.



ENRICHMENT – Book Club meets 8/22 at Strings at 4:30 pm to discuss “The First Mistake.” The September book is “The Flight Girls.” Meet at Karen Clark's home at 4:30 pm. on Sept. 12.

NUTRITION/FITNESSHEALTH – no report

INTER-GENERATIONAL Our VBS was a “roaring” success with 46 children attending. The older kids helped the younger ones and the decorations were amazing. Everyone, including the workers, had a great time. Dates for next year are July 13-17.

The Impact youth group will help staff the Prayer Tent on Sunday, 8/11.

OUTREACH/EVANGELISM – resumes on September 24.

### RECREATION/OUTINGS

Lunch Bunch meets 8/13 at Natalee Thai at 11:30 am.

Cabaret – we rec'd the contract for “Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street” on Nov. 23.

Publicity and sign-ups will begin in October.

SERVICE Sunshine – Mary made several calls. We heard updates on Neil, Ray Watson and Sandy Hynd.

AM Call – continues.

### NEW BUSINESS

Talent-or-not Show – date to be re-scheduled Christmas Parade Nov. 30 – do we want to enter a float?

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 5 pm. Kathryn will take the minutes. Michael Raney will bring refreshments.



## Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980

July 30, 2019

Yreka United Methodist Church  
Youth Group and Leaders

Dear YUMC Youth Group and Leaders,

On behalf of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Yreka Lodge, 1980, we wish to express our heartfelt thank you for helping make our 2019 annual Meek/Stresser Memorial BBQ & Auction such a success.

Bussing tables, washing pots and pans, helping with all the Raffle & Auction items, and folding all those chairs & tables was such a Godsend!! We are so very appreciative of your hard work!! Without your help I think I would still be there cleaning!!!

On a more personal note: you are all a great group of individuals. All of you, young, and not so young!! I am so proud of our youth group, stepping in to help with others and stepping up in your walk with God. I am equally proud of the youth leaders of our church. You all ROCK, and it's a joy to watch you! I am honored to be a member of such a wonderful body of Christ.

Sincerely,

RB Phillipe  
Event chair & Lodge Secretary

(I was so excited to receive this letter! Leah)



# IMPACT



# TAILGATERS

At Tailgaters the 4th Sunday is "Impact Sunday" where our youth come out to feed and serve those in our community. This past Sunday was incredibly busy. We had 40 people in our opening prayer circle and served 219 neighbors that day. It is always a special time when our kids are there because they bring with them their own brand of infectious joy and sense of fun that we can't resist.

What's it like? Picture Leah and some of the youth on guitar, singing praise songs; our friend Mike flagging with beautifully colored flags; Pastor Toni giving communion under a tent; all 20 of our chairs in a circle, filled with friends from the street and members of our congregation building relationships; our youth handing out lunches and ice cold water; street pets being cared for by our friend Georgina; hugs being exchanged; prayers being shared; and love and caring everywhere ...that is a day on the street.

Thank you to Leah and all of the youth...  
You truly make an IMPACT!









## EMMAUS Information

**Emmaus walks are coming up! If you know someone that you'd like to sponsor or if you want to work, now is the time to get those applications in. Questions? See Lisa Raffelli or Kevin Stott.**

**Men's walk Oct 3rd thru 6th**

**Women's walk Oct 17th thru 20th**

**Walks will be held in Medford, OR.**

**Registration deadline for sponsoring a pilgrim for the fall upcoming walks is as soon as possible as the late registration date is Sept. 6, 2019 at \$95. Please get your pilgrims applications in now to make sure they get to go on these walks.**



Check out the beautiful new sink and counter in the Multi-Purpose room in the Ed. Bldg.

Profound thanks to Saints Alive for the funding and the behind-the-scene angels who saw it through to completion!

**Pencils, crayons,  
& note-  
books oh  
my!**



It is time to buy school supplies for our Operation Christmas Child boxes. Enjoy the shopping and drop off your donations outside of the office. We will be stuffing boxes in November!



Our profound thanks to everyone who setup, staffed, and tore down the Fair Prayer Tent. Without your help we would not have been able to serve our community at the Fair.

## ROAR VBS




In case you missed it, July at YUMC was a ROARING good time! Vacation Bible School was an amazing week filled with song, play, snacks and amazing bible encounters. We learned that when life is scary, sad, changing, unfair and good, God is good! We served 46 children, many of whom do not regularly attend any church. On our last day (Friday) one very small boy tugged my shirt and asked me what we were doing on Saturday! I personally want to thank everyone who worked so diligently to bring this program to life this year. Thank you to the teachers, group leaders, decorators, food folks, operations crew (registration, shirts, publicity) and the silent behind the scenes helpers who jump into action when I get a middle-of-the-night idea for a game or craft project. A special shout out to the IMPACT youth group for showing up every day and doing whatever you are asked to, and to the Saints Alive for providing dinner for the workers each night. It really does take a whole church to put on a VBS program.

We are already chugging forward and planning next year's program, so stay on track and prepare to get all aboard! (hint)

In His service,

**SUSAN, VBS Director**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Tailgaters 3:30 pm WOW @ Linda's 4:00 pm IMPACT Youth</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO Strong Women 5:00 pm WOW @ Linda's</p> <p>Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:00 pm WOW @ Linda's 5:00 pm SA Dream Team 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00 pm Strong Women 5:00 pm WOW @ Linda's 6:00 pm Sermon Study 6:00 pm Purely His</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Work Study 5:00 pm WOW 6:00 pm Men's Purely His Group 6:30 pm Supernatural</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women</p> <p><i>Agenda Items Due</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 am Tailgaters</p>
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