



# *January 2020 Bridge*

**Yreka United Methodist Church**

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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Toni Hartman**

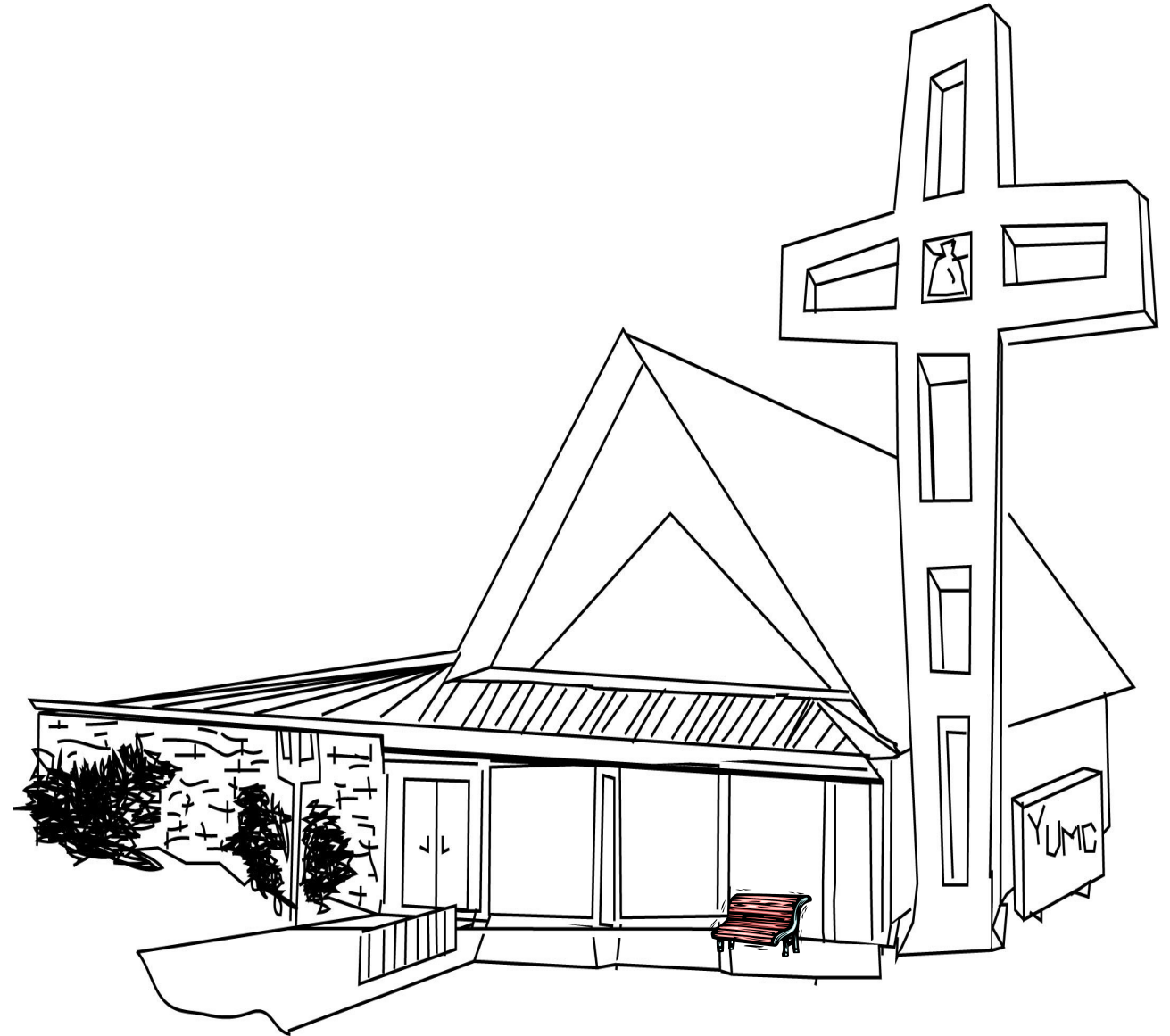
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## A Note from Pastor Toni

Happy New Year to my YUMC family! 2020 is upon us! It's a new decade, a clean slate, an empty chapter waiting for us to write! God already knows the direction He has for us in 2020. He loves us and has called us to His purpose for His good pleasure!

As I was reading the Bible this morning I was reminded of Paul prayer in Ephesians. He is grateful for their faith and love and for the evidence of that faith and love in the way they live as followers of Jesus. Here is the amazing, heartfelt prayer written by Paul to the people he loved. It echoes my feelings for this church family as well as my prayer for each one of you in this New Year.

*"I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance! I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe in Him..."*

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. How much time are you devoting to your personal spiritual development? Not one of us ought to stop growing, stop seeking, stop learning, stop discovering how to become more Christ-like, and where we fit, in God's amazing story of grace! There is not one of us who would not benefit from immersing ourselves in new opportunities to learn, grow and discover.

That is why I am making my appeal to you, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to challenge you in this New Year to get involved in something new that will stimulate your heart, mind and spirit! Challenge yourself by participating in one of our **EQUIP U** discipleship classes offered; to provide ways for all of us to grow as disciples, and to move toward becoming spiritually mature followers. Make a choice that will take you deeper into your relationship with God and the church community. Relationship doesn't happen on Sundays during worship. Relationship happens when we connect in deliberate ways with people, not necessarily like-minded but rather of the same mind. Paul tells us in Philippians 2:2,

*"Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort for His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion then make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same love toward one another, knit together in spirit, intent on one purpose and living a life that reflects your faith and spreads the gospel—the good news regarding salvation through faith in Christ."*

Church, how you think—how you frame your attitude—is crucial to living more like Jesus. In other words, our attitudes and how we think affect the way we live out our faith. Being of the 'same mind' means that we are united in our purpose and motivations not that we always agree.

There is a lack of spiritual maturity in many Christians. They have settled for 'good enough' rather than God's best. Paul says in Eph. 4:14 that as we learn, discover and grow in our understanding of who Christ is and how we are called to be like Him, we will "*no longer be immature like*

*children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth."*

In the world we live, without being grounded in God's word and committed in my relationship with Jesus and the community of faith, I am easily swayed by the ways of our culture and our world.

**EQUIP U** is the result of many months of prayer and preparation intended to provide opportunities for all of us to become more spiritually mature. Not one of us has arrived! We all need to grow and continue to grow. **PLEASE** choose to submit yourselves to whatever God is doing in 2020. PLEASE decide to join in a class that will encourage you to grow, to heal, to discover, to seek.

May you have, with anticipation and courage, a new vision for who you are as a follower of Christ. May we, as the people of YUMC move into this New Year committed to following the Holy Spirit wherever He leads us.

## Pastor Toni

# January 2020

## *Birthdays*

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



## *Anniversaries*

Liz and Rad Hockaday 7



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

*January 7*

*Saint's Alive! Dream team meeting  
5:00 to 6:00 pm in Rm. 8*

*January 9*

*Book Club 4:30 pm  
hosted by Molly Aumack  
at Esperanza's Mexican Restaurant  
(219 W. Miner)*

*January 14*

*Lunch-a-Bunch 11:30 am  
Rain Rock Restaurant*

*January 25*

*Senior Financial Awareness 10: am*

*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**  
**January 12, 2020 8:00 am**  
**In the Social Hall**  
**All Men are welcome!**  
**Come on down and have fun!**

**\$\$ FINANCIAL FITNESS CLASS (4-6 WEEKS) \$\$**  
**WEDNESDAYS 10am OR SUNDAYS at NOON**

Each class runs about an hour and includes videos, handouts, discussion and examples of how YOU can become financially fit in an amazingly short time if you implement the easy principles we will be learning.

Bring paper and pencils/pens to take notes.  
All other material will be provided!  
\$\$ Come prepared to learn and have fun! \$\$



Don't forget the Secret Sister Reveal Potluck Lunch on Sunday, January 12, 2020 immediately following Church in the Multi-Purpose room. Bring a gift and your favorite dish!

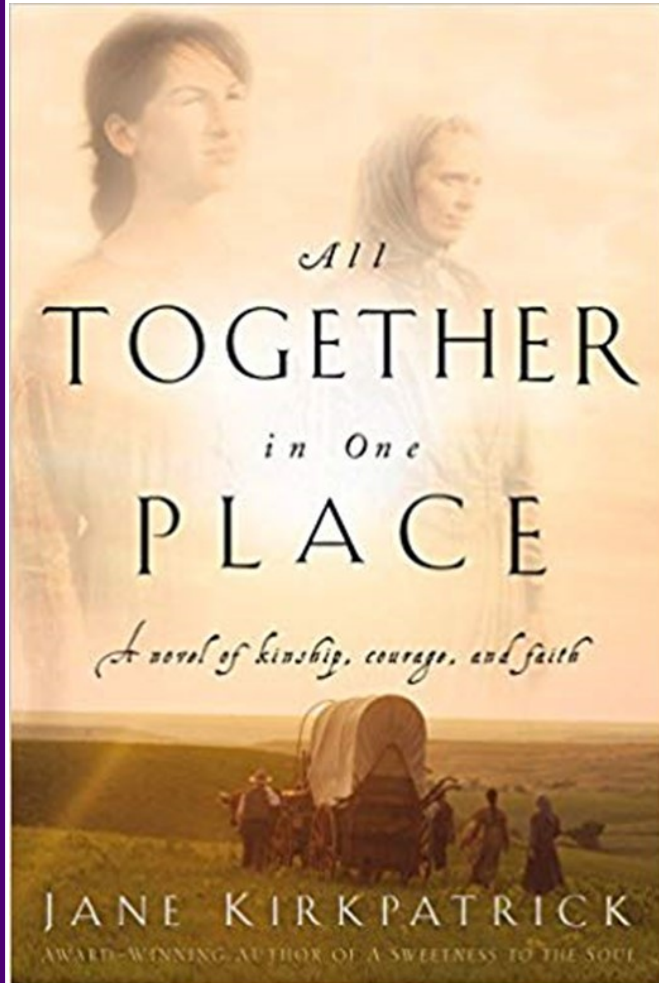


## The Book Club – Thursday, January 9, 2020

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

meeting on the second Thursday of each month,

kicks off its 2020 Reading  
Year with:



One reader's analysis:

*This is a "must read" novel for anyone interested in the 1850's westward journey to reach California and Oregon over the historical Oregon Trail. The pioneers risked everything to make it there and the courage, strength and determination they had to have is an astonishing accomplishment.*

*Jane Kirkpatrick weaves a grand story based on a true accounting by Ezra Meeker in his 1852 journal. It notes his profound impression of a small group of covered wagons reaching their destination along the Trail. In disbelief, he observes that there were no men in this group of 11 women and children. All the men had died along the way, leaving the women to fend for themselves. Based on this recollection, Ms. Kirkpatrick reveals obvious historical research to enhance the story line and satisfy those historically hungry readers with accurate representations of life along the trail.*

***The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m., hosted by Beverly Short  
at Poor George's Restaurant.  
(100 N. Main Street, Yreka, CA)***

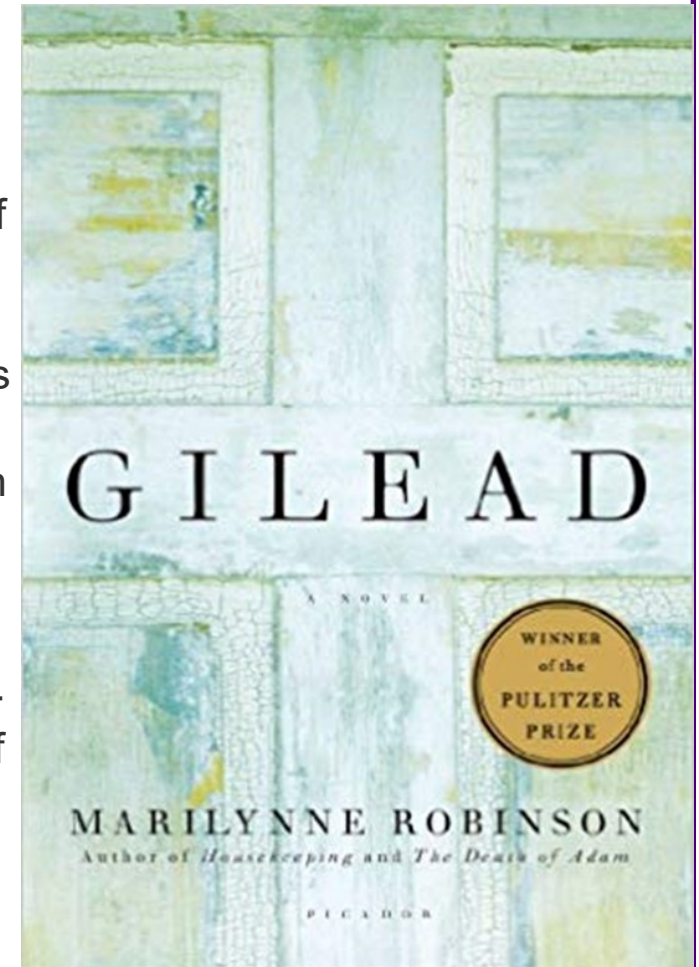
## The Book Club – Thursday, February 13, 2020

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

meeting on the second Thursday of each month

presents:

Nearly 25 years after *House-keeping*, Marilynne Robinson returns with an intimate tale of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century: a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart. In the words of *Kirkus*, it is a novel "as big as a nation, as quiet as thought, and moving as prayer. Matchless and towering." *Gilead* tells the story of America and will break your heart.



***The Book Club will meet at  
4:30 p.m.,***

***hosted by Molly Aumack  
at Esperanza's Mexican Restaurant  
(219 W. Miner Yreka, CA)***

**With the new year come ideas about fresh starts for many things, but if you are on the church finance committee, thoughts about the new annual budget is high on your list!**

Actually, we think about the budget all year long, adjusting it monthly based on our income and expenditures, evaluating whether or not our money is being well spent. (This is typical for everyone who must balance income and expense.) But as those of us on the YUMC's finance committee begin planning for the new year, we note that church budgeting is a little different from our own personal, at-home budgets. First, at church we do not have a guaranteed or predictable income. Our income expectations are based primarily on past experience--and every financial advisor will warn you not to judge future performance on past performance. Yet the job of the church budget committee is to determine, as best we can, what God's plan is for the church and how to create a budget that will meet it. How do we do that? Not by previous experience or accounting acumen, but solely by PRAYER AND FAITH.

The church budget is based on faith--faith that God has called us to be His people and has given us tasks to accomplish in 2020. But, in modern society we have a lot of routine stuff we need to pay for so we can do His work. Below is where the money goes:

For every dollar donated

11 cents is sent to the Cal-Nev Annual Conference to support their efforts on our behalf  
35 cents is used to support the pastor  
5 cents is for insurance  
10 cents go for utilities  
10 cents go to maintain and repair the church building  
29 cents go for church programs; youth, worship, education, ministry.

As you can see 71% of the budget is consumed by expenditures we have little control over, although we do work to keep our operational costs as low as possible, so 29% of our budget goes directly to the work of the church in our community and world. We would love to spend all of the church income on ministry, worship, education and youth programs but first we must cover the costs of having a church.

Thank you for your support of our church and God's programs.

## Church Family News

Soon there will be an addition to our Sunday bulletin called **Church Family News**. It will let us know who could use an encouraging note or card, what situations need prayer, who is celebrating, who has experienced an answer to prayer, why we miss seeing someone lately (did they go to Arizona?).... However, it will only be helpful if we all participate. Please pass along needs, situations, and reasons to celebrate to Sarah at 842-4980 or by email to [sarahpaf@att.net](mailto:sarahpaf@att.net) to get them reported for the congregation.



## Equip "U"

*Classes will be starting Wednesday, January 8, 2020.  
Classes will be both morning at 10:00 am and evenings  
at 6:30 pm. Are you ready for Spiritual growth?*



# IMPACT

The kids worked hard in November to earn money toward our upcoming Youth Conference in March.





The youth were hard at work for "Christmas on the Streets" on December 22nd. They served hot chocolate, cookies and a lot of love!



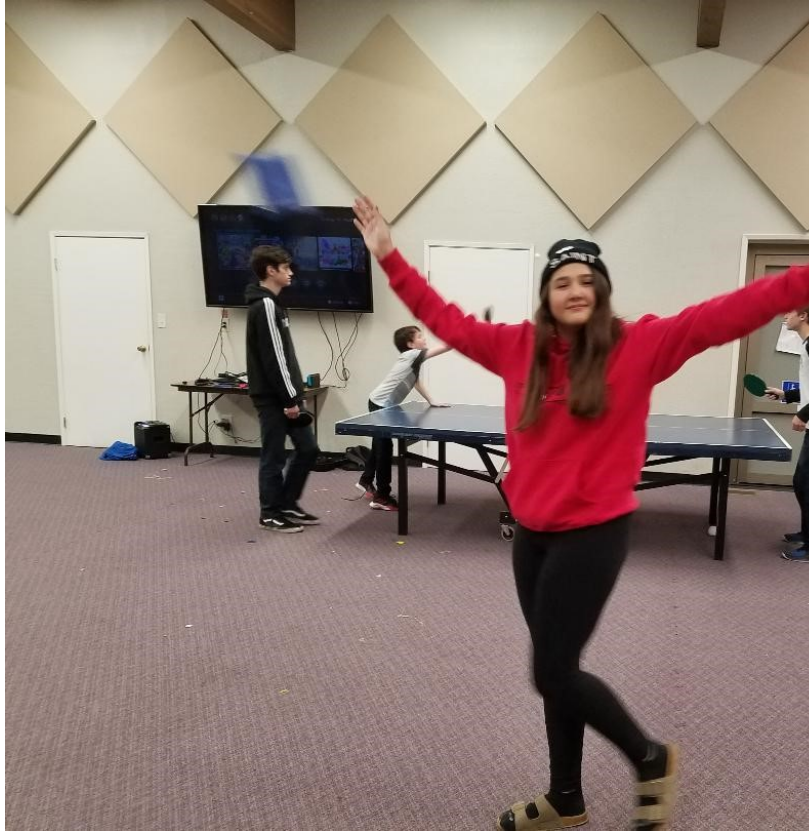
Everyone loves to see the Kids when they work Tailgaters!



The Hot Chocolate was so delicious!



IMPACT pulled an all-nighter for New Year's Eve and toasted in the New Year with sparkling cider! There were 15 kids in attendance, including four newcomers! An enormous THANK YOU to all those YUMC angels who prepared and coordinated food for this big event. Your love and support for our kids means the world to us!



Don't you wish you were having this much fun??



“Christmas on the Street was a huge success!” A great big Thank You to everyone who came out with us. We could never have done it without the donations from our giving congregation. So many smiling faces and such fun!









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## **From the Leadership Board January 2020 . . . .**

**Comings and goings.** Thank you to Pete Bein for his service these last three years in personnel, finance and being the chair of the Leadership Team. Thank you also to Deb Whipple for her service in Congregational Care. Joining the LT for three years are Sarah Frey in Congregational Care, Deb Bein in Personnel and Cliff Lantz in Finance.

**Communicating your thoughts on a new pastor.** The Bishop's cabinet will decide on their recommendation for our new pastor as early as this month (January). You may communicate your thoughts on a new pastor directly in writing to District Superintendent Blake Busick at either [blakeb@calnevumc.org](mailto:blakeb@calnevumc.org) or 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California 95691.

**Church potluck and "Building" event February 22, 2020 at 9 a.m.** Instead of a Friday evening and Saturday day event the LT is changing this to a Saturday (only) event, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with food!! Some topics for our discussion include fundraising events for the whole church, joint activities with other churches in the area, reviving the Parents Night Out program, and whatever YOU want to talk about.

**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.

**Homeless Food and Shelter.** Deb and Pete Bein are in discussion with the Beacon of Hope program to use our facilities for two nights per week to provide a meal and shelter for the homeless. If you are interested in staffing the church overnight or preparing food in the evening, please contact me at 530.340.3224.

**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; we have moved member comments to the start of the monthly meeting agenda. 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



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