



***January 2019 Bridge***  
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***A Stephen Ministry Congregation***

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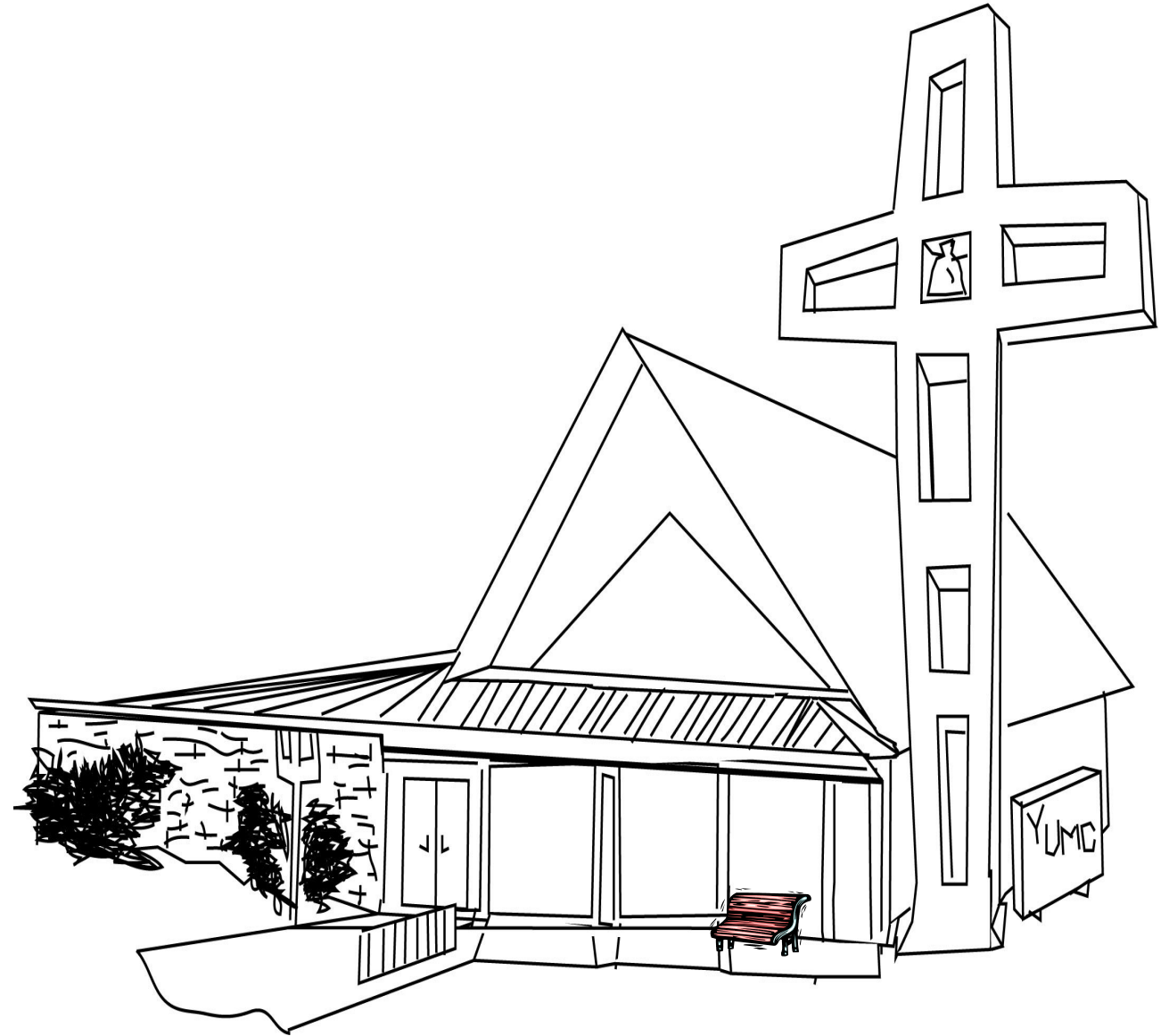
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# A Note from Pastor Toni

## *Happy New Year to my YUMC family!*

2019 is upon us as we begin another year with A clean slate—an empty chapter waiting for us to write; with the help of the God who loves us and has called us to His purpose for His good pleasure! As I was reading Ephesians this morning I was reminded of my prayer for you in 2018. In Ephesians 1:15-19, Paul shares his excitement in his opening prayer to the believers in Ephesus. He is grateful for their faith and love, and the evidence of that faith and love in the way they live as followers of Jesus.

Here is the amazing, heart-felt prayer; written by Paul to the people he loved. It echo's 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..."

What an amazing prayer! God settled on us as the focus of His love, to be made whole and holy by His love! It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.

How much time are you devoting to self-discovery? There is not one of us who can't continue to grow, learn and discover more about following Jesus and how we fit into God's eternal picture for His Kingdom. There is not one of us who would not benefit from immersing ourselves in a new opportunity to learn, grow and discover. That is why I am making my appeal to you, my dear brothers and sister in Christ, to challenge you in this New Year to get involved something new that will stimulate your heart, mind and spirit! Maybe it will be a small group, or taking one of the classes offered. Maybe its time to challenge yourself to read the Bible all the way through, or to join a Sunday school class,, or to become a part of the tailgate team, or to serve in our children's ministry; anything that will take you deeper into your relationship with God and community. It's an opportunity to put into practice what you will learn as you spend time with other followers, seeking to become more like Christ as well.

There is a lack of spiritual maturity in many Christians. They have settled for 'good'

rather than God's best for them. Paul says in Chapter 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 ever 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 the grounding of God's word and a committed relationship with Jesus and the community of faith, we are easily swayed by the ways of our world.

On February 6th  
, Michell Caswell and her husband Matt, will be sharing their journey of healing and wholeness, and how God has used them through the Purely His ministry they have created. We currently have folks from YUMC participating and they too will share regarding their progress toward healing and wholeness through Purely His. As each of you chooses to submit yourselves to God's purpose in 2019 may you have, with anticipation and courage, a new vision for who you are as a follower of Christ

**Pastor Toni**

# January 2019

## *Birthdays*

Valerie Chambers	1
Marjie Bley	3
Tammy Lambert	8
Sylvia O'Connor	9
Pam Piemme	9
Michael Bray	13
Mary Skeahan	20
Jan Sinnott	22
Tom Brackney	28
Mike Aceves	29
John Krueger	30
Richard Ashe	30

## *Anniversaries*

Liz and Rad Hockaday 7



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Brothers and Sisters,

This story was submitted by Debby Whipple,

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that was going on inside of him. He said “My son, it is a battle between two wolves.”

The first wolf is evil: anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.”

”The second wolf is good: joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf wins?” The old Cherokee simply replied “the one I feed.”

Congregational Care would like to wish you a blessed 2019!

# 2019

Remember Folks— To be a member of Saint’s Alive! You must be age 55 or, know someone who is 55. Read that last statement carefully...

We have big plans for lots and lots of events for 2019.

Monthly Lunch-a-bunch.  
Monthly Book Club.

Two Theatre trips.

A journey back in time to the Civil War with Bill Doron.

A Mother’s Day luncheon.

A trip to Wildlife Images.

Lavender Farm.

Concert in the park.

Winery Tour.

Chocolate Factory Tour.

Talent or Not show.

Trivia Night Dinner.

Come to a meeting to find out what else we have in store for 2019!

**UMM  
BREAKFAST**  
1/13/19 at 8am  
**All Methodist Men  
are welcome!**



***Saints Alive!***  
*Dates to Remember*

1/8/19 @ 5:00 pm

***Dream Team***

***Meeting***

***In Room 8***

1/8/19 @ 11:30 am

***Lunch a Bunch***

***Tap House***

1/10/19 @ 4:30 pm

***Book Club***

***At the***

***Roadhouse***



# Celebrate Recovery

Happy January Everyone!

Hello Everyone,

2019 is upon us and John and I are excited about what is to come. The month of December has been slow for Celebrate Recovery but we have been praying for it to reach many people this coming year. For 2019 John and I would like our night to continue to grow, also John and I want to attend the CR training in Sacramento in February to get more ideas and ways to grow. This will be something that we will work towards this year. Also we are looking into getting a prayer board made this year and expand to being able to provide dinner in the future and possible child care. We want all families and people welcome with no worries of a babysitter or food. So we will be starting to once again within the next week to place flyers around town and getting more resources to know that we are there... If your job is where you are able to spread the word or want to hand out flyers please let John and I know. 2019 is going to be a great year and thank you for your prayers and continue support. Happy New Year...

With Love and Regards,

*John & Sadie Gorseth*



# CELEBRATE RECOVERY



## *Good bye and Hello!!*

*A warm thank you and Good bye to our Janitor,  
Stacey Willison.*

*Stacey has been with us for 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years. She has  
done an excellent job for us and we are sad to  
see her go. We wish her all the best in the future.*

*Hello!*

*Hello to our new Janitor, John Gorseth. John is  
married to Sadie and together they have three  
children, Skyler, Alexis and Emily.*

*If you see John, say hello and welcome him  
aboard!*

“Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page  
book. Write a good one.”  
— Brad Paisley



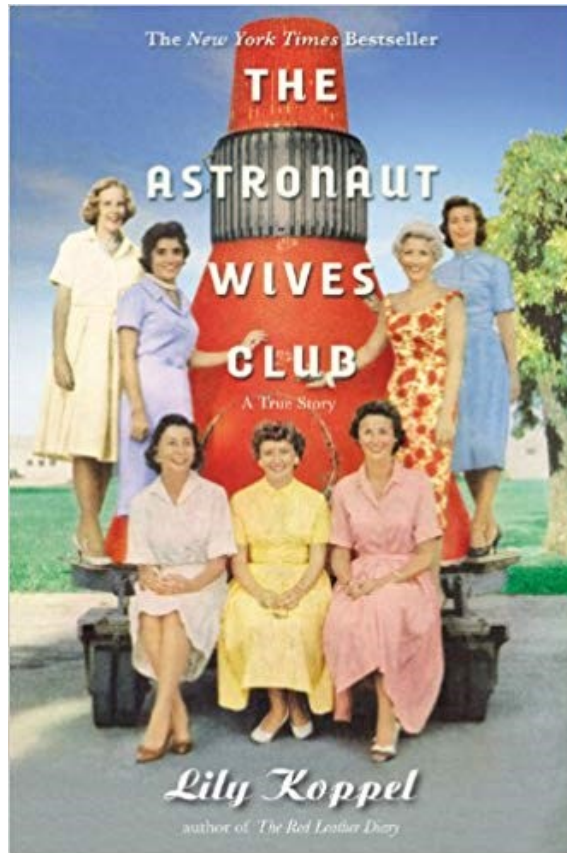
Youth Sunday rehearsal. Grey is singing so smoothly.  
Youth Leader Kevin is playing on that drum!

I threw in a couple of Christmas Eve photos as well.



# Welcome to The Book Club 2019

(An exuberant subsidiary of YUMC's Saints Alive!)  
Meeting on the second Thursday of each month



## Our January 10, 2019 Selection

America's Mercury Seven astronauts were launched on death-defying missions, television cameras focused on the brave smiles of their young wives. Overnight, these women were transformed from military spouses into American royalty. They had tea with Jackie Kennedy, appeared on the cover of *Life* magazine, and quickly grew into fashion icons. As their celebrity rose--and as divorce and tragic death began to touch their lives--they continued to rally together, and forming bonds that would withstand the test of time, and they have stayed friends for over

YUMC Book club Christmas event at the home of Anita and Cliff Lantz. Some of us opted for an old fashioned wagon ride, while others gathered inside and enjoyed the warmth of the wood blazing in the fireplace.

Pictured are Kate (the Horse), Cliff Lantz (the Driver), Anita Lantz, Robin Watson, Nancy Krueger and Kelly Atchley.

A good time was had by all. Okay, maybe not by Kate!



## SAINTS ALIVE! Minutes 12-4-18

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm. Those present were: Co-Chair persons Mary Baker and Michael Burleson-Raney, Kelly Atchley, Mike Fallon, Linda Kindred, Ron Kindred, Nancy Krueger, Anita Lantz, Cliff Lantz, Ed Matthews, Kathryn Matthews, Beverly Short, Marilyn Stepanovich, Pat Wernicke and Debby Whipple.

Nancy presented the Devotion: It is all too easy to become so busy with all the preparations for Christmas that we neglect the “Reason for the Season.” We don't need more decorating, shopping, baking, etc. What we really need is more Christian expressions of the love of our Lord. Christmas is truly a highlight in the year because it is the celebration of our Savior coming to earth. Let us make it a priority to remember what it is that we are celebrating.

### PLANNING MEETING

We had our dinner meeting in the Social Hall and planned activities for the coming year. As we enjoyed fresh-baked pizza, assorted drinks and desserts, each person had a chance to suggest things to do and places to go in 2019.

Kelly has prepared a calendar which is attached to these minutes. Each month shows the dates for our Saints Alive activities as well as Church activities which we know are already scheduled at this point in time. We have calendared the Prayer Tent at the Fair in August. We definitely want the Civil War with Bill Doron to be in April and the Talent-or-Not show to be in October. We will be going to see “Mama Mia” at the Cabaret in June and “Miracle on 34th Street” in November.

Activities and outings mentioned but not yet scheduled include: Heritage Days in McCloud, a Cheese and Chocolate tour in Central Point, excursions to the movies in Mt. Shasta, resuming Fun & Games, Trivia Night and Christmas caroling. Some (but not all) of our on-going activities are on the calendar as well. A new Bible study, “Everybody Always” with Anita Lantz, will begin in January. The monthly Book Club dates are listed. The Lunch Bunch meets and eats monthly and we have chosen the restaurants for the entire year.

Michael and Mary thank each person for their ideas and enthusiasm...2019 will be a great year for Saints Alive! We adjourned the meeting just before Choir practice began.

NEXT MEEING – Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, at 5 pm. Marilyn Stepanovich will bring cookies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Wernicke



# IMPACT

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** from the **IMPACT Youth TEAM!** God's love and grace is all around us as we start off 2019! I am proud to announce the newest **IMPACT Team Leader, Leah Loughlin!** Leah comes with a loving heart, wisdom and natural God given talents. We are honored to have her a part of our **IMPACT Leadership Team!**

## **"BLAME FREE ZONE"**

This year we are inviting the **YUMC congregation** to join **IMPACT Youth Team**, with our **"BLAME FREE ZONE"** All change starts with ourselves first, and with our eyes focused on Jesus. **Matthew 7:5** says, **You hypocrite!** First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friends eye. Whoa! A simple gospel scripture put in our hearts and put into

action could change the world! So let's first examine our selves, take responsibility and move forward, praying through each step. We may even need to step out in humility and apologize. Often times, we are caught up in what another person did or didn't do. When we share with another person, other then who we need to directly talk to , then our words are escalated to another and then we find ourselves in gossip.

**Proverbs 26:20** tells us with out wood a fire goes out; with out gossip a quarrel dies down. In other words let's not put flame to the fire, put it out and chose not to relight it!

**Colleen Alvarez**  
**IMPACT Youth**  
**Team Leader**

# 2019





# Christmas On the Street 2018



The best Christmas  
Celebration ever with  
our Church family!  
12/23/2018





## Saints Alive Quilters

The Saints Alive Quilters have been busy this fall working on Layer Cake and Jelly Roll quilts. We meet at the church every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is welcome. Since Christmas and the New Year falls on a Tuesday we will not meet for two weeks. We will start the new year on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 making quilts out of Fat Quarters. Come join us.





## **Black Friday (night b4 xmas)**

Twass the mourn of Black Friday and all thru the land  
Store employees and shoppers ran as fast as you can,  
    Parking lots filling at 3am...  
    Crashing the entrances, shoving and mad,  
    Such Christmas spirit, none of them had..  
Dad on the shopping cart, Mom leading the way  
Where is the big screen they had on display?  
    Black Friday specials, all gathered up 1st  
    Mom was ticked off Dad started to curse...  
Two hours in line, cart full of such treasures  
Millions of shoppers outside in the weather...  
Store owners anxiously awaiting the totals,  
Shoppers in parking lots, weary and worn,  
    Dodging sleepy drivers please  
    Stay off the horn!  
So another black Friday, announces holiday season  
Its seems no one cares, That Christmas is here for a reason....  
    Not about gifts or  
Or outshopping your neighbor, not about Christmas lights  
    Or insane behavior  
    Just about giving the gift we all need,  
To be freed by the Savior and let go of the greed.  
    Dedicated to those who, appreciate  
    the gift of love....

Authored by  
Michael Sarason  
2018

God, give me grace to accept with serenity  
the things that cannot be changed,  
    Courage to change the things  
    which should be changed,  
and the Wisdom to distinguish  
    the one from the other.

Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
    Taking, as Jesus did,  
    This sinful world as it is,  
    Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
    If I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen.

I have always found this prayer a comfort. Remember,  
this is YOUR newsletter. I accept submissions up to the  
Friday, one week, before the last Friday of the month!

*Michael*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>January 2019</div>		1  9:00 Quilting 5:30 Worship Team 6:30 Choir	2  2:00 pm Strong Women 6:00 pm Sermon Study	3  10:00 am Work Study 5:00 pm WOW 6:30 pm Sacred Space	4  11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women	5  9:00 am Tailgaters
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