

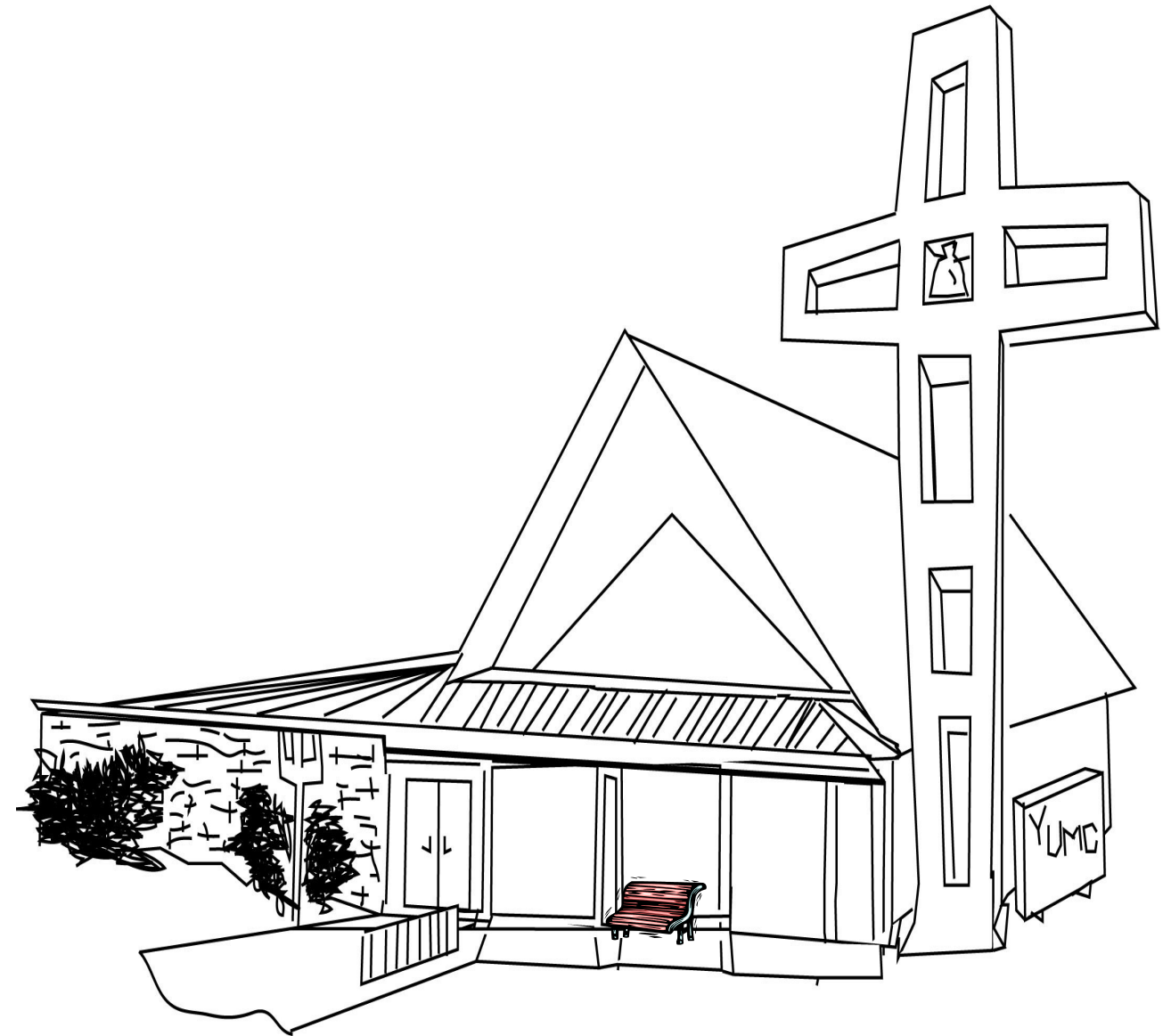


April 2018 Bridge

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A Note from Pastor Toni

This is my favorite church season of all! Starting with Palm Sunday, we are invited to be a part of the story. We welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, waving our palm branches and shouting, *"Hosanna to the Son of David!"* A day later, our shouts change to *"Crucify him! Crucify him!"* On Maundy Thursday, we break bread and share the cup, remembering the Last Supper and joining Jesus at the Table of forgiveness with the mystery of bread becoming His body and wine becoming His blood. Body and blood become our salvation.

Good Friday finds us at the foot of the cross, looking upon the agony and the death of our Savior and remembering our role in placing Jesus on the cross.

Growing up, I never wanted to miss Holy Week worship. On Maundy Thursday I couldn't wait for the tenderness of a stranger washing my feet and then sharing in Holy Communion around a table. I watched in awe as the altar was cleared of everything on Good Friday, the lights were turned off and a candle was lit for the Easter vigil that would last until early Sunday morning. During the singing of that first Easter hymn, the shouts of "Alleluia!" the altar is dressed with candles and gorgeous flowers, the cross is bloomed with every color of spring and a beautiful, flowing silvery white fabric is draped over the cross behind the altar. He is Risen Indeed!

In my years of observing Holy Week, I can't remember a single sermon, or what a priest said from the pulpit, but I do remember the experience of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday: that stranger washing my feet, my forehead against

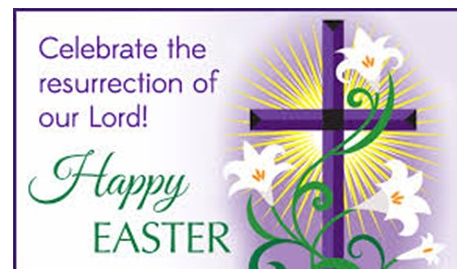
the hard wood of the cross. This is a huge part of how I have come to know grace — that I have betrayed Jesus just as much as Judas, that I have denied Jesus just as much as Peter, but that I too am beloved and forgiven and saved.

Given the distressing times in our nation and in our world, I enter this year's Holy Week with a very real sense of the sin and depravity in humankind. Yes, there is darkness and death, but I believe in a God who overcame death and the grave. I believe and follow Christ who processed into Jerusalem on a donkey, celebrated and cheered and then was crucified by the same crowds who shouted praise and Alleluia's! Our God washed feet and broke bread and suffered violence and betrayal all for a love deeper and wider and higher and greater than we can comprehend.

The experience of Holy Week and Easter reminds us that it is not enough to talk about death and resurrection; we have to live it! And for Jesus followers, that is the most challenging part of all. Seriously consider inviting someone to our celebration of Easter Sunday Worship this year. Give them the gift of Hope

Love,

*Pastor
Toni*



The Resurrection

28 Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

² Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. ³ His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. ⁷ And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

⁸ The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. ⁹ And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Matthew 28: 1-10

April 2018

Birthdays

Jim Davis	2
Joshua Holmes	2
Rick Bowers	3
Janette Hale	6
Sandy Hynd	17
Steve Leal	20
Sandy Johnson	27
Linda Kindred	29



Steve and Allison Leal	4
Mike & John Burelson-Raney	5

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

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

*The wedding is June 30th
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: 842-3943
susancrow3@gmail.com*

*to reserve your space at
the reception.*

**The office will be closed the
day after Easter, 4/2/18.**

I'm sure the kids will need
my help finding all the lost
Easter eggs in the yard.

Praise Jesus, He is Risen!

**The IMPACT Youth Team
MISSION TO MEXICO
FUNDRAISER**

**May 4th at 6:00 pm
Join us for DINNER**

The youth are making and serving
Chicken Cordon Bleu.
Come out for a wonderful meal, great
conversations with friends, family and the
community.
There will be a dessert auction
following dinner

**Saints Alive! At the Cabaret
MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET
April 7, 2018**

If you are carpooling, please be at the
YUMC parking lot by 10am.

If you are going directly to the Cabaret,
they will be seating our group for brunch
At 11:15am. So Exciting!

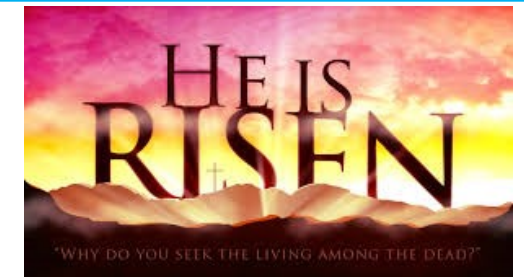


Saints Alive!

*4/3/17 @ 5:00 pm
Dream Team Meeting
Rm 8 in Ed Building*

*4/10/17 @ 11:30 pm
Lunch a Bunch
Esperanza's*

*4/21/17 @ 2:00 pm
Movie Matinee:
Wonder*



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

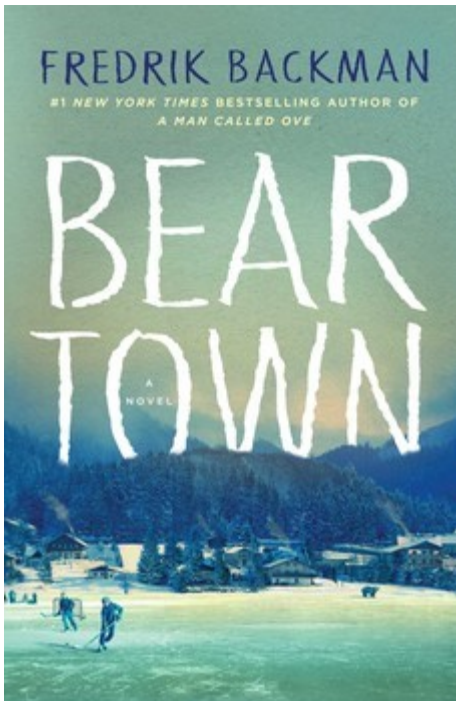
Meeting the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Our April 2018 Selection

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* returns with *Beartown*—an instant *New York Times* bestseller—about a forgotten town fractured by scandal, and the amateur hockey team that might just change everything.

People say Beartown is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest, it is slowly losing ground to the ever encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today. Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys.

Being responsible for the hopes of an entire town is a heavy burden, and the semi-final match is the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and, like ripples on a pond, they travel through all of Beartown, leaving no resident unaffected. *Beartown* explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain. In this story of a small forest town, Fredrik Backman has found the entire world. “Like *Friday Night Lights*, this is about more than youth sports; it’s part coming-of-age novel, part study of moral failure, and finally a chronicle of groupthink in which an unlikely hero steps forward to save more than one person from self-destruction” (*Kirkus Reviews*).



**Thursday, April 19
4:30 p.m. at Strings**

Saints Alive! Movie Matinee:

WONDER

April 21 at 2pm

Based on

***Time Magazine's* 100 Best Young Adult
Books of All Time**



August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can’t get past Auggie’s extraordinary face. *Wonder*, a #1 *New York Times* bestseller, begins from Auggie’s point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community’s struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

In a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new narrative full of heart and hope. R.J. Palacio has called her debut novel “a meditation on kindness” -indeed, every reader will come away with a greater appreciation for the simple courage of friendship. Auggie is a hero to root for, who proves that you can’t blend in when you were born to stand out.



In the middle of March myself, John Villiani and Scott Billingsley Jr. had the opportunity to go to a Youth Pastor and leaders event in Redding at the Young Saints Leadership School. We had three twelve-hour days full of worship, teaching, break out sessions and interaction with Youth leaders from other states and countries.

Building a culture of vulnerability. This has been my personal goal with the youth is to create a “Safe” place for them to be vulnerable with what they are facing in life. Therefore creating a safe “Space” to build personal relationship with the Lord. This is where the grace given allows us the ability to align with God’s word. I have not been concerned with the numbers of youth attending, rather the condition of their hearts and the destiny God has for each one of them. Jesus showed us the example of being vulnerable by his knowing and acceptance of his destiny of being nailed to the cross.

Vulnerability is being naked in front of God, as was Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis. When we are vulnerable, God will cover us with His Glory. We saw this vulnerability last October, when one of our youth gave their testimony of transparency in front of the congregation, after IMPACT visited a youth conference. This was a courageous act on behalf of that youth. Knowing their identity in Christ and feeling secure being covered in the Glory of God. To create a culture of Vulnerability we need to walk in vulnerability ourselves



and build trust with a profound amount of love. Just as Christ died on the cross, we can die to our flesh and live in the transparency of the Cross.

Much love,
Colleen Alvarez



UMM & IMPACT



Who said
church
Wasn't any
fun?



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

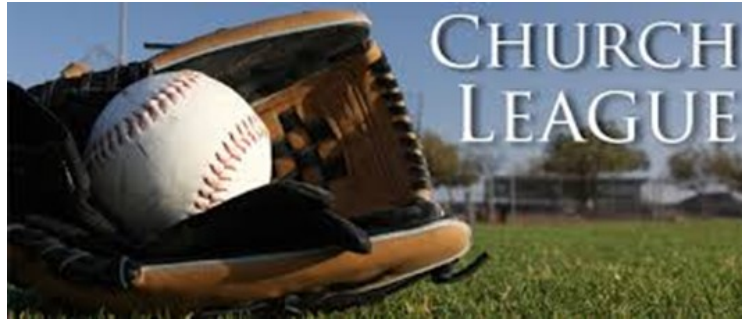
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---To order your t-shirt---
Contact: Colleen Alvarez
any of the youth, youth leaders
or Pam at the office 842-4291

**Together we can make
an IMPACT!**

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Softball 4/21 at Miner Street Park



On April 21, the first church league games begin. The first and last day of the Church League are always tournaments. The schedule will be created through the method of seeing who shows up with a team. We have some great folks to participate in the team and are looking forward to including any and all who are interested. There are always people who can't make one Saturday or another and with extra people we can fill any gaps.

If you would like to play, we would love to have you. Please let Pam know or just show up at the field with a mitt and a great attitude.

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

The time for YUMC to play will be announced on the 21st at the field. Watch the YUMC Facebook page or if you'd prefer, Pam C. can text you.



Walk to Emmaus

Men's Walk: 4/12-15
Women's Walk: 4/19-22

**MTWTE still needs both
Pilgrims and workers,
Deadline is March 8**



United Methodist Men BREAKFAST!

April 8th at 8:00 am



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1 EASTER 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service Noon Tailgaters		2 OFFICE CLOSED 12:30 pm Crafting/Cause 2:00 pm Strong Women 5:30 pm WOW		3 9:00 am SA Quilting 5:00 pm SA Dream Team 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice		4 2:00 pm Strong Women 6:00 pm Sermon Study		5 5:30 pm WOW 6:30 pm Sacred Space		6 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women		7 8:00 am Tailgaters 10:00 am SA Cabaret	
8 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service Noon Tailgaters 4:00 pm IMPACT Youth		9 12:30 pm Crafting/Cause 2:00 pm Strong Women 5:30 pm WOW 7:00 pm Prayer Revolution		10 9:00 am SA Quilting 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice		11 2:00 pm Strong Women 6:00 pm Sermon Study		12 2:00 pm SA Fun & Games 5:30 pm WOW 6:30 pm Sacred Space Emmaus Begins-Men		13 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women		14 8:00 am Tailgaters	
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