



## *April 2019 Bridge*

**Yreka United Methodist Church**

502 N. Fairchild St, Yreka CA 96097

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**Pastor  
Toni Hartman**

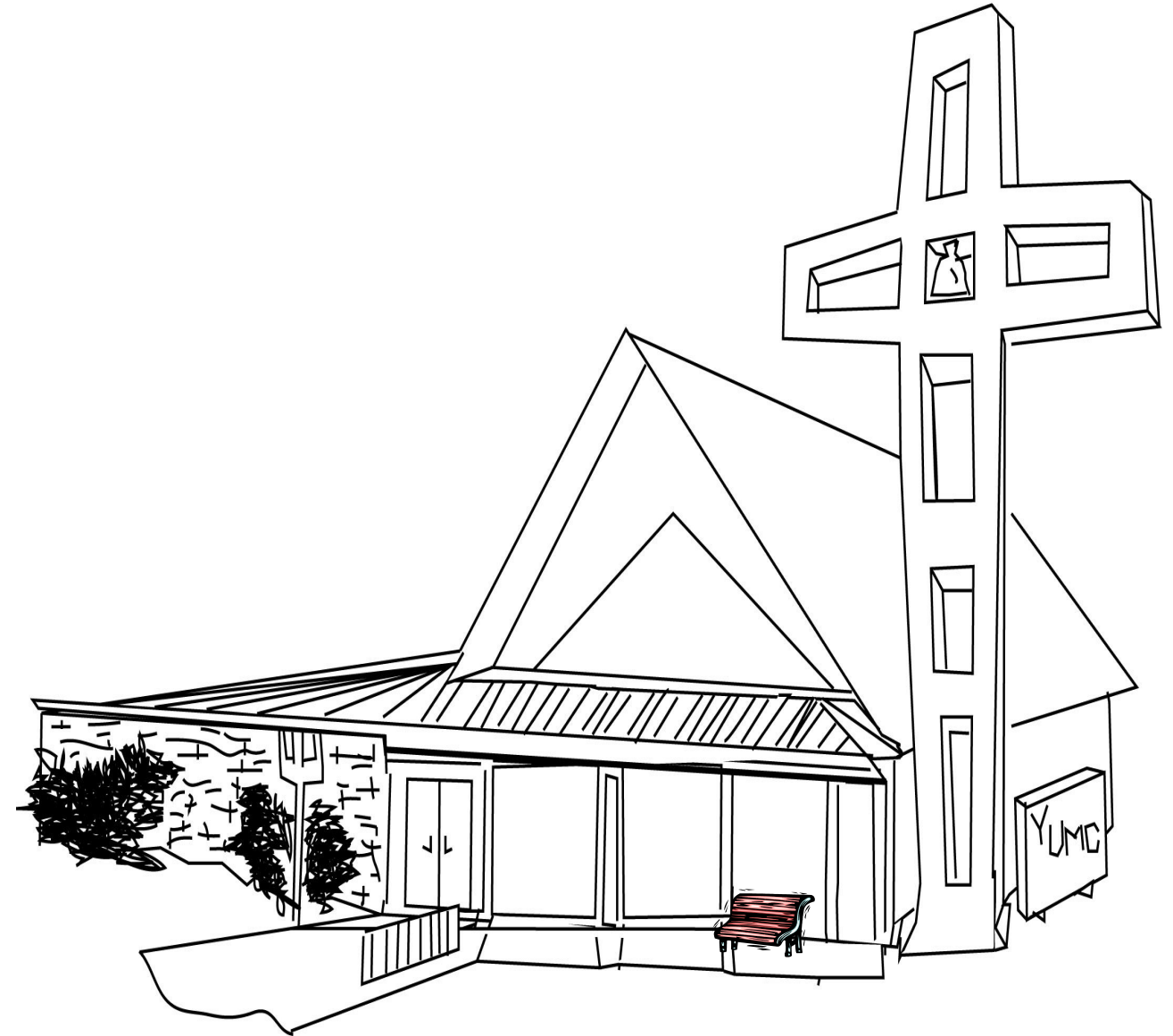
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# A Note from Pastor Toni

YUMC, we are moving toward the most significant Sunday of the entire year. For followers of Jesus it is the most important celebration we share.

EASTER—the Resurrection—

New Life—New Hope—New Possibilities—

New beginnings.

There is not one person in our city and county who doesn't need Jesus in their life. Not one!!

I am reminded of the story in the Gospel of John about Philip and Nathanael. After Jesus called Philip, Peter and Andrew to leave their boats and follow Him, Philip was *so excited* that he ran to find his friend, Nathanael, and tell him that they had found the Messiah!

Who have you run to lately and told that you have found the Messiah; that your life is different and richer and more fulfilled because you have found Jesus? What are you doing to deepen your relationship with the One who loves you most and loves you best; the One who laid down his life for you, only to take it up again and empower you with the same

Spirit that empowered Him to raise from death?

Church, please stop underestimating who you are and what you have been called to do. You are the presence of Jesus in Yreka! None of us is perfect, for sure, but we are all God has to do the work to which we have been called in the place where we have been planted! And we can do so much when we acknowledge what we have been given to give away! We have been given EASTER—the Resurrection—New Life—New Hope—New Possibilities—New beginnings! We are His Easter people called to

step into a broken, messy world and bring hope. Why would we hesitate to give that away?

I encourage and challenge you all to begin praying about whom God would have you invite to our Holy Week services—

## *Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday!*

Let me remind you that it is not a church to which they are being invited. Instead think of it as an invitation to a party; a celebration, a great opportunity; an opportunity to experience the Resurrection side of the cross—to live a life of joy not just happiness, fulfillment not just momentary satisfaction, community, not just casual relationship, and above all, the love of God who depends on you to initiate invitation to new life in Jesus Christ!

EASTER—the Resurrection—New Life—New Hope—New Possibilities—

New beginnings!!

Who wouldn't want to share that with someone?

Listen, if Jesus has changed your life, and I certainly hope and pray that He has, then you have only one choice: to offer that same

life-changing experience to someone you know who doesn't yet know Him. Maybe there is someone in your circle of friends who has had a negative experience with church. Tell them about YUMC. Tell them how the Holy Spirit shows up in worship and lives are changed. Tell them that we are a diverse group of people who genuinely care about one another. Tell them that they too will feel welcomed

and that there is a place for everyone. *Tell them COG-POW'S! AND...BRING THEM!* Offer to pick them up on Easter Sunday. If they come on their own, meet them in the parking lot, introduce them to the folks in your church family. Take them to breakfast after church and ask them how they liked the experience. Invite them back the Sunday after Easter!!

FYI...the pastor doesn't grow the church, Church. *YOU DO!!!* Pray! Ask the Lord who to invite. Pray again. Begin telling them about your church. Pray again. Invite them to Maundy Thursday dinner and service, Good Friday and of course, Easter Sunday. The future of YUMC is in your hands. Take someone else by the hand and invite them into that future!

Shalom to all,

**Pastor Toni**



## April 2019 *Birthdays*

Jim Davis	2
Joushua Holmes	2
Rick Bowers	3
Sandy Hynd	17
Steve Leal	20
Sandy Johnson	27
Erin Whipple	29
Linda Kindred	29

## *Anniversaries*

Steve and Allison Leal	4
Michael & John Burleson-Raney	5



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

*April 2*  
*Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*  
*Saints Alive Monthly Meeting 5 pm Rm 8*

*April 9*  
*Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*  
*Lunch a Bunch 11:30 am*  
*Puerto Vallarta*

*April 11*  
*Monthly Book Club 4:30 pm*  
*Strings on Miner St.*

*April 16*  
*Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*

*April 23*  
*Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*

*April 30*  
*Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*

*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**  
**April 14, 2019**  
**Downstairs in the  
Social Hall.**  
**All Men are welcome!**

### **Top Ten Reasons to volunteer for ROAR VBS**

10. Help Kids build a FEROCIOUS faith in Jesus!
9. You've always wanted to go on a SAFARI.
8. You'll have so much fun, all your worries will be irr-ELEPHANT
7. Get a chance to ROAR praises to God.
6. It's a JUNGLE out there, no one will be HIPPO-critical.
5. No where else can you have a WILD good time!
4. It will be the MANE event of the summer.
3. No LION, no one else will make my dinner for free.
2. Helping kids know God will be an ext-ROAR-dinary experience.

And the #1 reason you might want to sign up: be  
cause VBS is not just about one week...  
**IT'S FOR ETERNITY!!**

Submitted by, Susan Erhardt



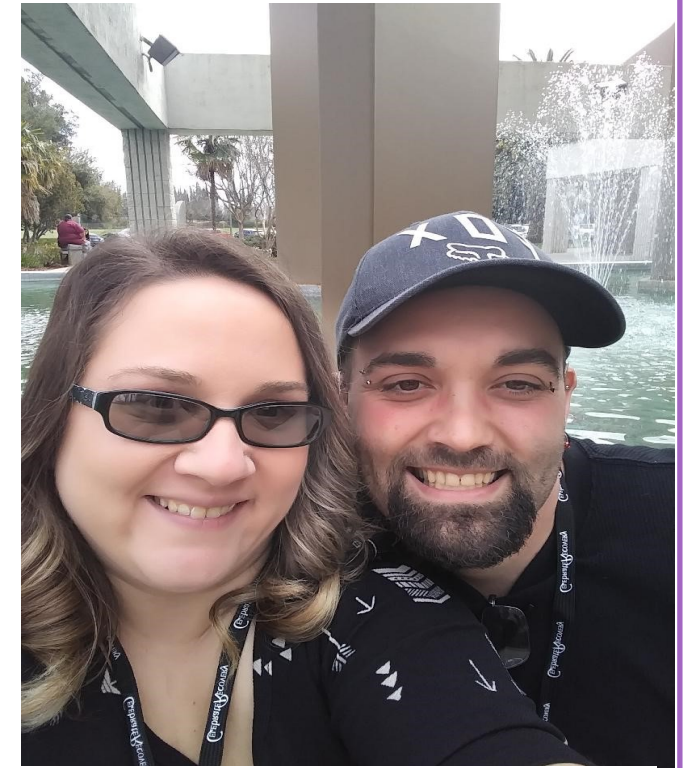
# Celebrate Recovery

## Happy April Church Family,

John and I have had some amazing changes happen this past month with CR, we had the Oregon rep, John come down with his wife and give his testimony to the group one night in march. Also, that night was our highest in numbers and we had fifteen people. We were excited but always know that it's not about the numbers but who we impact and heal while working through life. This month we are attending a spring get together with other Celebrate Recovery's in Medford and meet collaborative people and learn how they celebrate. We are implementing Dinner two times a month and have monthly sign up sheets for that as well. Anyone who has been providing meal or snacks, John and I want to thank you for helping. We are continuing every Friday night to provide a place for people to come and work on their hurts, habits or hang-ups. On Friday Nights we have big group where we worship and give a testimony or teach and then break off into small groups, men and woman, where we can share in confidence and be able to work through many things. John and I are still working very hard at wanting to get to the CR summit that is in August located in Lake Forrest California. We have also heard that we can look into getting a host to stay with while we are there to save on Hotel expenses. We continue to believe the more training we have to more equipped we will be to Concore many things within Siskiyou County and continue to make Celebrate Recovery a house hold name that people can look forward to on Friday Nights. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

In Love and Light,

*John & Sadie Gorseth*



# Celebrate Recovery

**From the Leadership Board . . .**

**Potlucks.** The combination potluck and congregation information meetings are May 16 and July 19 plus the annual year end conference. Mark your calendars !

**Kitchen.** Courtesy of the generous donation of the Elsea family, a kitchen refurbishment project is being considered. If you have ideas please share them with the committee established for that purpose: Jennifer Villani, Kelly Atchley, Charles Cook with technical advice from Mike Duncan.

**Utilities.** Thanks to Jim Davis, Jim Frey and Charles Cook for finishing the installation of the new, more energy efficient lights in the social hall.

**Finances.** Our church continues on solid financial footing. We are current on all our obligations. Thank you to Kelly Atchley and Pete Bein for their diligent application to the necessary work.

**Required minimum distributions.** For those 70 ½ years and older drawing RMDs, your tax consultant may be able to show you how to distribute/donate the money directly to the church avoiding any income tax liability. Our treasurer Kelly Atchley says we are set up to provide you verification of the transaction for your tax records.

In His service,  
Joe Allison  
Leadership Board Chair

**Tailgater Donations Change to VBS Donations**

On the last Sunday in March the Tailgater Donation Board will come down temporarily to make room for a new donation board for this year's Vacation Bible School...**ROAR!** Please visit the easel in the Wesley room to discover what you can make, purchase, or do to help make this year's VBS the most exciting ever.

Special thanks to everyone for your continued support in every area of our church.

PS...If you happen to want to throw an extra loaf of bread or package of ham or box of chips in your shopping cart periodically the Tailgater's will make good use of them!

**February 2019 General Fund Figures**

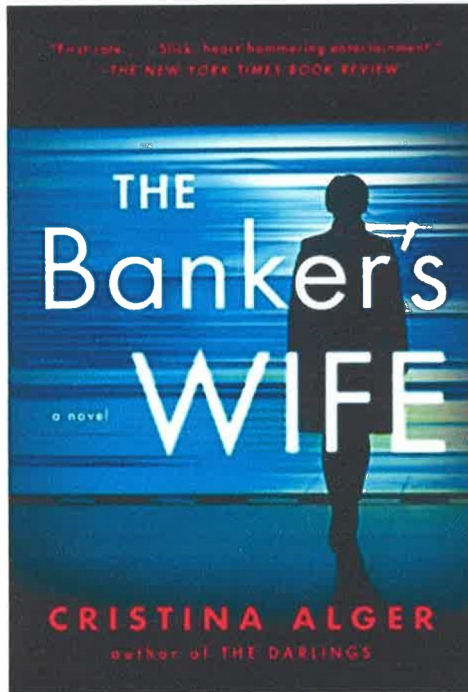
	<b>February 2019</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Revenue	\$15,060.33	\$36,143.88
Expenses	\$17,771.97	\$37,377.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ - 2,711.64</b>	<b>\$ - 1,233.93</b>



## The Book Club – April 11, 2019

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

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month



Cristina Alger's "The Bankers Wife" features three very strong female characters that make the novel work. And it is these three women who uncover a vast money laundering scheme created by the Swiss United bank to hide the cash behind mobsters, fraudsters, terrorists and the Bashir Assad family of Syria.

The women are Annabel, the wife of Matthew a Swiss United banker who dies mysteriously in a plane crash; Marina, the fiancé of Grant the son of a New York real estate developer who is running for president and Zoe, Matthew's assistant who collects documents outlining Swiss United's scheme. Marina worked previously as an investigative reporter whose boss dies in a presumed robbery gone bad in Connecticut.

Alger interlaces her plot by going back and forth between the three women who are all working independently to find out the extent of Swiss United's nefarious deeds. Of course, Annabel is highly interested in how and why her husband died and she puts to good use her art curator skills in examining evidence.

There is a fast-paced conclusion, with a few people dying along the way, as the truth is ultimately revealed!

***The Book Club will meet at Strings on Miner Street, 4:30 p.m.***

*If you have any questions, or would like to have a copy of the book ordered for your reading pleasure, please get in touch soon with our leader for April,*

*Mary Skeahan at 530-905-0270 or email at [mskeahan@siskiyouda.org](mailto:mskeahan@siskiyouda.org)*

## The Book Club – May 9, 2019

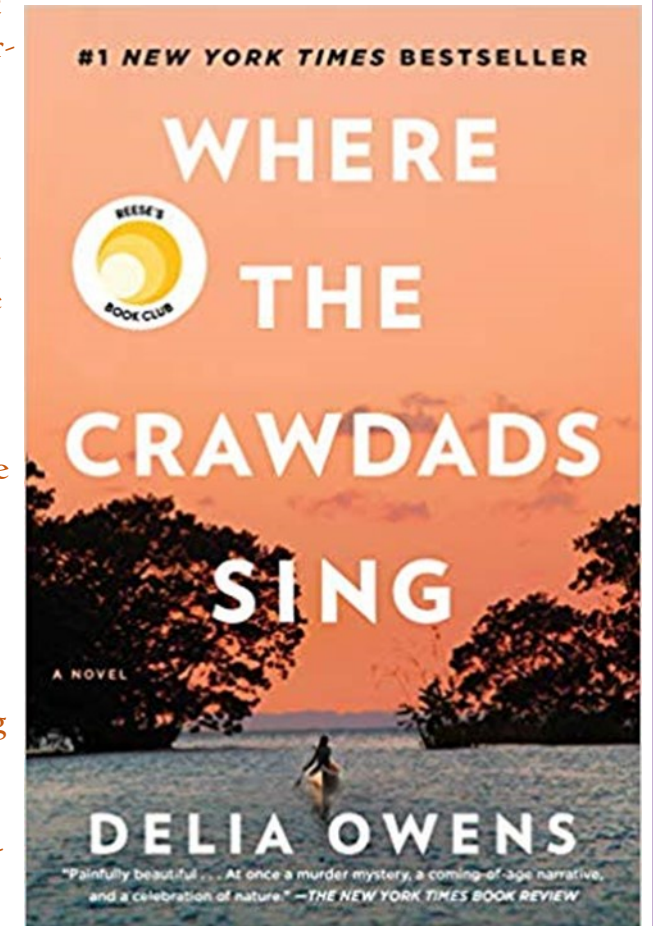
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"A painfully beautiful first novel that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature....Owens here surveys the desolate marshlands of the North Carolina coast through the eyes of an abandoned child. And in her isolation that child makes us open our own eyes to the secret wonders—and dangers—of her private world."—*The New York Times Book Review*

"Steeped in the rhythms and shadows of the coastal marshes of North Carolina's Outer Banks, this fierce and hauntingly beautiful novel centers on...Kya's heartbreaking story of learning to trust human connections, intertwine[d] with a gripping murder mystery, revealing savage truths. An astonishing debut."—*People*

"This lush mystery is perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver."—*Bustle*



*The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m.  
Nancy Krueger will be hosting the meeting at her home,  
106 Montair Drive, Montague, CA 96064.*

# SAINTS ALIVE Minutes March 5, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Mary Baker at 4:17 pm with a spiritual reading by Nancy Krueger titled “Thank God for a Waste Basket.”

Attendance: Kelly Atchley, Mary Baker, Bill Doren, Nancy Krueger, Kathryn Matthews, Mike Burelson-Raney, Kathryn Prudhomme, Marilyn Stepanovich

**Financial Report:** No financial report was given. Mike Raney reported that grant funds have been set aside for the kitchen remodel in the Multi-purpose Room. Kathryn Matthews said that if a contractor installs the counter top and cuts the sink hole, she would install the sink and faucet.

**Calendar:** Kelly Atchley said Trivia Night scheduled on Saturday, March 23rd needs to be moved to a later date in the year.

**Spirituality:** Bible Study: Anita Lantz will be back to finish Week 3 in “Everybody Always.”

**Enrichment:** Book Club: Next book will be “The Banker’s Wife” and readers will meet April 11th at Strings at 4:30pm to discuss the book. Civil War Simulation: Bill Doren will be putting on the Civil War Reenactment which will take place with Present Lincoln right after Fort Sumpter was attacked. Seven states left the Union and we need to figure out how to bring them back to the Union. 15-20 members need to make this a complete simulation. Mike Fallon will be working with Bill. Everyone will meet Saturday, April 6th to plan and pick our roles, then do the research and give the presentation on April 13th.

Cabaret: June 22nd is scheduled for seeing Momma Mia. Tickets are not being sold yet.

**Intergenerational:** Appreciation dinner/luncheon: A date will be set in a couple of months. The youth leadership is undergoing changes so will schedule at a later date.

**Outreach/Evangelism:** Quilting: We are working out of a book called, “Make One and Your Done.” We are using Janette Hale’s flower fabric as our focal point. Prayer Tent: Kelly Atchley read the letter that will be sent to other churches asking for their assistance at the prayer tent during the Siskiyou Golden Fair. She would also like to attach a form of agreement with the name of the church and a contact number. The letter will be submitted to Pastor Toni Hartman for approval. Kelly will also take the letter to the Board under New Business so they will be aware of what Saints Alive is planning.

**Recreation:** Lunch-a-bunch: Tuesday, March 12th at Ke’Tacos at 11:30am., April 9th at Puerto Vallarta at 11:30am. There was a discussion of getting the calendar on the church’s web site.

Service: Sunshine Committee: Mary Baker reported sending out 14 cards this last month. AM calls: Kathryn Prudhomme - On going

New programs/business: Vacation Bible School (VBS): A motion was made by Marilyn Stepanovich, seconded by Nancy Krueger to support the feeding of the volunteers during VBS. The meal will be served at 5pm; program starts at 6pm and ends at 8pm.

Next Meeting: Cookies:

Marilyn Stepanovich will supply cookies for April.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 2nd – 5 pm

Meeting adjourned: 5:30pm

# IMPACT

I am excited to announce that March 31<sup>st</sup> the Jr High group will be starting the Landing Curriculum from Celebrate Recovery. Kevin Stott and I will work with the youth where they will be able to work thru daily life struggles to help them move closer to Jesus as well as work within them-selves with issues like bullies, divorce, resentment and many other things that our youth go thru on a daily basis. They will be given a lesson and a time to make entries into their Journal.

*In his love,  
Sadie Gorseth*

Watch this space for more information from Leah and Sadie about what's going on with our IMPACT Youth.

# VBS!



Purely His is a non-profit faith based mentoring organization that promotes radical life changing results. We equip those in a mentoring capacity whether a church, organization or individual with the tools, training and support needed to effectively use the 5 steps in a group or individual setting.

Our goal is to start a discipleship movement as we take the Great Commission seriously.

There are currently two Purely his groups meeting at the church. There will be more in the future. Purely His is a powerful group and individual study that can bring you closer to God.





There was a man named Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog.

He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. 'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name?

Sir Winston Churchill.

Submitted by Jim and Sarah Frey

### ***Our Trip to Israel from Pastor Toni***

Many of you asked on Sunday whether or not there would be a presentation from our trip to Israel. The plan is to meet with the pilgrims from Yreka and share pictures. After that takes place I will put together a slide show and we will have an opportunity to gather together over coffee and dessert to share our experiences with you. I do hope all will attend.

The goal is to make it happen before Easter. We are excited and look forward to sharing with you the profound experience that we had together.

## *Mother's Day Brunch*

### *Mother's Day Celebration—Supporting Each Other Celebrating Each Day*

**You are invited to attend our Mother's Day Celebration on  
Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 am.**

**We are planning a very special Brunch.**

**You will be our Program. We want each of you to share a brief story**

**On “How you have been supported by family or friends” and**

**“Why, because of them, you Celebrate each day.”**

**“BE” an INSPIRATION to us all.**

**We Celebrate Family! We Celebrate Friends! We Celebrate Church!**

**We Celebrate a Person! We Celebrate Lives!**

**We Celebrate Each Day!**

**Tickets are \$10 each, \$5 for 5 and under.**

**Profits to Support our IMPACT Youth.**

## *Holy Week*

***Palm Sunday 4/14***

*10:00 am Worship Service*

***Maundy Thursday 4/18***

*6:00 pm Soup and Bread Dinner*

*7:00 pm Worship Service*

*Communion will be served*

***Good Friday 4/19***

*7:00 pm Worship Service*

*Stations of the Cross*

***Easter Sunday 4/21***

*10:00 am Easter Service*

***All are welcome!!***





The Annual **YUMC Yard Sale**  
**is just around the corner...**  
**Saturday May 18th at 8 am**

Please start cleaning up at home &  
get your donations in to the church.  
This event is the primary source of  
funding for YUMC's Outreach efforts,  
and it is only successful with  
your donations.

We accept everything, big or small,  
however, **NO CLOTHES** please!

Easter Blessings to our Brothers and Sisters at YUMC. During this Lenten season I invite you to ponder the following...

Blessed are those to whom Easter is not a hunt, but a find; not a greeting but a proclamation; not an outward fashion, but an inward grace, not a day, but an eternity!

Submitted by Debby Whipple

YUMC  
Prays  
Together

SACRED SPACE  
Is on Hiatus.  
Prayer before the service  
Sundays 8:00 am  
In church sanctuary  
  
All are welcome!



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the Service on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. All kids from ages 1 thru 11 are welcome!! Special prizes and a special message will be in the Eggs.  
Happy Easter to one and all!!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 2:00 pm Strong Women 5:00 pm WOW 6:00 pm Good News Club	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Quilting <b>5:00 pm SA Dream Team</b> 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Choir	<b>3</b> 2:00 pm Strong Women 6:00 pm Sermon Study 6:00 pm Purely His 7:00 pm Class in Social Hall	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Work Study 5:00 pm WOW 6:00 pm Men's Purely His	<b>5</b> 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 am Tailgaters</b>
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