



January 2020 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church

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Toni Hartman**

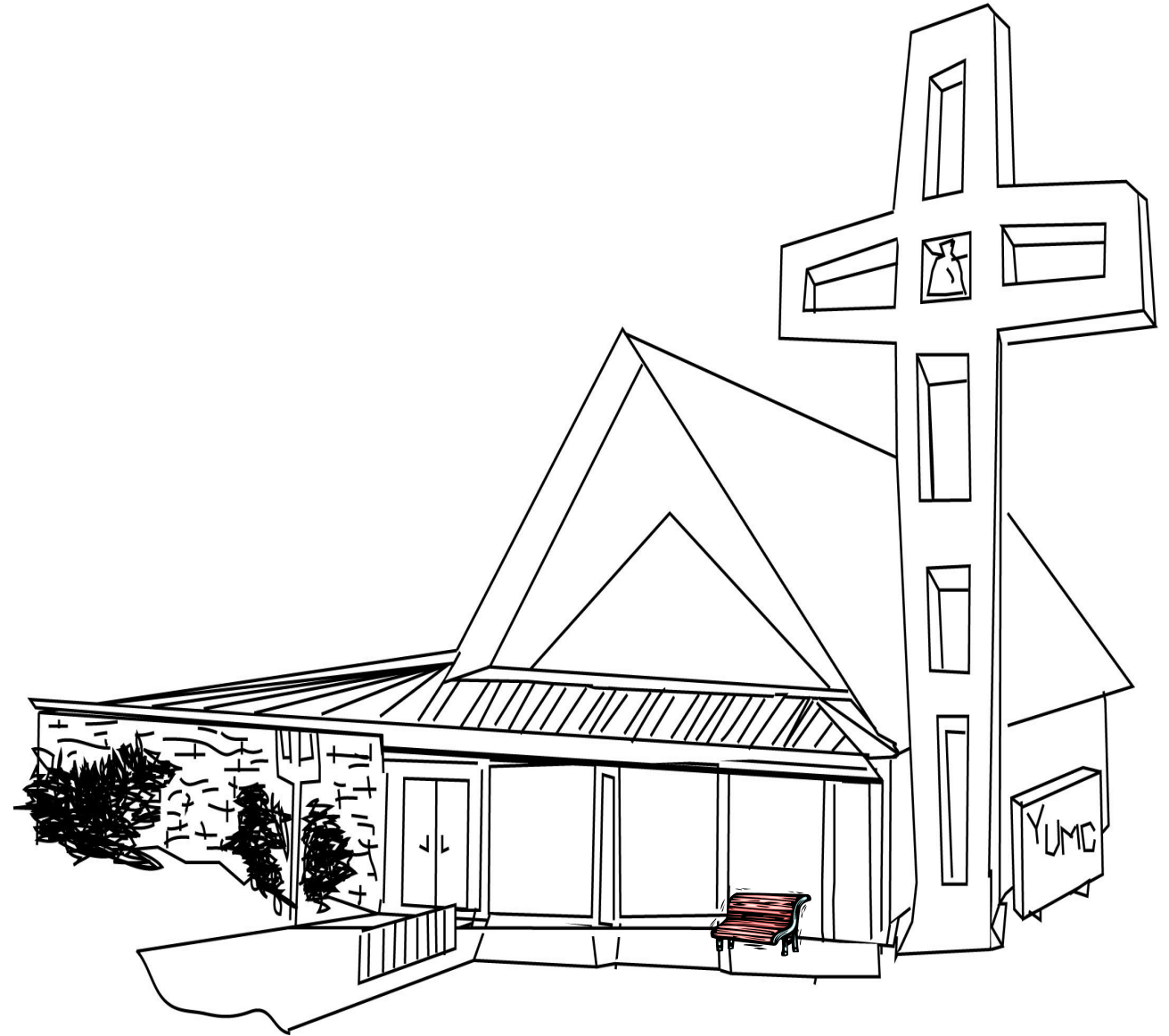
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A Note from Pastor Toni

Dear Church Family,

I have written a letter that will soon reach your mailbox (**Yes, Mailbox, so that we can be sure you have a hard copy to refer to when necessary!**) regarding the recent development within the United Methodist church called, the Protocol for Reconciliation with Grace Through Separation. The hope is that this protocol will help to resolve the long-standing issues surrounding the debate regarding full inclusion of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters in the United Methodist Church.

While the letter will explain some of the current information available, there is still much to be discussed and agreed upon before the local church will need to decide whether they choose to stay with the more progressive United Methodist Conference (*for us that will be the Cal/Nev conference*) or become connected with another conference of Methodists which will more than likely be called The Wesleyan Covenant Conference. (*a more traditional church with traditional values.*) There are many questions that will need to be answered before this decision can be made by the local churches.

This is not an easy time for our denomination, however it is a time where we must all be in prayer for God's will as we move toward General Conference in May of 2020.

My experience over the past 13 years has been that our church family has demonstrated love and acceptance to anyone who comes to YUMC. There is a deep and genuine caring and love displayed by all of

us toward one another as well as toward the stranger in our midst. Many times, I have had visitors say to me, *"This church is so welcoming and we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place."*

We have had our challenges and disagreements. We have had people leave in the past because they didn't like the direction our church was moving. We have had differences of opinions and misunderstandings, but always the Spirit of the Lord seems to prevail and people move toward reconciling and loving one another.

I encourage you to read the letter you will be receiving soon carefully. It will give you an overview of recent information regarding the protocol, as well as encourage you to get involved; becoming informed of the issues surrounding the ultimate decision that will need to be made prior to December 31st of 2024.

We really are a family who loves each other. Of course we have our differences, but isn't that what makes a family unique and special; that God created all of us in diversity to come together in unity for the same purpose: to share Jesus with others, to find our own healing and wholeness, and to practice the art of Christlikeness together as we continue to grow in maturity as disciples and followers of Jesus; as we continue to be called into our community and our world for the Kingdom of God.

I love my church! And I love what God has done, is doing and will continue to do as we submit ourselves to God's will. I believe that there are more who are willing to do this than not!

The Lord is raising up new spiritual leaders to help guide us, train us, teach us, and equip us! Let us all take advantage of the gifts God has given them so that we might grow and mature spiritually as followers.

The Bishop and DS has said to me on separate occasions, *"I wish more churches were doing what YUMC is doing to make disciples for Jesus Christ."*

As we grow up into the fullness of who we are as Christ followers, as we mature in our faith and our understanding of mission, we will thrive into this new season of change together and God will receive the Glory!

Pastor Toni



February 2020

Birthdays

Sarah Frey	1
Beverly Short	7
Alvin Broske	12
Laraina Chitwood	12
Ron Kindred	13
Dennis Clark	18
Richard Garvin	19
Vera Clements	20
Frank Cortright	22
Deborah Hotchner	23
Doris Porter	24
Steve Thornburg	26

Anniversaries

Steve & Linda Thornburg 16



What's Happening with Saints Alive in February!

February 4

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

February 13

*Lunch-a-Bunch
J & D Diner 11:30 am*

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

*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**
February 9, 2020 8:00 am
In the Social Hall
All Men are welcome!
Come on down and have fun!

Vacation Bible School!



**Save the
Date!**
2020 VBS
July 13-17



Time to sign-up for Secret Sisters!

It's that time again! See Michael In the Office or look on the desk outside the Office to get a form. Please return it to Michael.

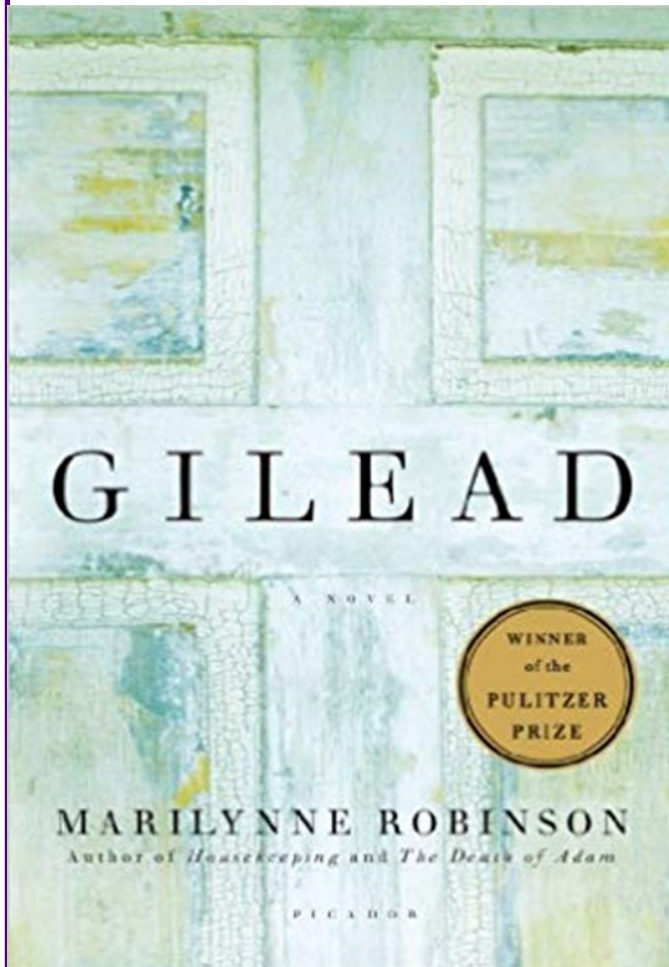
The Book Club – Thursday, February 13, 2020

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

meeting on the second
Thursday of each month

presents:

Nearly 25 years after *Housekeeping*, 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.



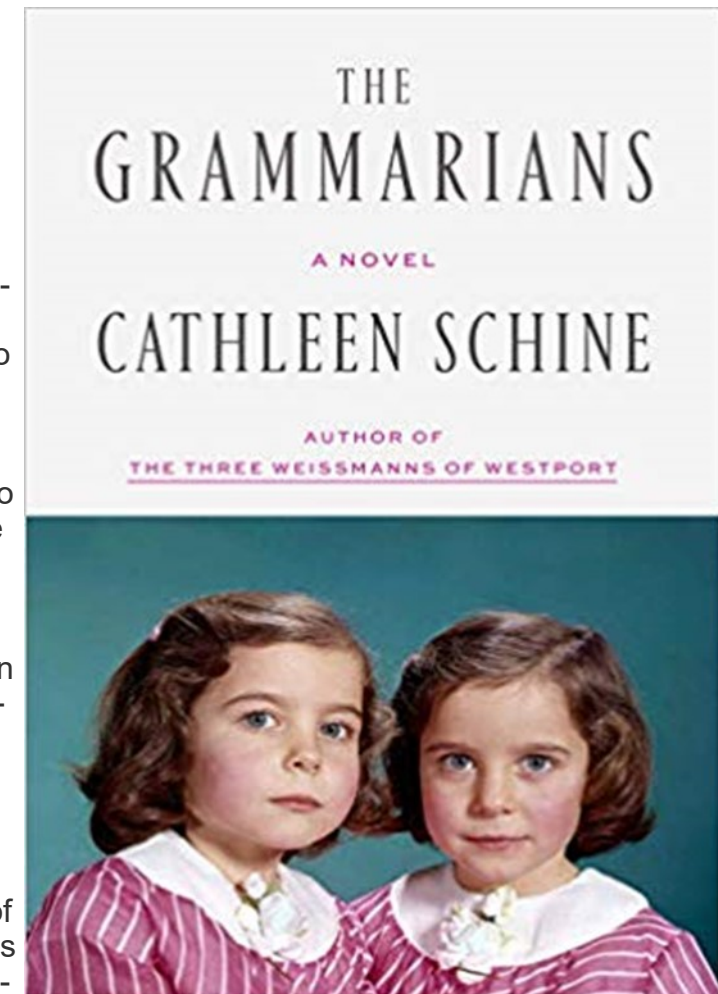
*The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m.,
hosted by Molly Aumack
at Esperanza's Mexican Restaurant
(219 W. Miner Yreka, CA)*

The Book Club – Thursday, March 12, 2020

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meeting on the second Thursday of each month

presents:

An enchanting, comic love letter to sibling rivalry and the English language. *The Grammarians* are Laurel and Daphne Wolfe, identical, inseparable redheaded twins who share an obsession with words. They speak a secret "twin" tongue of their own as toddlers; as adults making their way in 1980s Manhattan, their verbal infatuation continues, but this love, which has always bound them together, begins instead to push them apart. Daphne, copy editor and grammar columnist, devotes herself to preserving the dignity and elegance of Standard English. Laurel, who gives up teaching kindergarten to write poetry, is drawn, instead, to the polymorphous, chameleon nature of the written and spoken word. Their fraying twinship finally shreds completely when the sisters go to war, absurdly but passionately, over custody of their most prized family heirloom: *Merriam Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition*. Cathleen Schine has written a playful and joyful celebration of the interplay of language and life. *The Grammarians* is the work of one of our great comic novelists at her very best.



*The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m.,
hosted by Kelly Atchley
at the restaurant at Rain Rock Casino*

In last month's newsletter article, we discussed what the church does locally with your donations.

Did you know that Yreka United Methodist Church not only encourages you to tithe, but also itself tithes? Last year we shared 10% of your church donations with the California Nevada Conference which amounted to \$18,946. The total conference income from church donations such as YUMC's was about \$6,000,000.

So this leads to the question, what do *they* do with the money? We have answers!

1 cent of each dollar goes to leadership development of lay leaders.

1 cent of each dollar goes to conference missions, helping new churches to grow.

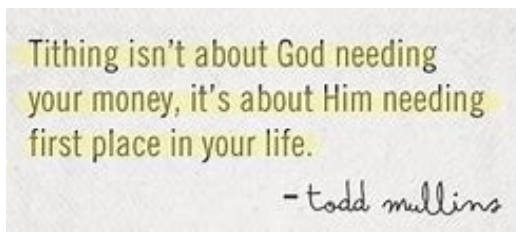
1 cent of each dollar goes to justice ministries.

45 cents of each dollar go directly to salaries and benefits for conference staff.

25 cents of each dollar are spent on administrative expenses, i.e. audit, rent, insurance, etc.

25 cents of each dollar donated to the conference are passed on to the national church.

These figures are rounded to whole cents, but hopefully they give you a better idea of where the money we donate to conference goes. You can view the total 2020 conference budget at https://www.cnumc.org/files/pdf_documents/treasurers_office/budget+presentation.mp4 - Submitted by Cliff Lantz



2020 YUMC Leadership Team

Joe Allison - Chair

Kelly Atchley - Children & Youth Ministries

Deb Bein - Personnel

Charles Cook - Facilities

Sarah Frey - Congregational Care

Cliff Lantz - Finance

Jenn Villani - Adult Ministries & Missions

The Leadership Team meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm in Room 8 of the Education Bldg. All church members are welcome to attend.
Our next meeting is February 20, 2020.

All Church Potluck!

Saturday, February 22, 2020

"Building" workshop

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

This workshop has been known as "Visioning" in the past, this year we are in a building year as we work towards having a new Pastor.

Please plan to join as we work on "Building" our future

IMPACT Our first fundraiser of the year was the Veteran's Memorial Dinner on Saturday, January 25, 2020 and it was so successful! The Sheriff was so impressed with our Youth that he wrote IMPACT a personal check for \$150! Other cash tips were received, as well as \$250 from the local Veterans Association. Once again, our kids (and fearless leaders!) Were a tremendous testimony to our community!

Looks like one of our kids mopped 'til he dropped! Way to go, Ivan!

Look how hard they're working but John and Jodi are still smiling!

We are so proud of our kids!





• Great Job
IMPACT!

SISKIYOU FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL

(An allied coalition of Siskiyou County Veterans, Law Enforcement and Fire Agencies)

FUNDRAISER DINNER

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

TIME: 5:00PM DOORS OPEN/COCKTAILS

6:00PM DINNER

RIBEYE STEAK OR CHICKEN

LOCATION: YREKA COMMUNITY CENTER

810 N. OREGON STREET

YREKA, CA 96097

\$ 25.00 PER TICKET

AUCTION AND RAFFLE TO FOLLOW DINNER:

* THREE HENRY ENGRAVED COMMEMORATIVE RIFLES REPRESENT-
ING FIREFIGHTERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VETERANS*

GIFT BASKETS

DESSERT AUCTION

VARIOUS ITEMS DONATED BY THE COMMUNITY

TABLES FOR 6 OR 8 MAY BE PURCHASED FOR GROUPS/BUSINESSES

TICKETS MAYBE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE AT THESE LOCATIONS

IN YREKA: CAL-FIRE
SISKIYOU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

IN MT SHASTA: MT SHASTA ELKS
FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT RON KINDRED (530)841-1846
TONY GINOCCHIO (530)945-8979
SUZI BRADY (530)598-2622

Siskiyou Fallen Heroes Memorial
PO Box 1662, Yreka CA 96097 www.siskiyoufallenheroesmemorial.com

• Way to
re-present
Jesus
&
Honor the
Fallen
Heroes!



Our Youth have worked so hard to raise money and will be traveling to a Jesus Culture Conference the first weekend of March. We will be staying at another United Methodist Church in Rescue, CA. Our Youth are getting quite a bit of attention around Yreka for the services that they are performing for others. They are also taking part in the worship service each week. Have you noticed Audrey on guitar and Laraina on flute? Also, Lauren and Lexy twirling their flags? So proud!

From the Leadership Board February 2020Change is coming!

In May 2020 the international United Methodist Church will undoubtedly adopt a plan to divide the church into “traditional” and “progressive” denominations. Our local church has no direct say in the matter. After decades of bitter conflict the parties are seeking a divorce. The divorce settlement will include a waiver of the “trust clause” in the Book of Discipline, permitting churches to retain ownership of their property (buildings and bank accounts) regardless of which denomination, if either, they choose to affiliate with. Individual congregations, such as the YUMC, will decide for themselves which denomination to affiliate with. The YUMC has not received guidance on the process and procedure to make any decision. Based on current proposals, the decision will probably need to be made prior to 2024.

The Leadership Team will develop and distribute a list of resources you may use to inform yourself on the issues facing us. The LT is discussing how to facilitate a loving discussion between our members on choices that must be made at some point.

Members are always free to address the LT on any subject at its monthly meeting. The next one is Thursday, February 20 at 4 p.m. in the Education Building.

We are sharing this news and forthcoming information with you all so that in the future no one will say “I didn’t know. Nobody told me. Why didn’t you tell me?”

Church potluck and “Building” event February 22, 2020 at 9 a.m. This is a one day event 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 2019. We spent more than we brought in.

Homeless Shelter. Nick Sinnott is our lead worker for the overnight program. If you are interested in staffing the church overnight or preparing food for a small evening meal for our guests, please contact Nick at 530.905.3645.

Spring Cleaning. To spruce the place up for the new minister and to reduce clutter, there will be a Spring Cleaning on a Saturday to be determined. This is also an opportunity to come together and work as a whole congregation on a project with immediate and obvious results. If nothing else, you can come and polish the silver. Word to the wise, if you or your group has stuff stored in closets, cubby holes, cubicles, lockers, attics, sheds and/or the metal container outside, please plan to be there to help us decide what stays and what goes. If no one is present to speak up for your “treasures” they’ll likely get tossed.

In His service,
Joe Allison
Leadership Team Chair

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