



March 2019 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church

502 N. Fairchild St, Yreka CA 96097

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Pastor
Toni Hartman**

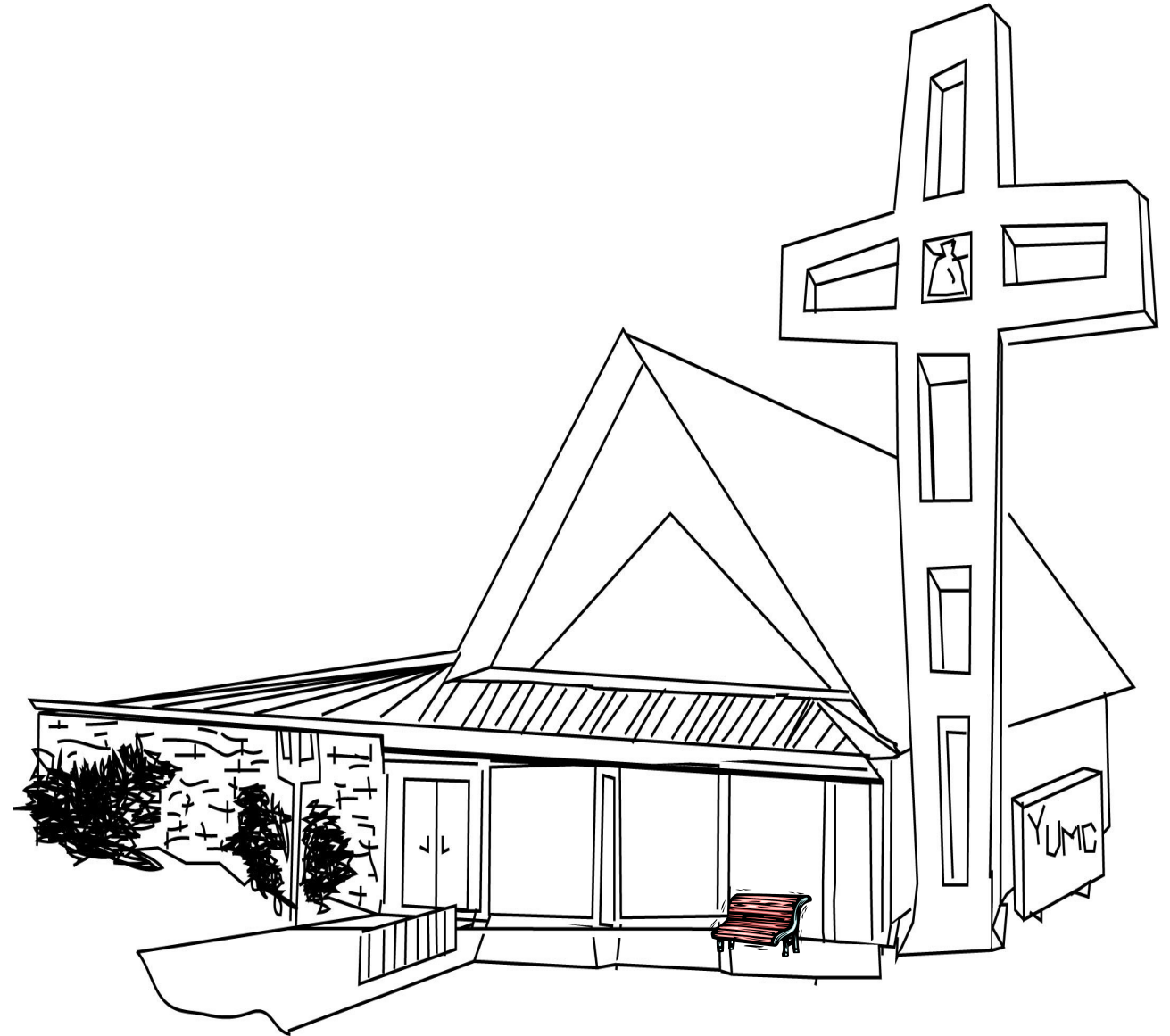
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A Note from Pastor Toni

For the past six weeks we have been challenged to take a hard look at our own faith; it's character, its commitment it's outward expression; a faith that has confidence in what we hope for and an assurance in what we do not see. A faith that trusts God *Come Hell or High-Water* regardless of the storms we face. A faith that speaks to others of our complete and uncompromised trust in God.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us that we live by our faith not by what we see! Following Jesus can only be lived out through faith. Following Jesus is only possible *because* of faith. And a *come-hell-or-high-water* faith is the kind of faith that we need no matter what is ahead of us. We can rest in the knowledge that our God is already there! He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, **so we can** do the good things He planned for us long ago. (Eph. 2)

We are moving toward the most significant Christian celebration of the year as Jesus followers. EASTER—the Resurrection—New Life—New Hope—New Possibilities—New beginnings.

But first we enter into Lent. A season for Jesus followers to pause and discipline ourselves. A season of reflection and renewal. Lent is a season of formation and preparation. During this

season, Jesus followers set aside time to hear the call to return to God with all their hearts. Lent is a season that was historically set aside characterized by much prayer and fasting. Every year, then, this season becomes a place for us to revisit and renew our beginnings along this Christian journey of salvation; to look deep within ourselves and ask the question: How am I living as a disciple of Christ; reaching out to others and inviting them into the journey?

Lent is an opportunity to look into ourselves more deeply through the looking glass of the Holy Spirit and seek to change some behavior that is less than what Christ needs from us. It might mean for some, giving something up that is not Christ-like in nature. For others it may mean changing a certain behavior through prayer, trusting God in the change. For some it may look more like starting something new as a disciple of Jesus i.e. more time in His Word, serving in a ministry, connecting with a small group, attending worship every Sunday, or raising your giving closer to the full tithe.

Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it's not just another day at

church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer. The goal is to honestly examine your life in light of God's Word and to make a commitment to change in any areas you have not submitted to the Lord. What are you doing to deepen your relationship with the One who loves you beyond comprehension and laid down his life for you, only to take it back up and empower you with the Spirit that empowered Him?

May your Lenten season be one of challenge, commitment, and support as the church responds to the call of God—“Return to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12). A good way to start an examination of conscience is by praying Ps. 23-24: *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*

DO invite someone to our services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday! Because what you are inviting them to is not to a building. You are inviting them to community, to friendship, to relationship, to hope. And HOPE does not disappoint!

Pastor Toni

March 2019

Birthdays

Abigail Alvarez	3
Jennifer Villani	7
Keith Callison	8
Lynne Schafer	12
Gail Broske	15
Teri Callison	16
Alejandra Alvarez	19
Linda Thornburg	20
Shawn Cortright	25
Wendy Carr	26
Peggy Fick	27

Anniversaries

Frank & Shawn Cortright	4
Charles & Paula Cook	16



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**UMM
BREAKFAST**
March 9, 2019
Downstairs in the
Social Hall.
All Men are welcome!

What's Happening with Saints Alive in February!

*Mar 6
Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*

Saints Alive Monthly Meeting 4 pm Rm 8

*March 12
Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*

*Lunch a Bunch 11:30 am
Ke' Tacos*

*Mar 14
Monthly Book Club 4:30 pm Casa Ramos/Yreka*

Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall

*Mar 19
Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*

*Mar 26
Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall*

Celebrate Recovery

Happy March Church Family!

John and I attended Celebrate Recovery conference in Sacramento last Saturday and we have a lot to do to get our group in a better direction. We learned many skills and opportunities available to our county. Our next big event is the annual summit retreat at the saddle back church in lake Forrest California. The dates are Aug 6th to the 10th and we would fly down and have the three day event. This will cost us \$2,100 and know that we will have fundraising opportunities coming up as well as donation times on Sundays. We are making a wish list of things that are needing to happen to make this a success and grow. We have already worked with Rhonda to get a spot on the church website to provide more information to people. Also we will be meeting up with local churches to bring awareness to others . Also we will be starting a celebrate and connect every other Friday at 5:30 P.M. and provide pizza and BBQ items. We will still have sign up sheets for deserts and if you would like to provide pizza or BBQ items there will be a list at our back table on Sundays that we will have set up.

John and I are very dedicated to helping people recover in many ways. We know this is not a one time thing or having simple options for people so we are looking for specific leaders in certain areas that we need to provide to people who come. To be a leader there is Friday night commitments as well as one day a month for local training and other qualifications. But if you are interested in one of these areas please contact us to discuss. We are looking for a male co leader to assist john in the chemical dependent group as well as a female leader and female co leader for the chemical dependent group. Then we are looking for a female co leader to assist me in a codependency group and two males for the codependency group. As time goes on and needs to be met we will provide more group for other areas as they arise. We have such a driven passion and dream for this to come together for our community.

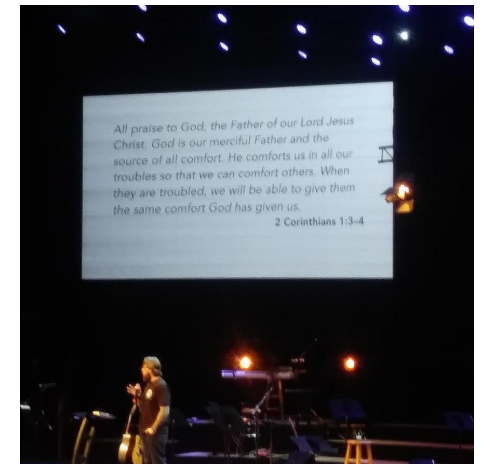
We also will have a wish list printed at our table if anyone is interested in what we could need in the future to keep taking steps forward. People have reached out to us to provide childcare and celebrate recovery does not like the sound of it being a “babysitting atmosphere”. So as we continue to grow and move forward, Celebration Place will be added on Friday nights as we get volunteers. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow and make efforts to make changes. As we close out and work on these next couple months let’s remember one thing that john and I learned at the conference is that Church is the hotel for the healthy and Hospital for the sick and celebrate recovery will become a room in that hospital to help heal the ones who are hurting. Thank you for joining us and excited to see what the next month brings.

In Love and Light,

John & Sadie Gorseth



Looks like they had a good time. I know they learned and experienced a lot!



Celebrate Recovery

From the Leadership Board . . .

This past month I had the pleasure of visiting most of the church member meetings, bible studies and activities listed in the Bridge and the Sunday service program. Our members are awesome! Look around you and consider how many ways our congregation serves God and our community.

Youth Leaders. Leah Loughlin and Sadie Gorseth have agreed to serve as Youth Leader and Assistant Youth Leader, respectively. John Vilani and Kevin Stott will remain part of the youth team.

Snow safety. The church has a bucket of snow melt located in library/elevator room adjacent to the foyer and a bucket next to the north door in the fellowship hall with a reserve in the storage closet outside the education building. Our volunteers and snow removal contractor do a great job for us when called. But if you see snow/ice that needs attention, please ACT!

Repairs. If you see something that needs to be done please write it on the list next to the north door in the fellowship hall. In an emergency call your facilities board members Charles Cook (530) 905.2139 or Joe Allison (530) 340.3224.

Utilities. The Board is taking action on possible annual \$1000 savings for water and electricity. Eat a cookie and read the minutes of the meetings posted in the Wesley Room to stay informed.

Leadership Board meeting agendas are posted in the Wesley Room the weekend before the meeting, typically the third Thursday of each month. All members are welcome to attend and will be given priority to speak. All members are welcome to share any concerns, issues or problems.

In His service,

Joe Allison

Leadership Board Chair

SHASTA CAMP IS COMING! June 25-28

Shasta camp is only a few months away! Now is the time to block your calendars. We need campers from 4th through 7th grade. \$150 for 3 days of fun, food, and fellowship. After June 15 the cost goes up \$10. Scholarships are available! Applications are at the church. Now is the time to join the team! We need adults to be camp moms and dads! We need help in the kitchen to prepare food for these campers and helpers. Help at any meal is very much appreciated. Perhaps you'd just like to come up to camp to join the hike to Heart Lake or play on the beach on boating day! Please call or text Jan Sinnott for details or any questions at 905-3646. My email is janickids@yahoo.com. Let me know ASAP if you can join the team! Let's make sure YUMC is represented in this awesome children's ministry!

January 2019 General Fund Figures

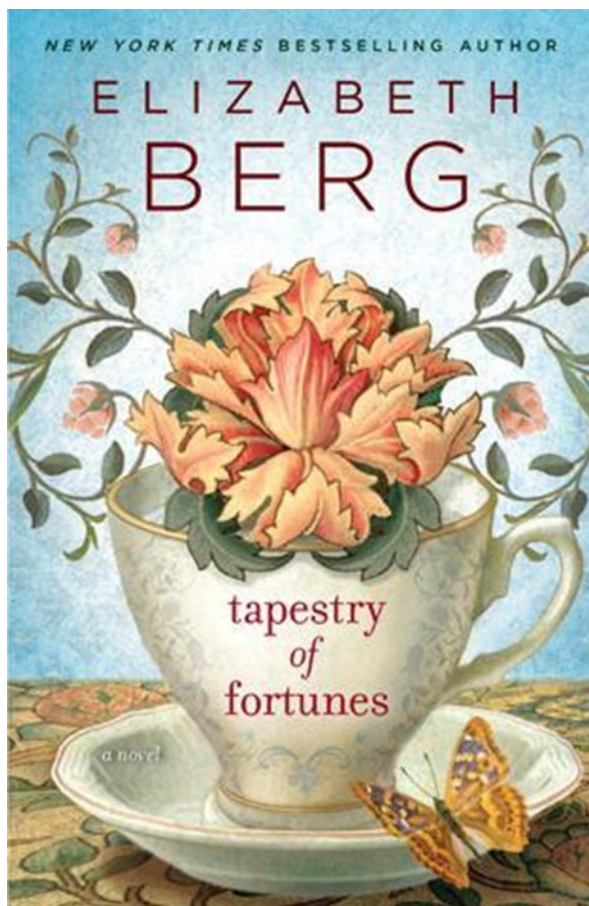
	January 2019	Year to Date
Revenue	\$18640.67	\$18640.67
Expenses	\$17759.84	\$17759.84
Total	\$ 880.83	\$ 880.83

The Book Club – March 14, 2019

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

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month

In this superb new novel by the beloved author of *Open House*, *Home Safe*, and *The Last Time I Saw You*, four women venture into their pasts in order to shape their futures, fates, and fortunes. Cecilia Ross is a motivational speaker who encourages others to change their lives for the better. Why can't she take her own advice? Still reeling from the death of her best friend, and freshly aware of the need to live more fully now, Cece realizes that she has to make a move—all the portentous signs seem to point in that direction. In this beautifully written novel, leaving home brings revelations, reunions, and unexpected turns that affirm the inner truths of women's lives. "Maybe Freud didn't know the answer to what women want, but Elizabeth Berg certainly does," said *USA Today*. Elizabeth Berg has crafted a novel rich in understanding of women's longings, loves, and abiding friendships, which weave together into a tapestry of fortunes that connects us all. We will be meeting at Casa Ramos on March 14, at 4:30 p.m.



Join us for a really GREAT time!!

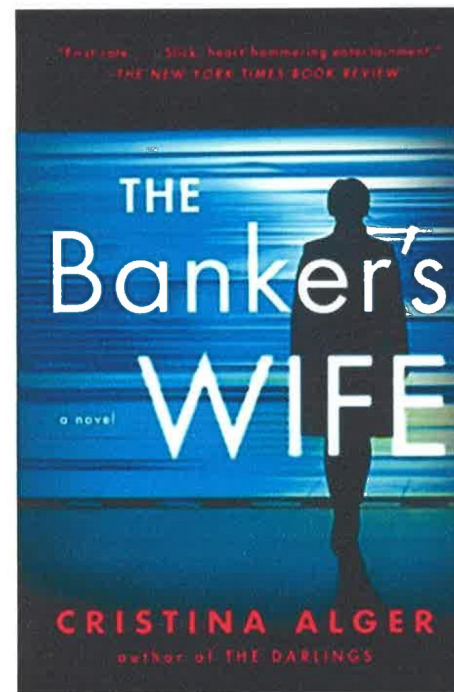


If you have any questions, or would like to have a copy of the book ordered for your reading pleasure, please get in touch with our leader for March, Kelly Atchley at 530-412-1684 or kellyatchley@gmail.com

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

=My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

United Methodist delegates from around the world gathered on Feb. 23-26, 2019, to consider proposals regarding the marriage and ordination of LGBTQ persons. Historically, our denomination has not allowed either. But, in recent years, a growing number of pastors have performed same-gender marriages and many LGBTQ persons have been ordained, in spite of “official” United Methodist policy. This has created a growing rift between “traditionalists,” who wish to maintain our policies and desire more accountability, and “progressives,” who believe the United Methodist Church should allow for the marriage and ordination of LGBTQ persons and are willing to challenge the status quo by breaking the rules.

The purpose of this gathering was to seek a way forward, that traditionalists and progressives could accept. In the end, our current policies to *not* marry or ordain LGBTQ persons was preserved, as well as raising the bar for accountability. I should note that 438 delegates voted in favor of maintaining our current policies and adding higher accountability, and 384 voted against. Obviously, we are still deeply divided.

What does this mean for Yreka United Methodist Church? I am deeply sorrowful about the pain this decision has inflicted on so many of my colleagues and my LGBTQ friends within and beyond our congregation. They and their families have always been included and welcomed in worship, in serving, in leadership, in joining, and in all other areas of participation. This policy in NO WAY changes our conviction that ALL people have sacred worth in the eyes of God; that ALL people need love and acceptance and that ALL people need JESUS! We still LOVE FIRST!

We are an amazing body of believers connected through our faith, our commitment to do the work of the Gospel in our community, our love for one another and our passion for Jesus Christ! We continue to be the CHURCH—a diverse gathering of imperfect people who love Jesus and one another, and are ALL saved only by God’s generous grace.

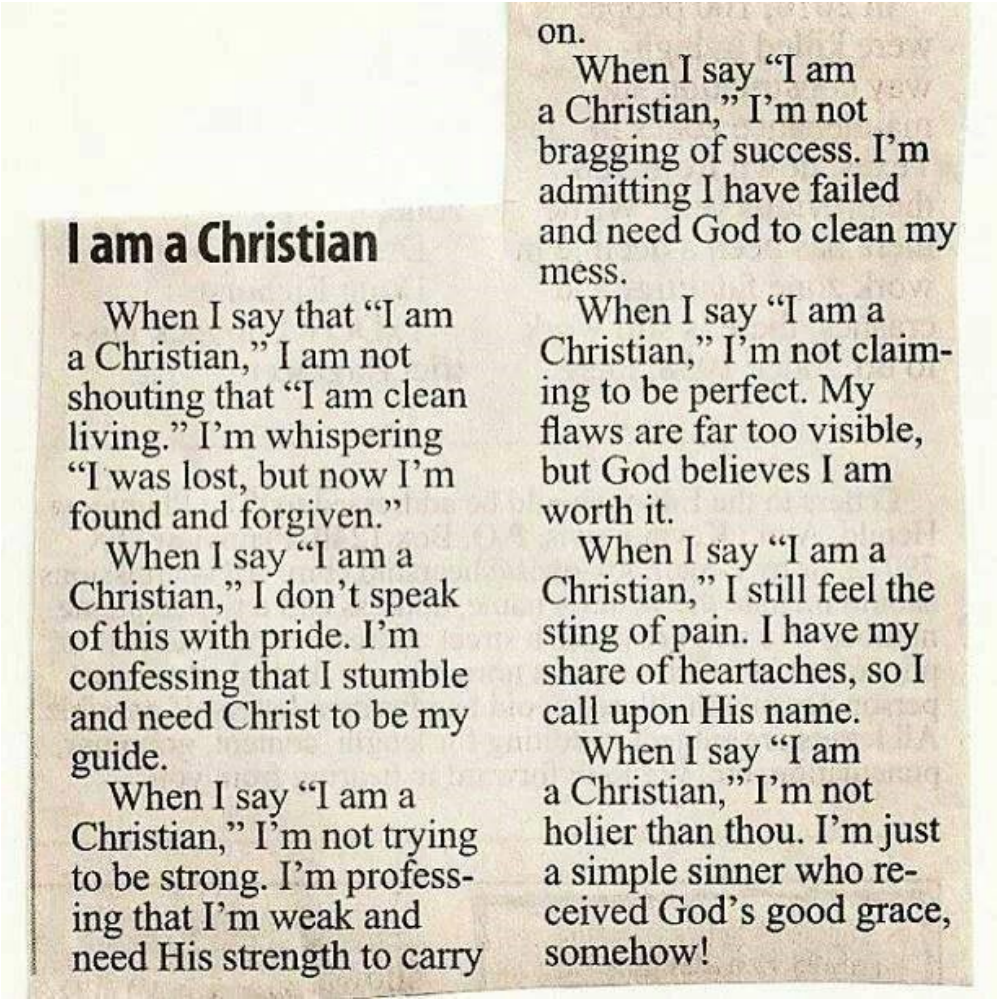
I’m sad for our own members, who are hurt and wondering if there is a place for them here. I’m sad for the terrible rift that is running down the middle of our denomination and tearing it apart. I’m devastated for those who now feel excluded.

It now appears that The General Conference of the United Methodist Church has made a formal, firm and final decision, and while that decision was fairly made by a majority- who sincerely and prayerfully believe that this decision is biblical and right—I’m painfully aware of how this decision makes many LGBTQ people and their families, friends and allies feel unwanted, shunned, excluded, and unfairly singled-out.

The United Methodist Church I serve has always believed in open doors, open hearts, and open minds. We have always embraced ALL people as people of sacred worth. Because of this final vote many do not feel like they have sacred worth in the eyes of the United Methodist Church. That makes me very sad. So, let us be sensitive toward one another as we move forward. Please be gracious to those who have a different opinion from you.

On Sunday, March 10, after worship I will show the video made by the Western Jurisdiction Bishops to encourage, support and comfort those in our churches deeply affected by this decision at General Conference. They recognize the pain inflicted on so many of our brothers and sisters and stand united in support and love to all. I encourage you to stay and view it as well as join in the discussion following the video. There will be clear guidelines established for holy conferencing as we share together in a spirit of authentic caring and the commitment to love one another.

Peace be with us all,
Pastor Toni



IMPACT

Snow, snow, snow! What wonderful weather we are having! Despite a few transportation challenges, this moisture will bring new growth and rivers overflowing with water, a display of God's abundance and answer to many prayers!

As many of you know I am transitioning out of my leadership position with IMPACT Youth Ministry. What great honor to be trusted by Pastor Toni and the YUMC Board, the past two years. I have been overwhelmed with passion and joy to serve incredible youth and leadership. It has been a privilege to watch Jesus encamp each one of their hearts through love, trust, failure, tears, sweat and much laughter! In Ecclesiastes 7 it tells us, "Better the end of a thing then a beginning".

Although I may be exiting, this is not the end for the IMPACT Youth Team. The baton will be passed to

the leadership of, Leah Loughlin, Sadie Gorseth, John Villiani, aka "PJ" and Kevin Stott. This solid and humble leadership will carry on the baton to bring new growth and life as mighty vessels of true Jesus followers!

I will leave you with theses words from Paul in Philippians 4:4-7. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.

In His love,

Colleen Alvarez



Saints Alive Quilters

The ladies of Quilting are making good use of the fabric that they inherited from Janette Hale. The new quilt for March comes from the book “Sew one and you’re done!” by Evelyn Sloppy. Come join the ladies and learn about “fussy cuts” and “blenders”.



Save the date!
Vacation Bible School
July 15-19, 2019

Yes, there will be an annual
YUMC Yard Sale this year.

We have moved the annual yard
sale away from the holiday
weekend

... it will be Saturday May 18th.

This event is the primary source of
funding for YUMC's Outreach
efforts. And it is only successful
with your
donations. So save the date, and
starting think about what you
might donate!

**Donations accepted starting
March 1st—NO CLOTHES
please.**



“But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it”

**Congratulations YUMC for 5 years
of uninterrupted service
to your community.**

**38.293 lunches served.
100's of hats, gloves, and blankets given
out...**

**1000's of hours of listening,
praying, and caring...**

**Well done good and faithful servants
You are making a difference!**

**One of our favorite songs tells us to
“Go and Make a Difference”**

And we have!

Thank You from the Tailgaters!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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