



May 2019 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church

502 N. Fairchild St, Yreka CA 96097

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Pastor
Toni Hartman**

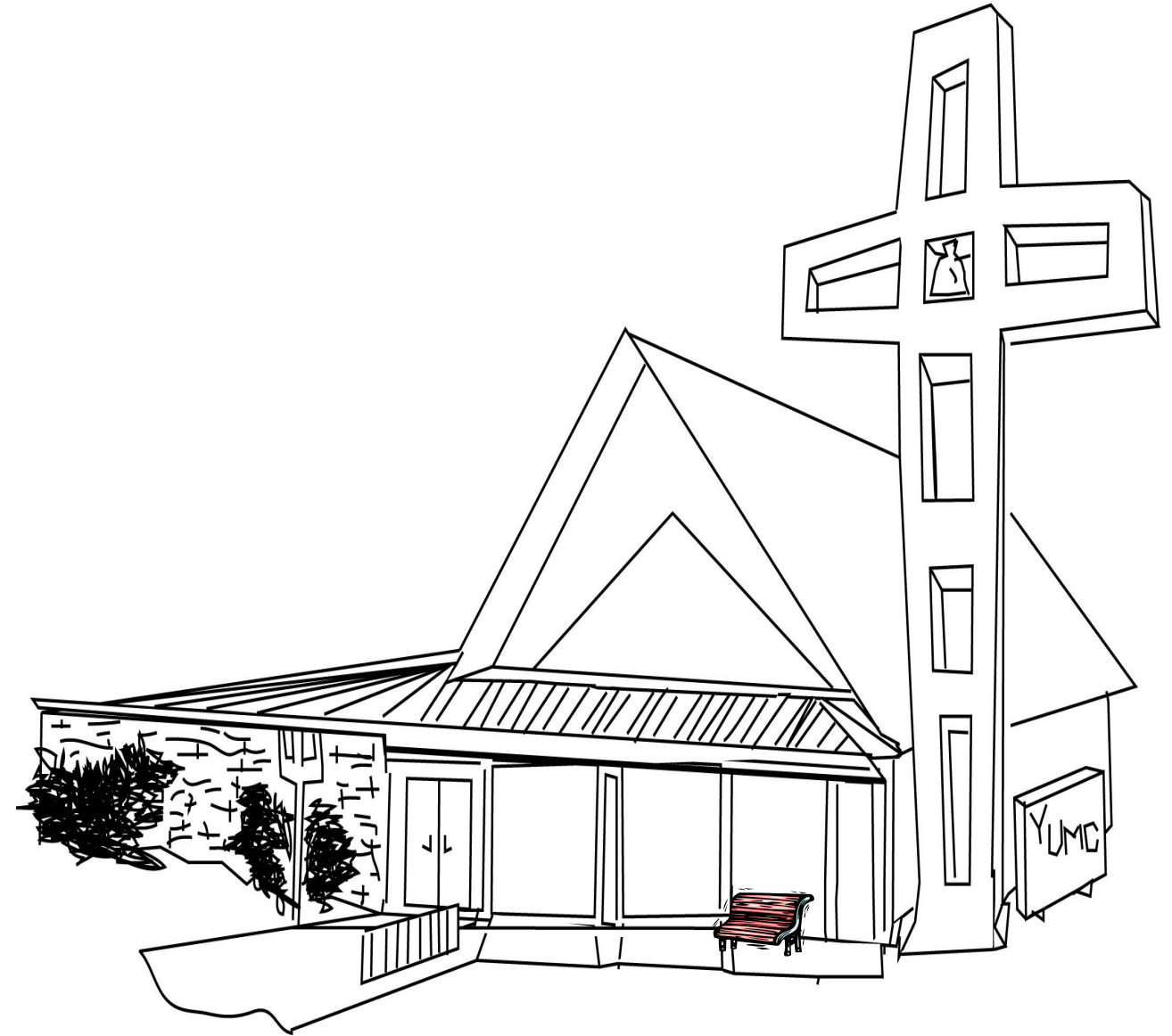
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A Note from Pastor Toni

According to the church calendar we are post-Easter. But we all know that as followers of Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord, there is no such thing as post-Easter. We are Easter people who recognize the power of the empty tomb and how that empty tomb gives us the privilege and power to live on the resurrection of the cross Jesus died upon. He took all of our sins and our failures, with Him and they were nailed to the cross so that we could live in and walk in freedom! As your pastor I pray frequently for that realization to become a part of who you are.

Scripture teaches us that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom and as Christians too often we get trapped back at the tomb. It is either because we haven't yet accepted that Jesus Christ really died for *each of us individually* and *personally*, or we haven't yet experienced the power of the Holy Spirit who is given to each of us when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. It saddens me when so many believers choose either deliberately or passively, not to move beyond salvation and taste and see the greatness, the goodness and the power of our God! Our walk becomes lukewarm at best and when life throws us curves that seem insurmountable we cower and cave in and give up and shut down and forget who GOD is.

Are you a big 'Goddier' or a little 'Goddier?' I know that 'Goddier' is not a real word, but the truth is that you have one or the other. You either

have a Big God faith or a little God faith. Both are very real.

I want YUMC to be a BIG 'God' church. I want us to see beyond what is on the page, or in the church, or in the budget. I want us to claim and proclaim that our God is a God who can do anything, for the bigger our God is the greater the magnitude of His blessings becomes! I feel like God is getting ready to shake us up I see where God is at work in powerful and tender ways among YUMC'ers and our hungry and homeless brothers and sisters.; people the Lord loves and sends us so that we might be Jesus to them.

Many years ago before I was a pastor, I participated in a Bible Study called, *Experiencing God*. I learned something in that Bible Study that I never have forgotten. It made a powerful impression on me and on my leadership in ministry. Dr. Henry Blackenby wrote these words: *"Look to see where God is already at work and join God in His work."*

When God begins a good work God will continue His work until it is finally finished. And that won't be until the day that Jesus Christ returns! When we embrace a *Big God* mentality, God not only gives us a big task in His Kingdom that we cannot do within our own strengths and abilities, but God gives us the desire, the confidence and the power to please Him and complete the task when we step out in faith; Trusting and believing that through the Lord we can accomplish the im-

possible. Why wouldn't we all want to experience the mighty power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead!?

We are bearing fruit in our community; both in the church and in our city.

I invite you to join me in praying for more fruit; for more people who are willing to get out of themselves and into God's Kingdom!! Pray for more passion! Jesus appoints each of us to go and produce lasting fruit—to share the Good News that has changed all of our lives. To not be troubled or afraid of what we see going on in our world because God will ultimately have victory over all of it! It's time for all of us to raise the bar on our commitment to be Jesus'. This is going to look different for each of us.

We are Christmas people, Easter people and Pentecost people!! We are the people that God has chosen to serve our community and make a difference as fruit bearers and peacemakers in Yreka. If we would all seek to become closer to the Lord, if we would all seek to be in His Word and get to know Him better, if we would all seek to serve Him a little more each day, what a gift we become to one another and our community at large. YUMC, we are an amazing church and God wants to use us in so many more amazing ways!

Pastor Toni

May 2019 Birthdays

JoAnn Bicego	1
Vern Smith	4
Katie Bicego	5
Allison Wells-Leal	6
Anita Lantz	7
Audrey Stott	7
Bill Doron	8
Donna White	10
Duane Johnson	11
Bonnie Whitlow	20
Cliff Lantz	21
Debby Whipple	23
Barbara Matthews	29
Colleen Alvarez	29

Good Bless all our Birthdays!



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What's Happening with Saints Alive in May!

May 4
Mother's Day Brunch 11:00 am

May 7
Saint's Alive! Dream team meeting 5:00 pm

May 9
The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m.
Nancy Krueger will be hosting the meeting
at her home,
106 Montair Dr, Montague
Bring a favorite, fun wine to share!

May 14
Lunch-a-Bunch 11:30 am
At Poor George's

May 18
Outreach is having a
Rummage Sale 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Be here to help at 7:30 am

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
May 19, 2019
Downstairs in the
Social Hall.
All Men are welcome!

SHASTA CAMP IS COMING! June 25-28

Shasta camp is only 8 weeks 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: janckids@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



From the Leadership Board . . .

IMPACT. Still opportunities to share the enthusiasm of our youth by preparing a Sunday evening meal for them, then stay and consume it with them !!

Potlucks. Great to share the good eats and better fellowship.

Kitchen. The primary recommendation so far is a top quality, perhaps commercial dishwasher. 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. We are still analyzing a potential annual savings on water of \$ 900 based on downsized inlet.

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

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

Our Sunday School teachers, Mike Duncan, Christal Duncan and Mary Skeahan

are taking a well-deserved summer break at the end of May and...

We need your help!

Please look at the schedule on the clipboard this week and choose one or more Sundays that you would be available to teach. Lesson plans are simple and materials are provided. Just pick up the “blue bag” after church on the Sunday before you are scheduled to teach and all information you need will be inside. The “blue bags” hang behind the door in the Children’s classroom.

Thank you for making a difference!!



March 2019 General Fund Figures (as of 3/31)

	March 2019	Year to Date
Revenue	\$ 16199.90	\$ 48296.78
Expenses	\$ 17305.94	\$ 56343.49
Total	\$ -1106.04	\$ - 8046.71

The Book Club – May 9, 2019

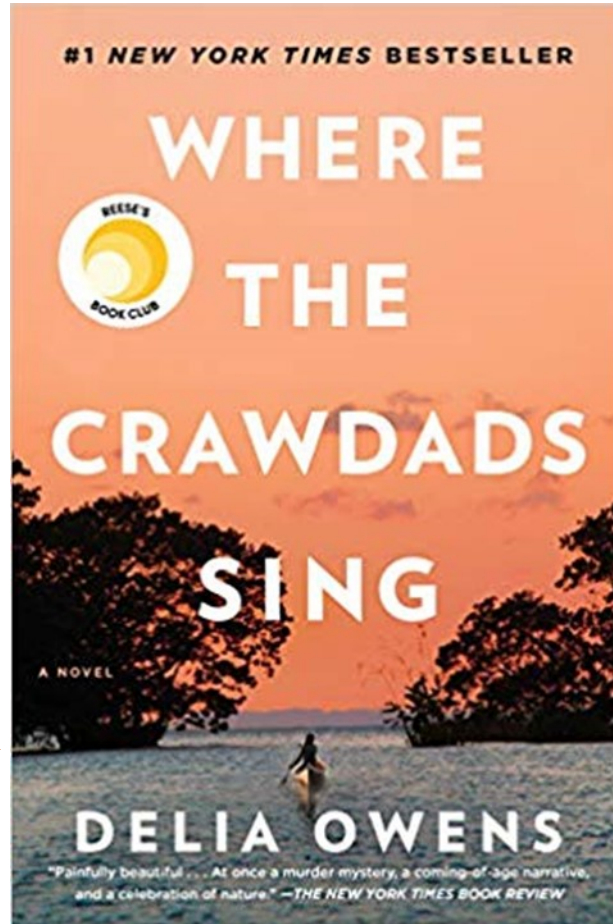
(An exuberant subsidiary of YUMC's Saints Alive!)

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month

“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 heart-breaking 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 Dr Bring a favorite, fun wine to share!*

The Book Club – June 13, 2019

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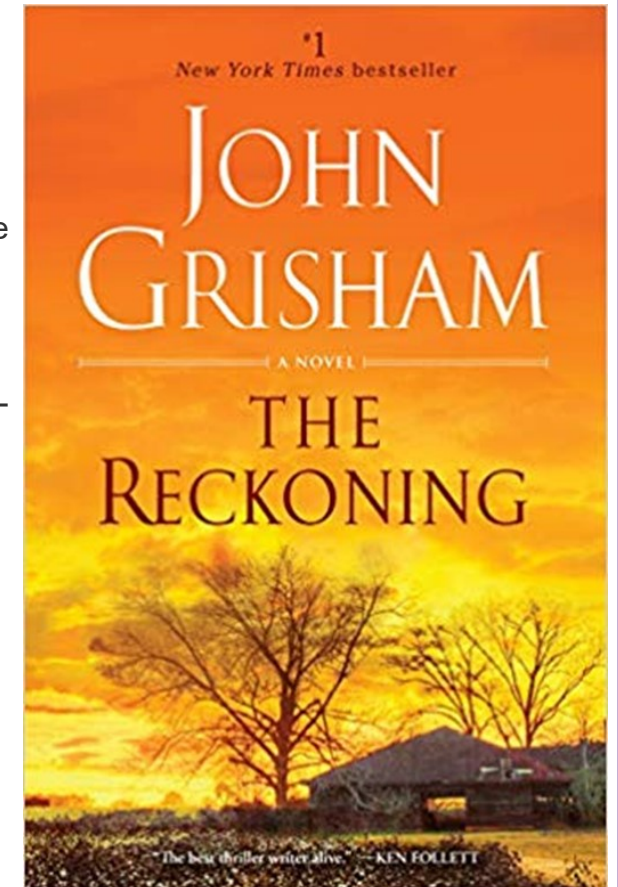
Meeting on the second Thursday of each month

October 1946, Clanton, Mississippi

Pete Banning was Clanton, Mississippi’s favorite son—a decorated World War II hero, the patriarch of a prominent family, a farmer, father, neighbor, and a faithful member of the Methodist church. Then one cool October morning he rose early, drove into town, and committed a shocking crime. Pete’s only statement about it—to the sheriff, to his lawyers, to the judge, to the jury, and to his family—was: “I have nothing to say.” He was not afraid of death and was willing to take his motive to the grave.

In a major novel unlike anything he has written before, John Grisham takes us on an incredible journey, from the Jim Crow South to the jungles of the Philippines during World War II; from an insane asylum filled with secrets to the Clanton courtroom where Pete’s defense attorney tries desperately to save him.

Reminiscent of the finest tradition of Southern Gothic storytelling, *The Reckoning* would not be complete without Grisham’s signature layers of legal suspense, and he delivers on every page.



*The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m., hosted by Sandy Hynd
at Strings in Yreka*

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 Anita Lantz at 530-468-2119

SAINTS ALIVE Minutes April 2, 2019

The meeting was opened in prayer at 5:07 pm by Bill Doron. Those present were: Co-Chairperson Mary Baker, Kelly Atchley, Bill Doron, Mike Fallon, Kathryn Matthews, Kathy Prudhomme, Marilyn Stepanovich and Pat Wernicke.

OLD BUSINESS

Prayer Tent – The letter to the churches has been approved by Pastor Toni and will be mailed April 22, the day after Easter Sunday. A participation reply form and self-addressed reply envelope will be included.

MP room kitchen – Saints Alive! has earmarked \$1020 to replace the kitchen counters and sink (Ref. Minutes of 4-3-18). Kathryn brought color samples for the counters which will cost \$35/lineal foot. We liked white marble. The sink will be stainless steel. The church will do the demolition. Mike Fallon will get a comparison quote for the counters. We decided to add a tall faucet to the project. Kathryn will get more detailed information on the materials for the entire replacement package for the remodel.

SPIRITUALITY

Bible study – a new study may possibly start after Easter.

Book Club - “The Banker's Wife”, 4/11, Strings, 4:30 pm. “Where the Crawdads Sing” is the selection for May 9 at Nancy Krueger's home at 4:30 pm.

ENRICHMENT - The “Ft. Sumter Summit” is the subject of our next re-enactment of “Memorable Moments in History” with Bill Doron. The South has just fired upon the Fort and we are at war! Bill will become Pres. Lincoln and we will become his advisors. Meet with Bill on Saturday, April 13 at 2 pm. in the Social Hall to 'choose your character.' The Summit will be on Saturday, April 27, at 11 am in the Social Hall.

NUTRITION/FITNESS/HEALTH – no report

INTER-GENERATIONAL – Impact Youth Group Leader Leah Loughlin, Asst. Leader Sadie Gorseth, Kevin Stott and John Villani work with 6-8 graders and those in high school. Michael Raney will ask Leah how we an interact/help .

OUTREACH/EVANGELISM - Quilting meets 4/23 at the church and 4/30 at Kathryn's Studio to get a kit/project to work on while on summer hiatus. Quilting will resume 9/24.

RECREATION/OUTINGS

Lunch Bunch – 4/9 at Puerto Vallarta, 11:30 am.

Cabaret - “Mamma Mia!” matinee/brunch performance on June 22. Publicity and sign-ups to begin after Easter on April 28 and continue through May 19.

SERVICE

Sunshine – Mary sent 16 cards since our last meeting.

AM Call – continues

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, May 7 at 5 pm. COOKIES by Michael Raney.

1 Timothy 4:12 says, “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” On the surface, this verse seems to be encouraging young people to stand confidently, despite those who may exhibit age discrimination. But maybe the meaning goes a little further.

Life begins when we are young, physically speaking, but we continue to grow. Childhood sprouts roots and grows into adolescence; adolescence branches out and becomes adulthood. Eventually, our physical bodies stop growing, but our spirits—seeking after God—can continue to grow, develop and hopefully, bear fruit.

If we are continually searching after God and working to deepen our relationship with Him, we will undoubtedly be facing new challenges. We may be called to sail upon uncharted waters; we may walk through dark valleys; we may fall to our knees on the battlefield, crying, “Lord, increase our faith!”

Whether you are 13 or 83, breaking new spiritual ground requires new levels of faith, a youthful heart and a teachable spirit. Like a teenager, struggling to find their voice, we may find ourselves feeling awkward, unsure of ourselves, or fearful of what others may think. But it is in this “young season” and “young faith” that we branch out into new territory, newly discovered spiritual gifting and God-given identities.

Our IMPACT leadership team endeavors to meet our youth wherever life finds them. At the same time, we seek to challenge them “in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” We understand each child is unique and develops at their own

pace, both physically and spiritually; our goal is to walk beside them, laugh with them, teach them and help them grow strong in their faith.

On behalf of our IMPACT leaders and young people, I would like to thank our beloved church family for believing in us, partnering with us, and doing together what we could never accomplish alone. We appreciate your love, your encouragement and especially, your prayers.

As we press toward the mark of our high callings in Jesus, may we continually find ourselves “young” in new pathways of faith, trust and obedience. In your age, in your walk, in your season, “Let no one despise you for your youth!”

*Peace & Blessings,
Leah Loughlin*



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



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.



Have you brought your treasures to the church for the upcoming rummage sale?

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

This event is the primary source of funding for YUMC's

Outreach efforts, and the United Methodist Men.

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

Drop your donation off at the church during business hours (M-F, 10-4) or call the office if you need something picked up.

Deadline for donations is Friday May 17th.

*Grow
in Christ*



Vacation Bible School
July 15-19 6-8:30 pm

Registration is open
for kids K-6th. Forms
outside of the office!

Mamma Mia!
June 6 - August 18

Saturday June
22nd 1:00 pm
Oregon Cabaret
Ashland OR

Join Saints Alive for their next Oregon Cabaret
trip
on Saturday June 22nd, to see

“Mamma Mia”

This smash hit musical, featuring the music of ABBA, tells the story of a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father on the eve of her wedding. She brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they had last visited 20 years ago. “Dancing Queen,” “The Winner Takes It All,” “Money, Money, Money” and “Take a Chance on Me” are all featured in this feel good musical.

Get your ticket now at the Saints Alive table through May 19th. Seats are \$34.40 per person and there are only limited number of seats available!

YUMC
Prays
Together

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

All are welcome!



Summer 2019 is coming!

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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