



February 2019 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Pastor
Toni Hartman**

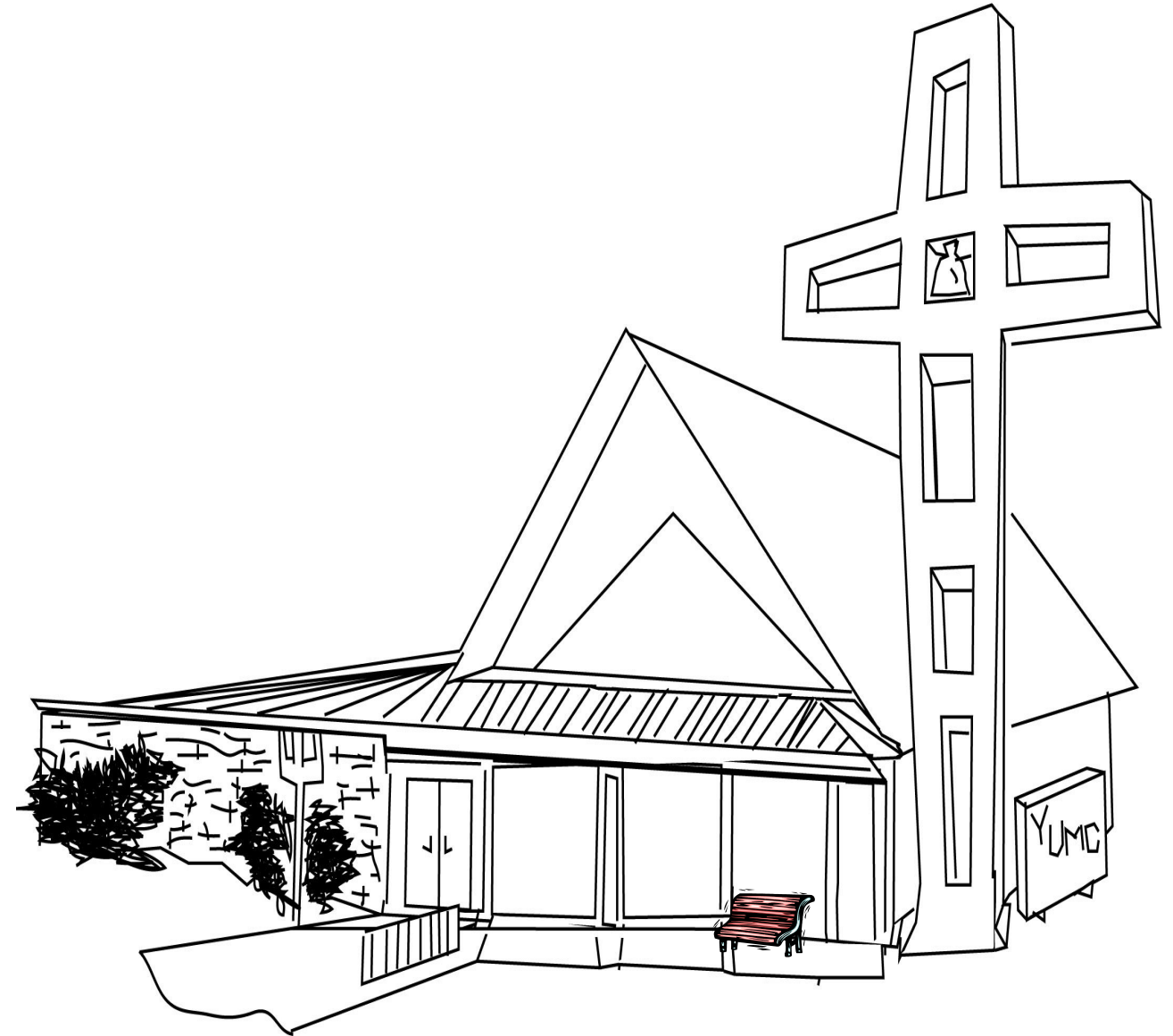
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A Note from Pastor Toni

As I sit down to write my February Bridge article, I am keenly aware that change is on the horizon for us as United Methodists and followers of Jesus Christ. We are in a season of change although not a typical seasonal change. A change that will require of each one of us, courage, strength, grace, and above all honor and love; love of self, enough to invite change within ourselves, and love of neighbor, enough to demonstrate compassion for individual feelings and understandings, as well as acceptance of differences and opinions.

Church, we are followers of Jesus Christ! We are called by His example and leadership to model His sacrificial love and His dependence on His Father; seeking God's intention and direction regardless of our feelings. When we are covenanted to *that* commitment, it is enough to conquer any challenge of differences and regard only our love [for one another] as that which can overcome, just as love overcame on our behalf at the cross.

Last Sunday we listened to the story of redemption and forgiveness through the heart and voice of Michelle Caswell and her husband, Matt. By laying down our personal desires and expectations and submitting our hearts and minds to the Lord, we can become purely His and His alone with

the intention and outcomes that God has established for us as the people of Yreka United Methodist Church.

In order for this to happen, it will require that we get ourselves *unstuck* so that we can walk out into the harvest and engage others to know Jesus. Purely His is a way of become the kind of disciple Jesus has desired for you all along.

It will help you take the next step in finding and following Jesus as you connect with other disciples who have a desire to become all that God intended them to be for His Kingdom work on earth! *Purely His* is about getting *yourself* unstuck from those regrets, choices and circumstances that have left you with scars of guilt and shame that more often than not keep you from experiencing healing, forgiveness, joy and the fullness of the love of God. PLEASE church, I ask each one of you to thoughtfully consider entering into a covenant relationship with 6-8 others, with the intention of taking the next step into your God-given purpose.

We are supposed to be about making disciples for the transformation of the world. We say that our mission is to partner with God in bringing people to the transforming power in Jesus Christ. But how can we make disciples when we ourselves are not yet the kind of follower who is equipped to do so

because of our own hurts, habits and hang-ups? Can we as a church who say we love one another, take a step up to use the tools that God is offering us through the *Purely His* ministry?

In the days to come, as United Methodists, we will face the possibility of painful and potentially difficult decisions to make as the Body of Christ. I believe that God has brought this ministry to us for such a time as this, to provide a way of living that will allow all of us to grow in God's grace and a deeper understanding of who we are as His child and who we can become as His disciples.

I love you YUMC, and I am committed to lead you this year with a new-found direction and hope, that in humility God will give us the courage and strength that He promised Joshua!

Pastor Toni



February 2019

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
Mike Duncan	28

Anniversaries

Steve and Linda Thornburg 16



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The New Tailgaters Shed is up and running!

Thank you to all who were involved...



To Bill Hartman who made it possible,

To Pastor Toni who made it happen,

To the men who made it work:

Mike Duncan
Nick Sinnott
Charles Cook
Ed Matthews
Jim Davis
Joe Allison
and
Jim Frey

The Tailgater Team is so very grateful

For your time and your generosity



**UMM
BREAKFAST**
There will be no
Methodist Men's
Breakfast due to
Emmaus

What's Happening with Saints Alive in February!

Feb 5
Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall

Saints Alive Monthly Meeting 5 pm Rm 8

Feb 12
Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall

Lunch a Bunch 11:30 am
Jefferson Roadhouse

Feb 14
Monthly Book Club 4:30 pm Strings/Yreka

Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall

Feb 19
Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall

Feb 26
Quilting 9—2 YUMC Social Hall

Celebrate Recovery

Happy February Church Family!

We are happy to announce that we are going to the training in Sacramento this month and we are so thankful our church supports us in Celebrate Recovery. While our tickets are paid for, we are looking for help from the congregation for travel, food and lodging for this conference. It will benefit in many ways to bring the tenets of Celebrate Recovery to Siskiyou county. We want our Friday nights to grow and continue to support the community with people when they struggle with their hurts, habits and hang-ups. Thank you for continuing to support us with cookies on our Friday nights. Two times this month Emmaus will be in our church so we will not have CR those days, that will be Feb 8th and also Feb 22nd. Thank you again for the continued support!

Love and Light,

John & Sadie Gorseth



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Save the dates for

*A kids roaring adventure coming in July!
Coming this summer, from July 15-19, 2019,
YUMC will be offering Roar VBS.
At Roar VBS, the kids will discover that even
though life gets wild, God is good.
Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning expe-
riences kids see, hear, touch,
and even taste!
Sciency-Fun stuff, team-building games, cool Bi-
ble songs, and tasty treats are just
a few of the standout activities that help faith
flow into real life. Plus, we'll help
kids discover how to see evidence of God
in everyday life—something we call God
Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!
The kids will also participate in a hands-on mis-
sion project, through a program
called Operation Kid-to-Kid™, that will provide
nutrition and good health
opportunities to moms and babies in
Zambia, Africa.
Open for kids going in to
Kindergarten through 6thGrade
YUMC can't wait to **ROAR!**
Interested in volunteering or learning more call
or text Susan at
530/412-1693,
or Michael in the YUMC office.*

ON THE EMMAUS ROAD...

They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32

DE COLORES...!

Breath of life,

You ride the waves of life with me in the rhythms of my communion with you.

You enter the comings and goings of each day and in every prayer I breathe.

Whether I am in the stillness of quiet prayer or in the fullness of the day's activity, may your peace flow through me.

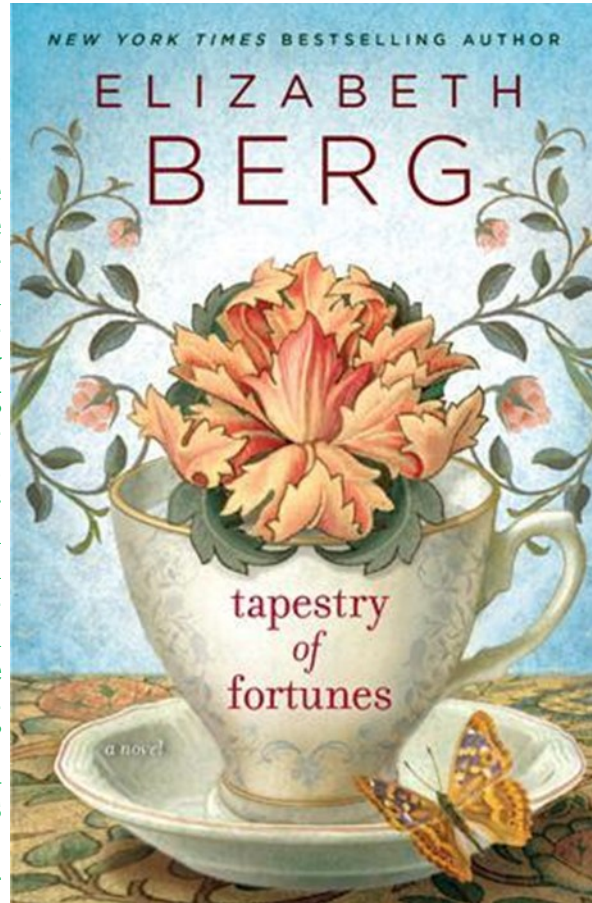
-Joyce Ripp

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. Watch for the announcement of our venue for 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



From the Leadership Board ...

The year 2019 will be a year of growth for our United Methodist Church as an inevitable result of enhanced, maturing discipleship. We were fortunate to see some of the tools available for that growth in last Sunday's very exciting service. We look forward to Pastor Toni developing this topic this year.

We all thank retiring Board members Sharon Dawson and Ed Matthews for their gracious service to our church. We also thank all our many volunteers that lead and participate in our internal ministries, education groups and service groups; they enrich all our spiritual lives.

The Board for 2019 is Kelly Atchley and Pete Bien – Finance, Jennifer Villani (new) – Personnel, Debbie Whipple – Congregational Care/Outreach, Charles Cook and Joe Allison (new) Facilities and Pastor Toni Hartman. Church secretary extraordinaire Michael Raney remains our non-voting ex officio Recording Secretary. Joe is the new chair with Jennifer as the deputy chair.

Church finances remain on solid ground thanks to your continued generous financial support. Please note the short form financial report box for specifics. Courtesy of Wilma and Jim Elsea (and Mike Duncan) we are upgrading our kitchen faucets in time to support our volunteers as they serve the Walk to Emmaus.

This month the Leadership Board meets 4:00 p.m. February 14, 2019. As always, all members are welcome to attend, ask questions and share their thoughts and concerns.

Bell Tower. Members have recently noted that there is swaying in the bell tower when the bell is rung. Against the possibility that it has always swayed unobserved by us, if you have any memory of the bell tower swaying years ago please share your memory with either Charles or Joe.

In His service,
Joe Allison
Leadership Board Chair

SAINTS ALIVE! Minutes 1-8-19

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm. Those present were: Co-Chair persons Mary Baker and Michael Burleson-Raney, Kelly Atchley, Mike Fallon, Nancy Krueger, Anita Lantz, Kathryn Mathews, Kathy Prudhomme, Marilyn Stepanovich and Pat Wernicke.

Nancy presented the devotion entitled “Celebrate the Light.” This is the time of Epiphany -- a time of revelation. It is the dawning of light in the dark corners of our lives. Jesus Christ is that Light. Celebrate!

SPIRITUALITY Bible Study – Anita Lantz will facilitate “Everybody, Always,” a 5-week study starting Wed., 1/16 at 10am. Thank you, Anita!

ENRICHMENT Book Club – “The Astronauts Wives Club” will be the subject of the January meeting at 4:30 pm 1/10 at Jefferson Roadhouse.

Civil War – Bill Doron proposes one Saturday in April to allow assignment of characters and research and a second Saturday for the actual re-enactment. Mike Fallon will assist Bill as needed regarding location, props, publicity, etc.

OUTREACH/EVANGELISM Quilting – Kathryn needs 10 tables for her 15 members. Fifty-five projects recently donated by Janette Hale will be available to the quilters to begin/finish. She asked that the Quilting meeting dates/times be added to the Saints Alive Calendar. **Prayer Tent** – Mary Baker reported that information has been gathered for the letter to churches which will ask for participation in re-establishing a Prayer Tent at the 2019 County Fair in August. She asked that the letter be sent to all churches in the County and include scripture from Romans 12 as well as lyrics from the song “We Are The 'Body of Christ.” She requested that Kelly and Michael compose the letter and that it be mailed in January or early February. She suggests that we consider asking the Youth to be invited to be Prayer Team members. Michael stated that he has received the required paperwork from the Fair to have a Prayer Tent. Discussion followed and decisions include:

The letter will be sent to Christian churches in our county. Kelly and Michael agreed to write the letter and present it with the list of churches at our Feb. 5 meeting prior to mailing it. It was moved, seconded and passed (Kelly, Marilyn) to arrange with the Fair for a place for the Prayer Tent and to pay the fee. Michael will maintain the list of churches and their responses to our request for their participation in returning the Prayer Tent to the Fair. Asking the Youth to be Prayer Team members is tabled at this time.

RECREATION/OUTINGS

Lunch Bunch – Tuesday, Feb. 12 @ Jefferson Roadhouse, 11:30 am.

Cabaret – We have reservations for “Mama Mia” on June 22 and “Miracle on 34th Street” on Nov. 23. Sign-ups and details to follow.

SERVICE Sunshine – Mary has sent 14 cards. Don Haack and Sylvia O'Conner especially need our prayers **AM Call** – Kathy continues to call each morning. **NEW BUSINESS** Kelly proposed that we have one person, a Publicity Chair-person, who is responsible for providing information about our upcoming events. The Publicity Chair-person will collect and co-ordinate all publicity and prepare articles and notices for the church's newsletter and web site, Facebook, the newspaper, the Sunday Bulletin and other outlets as needed. It was moved, seconded (Mike, Nancy) and enthusiastically passed to create the position of Publicity Chair-person and that it be filled by Kelly Atchley. Great idea and many thanks, Kelly! **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 5 pm. **COOKIES** by Kathryn. Mike closed us in prayer and we adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Wernicke

IMPACT

As IMPACT continues to thrive with the “NO BLAME ZONE”., As we deepen our intimacy with the father we are focused into the depth of God’s love for us.

IMPACT Youth & leadership discussed Mark 12:30-31 Love the Lord with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind and all your strength. The second is this to ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these. There was in-depth, transparent discussion of why we might not like our school mate sitting in the desk next to us.....Is it possible that we don’t love ourselves to find the love that Jesus has for our neighbors? These provoking questions were answered in the most honest and transparent thoughts of why they chose not love their

neighbors in school. !
1 John 4:19 says “ We love because He loved us first.” Knowing the love of God is first is knowing how much He loves us. Meaning we are to come into the greatest self acceptance regardless of our failures, flaws or weaknesses. We discussed the annoyances of others really could be a FEAR of our own reflection of what God is working in us. As the Bible tells us in Mark 12:30-31 this scripture is the greatest commandments, however I am reminded, FEAR NOT, is mentioned in the Bible 365 times. 365 times correlates with 365 days in the year. Isaiah 41:10 “Fear not, I am with you.” Often it is forgotten that God is asking us to “Fear Not” as He is with us 365 days of the year. Knowing this, as friends of Jesus, building His Intimacy through relationship with Him and relationship with our neighbors, gives us the FREEDOM of self-

acceptance. His great LOVE for us and in us which multiplies to LOVING our neighbors as ourselves. !

I invite you brothers and sisters in Christ to join IMPACT Youth Team in exploring our intimacy with God and loving ourselves as he loves us and self acceptance to conquer the “NO BLAME ZONE”!.

In His name,

Colleen Alvarez
IMPACT Youth
Team Leader

2019

Saints Alive Quilters

The Saints Alive Quilters have been busy WORKING ON THEIR Fat Quarter quilts. They are all so beautiful and colorful. Drop by and check them out! We meet at the church every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is welcome. Come join us!



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.**



“Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”

- Abraham Lincoln

Hymns Chosen by the Congregation

One Sunday per month the Choir will be singing 2 or 3 hymns. It will be setup during the service as a sing-a-long. If you have a favorite hymn, let Michael in the office know and he will turn it over to Karen Clark, our Choir Director. We will be researching the history of each hymn so, hopefully, we will be able to let you know something about your favorite hymn.



Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.


O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be

consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

Amen

St. Francis of Asissi

I hope you find this prayer a comfort. Remember this is your Bridge. Submissions are welcome . I accept things until one week before the end of the month.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>February 2019</div>					<div>1</div> <div>11:30 am Small Group</div> <div>2:00 pm Strong Women</div> <div>6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9:00 am Tailgaters</div>
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