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Yreka United Methodist Church

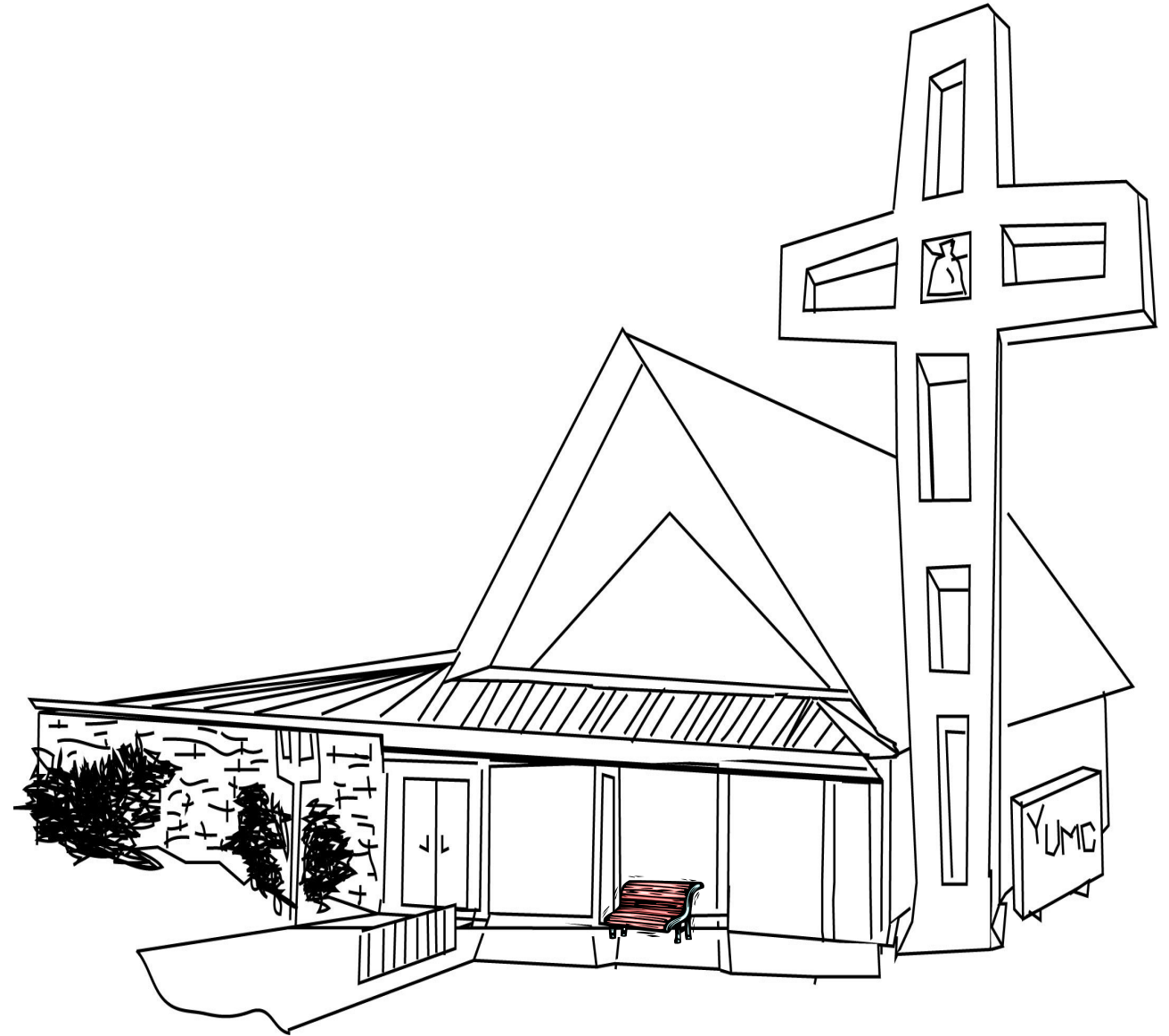
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Supernatural Kids VBS
Bringing Heaven to Earth

July 16-20, 2018

6:00 to 8:15 p.m.



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A Note from Pastor Toni

In my first message during this current series, The Exciting Church, I said that part of my responsibility is to remind us often of whom we are. Five years ago 30 people met. After listening to the Holy Spirit, we became clear and certain of our mission as YUMC revealed to us by the Holy Spirit:

Our mission became our message to the community of Yreka through the Tailgate Ministry. ***To partner with God in bringing people to the transforming power in Jesus Christ.***

As I pondered our mission statement and prayed during my sermon preparation, I felt God saying that our partnering with Him needed to take on a different dimension; one of deeper responsibility to those we serve. I suggested in my sermon that we modify the mission statement to say: ***“to partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers or uncommitted believers, to becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.”***

God needs *us* to fulfill His mission to make disciples (*Jesus followers*) of everyone! We have been called to YREKA to partner with God in seeing lives changed! In seeing people set free from bondage! In seeing men and women committing themselves to a way of life that gives life! We have received so much from our God. We are His COGPOW's (*children of God people of worth*) we have been given the authority and power of the Holy Spirit to make a difference in our community.

In that same sermon I talked about the desperate need for *fresh expressions* of church in our community. While the church used to be one of three places

people spent their time (*the other two being home and work*) today it is not. Those 3rd places have become Starbucks, gyms, bars, etc.! A *fresh expression* of church is desperately needed for those who would never consider crossing the threshold of our building. AND...they need Jesus just as much or more than those who will brave the waters and enter a church building.

Our goal then becomes partnering with God as we watch and pray to discern where God is already at work in our community and in these 3rd places. But we need to do more than watch and discern! We are an integral part of God's process in making disciples for the transformation of our community and our world. ***HE NEEDS US!!*** And so I am proposing raising the bar on our mission statement and taking a deeper step into commitment; a commitment to engage in the transforming process with God—A commitment to connect more intentionally with friends and others; a commitment to engage them in the Good news of God's grace and be a part of their shaping and developing into a follower; a commitment to deepen our own commitment to our relationship with God and community.

Church, we gotta get more serious! Be invitational, invite people into your homes and stop shying away from sharing the greatest news they will ever hear; pray for direction from the Holy Spirit and trust that you will receive the words you need to speak when they are needed. Tell your story. It's not up to you to convert or convince; that's the work of the Holy Spirit. And trust me on this one: ***He can't wait for you to get started!!***

Any changes we make around here ought to be **about and for people who are far away from God.**

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fell and they were filled with the presence, power and person of God. An exciting church is full of presence, person and power given through Father, Son and Spirit! For any of this to happen, we have to be full of God ourselves. If you're going to be full of anything...MAKE IT GOD! Let's do this!!

Love,

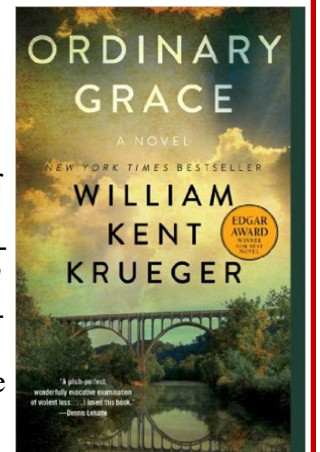
Pastor Toni

The Book Club

Our July Selection

“A respected mystery writer turns his attention to the biggest mystery of all: God. An award-winning author for his long-running Cork O' Connor series, Krueger aims higher and hits harder with a standalone novel that shares much with his other work.... 'the awful grace of God,' as it manifests itself within the novel, would try the faith of the most devout believer. Yet, ultimately, the world of this novel is one of redemptive grace and mercy, as well as unidentified corpses and unexplainable tragedy. A novel that transforms narrator and reader alike.”

(Kirkus Reviews (starred))



Meeting July 12 at 4:30pm at the Wine Bar

July 2018

Birthdays

Judy Holmes	2
Mike Whipple	3
Carl Erickson	5
Marilyn Stepanovich	7
Don Haack	7
Pat Wernicke	8
Toni Hartman	15
Kevin Stott	17
Justin Holmes	20
Jim Frey	21
Bonnie Garvin	31

Anniversaries

Pam & Norm Shaskey	8
Rick & Chris Bowers	21
John and Jennifer Villani	31



Merry Christmas!

Christmas in July? Well it might be too hot to think about snowflakes and cold weather, but it is time to start thinking about **Operation Christmas Child**! As we get closer to school starting again, all the retail establishments start running sales on school supplies. That is a great time to stock up for OCC!

Traditionally as a church we have donated at least 100 boxes each year for under-privileged children around the world. Last year we packed over 125 boxes. Some of our boxes made it all the way to Peru!

Here are some suggested items to shop for:

Pencils, Paper, Crayons, Erasers, Notebooks, kids Scissors, Comb, Hairbrush, Toothbrush (no tooth paste this year), Washcloth, Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. **Do not** include liquid antibiotic ointment.) Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils, Blanket, Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed), Compact mirror, small toys, Stuffed animals, Yoyo, Balls, Jump rope.

The list goes on and on! Start shopping now. You are welcome to bring your items to the church and we will store them for you. And plan on joining us on November 3rd when we will have the OCC box packing party at the church. Everyone is welcome to come and pack some boxes as a group or you can pack one of your own at home and bring it in to the church.

This year OCC boxes cost \$9.00 per box to ship. You are welcome to contribute to the cost. Just make your check out to YUMC and put OCC in the memo line.

Thank you for your support and donations!

Merry Christmas!

Susan Erhardt

OCC Project Leader

June 16 Church Cleanup Day

Thank you to the 12 members that helped out with our Spring cleanup work. The smaller than usual crew accomplished a lot but there is still unfinished work. We will schedule a Fall work day when hopefully more members will be available.

Work accomplished included cleaning the sanctuary, Wesley Room, and the social hall kitchen. Weeds were pulled in the Fairchild garden and the playground. Also, bolts were tightened on the playground equipment. Vegetation in the Memorial Garden was trimmed and it looks great.

We will focus on cleaning the social hall, education building, and cleaning up dead vegetation on the grounds in the Fall. Hope to see you then.

Ed Matthews

Saints Alive!

7/3/18 @ 5:00 pm
Dream Team Meeting
Rm 8 in Ed Building

7/12/18 @ 11:30 pm
Lunch a Bunch
J & D Diner

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

IMPACT Youth team traveled to Tijuana Mexico for Jesus Cultures Mission Experience (JCME) to Mission Ministry's Children's Orphanage, Rancho de sus Ninos, June 20-24. A large heartfelt thank you to our team leaders John Villiani, Sadie Gorseth & Kevin Stott for a great team effort of getting the IMPACT Team across the border to Mexico and back to Yreka with ease, and secure safety for our youth. I am honored to serve these mighty leaders.

#JCME#IMPACT We left YUMC parking lot Wednesday June 20th at 11pm and drove to Sacramento Airport to catch a plane to San Diego. This was quite the excursion as a few of our leaders & youth have never flown. At the San Diego Airport we met at Terminal 1 to catch our private JCME luxury tour bus to cross the USA/Mexico border. We crossed the border with ease and took our bus into Rancho de sus Ninos (RdsN) What a honor to cross the border privately. For the next three days we experienced the love of God in the unity of His people serving together and learning together. Eight Teams came from the USA, including 10 Teams from Mexico to serve at RdsN. Missions Ministry have been in ministry for 30 years with the a beautiful campus. On campus are children housing that houses seventy-five orphans, who are taken care of, nurtured and loved into their full identities in Jesus Christ. In the compound includes a church, coffee shop and many facilities. On the campus at RdsN includes a day program of 250 children. The children come from 6:30am to 4:30am, so parents are able to work, who cannot afford child care. Currently, there are 250 on waiting list to obtain the day care services provided.

IMPACT experienced four experience blocks of the JCME, with worship, teaching and equipping in between our 4 block experiences. Our 1st morning at 6am we started a prayer walk to a mountain top over

looking Tijuana. A definite IMPACT with 250 believers declaring and praying the word of God over a city and valley.

IMPACTS 1st experience was the rope course. This included heights, skill and team encouragement, of tight rope walking, climbing a rope net and a zip line. One of our 7th grade IMPACT Team partners completed the course, over coming her fears as a mighty warrior! Impressive!!

Our 2nd block was taking RdsN School buses to neighborhoods to pick up garbage and Treasure Map. RdsN has contracted with the government for specific neighborhoods to clean and spread the love of God. For those of you unfamiliar with Treasure Mapping is when you partner with God in prayer and get a clue from God of where you minister or who you minister to. For instance one of our IMPACT Team Leaders received a vision of a brown dog. We encountered many brown dogs, but God lead us to a mans house where their was a brown dog. At that time our IMPACT leader was able to minister and pray for that man. His prayer was affective and touched that man immensely.

Our 3rd mission experience block was construction. Our IMPACT team hand mixed concrete for four hours. We became a human mixer and mixed on the ground, to complete a porch for one of the houses going up. What a great experience of learning and using our muscles to help others build and maintain their vision in ministry.

Our 4th block was working with the children during VBS. The Children's Pastor gave us intensive instructions on how they maneuver the kids in love, just as Cliff Lantz will equip us for VBS (Victory Bible Students) and Children's/Youth Ministry. What organization, joy and love taking place for these children at VBS. We were each to partner up with a child & go through each station provided, water games, snacks and face painting. Some of us were challenged

by the language difference, we learned that despite difference in language, we could still communicate, laugh and love one another. I was honored to translate for some of the missionaries who sponsored children at RdsN. I was touched with emotion as one little girl only wanted a bed with pretty accessories on it. We are truly spoiled in the USA.

We made friends with a Pastor from Ensenada, MX, who touched the hearts of IMPACT leaders, with words, love, laughs and prophetic impartation. IMPACT was stretched physically, emotionally and spiritually to a greater intimacy with our Lord, Jesus Christ. One IMPACT Team youth gave their heart to Jesus. Some received physical and emotional healing and truly experienced the presence and love of God. We ate authentic taco, burritos, churros and snacks every evening after service and worship. Truly, a Mexico experience, with worship on the last evening at the amphitheater.

On behalf of the IMPACT Team, I personally thank you YUMC for your love, support, donations and prayers to make this Mission Experience a success. Don't be surprised that this Mission Trip has stirred the faith for the IMPACT Youth Team to head to Romania in 2019 or 2020. As our IMPACT Team has learned, "All things are possible with Jesus Christ"

Much Love,
Colleen Alvarez
IMPACT Team Leader





IMPACT YOUTH Welcome Home!

Check out some of what they experienced here and check the YUMC FaceBook page for more pics.



Sadie & John Gorseth sponsor this little girl in this picture. Sadie searched for the girl until they found her. They have sponsored Guadalup since February. The family and Guadalup were excited to meet each other! God Bless!

Children's Sunday School, Nursery and IMPACT

Nursery is infant to kindergarten (for now) 9:30 am—11:30 am

Nursery Scripture: Proverbs 22:15

Start children off the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not go from it.

Children's Sunday School is 1st-5th grades after Kids-Mo

Children's Scripture: Psalm 127:3-5

Children are a heritage from the Lord, a reward from Him like arrows in the hands of a warrior, are children of ones youth, blessed is a man's quiver is full of them.

IMPACT is 6th-12th from 4pm-7pm Sundays

IMPACT Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one look done on you because of your youth, but be an example and set a pattern for believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in moral purity.



T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER



On the back is
JBN in gold
Which stands for:
JUST BE NICE

---To order your t-shirt
Contact: Colleen Alvarez
any of the youth, youth leaders
or Pam at the office 842-4291

\$25 each



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Supernatural Kids VBS

Bringing Heaven to Earth

This Vacation Bible School will launch your children into a supernatural lifestyle with God. They will learn who God is, what Jesus did for them, why He did it, and how they can live because of it! Your children will also start to learn not only how to read the Bible but will be empowered to start to read it for themselves and encounter God as they do. The week is full of amazing Bible lessons, a silly Professor who the children will fall in love with, and so many more fun surprises for everyone! Watch as your children start to see heaven come to earth through knowing and experiencing God in new and exciting ways.

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Registration forms are available at YUMC.



In(His)service

July 7, 2018 9:00 am
Presented by Cliff Lantz

We hope to see you all at “In His Service” Saturday July 7, 2018, at 9 am in the Social Hall at YUMC. Cliff Lantz will be facilitating this class to prep all children leaders, Children Sunday School, VBS volunteers, IMPACT Team or to give you tools to maneuver your grandchildren, nieces & nephews. You don’t need to be a children’s leader to attend, we encourage anyone who is interested to learn about our Infantile, Children’s & Youth Team Ministries’ and the tools to help YUMC succeed in building the foundation of our mission to bring God’s Children to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Questions? Please, call Youth Educational Director Colleen Alvarez at 598-0769 or our church secretary Pam Chitwood 842-4291.

This class is required for all VBS volunteers.

For more details, fliers are available on the desk outside the office.
Questions? Contact Colleen Alvarez at 598-0769.

VBS is a big program and we always need extra hands.
If you want to help, there IS a place for you!

For the prayer warriors in our congregation, we invite you to lift up the children and their parents into a relationship with Jesus. We ask for prayer for the week of VBS, it’s helpers, the kids, youth team who will be helping in a big way this year and all the leaders too who have given their time for the Lord.

Glory to God!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service Noon Tailgaters 4:00 pm IMPACT Youth	2 12:30 pm Crafting/Cause 2:00 pm Strong Women 5:30 pm WOW	3 5:00 pm SA Dream Team 5:30 pm Worship Team	4 <div></div> Office Closed	5 5:00 pm WOW 6:30 pm Sacred Space	6 11:30 am Small Group 2:00 pm Strong Women	7 8:00 am Tailgaters 9:00 am IN(HisSvc) With Cliff Lantz
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