



October 2018 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

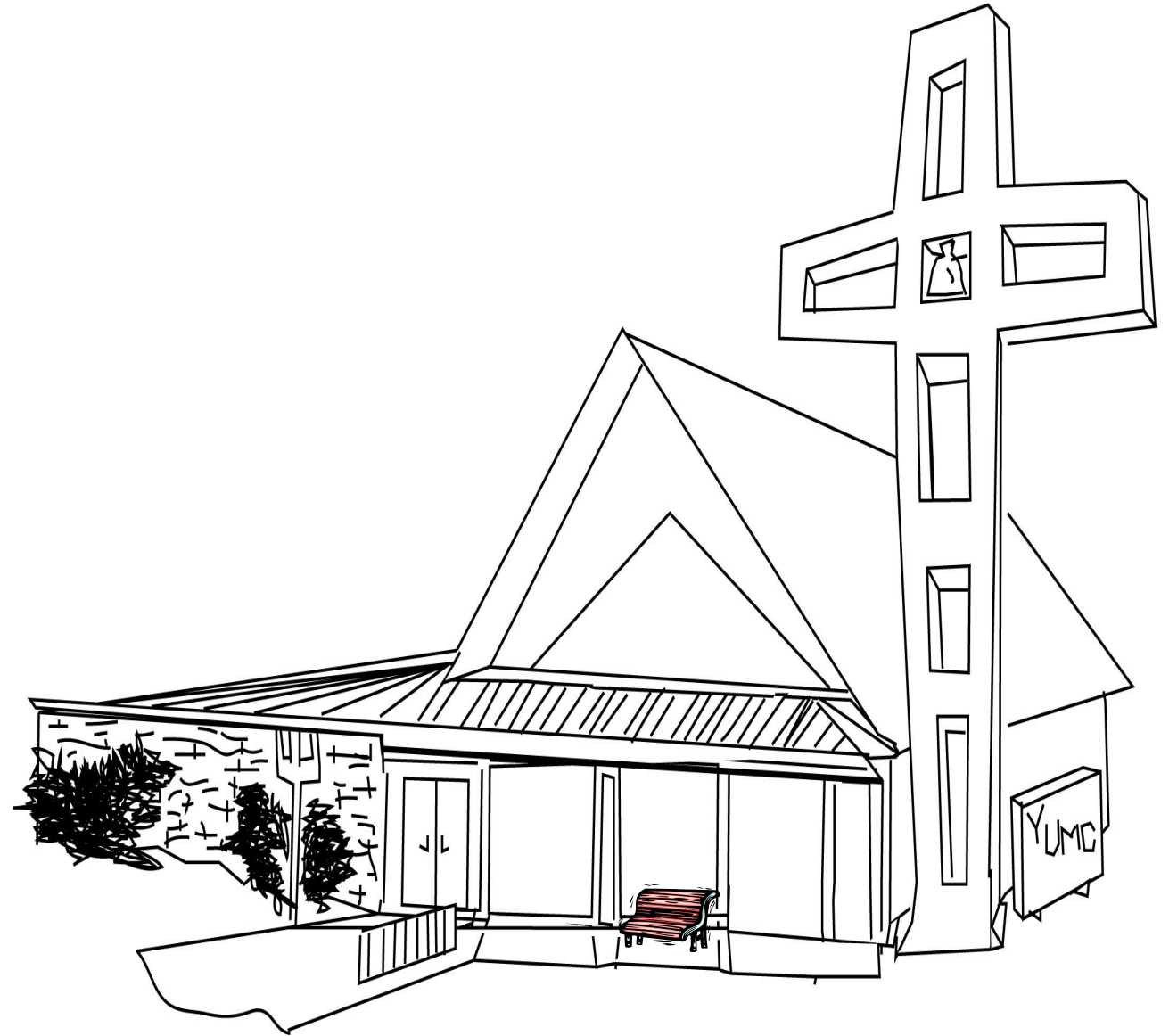
New Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

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A Note from Pastor Toni

Fall is in the air. That means Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are already showing up in stores! I dread hearing Christmas music in Wal-Mart as early as Nov 1! ARGH!! Time passes quickly enough without the help of retailers! The trees are beginning to change color, the morning air is brisk, and we're bouncing all over the place when it comes to weather and temperature. I genuinely enjoy living in an area where I have the privilege of experiencing four distinct seasons a year!

Seasons imply change. Seasons bring challenges. Seasons encourage preparation. Seasons are not only reserved for the weather. Our economy experiences seasons. Our ministries experience seasons. Our lives experience seasons—seasons of abundance and seasons of scarcity; seasons of struggles and trials, seasons of joys, grief and celebrations. God's Word says, "in all things, give thanks," "...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good pleasure." Did you catch that? God desires to act through you in accordance with what brings God joy—not you! God's joy is supposed to be our joy as well. If you are truly desiring to look more and more like

Jesus to the world around you, then whatever God desires from you ought to be a simple YES the moment you feel the nudge, hear the voice, read the Word and know God is speaking directly to you. But oh, how we drag our feet; how we question and doubt, deny and make excuses. Every one of us knows what God expects of us as followers of Jesus Christ. Every one of us knows our responsibilities to the Body of Christ as His hands and feet. Every one of us knows within our hearts whether or not we are truly doing our part for God's Kingdom. I know that God's church will not grow without all of you doing your part—inviting friends and family to Sunday worship, reaching out to neighbors and sharing the opportunities available for children throughout the week, inviting folks beyond the church community to join your small group, encouraging those who have broken ties with the fellowship to return, offering to give rides on Sunday morning to worship. All of these and many more are within each one of our abilities to be Jesus to someone. We ought to look forward with excitement and enthusiasm to our Sunday worship; to what God has planned for us and will do among us as we seek His face.

Have you re-evaluated your weekend priorities lately? What kind of an example are you setting for the children in your life? Do you just want God there when you need Him? Is that all relationship is about? Of course not!! We need the Lord in our lives through all the seasons we experience.

We are moving into a critical time where we can have a positive effect on the lives of others simply by inviting them to join us on Sundays! Tell people your story, introduce them to your faith community and let the Holy Spirit do the rest. Statistics say that it requires a minimum of five invites before most people will respond. Are you willing? If you haven't been to a Sunday worship celebration for a while, I encourage you to get back into the habit of connecting with God and your church community once a week. It's a good habit to get into for you and the kids. Reconnect, refresh, renew yourself. Get a good dose of GOD! You'll be glad you did! It's Fall! Fall into Jesus!

*See you in Church,
Pastor Toni*

October 2018

Birthdays

Pete Bein	5
Milt Debuhr	6
Charles Cook	7
Deb Bein	9
Audrey DeAvila	13
Nathan Lantz	13
Jodi Aceves	17
Nick Sinnott	23
Dwala Smith	28
Glenn Joesten	30



Anniversaries

Vern and Dwala Smith	1
Carl and Kerry Erickson	18



Saints Alive!

10/2/18 @ 5:00 pm
Dream Team Meeting
Rm 8 in Ed Building

10/11/18 @ 4:30 pm
Book Club
Strings

10/9/18 @ 11:30 pm
Lunch a Bunch
Natalee Thai

10/6/18 @ 7:00 pm
Talent or Not Show
YUMC Sanctuary



The Saints Alive Quilting Group will be starting on Tuesday, September 25th from 9am-2pm. The Starting Date will be a free day to quilt but the beginning of October there will be a Charge of \$5 per month to cover the cost of electricity. On that first day we will also be planning projects for the year. So bring your sewing machine, sewing tools, and any project you want to work on. It's been a long and smokey summer so looking forward to gathering with friends and working with colorful fabric.

And don't forget we always have snacks!

Saint's Alive 4th Annual Talent or Not Show

Saturday, October 6, 2018.

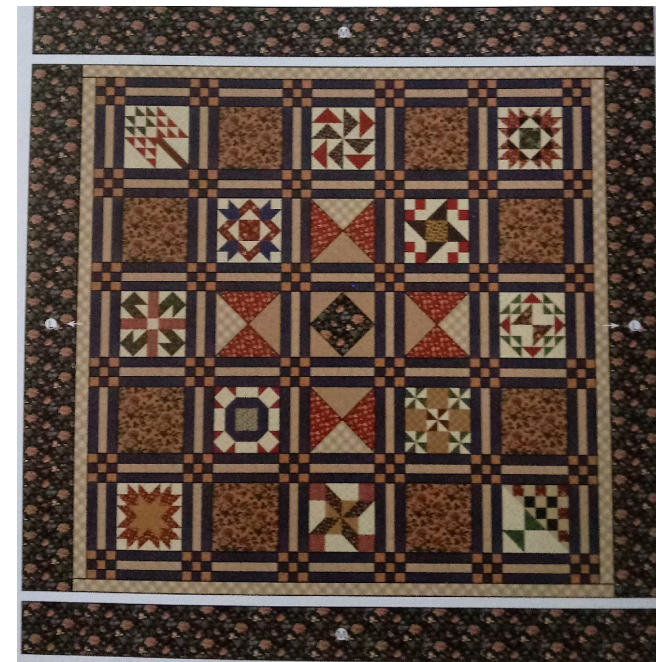
At 7:00 pm.

Put a string on your finger, write it down, whatever you have to do! Just don't forget to come and have a really good time.

There will be a donation basket and all proceeds go to Tailgaters.

UMM BREAKFAST

10/14 at 8am
All Methodist Men are welcome!



Celebrate Recovery

Happy October everyone,

The fall is coming and that means for the Gorseth Family it's our time to bring something to Siskiyou county. Its Recovery! John spent eight months at the Redwood Gospel Mission in Santa Rosa and part of their healing process was to attend a Celebrate Recovery program two nights a week. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to provide a safe place for people to be delivered by Christ's healing power as they identify their hurts, habits and hang-ups so they are able to become the person God designed them to be, being set free for service to others, and for God's kingdom purposes. So now John is home and we are ready to bring healing to others within our community. I attended many of those meetings while visiting John and realized it is for anyone who has any hang up in life like I found in myself. We're excited to work the 12 steps to recovery to start out. Also worship and small group. Nov 4th, 2018 at 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the social Hall. The first 10 people thru the door get the first work book free. Also we are looking for donations to help get this up and going to provide recovery chips and work books and other things to make this experience the best for everyone. John and I thank the congregation for accepting us as who we are and see the potential that we have as a couple and as a family with our children. We hope that this recovery tradition reaches more people within our community and helps save lives and families. I would like to close out with a scripture that is fitting for everyone who is going to embark on this journey with us.

My people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 AMP

Have a blessed month and we will see you in November.

John & Sadie Gorseth



John Gorseth

Celebrating his Recovery



IMPACT

Many thanks to all that helped make IMPACT Drive thru dinner a success! Especially to Jennifer Villiani for being the TEAM Leader in the kitchen. I am proud of the willingness of IMPACT Youth Team. I learn from each and everyone of you, from your walk with Jesus. Your amazing to try new adventures with God, work to your best ability, encourage others and your confidence in vulnerability to learn from our short comings to allow Christ to shine!

IMPACT Youth Team “Leadership Tid-bit” for October is Ephesians 5:13-21. I encourage YUMC congregation to partner with us as we learn to submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21) to engage ourselves and others into the “Transforming Power of Jesus Christ”

“THE Good News Club” is spreading “good news” right into the hearts of children! Thank you Mike and Christal Duncan for answering the call to serve children and lead the K- 5th grade ministry at YUMC. The leaders and teachers have answered their calls to serve and be the body of Christ. With in two weeks the testimonies are pouring back to Mike and Christal. Salvations have taken place and children leading their families in teachings in the center of their homes! This is victory in Jesus name!! As John Wesley said, “God with do nothing, but in answer to prayer.”

Below is a article posted by a children’s ministry Pastor, Becky Fisher, from Kids In Ministry International. I hope this article warms your heart and gives another perspective to children serving in church and children’s ministry.

Much love to all,

Colleen Alvarez

IMPACT Team Leader

Educational Director

KIDS ARE NOT CALLED TO BE BENCH WARMERS—

They have a calling to serve now! Like most children’s pastors, you probably have hard time getting volunteers to serve. Adults, and especially parents, just don’t seem to have any desire to serve in the church. But it may not be their fault. Could it be that we have taught them that service is not what being a part of the body of Christ is about?

Why is it so hard to get people to serve? Let’s do the math.

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What would it look like if we allowed children to serve from a young age? Let’s do the math here.

Birth to 18 years of age + serving and ministering in the church = Adults who serve and a church without a leadership void

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(These great thoughts come from the blog of Leaders in Training [L.I.T.] To read KIDS ARE NOT CALLED TO BE BENCH WARMERS—They have a calling to serve now! Like most children’s pastors, you probably have hard time getting volunteers to serve. Adults, and especially parents, just don’t seem to have any desire to serve in the church. But it may not be their fault. Could it be that we have taught them that service is not what being a part of the body of Christ is about?

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The Book Club

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

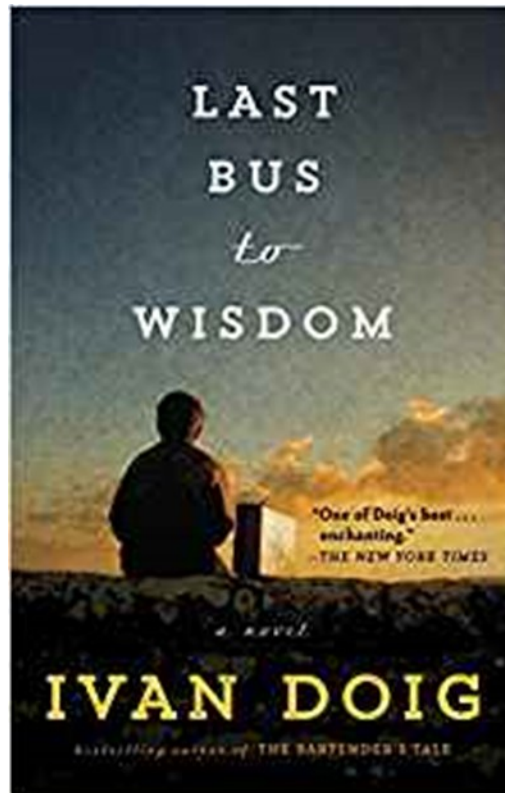
Meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Our November 2018 Selection:

Donal Cameron is being raised by his grandmother, the cook at the legendary Double W ranch in Ivan Doig's beloved Two Medicine Country of the Montana Rockies, a landscape that gives full rein to an eleven-year-old's imagination. But when Gram has to have surgery for "female trouble" in the summer of 1951, all she can think to do is to ship Donal off to her sister in faraway Manitowoc, Wisconsin. There Donal is in for a rude surprise: Aunt Kate—bossy, opinionated, argumentative, and tyrannical—is nothing like her sister. She henpecks her good-natured husband, Herman the German, and Donal can't seem to get on her good side either. After one contretemps too many, Kate packs him back to the authorities in Montana on the next Greyhound. But as it turns out, Donal isn't traveling solo: Herman the German has decided to fly the coop with him. In the immortal American tradition, the pair light out for the territory together, meeting a classic Doigian ensemble of characters and having rollicking misadventures along the way.

Watch this space for the venue of the November meeting.

PS If you'd like Anita to order a copy of the book for you, call her @ 468-2119, or e-mail her at anitalantz@att.net.



Operation Christmas Child

Ok everyone, close your eyes... o.k. maybe just one so you can keep reading this. Now search your memory for that one special Christmas you had that you will always remember. Maybe it was the time you got that electric train set, or a new BB gun, or the morning you found the Barbie dream house under the tree. Or maybe it was that first Christmas you spent with a child, seeing the excitement and wonder in their eyes as they opened their gifts.

Now open your eyes and consider a Christmas morning with no presents, no Joy, no wonder. Just another day in the month of December. For many children around the world, this is their Christmas reality. They know nothing about Christmas, or Jesus, or even presents. Samaritan's Purse A.K.A. Operation Christmas Child is dedicated to making sure that no child goes without the joy of knowing Jesus and Christmas... and I am proud so say that YUMC has partnered with this organization for many years.

As such I am once again asking you to open your hearts and consider donating to this great cause. You can do so in several ways: You can purchase small toys, personal items, and school supplies, or you can donate funds and leave the shopping to one of our church elves or simply pay for postage to send the boxes out in the world. Each box we send costs \$9.00. Or you can build your own box and bring it to the church on November 3rd. A list of OCC gift suggestions is available outside of the church office.

We will have a great box building party at the church on Saturday November 3rd at 9:00 AM. Last year our church filled and donated 127 boxes to this cause. Historically we are the leader in our community in this endeavor. Everyone is welcome to come down and fill up a few boxes. Come on down and make another special Christmas memory!

Thank you!
Susan Erhardt



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