



March 2020 Bridge

Yreka United Methodist Church
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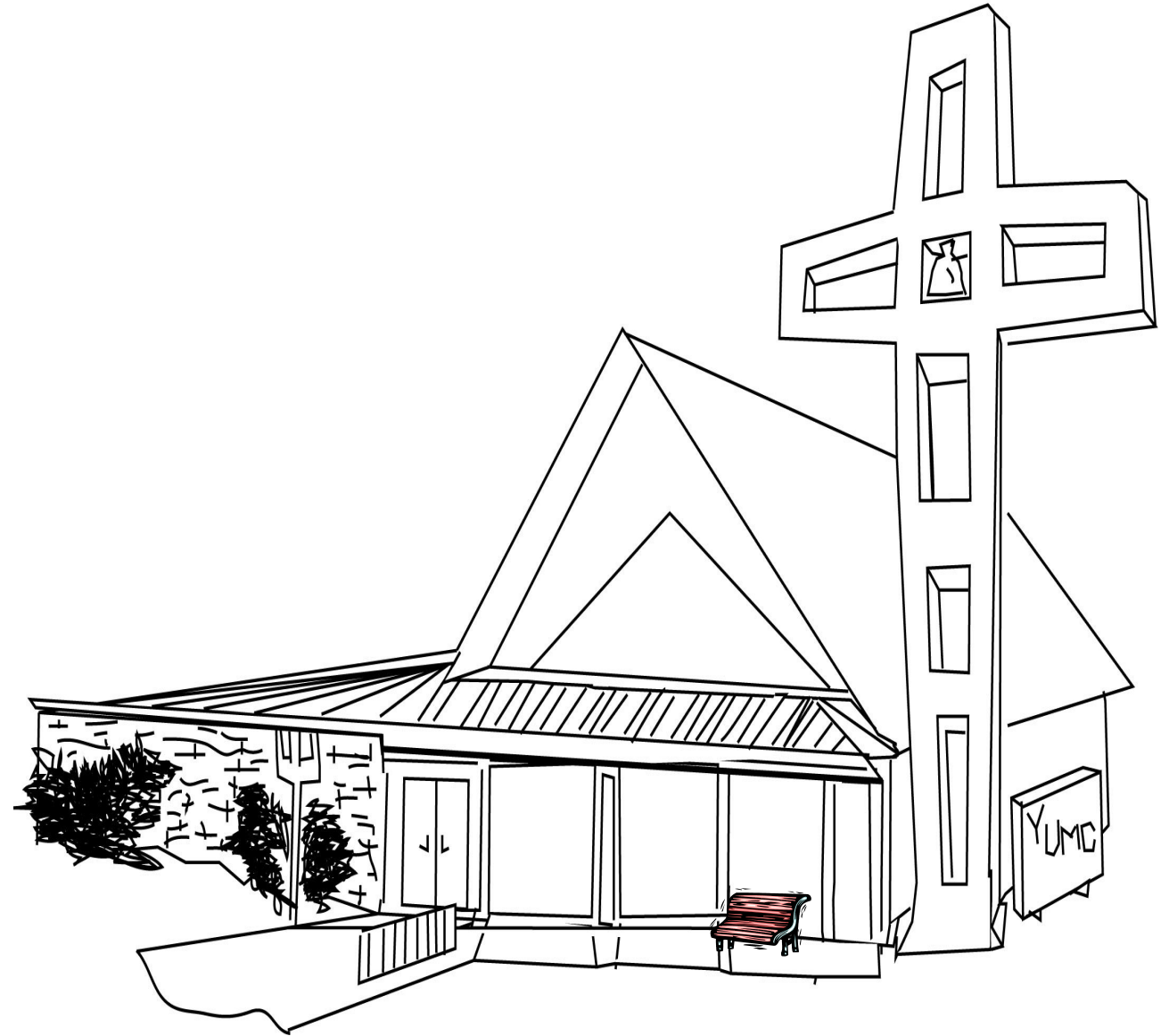
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A Note from Pastor Toni

It feels like spring today with warm temperatures in the 60's, flowers starting to bloom, people out walking in the mid-afternoon, and the humming-birds beginning to swarm the feeder hanging on my patio again.

Spring is the onset of revived life and new life. Life that has been dormant during the winter months are beginning to show sign of coming back; buds, and leaves and sprouts and stalks of life are blooming everywhere.

For me spring is the time of the year to put on my garden gloves and get ready for planting; preparing the soil and enriching it for new growth. That is a beautiful metaphor for who we are as the church right now.

We met a few Saturdays ago and prayed, dreamed, shared, believed that God was moving us in specific directions. As we gathered around tables reflecting and discussing four questions related to who we are, how God is using us and where God wants to take us next, the energy in the room was palpable! Spirit's were high, people were excited and engaged, and it was a beautiful example of the Body of Christ working in one accord.

The word, accord, in Acts 4:23 the disciples and God's people lifted up their voice in one accord together in the same place. The word accord comes from the Greek word, **homothumadon** is

a compound word meaning, "***rush along in unison.***" It comes from the root word meaning, "warmth." Accord is best understood, not as a harmonizing of theology but rather a harmonizing of affection for one another. That means being with people who respect each other and like each other enough to retain the 'heat of affection' that will sustain them during the hard times when the enemy tries to drive us apart in our different ways of looking at and living life; especially life as Jesus followers. God has called us to be in one accord, church! And that Saturday morning those who were there experienced the Biblical meaning of *Accord*! When we can be together in one accord, we give God a container that He can speak into. And He spoke to us that Saturday morning!

So, I want to share with you some of the common denominators that each table group wrote on the paper wall:

Multi-Church Festival in the park and then a tent revival—an old fashion tent revival!
A stronger social media presence for YUMC.
Invitation cards for everyone we meet on the street or in our neighborhood. (Milt and June D. will be doing this)
Care and Compassion team for shut-ins and those who are new or haven't attended for a while.
Fundraising.
Dinners, Game Nights, Movie nights.

These were the primary ideas for our 2020 missions. A huge outreach with other churches in our community, followed up by a tent revival, with outside speakers and great worship from multiple worship teams form our community churches!

People stepped out and committed to supporting these missions for 2020. But it will take all of us doing our part, no matter how big or small, to complete the tasks we believed God laid on our hearts that Saturday. Stand by for more info as we begin to organize. You will be kept informed as we go as to how you can support the missions. Some more challenging than others, but all valuable for bringing the people of God together in one accord in our church and the churches in Yreka!

I'm excited about what God gave to us on that Saturday. I'm excited about the buy-in and the people who stepped up to be a part of missions 2020!

In his Love,

Pastor Toni



March 2020

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Frank and Shawn Cortright	4
Charles and Paula Cook	16



What's Happening with Saints Alive! in March!

March 3

*Saint's Alive! Dream team meeting
5:00 to 6:00 pm in Rm. 8*

March 10

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

March 12

*Book Club 4:30 pm
hosted by Kelly Atchley
at Rain Rock Restaurant*

*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**
March 8, 2020 8:00 am
In the Social Hall
All Men are welcome!
Come on down and have fun!

Vacation Bible School!



**Save the
Date!**
2020 VBS
July 13-17



Time to sign-up for Secret Sisters!

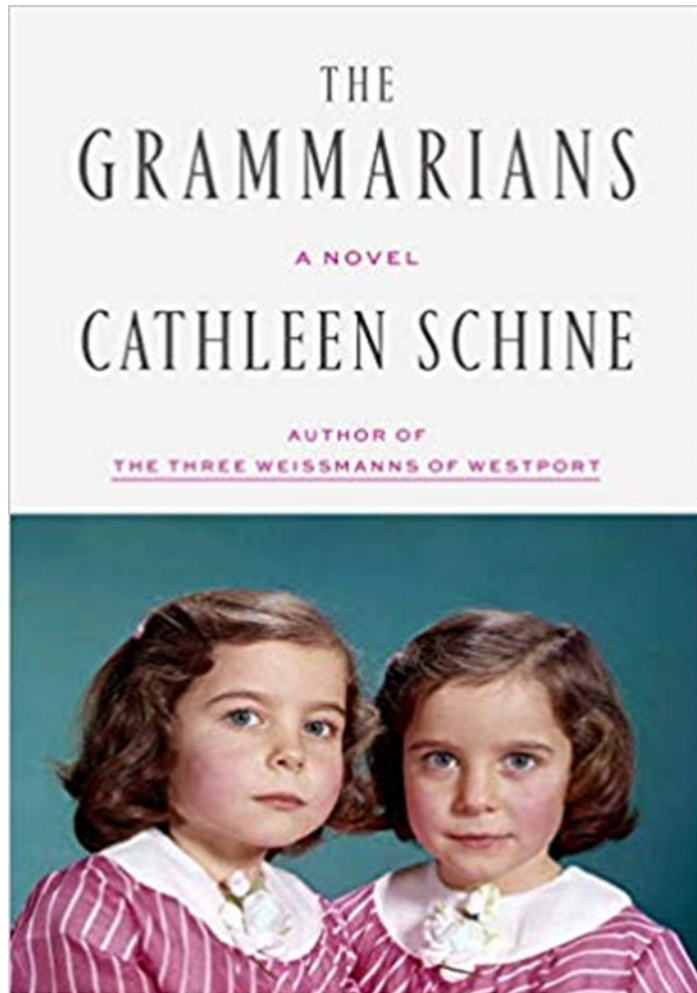
It's that time again! See Michael
In the Office or look on the desk
outside the Office to get a form.
Please return it to Michael.

The Book Club – Thursday, March 12, 2020

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

meeting on the second Thursday of each month

presents:



An enchanting, comic love letter to sibling rivalry and the English language. *The Grammarians* are Laurel and Daphne Wolfe, identical, inseparable redheaded twins who share an obsession with words. They speak a secret “twin” tongue of their own as toddlers; as adults making their way in 1980s Manhattan, their verbal infatuation continues, but this love, which has always bound them together, begins instead to push them apart. Daphne, copy editor and grammar columnist, devotes herself to preserving the dignity and elegance of Standard English. Laurel, who gives up teaching kindergarten to write poetry, is drawn, instead, to the polymorphous, chameleon nature of the written and spoken word. Their fraying twinship finally shreds completely when the sisters go to war, absurdly but passionately, over custody of their most prized family heirloom: *Merriam Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition*. Cathleen Schine has written a playful and joyful celebration of the interplay of language and life. *The Grammarians* is the work of one of our great comic novelists at her very best.

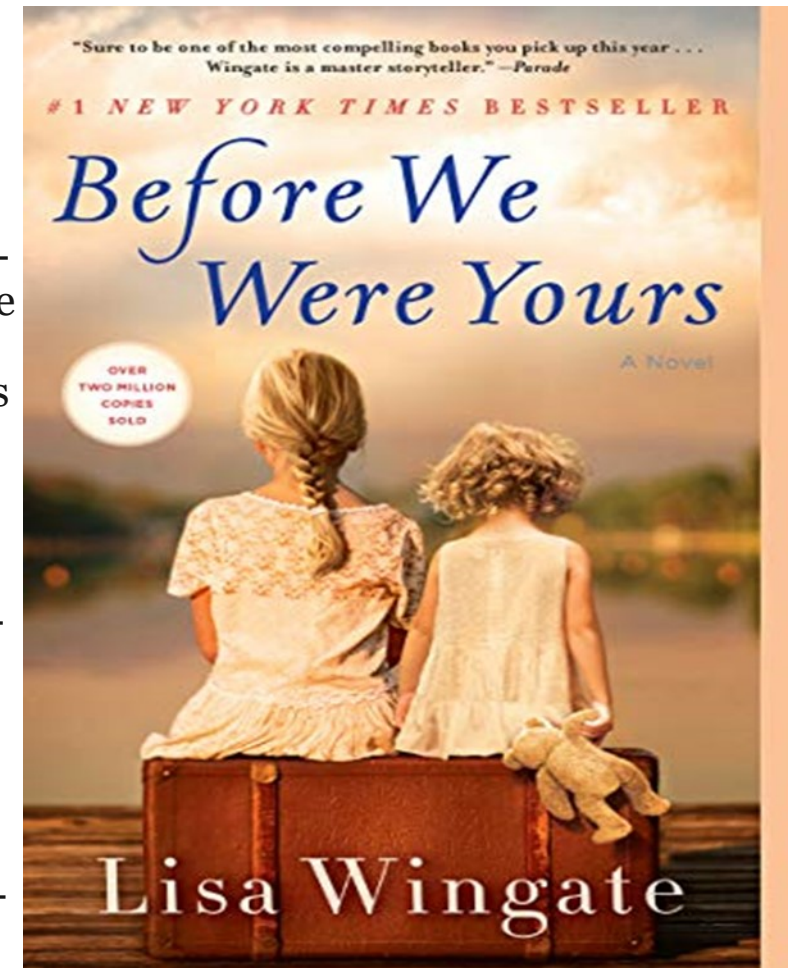
*The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m.,
hosted by Kelly Atchley
at the restaurant at Rain Rock Casino*

The Book Club – Thursday, April 2, 2020

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

meeting on the second Thursday of each month (except this month)

presents:



Before We Were Yours is a blockbuster bestselling novel. It is based on one of the most notorious scandals in American history. This was the real-life story of how Georgia Tann used her position as the director of an adoption organization in Memphis to kidnap and sell poor children to rich families all over the United States. Lisa Wingate's novel *Before We Were Yours* is a wrenching yet uplifting tale about the many paths life can lead to and how the heart never forgets where it really belongs.

*The Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m.,
hosted by Sandy Hynd
at Poor George's*

The Church Budget

It may be no surprise that when Jesus was on earth with His disciples, He talked most about the Kingdom of God. It may be more of a surprise that His second most frequent topic was money and possessions. Perhaps that is because there is a close relationship between what we think about God and our relationship with Him, and how we spend our money and use our possessions. This is very much the same in the church worshipping and budgeting! The annual church budget or spending plan, (maybe it should be called spending "hope and guess") is \$232,535. We spend five and a half percent (\$13,400) of the budget on what we call operations and worship, so a logical question is, "Exactly what are operations and worship" as defined in our budget?

The operations and worship category funds: The bookkeeping and audit expenses; office supplies; and annual conference expenses. It also covers the cost of worship music and supplies. This is a change from past years when the choir had to raise their own funds for music.

Thank you, Church Family, for your part in keeping the office functioning and the church services alive!

Next month we will address Operations and Maintenance.

Any questions? Ask a leadership team member.

2020 YUMC Leadership Team

Joe Allison - Chair

Kelly Atchley - Children & Youth Ministries

Deb Bein - Personnel

Charles Cook - Facilities

Sarah Frey - Congregational Care

Cliff Lantz - Finance

Jenn Villani - Adult Ministries & Missions

The Leadership Team meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm in Room 8 of the Education Bldg. All church members are welcome to attend.
Our next meeting is February 20, 2020.

Can you share an hour on Sunday morning?

Every Sunday we offer Sunday School program for our children 5 and up, during the Pastor's sermon. This program allows the children to learn in a setting geared for them. The program includes a video, prepared craft projects and a pre-outlined story from the Bible.

The materials are so simple even I could do it last week!

But we are in need of more folks to teach. If you can spare an hour and fill any of these dates please let me know! Thanks, Kelly!

**Sunday School Teachers needed for
March 22, 29, April 26, May 24 and 31.**

IMPACT

1 Corinthians 12:1 admonishes, “*Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.*” This verse gripped my heart, as I thought of the many years I was uninformed (or “ignorant,” as translated in some Bible versions) of my spiritual gifts. I thought of the many years the enemy fed me lies about my identity, especially my adolescent years.

For this reason, God placed on my heart the desire to help our teenagers discover their spiritual gifts through a series of lessons and Bible studies on the subject. What a joy it was to watch the spiritual “light bulbs” illuminate, when we began to discuss each child’s spiritual gifting and how it is at work in their lives!

We wrapped up our series with a challenge to use our God-given gifts within the environments God has placed us. I am so encouraged at the level of participation from our youth, and I am quite certain our enemy—the accuser—lost some serious

ground, as these kids now have a stronger grasp of who they are in God’s Kingdom! This month is one of our biggest events of the year: *My City / Jesus Culture Youth Conference* in El Dorado Hills! This is the event for which the kids have worked so hard throughout the previous months, as they earned money through various fundraisers for registration and travel expenses. Please keep our kids and leaders in prayer as we travel on Friday, March 13th through Sunday, March 15th. I expect God to do a mighty work in all our hearts at this powerful conference!

I close with a sincere heart of gratitude for our beloved church family, who continues to generously support our youth, as we train them to become the next generation of Kingdom leaders! We love and appreciate you all so very much!!

Peace & Blessings,

Leah





Congratulations YUMC

On March 2nd we celebrated the **6th Anniversary** of the Tailgater Ministry... of feeding those that are hungry, of never missing a Sunday, and of never turning a person away. Over 46,000 lunches have been handed out, more coats, hats, and gloves than we can count. Names have been exchanged, stories have been heard, and a safe, caring place is provided every Sunday. Many have been given bibles, many more have taken communion, and every guest has been covered in prayer and love.

Thank you to all of you who have made this possible...those who get up early Saturday morning to make the lunches and those who give up their Sunday afternoons to hand them out...those who donate and those who pray...those who collect warm coats and those who hand them out...those who drive and those who listen.

What a difference you have made in this community.

Thank you!

From the Leadership Board February 2020 . . . Congregation was Buzzing Sunday after Saturday's "building" event!

We had a well attended, inspirational combined "Preparing for our Future" and quarterly church potluck Saturday February 22. Roughly 32 members attended.

On Sunday the church was just buzzing with positive energy and folks talking with each other, just like after our last quarterly meeting. Very exciting to behold. Apparently Methodists like meetings that produce results.

Each table discussed topics on improving and growing the church. Member input was written on sheets of paper and shared with all present; after lunch the topics were collated and boiled down to a couple of areas we generally agreed could help make us a stronger church and help us achieve our mission of spreading the Gospel.

The collected ideas/wisdom of the congregation is still posted on the walls of the social hall so please give it a quick read. A few of the points are:

(1) The church needs coordinated use of facilities and better communication through Facebook and other media. A subcommittee was formed and has already met to develop/implement better coordination of activities and spreading the word on those activities.

(2) Invitation cards to hand out and follow up team to contact prospects and "missing" members.

(3) Inner church tent revival.

(4) Multi church gathering in the park.

(5) Small/large dinners with church members.

(6) Care and compassion team for member outreach.

If you are interested in sharing your gifts and energy on any of these projects please let Pastor Toni or our secretary Michael know.

Toni asked for questions which were answered while we put things away: the pending reorganization of the church is still very tentative, including what name/names will be used to describe the branches. .

February 20 meeting highlights. Your board approved a compensation package for the Worship Leader position. The board discussed/approved an organization chart with a summary of leader responsibilities. We had a presentation on how to form a separate non-profit corporation to support special ministries such as Tailgaters. We invited Chris Barre to join Jim Frey as a representative at the June 2020 conference meeting.

Meeting agenda and minutes. Forthcoming meeting agendas and meeting minutes will now be posted in two places: in the Wesley room between the kitchen and the utility closet/bathroom and also in the Education Building near the choir room.

Members are always free to address the board on any subject at its monthly meeting. The next one is Thursday, March 26 at 5 p.m. in the Education Building.

FY 2020. So far, so good; we are spending less than we bring in.

Homeless Shelter. Nick Sinnott is our lead worker for the overnight program. If you are interested in staffing the church overnight or preparing food for a small evening meal for our guests, please contact Nick at 530.905.3645.

Friendship.

Friendships are often the result of people sharing challenges together. Isn't that your experience in life?

If we all come together to work on a joint challenge it follows that we'll be a little closer with each other. To create such an opportunity, we've tentatively scheduled a Spring Cleaning for Saturday April 21, 2020 starting 9:00 a.m.

Please come and add your talents and energy to beautify and organize our church. All ability and mobility levels will be able to contribute whether it be polishing silver, deep cleaning the kitchen, polishing church pews, weeding, pruning, staining the children's play equipment, etc., you get the idea.

Word to the wise: if you or your group has stuff stored in closets, cubby holes, cubicles, lockers, attics, sheds and/or the metal container outside, **please plan to be there to help us decide what stays and what goes.** If no one is present to speak up for your "treasures" they'll likely get tossed. If you are unable to attend, make arrangements with Charles, Jim or Joe well in advance to be physically present with them to "mark" your treasures, otherwise they will likely be gone.

In His service,
Joe Allison

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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