



**Yachats Community Presbyterian Church**  
**A Welcoming, Christ-Centered, Community Church**

# Agate Windows

*And I will make thy windows of agates . . . .* Isaiah 54:12

## January 2016, Volume I



**Happy New Year!**

**It's Time For Our Annual Pizza Party.**

**Friday, January 22, 5:30 p.m.**



Ready for a mid-winter break? Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m. for a fun evening of Papa Murphy pizza and good company.

Suggested donation is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and \$2.50 for salad only.

**Come for good food and even better company!! See you at the party!!!**

## December 2015 Families Together Ornament Night

Yes, it's mid January already and Families Together Ornament Night happened December 18, but the pictures are so fun, and they reflect YCPC's very real participation in the community.





**Notice of Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 21, 2016**



**The Annual Meeting** of Yachats Community Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, February 21, 2016, in the Sanctuary immediately following worship.

**The purpose of the meeting** is to receive the 2015 Annual Report and transact any other business as may be appropriate. The 2015 Annual Report will be available for distribution Sunday, February 14.

Fellowship will follow the meeting.

***Per Capita . . . What's that?***

The concept of a *per capita* assessment may be new to you if your history has been in a different denomination.

The *per capita* assessment for 2016 is \$29.89 per member. (We invite you to round up to \$30.00.) You will find a blue *per capita* envelope in your box of giving envelopes. The money is apportioned to support the work of the larger church:

General Assembly PC(USA)	\$7.12 (increased .05 from 2015)
Synod of the Pacific	\$5.22 (unchanged from 2014/15)
Presbytery of the Cascades	<u>\$17.55</u> (increased 1.88 from 2015)
Total	\$29.89

Each governing body above the Session has staff members and expenses that support the work of the whole church. Unlike pastors, these individuals have no congregation to support their ministry. Although their ministry may not be as "glamorous" as missionary work or pastoring a congregation, they are essential to the life of the Presbyterian Church. These are the people who prepare educational curriculum, the offering materials that we receive, and countless other resources.

When *per capita* supports the "overhead," then most of the contributions to mission and outreach can go directly to the stated purpose.



## *Flickers from the Flame*

Jon Nestor

### *Becoming Your Authentic Self (Part #4)*

Last month, I mentioned the importance of acknowledging in yourself those qualities you recognize in others. What we do with such recognition/acknowledgment—especially of undesired qualities—is crucial in becoming our authentic selves.

Some people are hiders. They try to hide those undesirable qualities from everyone—including themselves—by pretending that they do not possess these qualities. This approach is natural, but ultimately fails due to the toll it takes on the hider. This toll consists of the convolutions/contortions of spirit which the hider creates within her/himself in her/his efforts to hide these qualities. This approach results in an unauthentic self, marked by the *ignoring* of its undesired qualities.

Others are explainers. They try to “explain these undesired qualities away” to others as well as to themselves. Like hiding, this approach is natural but ultimately fails. The hazards of this approach for the explainer occur in two forms of postponement: 1) “kicking the can down the road” (directly delaying confronting these qualities), and 2) blaming others or circumstances for them (indirectly delaying their confrontation). This approach results in an unauthentic self marked by *discarding* its undesired qualities.

Still others are adapters. They accept these qualities in themselves, confront them, and make changes in themselves accordingly. Of the three approaches, adapting is the most difficult, but in my opinion offers the best results. First, the hazards to the adapter consist primarily in mobilizing her/himself for accomplishing changes in her/his attitude needed to successfully confront these qualities. Secondly, this approach leads to a self marked by an accounting for *all*—not just some—of its qualities. This is indeed an authentic self.

Whether we’re hiders, explainers, or adapters, Jesus calls all of us to change our attitudes about ourselves, about others, and about God. He does this by shining a Light in our darkness. We may not welcome this Light like we welcomed the Babe of Bethlehem. At times we may not even recognize it. But our present and future depend on it. This Light paves the way for our change of attitude by creating a space for recognition. Some call this space “the ah ha moment”. You may know it better as Epiphany.



## *January*

### *Birthdays*

- 3 *Claire Good*
- 3 *Betty Jenness*
- 8 *Mike Wooley*
- 12 *Cindi Clark*
- 12 *Gale Porter*
- 16 *Jeannine Janson*
- 17 *Frank Reed*
- 19 *Bob Perdue*
- 23 *Cooper Roslund*
- 26 *Jim Finlayson*
- 28 *Gordon Flaming*
- 28 *Vern Simmons*

### **Daily Devotional Booklets**

*Our Daily Bread* devotional booklets are available in the Narthex near the west Sanctuary door for anyone who is interested.

*Our Daily Bread* provides a daily Bible verse, along with thoughtful reflections for applying God’s truth in practical ways.

**Please take one for your personal use**—and feel free to share . . . we have plenty on hand.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

# January 2016

3  
9:00 Bible Study  
10:00 Worship  
(Sunday School)  
11:30 Fellowship  
1:00 Communion at  
Sea-Aire

4  
9:00 Circle I

5  
9:00 Leta's Legacy  
Quilters

6

7  
9:00 Choir  
9:30 Fabricators

8  
12:00 Fellowship  
Committee

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10  
9:00 Bible Study  
10:00 Worship  
(Sunday School)  
11:30 Fellowship

11

12  
9:00 Leta's Legacy  
Quilters

13  
9:30 Deacons

14  
9:00 Choir  
9:00 Fabricators  
1:00 Circle II  
6:00-8:30 Yachats  
Big Band Rehearsal

15  
9:30 Master  
Gardeners  
10:30 Book Club  
(Retreat Group  
Arrives)

16

(Retreat Group  
University  
Fellowship  
Church)  
2:00 Organ-Aided  
Reflections  
w/Jon Nestor

17  
No Bible Study  
10:00 Worship  
(Sunday School)  
11:30 Fellowship  
(Retreat Group)

18 **Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Holiday  
Office Closed**  
10:00 Stewardship  
and Finance  
(Retreat Group  
Departs)

19

9:00 Leta's Legacy  
Quilters

20  
9:00 Choir  
9:00 Fabricators  
6:00-8:30 Yachats  
Big Band Rehearsal

21  
9:00 Choir  
9:00 Fabricators  
6:00-8:30 Yachats  
Big Band Rehearsal

22  
5:00 Pizza Party!

23

24  
9:00 Bible Study  
10:00 Worship  
(Sunday School)  
11:30 Fellowship

25

9:00 Leta's Legacy  
Quilters

26  
9:30 Session

27  
9:00 Choir  
9:30 Fabricators  
6:00-8:30 Yachats  
Big Band Rehearsal

28  
6:00 Families  
Together

29

9:00 Men's  
Fellowship  
Breakfast

31  
9:00 Bible Study  
10:00 Worship

Sunday School follows the Children's Sermon  
11:30 Fellowship