



## Yachats Community Presbyterian Church

A Welcoming, Come-As-You-Are  
Christ-Centered Community Church

# Agate Windows

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

**February 2016**



**Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 12:00 Noon**

**Joint Worship Service**

**At Waldport Community Presbyterian Church**

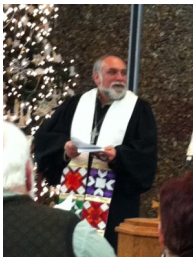
The service will include meditative singing and the imposition of ashes.

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Dear Friends,

Immediately following worship on Sunday, February 21, we will gather as a congregation for our Annual Meeting. Far from a mere formality, it will be an opportunity to celebrate the ministry and mission of YCPC and the hard work and commitment of the many members and friends who make it all possible.

In the days, weeks and months ahead, there will be much talk about “who, where, and to what,” God is calling us as a congregation. There will be difficult decisions to make if each of us is not invested and 100% committed to the future of this congregation. I do believe there IS a future, but what it looks like is up to you.

I want to challenge each of you to consider your level of commitment to YCPC, and you can start by doing these few things:

1. Pray about how God is calling you to participate more fully in the life of our church.
2. If you're not a member, I encourage you to become a member.

This can be done by a Public Profession of Faith, a Letter of Transfer, a Reaffirmation of Faith, or Baptism (if you've not already been baptized). If you would like to become a member, please contact me with your questions!

3. If you are a member, I would ask you to re-commit yourself to God through your involvement at YCPC. There will be a brief time during our worship service on February 21, when you can stand and re-affirm your commitment.

4. Whether you are a member or not, consider how you can share your gifts in ministry here at YCPC. There will be time during our Annual Meeting when you can sign up to participate in one of our ministry teams...

I don't know how God is speaking to you, but I do believe God is speaking to you. I'd love to hear what God is urging you to do!

I am excited to see God already at work in our midst; transforming our congregation . . . and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us!!!

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert. Is. 43:19*

Pastor Bob



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

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

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2015 Annual Report and conduct any other business as may be necessary.

Copies of the 2015 Annual Report will be in the Fellowship Hall on February 14.

**Fellowship will follow the meeting.**

## **66 Years of . . .**

### **Mission, Ministry and Service**

January 6, 2016, marked the 66th anniversary of the chartering of Yachats Community Presbyterian Church!

We received greetings from Dawn Champoux, Interim Co-Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Cascades.

Dawn remembered YCPC in prayer on its January 6 anniversary . . . that we *might continue to find ways to serve God as we do ministry and mission in Yachats.*

**(Dawn's letter is posted in the Fellowship Hall.)**

**Let Us Call You Sweetheart!!!**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, February 14, following worship for cupcakes and candy kisses.

This is our way to let you know how much you are appreciated!

Valentine and other Fellowship Hour treats throughout the year are brought to you with loving care by the Fellowship Committee.



## An Opportunity For Worship

Join Us Sunday, February 21st—6:00pm

Together we will travel to South Beach Church in Newport for an evening of worship and fellowship.

We will gather in the YCPC parking lot at 5:00pm.





## *Flickers from the Flame*

Jon Nestor

### *Connecting Epiphany to Lent*

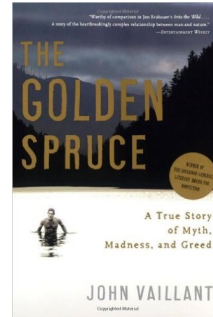
Last month, I suggested that Epiphany is a space for recognition created by Jesus shining a light into our darkness. Furthermore, I mentioned that sometimes we would not welcome or even recognize it. Why might we not welcome it, especially if the light came from Jesus?

Jesus is calling each of us to change our attitudes about God, about others, and about ourselves. By its nature, change is difficult. It entails a restructuring of what is familiar to us. Moreover, the extent of this change directly affects its degree of difficulty. That is, sometimes change requires merely a “repositioning” of the elements of what is already familiar to us. For example, when you open your sock drawer, you may decide to rearrange its contents so that items used more frequently are at the front. Such rearrangements are indeed changes; but since they don’t introduce any new elements, they do not disturb conscious awareness.

At other times, change requires the introduction of “new” items among the already familiar ones. An example of this might be rearrangement of a song by changing its rhythm (or time signature). For instance, if it’s not already one, try changing your favorite church hymn into a waltz. Actually, the elements involved in this change are not new. Rather, the “newness” consists in the way these elements are applied.

On other occasions, change involves the introduction of genuinely new elements into our consciousness. These types of changes confound our understanding. They often appear in the form of conflicting opposites, such as “the suffering servant.” Jesus embodied one of these. Changes of this magnitude require time simply to understand the newness – let alone how to respond to it.

The season of Lent offers us such a period of time. What we do with this period of time is essentially our Lenten journey. We refer to it as a “journey” because of the difficulty involved both in understanding what happened to Jesus and why, along with what’s happening to us and why. Most significantly, Lent gives us a space to ponder, to prepare for, and to make the changes which Jesus’ presence with and ministry to us requires of us.



The Book Club . . .

. . . will be reading

### *The Golden Spruce, A True Story of Myth, Madness, and Grace*

By John Valliant, Originally published in 2005.

This is a book about so many things—the natural history of British Columbia and the off-shore islands; the heritage of the Haida and other island British Columbian tribes; the lives of the courageous men who felled trees for logging companies in the 1900’s; and the life of logger-turned-activist Grant Hadwin, who felled a magnificent and one-of-a-kind tree.

Valliant weaves a compelling tale of the formation of the islands and the native tribes, who first gained wealth trading sea otter pelts with the Europeans. When that business dried up, there were tough times until the logging business picked up. One tree, the Golden Spruce of myth and legend, was spared by the logging conglomerates as a publicity stunt, until Hayden came along.

The Yachats Library does not have a copy. It is available through Amazon—Kindle for \$8.47, used \$0.01, new \$8.95.

We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 10:30 AM in the McGuire Room of the church. Please come whether or not you have read the book. Some lively discussions have taken place.

**We welcome everyone in the community.**

### **Follow us on Facebook at:**

<https://www.facebook.com/YachatsCommunityPresbyterian>

Would you like to contribute a reflection for the YCPC Facebook page?

If so, please e-mail your reflection to the church office at [agatechurch@peak.org](mailto:agatechurch@peak.org).

# February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters		9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 10:00 Worship/Music Committee 1:00 Circle II	12:00 Fellowship Committee	
7 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship (Sunday School) 11:30 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire	8 9:30 Circle I 10:00 Stewardship and Finance 3:30 Christian Education	9 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	10 9:30 Deacons <u>Ash Wednesday</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>12:00 Noon at WALDPORT</u> <u>Presbyterian</u>	11 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal <b>6:00 Lenten Studies</b>	12	13 11:00 Kathleen Ostling Memorial Service 2:00 Organ-Aided Reflections w/Jon Nestor
14 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship (Sunday School) 11:30 Fellowship (Valentine Treats)	15 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Presidents Day</b>	16 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	17	18 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal <b>6:00 Lenten Studies</b>	19 9:30 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Club	20
21 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship (Sunday School) 11:30 Annual Meeting Fellowship follows Meeting	22	23 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	24 9:30 Session	25 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal <b>6:00 Lenten Studies</b>	26 6:00 Families Together	27 9:00 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
28 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship (Sunday School) 11:30 Fellowship	29					

## February Birthdays



- 2 *Austin McQuaw*
- 3 *Elmer Ostling*
- 5 *Brian Pruett*
- 9 *Brenda Maxfield*
- 14 *Mercedes Butchas*
- 16 *Matthew Clark*
- 18 *Mark Nessel*
- 18 *Esther Paul*
- 20 *Linda Perdue*
- 25 *Bonnie Truax-Gattrell*
- 25 *Joe West*
- 26 *Elizabeth Welch*
- 27 *Doris Gardenhire*

### Summer Picnic Site Needed

**For over ten years** we've had the luxury of holding our annual August church picnic at the West-Philp home. It has been a wonderful site for our gathering, but now that their home is being sold, we need to identify another location!

**If anyone has any suggestions** or is willing to host our group of about 50, please contact Charlene McLain, 541-547-4280.



**Kathleen and Elmer Ostling** would have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on February 27.

Kathleen died January 25 after a multi-year battle with diabetes.

Kathleen was born in Toledo in 1940. She and Elmer were married in Newport in 1960.

Kathleen was an active participant at YCPC and was a member of the Lions Club for over 40 years.

Many people have fond memories of Kathleen's baked goods . . . her hot cross buns for Easter were a special treat at YCPC.

Kathleen's Memorial Service will be held at YCPC on Saturday, February 13, at 11:00 a.m.

### *Are You OK?*

**"Are You OK?"** is a telephone reassurance program of the Yachats Lions Club . . . to provide daily contact with seniors and home-bound people living alone.

**Each day at a pre-arranged time**, a volunteer will call to provide human contact. If there is no answer, a pre-arranged notification process will be activated. Daily contact helps take the fear out of living alone and provides peace of mind for family and friends.

**For more information and a Request Form**, call Yachats Lion John Thornton at 541-547-3249 or e-mail him at [jnbthorn@peak.org](mailto:jnbthorn@peak.org).

**John came to a session meeting** last fall to remind us about the program. The information here is from the August 2014 issue of the City of Yachats Newsletter when the program was first announced.