



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 2017

Let Us Call You Sweetheart!!! Sunday, February 12



Join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, February 12, following worship for valentine-themed cupcakes and candy kisses.

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

The Valentine treats for this Special Fellowship Hour are prepared and served with loving care by the Fellowship Committee.

Book Group, Friday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.

In February the Book Group will discuss books about presidents, in honor of Presidents' Day. Because most of the books are quite long, some of the group have been reading them for the past couple of months. Pick an autobiography or biography on any U.S. President and join us February 17 at 10:30 a.m., in the McGuire Room.

Our list for the next few months is as follows: March 17, *By the Lake* by John McGahern; April 21, *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance; May 19, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith; June 16, *Packy & Me* by Dr. Matthew Maberry, and July 21, any book about nature or national parks (in honor of all the tourists we find in Yachats during the summer).

Notice of Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 19



The Annual Meeting of Yachats Community Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, February 19, 2017, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2016 Annual Report and conduct any other business as may be necessary.

Fellowship will follow the meeting.

Copies of the 2016 Annual Report will be available in the Fellowship Hall February 12.

Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

Living More Fully



Life as we know it is short enough. Even the longest of these known lives eventually comes to an earthly end, and transforms into God's greater purpose. How can we live our earthly lives as fully as possible in order to prepare ourselves for our transformed lives? One way is to live – as uncomfortable as it often is – in the tension of opposites.

On the one hand, living more fully involves directing our consciousness to become aware of and make decisions – to choose between alternatives. For instance, when you wake up in the morning, deciding what you will do that day and the attitudes with which you will approach that slate of activities orients your consciousness and prepares you for action. I invite you to think of this as “planning” your day. As important as this approach is, the danger with it is that it stops short of action.

On the other hand, many of you may think that living more fully means getting involved in more activities, becoming more involved in the activities you're already engaged in, or increasing your expectations to correspond with this greater degree of activity. I call this an action-oriented approach to fuller living. Our Western cultural world view, with its emphasis on competition, survival of the fittest, and the way we normally measure productivity, certainly and insidiously does its part to engrain this action-oriented approach to fuller living within us. The danger with this approach, however, is that it can easily lead us to either lose sight of or distort our understanding of God's involvement and leadership of our earthly lives.

To maintain or deepen this understanding, we do well to have an attitude of surrender to God's oversight of our earthly lives. Some people think of “surrender” as “losing”. I think of “surrender” in regard to God, rather, as “shifting” energy or focus so that it aligns with the One who has our best interest at heart. In this sense, “surrender” is like yielding the right of way to a Friend who sees – more clearly than I do – what's really happening.

I invite you, therefore, to consider both a planning-oriented approach and an action-oriented approach to fuller living. As you consider both types of approaches, it won't be long before you find yourself living in the tension between these two opposites, even debating the pros and cons of surrender. However, the longer you can live in such tension without sacrificing either one of them, the more you will find yourself living more fully.

Lenten Study

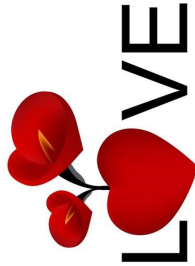
Ash Wednesday is March 1. A service of meditative singing and imposition of ashes will be held at 7:00 p.m.

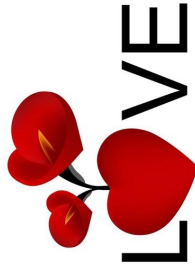
A Wednesday evening Lenten study will begin March 8. The study will include a light meal, video clips and discussion.

Closer to Easter, there will also be a mid-Lenten worship service of Holden Evening Prayer.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:30 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire	6 	1 6:00 <i>Living the Questions</i>	2 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 10:00 Worship & Music 10:30 Red Cross Blood Drive	3 12:00 Fellowship Committee	4 2:00 Organ-Aided Meditations w/Jon Nestor	
12 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship (Valentine Treats)	7 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	8 9:30 Deacons 6:00 <i>Living the Questions</i>	9 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	10 9:30 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Group	11	
19 10:00 Worship (Annual Meeting) Fellowship follows the Annual Meeting	13 10:00 Stewardship and Finance Committee	15 9:30 Session 6:00 <i>Living the Questions</i>	16 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	17	18	
26 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	20 Presidents' Day Office Closed	22 10:00 Women's Study, <i>Who Is Jesus?</i> 6:00 <i>Living the Questions</i>	23 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	24 6:00 Families Together	25 2:00 Organ-Aided Meditations w/Jon Nestor	
	27	28 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters				

February Birthdays



- 3 *Elmer Ostling*
- 6 *Brian Pruett*
- 7 *Nathan Bernard*
- 9 *Brenda Maxfield*
- 16 *Matthew Clark*
- 18 *Mark Nessel*
- 18 *Esther Paul*
- 25 *Bonnie Truax-Gattrell*
- 26 *Elizabeth Welch*
- 27 *Doris Gardenhire*

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2017 Per Capita

Per capita is a fundamental way in which all of the congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected and participate in the work of the wider church.

The 2017 **per capita** assessment for all members of the church is \$31.43. In your box of giving envelopes you will find a blue envelope for this purpose. We invite you to round up to \$32.00.

Flowers and Refreshments



Please consider signing up to provide flowers for worship and/or refreshments for fellowship after worship.

Sign-Up Sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions about flowers? See Nina Toepfer.

Questions about fellowship? See Charlene McLain.

Prayer Chain

Texie Price is coordinator of the YCPC e-mail Prayer Chain. You can send your prayer requests to Texie@peak.org.

If you don't have e-mail, you can call the office (541-547-3400) with your prayer requests, and Jeannine will send them to Texie.