



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

June 2016

Milo & Friends at YCPC

The first performance of the Milo & Friends Concert Series was Sunday, May 15, at YCPC, and Milo's "Friends" included the YCPC Choir, Ian Smith, Evan Pardi, Sarah Richards and Gidget Manucci.

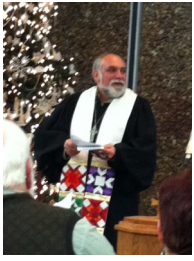
Admission was by donation, which Milo shared with YCPC. Donations totaled \$1,047.16, so YCPC received \$523.58. Thank you, Milo!

If you missed the May 15 concert, there are flyers with the dates and locations of the July, August and September Concerts on the kiosk in the fellowship hall and the big board in the narthex.



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I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:3-6*

Words cannot begin to describe the feeling that I have at this moment. As I reflect over these past few months . . . my sister's trials, my mother's illness and her subsequent death . . . I am humbled. You have been such a blessing to me and to my family. I thank God for you continually.

I know full well that God had a purpose and a plan when calling me to Yachats Community Presbyterian Church; however, there are times when I wonder whether I needed YCPC more than YCPC needed me. Again, I thank God for you and for placing me here amongst you. Serving as pastor here has helped me in my own spiritual growth and reminded me of what church is all about. You have indeed been Jesus to me.

It is hard to find words to truly express my gratitude. You have been kind, gracious, supportive, prayerful, and most of all understanding as I have tried to serve in the most humble way that I know how, in the midst of some difficult times.

I am thankful that you all have made serving here so easy.

Pastor Bob



Summer Hymn Sing

The Summer Hymn-Sing began Sunday, June 5. Every Sunday during the summer at 9:45 a.m., we'll sing a few of your favorite hymns.

There will be space in the Announcements section of the bulletins to list your suggestions, which you can tear off and place in the offering plate.



Introducing Our New Hymnal, "Glory To God"!

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen! (Glory to God, #582)*

The history of salvation, according to the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, is the framework for our new hymnal. The committee stresses that we sing hymns and songs because they teach us something about the richness that is in God. We are invited to sing songs both old and new in praise of a God who is the first and last—the God of history and Lord of the new creation.

In the next few weeks, we will begin using the new PC (U.S.A.) hymnal, **"Glory to God."**

This slightly lighter and slimmer hymnal has 853 songs (250 more than our retiring hymnal).

Half are from the 1990 blue hymnal, while the rest are either older hymns such as "Be Still My Soul" or newer songs such as "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me."

The rich purple cover parallels the richness of the varied music contained in this resource.

Enjoy exploring "Glory to God"!

Monies from the Jack and Ellie Ewan Fund were used to purchase this new hymnal. It is important to note that the Ewan Fund can only be used for music related purchases.

Bookplates will be placed in hymnals to recognize this gift.

"Glory to God" will be dedicated to the Glory of God in a special worship Sunday, July 10, as part of our Yachats Music Festival worship.

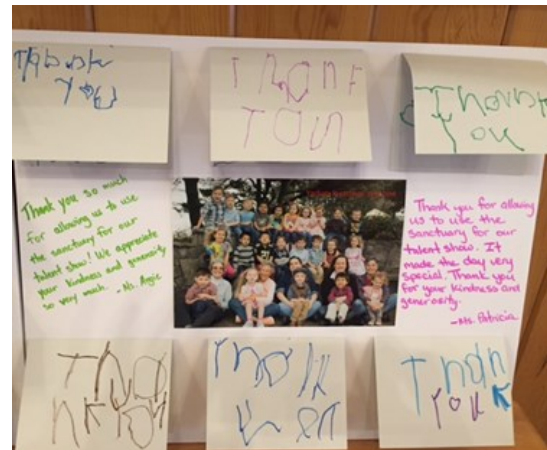
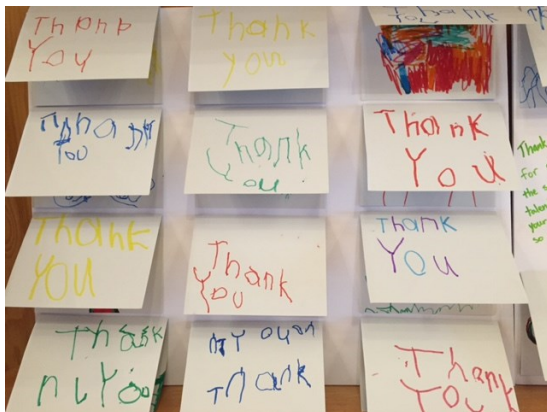
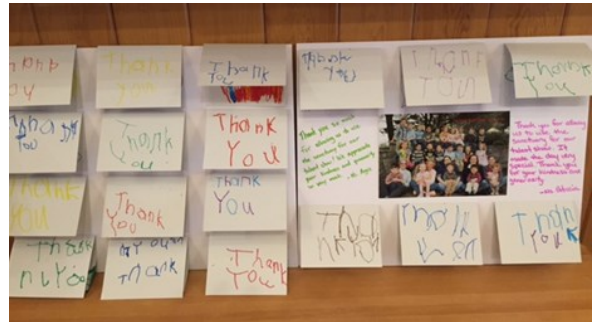
Glory to God!

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“Thank You!” . . . from YYFAP

As reported in the May issue, the 19th Annual YYFAP Talent Show (and Bake Sale) was held here at YCPC on Saturday, May 7. The Talent Show is usually held at the Commons, but the Commons was unavailable this year, so YCPC provided the venue.

On Friday, May 20, a group of YYFAP children delivered notes of thanks to YCPC. The notes are still on display in the narthex.



Yachats Demonstration and Community Garden

Master Gardeners Gardening Clinic

How Does Your Coastal Garden Grow

On Sunday, June 12, 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the Lincoln County Master Gardeners present gardening clinic No. 2, *GETTING COMFY IN YOUR BEDS*. Everyone is welcome to bring questions and tour the beautiful garden.

The dates, times, and topics for the entire series are posted on the kiosk in the fellowship hall and on the big board in the narthex.

The Yachats Demonstration and Community Garden (YDCG) is a partnership of YCPC and Lincoln County Master Gardeners. YCPC members Loyd and Verna Collett are also Master Gardeners and were instrumental in facilitating the YDCG partnership.





YCPC Book Group, Friday, June 17, 10:30 a.m., McGuire Room

For the month of June, the Book Group has decided to read any book by John Grisham. As of 2016, he has written 30!

Mr. Grisham graduated from Mississippi State University and then attended University of Mississippi School of Law in 1981. He practiced criminal law for about a decade and served in the House of Representatives in Mississippi from January 1984 to September 1990.



He began writing his first novel, *A Time to Kill*, in 1984; it was published in June 1989. His books have sold over 275 million copies worldwide. Nine of his novels have been turned into films, *The Firm*, *The Pelican Brief*, *The Client*, *A Time to Kill*, *The Rainmaker*, *The Chamber*, *A Painted House*, *The Runaway Jury* and *Skipping Christmas*.

Please join us the in McGuire Room on June 17 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss our chosen Grisham books. Many previously enjoyed, gently used copies of Grisham's books are available (cheap) at Mari's Books and . . . in downtown Yachats.

2016 Scholarship Presentations

Sunday, June 19

Matthew Clark and Reina Morgan are the recipients of the YCPC 2016 Scholarships.

Presentation of their checks will take place Sunday, June 19. Please join us.



!Father's Day Celebration!

Sunday, June 19, during Fellowship



Men of the church will be honored Sunday, June 19, during fellowship, following worship.

The ever-popular menu will be hot dogs with all the trimmings, plus a variety of pies.

Please stay after church as we share our esteem and regard for fathers, husbands, sons, grandfathers, brothers-in-law, and uncles . . . in other words, all the men in our lives!

May all the love and joy shared with others return to them tenfold!

This annual event is brought to you by the YCPC Fellowship Committee.



222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) June 18—25, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 172 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements.

Someone posted this comment about the General Assembly experience: *What a joy it is when Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders from across the country and around the world come together to worship and to do the Lord's business. The Body of Christ is indeed alive.*

Part of my call as your pastor is to participate in activities of our local Presbytery, as well as the work of the larger church. As part of that work, I will be attending General Assembly, serving as an Overture Advocate. I have also been asked to serve on the board of Presbyterian Voices for Justice, and will begin my term with them at this Assembly. Please be in prayer as the Assembly gathers to discuss, discern and deliberate how we together are called to be church for and with one another.

You may read about the various overtures being considered and follow a livestream of every plenary session as well as worship at: <http://www.pcusa.org/>



TEAM SWEATY SHEEP

You're Invited!

One group of General Assembly-goers (Team Sweaty Sheep) will travel to Portland via bicycle and camp out with various churches along the way. Ten members of Team Sweaty Sheep, sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Presbytery, will be pedaling through Yachats on their way to the Assembly. They will stop at YCPC on June 15 around 6:00 p.m., spend the night and leave early the following morning.

Wednesday evening will be a time of relaxed family-friendly storytelling, food and fellowship. **YCPC folks are invited to come to the church** to meet the Sweaty Sheep and participate in the activities.

Here is more about Team Sweaty Sheep from the home page of their website:

We do Church differently here! Team Sweaty Sheep unites a passionate community through the simple median of Play and the excitement of exploration! We're a community of possibilities, a community embracing the philosophy of Re-Creation through Recreation. Be it through worship, travel, laughter, prayer, running, dancing, or the like, we seek to enjoy life by embracing the "abundance" Jesus yearned for us to know. From interactive worship services (indoors and outdoors) to Bible studies, from pre-race prayers to post-race parties, from mission trips to gardening, from quiet prayer and yoga to loud concerts and marathons- we seek to experience the divine in new, exciting, and unique ways!



Our Mission is to pursue recreation as a means of breaking socio-economic and faith barriers as we seek to unify the community by embracing its diversity.



Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

Close Calls

When was the last time you had a close call?

Close calls are situations that should have resulted in catastrophe for you, but somehow did not. Perhaps you left the oven on after dinner, and did not detect this until a later time in the evening. Maybe you left your car keys in the ignition on a hot summer day, left a window down, and went into a store to shop. But when you came back out to your car, it was still where you left it. These are only two examples of close calls.

Close calls are as varied as the life in which they occur. Each life is loaded with close calls. What do they accomplish, and what do they teach us about life? Close calls serve to remind us of God's grace, what we have been delivered from, and that we have been given a second chance. Hidden within God's grace is evidence of how God intervened in whatever situation you describe as a close call.

Close calls teach us that life is fragile, wondrous, and truly a gift. The closer the call, the more it teaches us about these things. If you have ever questioned whether or not God watches over you, is present in your life, or cares about you, look no further for evidence of God's presence than your close calls.

Now someone may legitimately ask, "I can recall many times when things happened to me that resulted in disaster, suffering, etc. Where was God for me in these situations?"

Clearly these situations did not turn out the way we would have preferred. Furthermore, explanations regarding these questions are often insufficient or absent. Such occurrences may understandably result at a minimum in doubt, disappointment, and despair. Life is often full of these kinds of experiences as well as of close calls.

The problem with experiences of disaster or suffering is that they do not readily reveal God's presence and/or grace. Sometimes such revelations are delayed. At other times, they remain absent or hidden throughout our lifetimes. It all depends on what we are watching for, how we are watching for it, and when our next close call occurs.

Get rid of your stuff for a worthy cause!

Buy other people's stuff for a worthy cause!

**Rummage Sale to Benefit
Yachats Home School Co-Op
Sunday, June 26, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
The Shelter at the Commons**

Yachats Home School Co-Op is having a rummage sale to raise money for its new home school program, to be housed at YCPC beginning this fall.

The early childhood education classes will be held here Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., beginning September 7.

In March, the session approved the use of the church premises for this important program as part of our community outreach.

If you would like to donate items for the rummage sale, please bring them to the church; we will hold them in the Sunday School room until the sale.



Message from Building and Grounds

Blue Tape, Please . . .



Not Pins.



When you post signs and flyers on the doors and other wood surfaces, **please use blue tape**. There is a roll in the office and one in the kitchen to the right of the microwave.

Please do not use pins or even scotch tape; they both leave permanent marks on the wooden doors.

Thank you.

June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				9:00 Fabricators 10:00 Worship and Music Committee	12:00 Fellowship Committee	10:00 to 1:00 Elders/Deacons Retreat
5 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:45 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire	6 3:30 Christian Education	7 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters 9:00 Building & Grounds	8 9:30 Deacons	9 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	10	11
12 9:45 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	13 10:00 Stewardship and Finance	14 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	15 9:30 Session Team Sweaty Sheep (See Page 5)	16 10:00 Nielsen Viewing 11:00 Nielsen Memorial Service 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	17 9:30 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Group	18 2:00 Organ-Aided Reflections w/Jon Nestor
19 Father's Day 9:45 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Special Father's Day Treats	20 9:00 Contemporary Worship Committee	21 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	22	23 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	24	25
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June Birthdays

- 7 Greg Scott
- 12 John Waide
- 16 Maryellen Morton
- 17 John Scott
- 29 Gary Schroder

Anniversaries



- 1 Rex & Patsee Parker
- 13 Betty and Don Groth
- 13 Jan & Stan Pomeroy
- 16 Cindi & Eric Clark
- 17 Sue & Jim Finlayson
- 28 Maren & Gale Porter

Communion

If you are homebound and unable to attend worship and would like to receive communion, please call Pastor Bob or Jeannine.



Long-time YCPC member Betty Nielsen died Wednesday evening, June 8, and both Andy and Pastor Bob were with her. Betty began attending YCPC in 1991 and became a member in 1996.

Viewing, Memorial Service and Lunch at YCPC. Thursday, June 16, there will be a viewing at 10:00 a.m., followed by the memorial service at 11:00, and then a graveside service at Yachats Cemetery. A Lunch at YCPC will follow the graveside service.



Join Us for a Community Campfire July 13, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Yachats Commons Picnic Shelter

Children are important to the life of our community.

We know that it's important for families to have opportunities to play together and to grow together. Because of this, YCPC will begin offering a variety of programs for children and families throughout the year. In addition to Families Together, we will also be offering game nights, movie nights and other fellowship events.

Our first family fellowship event will be a community campfire, Wednesday, July 13, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. At the campfire, you will learn more about our plans for the fall and beyond.

One of the things we are most excited about is our new youth program. Beginning September 7, we will meet Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be many opportunities for fun and fellowship, as we gather around themes of music and arts, puppetry and theater. There will be crafts, games and an opportunity to be just plain silly!!!

We will end each gathering with a light meal.

The campfire is free. Bring a lawn chair.