



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

July 2016



Our New YCPC T-Shirts . .

. . . were first worn during the July 4th festivities when YCPC gave away popcorn while walking in the La De Da parade. Here's Pastor Bob with (L-R) Mary Wiltse, Mary's friend Margaret (visiting from Minnesota), and Nan Scott getting bags of popcorn ready.

See page 5 for two more pictures and a reflection by Mary Wiltse on YCPC and the La De Da parade.

**Join Us for PEACE LOVE S'MORES,
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 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 at the Yachats Commons Picnic Shelter, Wednesday, July 13, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be free hot dogs and s'mores! And you will learn more about our plans for the fall and beyond.

Bring a lawn chair . . . If you have one, wear your new YCPC T-shirt. . . It'll be fun!

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Dear Friends,

One of the things pastors are always being reminded of is the importance of self-care, a topic that is becoming more popular amongst all people who are engaged in the practice of helping others, which, by definition, means anybody that is a member of a church.

It is a truism that unless, and until, we care for ourselves, we will not be able to provide much, if any, good care for others. If we neglect ourselves, we will have little or nothing to give.

It is also true that, while caring for ourselves we will find more to give others. I believe Jesus was a good example of someone who practiced good self care. Although the Bible seems to show a Jesus who was engaged in the ceaseless activity of preaching, teaching and healing in town after town and city after city, we also see that Jesus realized the importance of taking time away from these activities to rest and pray.

Between Jesus' acts of ministry were numerous times when he withdrew to the mountains, the desert, or the seashore. There, far from the maddening and demanding crowds, Jesus reflected, prayed and rested. Without these periods of retreat, I'm not certain Jesus would have been able to effectively continue his ministry.

Clearly, Jesus learned the importance of rest from his Torah Scriptures. In the book of Genesis, God rests after observing that all that was created was good. Jesus grew up reading these words in the Book of Exodus, "remember the Sabbath and keep it holy," something we are to do through worship and rest. Sabbath literally translated means "a ceasing" and "a rest from work." It is one of God's first commands to us.

I pray that this summer is a time of Sabbath rest for you. A time for vacations and time spent with family. Time spent outdoors, walking on the beach or in the garden. Perhaps some time fishing or pulling crab pots. Maybe you just want to catch up on your reading or go to a concert, visit a museum or the aquarium.

Whatever it is that you need to recharge your batteries... Do it. You owe it to yourself . . .

. . .and to God.



Dedicating Our New Hymnal "Glory To God"!

On Sunday, July 10, we will dedicate our new *Glory to God* hymnals during worship.

According to the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, the history of salvation 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.

Purchase of the *Glory to God* hymnals was made possible by the Jack and Ellie Ewan Memorial Fund.

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)



Summer Hymn Sing

The Summer Hymn-Sing has begun.

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.

Four Seasons Arts Presents
36th Annual Yachats Music Festival
Yachats Community Presbyterian Church

Friday, July 8, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 9, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 10, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20.00 Each Concert

In partnership with Four Seasons Arts, YCPC has hosted the Yachats Music Festival since its inception in 1981. In addition to four concerts, the Festival includes an artists' reception for patrons Thursday evening and seminars during the day Friday and Saturday. Four Seasons Arts provides complimentary tickets to our congregation and professional musicians for our Sunday service.

We still benefit from a permanent endowment fund established by an anonymous donor specifically to cover all of the expenses related to our support of the Festival. We provide office support during the festival, and many in our congregation join with other community members to host the artists' reception.

The Yachats Music Festival is amazing event, and YCPC is pleased to be part of this great tradition.

Tickets are available at the Adobe Resort and the Yachats Visitors Center.

Cello Concerts by Jayson Bishop

July 23, 7:00 p.m. and July 24, 3:00 p.m.



Each concert will consist of three of the Solo Suites for Cello by J.S. Bach.

Jayson Bishop began the cello at age 10. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree from Stony Brook with renowned Maestro Bernard Greenhouse of The Beaux Arts Trio, who called Jayson "a first class talent..." He currently resides in the Southwest and is a member of the Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas, Symphonies, as well as numerous other symphony orchestras in New Mexico and Colorado.

Mr. Bishop is co-founder of the Albuquerque-based Petroglyph String Quartet, which completed its second season on May 10th with a performance of Shostakovich's 7th String Quartet and the iconic String Quintet in C major by Franz Schubert, known as the Cello Quintet for its use of an additional cello with the standard string quartet configuration of two violins, viola and cello. As the youngest of five, Jayson has followed in the footsteps of his four older brothers, all musicians by trade.

He loves performing the Bach Suites for Solo Cello, and gains inspiration from them in his original compositions and collaborations with brothers Theo and Greg.

Admission for each concert is by donation. CD's of Jayson's music will be available for purchase.

2016 Scholarship Presentations

Matthew Clark and Reina Morgan

On Sunday, June 19, scholarship checks in the amount of \$1,000 were presented by Jim Finlayson to Matthew Clark and Reina Morgan.



Matthew continues his studies at Oregon State University, majoring in Physical Therapy. Matthew says he chose physical therapy because he is amazed by the human body as well as how to fix the aches and pains that humans experience.

Matthew received his first scholarship from YCPC when he graduated from Waldport High School in 2013.

Reina has been receiving YCPC scholarships since she graduated from Waldport High School in 2011. Reina continues her studies in Industrial Organizational Psychology in a Master's of Science degree program through Carlos Albizu University in Miami, Florida, in pursuit of a career in human resources, executive coaching, or organizational consulting.



YCPC is pleased to be able to offer these scholarships to Matthew and Reina.



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 14, following worship . . .

YCPC All-Church Picnic at Quiet Water

A Day of Food, Fun and Fellowship

This year's all-church picnic will be held at a new location: The pool and tennis area of Quiet Water.

Quiet Water is at the south end of Yachats, just before the bridge. Pastor Bob and his family live in Quiet Water, as do several members and friends of YCPC.

As usual, the picnic will take place following regular Sunday morning worship at the church.

Please bring a side dish and/or dessert, warm clothes, folding chairs **AND your own table service.**

New this year: FRIED CHICKEN WILL BE FURNISHED rather than a BBQ, and coffee, iced tea, and lemonade will be provided.

Feel free to bring friends and visitors and enjoy a GREAT DAY of food, fun, and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there!



La De Da

A salute to our wonderfully eclectic Yachats...and to all of the lovely people who show up 'in style' for the La De Da parade and other July 4th activities.

Several of us from Yachats Community Presbyterian Church prepared popcorn and marched in the parade, distributing 'the goods' to children of all ages who lined the parade route. What a delight!

When we ran out of popcorn Pastor Bob suggested that we join the PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) group...and we took up rainbow pinwheels and signs declaring, "We are Orlando" and "Love Conquers Hate" to join in support of the LGBTQ community. We are all one. Indeed! And we at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church proclaim that to the world.

As the parade walked along side our majestic Pacific Ocean on Ocean View Drive, I, once again, was filled with joy and thanksgiving for this community of which I am a part in these senior years of my life. The colors, the diversity, the appreciation for all of creation surround me in my every day life. What joy. What a gift.

Thanks be to God!

Mary Wiltse (from her YCPC facebook post on July 5)

Photographs by Heather Taylor, Joan Davies



Join us
Sunday, July 31
at 5:00pm
As we celebrate
Unity in the Community

Music with
Dave Cowden,
Creight Horton
& Milo Graamans

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Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

The Best in a Day

Each of us has a finite number of days here on earth. Some of us know how many days are left to us, but most of us do not know the number of our remaining days. To contemplate their number puts us between a rock and a hard place. I invite you to think of the rock as the exact number of our remaining days. Similarly, I invite you to think of the hard place as what to do with each of our remaining days.

In this interim position, we are caught between two mysteries. The one (the exact number of our remaining days) lies beyond the realm of human comprehension. The other (how to live these remaining days), while incorporating an element of human choice, often brings us face-to-face with living in uncharted territory.

Those of us who consciously make an effort to figure out the latter, often reflect on our past days for wisdom. For instance, what satisfactions and/or dissatisfactions have we encountered in our days which have come and gone thus far? What successes and failures have we experienced? What have we learned from both? What remains to be accomplished? How can we live our remaining days authentically?

In the process of engaging in these reflections, some of us will come to the conclusion that we did our best to live each day with the tensions and awareness that each of them brought to us. Others will decide that what is in the past belongs only to the past, and will opt to take a new direction in their remaining days. Still others will find a deep sense of contentment with their days in the past, and will choose to live their remaining days in the same way that they have lived in the past.

Another approach to living out our remaining days is to choose to give each of our remaining days our best effort, knowing that wherever we go, whatever we do, God is vitally interested in us and actively with us. That is, the best in a day is God's presence with us in it. Hopefully, knowing this will free us to live each day responsibly, courageously, and authentically.

Communion

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



Anonymous Gift



This Bissell Lift-Off Rug Cleaner and Cleaning Agent is an anonymous gift to YCPC as an expression of gratitude for various welcoming experiences YCPC has provided the donors.

The donors wrote,

We understand you will be installing new carpeting in the Fellowship Hall and welcoming young people into a special school sometime soon and thought this gift could be used when necessary to keep your facility clean.


Thank you again for your kindnesses.



Flowers and Coffee for July - December

Sign-Up Sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for flowers for worship and coffee for fellowship.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>July 2016</div>						
3 9:00 Bible Study 9:45 Hymn-Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	6	7 10:00 Worship/Music Committee 8:00 YMF Patrons Reception	1 12:00 Fellowship Committee	2
10 9:00 Bible Study 9:45 Hymn-Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 2:00 YMF Concert 8:00 YMF Concert	11 10:00 Stewardship and Finance 3:30 Christian Education	12 9:00 Building and Grounds 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	13 9:30 Deacons 4:00 Community Campfire Picnic Shelter	14 15 9:00 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Group	8 Yachats Music Festival 8:00 Concert	9 Yachats Music Festival 8:00 Concert
17 9:00 Bible Study 9:45 Hymn-Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	18	19 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	20 9:30 Session	21 6:00 Yachats Big Rehearsal	22 Bolton Wedding Rehearsal	23 Bolton Wedding 7:00 Bach Cello Concert
24 9:00 Bible Study 9:45 Hymn-Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3:00 Cello Concert	25	26 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	27	28 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	29	30
31 9:00 Bible Study 9:45 Hymn-Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 Worship						



July Birthdays

- 2 Myron Eckhardt
- 2 Margie Laur
- 6 Louis Maxfield
- 7 SeaHeart Elan
- 10 Louise Chaffee
- 12 Kristie Nestor
- 14 Sharon Bliss
- 14 Mike Korgan
- 17 Donella Evans
- 19 Charles Canfield
- 19 Shirley Flaming
- 21 Chris Clark
- 26 Patty Ulmsted

Save the Date

Wednesday, August 24

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Red Cross

Blood Drive

Sunday Morning

Sketches/Art Work from the Pews

