



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

August 2016, Volume 1

Sunday, August 14, following worship . . .

YCPC All-Church Picnic at Quiet Water

This year's all-church picnic will be held at a new location: the pool and tennis court area of Quiet Water. We will gather at Quiet Water following regular Sunday morning worship. **See below DIRECTIONS to Quiet Water.**



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

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

DIRECTIONS: Quiet Water is near the south end of Yachats. To get to Quiet Water from the church, turn right onto Highway 101, travel south about a half mile, and—just before the bridge—turn left off of 101 onto Lori Lane . . . then take the first right onto Combs Circle and follow the signs. **If it rains, the picnic will be held at the church.**

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Red Cross Blood Drive at YCPC

Wednesday, August 24, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



YOUR BLOOD IS NEEDED! You may have noticed that there are more blood drives and phone requests than usual at this time. The Red Cross is experiencing critical shortages. Ideally, a certain level of blood products is maintained, and at the present time, the level is not being met. Elective surgeries could be canceled. Hopefully, there won't be any disasters!!

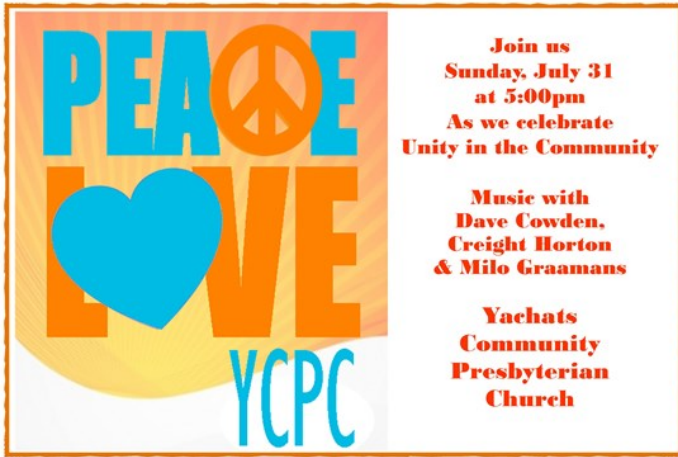
Please consider donating here at the church on Wednesday, August 24, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Signing up is easy. You can go online at redcrossblood.org and type in "Yachats Community" for the sponsor code. Or you can call me at [541-547-4532](tel:541-547-4532).

CAN'T GIVE ON THIS DATE? PLEASE CALL THE RED CROSS AT 1-800-RED-CROSS OR GO ONLINE TO: redcrossblood.org to see where else drives are being held.

You might need blood one day and you hope there is enough. Thank you.

Sue Finlayson

Pastor Bob posted the following invitation at the YCPC Facebook page for the evening worship held here on Sunday, July 31, at 5:00 p.m.



Please join us for an evening of contemporary, contemplative worship this Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the YCPC Fellowship Hall. We hope that the evening will be appealing to people of all ages, from all walks of life: believers and agnostics, conventional Christians and questioning skeptics, gay and straight, females and males, Jews and Gentiles, the despairing and the hopeful, and any other descriptor that may fit you... Music for the evening will be provided by Creight Horton, Dave Cowden and our very own Milo Graamans and will include selections from Simon and Garfunkel, Jim Croce, Peter Yarrow and The Beatles, as well as many other old and new favorites. Refreshments will be provided.

69 people attended the July 31 evening worship! Here are a few of the messages posted on Facebook afterwards:

Very much loved coming to this gathering. Thank you to everyone who made this happen.

It was an evening of fun and sharing in community.

It was awesome! Great music and food for thought!

Great night of music and community. Thanks to Dave & Creight and Milo for the tunes.

Here is the message Pastor Bob posted: *So blessed to have had so many from the community attend. Thank you to all that came out. Thank you to Milo, Creight and Dave.*

The next community evening worship service will be held Sunday, August 28, at 5:00 p.m. at the Commons Picnic Shelter.

Hope to see you there.



Open House at Yachats Demonstration and Community Garden

On Sunday, August 14, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. . . .



. . . There will be an **Open House** at the Yachats Demonstration and Community Garden (YDCG) to celebrate Master Gardener Week and Community Gardens.

The **Open House** will include information/demonstrations for grafting, garden tool care, and attracting beneficial birds for insect control.

The YDCG is **across the street from YCPC** on the corner of West 7th Street and Driftwood Lane. Look for the directional sign on Hwy. 101 and W. 7th Street and the "OPEN" banner at the Garden.

OSU Lincoln County Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. Everyone is welcome.

YCPC/YYFAP Annual Summer BBQ
Friday, August 12, 5:00 p.m.
Yachats Commons Picnic Shelter



Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program and YCPC are hosting our Annual family-friendly, old-fashioned community BBQ Friday, August 12, 5:00 p.m., and we would love to see you there!

There will be games and traditional BBQ food. The BBQ is free, but we will gladly accept donations to help cover the cost of food, etc. **We hope you will join us.**

Questions? Call Alice or Pam at 541-547-4599



Book Group, Friday, August 19, 10:30 a.m.

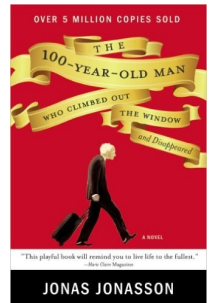
This month the Book Group is reading James Herriot. Any of his books can be chosen. James Herriot was a British veterinary and writer who used his many years of experience as a veterinary surgeon to write a series of books consisting of stories about animals and their owners. He is best known for these semi-autobiographical works, beginning with *All Creatures Great and Small* in 1972. His love of animals and the people of Yorkshire make his stories a joy to read.

We are also reading *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. Allan Karlsson is about to celebrate his hundredth birthday and a party is planned at his retirement home. Allan is alert despite his age, but is not interested in attending the party. Instead he climbs out the window and disappears. He walks in his slippers to the nearest bus station where his adventures begin!

The Book Group will meet in the McGuire Room at 10:30 a.m. on August 19.

We love to have new people join the discussion, even if you are only here for the summer or would just like to attend occasionally!

Questions? Talk to Mary Emma Parks.



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, August 20

10:00 a.m.

Field Adjacent to YCPC

Organizer: Rev. Jon Nestor



Join us for a brief service of blessing of God's special gifts to us . . . our animal friends.

Questions? Talk to Jon Nestor.



Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

Still Trying to Connect

Recently I received a telephone call from a company whose automated telephone system promptly announced, "Please hold!" Throughout the time I was on hold, about every thirty seconds that company's automated response system chimed in with, "Still trying to connect". I hung up after several minutes of this. I was appalled that a business would actually conduct its communication in this manner.

Once my frustration faded, I began to reflect on this experience. I invite you to reflect on it with me from two perspectives. The first perspective I will call ours, and give it the name, "unanswered Prayer". Prayer can take many forms, one of which is Petition. In this form of prayer, we ask (or petition) God to intervene in our earthly lives in a variety of ways. Sometimes we ask God to intervene in our own lives; at other times, we ask God to intervene in the lives of others. These latter may be people we are familiar with, people who are suffering but whom we do not know at all, etc. The point is, we want something to occur in these (or our own) lives that appears outside of our control.

We then begin to wait for an answer to our prayers. Sometimes it takes a long time for us to perceive that God is actively answering these prayers. If the time becomes long enough, we may begin to wonder whether God has even heard our prayers. Under these conditions, we may try to pray the same prayers again. As we do this, we essentially have the attitude, "Still Trying to Connect".

The second perspective I will call God's, and give it the name, "How long, O People". In the course of our dialogue with God, God may be trying to communicate a response to us that we either can't hear or don't hear for various reasons. At such times, God keeps trying to communicate with us, but can't quite get through. Yet God keeps trying to reach us. In these efforts, I can imagine God saying, "Still Trying to Connect".

During our earthly lives, we experience both perspectives. When was the most recent time you experienced each?



The Calling of Pastor Bob

During the past two years, Pastor Bob Barrett has worked hard to serve the needs of our congregation and to re-energize our church, along with reaching out to care for those in the larger Yachats Community.

Through Bob Barrett's efforts . . . we are opening our Fellowship Hall in September to host a home school educational program four days a week for local students; we will provide a Wednesday afternoon social gathering opportunity for children; and on Sunday, July 31, we began an additional Sunday evening contemporary service for those in the Yachats Community who may be open to a different style of music and worship service.

We value and need the continued caring leadership of Bob Barrett as we move the church forward into the future. In recognition of Pastor Bob's work and leadership, the Church Session has voted to issue a Call to Bob Barrett as our Full-Time Permanent Pastor (his present two-year contract as our Designated Pastor expires this fall).

On Sunday, August 21, 2016, we will be holding a Congregational Meeting right after the church service to honor Pastor Bob Barrett for his dedicated service, and to issue a formal Ministerial Call to him as our Permanent Solo Pastor, which will then be introduced for a vote of the church membership, along with the approval of his present Terms of Call.

Please join with our Church Session Members, mark your calendar, and make sure to attend the Church Service and **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 21, to Celebrate and Honor the Calling of Pastor Bob.**

Herman Welch
Elder and Session Member

August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters		9:00 Fabricators 10:00 Worship/Music Committee	12:00 Fellowship Committee	
7 9:00 Bible Study 9:45 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire	8 7:00 Stewardship and Finance Committee 3:30 Christian Education Committee	9 9:00 Building and Grounds Committee 9:00 Leta's Legacy Quilters	10 9:30 Deacons	11 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	12 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. YCPC/YYFAP BBQ at Commons Picnic Shelter	13
14 9:00 Bible Study 9:45 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:30 Church Picnic (at Quiet Water)	15 9:00 Work Party Clearing out the Fellowship Hall before installation of new carpet HELP WANTED	16 New Carpet Installation	17 New Carpet Installation 9:30 Session	18 New Carpet Installation 9:00 Fabricators	19 ?New Carpet Installation? 9:30 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Group	20 10:00 Blessing of the Animals by Jon Nestor
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August Birthdays

- 6 Fran Morse
- 6 Riley Roslund
- 11 Beth West
- 13 Dick Culbertson
- 13 Lily Roslund
- 15 DJ Novograd
- 17 Edna Marie Thorn
- 23 Sheryl Young
- 24 Lois Tubens
- 30 Carol Korgan



Anniversaries

- 7 Verna & Loyd Collett
- 16 Nan & Greg Scott
- 20 Elizabeth & Herman Welch

LOTS of Help Needed for Work Party!!!

Monday, August 15, 9:00 a.m.

We need lots of help to empty the Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 15, before the new carpet is installed beginning Tuesday morning, August 16.

Questions? See John Toepher.

Thank You from Reina Morgan

2016 Scholarship Recipient

Last month YCPC received the following thank you note from Reina Morgan:

Thank you so much for your continued support of my education. It means so much to me that you see me as someone worth investing in. It was really nice getting to visit with everyone last month [June]. I'm delighted to tell you that the equine therapy facility where I volunteer has voted me onto their Board of Directors! I'm very excited for my first board meeting.

I hope everyone at the church is having a great summer. Thank you again.

Reina



Flowers and Coffee for August - December

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