



**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

# *October 2016*



### **Apple Dessert Potluck, Sunday, October 9**

**Our Annual Apple Dessert Potluck** will be Sunday, October 9, following worship. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite apple dessert to share . . . apple pie, muffins, pudding, cake . . . Mmmmm . . . Good!

### **Wednesday, October 12, 6:00 p.m., A Weekly Study Begins, *Living the Questions***

**Beginning October 12, join us every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. for *Living the Questions***, a study designed to help seekers *and* the well-churched discover the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world. For more information, see Pastor Bob's article at page two.

### **Consecration Sunday, October 23**

**Sunday, October 23**, will be our special Stewardship Consecration Church Service. Please plan to attend. A Celebration Luncheon will follow worship.

**For more information** about this year's Financial Stewardship Program and Consecration Sunday, see page three for the article by Herman Welch, "Having Confidence and Trust in Our Future."

### **Beginning Again . . . Women's Circle, Wednesday, October 26, at 10:00 a.m.**

(thereafter, every fourth Wednesday of the month)

**We will meet in the McGuire Room** to read and discuss the Presbyterian Church (USA) Women's Horizons Bible Study entitled, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*. Here is a bit more information from the PC (USA) website:

*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* is by Judy Yates Siker. Each of the study's nine lessons explores the question "Who is Jesus?" through a particular theological lens. Dr. Siker explores the answers to the question through the lenses of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Paul, Hebrews, the non-canonical gospels, the Abrahamic Faiths, and contemporary cultural interpretations. She notes that each of us who reads the New Testament is an interpreter of the text, and that how we interpret it depends in part on who we are.

**We hope you will join us for this thought-provoking, stimulating study. Questions? See Nan Scott.**



## ***Living the Questions, Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.***

**A new weekly study, *Living the Questions*, begins Wednesday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m.**

***Living the Questions* does not seek to provide easy answers** but rather to be a resource for people who are in the midst of a lifelong conversation about the mysteries of faith and life.

***Living the Questions* is for** those on a journey of faith discovery and, perhaps, those who have given up on traditionalist church teaching. *Living the Questions* seeks to provide the groundwork for a credible Christian faith for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Biblical literalism and blind allegiance** to ancient creeds and traditions can make it difficult for many people to continue believing. *Living the Questions* asks us to consider the hard questions that lead to a faith that is our own.

**While *Living the Questions* does not provide pat answers** to pressing questions about God and faith, it does more than just ask questions. In conversation with a wide variety of biblical scholars, theologians and other scholars in the field of religion, *Living the Questions* offers participants a broader context in which to formulate their own answers.

**YCPC is a congregation that has professed that we take the Bible seriously.** One of the reasons we can take it seriously is because we need not take it literally. We find more grace in our search for meaning than we do in absolute certainty . . . more in the questions, than in the answers.

**Won't you join us Wednesday evenings** as we begin to wrestle with the questions of what it means to be a follower of Jesus? Perhaps together we can begin to live into the most important question of all: If we are called to imitate Jesus . . . what does that really look like?

***Living the Questions* will be held every Wednesday evening** throughout the church year. It begins on Wednesday, October 12, at 6:00pm.

For more information, here are a couple of links.

<http://www.livingthequestions.com/overview>

<http://www.livingthequestions.com/contributors>

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Sue Finlayson, YCPC Events Coordinator



**A Red Cross blood drive was held at the church on August 24.** Following is part of the Red Cross thank-you letter to YCPC, detailing what was accomplished:

“Our goal for the drive was **28** units and **35** potential donors signed up. Out of the **43** donors who presented, 6 donors were deferred and 13 people gave for the first time. **Thirty Eight (38) pints were given** – well over our goal. The Job Corps joined in and that certainly boosted the numbers. Up to 3 people may be helped from one pint of donated blood. So we potentially helped **114** people.”

After thanking the church for providing an excellent space (they may be back once a year) the letter ended stating, “despite all the advances of modern medicine, without life-giving blood many people would not survive. My personal thanks to all who helped as well as those who gave.”



## *Having Confidence and Trust in the Future*

**The month of October 2016 is a time of Challenge and Opportunity** as we begin to prepare for the annual Financial Stewardship Program that will provide our church the resources to move forward into the coming year with a sense of Confidence and Trust in the Future.

**Our Church Session Elders feel a sense of appreciation and gratitude** for the financial generosity of our congregation in 2016, and we thank everyone at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church for their very generous support. The financial support of our church comes from a sense of personal gratitude for our own blessings in life, and a Belief, Trust, and Confidence in the work and mission of our church in the larger Yachats Community.

**We also appreciate the significant value and support of** our Yachats Community Church in the lives of the congregation, and in having Pastor Bob Barrett continue as our full-time, permanent pastor, along with our skilled Music Director and very capable Office Administrative staff. These church staff positions are truly vital in serving the mission of our church, and we will need the continued generous financial support from our congregation to sustain our staff and all of our valued church programs during the coming year.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2016, WILL BE OUR SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP CONSECRATION CHURCH SERVICE** when everyone will be invited to complete a Financial Stewardship Covenant Card with a sense of Confidence and Trust in the Future by providing their best estimate of General Fund giving for the operation of our church in 2017. As in the past, there is always the clear understanding that this is a personal giving decision on the part of each individual or family, and that if circumstances change, the giving estimate can be changed.

**We would appreciate a Covenant Card Giving Estimate response** from as many Members and Friends as possible to provide a reasonably clear picture of our financial ability to sustain the present church programs that are essential in fulfilling our Church Mission in 2017. Our Church Deacons will also be providing a Special Celebration Luncheon following the Sunday Stewardship Consecration Service on October 23, and Everyone is Invited to attend.

**Our Church Mission Statement is the Key Central Focus of our 2017 Stewardship Giving,** and it is well worth remembering as we look forward to sustaining the church financial needs for the coming year . . .

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*The mission of Yachats Community Presbyterian Church is to reflect God's love to all and be a welcoming, Come-As-You-Are, Christ-centered community church, open to everyone to worship God and hear a Christian message of love, hope, compassion, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We strive to be living examples of Christ through service in our local communities and global ministries.*

Herman Welch, Elder and Chair  
Stewardship & Finance Committee

## *Flickers from the Flame - Where God Comes In*

Jon Nestor



**Living your faith depends first of all on your definition of faith.** The New Testament Book of Hebrews defines faith as “being sure of what we hope for, or certain of what we do not see.” (11:1). Focusing on the first half of this statement, faith depends first on what you are hoping for, and secondly on how sure you are of it.

**Life on earth depends on the existence** of a highly specialized and particular set of circumstances, such as the containment of life-support systems, and the ability of those systems, as well as their containers, to function. As far as I can tell, all of these systems, though renewable, are finite or perishable. Thus, when we have faith in earthly things, we are essentially saying that we trust that they will function according to (or at least grow into) the capability for which they were designed. Notice that we have not mentioned (although it is implied) that they will do so before they perish. For instance, we may have faith that an animal will act in a certain way, that a child will become a reasonable adult, or that adults will accomplish certain things that contribute to the advancement (or at least maintenance) of society as we know it.

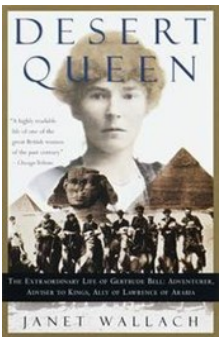
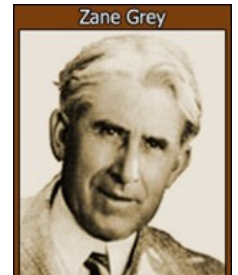
**But, given the perishability of earthly things** as well as the complexities of the human soul, it won't be long before we are wondering about what we can hope for that transcends our finiteness. For instance, we may hope that the love we have for each other never ends, or that the causes we fought for during our time on earth will somehow flourish or continue to be relevant long after our time on earth is complete.

**Taking this to a deeper level,** we may be wondering about who we can relate to that will outlive us. The first people we may think of are our children, nieces, and nephews. But even though the probability may be substantial that they will still be alive after our time on earth disappears, their lives—like ours—are finite. So we begin to wonder about relating to someone who will be with us no matter where we are, no matter what we are doing, or no matter what happens to us. Now we're talking about *Who we are hoping will be with us*. And that's where God comes in.

### **Book Group, Friday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.**

**The Book Group invites all of you** to join us on Friday, October 21, at 10:30 a.m., in the McGuire Room at the church. This month the Book Group will be reading two different authors, with very different voices!

**We decided to read someone from the past—Zane Grey,** who was best known for his popular adventure novels and stories associated with the Western genre in literature and the arts. Grey idealized the American frontier. *Riders of the Purple Sage* (1912) was his best-selling book. In addition to the commercial success of his printed works, they had second lives and continuing influence when adapted as films and television productions. His novels and short stories have been adapted into 112 films, two television episodes, and a television series, *Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theater*. You can pick any of his stories, and he wrote many, many in his career.



**The second author is Janet Wallach. We will read her book *Desert Queen*,** a biography of Gertrude Bell, who travelled the world in the latter part of 1800 and the early 1900's. She became fascinated with and wrote books about all things Arabian. In this incident-packed biography, Janet Wallach reveals a woman whose achievements and independent spirit were especially remarkable for her times, and who brought the same passion and intensity to her explorations as she did to her rich romantic life. She was an adviser to kings and an ally of Lawrence of Arabia. Too-long eclipsed by Lawrence's fame, Gertrude Bell emerges in this first major biography as a woman whose accomplishments rank as crucial to world history (especially in light of the continuing geopolitical importance of the Middle East) and whose life was a grand adventure.

**The Book Group invites anyone who loves to read.** Please join us on October 21 at 10:30 in the McGuire Room. We'd love to have some new members, even if you are only in Yachats for a short time!

# October 2016

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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2 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 1:00 Communion at Sea Aire	3	4 9:00 Leta's Quilters	5	6 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 10:00 Worship/Music Committee	7 12:00 Fellowship Committee	8 3:00 Organ-Aided Meditations w/Jon Nestor	
9 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship (Apple Dessert Potluck)	10 10:00 Stewardship & Finance Committee	11 9:00 Building & Grounds Committee 9:00 Leta's Quilters	12 9:30 Deacons <b>6:00 Weekly Study</b> <i>Living the Questions</i>	13 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00-8:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	14 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00-8:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	15 2:00 Barbara Johnson Celebration of Life	
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<b>23 Consecration Sunday</b> 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <b>Celebration Lunch</b>	24	25 9:00 Leta's Quilters	26 10:00 Women's Circle Study <b>6:00 Weekly Study</b> <i>Living the Questions</i>	27 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 - 8:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	28 <b>6:00 Families Together</b>	29	
30 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	31 <b>Halloween</b>						

*October Birthdays*



- 7 *Marianne Moore*
- 15 *Cindy Nessel*
- 18 *Alex Bursey*
- 18 *Stan Pomeroy*
- 19 *Sue Finlayson*
- 23 *Betsy Maxfield*
- 31 *Bill Breslford*
- 31 *Mary Wiltse*



*Anniversaries*

- 4 *DJ Nougrod & Sharon Bliss*

**South Lincoln Resources Holiday Food Basket Applications Now Available**

Applications for Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets are available in the office.

**Application Deadlines are:**

November 2 for Thanksgiving

December 1 for Christmas

A box for donations of food for the Holiday Food Baskets will soon be in the Narthex.

**Lincoln County Health and Human Services Annual Flu Shot Clinic**

**(Regular and High-Dose Vaccine)**

**Thursday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**YCPC Fellowship Hall**



**Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Concert**

**Friday, October 21, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra concerts feature a variety of musical styles for every musical taste.

All tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase at the door the evening of the performance.

