



**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*

***Christmas 2017 . . . January 2018***

### **YCPC Community Christmas Concert**

**The annual YCPC Community Christmas Concert** was held December 10 at 2:00 p.m. with music by the choir, handbells and guest instrumentalist, Forrest Fisher. The program that (Music Director) Milo put together was a mix of the familiar and the new . . . music that was both reflective and lively. The concert was followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall, with refreshments provided by the Worship and Music Committee. **Thanks to all for this special Christmas gift.**

Overheard in the narthex as folks were moving into the Fellowship Hall for the reception . . . “Wonderful music.” “Great concert!” “It put me in the Christmas spirit.”



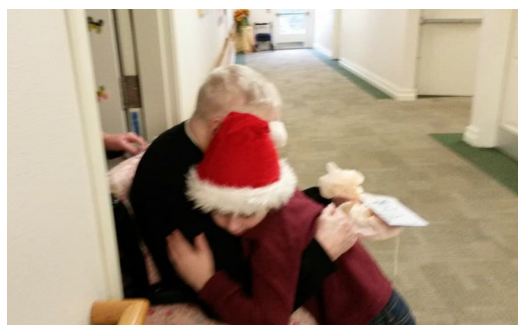
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## Christmas with the Yachats Homeschool Group at Sea Aire

Once a month, the students of Yachats Homeschool Group (YHG) spend time with the residents of Sea Aire. On December 17 the YHG kids took Christmas cookies to Sea Aire. They made the holiday treats in the YCPC kitchen, under the watchful eye and guiding hand of Michelle Korgan, chef and owner of ONA Restaurant. (Michelle's two sons, Alex and Skyler, are YHG students.) After all the treats were baked and ready, the kids made individual gift plates for the Sea Aire residents and staff. The kids shared with Sea Aire and Sea Aire shared with them.





## YYAP Pre-School Christmas Program and Ornament Night, December 15

**At 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary** a delightful Christmas program was presented by the YYFAP Pre-School children. As you can see from the picture of the audience, the sanctuary was packed for the program! Ornament Night followed immediately in the Fellowship Hall.



**Following the Pre-School Christmas program,** the very (very) popular annual YCPC/YYFAP/Families Together Ornament Night began in the Fellowship Hall and drew one of its largest crowds ever. Somewhere between 180 and 190 folks enjoyed the meal, story time, ornament-making, and, of course, Santa.

I have no pictures of the Ornament Night crowds, but here's . . . Santa!



## The Yachats Homeschool Group Holiday Variety Show



The Yachats Homeschool Group offered its second annual Holiday Variety Show on Friday, December 22. The finale featured the entire group singing a medley of Christmas songs in Spanish with very enthusiastic accompaniment on drums! These photos were taken during rehearsal. For the real thing, join the Yachats Homeschool Group Facebook page, and you can see several videos of their show.

## Stone Soup Suppers

### Monthly Dinners for the Homeless at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Newport

**Every Monday night, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Newport** hosts a meal for folks who are hungry for food and hungry for community. The Monday evening dinners are prepared by teams from various churches, including YCPC. The YCPC team, led by Pastor Bob, prepares and serves the meal the second Monday of the month.

**Pastor Bob had just been discharged from the hospital the second Monday in December**, so Michelle Korgan, Cicely Bernard and Celia Ifran Deriberprey stepped in to assist YCPC team members Nan Scott and Myron Eckhardt prepare and serve the meal on December 11. Michelle, Cicely and Celia were joined by their children, Alex, Skyler, Sawyer and John Mark, all of whom are connected both to YCPC and the Yachats Homeschool Group. All of them said they look forward to helping with the meal more often. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!**

**If you would like to know more about this ministry or help with future dinners, please talk with pastor Bob.**



**Advance preparation of the meal at YCPC by Nan Scott, Michelle Korgan and Cicely Bernard**



**Serving the meal at St. Stephen's**

**Then, of course, there was clean-up and washing LOTS of dishes.**





## FLICKERS FROM THE FLAME

### *The Stable's Gift*

Jon Nestor



**About 2,000 years ago**, a woman and a man were on a long journey. Both were exhausted, and the woman was with child. Night time was near, and it was getting dark outside. The man was trying to find a place for them to stay. He had stopped at several inns along the way, asking the keepers of those inns if the two could stay there. All of the inns were full, and the keeper's, one by one, sent the couple on their way to the next inn.

**Sometimes the keepers were proud that their inns were full.** Other keepers were genuinely sorry that their inns were full, and tried to make special arrangements to accommodate the two travelers (soon to be three) by whatever means were at their disposal. But alas, none of their efforts resulted in a place for the exhausted couple to spend the night. Two of these latter keepers said that they had tried to expand their inns, but that their expansion efforts had stalled for a variety of reasons.

**Eventually, there were no more inns along the way**, and the path on which the couple were traveling led them into the countryside. After a while, the man noticed a stable in a remote pasture. He looked for the owner of the stable to ask the owner if the couple could stay there for at least the night. He couldn't find anyone, but noticed that the stable's door was open.

**When he went up to the door to look inside**, the animals inside began to stir, because they did not know the man. But the man began talking to the animals quietly and with assuring tones. After a while, he called the woman to come up to the stable door to join him. Together, they noticed a manger in one of the stable's corners. The manger was filled with a fresh supply of hay. And when the animals saw that the woman was with child, they welcomed both travelers into their midst for as long as they wished to stay. In due time, the woman gave birth, and the world was changed forever.

**Outside the stable, a star, rejoicing over the stable's gift, lit up the night sky.**

#### *Now the Work of Christmas Begins*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

#### *Later*

Later . . .  
After the angels,  
After the stable,  
After the Child,  
They went back . . .  
As we always must,  
Back to the world that doesn't understand  
Our talk of angels and stars  
And especially not the child.  
We go back complaining that it doesn't last.  
They went back singing praises to God!  
We do have to go back,  
But we can still sing alleluias!

Ann Weems

## Dates to Save in January

**Sunday, January 7,** 10:00 a.m., Worship, Confirmation of Andrew Bliss

**Friday, January 12,** 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Pizza Party (see the box below)

**Saturday, January 13,** 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary, Organ-Aided Reflections with Jon Nestor

**Sunday, January 14,** 10:00 a.m., Worship, Ordination/Installation of Elders (Fran Morse and Debra J. (DJ) Novgrod) and Deacons (Sue Finlayson, Elaine Harley, and Jnanda Lampman)

**Friday, January 19,** 10:30 a.m., McGuire Room, Book Group, *The Reluctant Prosecutor*. Q & A with the author, Creighton Horton (see December issue of the newsletter, page 5, for details)

**Saturday, January 20,** 6:00 p.m., Winter Wonderland at Yachats Commons (see the box below)

**Friday, January 26,** 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Families Together

## ANNUAL YCPC PIZZA PARTY

**Friday, January 12, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

January is shaping up to be a busy month so how about taking a mid-winter break? Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. for a fun evening of Papa Murphy pizza and good company. Suggested donation:

\$4.00 for adults and \$1 for children

\$2.50 for salad only

**See you there!**



## Winter Wonderland Saturday, January 20, 2018, 6:00—8:00 p.m. Yachats Commons




Be sure to put Saturday, January 20, 2018, on your calendar for a wonderful evening at the Yachats Commons of dinner by ONA Restaurant, music by Milo Grammans, and a silent auction.

Winter Wonderland is a fundraiser. The proceeds will support the ministry of Yachats Community Presbyterian Church.

Tickets are \$40.00 and are available for purchase at YCPC and at Mari's Books in downtown Yachats.

**Seating is limited so be sure to purchase your tickets early!**

# January 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1 New Year's Day! Office Closed	2 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	3	4 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 10:00 Worship/Music Committee	5 12:00 Fellowship Committee	6	
7 10:00 Worship* 11:30 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire *Confirmation of Andrew Bliss	8 10:00 Stewardship and Finance Committee	9 9:00 Building and Grounds Committee 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	10 9:30 Deacons	11 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	12 6:00 Pizza Party!!	13 12—1:00 Showing Agate Windows for Agate Festival 2:00 Organ-Aided Reflections w/Jon Nestor
14 10:00 Worship* 11:30 Fellowship *Ordination/ Installation of Elders/Deacons	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed	16 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	17 9:30 Session	18 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	19 9:30 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Club	20 6:00—8:00 p.m. Winter Wonderland Fundraiser at Yachats Commons
21 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	22	23 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	24 9:30 Women's Study	25 9:00 Choir 9:00 Fabricators 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	26 6:00 Families Together	27
28 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	29	30 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	31 10:00 Yachats Art Guild			

# Happy New Year!



## *January Birthdays*

*3 Claire Good*  
*3 Betty Jenness*  
*8 Mike Wooley*  
*12 Gale Porter*  
*16 Jeannine Janson*  
*19 Bob Perdue*  
*23 Cooper Roslund*  
*26 Jim Finlayson*  
*28 Gordon Flaming*  
*28 Vern Simmons*  
*29 Stacey Freet*

### **2018 Sign-Up Sheets . . .**

**are in the Fellowship Hall for . . .**

- ♦ Worship Assistants
- ♦ Ushers
- ♦ Flowers
- ♦ Refreshments

### **Questions about . . .**

Worship Assistant? See Betty Groth

Ushering? See Betsy Maxfield

Flowers? See Nina Toepfer

Refreshments? See DJ Novgrod

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
honor everyone;  
love and serve God,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And may the blessing of God be amongst you  
and remain with you always.  
Amen.