



**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

***February 2018***

### ***2018 Winter Wonderland Raised Nearly \$6,000!***

**First, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** to Michelle Korgan and Anthony Velarde of ONA Restaurant for everything to do with the dinner and to Milo (our Music Director) for his concert—these being the major attractions behind the robust ticket sales. Milo generously gave us the gift of his music. Michelle and Anthony donated ALL of the food for the dinner, because . . . ONA Restaurant had a good year and they want to give back to the community; they consider YCPC to be their church; and they are grateful that YCPC provides the space for Yachats Homeschool Group, which their two sons, Alex and Skyler, attend.

**Yes, Winter Wonderland, was a great success.** 101 (of a possible 104) attendees enjoyed the delicious meal by ONA Restaurant, music by Milo, and a silent auction . . . all in the good company of members and friends of YCPC and the community at large. In addition to the generous contributions of ONA Restaurant and Milo, the success of this important fundraiser for YCPC was made possible by a stellar planning committee, underwriting by Mari's Books, people who did not attend the event but made contributions, the silent auction donors (and bidders), and the many members and friends of YCPC who decorated and hosted the tables, donated the wine, served the wine, assisted in the kitchen with the dinner, bussed and washed dishes, and generally helped wherever needed. . . too many to name without possibly leaving someone out.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! . . . To ALL of you!**

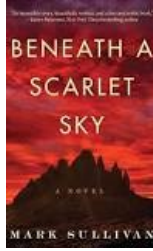




## February Birthdays

- 3 *Elmer Ostling*
- 6 *Brian Pruett*
- 7 *Nathan Bernard*
- 9 *Brenda Maxfield*
- 18 *Esther Paul*
- 20 *Linda Perdue*
- 23 *Larry Elliot*
- 25 *Bonnie Gatrell*
- 27 *Doris Gardenhire*
- 28 *Hannah Barrett*

### Book Group, Friday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.



**For the month of February**, the Book Group is reading “Beneath a Scarlet Sky,” by Mark Sullivan. This is a triumphant, epic tale of one young man’s incredible courage and resilience during World War II and is based on a true story.

**Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war** or the Nazis. He’s a normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps.

**In an attempt to protect him**, Pino’s parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler’s left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich’s most mysterious and powerful commanders.

**The Book Group will meet on February 16** at 10:30, in the McGuire Room or at the table in the sanctuary. We are a group of people who love to read and not a “club”—we pay no dues and monthly attendance is not required. We read a variety of genres over the year. We’d love to have others join us—if a book sounds interesting to you, read it and come join in the discussion. Or, if you aren’t able to read the book before the discussion, come and listen to the comments and then read the story.

### 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

## FLICKERS FROM THE FLAME

### *What the Light Reveals*

Jon Nestor



**Epiphany is all about revelation.** Each of us has had experiences (those “ah ha!’s”) which are essentially moments of insight—times when we gain clarity about what a situation or circumstance is or means. These moments may occur after a long period of darkness or turmoil, or in a relative instant, perhaps without much (if any) reflection. Regardless of the length of the period of reflection, we call such moments “epiphanies.”

**We associate “epiphany” with light.** Sometimes we actually attribute any given epiphany to light shining in our darkness. That is, we say, “Because of the light, I see what’s going on.” At other times, we claim that the epiphany is the light itself. That is, we say that “we see the light.” Let’s consider four examples; the first two of these involve physical light, while the last two involve a different kind of light.

**First of all,** suppose you are outside at night with neither street lights nor car lights. However, the moon is full, and there are no clouds in the sky. The only sources of light are the moon and stars. In this case, the light is natural, and any progress you make is due to this physical light making your path visible in an otherwise dark world. This is how the wise people found Jesus in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:9).

**Secondly,** say you’re trying to find something in a dark room in your home at night or in the morning before dawn. Before you turn on a light switch, your search is challenging, even if everything in that room is in a position familiar to you. But once you turn on that switch, you quickly find what you seek. In this case, the light is artificial, but it still enables you to find what you’re looking for.

**Thirdly,** suppose you are going about your day, thinking about something someone said to you in some past circumstance. All of a sudden, something clicks within you, and you gain new understanding. In this case, the light is psychological (or spiritual) and the reflection is conscious and/or subconscious.

**Finally,** suppose you are dreaming and that when you wake up, you not only remember your dream, but also begin to reflect on it and its meaning. In this case, the light is again psychological (or spiritual), but the reflection is a mixture of unconscious and conscious. This is essentially what happened to the wise people after finding Jesus, and why they returned home by a different route (Matthew 2:12).

**In each of these four examples (as well as of epiphany in general),** light is critical because it enables revelation to occur. But more important even than the light is what the light reveals. That is, what we recognize is more important than how we recognize it.

### Dates to Save In February

**Sunday, February 11,** Annual Congregational Meeting, following Worship

**Wednesday, February 14, 12:00 Noon,** Ash Wednesday Worship

**Friday, February 23, 6:00 p.m.,** Families Together, Fellowship Hall

**There will be a Lenten Study . . .** details will appear in a later EXTRA newsletter.

# February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:00 Fellowship 1:00 Communion at Sea-Aire	5	6 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	7	8 9:00 Choir 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	9 9:00 Choir 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	10 1:00 Abe Flescher Memorial Service
11 10:00 Worship 11:00 Annual Meeting (Fellowship follows) Valentine Treats	12 10:00 Stewardship and Finance Committee	13 9:00 Building and Grounds Committee 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:30 Deacons 12:00 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Worship	15 9:00 Choir 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	16 9:30 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Group	17 2:00 Organ-Aided Reflections w/ Jon Nestor
18 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	19 <b>President's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	20 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	21 9:30 Session	22 9:00 Choir 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	23 6:00 Families Together	24
25 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	26	27 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	28 11:00 Yachats Art Guild	29 9:00 Choir 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	30	