



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

March 2018, Volume 1



Sunday, March 11, Daylight Savings Time Begins Again!

**Be sure to spring forward and
set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night, March 10.**

CANCELLED

Saturday, March 17, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day
for a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner.

THIS EVENT WAS CANCELLED

IN FAVOR OF A FUNDRAISER FOR WALDPORST HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, March 18, following worship . . . a wee bit o' fun

Irish Potluck Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Pretend you're Irish . . . get out the green and bring whatever dish you would like to share!

Also, please bring your own table settings. Punch, coffee and tea will be furnished.

Irish Blessing

May God bless your days in so many ways,
With good friends to love and gifts from above,
With sunshine and laughter and joy ever after.



Looking Ahead . . . Dates to Save in March

Friday, March 23, 6:00 p.m., Families Together

Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., Central Coast Chorale Concert

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Worship at Waldport Community Presbyterian

Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., Good Friday Worship at YCPC

Saturday, March 31, 10:00 a.m., Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

Donations of Easter candy, small toys and plastic eggs are now being accepted for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place your donations in the large bowls in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you. Questions? See Pam.

March Mission Giving

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) One Great Hour of Sharing

Sixty nine years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a radio program called *One Great Hour* was broadcast on the evening of Saturday, March 26, 1949, over major networks and many independent stations. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

The next year, using the name *One Great Hour of Sharing*, the offering was repeated. And so it has continued ever since.

From the beginning, *One Great Hour of Sharing* has been an ecumenical effort, and Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter. Those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding. Communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development.

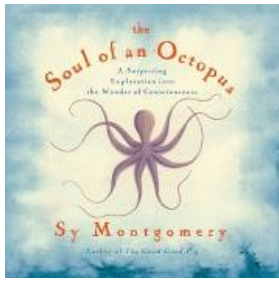
The millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the past 69 years have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

Your gifts to *One Great Hour of Sharing* will change people's lives and are a powerful, tangible witness to the healing love of Christ for all people.

Bulletin inserts tell you more about the 2018 One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering.

Envelopes for this Special Offering are in your envelope boxes and with the bulletin inserts.

March Book Group



The Book Group will meet at the church Friday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m. For this month, we're reading "The Soul of An Octopus" by Sy Montgomery. With the Oregon Coast Aquarium so close to us, and with many Yachats locals either volunteering at or visiting the aquarium, we thought it would be interesting to learn more about a creature of the sea. Both the Yachats and Waldport Libraries either have or can get this book!

This wonderful, humorous book was inspired after Ms. Montgomery, a naturalist who writes books for children and adults, sets out on a quest to learn what it's like to be an octopus after she meets an octopus named Athena at the New England Aquarium. Upon introduction, the young octopus reached her tentacles out to her new acquaintance, winning over the immediately-fascinated Montgomery. The pair developed a relationship that Montgomery charts as she relates her frequent visits to Athena. Athena's sudden death (most octopus only live 3-5 years, depending on the specie) plunged Montgomery into a deep grief, but she returned to the aquarium to meet Octavia, the first in a series of octopuses. These "friendships" revealed just how brilliant these cephalopods can be. This book is a personal journey, not a scientific one, so many of the observations are more ones that "humanize" the animal.

In April, the Group will read "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. After the Civil War, a soldier travels through northern Texas, giving live readings from newspapers to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. (Remember, many people couldn't read at that time!) The April newsletter will explain more of this book.

Many Thanks to YCPC from the American Red Cross



On February 1, 2018, YCPC hosted a blood drive for the American Red Cross. Sue Finlayson, the YCPC Events Coordinator, was on hand to work with the Red Cross to make sure everything went smoothly. Other YCPC folks who helped with the February 1 blood drive were Shari Kiser and Rhonda Moran. Following are excerpts from the thank you letter to Sue from the Red Cross.

Dear Sue,

Thank you for showing your support of the community by sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive. Your blood drive results are below. We encourage you to share this information with our heartfelt thanks.

- ◆ Collection Goal: 30 units Actual Collected Units: 35 units Percent of Goal: 116.7%
- ◆ (Double Red Collection Goal: 2 units Actual Double Red Units Collected: 2 units)
- ◆ Donor Sign Up Goal: 45 Actual Sign Up: 41 Actual Presenting Donors: 38

Thank you so much for 'hitting it out of the ballpark!' Not only did you nail the collection goal, you exceeded it!!! A million thanks for all you do and for your dedication towards this blood drive. Making sure it is as successful as possible is appreciated and your attention to detail shows.

We collected a lot of lifesaving blood that is going to save a lot of lives.

Thank you!

Marisa (Wyckoff)

American Red Cross



Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

From a Fraction

A fraction consists of one number (its numerator divided by a lower number (its denominator)). The value of any fraction can be increased either by increasing its numerator and/or decreasing its denominator.

Someone several years ago tried to describe happiness in terms of fractions. That person described happiness as a fraction whose numerator is what we have. Meanwhile, the denominator of this same fraction is what we expect. According to this definition, then, happiness is what we have divided by what we expect. There are two ways to increase happiness. One of these is to increase what we have. Actually, this is very difficult, even though it is the underlying motivation for the “American dream”. The other way is a bit mysterious, especially to us here in America: namely, to decrease what we expect.

As I’ve been reflecting on this mystery, I found myself ruminating on Pastor Bob’s sermon series on the beatitudes based on the beginning of the fifth chapter of Matthew’s gospel. For example, let’s look at the first of these beatitudes (Matt 5: 3). “Blessed (Happy) are the poor in spirit, for they will see God”. I invite you to think of the “for” as the dividing line of the fraction. Similarly, try using what comes before the “for” as the denominator of the fraction, and what follows the “for” as its numerator. In this case, what we have is the ability to see God. Similarly, what we expect is to be poor in spirit.

Again, in this case, our happiness will increase whenever we see more of God and/or become poorer in spirit. How much we see of God really depends on God. So essentially, increasing (or decreasing) this is beyond our control. However, how about becoming poorer in spirit? We do this whenever we regulate our egos. That is, if we think too highly of ourselves, we need to think less of ourselves. Similarly, whenever we think too little of ourselves, we need to give ourselves more of a chance. In either case, we become poorer in spirit. And voila! The poorer in spirit we become, according to the preceding paragraphs, the happier we become. That’s amazing! And it explains why Jesus was such a champion of the poor in spirit.

Who would have guessed that such a revelation could come from a simple fraction!

March

Birthdays

- 8 *Drew Roslund*
- 9 *Lady Phasha*
- 12 *Bert Harley*
- 13 *Philip King*
- 13 *Martin Baker*
- 17 *Max Glenn*
- 23 *Mary Brelsford*
- 25 *Elaine Pruett*
- 31 *Peggy Lindsay*



Anniversaries

- 3 *Natasha & Marc Martin*



Volume 2 of the March Newsletter

There will be a Volume 2 of the March Newsletter.

It will include information or articles about . . .

- ◆ Easter Sunday (April 1)
- ◆ YCPC's participation in the monthly dinners for the homeless at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Newport
- ◆ A brief history of The Fabricators and . . .
- ◆ Who created this banner for the sanctuary



Canterbury Forum - March 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Waldport Community Center, 265 NW Hemlock Street

The inaugural meeting of the Canterbury Forum will be on **March 17th from 1–3 p.m. at the Waldport Community Center, 265 NW Hemlock St. (Hwy 34). Emeritus Professor of Religion Dr. Brian Jones** will be lecturing and leading a discussion on the topic "Fundamentalist Christianity, Christian Zionism and American Politics."

The Canterbury Forum is a gathering of mainstream and progressive religious communities on the central coast to hear lectures and engage in conversation about religious issues relevant to the relationship between religion and the broader society and culture - including science, history, and the arts. The Forum invites all who regard faith and reason as partners rather than antagonists to join in this collective and collaborative effort to educate and to promote an informed, welcoming and compassionate approach to religion and social engagement.

Ushers and Worship Assistants

If you'd like to serve as an usher or worship assistant but don't sign up because you're not really sure what's involved . . . check with Betsy Maxfield about ushering or with Betty Groth about assisting.

Jeannine's New Schedule . . . Off on Wednesday

FYI . . . Jeannine (Administrative Assistant) now works four days a week in the office, with Wednesdays off. Pastor Bob works on Wednesday, so the office hours are still Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 10:00 Worship 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
11 Daylight Savings Time 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	12 10:00 Stewardship and Finance Committee	13 9:00 Building and Grounds Committee 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	14 9:30 Deacons 1:00 Yachats Arts Guild	15 9:00 Choir 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	16 9:30 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Group	17 St. Patrick's Day 2:00 Organ-Aided Reflections 5:00 St. Patrick's Day Dinner DINNER CANCELED
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