



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

May 2018

Special Mission Giving for May Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Pentecost Special Offering

Our Special Mission Giving for May is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Pentecost Special Offering.

Sunday bulletins for May will include an insert explaining how the offering is used, as well as envelopes for your gifts.

The bulletin board in the narthex also features the Pentecost Special Offering.

Remembrance Sunday, May 27

The Sunday before Memorial Day we take time during worship to remember members and friends of YCPC, and their loved ones, who died during the past year (since last Memorial Day). If you would like someone included in this year's Remembrance Service, please e-mail or call the office and let Jeannine know their name and the date of death.

We also lift up the names of veterans (living and deceased) and currently-serving members of the U. S. Armed Forces. Please call or e-mail the office and let Jeannie know the name and branch of service of anyone you would like included (541-547-3400/agatechurch@peak.org.)

Summer Hymn Sing

Beginning Sunday, June 3 . . .

- ◆ . . . every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. we'll sing a few of your favorite hymns.
- ◆ Beginning May 6 . . . the bulletins will include space to list your suggestions, which you can then place in the offering plate.
- ◆ You can also e-mail your suggestions to Jeannine at agatechurch@peak.org, or you can drop your suggestion off in the office



April 2018 Session Highlights

Betty Groth, Clerk of Session

Membership

- ◆ Gale and Maren Porter were received by the Waldport Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 15, and have been removed from the YCPC active member roll. We send them our love and blessings as they continue their journey of faith.
 - ◆ Member Janet Potter joined the Church Triumphant on April 5, 2018.
 - ◆ Session approved dismissing and recommending Betty Jenness to the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw (PCS) in Florence, Oregon. She will be removed from the YCPC rolls upon notification that she has been received by PCS.
- There are now people 49 people on the YCPC Active Member Roll.

Attendance

- ◆ Communion was served to 50 in worship and to 5 at Sea Aire Assisted Living Center March 4.
- ◆ Average worship attendance for the month of March was 44.

Treasurer's Report

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| ◆ Year through February General Fund Income <i>Budgeted</i> | \$34,047 |
| ◆ Year through February General Fund Income Received | 30,942 |
| ◆ Year through February Actual <u>Expenses</u> | \$33,638 |

Session Business

- ◆ On June 7, 2018, there will be an all-day meeting with Brian Heron, Presbyter for Vision and Mission. Events will include a luncheon with the session and a congregational gathering in the evening.
- ◆ Randy Lodjic will fill the pulpit May 13 and May 20 while Pastor Bob and family are on vacation.
- ◆ Session approved allowing Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra to use the YCPC kitchen and to collect donations for the refreshments for its upcoming concert (May 4, 2018) and for future concerts at YCPC.
- ◆ There will be a 'formal' recognition of Mary Wiltse during May 6 worship and fellowship before she moves.
- ◆ Session approved support of the 'Relay for Life' this Summer. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Bob know. More details to follow.
- ◆ Session approved a church rummage sale to be held June 8 and 9.
- ◆ The Elders will have a dinner meeting May 3 to discuss the "Fears/Worries and Dreams for YCPC" submitted by Elders and Deacons during their combined retreat earlier this year.

Dates

May 3 - Elders "Fears/Worries and Dreams for YCPC" Meeting/Dinner
May 18 – Families Together Dinner
May 23 – May Stated Session Meeting
June 7 – Visit from Brian Heron, Presbyter of Vision and Mission



Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

A Stone's Throw

I'm a stone. I live a fairly sedentary life, and I get around with the help of others (usually humans) who either slide me or push me wherever they need me to go. I'm pretty stoic by nature. I'm a bit heavy-set. So, I don't roll from place to place like my smaller stonemates do. I used to wish I were smaller, like they are.

One day, some humans were looking for someone to guard an entrance to one of their tombs. They searched and searched for someone tall enough and broad enough to guard that entrance. They finally found one of their own, but that person (much smaller than I) preferred to stand a short distance away from the entrance. Who knows why. On the other hand, I was willing to get up close and personal, at least as much as a stone can get. So, after that chosen person took a position a short distance from the entrance, those who had chosen that person pushed me up against the entrance. Lucky me!

In due time, stirring began within that tomb. This stirring was strange enough. But soon, I felt a stirring within me. That's really unheard of for a stoic like me. I became so excited that I wanted to tell everyone about what was happening inside that tomb. I didn't know how to run. The best I could do was to roll for the first time in my life. As hard as that was for me, I at least got out to where the human guard was standing.

You should have seen the look on that guard's face. I'd say it was a mixture of fear and awe. The human seemed to be confused as to what to do. While the human was still looking at me in shock and disbelief (probably because of me), I saw another human come out of that tomb and disappear. I was trying to tell that human guard what I saw. However, I think that guard's attention was focused too much on me, and not on what was truly amazing: namely, that human who exited the tomb and disappeared.

There we stood together, just a stone's throw away from history, waiting for the dawn and the women who would come with it to attend to that amazing human.

Book Group Does NOT Meet in May

Next Meeting Is Friday, June 15, 10:30 a.m. - McGuire Room

The Book Group will NOT meet in May because many of us have grandchildren who are graduating and will be with them.

For the June 15th meeting, we will be reading any favorite children's book or author. What was your favorite book when you were growing up? Nancy Drew Mystery? Hardy Boys? Charlotte's Web? The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe? Did you have a favorite author? Dr. Seuss? Margaret Wise Brown? We decided each of us would give a mini-book and author report. Some of us may choose an author the rest of us haven't heard about!

For July, we decided to read "Astoria" by Peter Stark. This story is about the settling of the Astoria area by John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson. They had a vision to establish a fur trading company and push out any other country (mainly the English). This action would allow Jefferson to secure a democracy "from sea to shining sea." Astor sent two parties—one by sea and one by land. What happened to this endeavor is truly amazing! This book was published in 2013 and can be found in both Yachats and Waldport libraries. It is also available for the Kindle.

Please join us! We'd love to see some new faces. Any questions? Call Mary Emma at 541-547-3520.

REPRINT FROM APRILNEWSLETTER

Changes to the Agate Windows Newsletter

At some point in the future . . . the Agate Windows newsletter will be prepared using a different software, resulting in a different “look.”

In addition, **depending on YOUR input**, the newsletter content can also be changed. Please let us know what you like about the newsletter and what you would like to see changed, e. g., what does it include that you look forward to reading? What do you wish the newsletter included? Please e-mail your feedback either to Pastor Bob at agatepastor@peak.org or to Jeannine at agatechurch@peak.org.

If you don't receive the newsletter via e-mail please call the office at 541-547-3400 and share you thoughts with Bob or Jeannine.

So far, we've only heard from two people . . . looking forward to further input.

Donations Needed for YCPC Rummage Sale . . .

. . . to be held in the Fellowship Hall, Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Start thinking about what you would like to donate: gently used household items, tools, home décor (framed pictures and artwork, decorative vases, etc.), collectibles, sheet music, books, CD's, DVD's. **NO CLOTHING, please.** Further details as to when to bring your donations to the church will follow.

Proceeds from the rummage sale will go into the YCPC general fund.

If you have questions or would like to help, please see Betsy Maxfield or Sharon Bliss.

Calling All Ushers!!

Sign-Up Sheets for Ushers are in the Fellowship Hall.

Ushering Sunday mornings is a great way to make everyone, especially visitors, feel welcome in our church.

If you would like to serve as an usher but you aren't really sure what that involves, please see Usher Coordinator, Betsy Maxfield, or Worship and Music Committee members Fran Morse or Sue Finlayson. They would be delighted tell you more!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	2 9:30 Fragrance Committee	3 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship and Music Committee 5:30 Elders Dinner Meeting	4 12:00 Fellowship 7:00 Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra	5 4:00 Presentation: Climate Change
6 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:00 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire	7	8 9:00 Building and Grounds 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	9 9:30 Deacons	10 9:00 Choir 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	11	12
13 Mother's Day 10:00 Worship (Randy Lodjic) 11:00 Fellowship (Special Treats for Mother's Day)	14 10:00 Stewardship and Finance Committee	15 Office Closed 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	16 Office Closed	17 Office Closed 9:00 Choir 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	18 Office Closed 9:30 Master Gardeners 6:00 Families Together	19 3:00 Organ Meditation w/Jon Nestor
20 10:00 Worship (Randy Lodjic) 11:00 Fellowship	21	22 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	23 9:30 Session	24 9:00 Choir 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	25	
27 Remembrance Sunday 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	29 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	30 10:00 Yachats Arts Guild	31 9:00 Choir 6:00 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal		



May Birthdays

- 4 Skyler Bursey
- 9 Gretchen Armstrong
- 9 Marc Martin
- 10 Kristin Roslund
- 11 Azure Salerno
- 13 Ginny Hafner
- 14 Larry Thornton
- 24 Jon Nestor
- 26 June Elliot
- 29 Jerry Freet
- 29 Betty Groth
- 29 Michelle Korgan



Anniversaries

- 6 Celia & JD Deriberprey
- 11 Elaine & Brian Pruett
- 25 Elaine & Bert Harley

The office will be closed May 15 through 18.

Pastor Bob will be on vacation beginning Friday, May 11.

Jeannine will be on vacation beginning Tuesday, May 15.

They will both be back in the office Monday, May 21.



Pride Sunday, June 3

Join us as we celebrate **Yachats Pride** at YCPC, Sunday, June 3, at our regular 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Yachats Pride Weekend is a reminder for us to live out our baptismal promise to respect and affirm the inherent dignity and worth of every human being. Yachats Pride Weekend is an opportunity to let everyone know that we, as people who call upon the name of Christ, are against discrimination of any kind toward any group of people; a time to declare that this is a matter of social justice that touches all our lives.

EVERYONE, no matter how they identify, is welcome. Everyone has a place at our table.

Details for all of the Yachats Pride events can be found at <http://yachatspride.org/>