



A Welcoming, Come-As-You-Are, Christ-Centered Community Church

Agate Windows Newsletter

And I will make thy windows of agates Isaiah 54:12

October 2018

Dates to Save . . . October and November

Saturday, October 13, 3:00 p.m., Organ-Aided Reflections by Jon Nestor

Thursday, October 18, 10:30 a.m., Weekly Coffee with Pastor Bob Resumes, see page 2

Friday, October 19, 10:30 a.m., Book Group, see page 3

Saturday, October 20, 1:00 p.m., Waldport, The Canterbury Forum, see page 3

Monday, October 22, 12:00 Noon, Weekly Lectionary Study Resumes, see page 2

Friday, October 26, 6:00 p.m., Families Together, see page 3

Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 p.m., Annual All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, November 16, 7:00 p.m., Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Concert

Believe It or Not, Fall Is Upon Us. That Means . . .

Halloween! Followed, quick as a wink, by Thanksgiving!!

And Thanksgiving is a bit early this year—November 22—so the YCPC All-Church Thanksgiving potluck will be held Wednesday, November 14—a mere month from now.

And then, it will be Advent! . . . believe it or not.



Weekly Coffee with Pastor Bob
Resumes Thursday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.

Join Pastor Bob at the church every Thursday morning at 10:30 for an informal discussion on a variety of subjects of interest to our congregation, our church and our world.

There's no set agenda, just a time to get together and talk, over a cup of coffee, or tea or water.

Weekly Lunchtime Lectionary Study Group with Pastor Bob
Resumes Monday, October 22, 12:00 Noon . . . Bring Your Lunch

Join Pastor Bob and others for a discussion of the upcoming lectionary readings. It's a great opportunity to share contextual information that goes into studying for and writing the sermon.

Here's why these folks enjoy the discussions . . .

I enjoy the discussion and free exchange of viewpoints. Most of us "lay" people do not have the benefit of a seminary education concerning the background and context of the scriptures, so I often come away with a fresh perspective and insights I may never have considered, not only from Bob, but also from the others around the table. This is Bible Study at its best. **Nan Scott**

I attend the lectionary study group because it is a time to gather with other Christians, read chosen lectionary scripture passages and discuss. The discussion is very open, thoughtful, and enjoyable. Then Bob can use some of our thoughts if he so chooses - interesting to hear the sermon after discussing the passages. **Ginny Hafner**

I have been to two lectionary studies and will become a regular attendee. It feels good to be included in the thinking that goes into the sermon. It is a way for all of us there to share reactions and feelings about the text, and makes it very much more meaningful. It feels like being a real "congregation." **Fran Morse**

I attend the lectionary study group mostly because I admire and trust the perspectives of the other group members. I experience them as safe people to share thoughts, questions and even doubts with; and I know that I'll hear useful views that may not have occurred to me. **Randy Lodjic**

I like to prepare myself for the worship experience. While I was an active pastor for 50 years, I typically began my sermon prep for any particular Sunday about a month or so before, then worked on it through the weeks. It means a lot to me to feel that I have plumbed the depths of my soul to prepare to answer Christ. **Karl Evans**

Book Group, Friday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.

Mary Emma Parks

Did you have a role model when you were younger? Was that person known for a certain sport? Did that person influence you to try the sport at which she or he was so good? Ever wonder why people are so interested in sports? Remember when Charles Barkley said he'd never be a role model?

This month the Book Group is reading about sports figures' lives. Our discussion will focus on mini-reports and what we've learned about our chosen person...and how that person has influenced our society. Suggestions: Gertrude Ederle (swimming), Babe Didrikson Zaharias (golf, basketball, baseball, track and field), Muhammad Ali (boxing), Babe Ruth (baseball), Billie Jean King (tennis), Arthur Ashe (tennis), Mia Hamm (soccer), Michael Jordan (basketball), Mary Lou Retton (gymnastics), Joe Montana (football), Jackie Joyner-Kersey (track and field). Why, even "The Boys In the Boat" were famous when they won first place in 8-man crew at the 1936 Olympics!

The Book Group is open to all who love to read. Usually we choose a theme or topic each month, but love to have people attend who have "gone outside our theme" so we are introduced to all kinds of books.

We'd love to have you join us on October 19 at 10:30 at the church.

Canterbury Forum, Saturday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. Waldport Community Center, 265 NW Hemlock Street (Hwy 34)

The October 20 presentation is "May I Die Now? Death with Dignity: Law, Ethics and Religion." It will focus on the spectrum of issues that arise when a person considers assisted suicide as permitted in Oregon under the Death with Dignity statute.

The panel to discuss these issues will be The Rev. Dr. Judith Jones, Brent Burford and Virginia Hafner. Each panel member brings unique training and experience to bear on the question. Dr. Jones is a biblical scholar and Episcopal priest; Brent Burford is a retired Texas attorney; and Ginny Hafner, a retired school counselor with a continuing interest in grief counseling, has personal experience with the application of this Oregon Statute.

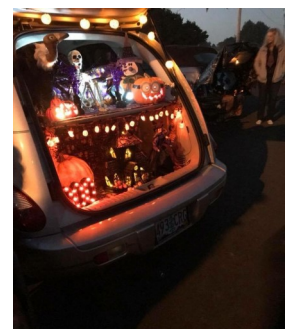
Families Together Friday, October 26, 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun family time that includes: dinner, reading and crafts!

Each child will receive a free copy of the featured book. For more information call Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program at 541-547-4599.

Halloween is October 31. Hmmmm . . .

Seems likely that Families Together will be a time for costumes and Trunk or Treat!!





Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

Count Them If You Can (Part #5)

Last month, I described how compassion operates in the Era of the Spirit (which Jesus ushered in). Please recall that the key ingredient of Jesus' Revolution is compassion. Along with understanding how compassion operates, it's important to understand what its fruits are. That is, what are the results of the genuine demonstration of compassion?

The first of these fruits is understanding. While the person showing compassion demonstrates her/his understanding of the other, more importantly the person receiving compassion affirms this understanding. Critically, this affirmation validates her/his subjective experience. That is, this acknowledgment is affirmation at the heart level – not a cognitive agreement with a textbook observation. You may know understanding by various synonyms, such as empathy or presence.

A second fruit of compassion is freedom. The giver of compassion has discovered a way to liberate the recipient of compassion from various forms of bondage. Perhaps the recipient of compassion lacks the ability or opportunity to express how her/his situation is impeding her/his development toward a particular objective. Perhaps the receiver of compassion has a hidden (unknown to her/himself) need that the giver of compassion not only makes obvious, but also meets/exceeds.

A third and perhaps the most substantial fruit of compassion is blessing. In the act of demonstrating compassion, both the giver and receiver receive a blessing, usually in the form of life-transformation. That is, through blessing, at least the lives of giver and receiver become profoundly changed for the better. Jesus understood this. His miracles and teachings were devoted to communicating God's compassionate nature and to urging us to offer compassion to others. In demonstrating compassion to others, we live in the New Testament style Jesus intended for us. Moreover, in demonstrating compassion to others, we become blessings ourselves.

In short, Jesus' revolution for compassion has resulted in each of us receiving one blessing after another. I invite you to join me in recalling as many of these blessings in your personal life as possible. I submit that whenever we do this, our recalling our blessings not only renders us more thankful, but also makes us more likely to demonstrate compassion in our own lives, and therefore join Jesus' revolution.

I challenge you to discover the blessings which you have received. In fact, count them if you can!

South Lincoln Resources Holiday Food Baskets



Members and friends of YCPC donate food for the South Lincoln Resources Holiday Food Baskets for individuals and families who would not otherwise enjoy the traditional holiday meals of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There is a container in the narthex for donations of canned and packaged goods for the Holiday Food Baskets. Suggested items are: turkey dressing mix, applesauce, cranberry sauce, Jell-O, mixed fruit, peaches, yams, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, tomatoes, chili, tuna, soup, beef stew.

Applications for the Holiday Food Baskets are in an envelope near the container in the narthex.



September Session Highlights

Membership

There has been no change in membership since the June stated session meeting. The Yachats Community Presbyterian Church Active Member Roll remains at 48 members.

Attendance

Communion was served to 52 in worship on August 5 and to 7 at Sea Aire Assisted Living Facility. Average worship attendance for the month of June was 59

Treasurer's Report

Year through August General Fund Income <i>Budgeted</i>	\$90,792
Year through August General Fund Income Received	<u>90,008</u>
Year through August Actual <u>Expenses</u>	\$88,923

Session Business

- Session approved dedicating the local portion (50%) of the Peace Making Offering in October to help victims of domestic violence.
- Session approved the August 15, 2018 Stated Session Meeting Minutes as printed.
- Session approved to schedule the October Stated Session Meeting for October 24, 2018..
- Session approved the motion "to adopt a policy that the Session obtain guidance from the Finance Committee concerning the use of new bequests, endowments, permanent funds, lifetime annuities, fair market value contributions and similar donations. "
- Session approved a motion to authorize Pastor Bob Barrett to purchase and install a programmable thermostat in the fellowship hall for up to \$70.

FYI

YCPC hosted a Presbytery Annual Records Review on September 20, 2018. Two session clerks attended: Betty Groth of YCPC and Barbara Hare of Waldport Community Presbyterian Church. This review was the second of fourteen in the four regions of Presbytery.

Dates from this Session Meeting

- November 16, 2018 Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Concert
- May 3, 2019 Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Concert

Note: The September Session Minutes will not be approved until the next Stated Session Meeting October 24, 2018. Amendments and/or additions may be made that will affect these highlights.

October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 12:00 Lectionary Study	2 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	3 10:00 – 2:00 Flu Shot Clinic	4 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship/Music 10:30 Hand Bells NO Coffee with Pastor Bob	5 12:00 Fellowship Committee	6
7 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:00 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire	8 10:00 Stewardship & Finance 12:00 Lectionary Study	9 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 9:00 Choir 10:30 Hand Bells NO Coffee with Pastor Bob 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	12	13 3:00 Organ-Aided Meditations
14 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship (Apple Desserts Potluck)	15 NO Lectionary Study	16 9:00 Building & Grounds 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	17 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 Deacons	18 9:00 Choir 10:30 Coffee with Pastor Bob 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	19 9:00 Master Gardeners 10:30 Book Group	20 12:30 – 2:30 Cooking with Mushrooms
21 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	22 12:00 Lectionary Study	23 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	24 9:30 Session	25 9:00 Choir 10:30 Coffee with Pastor Bob 6:00 Big Band Rehearsal	26 6:00 Families Together	27
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