



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

Agate Windows Newsletter

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

March 2019

Weekly Lenten Study Begins Wednesday, March 13

Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:00 p.m. for soup and study.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 16, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, \$8.00 . . . All You Can Eat!!





The Book Group meets at the church the third Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Following is the YCPC Book Group Line-Up through June . . .

March 15—discuss a fiction or non-fiction adventure story.

April 11—attend Newport Reads! at the Newport Performing Arts Center. The author is John Larison and his book is *Whiskey When We're Dry*. There will be no meeting at the church to discuss this book. Please read it and attend the talk at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W. Olive Street, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

May 17—discuss a self-help book. Choose any self-help book (there are LOTS in the Yachats Library) and prepare a quick mini book report for the rest of us.

June 21—discuss *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder

Questions? See Mary Emma Parks.

Saturday, March 23, 2:00 p.m., YCPC Fellowship Hall

Yachats Academy of Arts & Sciences Presents

Extreme Photography by Greg Scott

Journey to the high desert plateau of northern Argentina where the air is crystal clear and very dry. Experience salt flats, volcanos, folded mountains and wind sculpted rock.

While these features exist in other places, the concentration and diversity found in the Altiplano desert makes this area a unique and largely undiscovered place to visit.

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

Waldport Food Backpacks for Kids at Crestview Heights School

Yachats Community Presbyterian Church partners with Waldport Food Backpacks for Kids so that no child will go hungry.

Donations may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the church at P. O. Box 285, Yachats, OR 97498. 100% of all money donated goes to purchase food for the kids. Donations of food or money may also be dropped off at the church.

NOTE: Banking laws are changing so checks must be made payable to “Yachats Community Presbyterian Church” with “Backpack Program” in the memo line.



New Session Committee

In our February meeting, the YCPC session agreed to form a new church committee.

The focus of this committee is Creation Justice. In the next few weeks the committee will have its first gathering. This meeting will be a time of discernment and sharing our experiences, concerns, ideas and hopes concerning the care of God’s creation.

If you have an interest (maybe even a passion) for caring for God’s creation and would like to know more about this committee, please contact Betty Groth (betty.r.groth@gmail.com) 503-319-2075).

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has posted a wonderful Lenten Devotional centered on creation care and justice. You can find it here:

<http://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-Lenten-Study-Web.pdf>



A Night for Uriah Raises \$7,700.00!

On Saturday, February 9, YCPC was pleased to provide the venue for a fundraiser for two-year-old Uriah Moore and his parents, Regina and Glen. Just after Christmas Uriah was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a fairly rare form of cancer. Only 800 cases are diagnosed in the U.S. each year . . . and it is more common among infants and toddlers.

On February 6, the Newport News Times published an article with details about Uriah, his diagnosis, the family's needs, the many ways the community is providing support, and advertising the *Night for Uriah* fundraiser. The article is on-line at <https://newportnewstimes.com/article/fundraiser-planned-for-toddler-tackling-cancer>.

Following is an excerpt from the Newport News Times article of February 6 describing how the *Night for Uriah* fundraiser came to be . . .

The lead organizer of the fundraiser is local business owner Raychel McCabe, who had never met the family before hearing about Uriah's illness. When she heard their story, she said, her heart broke for the family. She is especially able to empathize because of her own experiences—when her daughter was three years old, her family had a scare on Christmas Eve.

The pediatrician told us we had to rush up to OHSU, McCabe remembers. Luckily, it had been a contaminated sample from the Newport Hospital, but I remember the feeling of just being terrified that my daughter was going to die. And for them it was a similar situation: he's almost three years old, they went up on Christmas Eve to OHSU — but, for them, the result was much scarier. And so I really felt for them.

Feeling an immediate need to help, McCabe used the greatest resource she had: her community connections.

I already knew that we lived in a really incredible community, said McCabe. When things get tough for families ... everyone around here just wants to help.

Businesses have donated gift certificates and goods to be auctioned off at A Night for Uriah, the fundraiser that McCabe has organized: now we just really need to get people to come to the event and bid on those things to raise money for the family.

Indeed!! LOTS of people came to *A Night for Uriah!* Even though it was a rainy, stormy night, the parking lots and the fellowship hall were packed!

The dinner featured a taco bar that “opened” at 4:00 in the afternoon. The event included live music, a cake walk and a silent auction.

The proceeds are being used to help cover medical expenses for Uriah.



Flickers from the Flame

The Merchant in the Marketplace (Part #3)

(Parts 1 and 2 were published in November and December)

Jon Nestor

In November, I talked about the practice of compassion in the practice of doing business is the distinguishing mark of the church in the world. Furthermore, I considered whether the church is maintaining its distinction from the world, and suggested that the church indeed maintains its distinction from the world whenever the people representing the church avoid submitting to the forces at work in the world.

In December, I continued investigating the phenomenon of the church in the world by talking about the paradox of being human. This paradox is important because the church's business is conducted by humans, and as humans, they have access to two different realms – one earthly, the other Heavenly.

With this preparation, how can we who care about the church and/or who represent the church avoid succumbing to the forces at work in the world? To get started, I suggest that we take a close look at the term and person of “neighbor”. I'll speak from my own experience. However, as I do this, I invite you to think of this concept and person in terms of your own experience.

As a child, I learned that a neighbor is a person living in my neighborhood. For me at that age, this meant either the people living next door to us, across the street from us, or possibly, the people living within a reasonably close distance to our house – and usually on the same block of the same street as we were living on. When I made friends at school, even though I spent more time with them than I might have with people who I hardly knew, my friends were not my neighbors unless they lived on the same block of the same street that I lived on. Meanwhile, if I hardly knew a person, or if Heaven forbid – I did not get along with someone on the same block of the same street that I lived on, these latter people were still my neighbors.

This concept of “neighbor” demonstrates what I call a “concrete” way of thinking. That is, it is a style of thinking that is not only well-defined, but also practically absolute. In this style of thinking, clarity predominates, exceptions are either not allowed or not tolerated, and conceptions were learned from sources outside ourselves.

Parts 4 and 5 to be published in future issues . . .

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>March 2019</i>						
3 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:00 Fellowship 1:00 Communion at Sea-Aire	4 Building Closed for Carpet Cleaning	5 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 <i>Worship at Waldport Presbyterian</i>	7 9:00 Choir	8 12:00 Fellowship Committee	9
10 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	11 10:00 Stewardship and Finance Committee 12:00 Lectionary Study	12 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	13 9:30 Deacons 6:00 <i>Lenten Study</i>	14 9:00 Choir 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	15 10:30 Book Club	16 3:00 Organ-Aided Meditations 5:00 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship (St. Patrick's Day Potluck)	18 12:00 Lectionary Study	19 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	20 9:30 Session 6:00 <i>Lenten Study</i>	21 9:00 Choir 6:00-8:30 Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	22 6:00 Families Together	23 2:00 Extreme Photography By Greg Scott
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