



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

Agate Windows Newsletter

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

April 2019

Holy Week and Easter at YCPC and Waldport Presbyterian

April 14, 10:00 a.m., Palm Sunday Worship

April 18, 7:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Worship, Waldport Presbyterian

April 19, 7:00 p.m., Good Friday Worship, Tenebrae Service (see page 3)

April 20, 10:00 a.m., Easter Saturday, Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

**April 21, 6:47 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service at State Park
(followed by refreshments at the church)**

April 21, 10:00 a.m., Easter Worship!



Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., at YCPC

Donations of Easter candy, small toys and plastic eggs are now being accepted for our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20. Please place your donations in the large bowls in the Fellowship Hall.

See also sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. **Questions?** See Pam Luderitz.



Mission Giving during Lent and Easter is . . .

. . . One Great Hour of Sharing, a Special Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Bulletins will include information about how your gifts will be used and a giving envelope.

Following is a brief history of this Special Offering.

One Great Hour of Sharing – 70th Anniversary

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, the offering was repeated, using the name *One Great Hour of Sharing* for the first time.

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; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development.

The millions of dollars that Presbyterians have given since 1949 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. Whether they take the form of immediate relief to people experiencing a time of crisis or of partnerships with communities focused on long-term solutions to chronic problems, your gifts are a powerful tangible witness to the healing love of Christ for all people.

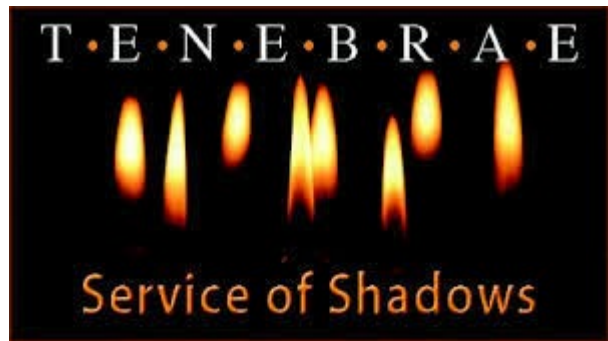
Waldport Food Backpacks for Kids at Crestview Heights School

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.

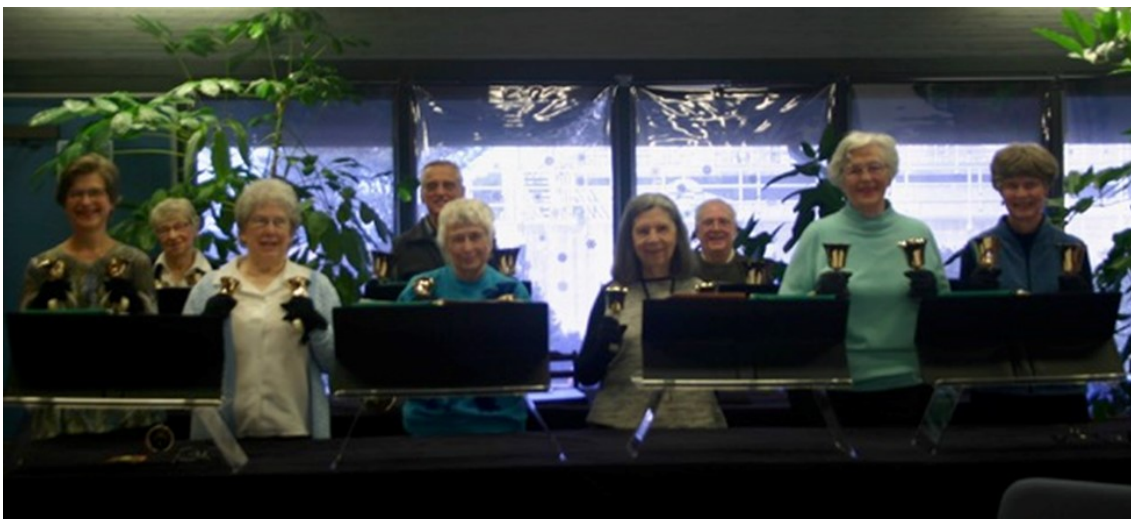
NOTE: Banking laws are changing so checks must be made payable to "Yachats Community Presbyterian Church" with "Backpack Program" in the memo line.

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service at YCPC
April 19, 7:00 p.m.



What is a Tenebrae service? The word "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.

This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.



YCPC Bell Choir (photo by Jim O'Brien)

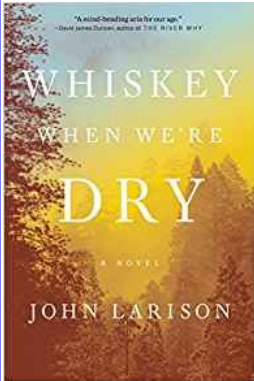
The YCPC Bell Choir will be playing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

The April Book Group to Attend Newport Reads

Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Newport Performing Arts Center

The Book Group will not have a meeting in April, *per se*, but each person is urged to read the book *Whiskey When You're Dry* by John Larison and attend the FREE "Newport Reads" presentation by that author on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 7:00 PM at the Newport Performing Arts Center.



Synopsis: In the spring of 1885, seventeen-year-old Jessilyn Harney finds herself orphaned and alone on her family's homestead. Desperate to fend off starvation and predatory neighbors, she cuts off her hair, binds her chest, saddles her beloved mare, and sets off across the mountains to find her outlaw brother Noah and bring him home. A talented sharpshooter herself, Jess's quest lands her in the employ of the territory's violent, capricious Governor, whose militia is also hunting Noah--dead or alive. Told in Jess's wholly original and unforgettable voice, *Whiskey When We're Dry* is a story as expansive as America itself--and a reckoning with the myths that are entwined with our history.

This book has been getting mixed reviews because of its portrayal of down-to-earth outlaw life in the 1880's. It's hard for us in 2019 to imagine that a woman would become an "outlaw" for the love of family.

Join many of us at the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, April 11, to listen to the author discuss the book.

Per Capita ... What's that?

The concept of a per capita assessment may be new to you if your history has been in a different denomination. Per Capita pays for a structure that allows the Presbytery to fund ministry beyond the capacity of any one congregation. Among other things, Per Capita: allows the Stated Clerk to answer your questions; it pays for the Administrative Manager to send you the forms you need when you need them; it pays mileage for Commission on Ministry members as they visit with sessions; it supports the software and systems behind the Cascades Connections e-blast; and it pays for meetings where the Leadership Commission is finding fresh vision for this new day so that we can do more together and bless our world. **For 2019, the Per Capita apportionment for each member is \$35.50.**

Signs of spring and hope are all around. As we look toward Easter and new life, please remember your gifts to the church in support of the important work we do in God's name. As of March 31, the end of the first quarter, the General Fund is more than \$2,700 overdrawn and estimated giving is down 3%. Even when you are not here, the bills still come in. Please make sure that your intended giving is up to date. You can check with Brenda Maxfield if you need to know where you stand or need to make an adjustment to your estimate . . . **and thank you for your faithful giving.**

Nan Scott, Treasurer

Flickers from the Flame - The Merchant in the Marketplace (Conclusion)

Jon Nestor



As I grew up, I came to think of my neighbor as a person I cared about. No longer did my neighbor have to live on the same block of the same street that I did. This expansion of the term and person of “neighbor” was at first challenging, but ultimately doable. For me, this expansion was possible because it was relatively easy (not to mention safe) to think of those I cared about, and especially my friends, as neighbors. Strangely, I never thought of my family members – neither nuclear nor extended – as neighbors, even though we loved each other, shared the same house and/or the same family heritage.

I was feeling fairly proud of my progress in this expansion when one of my teachers said, “What about those you ride the bus with? Would you consider them as your neighbors? After giving that some thought, I decided, “As long as they . . ., I think I can do that.” On the one hand, I was willing to take this expansion to “the next level”. However, I was only willing to do this if these “new” people met certain conditions that I identified.

When I began to ride the bus to work, I faced a new challenge in my expansion of the person of neighbor. I often found myself sitting near (or with) people who were totally different from me. They came from diverse backgrounds, circumstances, traditions, and had different (sometimes opposite) interests, goals, values, behavioral expectations, and ways of being than I had. Often, they were strangers to me. Could I consider these people as my neighbors? On the one hand, I preferred not to think of them as neighbors. In fact, sometimes I couldn’t wait to get off the bus, so that they would be “out of sight, out of mind”. However, weren’t these people the very people that Jesus considered as neighbors?

This type of expanded thinking demonstrates what I call “increasingly relative” thought. On the one hand, clarity diminishes, exceptions are at least examined, and evidence of internal sources of thought appear. In my case, I “tried out” the challenges of others. Sometimes I accepted parts of those challenges, but did not accept the challenges whole-heartedly, as demonstrated by my putting conditions on my accepting them (e.g. whenever I said “as long as”).

I use the term “relative” in the sense of “relational”. That is, I was willing to alter some of my original learning by “trying out” the challenges presented to me by others. I began by thinking them through, and then testing my newly-adopted ideas with practical experience, putting the ones that worked into practice, and discarding whichever original ideas had lost their effectiveness. The more relative my thinking became, the more I could tolerate differences, and the more my own thinking came to influence my ideas. In short, I was growing.

Some of the challenges I faced in learning to think relatively came from unexpected sources. Time proved to be one of these challenges. For instance, my conversations with people lasted only until they got off the bus I was riding. Sometimes I felt that I had barely had a chance to begin testing out new ideas when the people with whom I was visiting reached their stops. At others, the demands of my own time schedule permitted only short visits with people.

At times such as my above illustrations demonstrate, I discovered the importance of thinking my ideas through. Time could limit the type or amount of contact I had with other people. But it could not interfere with my thinking ideas through, which I had learned from whatever contacts I had. As I continued to think through my new ideas, I eventually came to wonder how I might – or might not – be a neighbor in the hearts and minds of other people. In doing this, my relative thinking had begun to become communal in nature. That is, I was becoming aware that I was not only an individual, but also an individual within a community.

The longer I continued to think through my new ideas, the more I became convinced of the importance of becoming an authentic individual, as well as using that authentic individuality within a community of authentic individuals. While some people emphasize the importance of one of these two missions over the other, to me both are equally important. Also, addressing these two missions is not a linear process. That is, pursuing these two missions requires a tolerance for incompleteness. That is, neither mission can be fully accomplished before the other begins.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 12:00 Lectionary Study	2 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	3 NO Lenten Study	4 9:00 Choir	5 12:00 Fellowship Committee 3:30 Creation Care Eco-Justice	6
7 10:00 Worship (Randy Lodjic) 11:00 Fellowship	8 10:00 Stewardship & Finance 12:00 Lectionary Study	9 9:00 Building & Grounds 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	10 9:30 Deacons 6:00 Lenten Study	11 9:00 Choir 10:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Big Band Rehearsal	12	13 10:00 – 2:00 Elders/Deacons Retreat
14 Palm Sunday 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	15 12:00 Lectionary Study	16 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	17 9:30 Session 6:00 Lenten Study	18 Maundy Thursday 9:00 Choir 10:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Big Band Rehearsal 7:00 Worship at WALDPORTR	19 Good Friday 7:00 Tenebrae Service	20 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 3:00 Organ-Aided Reflections by Jon Nestor
21 Easter! 6:47 Sunrise Service (refreshments follow at YCPC) 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	22 12:00 Lectionary Study	23 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	24 10:45 Yachats Arts Guild	25 9:00 Choir 6:30 Big Band Rehearsal	26 9:00 Master Gardeners 6:00 Families Together	27
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