



## 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 2019, Part Two

### Mother's Day at YCPC . . .

**. . . enjoying special treats and flowers by the Fellowship Committee . . .** DJ made cream cheese and cucumber sandwiches; Hannah made scones; Charlene brought lemon curd sauce; Maggie made egg salad sandwiches; Doris made tuna sandwiches; Mary Emma made a relish tray; and Charlene made punch. In addition to the delicious treats, carnations of many colors were part of the cheery table decorations AND given to all the mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

**Many thanks to the members of the Fellowship Committee** for all the special things they do for us. (Next up from the Fellowship Committee—hot dogs and pies for Father's Day!)

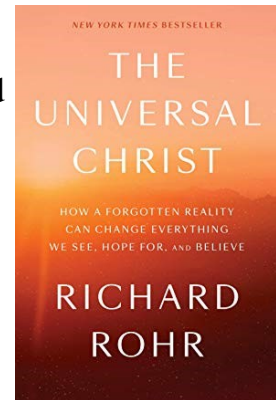


## Wednesday Evening Study

On Wednesday, May 15, we began an eight-week evening study of Richard Rohr's book, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*.

We've had a great turn out, and it's not too late to begin attending and join in the discussion. Books can be purchased online or through the church office. Just call and ask Jeannine to get you a copy.

A light supper is provided.



## YCPC Is Now Part of More Light Presbyterians

By unanimous vote of the session at its May 15 meeting, YCPC became part of More Light Presbyterians.

More Light Presbyterians works toward the full participation of LGBTQ people in the life, ministry and witness of the PC (USA) and in society.

We have, in effect, been an open and affirming congregation for many years, so it was an easy decision to become a More Light Congregation.

You can find lots of information about More Light Presbyterians as [www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org).

YCPC's More Light listing is at <https://mlp.org/our-churches/pg/13/>



## Pride Sunday, June 2

Join us as we celebrate **Yachats Pride** at YCPC Sunday, June 2, 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 . . . it 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>



## New Members, Kelly and John Simmons



**On April 28, 2019, Kelly and John Simmons were received** as members of YCPC. On May 12, John was ordained as a ruling elder and is now serving on the session as Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee.

Here's a bit more about Kelly and John . . .

**Kelly:** *Born in York, Pennsylvania, second of four children, lived in Colorado since the third grade. Loved my third grade teacher so much that I became one. I taught for 24 years before retiring four years ago. I had never been to Oregon until I met John. I'm so happy I get to call this church and town our home.*

**John:** *Born and raised in Portland then exiled to Colorado for 50 years. During that time I spent 40 years as an educator. After we retired we traveled for two and one half years and landed in Yachats. After prayerful consideration I agreed to serve as an elder in order to give back to the community that we are loving so much.*



## Waldport Food Backpacks for Kids at Crestview Heights School

As you know, YCPC partners with Waldport Food Backpacks for Kids so that no child will go hungry.

Also assisting in this program are the Yachats Homeschool Group students who weekly pack over 50 bags of food for delivery to Crestview School.



Following is a thank you note from Kristi Anderson, Advocate, Waldport Schools . . .

*Yachats Presbyterian Church Community,*

*Huge heartfelt thanks for all you have done in implementing Backpacks for Kids in our schools. The hard work and dedication of all of you has made a tremendous impact on our children and families. I am so proud to be a part of this supportive and caring place.*

*Warmly, Kristi Anderson*

Refreshments were offered during intermission at the Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Concert held Friday, May 3. Signage and an announcement before the concert indicated that 100% of the refreshment donations would go to the Backpacks for Kids program. **Total donations received was \$150.00!!!** Thanks to John and Nina Toeffer for this great idea!

**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.

## COMMUNITY Potlucks at YCPC

On Saturday, May 18, YCPC hosted a COMMUNITY Potluck, inviting folks to bring their favorite potluck dish and celebrate spring together. Here are just a few pictures from that evening.



**The NEXT COMMUNITY Potluck will be held Saturday, June 29, at 5:00 p.m.**

Bring your friends and your favorite potluck dishes and let's celebrate summer together!

Thanks to Pam Luderitz for coordinating these monthly COMMUNITY potlucks!

## YCPC Rummage Sale . . . Friday and Saturday June 21 and 22



**Further details will be in the June newsletter.**