



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

Agate Windows Newsletter

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

December 2019

Dates to Save/Things To Do at YCPC

This issue of the newsletter doesn't report on or provide pictures of things that have happened during the past month; rather it's to let you know the many things that will happen in December so you can save the dates and enjoy the events.

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent, "Hanging of the Greens"

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Leta's Legacy Quilters (EXCEPT Christmas Eve)

Tuesday, December 3 . . .

6:00 p.m., Ice Cream Social, Fellowship Hall, and then at . . .

7:00 p.m., The Eugene Gleemen Christmas Holiday Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 8, 2:00 p.m., YCPC Annual Community Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 14, 2:00 p.m., Organ-Aided Reflections by Jon Nestor

Friday, December 20, 1:00 p.m., Yachats Homeschool Group Holiday Variety Show

Friday, December 20, 6:00 p.m., Families Together Ornament Night

Saturday, December 21, 6:00 p.m., The Table, YCPC Community Potluck

Sunday, December 22, 7:00 p.m., Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 p.m., Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 28, 2:00 p.m., Organ-Aided Reflections by Jon Nestor

Sunday, December 1, "Hanging of the Greens"

Sunday, December 1, is the First Sunday of Advent. "Hanging of the Greens" will follow worship. Hanging of the Greens is an old tradition in which we prepare the church and our hearts for the Advent season. In the Hanging of the Greens we share with Christians throughout the ages the memory and anticipation of Christ's coming.

We decorate our church with the symbols of love, joy, hope, and peace. Why do we do this? To tell the story again and then proclaim: Jesus is born. God is with us!

Everyone is invited/encouraged to participate.

Tuesday, December 3, Holiday Treats and Concert . . .

. . . **6:00 p.m.**, Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall and then . . .

. . . **7:00 p.m.**, Christmas Holiday Concert in the Sanctuary by The Eugene Gleemen
Freewill offering to benefit the Yachats Food Pantry



Sunday, December 8, 2:00 p.m.

YCPC Annual Community Christmas Concert

Join us Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 p.m. for our Community Christmas Concert presented by the Choir and the Bell Choir, conducted by Milo Graamans.

Holiday refreshments will follow the concert in the Fellowship Hall.

Admission is free. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the South Lincoln Resources Holiday Food Baskets.

Next Book Group Discussion . . . Friday, January 24, 2020

Mary Emma Parks

The Book Group will not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 24. From now until then . . . read anything you like and be ready to recommend either a book or an author for the reading list in 2020. We will meet to hear your nominated selections.

Note: January 24 is a week later than normal, as some of us have another function scheduled on our regular meeting date.

The Book Group invites all who love to read to join us Friday, January 24, 2020, at 10:30 at the church. We'd love to see new faces and hear new voices.

Yachats Homeschool Group Holiday Variety Show

The Yachats Homeschool Group (YHG) Holiday Variety Show will be held Friday, December 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

If you'd like to experience a BIG DOSE of holiday fun, you will definitely get it from the YHG kids.

Friday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.



Families Together Ornament Night

Families Together Ornament Night features dinner, holiday story time, crafts, ornament making, and . . . Santa! The ornaments made during the evening may be taken home or added to the tree in the Fellowship Hall.

Ornament Night began several years ago as part of YCPC's partnership with Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program. Ornament Night is a fun holiday gathering for children of all ages, and attendance is usually well over 100.

Plan to join us for the meal and the fun.

The Table . . . Saturday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 21, for the monthly YCPC Community Potluck.

Bring your favorite main dish, side dish or dessert and enjoy a fun evening of good food and casual conversation.

December 22, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Longest Night/Blue Christmas Worship

For some, the wonder, joy and celebration of Christmas with its carols, parties, decorating, baking, gift-giving, and family time, can be overwhelming.

It can be a difficult time of intense sorrow and loneliness for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

We offer this special service of remembrance of those loved ones, of hope and assurance that the Lord is with us at these difficult times and longs for our healing to come through the love of God in Jesus Christ.



**Christmas Eve
December 24
7:00 p.m.
Service of
Candlelight
Carols
and
Communion**