



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

## Agate Windows Newsletter

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

### Dates to Save

Saturday, July 14, 7:00 p.m., Concert, *An Evening with Akia and Milo*, see below

Friday, July 20, 10:30, Book Group, Reading *Astoria*, see page 2

Saturday, July 21, 3:00 p.m., Organ-Aided Reflections by Jon Nestor, see page 4

Thursday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Red Cross Blood Drive, see page 2

Sunday, August 12, Church Picnic, Picnic Shelter behind the Commons, see page 5

Saturday, September 22, 11:00 a.m., Memorial Service for Dr. Philip King, see page 3

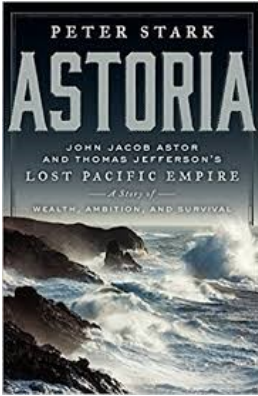
***An Evening with Akia and Milo . . . to be held on Saturday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. . . .***

. . . features the vocal stylings of Akia Woods and Milo Graamans on the piano.

It is a benefit concert for Yachats Community Presbyterian Church.

Suggested donation is \$10.00.

**Book Group, Friday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.**



This month the Book Group is reading “Astoria” by Peter Stark. In the early 1800s, John Jacob Astor was one of the richest men of his time. He had made a fortune trading North American furs in Europe, and had begun trading with China as well. What he had in mind was to take advantage of the fur resources of the Northwest and establish a triangle trade. Northwest furs to the Orient, porcelain from China to London and New York, and other goods from there back to the Northwest. His aim was to monopolize trading on the Pacific Rim, at a time when Lewis and Clark had been across the country only a few years prior. He involved Jefferson, who also had a more global vision than other men of the day. The Northwest was unclaimed by westerners (no thought was given, per usual, to the native people who were actually living there) and was considered available for the taking. For Astor it was to be a base for establishing a trade monopoly. Jefferson saw an opportunity to spread democracy to the west coast, and encouraged Astor. To accomplish his aim, it would be necessary for Astor to establish a base of operations. He decided on the area near the mouth of the Columbia River. He put together two groups of men to reach the spot, one to travel by sea; the other to cross the continent by land. It is their adventures that form the bulk of the story, and what an adventure story it is!

Both the Yachats Library and the Waldport Library have a copy of this fascinating book. Come join us (and have some yummy treats too) as we discuss this wonderful book.

**Questions? See Mary Emma Parks.**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

The Red Cross always needs blood and YCPC is pleased to provide space for their blood drives. If you haven't yet, please consider registering for the Blood Drive this month.

**If you have any questions, please see Sue Finlayson.**



**American  
Red Cross**



**Relay for Life and Purple Ribbons.** For a \$25.00 donation, you can dedicate a Purple Ribbon in Honor or Memory of someone who has battled cancer. Ribbons will be hung on Highway 101 in Newport for approximately one month before the Relay for Life on Saturday, August 4. Your loved one's name will appear on the ribbon.

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Long-time YCPC member Dr. Philip King died Friday, June 15. On Saturday, June 23, Dr. King was buried at Yachats Cemetery at a private service. Dr. King's memorial service will be held here Saturday, September 22, at 11:00 a.m. A reception by the YCPC Deacons will follow.

Last year the YCPC Session established an "Elder Emeritus" award and Philip King was the first recipient.

Set forth below is part of the article from the July 2017 Agate Windows Newsletter about the award and Dr. King's service to Yachats Community Presbyterian Church.

### **Dr. Philip King . . . First Recipient of YCPC Elder Emeritus Award**

On February 15, 2017, the YCPC Session decided to establish an "Elder Emeritus" award. Because of his many years of faithful service and distinguished leadership, the Session also voted unanimously that Dr. Philip King should be the first recipient.

Dr. King's official YCPC membership date was February 5, 1987. He was elected to his first term as Elder at YCPC in November of 1987 and served several terms between 1987 and 2007. Dr. King was ordained as an Elder on January 28, 1973, at First Presbyterian Church of Oregon City where he served three terms between 1973 and 1983. Dr. King moved back to Oregon City in 2014 but remained a member of YCPC, happy to receive and listen to the YCPC worship CDs.



### **On Sunday, June 24, we celebrated the 50th anniversary**

of the ordination of Randy Lodjic. A retired Presbyterian minister, Randy has served as Guest Preacher at YCPC. Randy lives in Yachats and worships at YCPC as well as Waldport Presbyterian Church and John Knox Presbyterian Church in Keizer where he also serves as pulpit supply.

Randy's anniversary was celebrated during worship and during fellowship. The cake made for Randy by Betty Groth was beautiful.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

You will notice that birthdays and anniversaries are not listed in this newsletter.

They are listed the back of the YCPC 2018 Directory of Members and Friends.

If you don't have a copy of the YCPC Directory, please let Jeannine know, and she will print a copy for you.



## *Flickers from the Flame (for June)*

Jon Nestor

### *Graduation and Commencement?*

Last year at about this time, I attended my nephew's graduation from college. For us, it was a chance to visit together, to celebrate family, to catch up with each other, to laugh, and experience the joys of the triumph of one of our own. For Luke, however, it meant participating in a ceremony which honored the completion of a task that for him was not yet quite done. He had finished all of his requirements except for three on-line classes. Since he had completed all of his residential requirements, the university allowed him to go through the graduation line, just as if he had completed all of his classes.

Here was Luke, going through a graduation line even though he had not officially graduated, listening to commencement speeches which spurred graduates to embrace their new beginnings with courage, gusto, and resolve even when these new beginnings were not quite in his grasp. In effect, these new beginnings were still a promise for the future, and not a present reality. As I thought further about this, I began to understand why Luke was not as excited about his graduation and commencement as the rest of us were.

How many of you have been in situations like Luke's? You've been on a journey that's not yet complete, celebrating what turned out to still be part of your future, participating in something that had begun for others but which did not yet apply to you. In such situations, you haven't actually graduated from your present situation, while at the same time, you haven't officially begun your next enterprise. In such situations, you're essentially living in a state of suspension, lingering in limbo.

If you're one of these people (and if you think you're not, you're kidding yourself), you have first-hand evidence of the need for Jesus' presence on earth, the need for His resurrection, and the need for His passing the Holy Spirit along to us. By His life, He identified with our human condition. By His resurrection, He overcame our human condition. By passing the Holy Spirit along to us, He gave us the assurance that one day we, too, will fully overcome our human condition, even as this overcoming has already begun.

### **Organ-Aided Reflections with Jon Nestor**

Once a month, usually the second or third Saturday, Jon Nestor offers organ-aided reflections in the Sanctuary. His reflections are a selection of hymns.

During daylight savings time, the reflections are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. After daylight savings time, Jon offers the program earlier in the day at 2:00 p.m.

Jeannine has started e-mailing Jon's selections to the YCPC list a few days before the program.



## Flickers from the Flame (for July)

Jon Nestor

### *Count Them If You Can (Part #1)*

Twelve score and two years ago, our foreparents brought forth upon the North American continent, a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all people are created equal. Sound familiar? This is a paraphrase (updated, of course) of the beginning of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Delivered in 1863 after one of the harshest battles of the Civil War, this address served as a rallying cry to a beleaguered branch of the Union army fighting for the freedom that we so often take for granted.

A century later, President Lyndon Johnson, in the wake of the assassination of President John Kennedy, signed into law the Civil Rights Act. This Act put into writing (law) another declaration of our foreparents' intentions. As human beings in this still young and vibrant nation, we were still not living up to our foreparents' expectations. The Civil Rights Act was a significant attempt to legalize the equal treatment of people. Essentially, this Act put our foreparents' intentions under law.

Fifty-five years after the enactment of the Civil Rights Act, we're still struggling to treat all people equally. Why are we having such difficulty upholding the vision that led our foreparents to establish this nation called the United States of America? To say this differently, why are the ideals of freedom so difficult to attain – let alone to maintain? We might debate answers to this and similar questions.

Here's my take on it. We are still living in the style of the Old Testament. We're living like the Israelites lived even after Moses led them out of Egypt to the Promised Land. That is, even though the Israelites were "free" from the stifling oppression of the Egyptians, they were still enslaved by the remnants of that oppression. Bringing this to our day, even though we are a "free" people, we're still bound by forces that restrict our compassion, impede our desire to live in the spirit of freedom, and hamper our efforts to live in the spirit of that freedom. To overcome (and eventually overthrow) these forces, we need another Revolutionary War, the purpose of which would be to usher in the era of the spirit (not the letter) of the Law.

But wait just a minute. Hasn't Jesus already ushered in this era for us?

**(To be continued in August)**

## Annual Church Picnic, Sunday, August 12, following worship.

This year our annual church picnic will be held at the picnic shelter behind the Commons.

Please bring a side dish or dessert plus your own table service. **Chicken**, coffee and lemonade will be furnished.

And please feel free to bring friends and visitors and enjoy a day of food, fun, and fellowship.



# July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:00 Fellowship 1:00 Sea Aire	2	3 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Office Closed	5 10:00 Worship and Music Committee	6 12:00 Fellowship Committee	7
8 9:45 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	9 10:00 Stewardship and Finance Committee	10 9:00 Building and Grounds 9:30 Leta's Legacy Quilters	11 9:30 Deacons	12 6:00-8:30 – Yachats Big Band Rehearsal	13	14 7:00 An Evening with Akia and Milo
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