



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

Sunday, August 12, at the Picnic Shelter behind the Commons, Hymn-Sing, Worship AND Church Picnic, see below

August 16-19, *Incarceration Then & Now: What Can we Learn?* see page 2

August 17, 10:30 a.m., Book Group, see page 2

August 18, 10:00 a.m., Blessing of the Animals by Jon Nestor, see page 4

August 25, 3:00 p.m., Organ-Aided Reflections by Jon Nestor, see page 4

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

Annual Church Picnic, Sunday, August 12

On Sunday, August 12, the hymn-sing, worship service, AND the annual church picnic will be held at the picnic shelter behind the Commons. As usual, the hymn-sing will begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship will begin at 10:00.

The church picnic will follow. Chicken, coffee and iced tea will be furnished. Please bring a side dish or dessert plus your own table service.

And bring a few friends . . . to enjoy outdoor worship followed by food, fun, and fellowship.



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Thursday through Sunday, August 16—19, YCPC

Incarceration Then & Now: What Can We Learn?

A series of events August 4—19 in Newport, Waldport and Yachats explore the incarceration of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II and its parallels today. The series consists of an exhibit, films, speakers' panels . . . and discussions following the films and speakers.

The Yachats events will be held here at YCPC, beginning Thursday, August 16, and concluding Sunday, August 19. Following are the days and times of the exhibit, film and speakers:

August 16, Exhibit 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

August 17-18, Exhibit 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

August 18, 2:00—4:00 p.m., Film: **14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark & Vanessa Lopez**, explores a recurring question about the 14th Amendment on who has the right to be an American citizen.

August 19, Exhibit 12:00—5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

August 19, 2:00 p.m., Closing Panel: Sandy Tsuneyoshi, Ph.D. and ACLU Spokesperson, ***Moving Forward: Toward a More Inclusive Oregon.***

The Exhibit—***Architecture of Internment: Buildup to Wartime Incarceration***—highlights the role of Oregonians in the decision to incarcerate Japanese-Americans and Japanese immigrants during Word War II. 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry, two-thirds of them U.S. citizens, were incarcerated, most of them stripped of all their assets, many of their citizenship.

For more information and the event schedules for Atonement Lutheran Church in Newport and the Moose Lodge in Waldport, see page 5.

These events are a joint project of Lincoln County PeoplePower and Rural Organizing Project. The Exhibit produced by Graham Street Productions.

Book Group, Friday, August 17, 10:30 a.m.

Mary Emma Parks



The Book Group is reading an interesting book by Sherman Alexie... *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven.*

Mr. Alexie is a Spokane-Coeur d'Alene-American novelist, short story writer, poet, and filmmaker. His writings draw on his experiences as an Indigenous American with ancestry from several tribes. He grew up on the Spokane Indian Reservation and now lives in Seattle, Washington. His best-known book is *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* (1993), a collection of short stories. It was adapted as the film *Smoke Signals* (1998), for which he also wrote the screenplay.

OR...you could read any of his books, rather than the one mentioned above. I must say that this book makes the reader think about reservation life and how difficult it is. It may even offend some people, so....if you decide to join us and don't care for Mr. Alexie's style, then you may read any other Native American's writings. Oprah has endorsed *There There* by Tommy Orange. Another suggestion would be *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*. Our meeting will be Friday morning, August 17, at 10:30 at the church. Please join us!



Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

Count Them If You Can

(continued from last month)

Jesus, knowing that our Old Testament style of living was destroying the fabric of the realm in which God intended us to live, ushered in the era of the Spirit. On the one hand, this marked a revolution not against law, but rather against how we, left to our human natures, are inclined to understand and apply it. The Ten Commandments are an example of law. But at best, they are lifeless. That is, although they are guides (rules) to live by, they are like prescriptions from a textbook.

Some of you will ask, “What’s wrong with textbooks?” Nothing’s wrong with textbooks. However, as human beings, we need help in applying their prescriptions. While other writers of other texts can shed light on these prescriptions, still even these commentaries can only go so far in helping us to apply the original prescriptions. What we really need in order to appropriately apply these prescriptions is a human example. Without a human example, we either disregard these prescriptions altogether (because we think they don’t apply to us) or we apply them in ultimately harmful ways.

Our human need for examples begins early in our lives. We learn by following the examples of our parents, guardians, and/or other caregivers who are with us in our earliest days of life. They not only impart rules to us, but also show us how to follow them. As we grow, we come into contact and learn from other examples. We know them either as teachers, role models, and/or mentors. All of these, whether early, after a while, or even later in life are human examples.

On the other hand, the era of the Spirit is a revolution for compassion. Compassion (especially a human example of it) is what is missing from legal prescriptions. Literally, compassion means “understanding each other’s sufferings.” Unless we can understand each other’s sufferings, we have no context for understanding our own. By context, I mean “broader framework”. Without context, our sufferings are ours, alone. With the benefit of context, we may still suffer. However, when we suffer, we understand that our suffering is part and parcel of our human condition. In turn this understanding fuels our desire to understand the sufferings of others.

In the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6: 9 – 15) we have an example of compassion. We say, “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.” In the first part of this statement, we acknowledge that we are in debt to God and implore God to have compassion for us in the form of forgiveness of our indebtedness. The second part of this statement serves to remind us to have similar compassion on those who are indebted to us. In our understanding and acknowledging our own indebtedness to God, we have a context for understanding of and responding to the indebtedness of others to us. In turn, this context enables us to have compassion for others in the form of forgiveness.

These prayers by their words alone convey a radically different application of the laws regarding indebtedness than we would naturally have. However, the clincher (the life behind the words) lies in who taught this prayer to us. This Person – a human – spoke from the experience of one who not only lived out these words in life, but also died for us in the process of living this way.

(to be continued in the next issue)

July Session Highlights

Following is an excerpt from the July Session Highlights. A complete list of the highlights from the July session meeting is posted on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

Session confirmed the e-mail vote of June 28, 2018 approving the request from Carol DeMuth to cosponsor a fundraiser walk benefiting Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services Inc., to be in Newport, Oregon, Sunday, July 8, 2:00 to 4:00. (Consensus response)

Session approved the purchase of a bicycle stand for the church parking lot.

Session approved the motion that the net income/over cost (\$402.00) from the "Keep Families Together" t-shirts be donated to the efforts to provide legal services to immigrant families by the Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services Inc.

Session approved the motion proposing closing line-item 3.08.0011 (Ewan Annuity Music Balance) into line-item 3.02.0000 (Music Fund) and approving the request submitted by Pastor Bob Barret to expend the remaining funds of line-item 3.08.0012 (Ewan Annuity Worship Balance).

Session approved the motion to move the worship service Sunday, August 12, 2018 to the Yachats picnic shelter behind the Commons at 10:00am. The church picnic (also in the picnic shelter) will follow the worship service.

Saturday, August 18, 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals by Jon Nestor

On Saturday, August 18, at 10:00 a.m. Jon Nestor will preside over a blessing of the animals at the ballfield across from YCPC on 6th Street.

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.

Jon's reflections this month will be Saturday, August 25, at 3:00 p.m.

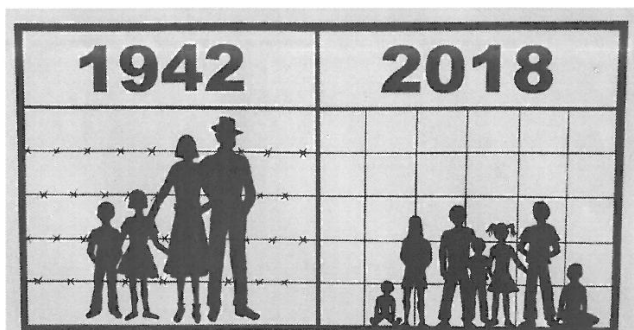
During daylight savings time, the reflections are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. After daylight savings time, Jon offers the program earlier in the day at 2:00 p.m.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

They are listed in the Fellowship Hall each month, and they are listed in 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.



Incarceration Then & Now: What Can We Learn?

Newport, Waldport & Yachats
August 4-19, 2018

Learn about and discuss Oregonians' roles in the lead-up to Japanese-American incarceration during WWII. Become informed by our history as we address current events.

Experience the exhibit, speakers' panels, discussions and movies. **Free admission** to all events except for the Japanese-themed dinner on August 14.

Scheduled Films

Film A: 14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark & Vanessa Lopez

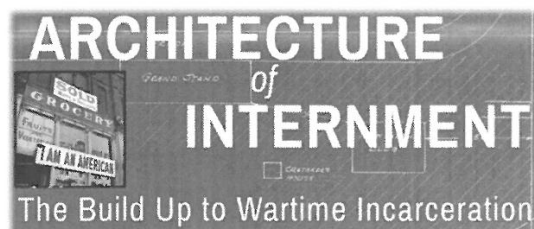
Explores a recurring question about the 14th Amendment on who has the right to be an American citizen (Newport 8/6 and Yachats 8/18).

Film B: The Cats of Mirikitani

An intimate exploration of the lingering wounds of war, incarceration, and homelessness & the healing powers of friendship & art (Waldport 8/14).

For the full experience see both films and hear all of the speakers

For more detailed information and future updates please visit and follow our Facebook page <https://tinyurl.com/incarceration-then-and-now>



SCHEDULE

Newport Aug 4-8

❖ Atonement Lutheran Church: Exhibit & Opening panel. 2315 North Coast Highway.

- Aug 4, 2-4 PM: **Opening panel:** Rep. David Gomberg & Solea Kabakov "Immigrant incarceration in Oregon today"
- Exhibit: Aug 4,6,7,8; 10-5 pm
- Exhibit: Aug 5; 12-5 pm

❖ Film A: Newport Public Library McEntee Rm. Aug 6, 7-9 pm, 35 NW Nye St, Newport

Waldport Moose Lodge Aug 13-15

Exhibit, Film, Dinner & Speakers

250 NW John St, Waldport.

- Aug 13 exhibit 1-5 pm
 - Aug 14 exhibit film & dinner
 - Exhibit 11-7 pm
 - **Film B:** 2-4 pm
 - **Japanese themed dinner 5-7 pm, \$6.50**
 - Aug 15 exhibit 11-5 pm
 - Aug 15, **Speakers** 2-3:30 pm "Growing up in an incarceration Camp."
- Newport residents & siblings Winnie Payne and Earnie Bell share their experiences living as children in an incarceration camp 1942-45.

Yachats Presbyterian Church Aug 16-19

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All speakers' panels and films followed by discussions

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