



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

## Agate Windows Newsletter

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

**September 2018**

### Dates to Save

**Monday, September 10, 12:00 Noon,** Weekly Lectionary Study Begins, see page 2

**Thursday, September 13, 10:30 a.m.,** Weekly Coffee with Pastor Bob Begins, see page 2

**Saturday, September 15, 3:00 p.m.,** Music-Aided Reflections by Jon Nestor, see page 3

**Friday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.,** Book Group, see page 2

**Saturday, September 22, 11:00 a.m.,** Memorial/Celebration of Life Service for Dr. Philip King

**Friday, September 28, 6:00 p.m.,** Monthly Families Together Resumes, see page 5

**Wednesday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,** Lincoln County Flu Shot Clinic, see page 5

**Saturday, September 22, 11:00 a.m.,**

### Memorial Service and Celebration of Life of Dr. Philip King



A reception by the Board of Deacons will follow the service with a light lunch. The reception will be the time for remembrances and sharing stories.

Philip's official YCPC membership date is February 5, 1987. He moved back to Oregon City in early 2014 but remained a member of YCPC until his death on June 15, 2018. Philip faithfully served YCPC in many ways—as an elder and as chair and member of many committees. The session named Philip YCPC's first Elder Emeritus last year and presented his award during the worship service the day of the final Yachats Music Festival. In a letter to the session following his award, Philip said that YCPC had been *a most meaningful part of [his] life for more than fifty years.*

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## Weekly Lectionary Study Group with Pastor Bob

Beginning Monday, September 10, 12:00 Noon . . .

Pastor Bob will lead a weekly Lectionary Study Group. Upcoming lectionary readings will be read and discussed. It will be a great opportunity to share contextual information that goes into studying for and writing the sermon. **Bring your lunch!**

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## Weekly Coffee with Pastor Bob

Beginning Thursday, September 13, 10:30 a.m.

Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30 for an informal discussion on a variety of subjects of interest to our congregation, our church and our world.

## Book Group, Friday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.

Mary Emma Parks



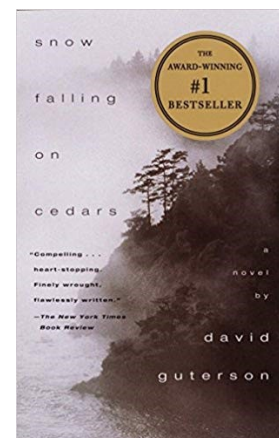
The Book Group will meet Friday morning, September 21, at 10:30 at the church. For this month, we will be discussing two books: *Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler and *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.

A copy of *Stubborn Twig* is at the Yachats, Waldport, Toledo and Oregon Coast Community College libraries. *Snow Falling on Cedars* can be found at the Toledo and Oregon Coast Community College libraries, and a large print copy is available at the Waldport Library.

*Stubborn Twig* is a classic American story—a story of immigrants making their way in a new land. It is a living work of social history that rings with the power of truth and the drama of fiction, a moving saga about the challenges of becoming an American.

*Snow Falling On Cedars* is set on a fictional island of San Piedro in the northern Puget Sound region of the state of Washington coast in 1954. The plot revolves around a murder case in which Kabuo Miyamoto, a Japanese American, is accused of killing Carl Heine, a respected fisherman in the close-knit community. Much of the story is told in flashbacks explaining the interaction of the various characters over the prior decades.

Please join us in discussing these books. We will have coffee, tea and snacks available, too.





## ***Flickers from the Flame***

Jon Nestor

### ***Count Them If You Can***

(continued from last month)

Since Jesus ushered in the era of the Spirit, the revolution for compassion has spread from Him to the first disciples through generations they taught, and finally to us. How has this happened? Jesus provided the human example people needed in order to understand the meaning of each other's sufferings and how to appropriately apply that understanding. I have suggested that compassion (understanding each other's sufferings) is the key ingredient of this revolution. However, how does compassion (especially as Jesus demonstrated it) operate?

For me, compassion promotes the process of forgiveness through the touching of spirits. For example, when was the last time someone – anyone – asked you how your day was going? I invite you to consider this action as the inquirer's spirit reaching out to (touching) your spirit. How did you feel when this happened? Among all the other things that come to mind, I invite you to consider that the first feeling you had was a lightening of your spirit. "Someone cares about me." Just knowing this lowers defenses, generates thankfulness for the inquirer's concern, and welcomes the spirit of the inquirer.

As a result, after sharing how your day is going, you are likely to ask the inquirer the same question. In doing so, your spirit is reaching out to (touching) the inquirer's spirit. Furthermore, you invite and enable the same kind of reaction in the original inquirer that you had when the original inquirer approached you. In touching each other's spirit, you have just engaged in and experienced forgiveness, even though you may call it something else (like exchanging concern for each other). This forgiveness is not a cancellation of debt, but rather an acknowledgment of shared humanity. Essentially, you are forgiving each other for the mutual limitations which accompany being human.

Once you have experienced forgiveness, you are naturally inclined to offer forgiveness to others. Unless you experience it, you are not likely to offer it. Jesus understood this, and thus taught all of His disciples (including us) that God has forgiven us. To paraphrase 1 John 4:19, "We forgive because He first forgave us." If you are forgiving of others, you are closer to loving them than you might originally think.

(To be continued next month)

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

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

**Jon's reflections this month will be Saturday, September 15, 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.

Currently, the organ needs some repairs, so Jon will offer his reflections on the piano.

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

## YCPC Church Picnic . . . and Hymn-Sing and Worship!

On Sunday, August 12, we enjoyed the hymn-sing, worship service, AND the annual church picnic at the Yachats Pavilion (picnic shelter) behind the Commons.

Many thanks to the members of the Fellowship Committee (and the volunteers they recruit) who coordinate this annual summer get-together, providing the main course and beverages AND transporting and setting up tables and chairs wherever the picnic is held . . . then cleaning up!

No pictures of food this year, but these during the worship service give you an idea of how many people enjoyed this year's picnic. Thanks, again, to everyone who helped and brought side dishes and dessert.



## High Tea at YCPC

**Leta's Legacy Quilters**, also known as Gladys' Girls of Leta's Legacy, get together to quilt and sew every Tuesday, with a break for lunch. Recently, the lunch break was a high tea potluck. As you can see, the tea treats were spectacular . . . as were all the different tea pots.



## More Agates from Lyn Pruett



**YCPC is the “church of the agate windows.”**

If you don't know why, there are brochures in the narthex that tell the story. Or, you could stop by the church any weekday except Wednesday and Jeannine will be your docent.

There's a basket of agates in the narthex, with a sign, “Have an ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE.”

Lots of people come to the church from many far-away places—to worship or just to look at and hear about the windows. They are encouraged to take an agate from the basket.

As he often does, Lyn Pruett recently contributed generously to YCPC's supply of agates.

**Thank you, Lyn!**

## Families Together Resumes Friday, September 28, 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun family time that includes: dinner, reading and crafts!

Each child attending will receive a free copy of the featured book. For more information call Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program at 541-547-4599.

## Wednesday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Lincoln County Flu Shot Clinic

Once again YCPC is hosting a Lincoln County Flu Shot Clinic in the Fellowship Hall.

If you get an annual flu shot and live in Yachats, this is a very convenient location.

Questions? Talk to Sue Finlayson or call the office.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

You will notice that birthdays and anniversaries are no longer included in the newsletter.

They are posted 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.

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