



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

Agate Windows Newsletter, August 2019

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

What's Happening at YCPC in August . . .

Saturday, August 10, 3:00 p.m., Organ-Aided Reflections with Jon Nestor

Sunday, August 11, 9:45 a.m., Worship AND Church Picnic at Yachats Pavilion

Wednesday, August 14, 6:00 p.m., Evening Study Resumes

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m., Blessing of the Animals by Jon Nestor

Saturday, August 17, 5:00 p.m., YCPC Monthly Community Potluck

Sunday, August 18, 11:00 a.m., Earth Care Workshop

The Book Group will NOT meet in August.

Worship AND Church Picnic, Sunday, August 11, Yachats Pavilion

On Sunday, August 11, the hymn-sing, worship service, AND the church picnic will be held at the Yachats Pavilion 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 a few friends to enjoy outdoor worship followed by food, fun, and fellowship.



Organ-Aided Reflections with Jon Nestor

Once a month Jon Nestor offers organ-aided Reflections in the Sanctuary. His Reflections are a selection of hymns and other music based on a theme.

Jon's Reflections this month will be Saturday, August 10, 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.

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals by Jon Nestor

On Saturday, August 17, at 10:00 a.m. Jon Nestor will preside over a blessing of the animals at the open field across from YCPC on 6th Street.



YCPC Monthly COMMUNITY Potluck

Saturday, August 17, 5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

**Bring friends and your favorite potluck dishes . . .
entree, side dish, salad OR dessert . . .**



**. . . and join us for a casual evening of
food, fun and conversation.**



Sunday, August 18, Earth Care Workshop

Fellowship Hall

Please join the **YCPC Earth Care Team** during the Fellowship time on Sunday, August 18.

We will introduce the new team that was created by Session. In addition, we will talk about our purpose and how we can integrate our work with the church family, church committees and our community.

We will also spend some time listening to possible ideas for ways the church, and each of us, can become better stewards of God's gift of creation. The YCPC Earth Care team is looking forward to having this interaction with our church family.



Milo Graamans' Original Musical Comedy

She Loves Me Not . . .

August 9 through 25, Newport Performing Arts Center

She Loves Me Not returns to the Newport Performing Arts Center, with a FULL STAGE PRODUCTION! For tickets call 541-265-ARTS. This flyer is also posted on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.



South Lincoln Resources

Mission Giving for August, South Lincoln Resources (SLR) . . .

. . . ***Neighbor Helping Neighbor Since 1983.*** For more information about the many services offered by SLR, see the bulletin board in the narthex.

Yellow Special Mission Offering envelopes will be in the bulletins or in the narthex for the month of August. "South Lincoln Resources (SLR)" is first on the list.

On behalf of the many people served by SLR, thank you for your gifts.



Flickers from the Flame

Jon Nestor

Temptation in the Lord's Prayer

When you were first learning to pray, who taught you how to do it? Your mom? Your dad? One of your siblings? Some other relative? A friend? When the disciples were learning to pray, Jesus was their teacher. In the New Testament, the prayer Jesus taught his disciples (known as the Lord's Prayer) appears in two different locations (Matthew 6:9 – 13 and Luke 11:2 - 4). While Luke's version is somewhat shorter and slightly different than Matthew's, these two versions are essentially identical.

Arguably, the most controversial line in the Lord's Prayer is Matthew 6:13; Luke 11:4b). "Lead us not into temptation, ..." Temptation, by definition, is the human state of vulnerability in which we are susceptible to evil and/or its effects. Temptation is dangerous. It is harmful to us, and exerts a powerful grip on us. We are not humanly capable of removing ourselves from temptation. On the one hand, you might understandably ask, "Why would God ever lead us into temptation?" Regarding this question, some of you might answer, "To test our faithfulness." While there may be times and circumstances in which God is interested in how faithful we are, I think that God has other ways to test our faithfulness rather than to place – let alone lead - us into temptation.

I've noticed that when we say the Lord's Prayer in our worship services, these days, we say, "Let us not fall into temptation." While this represents an improvement on the supposition that God would ever lead us into temptation, our human condition places us frequently in a state of temptation, whether we realize it or not. Thus, when we are in a state of temptation, this is not God's fault. Rather, it is our human nature to find ourselves in various states of temptation. Therefore, I think an even better improvement on what we are now saying is, "Leave us not in a state of temptation." Just as God's nature is to "deliver us from evil", God never intended us to be (and does not want us to remain) in *any* state of temptation.

What recommendations would you offer on the portion of the Lord's Prayer regarding temptation?

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays and anniversaries have not been listed in the newsletter for some time. They are listed in the Fellowship Hall each month, and they are listed in the back of the YCPC 2019 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.