

# BEHOLD!!

A Newsletter of Smyrna United Church of Christ

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## June 2015

### Smyrna



No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

Dear Friends,

The tune to this hymn by British hymnist Brian Wren is hard to sing, but the words are rich:



- † We are not our own. Earth forms us, human leaves on nature's growing vine, fruit of many generations, seeds of life divine.
- † We are not alone. Earth names us; past and present, peoples near and far, family and friends and strangers show us who we are.
- † Through a human life God finds us, dying, living, love is fully known, and in bread and wine reminds us; we are not our own.
- † Therefore let us make thanksgiving, and with justice, willing and aware, give to earth, and all things living, liturgies of care.
- † And if love's encounters lead us on a way uncertain and unknown, all the saints with prayer surround us; we are not alone.

It is hard to believe that in 2016, just next year, Smyrna will be 125 years old. Soon it will be time to start planning for that anniversary. We are part of the fruit of many generations....

We are not alone. It is amazing how Smyrna steps up to the plate when there is a need, when someone needs help, when someone is in pain...

We are not alone on earth – we share this planet with other people and all God's creatures and creation. Our Summer Salad Suppers will address environmental issues such as what is new with solar power, lighting, cars, and what's happening with pollinators. More inside....

We don't know what the future holds, but we know God is with us. Enjoy the beauty of God's creation this summer. See you at Peace Camp, at Camp Adams Sunday (July 5<sup>th</sup> – save the date), and at worship. (11 am in June, 10 am beginning July 12 through August).

With thanksgiving for the Smyrna community of faith, let me close with the last verse of Brian Wren's hymn. And if you want to sing it, you can find it on page 564 of our hymnal:

⇒ Let us be a house of welcome, living stone upholding living stone, gladly showing all our neighbors we are not our own!"

Blessings, Pastor Deb



## The Memory Café - Watching Out for Our Neighbors

Don't miss the Memory Café on the First Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, which will be our last Memory Café before the summer. We will resume in October.



Our speaker will be Michele Kimbell, from NorthWest Senior and Disability Services, who will talk about what to watch for if you think that someone you know might need some extra help. We will also have some brain ac-

tivities, information, handouts, and of course, fabulous food made by Louise Adams, with thanks to Barbara Daniels, who also helps with this program.

## Brain Injury: a Health Tip from the Memory Committee — Virginia Yoder

Your brain is one of the most important organs in your body. It coordinates all of the body functions and thought processes. A traumatic brain injury (TBI) can happen to anyone, but the highest risk is for children 0-4 yrs, 15-19 yrs and military personnel.

Decreasing the chances of injury:

- ⇒ Seat belts can cut down head injuries in the event of an accident
- ⇒ Wearing a helmet when riding bikes or horses or when rollerblading
- ⇒ Removing throw rugs in the home will prevent falls, particularly for older adults.

If an injury does occur, watch for signs of blurred vision, confusion, severe headaches, repetition of questions or statements, vomiting or seizures. Contact a doctor or visit an emergency facility to determine the severity of the injury.

Exercise is important for older adults to increase their ability to prevent falls and brain injuries. Adding grab bars and checking for adequate lighting can also prevent falls.

Source: Brain Injury Association of America ([www.biausa.org](http://www.biausa.org))

## Christian Education Update

THANK YOU to the wonderful Christian Education leaders during the 2014-2015 school year!

**Amber Enfield** has done an outstanding job with the **Youth Group**, coordinating activities several times each month.

Our **Sunday School** teams of two teachers each, have stepped up to lead Sunday School, and have done a wonderful job of engaging and teaching the kids.  
First 12 weeks – **Rebekah Yoder and Anne Bangs**  
Second 12 weeks – **Tina Marshall and Sheila Daniels**  
Third 12 weeks – **Jeannie Rogers and Audrey Yoder**

**Confirmation** will resume on a monthly basis in September 2015, with **Confirmation Sunday** to be held on Pentecost 2016, which is Sunday, **May 15, 2016** (the week after Mother's Day).

**Peace Camp** will take place for kids going into or completing 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held 9 a.m.-12 June 22-26 from on the theme, "Peace Jam" with music, dancing, and learning for all! You can find more information and download registration forms from our web-site at [www.smyrna-ucc.org](http://www.smyrna-ucc.org).



There is no **Adult Education** during the summer months – May 31<sup>st</sup> is our last regular session. We will resume again in September. Thanks to Steve Patterson for leading Adult Education several times this year.

But do come to the **Summer Salad Suppers** in July, when we will learn more about ways to help the environment, from what's new with solar power to what's new electric cars, to innovations in energy-saving lighting options, to learning about pollinators (bees, etc.) that help to keep our crops growing! They will be held the first 4 Wednesdays in July – the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Keep the newspapers coming.

For a number of years we have had a paper drop at the church and it pays off. In 2014 we received \$615. There is another container for recycling cardboard and pasteboard, and we have a recycling can by the kitchen door which is picked up the first Monday of the month. Please separate glass from the rest of the recycling. It can be put out for pickup, but it must be by itself. Glenda Sano and Bob Kyrk were instrumental in starting and maintaining this program.







On May 3, 2015, Christian Nurture hosted a party to celebrate anyone who's ever had a birthday. The Sunday School class created a banner and party attendees added names and birthdates. Thank you to everyone who assisted by providing treats and birthdays!



In May, Bob Kyrk turned 91.  
Belated Happy Birthday wishes, Bob!

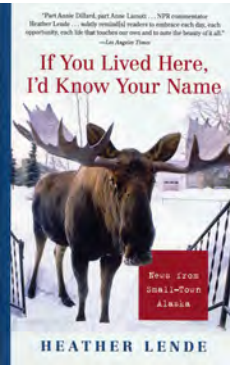
Treasurer's Report by Irene Schriever	
Balance March 31, 2015	\$4,403.49
Receipts	8,055.94
Expenditures	(9,604.40)
Balance April 30, 2015	\$2,855.03

**Answer to last month's Can You Guess:**  
Ernie Henderson has not eaten chocolate in over 40 years!



The Seasoned "Young Adults" from Smyrna met recently at Langdon Farms for lunch. This group met regularly during the 1960's and 1970's.

If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name: News from Small-Town Alaska  
by Heather Lende, Chapel Hill, NC:  
Algonquin Books, 2005



Those of you who heard my sermon on May 17, entitled, "Find the Good," probably remember that the inspiration for and illustrations in that sermon came from a book with that title by Heather Lende which was just published. It follows on the heels of two earlier books by Lende, who is the town obituary writer for the Chilkat Valley News in Haines, Alaska, population 2,508.

In the book that established her as an author, Lende, a working-at-home mom of five kids and wife of Chip, who runs the lumberyard, describes life in their remote small town. Gosh, it sounds an awful lot like Molalla, Yoder, and Smyrna. People are known by name, and are accepted for who they are, no matter who they are.

Heather Lende talks about the tragedies, such as the sinking of the fishing boat, the *Becca Dawn*, with five young fishermen aboard. She talks about the celebrations, such as the college graduation of Joe Parnell, whose party included his rock band, an original play by his theatrical group, and a kissing booth, along with the reading of some of his senior papers. She talks about the challenges of addressing racism and homophobia and bullying in a small town. She talks about the spirit of folks who live there, like John Schnabel, who fell off his roof while shoveling snow, but still was going to his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. And she talks about the simple joys of canning salmon, and picking blueberries, and being home when the kids got home from school.

Each of the twenty-two essays in this collection is rich in insight, humor, and understanding. Reading this book is like having coffee with a funny, wise and compassionate friend.

If you had this book, you'd be reading it right now.

## NEWS from our UCC Neighbors!

### Conversations on the Vine – May 31<sup>st</sup>

From our Neighbors at Hubbard UCC: You are invited to join Hubbard UCC's *Conversations on the Vine* to celebrate, toast and introduce yourself as an artist in our community. We will gather at Aurora Colony Vineyard (21338 Oak Lane NE, Aurora) on May 31st from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Even if you do not consider yourself an artist, join us in the conversation about what it means to live an artistic life. Come, bring friends and be a part of the conversation. We will supply the nibbles and a glass of wine for all those who join us on this day. Freewill offerings will be accepted. Questions, call Dianne Rodriguez [516-673-1231](tel:516-673-1231) or email [blackswan57@aol.com](mailto:blackswan57@aol.com).

### Beavercreek UCC Strawberry Festival – June 20<sup>th</sup>

Join your neighbors at Beavercreek UCC (23345 S. Beavercreek Road) on Sat., June 20, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm for their annual dinner and auction. The evening will consist of a delicious dinner including bratwursts, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, roll, beverage and strawberry shortcake with ice cream. The strawberries will be fresh from local Albeke Farms. The Silent Auction will again have many wonderful items to bid on and Raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the evening. Dinner prices: Ages 13 & up - \$12, Ages 6 to 12 - \$8, Age 5 & under - Free. Bring 5 cans of food and get a free Raffle Ticket. Proceeds will help support their Food Pantry and Summer Camp Youth Programs. For more info and pre-event tickets, call 503-632-4553.

### Hillsdale UCC Book Launch – June 8<sup>th</sup>

**Book Launch PARTY**

**Swim, Ride, Run, Breathe:  
How I Lost a Triathlon  
and Caught My Breath**  
by Jennifer Garrison Brownell

**Mon June 8  
7-8:30 pm**

@HILLSDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH -  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
6948 SW CAPITOL HWY, PDX

Door prizes, food, special  
guest appearances and  
great deals on  
autographed books!

**\$3 FROM EVERY  
BOOK SOLD  
BENEFITS  
HCCUCC**

SWIM  
RIDE  
RUN  
BREATHE  
*How I Lost a Triathlon and Caught My Breath*  
JENNIFER GARRISON BROWNELL

### Save the Date: Central Pacific Conference Annual Meeting – Sept. 25-27 in Pendleton

*Congregational Vitality and Renewal* will be the theme for our UCC Conference Annual Meeting, with keynoter Rev. Cameron Trimble, Executive Director, CEO of the Center for Progressive Renewal. She most recently served as an advisor to the Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Team of Local Church Ministries for the UCC and as Associate Conference Minister of Church Development in the Southeast Conference of our denomination. Nationally, she was responsible for the development of strategy for starting new churches. In her conference setting, she directly oversaw the development of new churches in the Southeast Conference.

Cameron is an adjunct professor teaching church planting and renewal with the Pacific School of Religion and Chicago Theological Seminary. She has co-authored the book, *Liberating Hope – Daring to Renew the Mainline Church*. In addition, there will be more than two dozen workshops, most on congregational vitality and renewal to equip your leadership team with the tools to make it happen in your congregation. We're returning to our very successful venue in Pendleton and will have hotel discounts and home stays available to make it economical to attend. See you in Pendleton!

### CLiPS is Coming

The Environmental Concerns Committee is planning a series for summer "Salad Suppers." We plan to have presentations that address practical ways to do our part individually and as a church to be good stewards of what we have been given.

"C" stands for cars. What is the latest technology available for energy efficient cars and the experience of those in the church who own hybrid, diesel and electric vehicles? "L" is for lightbulbs. We will focus on new technologies in lighting and other issues of energy efficiency in the home.

"P" is for pollinators. What can we do to help maintain healthy populations of bees and other pollinators.

"S" is for solar energy. We will tackle the latest in alternative and renewable energy sources for residences and public buildings such as solar panels and wind power.

The dates are the first four Wednesdays in July — the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-7:15. Bring a salad to share for this worthwhile endeavor.



**Smyrna United Church of Christ**  
Located 9 mi. S. of Canby on the Canby-Marquam Hwy. (170)  
Presents The 68th Annual  
**Strawberry Festival**

**Saturday, June 13**

**5:30—7:30 p.m.**

**Featuring**

**Light Supper, Pie, Cake, Ice cream and...**

**Strawberries Strawberries Strawberries**

**Freewill donations will be accepted**

## **Peacebuilders Camp**

**June 22-26, 2015 9:00 am – 12:30 pm**  
**Smyrna United Church of Christ**  
**31119 S. Canby-Marquam Highway**  
**(Highway 170), Canby, OR 97013**

**Phone: 503-651-2131 (Church office) or**  
**503-689-4450 (Pastor Deb's Cell)**  
**E-mail: [smynaucc@canby.com](mailto:smynaucc@canby.com) or**  
**[debpatersonhome@gmail.com](mailto:debpatersonhome@gmail.com)**



**Peacebuilders Camp** is a multi-cultural day camp with the mission to provide a fun, educational environment in which children can learn messages and practices of nonviolence and peacemaking. Our theme this year is "Peace Jam," and we will have wonderful music, dancing, and art that contributes to peacebuilding.

**Peacebuilders Camp will be held June 22-26, 2015.** We will gather at 9:00 a.m. each morning and finish by 12:30 pm. On the last afternoon, Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, families of the children attending will be invited to join us for a closing ceremony at 12 noon.

**Where is the camp?** Peacebuilders Camp will be held at the Smyrna United Church of Christ, 31119 S. Canby-Marquam Highway (Highway 170), Canby, Oregon. Contact info above.

**How much does it cost?** The charge for each child is \$25 for the week, which includes snacks for the week and materials for all activities, including a Peace T-shirt. Scholarships can be made available to families who can demonstrate a need for assistance. Please contact us in advance. Make checks payable to Smyrna UCC.

**Who participates in Peacebuilders Camp?** We have space for 40 participants, so apply early. Children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to attend. Youth who are interested in participating are welcome and encouraged to contact us for an application to be a teen leader.

**What do the children learn while at Peacebuilders Camp?** Children will learn about the practice of peacemaking, both by understanding the roots of violence, and by learning practical techniques to deal with conflict and violence in around them. These techniques for peacemaking include nonviolent conflict resolution, physical and mental practices such as prayer/meditation and yoga, the arts, nature studies, and learning about healthy eating for body and mind. These experiences will be developmentally appropriate for the ages and will model a deep respect for cultural, social and religious diversity.



We celebrate that our children are nurtured by many traditions and welcome this opportunity to learn from each other in order to create a more peaceful and tolerant world.

**How can I apply to Peacebuilders Camp and/or get more information?** To apply, please fill out the attached application form and return it to Smyrna United Church of Christ.

Please understand that submitting this application does not guarantee participation. We hope to accommodate all children who apply, but space is limited, and there may be a waiting list.

For more information, please contact our church office or pastor (contact information above).

# Who is Who in the Guess Who contest!

**Guess Who...**  
Can you guess which congregation member each of these babies/toddlers is?

**Bonus:**

1. Jean Epley  
2. Joel Daniels  
3. Elaine Daniels  
4. Paul R. Yoder  
5. Bill Chapin  
6. Roberta Daniels  
7. Spencer Chapin  
8. Rebekah Yoder  
9. Paul Yoder  
10. Jeannie Rogers  
11. Alexander Maurer  
12. Amber Enfield  
13. Audrey Yoder  
14. Anna Maurer  
15. Liz Chapin  
16. Louise Allee  
17. Emily Yoder

**Bonus:**  
Virginia Yoder

## Winners —

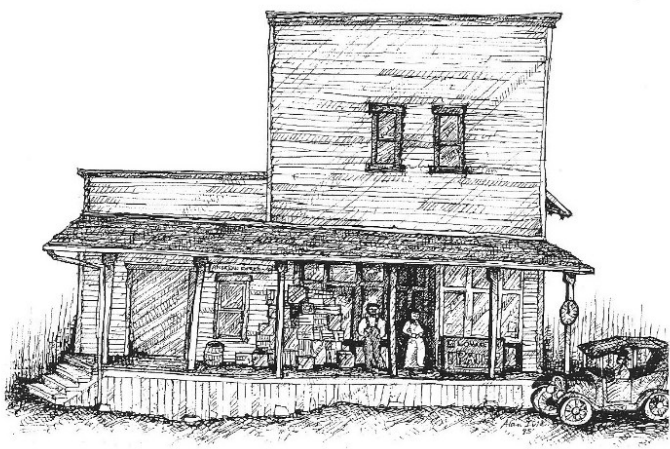
**1st place** — Sandra Mahar correctly connected 16 baby pictures to our adult congregation

**2nd place** — Emily and Rebekah Yoder tied with 15 accurate guesses each.

Fortunately it was not a cutest baby contest, we were all so good-looking!



 YOU ARE INVITED



# YODER STORE

## Open House

### Celebrating 100 years in business

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Sunday, June 14, 2015  
1pm – 4pm

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*Serving strawberry shortcake  
& lemonade*

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Featured Display  
RUSSELL STEAM TRACTION  
ENGINE  
(Also turning 100 this month)



The Youth group will not have regular meetings over the summer. However, plans are being considered for a summer picnic for youth group members and their families. Amber will be in touch!

## Music Program at Smyrna

If you are interested in discussing future plans for the Music program at Smyrna, please come to the planning and brainstorming meeting on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in Pastor Deb's office.

With thanks and appreciation for the music leadership of many – Martin Tobias, Joel Daniels, Kathy Robinson, Jean Epley, Adam Maurer, Virgil Foster,



everyone in the choir, and all our other wonderful soloists.



Ernie Henderson, (middle) and Rick Gano (far right) participated in the Honor Flight of Oregon spring trip to Washington DC to visit Veteran's Memorials there.



Joann & Joe Gribble  
Debbie Hancox  
Ernie & Ethel Henderson  
Ruth Hepler  
Mickey Hester  
Blanche Kober

Orville & Dorothy Krebs  
Bob Kyrk  
Lucia Schuebel  
Don Stoneking



*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

Our prayers of sympathy  
and support go out to:

Scott and Angie Stierle on  
the death of Scott's father

Pastor Deborah and family  
in the loss of good friends.

## **Mission Statement**

Smyrna United Church of Christ is striving to be:

- ♦ A place of peace where we teach the word of God and the story of God's love.
- ♦ A spiritual haven where we accept and care for all humanity in an outreach of grace.
- ♦ A lighthouse of God's light, where worship, teaching, learning and spiritual growth take place in community powered by thought and action.
- ♦ A Christian people, working for God's realm in ecumenical harmony with other people of faith and conviction.