

# BEHOLD!!

A Newsletter of Smyrna United Church of Christ

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## July 2015

### Smyrna



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



### Dear Friends,

Lately, it seems as though there is too much pain in the world. As I write this, we are just about to begin the middle day of our five day Peace Camp at Smyrna, on the theme, "Peace Jam." The kids have been hearing stories about peace, talking together about peace, singing about peace, making instruments of peace, BEING instruments of peace, love and hope.

It seems ironic to talk about peace among a couple dozen kids, ranging in age from kindergarten through sixth grade. It seems more topical to be talk about ways to harness energy!

But there have been amazing moments of peace, like when an adult asked, "What does peace sound like?" and a sudden hush came across the room, like the rushing of the wind that is described about Pentecost. That time together is so sweet. And then the room breaks forth in laughter, the children run over for their yoga break, or they join in song and dance together.

That's peace. And joy. And love. I'm thrilled that Smyrna offers Peace Camp, and I'm privileged to be a part of it. Can't wait to see what happens at Friday's "Peace Jam Concert." It is going to be great. Full of the amazing energy of peace.

Thanks for the circle of love that makes room for all ages at Smyrna, a church that is named for peace. Thanks for all those who make these incredible moments of love and acceptance happen. Thanks for all who gather together at this place to make peace happen. It's needed. By all.

Blessings,  
Pastor Deb

P.S. Hope to see you all at Camp Adams Sunday – July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 out at Camp Adams, with potluck to follow. Then church moves to 10 am the following Sunday.

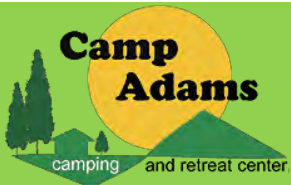




## Salad Suppers begin July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.

We will meet the first four Wednesdays in July to share a meal and learn more about things we can do to contribute to the good of the environment.

- ♦ **July 1<sup>st</sup>** — at our first Salad Supper we will learn about new developments in solar power
- ♦ **July 8<sup>th</sup>** — we will learn more about new developments in home energy efficiency
- ♦ **July 15<sup>th</sup>** — we will learn about new developments around fuel savings with cars
- ♦ **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** — we will learn more about what is happening with pollinators, so important for our food chain.



## Camp Adams Sunday/ Potluck Picnic

Camp Adams Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. out

at Camp Adams, with a potluck to follow. Directions to the Camp can be found on their website at [www.campadams.org](http://www.campadams.org).

Several young people in the congregation are involved in Camp Adams this summer, going to the Genesis, Discoverers and Sojourners Camps. Also, several adults are involved, including Virgil Foster (nurse), John Patterson (lifeguard), Sheila Daniels (Director of Genesis/Seekers camp), Pastor Deb (Chaplain at Genesis/Seekers camp), and Sophia Patterson (volunteer for Genesis/Seekers Camp).

And thanks to the Women's Fellowship, who made such a generous donation to support the work of the Camp, and who provided scholarships for all the youth who wanted to attend Camp Adams.

## TIP FOR A HEALTHY PLANET

**SIMPLIFY:** Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy on a regular basis. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less and create less waste in the future.

*Ione Jensen*

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## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Smyrna Youth Group will not have any regular meetings until fall, but we are working on a big fundraising project: a cookbook. These books will be available for purchase in the fall and we need your easy, family-friendly recipes! Funds will be used for the National Youth Event in 2016 at Walt Disney World. You can email recipes to Amber (email address is in Smyrna's Annual Report book) or leave them in the box in the Narthex.



On a personal note, the cookbook will be my last big project as Youth Director. As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, I will no longer be serving as Youth Director. I have enjoyed my four years leading the youth of Smyrna immensely. In particular, I am proud of beginning the tradition of an annual Youth Group Service Day during Spring Break. Service Day was an opportunity to give back to the church and community, in addition to having fellowship together as a group.

This congregation has provided overwhelming support for our little group, while the youth have continually impressed me with their enthusiasm and work ethic. I would like to thank the youth, their families, and the congregation as a whole for making the last four years joyful and meaningful. And, though I will no longer be serving as Youth Director, I will continue to be an active member of Smyrna.

*Amber Enfield*

## Prayer Group

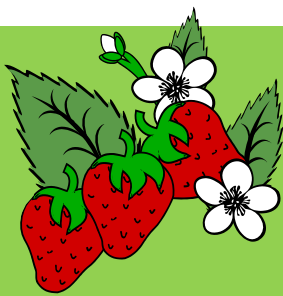


The Prayer (and spiritual exploration) Group meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in Pastor Deb's Office. Seven people have been meeting for discussion, support and prayer. We are an open group and everyone is invited to attend. We have no scheduled agenda and each meeting flows according to the questions, needs and prayers of those present. There is certainly no need for a commitment, and attendance can be fluid.

Feel free to come for compassionate love, support, understanding, and prayer, or to just participate in the flow of what may be happening. Some of our discussions have centered on the energy of prayer and how it works, and we have and will be exploring various forms of prayer. Because of the passing of our dear Mary Lee Schuebel, we spent time processing death and grief, and did a loving meditation/prayer to bless her. No concerns are too trivial, or too great, come and be blessed!

*Ione Jensen, [eionejenson@aol.com](mailto:eionejenson@aol.com)*





## Another Fantastic Strawberry Festival!

On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Smyrna held its annual Strawberry/Ice Cream Social with the weather cooperating so that some people could sit outside in front of the church to enjoy their bowls of strawberries and ice cream.

A big thank you to David and Bernadette Yoder and their crew for making and serving the ice cream. The strawberries seemed to be at their best and were enjoyed with a piece of pie, cake or shortcake. Jim Yoder donated red trays which helped people carry their lite supper and desert to their table.

With our free will offering we took in \$1,528 for the evening's event. If there are any bills to be turned in to the treasurer, please do so as soon as possible. As general Chairperson I would like to thank everyone for their hard work to make the festival happen.

—Barbara Daniels—



The Smyrna United Church of Christ Scholarship Committee has granted a **Glenda Yoder Sano** scholarship to John Patterson of the Smyrna UCC community for the upcoming 2015-2016 academic calendar year. John will receive \$800.00 to attend Willamette University in Salem this fall. We wish John much success in the coming year at Willamette!

## News from our UCC Neighbors:

No Matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are invited to join Hubbard, UCC's Conversations on the Vine. We will be gathering at Aurora Colony Vineyard(21338 Oak Lane NE, Aurora) on 7/26/2015 1-2 pm. You are invited to join us for "Show and Tell" by sharing an artistic creation (crafts, painting, music, dance, writing, poetry, song, food, etc.) of your own or one that you treasure because it has brought meaning into your life. Even if you do not consider yourself an artist join us in the conversation about what it means to live a life, enriched by art.

We want you to come, bring friends and be apart of the conversation about art that stirs our imagination. We will supply the nibbles and a glass of wine for all those who join us on this day. A free will offering will be accepted. Questions? call Dianne Rodriguez [516-673-1231](tel:516-673-1231) or email [blackswan57@aol.com](mailto:blackswan57@aol.com)



Pastor Deb and Joe Gribble out for a drive on a sunny day.



### A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank Smyrna UCC for the scholarship I received through the Glenda Sano Memorial Scholarship fund to help me begin my studies at Willamette University. As you may know, my Dad is on the faculty there, which provides me with tuition support, but I am still responsible for paying for my room and board, books, and fees, so this scholarship will go a long way toward helping me with my college expenses. I plan to study film studies and theatre, and am also interested in English and biology. Right now I am working to earn more money for college by being a lifeguard at Camp Adams for the summer. Thank you very much.  
John Patterson



**September 4, 2015**

*Smyrna*

**Drive the Hunger Away**

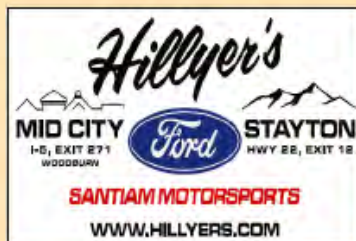
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Course**

**September 4 2015**

**18 holes of Golf  
& dinner  
Hole in one  
prizes, Raffle, and  
more prizes!**

**1 p.m. "Shotgun  
Start"**

**Followed by  
Dinner & Auction**

**Entry Fee:**  
\$88 nonmembers  
\$38 members

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Allergies can be unusual, irritating or potentially dangerous reactions of the immune system to an average, harmless substance. These reactions occur in about one out of three people. They can attack the respiratory tract, the digestive tract, or the entire body. The type and severity of the reactions de-

pend on each person's level of sensitivity to the offending substance.

Since allergies can't be cured, it is important to find out and avoid the causes for the allergic reactions. The causes can be environmental (wind, pollen, poison ivy, pollution, etc.) chemical (perfume, smoke, cleaning materials, latex rubber, medications) or foods (shellfish, peanuts,

wheat, milk, soy, strawberries) or elements in the surrounding (bees, mold, dust, or animal dander).

The diagnosis can come from a doctor or conclusions of the individual's own detective work — looking for symptoms, reactions, or changes in diet or environment.

Keeping a diary is often beneficial in determining the cause of the allergy. A doctor can use blood or skin tests to assist diagnosis. Allergies cannot be cured, however, with diagnosis, the treatment can begin and the symptoms relieved.

Source: National Institute of Health  
[www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/allergy.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/allergy.html)

## Meeting Minutes - Music and Worship Planning Committee Smyrna UCC - Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 am

The group, composed of choir members and other interested folks, met to begin planning for the Music and Worship planning committee and work going forward, and started with an analysis of the strengths, needs, and opportunities of the music programming at Smyrna, as part of the overall worship planning.

### Strengths:

- Joel is a great organist.
- The music at Smyrna is alive.
- There is a lot of music talent at Smyrna.
- Good choir, soloists and instrumentalists, including several youth.
- The congregation is appreciative of the efforts of the musicians.
- Handbells are a wonderful resource.
- Nice to have both a good organ and piano, and people to play them.
- Like the acoustic music, not praise. The music is not too loud.
- The music is generally traditional, but there is flexibility to try new things.
- The culture is flexible, welcoming, and affirming.

### Needs:

- More backups/substitutes available for organist – perhaps a short list of folks/paid? (75?)
- More choir music
- New choir robes?
- Training for the handbells?
- More rehearsal time for?
- Someone to engage the kids in music programming?
- Music for Peace Camp/Camp Adams
- A music position should be for choir and handbell director/children's music programming

Hymns. We have a nice mix of familiar and unfamiliar hymns. Perhaps go through new hymns at the beginning of the service. Perhaps we need a strategy on how to deal with new hymns, e.g., just playing the melody. Maybe we need a hymn suggestion box?

### Opportunities:

- We have organ, choir, bells, piano, music, musicians and soloists
- Soloists: Virgin, Christine, Imani, Jean, Kathy, Bill, Kirstan, Angie, Sandra, Chris, Adam, Bryce
- Could we form small groups of music ensembles?
- Outside musicians? Adam has a friend that plays French horn, there is John Nilsen, Judy Kraxberger's Bluegrass Gospel group, classical guitar, etc. Need special music for festivals, and celebrations, such as the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Concerts? Alumni choir, Lewis & Clark College, Klemme, etc.
- Students? Get a director who is still in college?
- Survey the congregation – put together a draft survey for the next meeting.
- Draft job description for the next meeting.
- Camp Adams Sunday – sing camp songs.

We will meet again on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to continue our discussion and work.  
Pastor Deb, Recorder



## PEACE CAMP 2015



was a resounding success with 22 kids, aged 5-11, in attendance. The theme was "Peace Jam" and the kids learned songs, stories about songs, and made instruments, all



with peace as the central theme, in addition to daily lessons on peace. We had a special guest musician, John Nilsen on Tuesday (guitar) and Thursday (piano), and a guest dance teacher, Nicki Salisbury, on Wednesday. We even had a concert on Friday with family and friends invited to join the fun.

It takes many folks working together to make a camp like this happen. Thanks to Mary Namit for the design of the t-shirts and bringing animal guests each day; Sheila Daniels and Deb Patterson for teaching the curriculum and coordinating the concert; Audrey Yoder for putting together the art projects and Amber Enfield for helping her; Anne Bangs for leading yoga; Barbara Daniels for coordinating snacks on behalf of the Women's Fellowship and all those who helped with that, including Diane Potter and Linda Dunn. Thanks to Virginia Yoder, who coordinated registration on the first day; Liz & Bill Chapin and Romaric Fotsing who helped with the music, as well; Sandra Mahar for taking pictures; and Andrew Mahar for running the microphone for the concert.



And thanks to all the others whose contributions made this camp possible!





# July 2015 at Smyrna

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**Mary Lee Schuebel**  
**March 6 1942**  
**To**  
**June 11 2015**

Mary Lee (Bradford) Schuebel passed away after a brief illness on Thursday, June 11. She was 73.

Mary Lee was born in Albany, OR, on March 6, 1942, to Sidney "Larry" Bradford and Virginia Boyle. She grew up in Canby and Barlow where she was a cheerleader at CHS, graduating in 1960. Her parents operated the Greyhound Bus Depot, where today's 7-11 store is, and Mary Lee spent her formative years cooking at the depot restaurant and helping her parents raise her two younger sisters in the attached apartment.

She married Robert Schuebel, of Mulino, in 1961. They lived in Mulino all their married lives, except when Rob was in the army and they lived in Oklahoma. They had three children, Keith, Scott, and Anne, and 5 grandchildren. Mary Lee worked at Mulino Elementary School for 29 years and substituted there for 10 years after she "retired."

Mary Lee loved family gatherings, gardening, cooking, the Oregon Coast, feeding and watching backyard birds, camping, backyard campfires, Mt. Hood, and driving fast. She loved big rocks with character and dreamed that people would bring her one for her garden. She loved taking pictures, especially of her grandchildren. She cooked hundreds of meals for folks suffering from illness or loss and for her beloved church community. No one cared about people more than she did. She loved her grandchildren most of all and will be sorely missed by them. She was a decades - long member of Smyrna United Church of Christ, in Canby, which was an important part of her life.

A funeral service will take place at 2:00 p.m., July 11, at Smyrna Church, 31119 S. Hwy 170, Canby. A potluck celebration will be held at the family residence after the service.

The family is very appreciative of the excellent service and preparations provided by Canby Funeral Chapel. Memorial donations may be made in Mary Lee's name to Mulino Elementary School for educational supplies at U.S. Bank

Friends are invited to join the family of Marion Belle Andrew to honor her in a memorial service at Smyrna UCC, 31119 S Canby-Marquam Hwy, Canby OR. The service begins at 11 a.m. on July 8, 2015. Marion was a member of the Harry Richards family living in the Yoder area during her youth. She was born July 8, 1928 and died December 31, 2014.





Paul Burkert, a Smyrna church member, competed recently in the 59er's Antique Tractor Pull held June 20-21 at Bremer's Corner. Paul had multiple tractors in this pull and did very well. Paul purchases old tractors and restores them himself.

The next three tractor pulls at Bermer's Corner this summer will be on July 11-12, August 22-23, and September 19-20. As many of you know, Paul maintains our cemetery grounds on a weekly basis. Rick Gano took the accompanying photos and enjoyed the activity immensely.



*You're Invited!  
Please join Carol's  
Cabbage Patch Doll  
Family and her  
Teddy Bear Family to  
help her celebrate  
her 70th birthday!*

*Saturday,  
July 18, 2015*

*6:30 p.m.*

*American Dream  
Pizza*

*4620 NE Glisan  
Portland, OR*

*Everyone will cut  
their own piece  
of cake*

*Call Carol if you have  
any questions  
(503-762-0581)*

## My Peaceful World

Sung to America the Beautiful

Lyrics by Liz Chapin & The Smyrna Peacemakers 2015

**Oh beautiful, My Peaceful World  
A world of love not fear  
Where everyone can live in peace  
And no one sheds a tear.  
No bullying, no poverty  
A world that's full of grace  
With love, and work and thoughtfulness  
We'll save the human race**

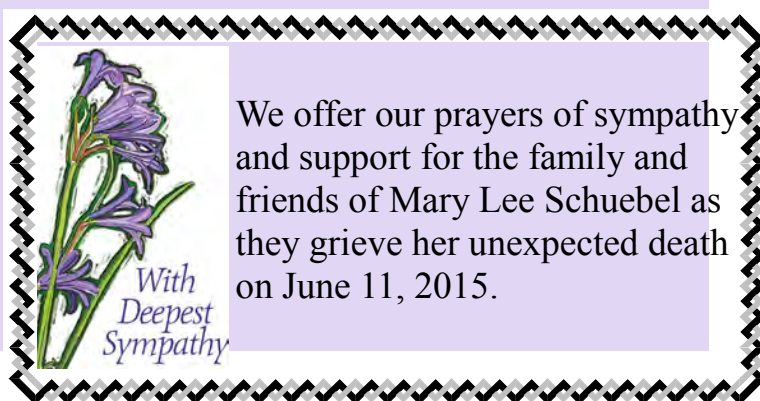
**No hate, no wars, no racism  
Just friendship everywhere.  
We're helping the less fortunate  
And showing them we care.  
We'll save the earth, help animals,  
Be gracious kind and true  
And we can all be Peacemakers**

**If we don't help, then who?  
Our peaceful world please join us now  
and be a guiding light  
We all can have a role to play  
stand up and do what's right  
It's up to you to lend a hand  
Or help a friend in need  
Let's make the world a better place  
It starts with you and me**



Anne & Chris Bangs  
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Debbie Hancox  
Ernie & Ethel Henderson  
Ruth Hepler  
Mickey Hester  
Blanche Kober

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Krebs  
Bob Kyrk  
Ron Lindland  
Lucia Schuebel  
Robert Schuebel  
Don Stoneking



## **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.