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Smyrna

A Newsletter of Smyrna United Church of Christ

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

June 2016



Dear Friends,

Elijah was a prophet in Israel who was sorely discouraged with what he saw around him – people grabbing all the power and wealth that they could for themselves, and leaving the poor to fend for themselves. He spoke out against abuses, but no one seemed to care. In despair, he sat under a broom tree and asked God to end his life.

God, however, gave a response that showed the essence of divine power. God was not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the “still, small voice” heard on the mountain. It was a voice that offered a future and a hope, and asked Elijah to return to his people and share that good news.

In our own time, we see inequity and greed. We see some who are struggling, and others who have lost their way. We see some who are so discouraged that they are ready, like Elijah, to sit under a tree and give up.

We, too, are called to serve our communities, bringing words of healing and hope. We are led by the same One who led the faithful of old.

It is that “still, small voice” of gentle persuasion to which we respond as we order our days. It is why our lists of “Things to Do” often look far different from what gets done in a day – we listen, and find that God has a plan that surprises, and blesses.

We also have been given a voice to make a difference in the world. While our voice may seem small, it is the quiet, gentle voice of persistence and reason that can bring words of hope and blessing.

May you listen for the leading of God’s still, small voice as you walk through these coming days of summer, and may you use your voice and *all* your gifts to bring healing and wholeness where God leads.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb

SAVE THE DATES!

June 18th – Strawberry Festival

July 17th – Camp Adams Sunday

A NOTE ABOUT OUR YOUTH MINISTER



Adam Ericksen has been serving as our Youth Minister for the last few weeks, and we are glad he is with us. He will be meeting with the youth in grades 7-12 most Sundays, and will be preaching one Sunday a month. In addition, he will be performing other pastoral duties on occasion, as he is seeking a permanent, full-time call in parish ministry or chaplaincy. So you will

be seeing Adam all summer, preaching once a month or when Pastor Deb is away with family on vacation, and officiating at communion from time to time as well. He will also be a speaker at Peace Camp.

The Church Council has also voted to extend the opportunity to Adam for applying for ordination through the Committee on Ministry of the Central Pacific Conference of the UCC while he is with us as Youth Minister, and we will keep you posted on progress with that.

We are glad you are continuing through the summer and into the fall with us, Adam!



68 people attended Memory café in May to hear Dr. Robert Winningham from WOU.

NEXT MEMORY CAFÉ – June 3rd at noon

Our next Memory Café will be on Friday, June 3rd from noon to 1:30. This will be our last program before the summer, and we will have Megan Melady of the Alzheimer's Association, who is going to speak on, "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Brains." Lunch will be catered by Arlene Hampton, assisted by Barbara Daniels and Genevieve Freeman. No charge, but freewill offerings gladly accepted for lunch. Please RSVP by Wed., June 1st to debpaterson-home@gmail.com or call Pastor Deb at 503-689-4450 to reserve your spot for the next Memory Café. We will resume in the fall on September 9th as the golf tournament is September 2nd.



Smyrna United Church of Christ
Located 9 mi. S. of Canby on the Canby-Marquam Hwy. (170)
Presents The 69th Annual

Strawberry Festival

5–7p.m.

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Featuring

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

Strawberries Strawberries Strawberries!



Freewill donations will be accepted



The prayer group will continue to meet during the summer months. We are an open and welcoming group, so please feel free to drop in and join us at any time. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Pastor Deb's Office.



Stitch Club History Notes

Hello History buffs, By January 1968 Stitch Club was still meeting and had \$43.00 on hand as the balance in their treasury. The group was still going to Colton Nursing Home for a Friday Coffee Hour. Stitch Club was paying the phone bill which was \$9.85 and they were trying to help a resident of the Colton Home to pay for a TV that was ordered. There was a balance of \$39.00 due. Stitch Club hosted Coffee Hour, which consisted of prune bread, cookies, punch and coffee, at Church when new members joined.

Later in 1968, Stitch Club took on the prospects of serving dinner to a school reunion whereby they appointed a person to chair the event. After this event the group reported they served 63 people and netted a profit of \$138.69. The Club voted to give \$24.00 as a camp ship to be sent to the Highland Church for their use to send a child to camp who otherwise could not go.

Stitch Club continued throughout the year to visit the residence of Colton Home, take cookies every month. The group was very active in having bridal showers, baby showers and benefits for members of the church. Their budget wasn't large, but they managed to assist many with their donations.

Thank you for reading. Barbara Daniels



Summer '37:

A youth group from Smyrna climbing Mt Hood.
Back Row: ____ Busch, student minister, Clifford Mitts, Earl Owen, Eleanor Mitts Holbrook

Front Row: Lois Day Brown, Blanche Staerber Steph, Dorothy Richards, Mary Blaine Sparks, Margie Mitts Owen, Gungadene Bidgood Mitts.



A NOTE OF THANKS

The Church Council and Music Committee ask you to join them in a note of thanks to Kristin Wishon, for her leadership as Choir Director this year. She came to Smyrna last October on a contract that ran through May of this year, but it was unanimous that she be offered the position on a permanent basis. We are glad that you will be continuing with your ministry of music at Smyrna, Kristin!

And a note of thanks from all of us at Smyrna to the choir and many musicians who give of their time and talents to bring differing musical offerings to worship each week. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to this ministry.

SUMMER HOURS

Just a reminder that worship will begin at 10 am during the months of June, July and August, followed by coffee hour .

We will not have Adult Education or Sunday School during the summer, but the Youth Group will continue to meet most Sundays.

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Health Committee has just launched a new program of visitation for those members of our congregation who are unable to attend church services and activities on a regular basis. Ten individuals have volunteered to make calls once a month to keep these members connected to their church family here at Smyrna UCC. Blessings and love to all who are involved.



Treasurer's Report

Balance 3/31/2016	\$2,690.81
Receipts	9,513.63
Trans/adjustments	7,139.00
Expenditures	(13,926.98)
Balance 4/30/2016	\$5,416.46

Confirmation, May 15, 2016 at Smyrna UCC



Left to right: Rebekah Yoder, Paul Yoder, Josh Marshall, Tina Marshall and Jeff Marshall



Chuck Odell greets Paul Yoder and Josh Marshall after the Confirmation/Worship Service.

Congratulations to Josh Marshall and Paul Yoder, who confirmed their faith at Smyrna UCC on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, 2016. Both Josh and Paul will be starting their sophomore years this fall – Josh at Silverton High School and Paul at Molalla High School. We are proud of these two young men, and wish them many blessings in the years to come!

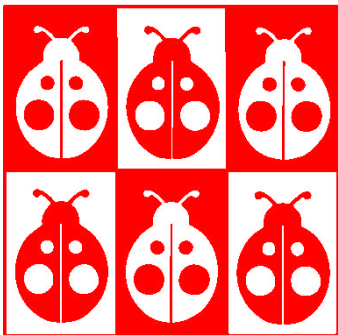


PEACE CAMP for Grades K-6

“**Grow Now in Peace**” is the theme of the Peace Camp to be held from June 27-July 1st from 9 am to 12:30 pm each day for children in grades K-6 at Smyrna. **Media literacy, conflict resolution, and caring for the earth** are key elements of this year’s camp, in which children learn about the practice of peacemaking, and learning practical techniques to deal with conflict around them.



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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.

Smyrna celebrates that 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. The cost is \$25 for the week, which includes a t-shirt, snacks, art supplies, and other materials. Scholarships are available.

Registrations are due by June 15th, and application forms are available on the website at www.smyrna-ucc.org or by e-mailing debpatersonhome@gmail.com. For more information, you can also call 503-689-4450.



INTERGENERATIONAL ART NIGHTS

Smyrna is launching a new program for the summer of 2016 – Intergenerational Art Nights!

Instead of having our four-week salad series, we will have salad potlucks spread out over three Wednesdays in June, July and August, with an Intergenerational Art Night to follow. The Art Night is being introduced by Heather Anderson, who was an art teacher in public school before moving to Canby a few years back. We are assembling a team of Smyrna artists, and, based on interest, we hope to make this a regular monthly event.

Here is each evening's schedule – please come for any or all of the evening's activities:

Tai Chi from 3:30 to 5:00, Salad Potluck from 5-6, and Art Night from 6-7:30 pm.

There is no charge for the art night, but freewill offerings will be accepted to cover the cost of the materials, and RSVPs are requested so that we have enough materials for everyone. Please RSVP to Pastor Deb at debpaterson-home@gmail.com or 503-689-4450.

Here are the dates:

Wednesday, June 22nd – RSVP by June 15th

July 27th – RSVP by July 20th

August 31st – RSVP by August 24th

Thanks to all Smyrna's wonderful artists!



AGING BACKWARDS

"Aging Backwards" is a program offered through OPB which helps adults regain flexibility and strength, and address pain. We are piloting the opportunity to offer this program at Smyrna, to supplement the Tai Chi classes led by Virgil Foster (Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:20 a.m.).



Mary Namit and Carl Menkel will lead the Aging Backwards classes using the DVDs on Mondays at 10 am. Come join the group, and continue the daily practice on your own at home – the program is available weekdays on OPB. We will start on Monday, June 6th at 10 a.m.

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 pm.

AN INVITATION FROM THE EARTH CARE COMMITTEE

Smyrna's Earth Care Committee invites you to consider a special gift to support the environmental ministries of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon with a special gift during the

month of June, to be gathered in on Sunday, June 12th. Our contributions help EMO to encourage congregations to implement earth care activities such as community gardens, to consider using alternative energy sources, to learn more about statewide climate policy, and to share their views with their elected leaders.

Thank you for your support of this important project!



Peacebuilders Camp – “GROW NOW IN PEACE”

June 27-July 1, 2016, 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: smyrnaucc@canby.com or debpatersonhome@gmail.com

Please complete one application form per child.

Cost is \$25 per child, which includes all activities, snacks, t-shirt and materials

Please make checks payable to Smyrna UCC

Child's Name: _____

Parents/Guardians Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Age & Birth Date: _____

E-mail address: _____

Child's T-Shirt Size (Circle One): Child – S M L XL Youth – S M L XL

Question for your child: What is something you have learned about peace?

Indicate any special dietary restrictions, medical considerations or accessibility concerns for your child:

If you would like to apply for a scholarship for your child to attend, please indicate your reasons, briefly:

**** Deadline for this application is June 15, 2016 ****

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- * Helen and Chuck Odell and family
- * Levonne and Rick Gano's grand-nephew Matthew and family
- * Jeannie Rogers' Uncle Ted as he continues to recover
- * Barbara Brown (Mary Lee Schuebel's sister), recovering from a stroke
- * Sue Cozzens (Linda Dunn's sister), undergoing cancer treatment
- * Kaden Fisher, recovering from burns
- * David Roddy (Brenda Hammock's brother), undergoing cancer treatment
- * Jane Dahl's family facing health issues
- * Jackie Miller's family facing health issues
- * Krissy Johnston's father, recovering from heart surgery
- * Mickey Hester, awaiting heart surgery
- * And let us hold each other, and our neighbors around the world, in prayer.



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.