

# BEHOLD!!

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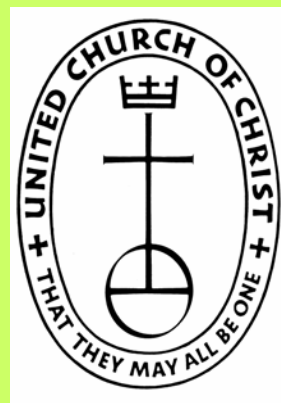
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## Smyrna



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

# May 2016

## Dear Friends,

What a wonderful anniversary celebration we had recently! Thank you to everyone who made that possible, including the anniversary committee: Joel Daniels, Rick and Levonne Gano, Jeff Marshall, Julia and Bill Peterson, Irene Schriever, and Virginia Yoder. So many others helped in significant ways, from helping to design the t-shirts to planning and implementing set-up, to providing special music, decorating, historical displays, photography, and clean-up, among many other activities.

We are grateful that we had special guests join us, including Walter John Boris, the CPC Conference Minister, who brought the morning's message, to former and neighboring pastors and spouses, including David Akers, Jim Buffington, Jennifer Seach, Gene and Pat Ross, Dorothy Krebs, Philip Oliver, and Allen Holt. Greetings were read by Merritt McCall. And a special word of thanks to Jean Akers, who played a special rendition of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" on the handbells with Ginger Redlinger, accompanied by Kathy Robinson on the piano.



In November, we will be having a special dedication in the cemetery, to remember the dedication of the sanctuary so many years ago. At this time, we hope to share parts of the oral histories of long-time members of the area, as well – a project guided by Julia and Bill Peterson, along with Joel Daniels. And we would be remiss if we didn't thank Joel for being the MC for the afternoon program, and creating the fascinating slide show for the anniversary, which was fascinating whether you were a long-time member, or a visitor to the congregation.

Now we get to look forward to the years to come. And look forward to the large expanse of "Ordinary Time" that makes up the bulk of our lives, from whence the richness and completeness come.

Thanks be to God for you all!

In peace and grace,  
Pastor Deb



It's been so great becoming a part of the Smyrna community over the last few months! Pastor Deb has been warm, kind, and gracious. She is an amazing pastor. We are all so

blessed to have her. And the youth group has been so much fun! I remember going with them and Amber to the spring break service project and getting to know them better that day. I enjoyed listening to them tell me stories about school, family, and friends. You have all welcomed me into this community with open arms. Thank you. It's a joy to be here.

I would like to fill you in on how I like to run the youth group. We generally start with a time of sharing our highs and lows of the week. Then I have an activity and relate it to a Bible passage. For example, we've walked outside blindfolded to relate to Saul going blind on the road to Damascus and we did trust falls to explore the meaning of faith. Then we discuss how the passage relates to our lives today.

Looking ahead, we may plan to visit synagogues, mosques, temples, and other religious places that we'd like to learn about. I'm just very excited for the opportunity to be with you. Thank you for your welcoming spirit.

Grace and peace,

Adam



## Encore Poutine!

It's that time again. Time to make plans for our Oktoberfest booth at Mt Angel on Sept. 15-18.

We will have a meeting of anyone interested in helping on **Tuesday, May 3 at 6:45** at the church.

See you there,  
Joel and Jeff



## Memory Café on May 6<sup>th</sup>

### Train Your Brain: An Evidence-Based and Holistic Approach to Optimal Brain Health

**Robert G. Winningham, PhD**, a nationally known expert in the field of brain health, and Professor of Psychology and Gerontology at Western Oregon University (WOU) will be the featured speaker for the next Memory Café on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 1:30 pm. There is no cost, although free-will donations are accepted for lunch. Reservations are required by Wednesday, May 4th to [debpatersonhome@gmail.com](mailto:debpatersonhome@gmail.com) or by calling 503-689-4450.

**There are many practical things that all of us can do to maximize our memory abilities**, with mounting evidence that lifestyle factors, including staying mentally active, can delay memory problems. For the past 16 years, Dr. Winningham has conducted research on older adults and ways to enhance their mental functioning and quality of life. Learn more at [www.robwinningham.com](http://www.robwinningham.com).

**He will also have his most recent book, Cranium Crunches**, available for sale at the Memory Café. This promises to be a fascinating presentation – you won't want to miss it!



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Adult Ed – May 2016** — Join us each Sunday at 9:45 for coffee and conversation on a wide range of topics relating to religion and our world.

- **May 1st** – “Becoming Wise” – a look at Krista Tippett's new book for facing the big issues of our lives.
- **May 8<sup>th</sup>** – God and Mothers
- **May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation Class Conversation
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Mystery
- **May 29<sup>th</sup>** – In Memory

### Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday for those freshman students who have completed the confirmation class will take place on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship. They will also meet with the Adult Education class before worship at 9:45, and will be the guests of honor at coffee hour following worship.

### Save the Dates!

- **June 27-July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Peace Camp at Smyrna for grades K-6. “Grow Now in Peace”
- **Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>** — Smyrna Worship and Potluck at Camp Adams Sunday





## Stitch Club History Notes

In January of 1965 the members of Stitch Club were still having dessert before they began their meeting. They reported there was a total of \$107.83 in their account with a couple of bills to be paid. That was a lot of money back then. Today Stitch Club has a balance of over \$900 in their account. The group spoke of taking down the Christmas Nativity scene and they decided to ask some of the men to help. They mentioned making articles for the Fairview Home and appointed a committee to bring things to make. They planned to contact a missionary from Honduras to be a guest speaker on a Sunday evening.

The month of February 1965 Stitch Club talked about a wedding of Miss Smith of Canby for whom the group would buy, prepare and serve a buffet supper for about 70 people. Stitch Club decided to charge \$100 for their services. During some of their monthly meetings Stitch Club members were busy hemming diapers for the layettes they made. No throw away diapers for the babies during these years.

At another meeting during 1965 it was decided by this group of ladies to move the out-houses and clean up in the back of the church. In May of 1965, Stitch Club saved Flav-R-Pack labels; however; there was no mention of their use. The group was discussing silverware during this time and they decided to buy just forks and spoons. Stitch Club was also very involved in the cupboards in the kitchen of Friendship Hall such as the stain and finishes.

And so it goes, another year in the life of Stitch Club.  
By Barbara Daniels

### Treasurer's Report — Irene Schriever

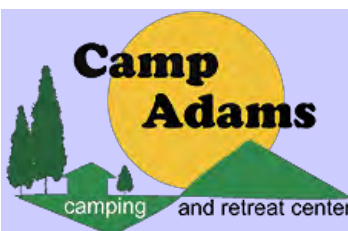
Balance 2/29/2016	\$10,873.33
Receipts	7,706.06
Expenditures	<u>(15,888.58)</u>
Balance 3/31/2016	\$2,690.81

## Let there be light

In the last couple weeks, new LED light fixtures were installed around the outside of the church. In addition to providing nice bright lighting, there is a significant rebate and they should pay for themselves in several years. Unlike those they replace, they won't burn out. They are mostly covered so they do not add to light pollution.



*Do you know that you can donate to the church on a one-time or recurring basis by credit card? There is a form in the narthex for electronic payments. Fill out and then give to Joel. It's safe and secure.*



The Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ offers a variety of summer camping opportunities for youth grades 2nd through 12th.

Many of Smyrna's youth attend Camp Adams' summer camp programs, assisted by a "campership" provided by Smyrna Women's fellowship. Pick up an application from Smyrna's Narthex and **turn it in to Sheila Daniels by May 22.** Preference will be given to UCC families, those attending UCC churches, and UCC youth activities.

Check their website, <http://campadams.org>, for more information on these 2016 camping opportunities:

**Taller & Smaller (K and 1st Graders w/ Adult)**  
July 31 - August 3, 2016 or... August 3 - 6, 2016

**Genesis/Seekers (2nd and 3rd Graders)**  
July 24 - 30, 2016

**Discoverers (4th and 5th Graders)**  
July 17 - 23, 2016

**Sojourners (6th-8th Graders)**  
July 10 - 16, 2016

**Exodus (9th-12th Graders)**  
July 3 - 9, 2016

**There will be no Family Camp in 2016.**



# Smyrna

125 years  
in this place  
1891-2016

Song: "The Friendly Old Church" Tune: "Mocking Bird Hill"  
Words written for Smyrna by the Rev. Milo Haecker, c. 1950, alt.

Verse: O the Friendly Old Church by the side of the road  
With its wide open portals and framing of green,  
With its giant oaks pointing the spirit to God,  
And a welcome the heartiest ever you've seen.  
There's a spirit that sings in the air all around,  
Of the friendship and happiness people hold dear.  
When they sing with a ring the glad voices resound,  
With a friendship that's true and a faith that is clear.

Chorus: Then it's come, people, come to the Friendly Old Church;  
Join heart, hand and voice in the paeon of praise;  
For the Fellowship Song is the chorus we raise,  
In a welcome like that of the Friendly Old Church.

Verse: O the Friendly Old Church by the side of the road  
Is but me, and the spirit I carry along;  
And my church is to prosper, or fail with its load,  
As the ring of true friendliness heartens my song.  
Then we'll ever join hands by the side of the road  
To welcome a stranger that's weary and sad;  
Point their faith to our Maker, and lighten the load,  
While as Christians together we sing and be glad.

Chorus: Then it's come, people, come to the Friendly Old Church;  
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For the Fellowship Song is the chorus we raise,  
In a welcome like that of the Friendly Old Church.







# Smyrna United Church of Christ

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration April 10, 2016



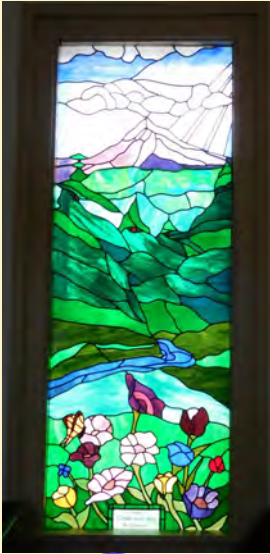
Luncheon – 12:30 pm

Thank you to Clarkes Grange, Beaver Creek, for catering our luncheon today.

Grace: Rev. Dr. Deborah Patterson

**Program — 2 p.m.**

Master of Ceremonies — Joel Daniels, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chair







*Thank you to  
Rev. Walter John Boris,  
Conference Minister of the Central Pacific Conference UCC, for preaching at the 11 a.m. service during our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.*



*Christian Nurture would like to thank the Diaconate and all who helped provide treats for the All Church Birthday Party on April 24, 2016. Happy Birthday to anyone who has ever had a birthday!*



**Smyrna Celebrated Earth Day on Sunday, April 24,** with a special book during the Youth Sermon. During the birthday celebration, a variety of books focusing on Earth care were available for browsing.





# May 2016 at Smyrna

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:45 a.m. Adult Education 11 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Youth Group <b>b.d. Dick Cheadle</b> Coffee Hour: Elaine & Barbara Daniels Flowers: Pat Bullard	<b>2</b> 7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon	<b>3</b> 1 p.m. Stitch Club @ LeVonne's 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna 11 a.m. Mission & Outreach Com. 6:45 p.m. Oktoberfest Planning Group 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Friends	<b>4</b> 3:45 p.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna Deadline to RSVP for Memory Cafe	<b>5</b> 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 12 Noon Memory Cafe @ Smyrna	<b>7</b> 10:20 a.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna
<b>8</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:45 a.m. Adult Education 11 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Youth Group Coffee Hour: Barbara Daniels Flowers: Elaine Daniels	<b>9</b> 7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon b.d. Mark Gano	<b>10</b> 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna b.d. Paul Hudrlik, Cheryl Sano-Kirkele	<b>11</b> 3:45 p.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna b.d. Jeff Hammock	<b>12</b> 12 Noon Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice b.d. Judy Burbank, Bernadette Yoder, Florence Pease	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:20 a.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna
<b>15</b> 9:45 a.m. Adult Education 11 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Youth Group Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed Flowers: Terri Milliren <i>Pentecost and Confirmation            Sunday</i>	<b>16</b> 7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon b.d. Lauren Humphreys	<b>17</b> 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna 11 a.m. Diaconate in Pastor's Office 7 p.m. Church Council b.d. Lincoln Bangs Wedding Ann. John & Florence Pease	<b>18</b> 3:45 p.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna	<b>19</b> 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice b.d. Colton Fisher	<b>20</b> <b>Behold!!            deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 10:20 a.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna Armed Forces Day b.d. Sherry Skiles
<b>22</b> 9:45 a.m. Adult Education 11 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Youth Group b.day Kaden Wells Flowers: Arlene Peterson <b>SOUP AND PIE SUNDAY</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon	<b>24</b> 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna b.d. Linda Dunn	<b>25</b> 3:45 p.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna b.d. John Patterson	<b>26</b> 12 Noon Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>27</b> b.d. Sarah Zannotti	<b>28</b> b.d. Paul Holbrook, Louise Allee
<b>29</b> 9:45 a.m. Adult Education 11 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Youth Group Coffee Hour: Diaconate Flowers: Volunteer needed	<b>30</b> 7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon Memorial Day (Observed)	<b>31</b> 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna	<div> <div> <b>Apr 2016</b>  <b>S M T W T F S</b>                                              1 2            3 4 5 6 7 8 9            10 11 12 13 14 15 16            17 18 19 20 21 22 23            24 25 26 27 28 29 30         </div> <div> <b>Jun 2016</b>  <b>S M T W T F S</b>                                              1 2 3 4            5 6 7 8 9 10 11            12 13 14 15 16 17 18            19 20 21 22 23 24 25            26 27 28 29 30         </div> </div>			

Helen and Chuck Odell  
Marion Golonka  
Lucia Schuebel  
Theresa and Keith Schuebel and family  
Anne and Chris Bangs and family  
Burt Gottwald  
Blanche Kober  
Joe Gribble  
Mickey Hester  
Beverly Madieros  
Angie and Adam Maurer  
Jean Epley  
Vonda Stoneking  
Larry Grant  
Lindsay Miller  
Eileen Boss  
John Beck  
Dharman Niles (friend of Pattersons)  
Ted Watkins, Jeannie's uncle



## **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.