

# BEHOLD!!

**A Newsletter of Smyrna United Church of Christ**

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## July 2016

### Smyrna



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

*Dear Friends,*

I love the energy of our congregation – how it ebbs and flows like a vibrant, healthy river! There is a different energy each of the various gatherings at our church, but they all feel like something wonderful is about to happen. I am thinking back to the discussions and practices we had on Mindfulness during Lent on various topics, from mindful eating to mindful use of technology, to mindfulness meditation. There was a certain type of peaceful energy there. And during the Peace Camp week that is coming up next week, I know that there will be an entirely different kind of peaceful energy!

There is the energy of Memory Café. There is the energy of Coffee and Friends, of the Prayer Group. There is the energy of Tai Chi and Aging Backwards. Of the committees that meet, from Church Council to Diaconate, to the Health and Earth Care Committees. The energy of Women's Fellowship and Stitch Club, the Cemetery Committee, the Trustees and those who lead and serve in various capacities on behalf of Christian Education. And the energy of those who made the Strawberry Festival a tremendous success. And more....

It's a good energy. It's the energy that sustains us, reminding us that we are not alone. We are connected to God, to our faith community, to the community beyond. It's the energy that draws us together, that helps us to share each other's joy and grief.

It is, indeed, the energy of the Spirit of God at work, moving in and through and among us. Drink deeply of the waters of this healing power. And let the presence of the living God love and sustain you. Now and forevermore.

Blessings, Pastor Deb



Just a reminder that worship continues at 10 am for the months of June, July and August, with coffee hour to follow. We will not have Adult Education or Sunday School during the summer, but the Youth Group will continue to meet most Sundays. Adam will be away the first two Sundays in July — no Youth Group.

# Oktoberfest

## POUTINE FOOD BOOTH

We are again having our vendor booth at Mt Angel Oktoberfest on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We will be adding a couple of food items to the Poutine. In the drink department we will add Ice Tea and Lemonade. As another kind of cheese topping to the fries we are adding cheese fondue and we will have fried cheese curds for sale as well. The booth will be reconfigured over the course of the summer as well as painted.

Plan to come and participate in the preparation of Poutine on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and July 31, 2016 following church service. Look for sign up sheets in the Narthex requesting help with the preparation and clean up prior to those two dates. Another added feature will be a gas deep fat fryer that has been donated to us to use in our booth. We will also be having a work party to clean and prepare the booth. Look for those dates to follow.

To sign up to work in the booth during Ockoberfest please contact Barbara Daniels. **503-390-4686**

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS JULY 27<sup>th</sup> –

*The Church Council will meet Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> following the Art Night, from 7:30 to 9 pm*

## AGING BACKWARDS

“Aging Backwards” is a program offered through Oregon Public Broadcasting 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.



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 week-days on OPB.

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 2016-2017 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!

Rick Gano,  
Chairperson, Smyrna UCC Scholarship Committee



## Dear Smyrna Friends,

Thank you so much for renewing my college scholarship from the Glenda Sano Scholarship Fund for a second year. I am going to be a sophomore at Willamette University this coming year, and I have declared a film studies major, but I am still thinking about what my career will be. I do want my career to make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for making a difference in my life with this scholarship. I really appreciate your help.

—John Patterson—

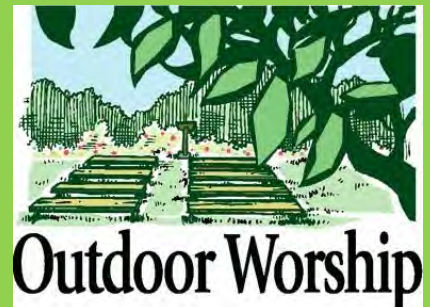


## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

We are looking for special music this summer. Can you please let Joel Daniels or Pastor Deb know if you are able to provide special music for one of the Sundays this summer? Thanks!!

## CAMP ADAMS SUNDAY

On Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> we will gather at Camp Adams for a special informal worship service. Bring a potluck dish to share and your own dishes (plate, cup, utensils) to eat with. Sponsored by the Diaconate.





## Hi Everyone!



I've really enjoyed getting to know you during the last few months. The youth group has been especially fun for me. I mentioned during worship about a month ago that I would train them to become Jedi Knights. So, we've been talking about the spirituality of Star Wars and connecting it to Christian faith. It's pretty easy, be-

cause there is a 5-part Jedi Code. I'll put the 5 parts below and briefly connect it to Christian faith –

1. Emotions, yet peace. (How can we acknowledge our emotions and use them in a way that might lead to more peace? This is especially true of anger. How did the Hebrew prophets and even Jesus use their anger to fight for justice for those on the margins, without demonizing opponents? How can we do the same?)
2. Ignorance, yet knowledge. (Just like the Force is a mystery, there are things about God that we will never understand. What we do know through the Hebrew and Christian traditions, is that God loves all people and calls us to love all, but especially those who are marginalized by religious and secular cultures. Similarly, Jedis are viewed as servants, protectors, and advocates for those on the margins.)
3. Passion, yet serenity. (This one is all about ego. Jedis are to set their ego – their desires for fame, power, or

prestige – aside as they work for the common good. Jesus transformed his followers understanding of “greatness.” It's not about an ego trip of being better than others, but about serving others.

4. Chaos, yet harmony. (There are times that the world feels very chaotic. Uncontrolled violence threatened the Star Wars universe, and it seems to threaten our world. In light of the terror attack in Orlando, we talked about how we might manage inner chaos in a way that might bring more harmony to ourselves and the world.
5. Death, yet the Force. (In Star Wars, death doesn't have the last word because the Force is a power beyond even death. In Christian terms, we call this resurrection. Freed from the fear of death, how might we boldly confront the powers of death and evil in our world, so that we can witness to the resurrection?)

I've had fun with these conversations and hope the youth group has, too! My family has a few vacations planned this summer, so I wanted to let you know about the Sundays I'll be gone. We won't have youth group on: June 26, July 3, 10, and 31.

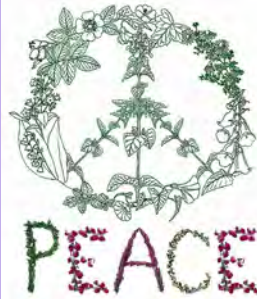
Also, I'd like to take the youth group to help with Habitat for Humanity sometime this summer. I'll send an email with possible dates to parents soon.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Grace and peace,  
Adam

## PEACE CAMP

While Peace Camp has not yet begun as this goes to press, I would like to take a moment to thank all who have been diligently working on planning and implementing Peace Camp 2016 as teachers, speakers, art and yoga leaders, kid wranglers, snack providers, etc:



Dave and Jean Akers, Anne Bangs, Liz Chapin, Barbara Daniels, Sheila Daniels, Amber Enfield, Adam Ericksen, Ione Jensen, Tina Marshall, Mary Namit, Sophia Patterson, Don Rogers, Jeannie Rogers, Morgan Rogers, Rebekah Yoder, Ginger Redlinger, and Audrey Yoder, along with all those who signed up to bring snacks!

Also, thanks to these youth who volunteered to help: Elsa Anderson, Lucia Bangs, Spencer Chapin, Sofi Davidson, Mimi Goldbeck, Anna Maurer, Imani Robinson, and Emily Yoder. Stay tuned for photos and a report in the August Behold.

## Flower Volunteers needed!

July is wide open — Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to decorate the altar on the Sunday of your



You are invited to join  
Carol Loe in celebrating her 71st  
birthday  
at 6:30 p.m. on July 18, 2016  
American Dream Pizza  
4620 NE Glisan, Portland, OR



## Ernest Loice Henderson Sept. 22, 1923—May 4, 2016

Ernie was born in Newark, Arkansas, to Ernest and Grace Henderson. When he was very young, his family moved to California. "My earliest memories are of the Beverly Hills Nursery. It was the growing grounds for most of the landscaping done in Beverly Hills. My dad was the foreman over about 8 or 10 other

men. We had a house and a big barn about in the middle of the property, maybe 100 acres. He used horses to farm it." Ernie started school and went for a couple of years.

The pull to go back to Arkansas where all the extended family lived was strong, and following a trip or two to visit, "we moved back to Charlotte, Arkansas. [My father] rented on shares. That way the owner gets one third of whatever crops you grow. . . Sometime during that period, the Big Depression hit. It came down hard on that part of the country, and maybe everywhere else. There was just no money. Nobody could buy anything. You had to swap or trade. We had pork, eggs, milk, butter, potatoes, and lots of black-eyed peas."

A memorable event was getting bitten by a rattlesnake. Unable to do his chores, Ernie eventually passed out. "My mother tried to suck any poison out and sent my sister to the field to get my dad. He got on a horse and rode to get the doctor. The doctor came back with a horse and buggy. He stayed with us most of the night and convinced them that he should give some kind of anti-venom shot. The next day my dad killed a big snake with one broken fang. I was in and out for the next 2 or 3 days and was pretty puny for about a year."

Ernie's father returned to California for work and after several years was able to send for the family. "We moved around quite a bit and us kids went to different schools. I did go 2 years to the same Jr. High, the 8th and 9th grade. Then to Sr. High and after the first year, we moved again. My dad got some kind of bonus for his army time in W.W.I. They bought a new house in the San Fernando Valley. My dad was working on a golf course as a greens keeper. He would take me with him on weekends and I worked as a caddie. I was working there on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941." [Pearl Harbor]

He graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1942 and went to work for Douglas Aircraft until he was drafted in 1943. "I reported for duty on February 8, 1943, up by San Francisco. While here we got our uniforms, got a lot of shots, and took lots of written tests. Everything from history, mechanics, and even politics. After all that, they said I was OK's to go in the Army Air Force if I wanted to. I thought that was really great. So I shipped out to Keesler Field, Mississippi for basic training."

Following basic training, Ernie was sent to Las Vegas, Nev. to attend aircraft gunners' school. There were lots of manoeuvres to practice. For example, "we rode in the back of a truck that had a 3-foot square railing that came up to just about the waist. The driver would drive around a zigzag course and we would go by 2 skeet houses and as we went by a clay target would fly out. The driver drove at 35 mph so we fired from a moving base at a moving target."

From Las Vegas, Ernie was sent to Amarillo, TX to aircraft mechanic's school. "While there they taught us as much as they could about the B-17. We were divided up into classes of about

15 or so. There were both army and civilian instructors. We studied all the systems that make up a B-17. The flight controls, the fuel system, electrical system, oxygen, engines, basically, what makes a B-17 tick or not tick. It was a good school and I learned a lot about what makes a gasoline engine run or not run."

Following training, Ernie's combat crew was sent to Europe. "We spent a lot of time together. We had some kind of training flight every day and a couple of night flights. We flew down over Cuba and up to Georgia. During that time, we became a pretty tight group of men. After that part of our training we were sent up to Georgia and were issued a brand new B-17. We flew up to Maine and were there for 2 or 3 days, then went to Iceland. After 2 or 3 days there, we took off on a night flight to Britain. We arrived in Valley, Wales on June 6, 1944." [D-Day]

After the war, Ernie bought a farm in Arkansas. After a time of doing odd, hard physical jobs, he decided to return to CA where he got a job with Los Angeles Water & Power and bought a house. Reacquainted with friends from high school, "...my friend Bob [Rogers] and his girlfriend set me up with a blind date. We went out to some restaurant in Hollywood. I thought I was on Cloud 9 all evening. I met this little gal, Ethel, and my life was never the same. I wanted to be with her all the time and



do everything together." They married on December 26, 1948, and settled into a house in Sepulveda, CA built by Ernie near Ethel's parents. There they were parents to two sons, Ernest Leonard "Butch" born in 1949 and Eugene Michael in 1951.

"We had some great times as our sons grew up. We had a tent to start and later a boat and a camper. We did not do much city vacationing, but picked the lakes and rivers and liked the wide open country. Our two sons learned to water ski, fish, shoot, and enjoy the outdoors." Ernie retired after his 30 years were up and spent much time on the road on various trips. "Our first trip was to Alaska with a pick up and a camper shell. It was not tall enough to stand up in. We laughed a lot of times when we were getting dressed in the morning saying we should be midgets. We saw glaciers, Mt. McKinley, the huge tides that go in and out, lots of different animals and saw how big and hungry the mosquitoes get."

They decided to relocate to Oregon and "after a lot of looking we found the place we were looking for and moved in April 27, 1978. Even with our new home, we still liked to be on the road with our trailer. We have been in all 50 states." They did a Volkswalk in each one.

In addition to their two sons, Ernie and Ethel were blessed with six grandchildren: Chelsea, Ashlee, Sierra, Dean, David and Suzy and eight great-grandchildren: Clarke, Milen, Brooke, Paige, Nickie-Jean, Cody, Logan, and Carson. Ernie was active in the community. He belonged to the VFW, a woodcarving class, the Monitor Volunteer Fire Dept., and Smyrna United Church of Christ. In his retirement he found time to work for Yoder Mill and Columbia Helicopter. "After over 50 years together, Ethel and I feel truly blessed and love this world and God who created it."







## INTERGENERATIONAL ART NIGHTS

Smyrna is launching a new program for the summer of 2016 – Intergenerational Art Nights! Creativity flowed on the first Art Night, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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:  
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](mailto:debpaterson-home@gmail.com)

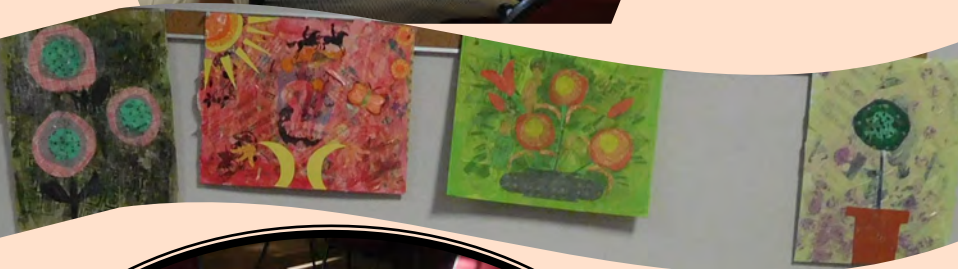
or 503-689-4450.

Here are the next two dates:

July 27<sup>th</sup> – RSVP by July 20<sup>th</sup>

August 31<sup>st</sup> – RSVP by August 24<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to all Smyrna's wonderful artists!





1955

# STRAWBERRY AND ICE-CREAM SOCIAL



MMM... THAT FIRST DIP!



GOOD TO THE LAST BITE, TOO.

The Finance Committee says "THANK YOU" to all those helping with the Ice Cream Festival. Their report is--

Gross receipts		\$261.05
Punch	6.00	Donated
Coffee	4.80	"
Sugar for		
berries	1.19	"
Cash	15.80	"
Pies, cakes,		
ice cream		
ingredients		"
Berries		17.50
Net	\$	243.55

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Beryl Fisher and Lynn Reinecker  
Co-Chairmen

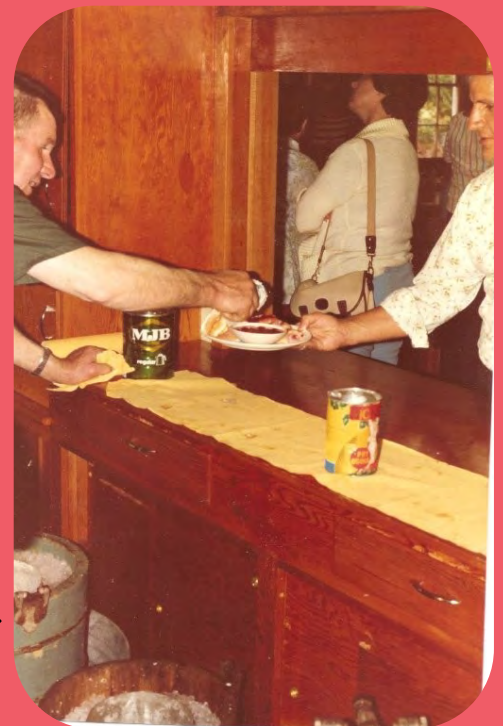
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*Marines on  
Kitchen duty*

### Strawberry Social

Our annual Strawberry Social at Smyrna UCC will be held on Saturday, June 13, 1998, beginning at 5:30 p.m..



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1985







Ethel Henderson and family  
Linda Dunn, recovering from surgery  
Cheryl Kirkele, recovering from surgery  
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, recovering from surgery  
John Beck, recovering from cancer treatment  
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.