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Smyrna

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

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Dear Friends,

Summer is a time to relax and enjoy the beauty of the flowers, the fruits and vegetables from our gardens and the Farmer's Markets and roadside stands, to sit under a tree and read a book, to dip our toes into a stream or to plunge into a pool. It's a time to catch up with family and friends, to go on a trip, to sleep in once in awhile, and to just watch the world go by.

When I was a kid, we only had one TV, and it was in black in white. Imagine that! We only had one phone between all of us, which nowadays, sounds absolutely laughable. In fact, like many of you, we shared our phone line with several others in our community – it was called a “party line,” and you listened for the distinctive ring. We didn't have a computer, and the only typewriter we had was an old Remington that my aunt had given us from her college days in the fifties.

On that one TV, the news came on around suppertime (and maybe at the end of the day, but I don't know, I was in bed by then). The kids weren't allowed to watch the scary stuff, like the Vietnam War, but we could watch cool stuff like the moon landing and the Olympics.

This is a scary summer, and kids and adults have the scary stuff everywhere. Dallas and Nice, Orlando and Baton Rouge, the wounds of the world are in the hands of adults and children at all times on their smart phones and other gadgets.

While we can't change the world, we can do what we can. And one of the things we have to do is get a sense of perspective. That involves stepping away from the constant news cycle, election cycle, and work cycle, and giving ourselves time to think, to recharge, to pray.

As I type this, we are leaving in a few hours for a family reunion and a college reunion in South Dakota, and we will be gone another 2½ weeks in early August. Adam Ericksen will be preaching, and he's a good preacher.

So, dear friends, I will hold you in prayer, and ask that you do the same for us. And I pray that you will take the time to rest, to relax, and to enjoy the beauty of this earth, and the kindness of family and friends who surround you, and the God who holds you close.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb

from the YOUTH minister

We are in the heart of summer and I hope you are enjoying the season. We just returned from a two-week vacation, which was really great. I'm looking forward to getting back into the swing of things.

I will be preaching on August 7th and 14th, so we won't have youth group on those dates. We will resume on the 21st and 28th.

On the 21st, we will wrap up our series on the spirituality of Star Wars with a discussion on the final principle of the Jedi Code, which is "Death, yet the Force." In the Star Wars universe, death doesn't have the final word, the force does. Death is not something that needs to be feared because the life giving force is stronger. Christianity has a similar message, but uses the term "resurrection." In Jesus we find that death is not something we need to fear. It doesn't have the final word, resurrection does. So, the question becomes, how might we live our lives differently if we didn't fear physical or social death? How might it free us to boldly love all people, but especially those on the margins of our schools and larger society?

On the 28th, we will do a "fishbowl." The youth group will be invited to anonymously write down their questions concerning faith and doubt about Christian faith on pieces of paper. We will discuss those questions over the following youth group sessions.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Peace,
Adam



Just a reminder that worship continues at 10 am through August, with coffee hour to follow. We will not have Adult Education or Sunday School during the summer.

INTERGENERATIONAL ART NIGHTS

Our first Intergenerational Art Night, on June 22nd, had about 25 folks in attendance, and was a meditative and relaxing time. We hope you can make it to upcoming evening.

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:

5-6 p.m. Salad Potluck

6-7:30 pm Art Night

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:

debpatersonhome@gmail.com or 503-689-4450.

Here are the dates:

August 31st – RSVP by August 24th

Thanks to all Smyrna's wonderful artists!



Irene, David, Jean Epley & Byron Schriever taken during their oral interview for the 125th anniversary church history project. We have done two interviews so far.

AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

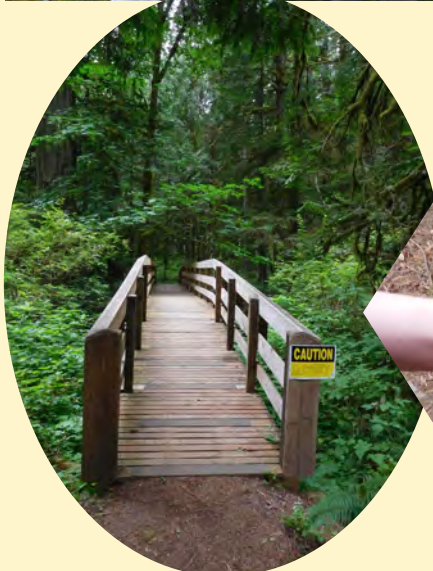
The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, August 24th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.



Church at Camp Adams —
This year our annual worship/picnic at Camp Adams included welcoming Derek, Heidi and Halaina Crispin as new members of Smyrna United Church of Christ.



Yoga instruction and music provided by Anne and Lucia Bangs



August 2016 at Smyrna

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10 a.m. Aging Backwards @ Smyrna 7:30 p.m. AA and AI Anon	2 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna b.d. Andrew Daniels	3 Wedding Ann: Elaine & Joel Daniels	4 b.d. Lisa Havre	5	6 10:20 a.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna
7 10 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed Flowers: Jeannie Rogers	8 10 a.m. Aging Backwards @ Smyrna 7:30 p.m. AA and AI Anon b.d. Emily Yoder	9 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna	10	11	12 b.d. Ted Gribble	13 10:20 a.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna b.d. Burt Gottwald
14 10 a.m. Worship b.d. Angelica Marine Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed Flowers: Virginia Yoder	15 10 a.m. Aging Backwards @ Smyrna 7:30 p.m. AA and AI Anon	16 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna	17 b.d. Bill Chapin	18 b.d. Rachel Peterson	19	20 10:20 a.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna RSVP for Art Night Behold!! deadline
21 10 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour: Irene Schriever & Elaine Daniels Flowers: Irene Schriever Wed. Anniv. Derek & Heidi Crispin	22 10 a.m. Aging Backwards @ Smyrna 7:30 p.m. AA and AI Anon b.d. Twyla Blatchford	23 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna wedding ann.Doug & Michelle Stoneking	24 5-6 p.m. Salad Potluck 7:30 p.m. Church Council	25 b.d. Oliver Humphreys	26 b.d. Joann Gribble Wed. Anniv. Steve & Deb Patterson; Kyle & Heather Anderson	27 10:20 a.m. Tai Chi at Smyrna b.d. James Yoder
28 10 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour: Diaconate Flowers: Volunteer needed	29 10 a.m. Aging Backwards @ Smyrna 7:30 p.m. AA and AI Anon Wedding Ann. Jim & Susan Buffington	30 10 a.m. O.A. meeting at Smyrna b.d. Anne Hudrik, Blanche Kober, Carly Itami	31 6-7:30 p.m. Art Night	<div> <div> Jul 2016 S M T W T F S 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 31 </div> <div> Sep 2016 S M T W T F S 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>		



Exercise class

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.

(Please note that there is no Tai Chi this summer, as Virgil Foster is at Camp Adams as the camp nurse again this summer.)

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.

Top Marks for Leona’s Bakery & Café

The StatesmanJournal featured Leona’s Bakery and Café in an article about restaurant inspections. Twyla Blatchford, Virginia Yoder’s daughter, is the owner/baker of this Mt Angel bakery/restaurant.



Restaurants receiving a score of 70 or higher are considered to be in compliance with the food sanitation rules. The semi-annual inspection done in May gave Leona’s Bakery a score of 100!

Mary Blaine Sparks

September 26, 1921 - July 3, 2016

Mary Lucille Blaine was the oldest of ten children.

Her parents, Byron and Sarah Blaine, lived in a farmhouse along the Red River near Fargo, North Dakota.

Mary and her family moved to a rural area in Downey, CA, when she was young and her father ran a small dairy. During Mary's grade school years, they moved again to Silverton, OR, where she attended Eugene Field Elementary School.

Mary attended Mollala Union High School where she served as the senior class president in 1939. One of Mary's favorite memories was the successful climb of Mt. Hood in 1937 with several high school friends.

She attended Oregon College of Education in Monmouth and earned her Elementary Teaching Certificate in May of 1942. While at O.C.E., Mary met local young dairyman and John Edgar Sparks at a college dance and they were married on July 19, 1942.

John and Mary first lived in rural Monmouth, moving to Salem in 1955. The couple had four children, Jack, Dan, Dixie, and Pam who all attended Oregon State University.

Mary served as Oregon State Mothers' Club president in 1965. Shortly thereafter, she completed the four year degree program at the University of Oregon Nursing School in Portland, becoming a registered nurse. Mary worked for ten years as a registered nurse at Salem Hospital.

Mary's husband John died in 1985. Since then, Mary lived in the Salem area near her four children and eleven grandchildren.

Mary died July third at the age of 94. As she wished, Mary will be quietly laid to rest without public ceremony.

Treasurer’s Report

By Irene Schriever

Balance 5/31/2016	\$6,297.45
Receipts	8,758.19
Transfers/Adjustments	(500.00)
Expenditures	<u>(9,619.52)</u>
Balance 6/30/2016	\$4,936.12

Smyrna's Peace Camp 2016



"Grow Now in Peace," this year's Peace Camp, was held June 27-July 1st, and it was a wonderful week! Here is a list of all those involved:

Smyrna Campers: Lulu Anderson, Breanna Davis, Emerson Dunn, Cody Ferguson, Zack Goldbeck, Ashley May, Alexander Maurer, Cooper Pease, Julian Pease, Arely Ramos, Jacel Ramos, Tavi Robinson, Nicholas Sano, Addison Simmons, Alexandria Simmons, Alison Wickham, and Tyler Wimmer.

Middle School Assistants: Elsa Anderson, Lucia Bangs, Spencer Chapin, Sofi Davidson, Mimi Goldbeck, Anna Maurer, Imani Robinson, and Emily Yoder.

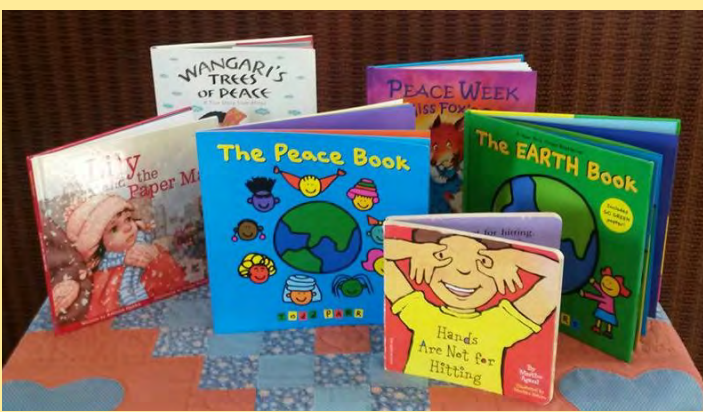
It takes many folks working together to make a camp like this happen. Thanks to the following:

- Our speakers, Dave Akers, Ione Jensen, Ginger Redlinger, Adam Ericksen, and Don and Morgan Rogers.
- Mary Namit for the design of the t-shirts and bringing animal guests, and to her friend Paula Merritt, for bringing the bearded dragon.

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- Sheila Daniels and Rebekah Yoder for teaching the curricula on conflict resolution and media literacy and to all who helped with Friday's celebration.
- Amber Enfield for putting together the art projects, with assistance from Jeannie Rogers.
- Anne Bangs for leading yoga, and Pastor Deb for helping with the games and program.
- Barbara Daniels and Audrey Yoder for coordinating snacks on behalf of the Women's Fellowship, and those who brought snacks, including Audrey Yoder, Virginia Yoder, Elaine Daniels, Jean Epley, Florence Pease, Irene Schriever, Arlene Peterson, Barbara Menkel, and Tina Marshall.
- Liz Chapin, for helping in many ways, including with registrations and slide show.
- Sandra Mahar, for sharing photos from earlier years for the slide show.
- And thanks to all the others whose contributions made this camp possible!

And save the dates for Peace Camp next year: June 26-30, 2017!







- Burt Gottwald, recovering from a fall
 - 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 and her mother, Marj Watkins, fighting an infection.
 - 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 at Hope Village
 - John Beck, recovering from cancer treatment
 - Donna Short, Sandra Mahar's friend, facing multiple health problems.
- 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.