

BEHOLD!!

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.

November 2016



Dear Friends,

As the days grow shorter and colder, we grow closer to the beginning of a wonderful time in the church year – the beginning of Advent, which begins on November 27th. I would invite you to consider making a “Spiritual New Year’s Resolution” for the coming church year.

What would a “Spiritual New Year’s Resolution” be? Would it be to try something new, like singing in the choir? Spending a few more minutes in silent prayer or meditation each morning? Volunteering to help with a charity in your community? Visiting a home-based elder, or a friend in a long-term care facility? Reaching out to make a new friend?

Jesus had so many friends – he called the disciples, and told them that they were his friends. A rich and full and blessed life is one that has time for God, for oneself, and for friends.

In these cooling days of fall and winter, let us look to the warmth of friendship and to the love of God to cheer us. This is why we are called to be a “Faith Community,” for “not unto ourselves do we live” as the motto at Willamette University goes.

May God bless you all, dear friends.
Pastor Deb

ADULT ED — 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Pastor Deb’s office:

Upcoming topics for November:

November 6 – What Does it Mean to Be a Member of Smyrna UCC?

November 13– Labyrinth

November 20– Mystery

November 27– New Year’s Resolutions

COFFEE AND FRIENDS —

Meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at 9:30. Come join us to visit with friends and share joys and concerns.

PRAYER GROUP —

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:30.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Our October Memory Café was on Friday, October 7th from noon to 1:30 pm with JoDean Sampson, from the Clackamas County arm of SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance) with the State of Oregon. JoDean discussed ways to maximize one's wellness benefits and other benefits of their Medicare and Medicare supplemental plans. Open enrollment is October 15-December 7th. She also brought along two volunteers to counsel people individually after the Memory Café.



Our November 4th Memory Café will feature Rene Garrett from the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman of Clackamas County, who will help people know how to advocate for themselves or their loved ones in Long-Term Care. Please RSVP for the Memory Café to Pastor Deb at 503-689-4450 or debpatersonhome@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 2nd. Thanks!

Smyrna Women's Fellowship Bazaar — New Night

**Saturday, November 19, 2016, Smyrna
will hold the annual Women's Fellowship
Bazaar.**

Please note, this is a new day for the bazaar.

At 5 PM we will begin serving a menu of Poutine (French fries, cheese curds & gravy), deep fried cheese curds, cake, pie, and homemade ice cream for a nominal charge. The items for auction will be available for viewing at 5 PM as well.

At 7 PM The oral auction will begin which will include a quilt up for auction. We will also have a country store and the youth group will have Christmas items for sale.

Mark your calendar and plan on attending!

Treasurer's Report — Irene Schriever

Balance 8/31/2016	\$4,634.57
Receipts	16,099.59
Trans/Adjustments	(250.00)
Expenditures	(14,444.34)
Balance 9/30/2016	\$6,039.82

Confirmation Class



There are eight middle school students interested in Confirmation. Those who were able, met with their parents and other members of the Adult Ed class on Sunday to discuss developing a program for Confirmation.

They will meet monthly on Sunday evenings with pizza and a program, and it will be open to other Middle School students, advertised in the papers. The class will also visit other faith communities, and do service projects. The first one is raising funds to sponsor a child in another country through a reputable organization.

Church Constitution & Bylaws



At the instruction of the Church Council, a committee has begun working on revision of the Smyrna Church Constitution. It has not been revised since 1995 and is long overdue.

The hope is to have it completed in December so that copies can be distributed in December and that we can vote on it in January at our Annual Church Meeting. Anyone who was not at our initial meeting is welcome to join us. The next meeting will be Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. at the church.

Annual Mitten Tree

The tradition of decorating Smyrna's Christmas Tree with mittens, hats and scarves continues beginning on the first Sunday in Advent — November 27. Mission and Outreach will arrange for the tree to up and ready for decorating.



Mittens, hats, and scarves collected before December 14 will be delivered to area schools for distribution to chilly children. But don't stop bringing those warm items! Mittens, hats, and gloves collected from December 15-25 will be given to other organizations for distribution this winter.



Burt Gottwald

August 13, 1929
To
October 9, 2016



Burt Maurice Gottwald was born near Molalla to Maurice and Katherine Yoder Gottwald. He graduated from Molalla Union High School in 1947, and from Oregon State College in 1951. He served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps during the [Korean War](#).

He married Ellen Baty Love in 1954 and had two children Michael and Lisa. Ellen died in 1996, and he married Beverly Lyman Fraley in 1997. She died in 2005.

He retired from the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He owned and operated a gift shop, The Hubbles, in Beaverton.

He is survived by his daughter Lisa Havre and her partner, Larry Sumpter, daughter-in-law Mari Gottwald, step-son Alan Fraley and wife Sue, stepdaughters Jennifer Fraley and Ann Fraley, step-granddaughter Hannah Fraley and sister Genevieve Freeman.

Donations can be made to Smyrna United Church of Christ's cemetery fund.



OCTOBER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DINNER

Thanks so all who attended the Habitat for Humanity Dinner on Saturday, October 8th: Irene and David Schriever, Susie and Jon Schriever, Byron and Dorothy Schriever, Rod and Pat Bullard, Joel and Elaine Daniels, Barbara Daniels, Linda Dunn, Shirley Peterson, Sophia Patterson and Deborah Patterson, along with scores of other area guests.

The dinner raised over the \$60,000 goal, allowing Habitat for Humanity to build their next house, as the lot has already been purchased. Thank you! More information at www.nwvhabitat.org.

Marquam United Methodist Women's
112th Auction Bazaar
—hand pieced quilt—
—home baked goods—crafts—
“New Night” — Saturday Nov 5th

At the Marquam Fellowship Hall.
36971 S Highway 213, Mt Angel, OR
“Childcare provided”
5:30 - 6:45 pm

Health and Wellness Committee/Earth Care Committee

The combined committees have been in the process of examining the possibility of constructing a modest senior living structure on church property. At this point we have not ruled out any ideas.



Some issues we need to look at are: size and number of units, financing, accessibility, transportation, and, of course, land-use issues. So far the thinking is for a very modest number of dwellings, and we have not approached the Clackamas County Planning Department until we have a better idea of what we want.

We will begin involving the congregation in the deliberations soon so we are better able to determine the extent of the desire to continue planning. Watch for details as they emerge.

September Stitch Club Challenge:

The congregation was so supportive of our club goal of 100 jars of peanut butter to be gathered during the month of September. The first week in October 212 jars were taken to the Molalla Food Bank. We were told that there were three things that were especially needed: canned corn, soup of any kind and toilet paper. A new challenge was issued and as we go to press with the Behold, we have one more Sunday to bring items. The pile is growing-so thank you everyone!

-Elaine-



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Smyrna member wins the cook-off at Lyons Fire Department

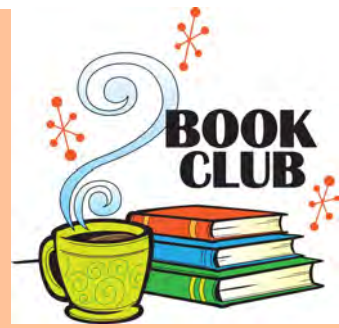
The first Saturday in October of each year, the Lyons Fire Department hosts a chili cook-off and car show. Linda Dunn has been entering the cook-off for several years now in addition to making salsa for the salsa contest.

This past October, Linda's chili was voted first place by the firemen as well as first place by a vote of the general public. Linda's salsa took first place in the salsa making part of the cook-off. Congratulations to our own Linda Dunn,—way to go!



Smyrna Book Club

Exciting News! Our book club is going to resume meeting this fall. Our first meeting will take place during coffee hour on the first Sunday in November. We have chosen a book, Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline.



We will plan a formal meeting to discuss the book during the coffee hour meet & greet time, as we have some new members and I would love for everyone to have a chance to say hello.

If you are interested in participating, contact Rebekah Yoder, either on Facebook or at church. Here is a link with more information about Orphan Train:

<https://www.amazon.com/Orphan-Train-Christina>

Smyrna's Nursery

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

We have this amazing window of opportunity at Smyrna UCC to minister to young families by making Sunday mornings and all activities Smyrna offers easier, by accommodating these family's basic needs.



Painting the nursery
Thank you Carly!

The nursery has become an afterthought but thanks to a donation made from the Itami family in memory of their daughters Evelyn June and Mary Grace, this space will begin to be updated. This donation and "sprucing" of the

Church Nursery is (hopefully) just the beginning to a much-needed Young Families and Children's Ministry Program.

The committee of Carly Itami, Rebekah Yoder, and Jeannie Rogers has met and the cosmetic updates will be taking place over the next several weeks in forms of fresh paint, new toys, children friendly storage, and a nursing/feeding and diapering area that will allow privacy for napping babies, toddlers and parents alike. We invite you to stop in and watch this space transform to accommodate Infants-Preschool age children.

We would gladly accept donations of any monetary amount (designate for nursery fund), as well as Lysol type wipes, diapers and baby wipes to be stored in this area for all to use. Long term committee suggestions are for new lighting fixtures, new carpet, new outside entry door (basement side) and a paid attendant for this area every Sunday morning.



The first steps toward a welcoming nursery are taken! ↑



Kristin Wishon is the new Youth Director for Smyrna UCC, and is working with the Christian Education and Christian Nurture Committees to help plan some upcoming events.

Baby News

Angie & Scott Stierle would like to announce that they will be new grandparents in April 2017. They are excited and blessed about their daughter, Kirstan Gano, being pregnant with her first child. The exact date has not been determined, but it should be sometime in April. They are supportive and know that their church family will be there for them.



If you know anyone who should be on the prayer list in the Behold, please let Jeannie or Elaine know. If they would enjoy receiving cards notify someone in the Diaconate.

PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER:

- Joe Gribble (on hospice), Joann Gribble and family
- Helen Odell, in Memory Care
- Chuck Odell, recovering from knee surgery
- Lucia Schuebel, her family and caregivers
- David Roddy (Brenda Hammock's brother), undergoing cancer treatment
- Jane Dahl's family facing health issues
- Blanche Kober, Vonda Stoneking and Jean Epley, in assisted living
- Mickey Hester, with health concerns
- Jon and Susie Schriever
- Jeannie's uncle Dick, with back injury
- 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.