



# Friends of SMYRNA UCC Spring 2016 CEMETERY Newsletter

Welcome to the 20th edition of an annual newsletter to the friends of Smyrna United Church of Christ Cemetery,\* established in 1891. This newsletter is sent out from the committee as a means to keep in touch with all those who have an interest in the preservation, upkeep, and improvement of one of the historic cemeteries in Clackamas County.

The Cemetery Committee members are: Joel Daniels, Treas. (503) 651-2694, Paul Yoder, (503) 651-2333, Rick Gano, maps & reservations (503) 651-2044, Mary Namit (503) 319-0911, Paul Burkert, grounds & equipment (503) 634-2291, Steve Dahl, (503) 651-2701. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee for more information.

We continue to be very grateful for your donations and help with maintenance of the cemetery. We want to give a huge THANK YOU to Paul Burkert for mowing, dealing with leaves and maintaining our equipment. Deborah Lewis does landscape work for us. Thanks, Deborah.

## One Hundred Twenty Five Years

\*Smyrna U. C. C. Cemetery is licensed by the Oregon State Mortuary & Cemetery Board

### Treasurer's Report

#### Cemetery Trust Fund

Memorial Donations for 2015	\$3,070
No Disbursements	
Balance December 31, 1915	\$ 92,967

#### Cemetery Operating Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 2015	\$ 8,305
Donations	\$ 1,645
Donations plots	0
Reimbursement for grave markers	1,845
Marker Processing Charge	238
Marker Installation	565
Total income	\$ 4,293
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Administrative expense	\$ 77
Caretaker & Mowing Expense	952
Maintenance & Main. Supplies	57
Portable Toilet Maintenance	395
Purchase of Main. Equip.	4,355
Grave Markers (reimb.)	2,430
Total Expenses	(\$ 8,246)
Balance December 31, 20115	\$ 4,729



*We have many flower containers available from previous years and we'll put them out for Memorial Day. Feel free to use them. Flowers and containers placed on the graves for Memorial Day will be removed on or after June 13 for regular maintenance.*

## Cemetery Use Policy

Contact Rick Gano, (503) 651-2044, for available locations. A vault is required. A permanent marker is required within six months of burial, unless other arrangements are made with the cemetery. The only restrictions on markers are no plastic or resin, and flat 12 x 24 in. granite must be used in the cremation garden. No container is required in the Cremation Garden. A plot may be reserved only with payment of the price of the plot. A \$100 fee may be required time of burial to go towards a marker.

### Requested Donations and Fees:

Burial or cremation plots	
Smyrna Church Members	\$ 150
Others	350
Prep for cremation Burial	25
Setting stone in cremation Garden	25

We are tax-exempt. Send your donations to:

**Joel Daniels, Treasurer**  
31060 S Kaufman Road  
Canby, OR 97013-9520



*We  
Remember*

**Donald Stoneking  
Juan Medellin  
Raymond Bergstrom  
Dianna Husbands  
Mary Ousley  
Ruth Hepler  
Trinity Troxclair  
Roberta Daniels  
Robert Kyrk  
And all those laid to rest  
here for 125 years**



#### MAY 28 SMYRNA CLEAN-UP

Smyrna cemetery's annual clean-up day in advance of Memorial day is planned for Thursday, May 28. Relatives of those interred there are asked to work in the cemetery, providing their own tools. Workers also will attend a pot-luck dinner at noon in Friendship house.

## Annual Cemetery Clean-up

From a 1950's scrapbook. It might be titled "Making Hay."



2016 marks the 125th year of Smyrna United Church of Christ. In January of 1891, ground was broken to build a church midway between the settlements of Needy and Yoder in the heavily timbered rural land in the Willamette Valley. The first service in the roughed-in building was held in April. A month before, the first burial in the cemetery was Catherine Yoder Lantz, a charter member, who with her husband Gideon and family was the first Yoder settler in the community. When her brother and nephews were casting about for new homes, she was the one writing to them in Missouri & Illinois to come west to the fertile lands of Oregon. By 1893, there were at least 65 Yoders within a 1 mile radius.

Others buried at our historic cemetery before 1895 include Elizabeth Owen, two of Iddo & Hattie (Yoder) Hein's babies, Lucy Smith, and John P. Yoder.

**Donations to the Smyrna Cemetery**  
May 1, 2015-April 30, 2016

David & Jean Akers  
Carol Brockart  
Anna Lou Case  
Clinton and Marie Case  
Evelyn Crump  
Barbara Dahlgren  
Dennis Frome  
Patricia Hein

Shirley M. Horst  
Joan McPherson  
Marcia and Reed Oswalt  
Dorothy Pepper  
Diane Potter  
Mary Lou Roberts  
David & Irene Schriever  
Donald & Suzan Sether

Ron & Margie Sether  
Ann Sommer  
Murial & Allen Van Veen  
Martha Dapp-Whisner

**Memorial Donations to the Smyrna Cemetery**  
May 1, 2015-April 30, 2016

*In Memory of:*



**Marion Andrew**  
Virginia Yoder  
**Gloria Bacon**  
Virginia Yoder  
**Leona Blatchford**  
Twyla Blatchford  
**Eldon & Florence Conrad**  
Juanita Hamilton  
**Roberta Daniels**  
Josette Waitman  
Edna Oster  
Genevieve Freeman  
Jan & Mike Steele  
Darin & Karen Niebuhr  
Pam Lindholm-Levy  
Rick & Levonne Gano  
**Albert & Nellie Eyman**  
Terrance Daniels  
**Paul W. Eyman**  
Nancy Holden  
Paulette Eyman  
**Kent Fisher**  
Gail & Bill Case  
**Beverly Gottwald**  
Stanley & Sylvia Lyman  
Ann Fraley  
Burt Gottwald  
**Ellen Gottwald**  
Burt Gottwald  
**Michael Gottwald**  
Stanley & Sylvia Lyman  
Burt Gottwald  
**Ruth Hepler**  
Josette Waitman  
Joel & Elaine Daniels

Genevieve Freeman  
**Evelyn Weaver Hjorth**  
Robert & Audrey Scheel  
**Robert Kyrk**  
Rick & Levonne Gano  
**Jack & June Malmquist**  
Jay P. Malmquist  
**Frank & Jeanette McMillan**  
Clark Nicholson  
Carol Schultz  
**Linda Melcher**  
Darrell A. Melcher  
**Becky Mitts**  
Rick & Levonne Gano  
**Norton & Genevieve Nicholson**  
Clark Nicholson  
Carol Schultz  
Connie Faubel  
Ana Babcock  
**Mary Ousley**  
Diana Lindberg  
**Robert Ousley**  
Diana Lindberg  
**Conrad & Ethel Owen**  
Barbara Davis  
**Joe Pastrone**  
Thomas A. Daniels  
John & Hill Pastrone  
**Judith Repplinger**  
John & Connie Repplinger  
Urs & Victoria Baltensperger  
**Helen Sawtel**  
Robert & Audrey Scheel  
**Mary Lee Schuebel**  
Richard & Levonne Gano

Josette Waitman  
Genevieve Freeman  
Burt Gottwald  
Paulette Eyman  
**Donald Stoneking**  
Josette Waitman  
**Elizabeth Veneklasen**  
Allen & Katherine Holt  
**Clyde Weaver**  
Robert & Audrey Scheel  
**Keith & Josephine White**  
George Hoffard  
**Bud & Evelyn Wormdahl**  
Barbara Davis  
**Emerson Yoder**  
Twyla Blatchford  
Virginia Yoder  
**Russell & Dorothy Yoder**  
Mary & Bill Bickers  
Joe & Joann Gribble



## We honor all the Veterans of the Armed Services this Memorial Day

The V.F.W. comes each year and places flags on the graves of all the veterans buried in the cemetery. They usually leave extra flags by the gate to be used for any they have missed. Let us know and we will do our best to see that they are remembered in years to come.

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If you know of anyone who would like to receive our annual newsletter, please let us know. We will be happy to add their names to our mailing list. It is because of the active interest of our church members and friends of the cemetery that we feel assured it will be well taken care of in the future. If you would like to have your name removed from our mailing list just let us know.

**We appreciate all the work you do to help with maintaining the cemetery.**

**Flowers will be removed two weeks after Memorial Day. Please DO NOT use glass containers.**

**Artificial flowers will be discarded as they begin to fade and come apart.**









## **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.