

BEHOLD!!

Smyrna

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

June, 2017

Dear Friends,

It's a beautiful, warm, sunny day today as I'm writing this, and I can't help but think of the words of God, written in the prophet Isaiah, in the 43rd chapter: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Indeed, it does feel like God is doing a new thing! The weather is now so different from our long, rainy winter. We are preparing for the kids to come to Peace Camp. We move to our summer hours for worship, gathering at 10:00 am, starting on June 4th. A number of the young people will be going to Camp Adams, and we are all invited to gather for Camp Adams Sunday on July 30th. We will have salad suppers, and intergenerational art nights, and times of fellowship together.

What is God calling you to do that is a new thing? Virginia just got back from travels to England with a granddaughter. Ginger is starting new work as Superintendent at the North Marion School Board. Some are planting new crops, and some are planning new travels.

This is the time to go into the wilderness, and seek that new way, to search for the river in the desert that will water your soul. Take time this summer, to enjoy the beauty of God's people, and of God's creation. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Pastor Deb



* **On Hiatus:** *

* **Adult Education** – No adult education June-August. See you in *

* September! *

* **Women's Fellowship Luncheons** — No luncheons June –August. *



INTERGENERATIONAL ART NIGHTS for the Summer of 2017

We will have salad potlucks spread out over three Wednesdays in June, July and August, with an Intergenerational Art Night to follow.

Here is each evening's schedule –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 or 503-689-4450.

Here are the dates:

- ⇒ **Wednesday, June 14**– Exploring Printmaking
- ⇒ **Wednesday, July 12th** – Meditations on Mandalas
- ⇒ **Wednesday, August 16**- Encaustic (Hot Wax) Painting

If you will need a ride to Art Night, please let Pastor Deb know when you RSVP so that we can make arrangements.

See you then!

the Art Committee: Audrey Yoder, Heather Anderson, Christine Cline

Art Committee News:

If you haven't yet visited it, I hope you will take time to visit the display organized by the Art Committee of the creative efforts of so many in the congregation, from paintings, to quilts, to origami creations, to pine needle baskets, to... well, come and see!!

Memory Café:

Our last Memory Café gathering before the summer break will be on Friday, June 2nd from noon to 1:30 pm. Our speaker, from the Alzheimer's Association, will discuss, "Communication Strategies for Connecting with People Living with Dementia." Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 31st.



Confirmation:

The confirmation class met on May 12th to learn about the book of Acts. Thank you to Allison Graves for bringing pizza! Confirmation will meet on the second Friday of June, June 9th, at 4:30 pm, to learn about Judaism, out of which our Christian faith was formed.



**THANK YOU
SO MUCH TO
SMYRNA'S
ART
COMMITTEE!**





Four generations — Grandma Angela Bullard (left) and Great-grandma Pat Bullard (right) flank mother, Kirstan Gano, to welcome the 4th generation, Isabella Ann, born May 5, 2017.

Coffee and Friends, Prayer Group:

Coffee and Friends continues on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, and the Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report — Irene Schriever

Balance 3/31/2017	\$2,324.15
Receipts	9,523.99
Expenditures	<u>(9,771.02)</u>
Balance 4/30/2017	\$2,077.12

24 Months to

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



When disaster strikes, what should you do? You could move away from the Northwest, but that would just allow more Californians to move in. You could build an apocalypse vault and fill it with dried elk meat, but who has the time? You could curl up into a ball, close your eyes and plug your ears, but you're smarter than that. There's a sensible, cost-effective way to prepare. It involves taking things one step at a time over the course of a year. Breaking down tasks and shopping lists will make the work manageable and help you avoid overwhelming your schedule and your bank account. With the help of disaster preparation experts, we've crafted a month-by-month guide to get you fully prepped with the basics by this time next year.

MONTH 1:

- ⇒ Grocery Store:
 - ⇒ 1 gallon water*
 - ⇒ 1 jar nut butter
 - ⇒ hand operated can opener
 - ⇒ large can of juice*
 - ⇒ 1 can of meat*, fish*, or beans*, pet food, diapers and baby food, if needed
- *= per person

TO DO:

- ◇ complete a personal assessment of your needs and the resources you already have on hand
- ◇ date each perishable food item with a marking pen

Smyrna United Church of Christ Located 9 mi. S. of Canby on the Canby-Marquam Hwy. (170) Presents The 70th Annual **Strawberry Festival**

**5—7p.m.
Saturday, June 17, 2016**

Featuring

Light Supper, Pie, Cake, Ice cream and...

Strawberries Strawberries Strawberries!



Freewill donations will be accepted



Peace Camp

June 26-30, 2017, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Smyrna United Church of Christ
31119 S. Canby-Marquam Highway
(Highway 170), Canby, OR 97013



Phone: 503-651-2131 (Church office) or 503-689-4450 (Pastor Deb's Cell)

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Peace Camp is a multicultural day camp with the mission to provide a fun, educational environment in which children can learn messages and practices of nonviolence and peacemaking. Our theme this year is “**Join the Peace Circle**,” and we will have music, dancing, and art that contributes to peacemaking.

Peace Camp will be held June 26-30, 2017. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. each morning and finish by 12:30 pm. On the last afternoon, Friday, June 30th, families of the children attending will be invited to join us for a closing ceremony at 12 noon.

Where is the camp? Peace Camp will be held at the Smyrna United Church of Christ, 31119 S. Canby-Marquam Highway (Highway 170), Canby, Oregon. Contact info above.

How much does it cost? The charge for each child is \$25 for the week, which includes snacks for the week and materials for all activities, including a Peace T-shirt. Scholarships can be made available to families who can demonstrate a need for assistance. Please contact us in advance. Make checks payable to Smyrna UCC.

Who participates in Peace Camp? We have space for 40 participants, so apply early. Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade are eligible to attend. Youth who are interested in participating are welcome and encouraged to contact us for an application to be a teen leader.

What do the children learn while at Peace Camp? Children will learn about the practice of peacemaking, by learning practical techniques to deal with conflict and violence in around them. These techniques for peacemaking include nonviolent conflict resolution, physical and mental practices such as mindfulness and yoga, the arts, nature studies, and media literacy. These experiences will be developmentally appropriate for the ages and will model a deep respect for cultural, social and religious diversity. We celebrate that our children are nurtured by many traditions and welcome this opportunity to learn from each other in order to create a more peaceful and tolerant world, where everyone feels like they have a sense of belonging.

How can I apply to Peace Camp and/or get more information? To apply, please fill out the attached application form and return it to Smyrna United Church of Christ. Please understand that submitting this application does not guarantee participation. We hope to accommodate all children who apply, but space is limited, and there may be a waiting list. For more information, please contact our church office or pastor (contact information above).

Notes from a traveler

My granddaughter, Emma Blatchford, and I left on May 5/17 to fly on Iceland Air to Gatwick Airport in England to visit her cousin and my granddaughter, Breanna Wallace Faulkner and her husband, Jarred Faulkner. Both are in the U S Army Air Force stationed in Mildenhall and living a ½ hour away at Honington in a remodeled windmill home that I was anxious to see.

Both had the week off duty, so drove us in their Jeep to Edinburgh, Scotland. We all enjoyed the open-air bus tour including their castle. A part had been built in 1130 AD by King David. Another day was spent at the National Museum of Scotland

We were back in England for the delicious and fancy Mothers' Day Tea at the Almony Tea House located in part of the Ely Cathedral. We appreciated the tour of the Cathedral with beautiful stained glass windows and all the wood

carvings. She also took us to see her desk and meet several in her office at Mildenhall.

The last few days were spent in a small cottage in the southern part of London and Breanna drove us around the Picadilly area, by Buckingham Palace and the China Town. We had tickets at Her Majesty's Theatre for “Phantom of the Opera” which was wonderfully performed.

On our last day, we visited the Knapp family, whom I had been pen pals with in the 60's and more. Ruth is still living in her home with family help but unable to talk so we were pleased her daughter and 2 sons were there for us. Her daughter offered to continue the pen pal job!

What a treat to spend nearly 2 weeks with 2 granddaughters seeing a little piece of our world. I thank God for the privilege.

Virginia Yoder

Stitch Club Bake Sale

Sunday, June 11, you will have the opportunity to buy baked items before and after church. All money raised will add to the fund for replacing the windows in Friendship House.



Emergency Medical Transport: When to use it, and how to pay for it

Most private insurance covers medically necessary ambulances and life flight transports, however, not always at the full rate. Check your individual policy to determine its rate of payment. Medicare pays 80% of the cost to the closest equipped medical facility. There is an additional insurance available that will pay any charges not covered by your Insurance, Canby FireMed. It costs approximately \$100.00 per year. Fliers are in the foyer of the church in the brochure rack. If you still have a bill you cannot pay, most transport companies have a financial forgiveness program that involves filling out paperwork and proof of income.

An ambulance provides more than a fast trip to the ER. The paramedics can provide pain relief en route, start O2 if needed, start IV fluids, perform ECG's as well and decide the best equipped hospital to head to. They will also inform the ER of your condition before you arrive so the ER is prepared for you.

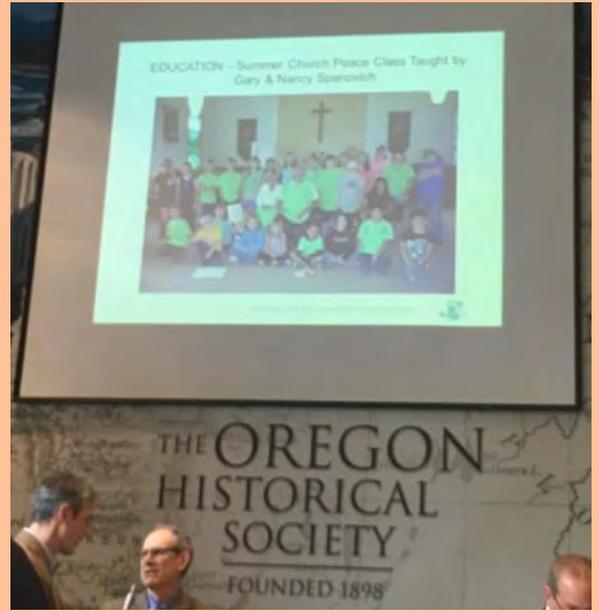
When to call 911

1. Shortness of breath or breathing difficulty
2. Pain in the chest or upper abdomen that is crushing or squeezing and lasts two minutes or longer, radiates to the neck, jaw, shoulders, or arms.
3. Dizziness, weakness or fainting
4. Vision changes, such as double vision
5. Speaking difficulties
6. Mental confusion
7. Sudden, severe pain
8. Bleeding that won't stop after 10 minutes or longer
9. Coughing up blood
10. Severe allergic reaction
11. Does the victim require the skills and equipment of paramedics or EMT's?
12. Could moving the victim cause further injury?

In the case of a medical emergency, call 911 - It is just not worth it to try to drive yourself to save the charge and not make it there.

THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 3:30 PM.

Sowing the Seeds of Love: The Basis of Peace



We had the opportunity to attend the Wholistic Peace Institute's "Sowing the Seeds of Love: The Basis of Peace" education program fund raising dinner on May 18th at the Oregon Historical Society. We heard about Peace building from Rev. Rodney page, former director of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Rabbi Joshua Stampher, talked about why it is important to teach peace. Rick Rolf who was the Foreign Policy Advisor for Senator Mark Hatfield, taught us about Senator Hatfield's experiences in war, and how it led to his advocacy for peace. Senator Hatfield and Gary Spanovich co-founded the Wholistic Peace Institute. Gary Spanovich and his wife Nancy, have participated in our Peace Camp and are doing so again this year. We were excited to see Smryna UCC several times in their program and also pictures of Peace Camp!

Ginger Redlinger



(left to right) Barbara Daniels, Levonne & Rick Gano, Linda Dunn, Joel Daniels, and Mary Namit also attended the dinner.

Food Needs for the Molalla Food Bank

Stitch Club continues to support the Molalla Food Bank and encourages all of you to do the same by bringing a food item to church. Sometimes it is helpful to have a list of things to buy or you can look at the food ads to see what is available each week.



Food items and hygiene products are always in demand. We would like to have about 75 pounds* to deliver to the bank each week so think of heavy items, bags of beans and rice or cans of vegetables. Powdered milk is heavy and makes a good addition to anyone's pantry. Let your imagination run wild. Continue the good work through the summer. Thank you.

*56 pounds of food were delivered to the Molalla Food Bank on May 1st and the next week 59 additional pounds were taken. Let's keep up the good work!



More good news:

The Stitch Club is pleased to report that \$232.00 was added to the window replacement fund after the May Bake Sale. Thank you to the bakers and the buyers

Remember the ARK!

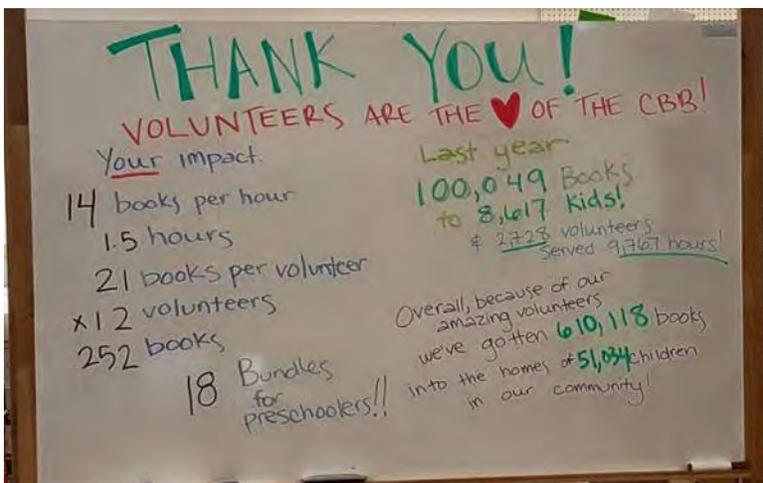
Thank you to Rev. Leo Tautfest, a volunteer with Heifer Project International for over 50 years, who was our guest speaker at Adult Education on Sunday, May 14th, and who brought the mission moment that day during the worship service. We are grateful to Charles Odell, who donated funds to purchase two water buffalos that day, and put us well over half-way to filling the ark! Thank you for your donations!



Book Drive

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our book drive for the Children's Book Bank in Portland! We collected a total of 154 books including 72 chapter books, 77 story books, and 5 board books! I dropped off our book donations and helped clean up donated books May 10 at the Children's Book Bank! The CBB serves all Head Start programs in the metro area as well as 6 of the highest need elementary schools. That's over 8,000 kids every year!

Kristin Wishon



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9 AM - 12:30 PM -- PEACE CAMP AT SMYRNA																																																																																																

- Joann Gribble,
- Lucia Scheubel,
- the new babies and parents in our congregation,
- the Odell family,
- Jon and Susie Schriever, Mickey Hester,
- Vonda Stoneking,
- Jean Epley,
- Blanche Kober,
- Kathy Robinson's nephew, Connor, who was hit by a truck in Canby,
- Brenda Hammock's brother-in-law, David Roddy, with advanced stage cancer,
- Christina Lydy-Mills,
- Heather Anderson on the passing of her father,
- Robbie Riggs (friend of Angela and Scott Stierle family),
- Steven Watkins, Jeannie's brother and all others mentioned in prayer time and on HeartLine.

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 REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

Mission Statement

Smyrna United Church of Christ is striving to be:

- A place of peace, where we offer to all an extravagant welcome wherever you are in your life journey regardless of your ethnicity, marital status, religion, gender, race, age, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation, and where we teach the stories of God's love and call on our lives.
- A spiritual haven, where we accept and care for all people and God's creation in an outreach of grace.
- A lighthouse of God's compassion, 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.