

BEHOLD!!

April 2020

Smyrna



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear Smyrna Friends,

It's the not knowing.

We don't know who will get this virus, and if they do, will they have a mild case, a severe case, or be asymptomatic?

We don't know if we might even currently have the virus, because there aren't enough tests to test anyone but the most ill, or those who have been most definitely exposed.

We don't know if we've been exposed to the virus, because we're not tracking contacts – we don't have the public health resources to do that.

We don't know if we will develop immunity to this virus if we should get it, when we recover, because scientists just don't know that for sure yet. They think we will have some immunity, but they don't know for how long.

We don't know how long this virus might last. We don't know yet what medicines might treat this virus, and we don't know yet how long it might be until there is a vaccine for this virus.

So.

If there ever was a time in our lives when we needed to remember Reinhold Niebuhr's "Courage Prayer," it's now. Yes, I mean "Courage Prayer," not "Serenity Prayer," as it is commonly known. Niebuhr believed that God intends for us to have courage – remember how often we find the words, "Do not be afraid" in the Bible?

Niebuhr's prayer reminds us, though, to seek serenity for those things which wisdom helps us to understand can't be changed. That's why June Bingham named her 1961 biography of Niebuhr, "The Courage to Change."

So, with thanks to our ancestor in faith in the UCC Church, the Rev. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, who was born in Wright City, Missouri, educated at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, and who taught at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, we can pray together:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference."

Peace be with you, my Smyrna UCC co-ministers. Peace, courage, wisdom, and serenity.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb

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Memory Café

We are cancelling Memory Café through April and May and will regroup as soon as it is safe to gather again. Holding you all in prayer.



Scholarships available

The Smyrna United Church of Christ/ Glenda Yoder Sano Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications through *May 15th, 2020*. The applications are available in the narthex of the church or by contacting Rick Gano.



Eligibility Requirements are: the applicant must be a current or recently graduated high school senior or in a post high school program making satisfactory progress, and the applicant must be an active participant in Smyrna UCC with active participation during the past year in the life of Smyrna UCC (Examples would be: participation or assistance with the worship, Sunday School, Strawberry Social, grounds cleanup, Oktoberfest booth, Canby/Marquam highway cleanup, Vacation Bible School, etc.).

This is the 16th year that Smyrna has provided church members scholarships for furthering their education after high school. The church scholarship is granted in memory of **Glenda Yoder Sano**, a 1963 Molalla High graduate and a long-time member of the Smyrna Church family, who, as many of you know, was instrumental in starting and continuing many youth programs in our church.

[Rick Gano, Smyrna UCC Scholarship Committee](#)



Adult Education

Is there any interest in a weekly "adult education" via conference call until we can gather again? We can hold it on another day of the week rather than Sunday. Please call or e-mail Pastor Deb if you are interested.

Palm Sunday

While we won't be holding church services in Smyrna's building on Palm Sunday, palm fronds will be available during the afternoon of Saturday, April 4th in the church entrance, in case you would like to pick one up, thanks to Julia and Bill Peterson, and the Diaconate.



The leftover fronds will be dried over the winter, and burned next winter for our ashes for Ash Wednesday. This had been a task that Rod Bullard had done for many years, after Robert Kyrk died. Now Barbara Daniels, our Church Moderator and Diaconate Chair, is continuing this tradition.

Thank you to Smyrna's Technology Committee

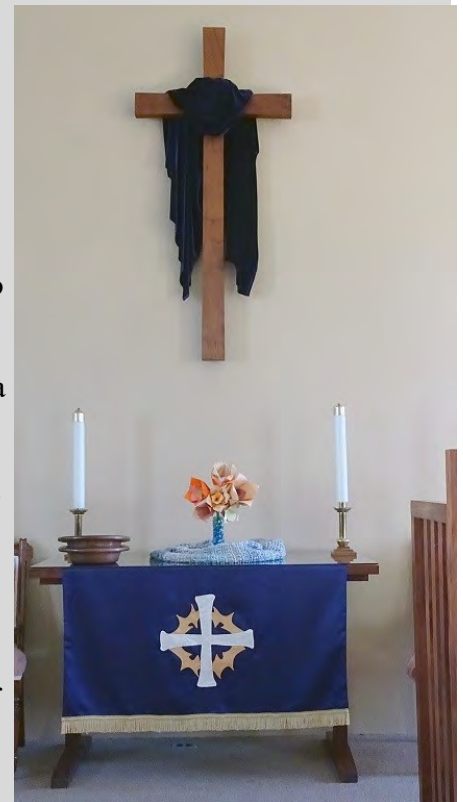


Over the last year, the Technology Committee has done so much to help our congregation – they ordered the TV that we can use for Memory Café and other times, they have filmed the sermons to share those who aren't able to get to church on Sundays.

Thanks to Paul Yoder and Paul Ashton for filming. Now the Technology Committee is facilitating making available the entire service to all. Tom Daniels has been editing and splicing the video, as well as adding the words to the hymns and unison readings, and then putting the service on-line. Joel Daniels played and recorded the hymns. Rick Gano recorded the Scriptures from home, and others will be involved in other ways moving forward. Thank you to all!

A Note of Thanks

A note of thanks to Jeannie Rogers, for continuing to post the announcements and send out the bulletins (and now the Behold!). Thanks also to Jeannie for making origami flowers for the altar, and posting a picture of them on Smyrna's Facebook page, so that we could all enjoy their beauty, next to the lovely prayer shawl that Elaine Daniels had made, and the cross draped with purple for Lent.



Health Committee

Every committee has an important role to play in the life of the church, and it is crystal clear now how true that is to keep our church functioning during this time.

Thank you to the health committee, which shares such good information about taking care of ourselves and others during this time. They are encouraging us, as always, to wash our hands often, eat healthy foods, get some exercise every day, and stay socially connected to others.

Of course, now most of that connection is going to be by phone, but the Health Committee is encouraging you to do that now, more than ever. Notes are also great – we need each other to be healthy people – remember – it's about body, mind, spirit, community, and Creation!

Note: Due to an abundance of caution related to the COVID-19 virus, and following the recommendations of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) that people over 60 not gather in groups of more than 10, as well as following the recommendation of the UCC Conference Minister, Rev. Tyler Connolly, and in consultation with our Church Moderator, Barbara Daniels and church members, we have decided not to hold worship at Smyrna for the next few weeks.

Tune in for our ONLINE SERVICE

We are trying out a new look for Behold!! Comments Welcome.

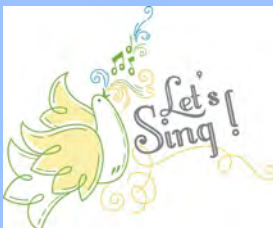
If you are tired of singing Happy Birthday twice, or the ABC song to time washing your hands you might try these:

The 50's: ' Jailhouse Rock' by Elvis

The warden threw a party in the county jail
The prison band was there and they began to wail
The band was jumpin' and the joint began to swing
You should've heard them knocked-out jailbirds sing
Let's rock everybody, let's rock
Everybody in the whole cell block
Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

The 60's: 'My Girl' by the Temptations

I've got sunshine on a cloudy day
When it's cold outside I've got the month of May
Well I guess you'd say
What can make me feel this way?
My girl (my girl, my girl)
Talkin' 'bout my girl (my girl)



The 70's: 'Dancing Queen' by ABBA

You are the dancing queen
young and sweet, only seventeen
dancing queen
Feel the beat from the tambourine, oh yeah
you can dance, you can jive
Having the time of your life
Ooh, see that girl
Watch that scene
Digging the dancing queen

The 80's: 'I love Rock 'n' Roll' by Joan Jett & The Blackhearts

I love rock 'n' roll
So put another dime in the jukebox, baby
I love rock 'n' roll
So come an' take your time an' dance with me
Said "Can I take you home where we can be alone?"
Next we're movin' on
He was with me, yeah me
And we'll be movin' on
An' singin' that same old song
Yeah with me, singin'
I love rock n' roll
So put another dime in the jukebox, baby
I love rock n' roll
So come an take time an' dance with me

An Update from Mission and Outreach



All food items that were brought to the church during March have been dispersed to families in the North Marion School District. We are grateful that Ginger Redlinger could get this food to those with an immediate need.

According to Paulette Eyman, who volunteers at the Molalla Food Bank, it is open, but clients cannot come inside because of the small area where the food is kept. The volun-

teers fill a box and then give them out to people who have come. She reported that last week there were two situations where the person was homeless and had no way to prepare a meal. They were given a loaf of bread, a jar of peanut butter and a plastic knife. There is a great need, so if you would like to continue to help, we would encourage you to make a cash donation that can be indicated with your monthly support of the church.

Also, a donation of \$200 has been sent to "My Neighbor" after consulting with Pastor Deb, and our church moderator, Barbara Daniels. This amount was taken from the O'fest fund. This is in direct partnership with the Oregon Department of Human Resources which has been set up to meet the tangible needs of foster families and youth in foster care. For additional information:

<https://everychildoregon.org/need/>

More on Smyrna's Pews

While we are staying home, participating in the online worship services, and practicing social distancing, progress has been made on refinishing the pews. Cushions are here and this is what our pews will look like when we are able to worship in the Sanctuary again.



Please don't forget donations to the church treasury during this time while we are not able to meet on Sunday for services. We continue to have most of our ordinary expenses even though the church building is closed.

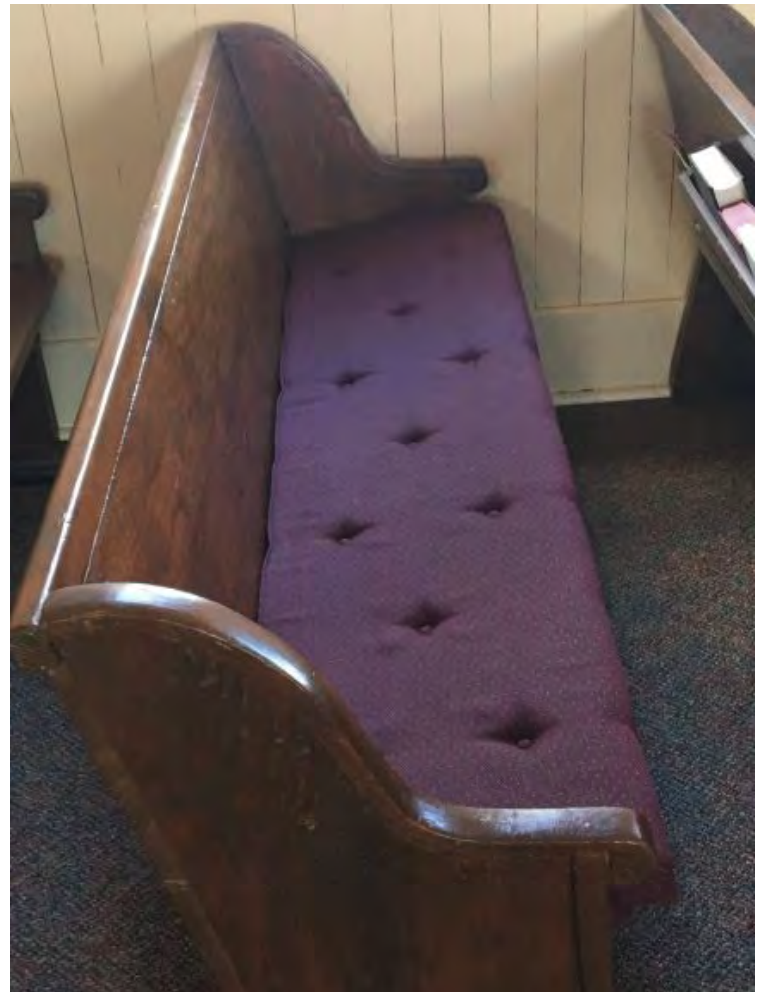
There are two ways you can make your offering.

Mail a check to Irene Schriever, treasurer, 32914 S. Kropf Rd, Molalla, OR 97038

Or visit Smyrna's website: www.smyrna-ucc.org/donations and click on the button "Donate," You will be taken to a safe page where you can use a credit card. You will have the opportunity to make a one-time or a recurring donation and you will have a choice of funds. If you make a recurring donation, you will need to establish an account. We have used this service for some time now and have not had any problems.

Stay safe and keep healthy. Thank you for remembering the church.

Joel Daniels, Asst. Treasurer



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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April Fool's Day
b.d. Dave Akers, Spencer Chapin
Canceled --2 pm Ukulele Class @ Smyrna

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, online weekly Worship Services are available
Palm Sunday

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7 pm AA/AO

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b.d. Keith Schuebel
Canceled --2 pm Ukulele Class @ Smyrna

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canceled--12 Noon Women's Fellowship
Wedding Ann: Paul & Melissa Liechty

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Good Friday

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b.d. Philip Daniels
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Easter

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7 pm AA/AO
b.d. Penelope Enfield

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b.d. David Howard
Canceled --2 pm Ukulele Class @ Smyrna

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b.d. Violet Humphries

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b.d. Sarah Philips

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b.d. Kara Tellinghusen, Larry Sumpter
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7 pm AA/AO

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1:30 pm Teleconference Diaconate mtg
6 pm Teleconference Staff/Parish 7 pm Teleconference Church Council

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b.d. Ginger Redlinger
Canceled --2 pm Ukulele Class @ Smyrna

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b.d. Nell Blatchford
canceled--12 Noon Women's Fellowship

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7 pm AA/AO

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Canceled --2 pm Ukulele Class @ Smyrna

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b.d. Michael Hall

April

Please hold in prayer:

- Pat Bullard and all her family
- Ginger Redlinger and Mary Namit, on the loss of Ginger's Aunt Bonnie and Uncle Richard (her Dad's brother and sister-in-law on March 19th and 20th)
- Beryl and Dan Fisher
- Garrett Veatch
- Debi Veatch
- Blanche Kober
- Asa and Ione Jenson
- Vonda Stoneking
- Paul Burkert
- and all who live alone or who have other concerns.



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.

**No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
Smyrna welcomes you.**

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.

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