

BEHOLD!! SMYRNA

February 2021  UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Meet Pastor Catherine “Cat” Allard

Pastor Cat is excited to provide worship leadership and pastoral support for Smryna UCC through June 2021 while our Pastor Deb is serving in the Oregon State Legislature.

Cat moved to Oregon from New Hampshire in 2016 for her first sole Pastorate. Prior to her ordination in 2016, Cat served in a variety of church staff positions in New England congregational churches - in both urban/big city and rural/small town communities. She currently serves on the Disaster Ministries and Local Church / Education Ministries Teams for the UCC Central Pacific Conference, as well as on the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Board of Directors.

Her call is deeply rooted in her own experience of “new life in Christ;” which was made possible by the open and affirming theology of the United Church of Christ. Cat’s most persistent calling, which preceded her call to ordained ministry, is Anti-Racism work. The more she learned about Jesus, the more she found those two calls were divinely aligned.

Current expressions of her commitment to Anti-Racism work include her involvement with the Common Table’s Reckoning with Oregon’s Racist History Learning Cohort Journey, and as a founding member of the Wilsonville Alliance for Inclusive Community. Cat lives in Wilsonville with her partner Jill, who is a middle school math teacher and 2nd year seminarian at the Claremont School of Theology.

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Both the Health Committee and Mission and Outreach want to thank you if you took part in the Reverse Advent Calendar.

On Wednesday, January 6th, Steve and Jane Dahl, Florence Pease, and Joel and Elaine Daniels delivered those items to the Molalla Service Center. Food items brought are always weighed and a record kept. We are pleased to report that the total was 437 pounds. In addition, some of you chose to make a cash donation to the center instead of doing the actual “shopping.” That total was \$150.



Children for Change continues in February for the Salem Drop program. It provides a safe, welcoming space for young people who can receive support and get relief from acts of violence, suicide and other traumas.

-Elaine-

The Bottom Line

Getting vaccinated is one of many steps you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Protection from COVID-19 is critically important because for some people, it can cause severe illness or death.



Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools available. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. Other steps, like masks and social distancing, help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others. Together COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC’s recommendations to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from COVID-19.

In Oregon vaccines are available in phases.

- Jan 25: Educators and school staff.
- Feb 8: Residents age 80 and older.
- Feb. 15: Residents age 75 and older.
- Feb. 22: Residents age 70 and older.
- March 1: Residents age 65 and older.

If you haven’t already, schedule an appointment with your provider to get yours!

To learn more about how vaccines work.....www.cdc.gov

Pandemic blues.....the

end is beginning to be in sight – but are you tired of staying home and being bored?

We have assembled an Activity Lending Library in the foyer of the church. If you like jigsaw puzzles, crosswords, sudoku, word searches, etc, plus movie, books on tape.....please check us out. Take what you would like and return when finished.



If unable to come to the church, please email sdahl5631@gmail.com (preferred) or call Mary at: 503-266-4890 to schedule delivery.

“ WE ARE ALL JUST WALKING EACH OTHER HOME”

PUZZLE

Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.



“ _____
 _____ ?

 _____ ” _____ 6:8 , _____

Answer: “And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8, NIV



Why don't ants ever get sick?
 Because they have little anty bodies



As the New Year comes,
 will the virus go away
 and leave us in peace?
 Lois Johnson



Valentina hears
 A blessing from Pastor Deb,
 peace filling her heart.
 Jeannie



What's in the New Year?
 We know not what it will hold -
 Only the Author.
 Pastor Deb

Celebrating still
 Unto us a child is born!
 Valentina sings.
 Jeannie



Treasurer's Report — Irene Schreiver

11/10/20	General Fund Balance	\$13,517.59
	Receipts	13,015.98
	Expenditures	(\$12,065.64)
	Transfer for Bldg. Repair Fund	(\$ 250.00)
12/31/20	General Fund Balance	\$14,217.93



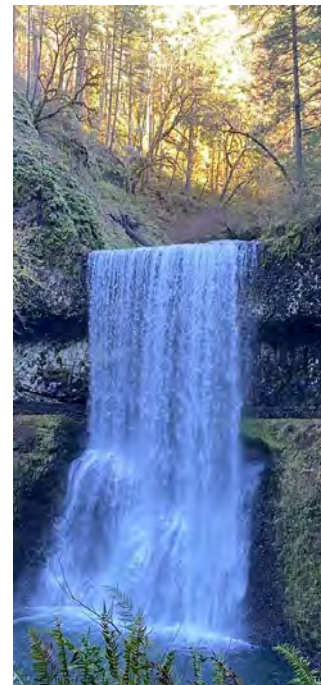
Ash Wednesday Plans

February 17, 2021, is the beginning of Lent and the Diaconate will have a worship service via Zoom, beginning at 7 pm that night. We plan to send out crosses to everyone which you can look at during the service and in the following days up to Palm Sunday.

We also plan to have a Lenten series which will be held on Wednesday evenings during the forty days. More information will be sent out prior to the beginning of Ash Wednesday.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved.

Ps 46:1-2a



Emergency Contact Information Smyrna United Church of Christ

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this emergency contact information form to help the pastor and any supply pastor in case an emergency arises where they are not able to reach you.

This information is being maintained by the Health Committee in cooperation with Smyrna's Church Council. Please return asap to the Smyrna Church office at 31119 S. Highway 170, Canby, OR 97013. You may email this information to the church if you prefer. smyrnaucc@canby.com

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Cell): _____ Phone (Home): _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship to you: _____

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February 2021 at Smyrna

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

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UNITED CHURCH
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a just world for all

Our prayers are for continued health and safety for all during this time.



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.

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.