

Friends of Smyrna United Church of Christ Cemetery Newsletter

**Spring
2021**



Welcome to the 25th 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, Oregon.

February saw the most devastating ice storm in the history of the church, and the church and cemetery sus-

tained significant damage from fallen trees and limbs. Smyrna was in the epicenter of unparalleled ice that caused all the towns and area around to lose power for up to 2 weeks. No sooner had the ice fallen and melted than crews of volunteers arrived to go into action.

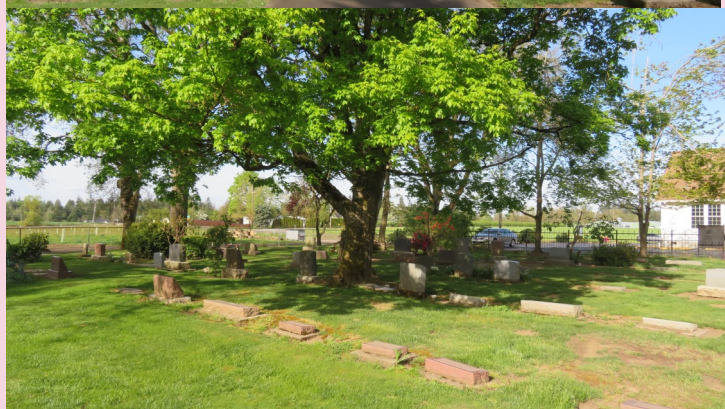


To see the progress:



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

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who pitched in and helped with the massive cleanup. Paul Burkert spent days with his chainsaw, and crews of people showed up for many days to haul off the cut up wood and debris. Paul Yoder has spent many hours burning the piles of brush. Yet to be done: restoration of the brick pillar and wrought iron gate, replacement of the damaged chain-link fence, and tree removal and pruning. Fortunately the damages to the grave stones was minor and reparable.



The cemetery is owned by Smyrna United Church of Christ, and it was established in 1891 when the church was built. The church bylaws provide for the election of a committee for management of the cemetery and a separate treasury is maintained.

The Cemetery Committee members are: Joel Daniels, Treas. (503) 651-2694, Paul Yoder, (503) 651-2333, Rick Gano, maps & reservations (503) 651-2044, Paul Burkert, grounds & equipment (503) 989-8697, Barbara & Carl Menkel (503) 266-9909. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee for more information.

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to Paul Burkert for mowing, dealing with leaves and maintaining our equipment. Isidro Maintenance takes care of the Cremation Garden. He comes each month to do mowing, edging and fertilizing.

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.

Cemetery Operating Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 2020

\$ 9,554

Income:

Donations	\$ 3,465
Donations plot	2,500
Reimbursement for grave markers	400
Misc 25	

Total income **\$ 6,390**

Expenses:

Administrative expense supplies	\$ 297
Caretaker & Mowing Expense	3,929
Maintenance & Main. Supplies	365
Portable Toilet Maintenance	662
Grave Markers	1,131

Total Expenses **(\$ 7,084)**

Balance December 31, 2020

\$ 8,860

Cemetery Trust Fund

Balance January 1, 2020 **\$ 137,197**

Memorial Donations **2,289**

Unrealized investment gain **17,152**

Transfer to General Fund **0**

Balance December 31, 2020 **\$ 156,639**

Gifts to the Cemetery General Fund

John & JoAnn Beck
Carol Brokert
Cliff & Judy Burbank
Carl Cain
Clinton Case
Evelyn Crump
John & Cheryl Cutter
Karold Dale
Martha Dapp-Whisner
Marianne Dapp Domarad

Dennis Frome
Rick & LeVonne Gano
Jeff & Brenda Hammock
Ebby Hartley
Steve Husbands
Kathlyn & Dale Imdieke
Juliana Kyrk
Pam Lindholm Levy
Murlene Liechty
Carl & Barbara Menkel

Marcia J Oswalt
Esther & Don Owen
John & Jill Pastrone
Bill & Julia Peterson
Leonard Sano
Marjorie & Ron Sether
Ann Sommer
Robert & July Yoder
Virginia Yoder

Gifts In Memory of:

Leona Blatchford

Twyla Blatchford

Roberta Eyman Daniels

Richard Daniels

Kim Smith

Thomas A Daniels

Jean Schriever Epley

David & Irene Schriever

Paul Walter Eyman

Nancy Holden

Paulette Eyman

Beverly Gottwald

Lisa Havre, Larry Sumpter

Burt & Ellen Gottwald

Lisa Havre, Larry Sumpter

Michael Gottwald

Lisa Havre, Larry Sumpter

Juanita Hamilton

Nora Hamilton

Howard Clausen

Thomas A Daniels

Jack & June Malmquist

Jay P Malmquist

Frank & Jeannette McMillan

Rod and Kristi Stringer

Owen & Marion Marine

Gail Case

Robert McPherson

Joan McPherson

Linda Melcher

Darrell Melcher

Ray & Doris Miettunen

Nancy Dilger

Norton & Genevieve

Nicholson Family

Carol Schultz

Glen Ousley

Diana Lindberg

Mary Ousley

Diana Lindberg

Conrad & Ethel Owen

Barbara Davis

Kathryn Owen

Barbara Davis

Joseph Pastrone

Thomas A Daniels

Eleanor Ray

Molly & Clifford Ray

Judith Repplinger

Urs & Victoria

Baltensperger

Glenda Sano

Diana Lindberg

Lucia Eyman Schuebel

Diane Kindall Potter

Jeffrey Shultz

Joel & Elaine Daniels

James St Clair

Thomas A Daniels

Jonathan Stringer

Rod & Kristi Stringer

Elizabeth Veneklasen

Katherine & Allen Holt

Bud & Evelyn Wormdahl

Barbara Davis

Emerson Yoder

Twyla Blatchford



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Marlin Walch

Kathryn Owen

Allen Van Veen

Catherine Van Veen

Jeffrey Shultz

Betty Konkle

Jonathan Springer



And all those laid to rest here during the past 129

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We are tax-exempt. Send your donations to:
Smyrna United Church of Christ Cemetery
c/o Joel Daniels
31060 S Kauffman Road
Canby, OR 97013



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 restriction on markers is no plastic or resin, and a flat 12 x 24 in. granite or bronze military marker with no concrete border must be used in the cremation garden. No container or vault is required in the Cremation Garden. A plot may be reserved only with purchase of the plot. A \$100 fee may be required at time of burial to go towards a marker.



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.

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.