

BEHOLD!! SMYRNA

August 2023



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear Smyrna friends,

When I was in seminary I took an Intro to Judaism class that was co-taught by my Hebrew Bible professor and a Rabbi from the rabbinical school next door. I recall often what the Rabbi said about singing. He had shared with the class that when someone in **his congregation misses two weeks in a row of Shabbat services he worries about them...because it means they've gone two weeks without singing** (in communal worship anyway). I was so struck by how convinced he was that there is a direct correlation between singing and spiritual well-being.

A lot of us are in our heads about singing - **we're self-conscious because we don't know "how" to sing or we're sure others around us are bothered by the sound of our singing voice.** A child I loved (who is now an adult I love) told me once when we were in the car together, "Kitty, I think you might be tone deaf." I thought he might be right! But I've learned since then that a) a very small percentage of the population is tone deaf, and b) I sometimes have good pitch and blend well with other voices!

Julianne says to those of us who are in our heads about singing, "Your mind doesn't sing. Your soul sings."

I think that's the point the Rabbi was making too. Our souls sing. When we sing in community I think our soul-consciousness increases - **our souls recognize the opportunity to "come out to play" with other souls.**

It is a blessing beyond measure that after having visited with us for worship in June, Julianne Johnson-Weiss wants to spend a Saturday morning with us offering her SOULFULL Singing Workshop!

Won't you come? Julianne says, "OUR HEARTS ARE YEARNING TO SING."

For those of you who don't know, Julianne R. Johnson-Weiss is the Faculty Department Chair of Music and Theatre at Portland Community College where she directs THE VOICES OF SOUL CHOIR (2006-2023).

Julianne is a soulful singer, a music teacher, a minister, a storyteller, a joyful spirit, and so much more!

Please come to what could be the first annual SOULFULL Singing Workshop and (mini) Concert at **Smyrna UCC! Come even if you think you can't sing. Come find out what your voice CAN do! We need a minimum of 12 participants.** Contact the church or me (by phone, email, or the sign up sheet in the sanctuary) to RSVP. More details are on the next page.

Summertime blessings
Pastor Cat



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AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERSHIP
*SUMMER WORSHIP TIME 10:00 AM

August 6 — Rev. David Zaworski leading
August 13 — Pastor Cat leading
August 20 — Pastor Cat leading
August 27 CAMP ADAMS SUNDAY (11:00 AM) — Pastor Cat leading; potluck lunch after worship

SoulFull Singing Clinic with Juliane Johnson-Weiss
at Smyrna UCC
31119 Hwy 170
Canby, OR 97013
Saturday, August 19, 2023

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (with breaks!)

SOULFULL! is a workshop and concert event for vocalists of ALL AGES to explore call and response, and traditional and contemporary Gospel anthems. This is meant to be a multigenerational experience. The purpose is to allow the soul to sing freely and collectively no matter the level of experience.



No audition. No admission fee required. A free-will love offering will be taken at the end of the day.

During the workshop we will:

- learn some basic techniques to feel more confident in our singing;
- reflect on the purposes of singing and singing in worship;
- learn about the history of gospel music;
- sing some traditional familiar tunes (Amazing Grace, Danny Boy);
- learn a couple of newer contemporary songs;
- make music soul-full as we praise!

12:30 PM - Mini-concert to show what we learned during the workshop! Friends and family of participants are invited to attend. Community members are welcome too! A light lunch will be served in Friendship House after the concert. Your RSVP to the **concert and reception would be helpful but isn't required attend.**

Dates to remember:

August 1, 7:00 PM — Diaconate meeting via Zoom
August 9 & 16, 7:00 PM — Scripture Dialogue via Zoom
August 19, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM — Soul Full Singing Clinic with Juliane Johnson-Weiss @12:30 PM — Showcase of 3-4 songs followed by a light lunch
August 20 — Behold!! Deadline
August 27 — CAMP ADAMS SUNDAY (11:00 AM) — Potluck lunch following worship. Bring your favorite dish to share, your own dishes (plate, cup, utensils) to eat with, friends and relatives. The Diaconate will provide drinks.



Outdoor Worship

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee continues to work with candidates as the conference forwards their ministerial profiles. To date we have received four applications; three remain under consideration but at different points in our interview and discussion process. The committee has had multiple Zoom interviews, and one in-person interview.



Please look at the two charts posted in Friendship Hall, next to the storage closet, to see the likely flow of events. They each show the overall timeline of the entire Intentional Interim and Transition Team time, which has ended. Dates going forward depend on more interviews so are not firm. One graph shows an expanded view of the search portion of the process, where we are now. The other shows an expanded view of upcoming congregational participation, when the committee brings a candidate to Smyrna to lead a worship service, a vote on calling the candidate, and transition to a new settled pastor. We will keep you informed as the schedule develops

Glenda Yoder Sano Scholarship Program

Since 2004, the Glenda Yoder Sano Scholarship fund has provided over \$38,000.00 in scholarships for deserving young men and women who have been actively involved in the life of Smyrna United Church of Christ. All the recipients have used the funds to



further their education either in a college or a technical program. As a congregation, we should be proud of being able to support our young people in preparing for their futures. Unfortunately, the scholarship fund needs continued donations to survive. The program started with a large donation from **Larry Sano in his late wife's memory. As many of you may remember**, Glenda Sano was hugely involved in youth programs at Smyrna throughout her life, and Larry was interested in seeing this involvement continue. If you would like to help us maintain this program for our future young people, please do so by either making a check payable to Smyrna UCC Scholarship Fund or a cash donation. Either can be sent or given in person to Rick Gano, Committee Chair, or the Smyrna UCC treasurers.

This year, the scholarship fund has granted two scholarships to members of the Smyrna community. They are: Halaina Crispin who will be attending Oregon State, and Spencer Chapin who will be attending Willamette University. Please congratulate these young people for their accomplishments in their continued education! Rick Gano, Scholarship Committee.

Wildfire smoke and air quality

No doubt everyone remembers the wildfires of 2020, when our area had the dubious distinction of having the worst air quality in the world and we were advised to stay inside as much as possible. Even the air inside could smell smoky (I remember it took a week or two for the smoke smell to leave my garage). We are again heading into the wildfire season, which we all hope will not be as bad as that year, but this may be a good time to review the health effects of the smoke and some ways to minimize the harmful effects of smoke exposure.

Wildfire smoke is a mixture of gases and fine particles from burning vegetation and other materials. It can make even healthy people sick if there is enough smoke in the air; but the most vulnerable to ill effects are children, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with preexisting heart and lung conditions.

When wildfire smoke is present in your area, limit your exposure to smoke as much as possible. Here are a few tips:

- Pay attention to local air quality reports. Watch for public health warnings about smoke and take extra precautions such as avoiding spending time outside.
- If you are told to stay indoors, stay indoors and keep your indoor air as clean as possible.
- Keep windows and doors closed. Run an air conditioner if you have one, but keep the fresh-air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent outdoor smoke from getting inside.
- Use a free-standing air filter with particle removal to help protect high-risk people from the effects of wildfire smoke.
- Do not add to indoor pollution. Do not burn candles or light fireplaces. Do not smoke. Do not vacuum, because it will stir up particles already inside your house.
- **Follow your doctor's advice about managing your preexisting lung or heart conditions. Call your doctor if your symptoms worsen.**
- Do not rely on cloth or paper masks for protection. An N95 mask, properly fitted, can provide some protection. It is still better to avoid exposure to smoke than to rely on masks.
- There are instructions online for making your own air filter with a box fan, furnace filters (at least MERV 13), duct tape, and **cardboard**. Google **"how to make a box fan air purifier"** for online directions or Youtube videos.

Have a good, preferably smoke-free summer



LONELY? Medical issues? Need Help?

Please visit the Smyrna Resource page. On Smyrna's website, www.smyrna-ucc.org, just click the Resource tab

Smyrna's Berry Festival

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank the many people who took part in the Berry Festival on July 16, 2023. The berries — 3 varieties! — were a wonderful change to our usual Strawberry festival. We received donations of over \$800 for this once a year event. So thank you, you deserve a pat on the back.



Women's Fellowship 2023 Bazaar

As we have mentioned in past newsletters we will be holding Bazaar items for sale on each of the four Sundays in November beginning with November 5th. We hope that prior to each Sunday we can advertise on our website which items will be for sale on each of the following Sundays. This will mean that if any of you have something for the sale, we will need to have the information showing the item name and price so that it can be listed. The sales will take place in Friendship House following church service each Sunday. We look forward to holding our Bazaar in this manner. If you have any questions you can contact Barbara Daniels-President.



A memorial service will be held for Richard Daniels at Smyrna UCC, 31119 S. Hwy 170, Canby OR, at 1 p.m. on Sept. 9, 2023



Ethel Henderson has a new residence in Washington:
Village Green Senior Living
35419 First Ave. South Apt. 211
Federal Way, WA 98003
Phone #: 253-517-9658

The Canby Adult Center Volunteer opportunities

The Canby Adult Center is looking for volunteers from Smyrna to serve one day a month from 11:45-1:00. We would need to have a team of 3 to work on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. See Elaine Daniels for more information or call Kathy Robinson or Mary Ellis at 503-266-2970.



From the library bookshelf...

Summer reading offers an opportunity to find out from friends which authors are favorite writers and which books they recommend.

Debi Veatch offered that Anne Lamott was one of her favorite writers about faith. She recommended adding to the church library Traveling Mercies which is **Debi's favorite**, Bird by Bird, Operating Instructions, Small Victories and Grace (Eventually). **In Debi's words, "I've actually read Traveling Mercies twice and got different things from it each time. I have a feeling most of her books would be that way."** Lamott writes about her own faith in a humorous way that makes you want to read more of her books. The Smyrna Library has all 5 of Debi's recommendations. They'll be displayed in the Narthex on the book cart in August.

Karyl Carlson recommends author Catherine Ryan Hyde's novels. After reading Just a Regular Boy, Karyl has read other titles by Hyde and says, "They are all SO GOOD and each totally different in plot, but with an underlying theme of being helpful in a big way to other people. I recommend them heartily." A copy of Just A Regular Boy will be on the library cart and available to borrow during August and September.



Thank you to

- The Grounds Committee - Mary, Irene, Barb, and Linda - for laying down landscaping cloth along the berm and planting 43 plants!
- Dale Skiles for bringing and dumping fresh bark mulch for the berm!
- Ann Clites and Janet Bess Farrell for covering a shift in the Central Pacific Conference Festival Booth at Portland Pride!
- the fundraising committee for organizing the in-house Berry Festival - Barb, Rebekah, Kristin!
- Jeannie and Elaine for preparing the Behold!! Newsletter every month.
- Nancy Bryant for editing and sharing our worship service on YouTube, and to Tom Daniels for his part in that, every Sunday!
- the Search Committee for your work interviewing and communicating with pastoral candidates as you continue the prayerful work of search and call process!



Smyrna's Ground Committee has been working around the outside of the church to trim, plant and spruce up the area before our new pastor steps out of their car upon arrival. **We've worked on "The Berm", where the maple trees once stood, by killing the grass and weeds in order to plant ground cover plants.** After planting four different kinds of ground cover plants, the Grounds Committee laid 170 feet x 5 of landscape cloth, stapled it all down, and added 3 yards of bark dust to cozy up the plants from the 90 degree heat!

Bark dusting the berm is complete. Dale Skiles helped us out in a huge way by bringing his tractor down to move the bark dust he and his wife Sherry donated. Instead of 3 hours of **shoveling and hauling 3cu. yds. by wheelbarrows....** It took us only one hour to spread 7.4 cu ft of bark dust!! A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SKILES.

It took Mary's F -150, clever chain placement, and a lot of grubbing... but we got the shrubs on the south side of the church out! They will be replaced by flowering ground cover that is less aggressive in trying to spread.

Barb, Linda and Irene are in the photo to the right.



August 2023 at Smyrna

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Richard Eyman Daniels

September 28, 1948—June 3, 2023

Richard Eyman Daniels and his identical twin brother James Burns Daniels were born September 28, 1948, in Oregon City, Oregon to their parents, Donald Emory Daniels and Roberta Barbara (Eyman) Daniels. They joined their four older siblings at home on a small farm between Molalla and Canby, Oregon. Numerous relatives lived in the area, and he grew up surrounded by family that gathered together for many activities. He learned to swim in the Molalla River where summers were filled with picnics. Most all holidays were celebrated at his grandparents **Albert & Nellie Eyman's home across the road.**

He learned to work at an early age picking berries and beans and was a member of 4-H clubs and the church youth group. He had fond memories of working in the restaurant at the Arrowhead Golf Club.

Richard attended Rural Dell Elementary School and Molalla High School graduating in 1967. He attended Mt. Angel College where he met Judy Ann Bartolomeo. On July 18, 1970, they were married in Downey, CA, and moved to Portland where Richard attended Portland State University and graduated in 1974 with a degree in education. He worked briefly as an elementary school teacher, then in hospitality and retail before becoming a travel agent for World Travel, in Portland, where he worked for many years.

Richard and Judy welcomed two daughters Elizabeth Barbara, born in 1976 and Katherine Rose in 1981. Judy and Richard later divorced. When Richard was living in Portland, he met Kim Smith, who lived in Eugene. Later, Richard moved there where he was employed in the admissions office at the University of Oregon until his retirement. Richard and Kim were married on September 6, 2014.

Richard was key to the formation of and a founding member of the Eugene Gay Men's Chorus in 2018. He has sung at the EGMC concerts ever since. Earlier with little vocal training, he saw an ad for auditions to sing with the Portland Opera Chorus. He was successful and a highlight of his life was singing in a performance of Puccini's *Turandot*.

His ancestors came to the Willamette Valley in the late 1800's fostering his great interest in family history. In 2000, he organized a Yoder genealogy tour accompanying cousins to Missouri and Illinois.

Richard had a passion for travel and visiting many countries on many continents. A special trip was joining other family members in Germany where sightseeing was combined with visits to former foreign exchange students to Molalla High School. He was very creative in the arts, music and performance. No family gathering was without a beautiful floral bouquet that he designed. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren working on baking, sewing, and knitting projects.

In January, he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. He faced this adversity with grace and positive good spirits. In March he was able to once again organize a trip with friends to Palm Springs, and in April he flew to New York City with his brother Tom and granddaughter Hadley seeing eight Broadway plays in eight days.

Richard spent his last days at the Pete Moore Hospice House in Eugene where he died on June 3, 2023. The family is very grateful for the wonderful care he received.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his ex-wife Judy, his husband Kim, his daughters Elizabeth Kersens (Ben), Katherine Clark (James), grandchildren Hadley and Celia Kersens, Noel and Alexander Clark, his siblings Joel Daniels (Elaine), Barbara Daniels, Terrance Daniels, Thomas Daniels and James Daniels, many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Richard will **be greatly missed by his large, extended family and by his Eugene friends. Richard's family is very appreciative of Kim and his friend, Larry Garcia, for their loving care during his illness.**



In addition to today, a celebration of Richard's life will take place on September 9, 2023 at Smyrna United Church of Christ, 31119 S. Highway 170, Canby, OR 97013, at 1 p.m. His ashes will be placed in the Smyrna Cemetery alongside his parents and numerous other relatives and friends.

Donations may be made to the Eugene Gay Men's Chorus or to The Pete Moore Hospice House.

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

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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.

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bullard
The Daniels family
Beryl and Dan Fisher
Genevieve Freeman
The Holt family
Carl Menkel
Jeannie Rogers' brothers Steven and John, and family
Virginia Yoder

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.