

# BEHOLD!! SMYRNA

November 2023



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

*Dear Friends,*

When I was in school, I was often the new kid. My parents moved frequently in those years, so I started over more or less **every September. Learning a couple dozen new names. Adjusting to the new teacher's/school's expectations. Settling** into new culture and social customs. Those went along with shiny new folders and pencils, and came around as regularly as the fall leaves. Depending on the class, and the awkwardness of whatever developmental stage I was in, every first day of school as the new kid fell on a scale from excruciating to a-ok.

**So, it feels familiar to have autumn be the time that I am the new kid with you, dear Smyrna folks. I'm maturer and hopefully wiser now, but I felt those same old new kid jitters on my first Sunday with you. Would I remember everyone's name? (I did not.) Would worship come in more or less the expected order? (I think so?) And, what are the customs and culture here that are both the same as the UCC churches I've been in my whole life, and new to me? (Too many to list here!)**

One privilege of being new at a place is to not know much about how things are done. Thank you in advance for being willing to answer my many questions, and to take me by the hand and show me the way. Having been the new kid a lot of times, I can affirm that being a new kid with you is far on the a-ok end of the scale.

One of the aspects of life at Smyrna that drew me to you is the firm foundations that so many of you have in this region and in this church. Many of you have never had the tender experience of being a new kid - or at least not for many, many years. I am so curious to learn from you about what life is like in a place where you have such deep and abiding roots. I look forward to being in ministry together,

Blessings,  
Pastor Jennifer

## Worship

- November 5 — All Saints Day, Pastor Jennifer Preaching
- November 12 — Pastor Jennifer Preaching
- November 19 — Pastor Jennifer away
- November 26 — Thanksgiving Sunday, Pastor Jennifer Preaching

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## Bazaar/Holiday Market

We are fast approaching, if not already there, to begin the in person Bazaar which begins on November 4, 2023, at 10:00 AM and continues until 2:00 PM. Sunday November 5, the Bazaar will be open from noon until 2:00 PM. Each weekend the Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday through December 10, 2023 and conclude at 2:00 PM.



The Bazaar will be held at Smyrna in Friendship Hall. Items will be on display throughout the six weeks and picked up as they are sold. Baked goods will also be available as they are arranged for pickup through the bakers. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything regarding the Bazaar you are welcomed to call Barbara Daniels, President of WF, at 503-390-4686 or email at [barbara4989@gmail.com](mailto:barbara4989@gmail.com).

- Saturday, Nov.4, from 10 AM to 2 PM,
- Sunday, Nov. 5, following church services for at least an hour and a half.
- Saturday, November 11, 10AM to 2 PM and following worship on Sunday November 12
- Saturday, November 18, 10 AM to 2 PM and after worship on Sunday, November 18.
- Saturday, November 25 from 10 AM to 2 PM and following worship on Sunday, November 26.
- Saturday, December 2, 10 AM to 2 PM and Sunday, December 3, following the church service
- The last weekend of the sale will be: Saturday, December 9, 10 AM to 2 PM and Sunday, December 10 following our church service.

We will have everything for sale listed on our facebook page prior to the weekend they will available for sale so that you will know when to stop by, pay and pick up.

## Ingathering at Smyrna



On Sunday, November 19, 2023, we will be collecting Thanksgiving-related items, such as corn, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cornbread mixes, Cream of Mushroom soup, green beans, olives, etc., to help make Thanksgiving a little more bright for families who are struggling to make ends meet.

## Library Notes...

Smyrna UCC scrapbooks from years in the 1970's 1980's and 1990's were moved from the minister's office to bookshelves in the library across the hall. This will make them more accessible to the congregation. Some of the "press and cling" scrapbook pages have lost their stickiness. If anyone is interested in giving the albums some TLC, just let one of the library committee members know---Audrey, Jeannie, LeVonne or Ann.



## Mission and Outreach

In November the Children for Change donations will be donated to making and filling stockings for Second Home kids and people in our community.



December donations will be contributed to The Christmas Fund for retired clergy.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Dates to remember:

November 1 — 7 pm Deacons  
November 4 & 5— Holiday Bazaar  
November 5 — Health Committee mtg  
November 8 — 7 pm Council  
November 9 — **12 noon Women's Fellowship Thanksgiving lunch**  
November 11 & 12 — Holiday Bazaar  
November 18 & 19 — Holiday Bazaar  
November 19 — Ingathering  
November 23 — Thanksgiving Day  
November 25 & 26 — Holiday Bazaar

## Looking ahead:

December 2 & 3 — Holiday Bazaar  
December 9 & 10 — Holiday Bazaar  
December 24 — Christmas Eve worship at 4:00 pm



## Mental Health First Aid Workshops

Interested in training to help support people with mental health challenges? Workshops are available through the National Council for Mental Wellbeing for training in Mental Health First Aid. These workshops are designed for the lay person and are taught virtually. Many of the courses are free and taught in an 8-hour single-day session. Subject matter covered includes:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges
- How to connect a person with help
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care

If you are interested, go to the website [MHFA.org](http://MHFA.org) and search for upcoming classes in Oregon in order to **narrow it down to convenient times in the Pacific time zone.** When you find a course you are interested in, click on “Register” and check if the course is free. You will see an email address for the instructor; this allows you to email your request to join the class



Thank you to:

- all who have taken the time to greet and welcome Pastor Jennifer. Your care is felt and appreciated.
- Joel for filling in for Jeannie when she was hit with COVID. And for helping Pastor Jennifer get oriented to the building and squared away with her startup paper-work.
- Lois for inviting the NAMI speaker on October 15.
- Rick for organizing the road cleanup.
- **Rebekah for assisting Kristin in preparing the Women's Fellowship Lunch on Oct 26th, and to all who made that day such a success.**
- **Paulette for the donations from her relative's estate, and to the Women's Fellowship for coordinating an estate sale.**
- Nancy for posting the worship service on YouTube and to lone who made a comment on a video.

LONELY? Medical issues? Need Help?

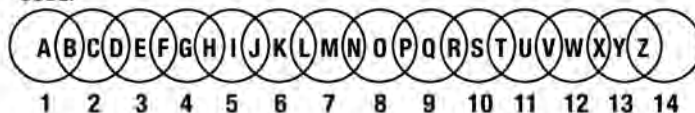
Please visit the Smyrna Resource page. On **Smyrna's website**, [www.smyrna-ucc.org](http://www.smyrna-ucc.org), just click the Resource tab ....



## Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

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EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV





# Chili Cook-off At Smyrna



Here is the information you all have been waiting for since Sunday, October 22. We had a good turn out of Teams, six in all from which people could taste chili with condiments as well as other foods offered up by some of the teams.

All together we raised over \$1,800 to benefit the general operating fund of Smyrna. The top fund raising team, Sawmill and Berry Boy brought in \$530. Team members were Jeff and Tina Marshall and David and Bernadette Yoder. The team in second place, called Book and Bean, consisting of Ann Clites and Audrey Yoder garnered \$415.00. Team in third place, Una Mano brought in \$336.00 and consisted of Mary Namit, Ginger Redlinger and Rick and Levonne Gano. Team J & E Tasters Best Choice came in fourth raising \$248.00 with chili makers Joel and Elaine Daniels. Fifth place was taken by Leo's Chili raising \$174. Leo Sano made the chili and last place went to Linda Dunn and Barbara Daniels of Las Dos Primas which raised \$119. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tasting event. Now if we can think of another event involving food, everyone will be happy. Thank you to all.



# November 2023 at Smyrna

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                            | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                                                          | Friday                                   | Saturday                                                                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                   |          |                                                                    |                                                         |
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| <b>5</b><br>11 am Worship<br>b.d. Mary Namit<br>Health Committee mtg<br>during Coffee Hour<br>Holiday Bazaar @ Smyrna<br>after worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>6</b><br>7 pm AA/O                                                             | <b>7</b><br>b.d. Karen Peterson | <b>8</b><br>7 pm Church Council via Zoom           | <b>9</b><br>12 Noon Women's Fellowship Thanksgiving Luncheon<br>b.d. Katy Bickers | <b>10</b>                                | <b>11</b><br>10 am to 2 pm<br>Holiday Bazaar @ Smyrna<br>b.d. Pastor Cat Allard<br>b.d. Brenda Hammock |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                   |          |                                                                    |                                                         |
| <b>12</b><br>11 am Worship<br>Holiday Bazaar @ Smyrna<br>after worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>13</b><br>7 pm AA/O                                                            | <b>14</b>                       | <b>15</b><br>b.d. Evan Rigg                        | <b>16</b>                                                                         | <b>17</b>                                | <b>18</b><br>10 am to 2 pm<br>Holiday Bazaar @ Smyrna                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                   |          |                                                                    |                                                         |
| <b>19</b><br>11 am Worship<br>Holiday Bazaar @ Smyrna<br>after worship<br>Pastor Jennifer away                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>20</b><br>7 pm AA/O<br><b>Behold!!</b><br><b>deadline</b><br>b.d. Joel Daniels | <b>21</b>                       | <b>22</b>                                          | <b>23</b><br><i>Thanksgiving Day</i>                                              | <b>24</b>                                | <b>25</b><br>10 am to 2 pm<br>Holiday Bazaar @ Smyrna                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                   |          |                                                                    |                                                         |
| <b>26</b><br>11 am Worship<br>Holiday Bazaar @ Smyrna<br>after worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>27</b><br>7 pm AA/O                                                            | <b>28</b>                       | <b>29</b><br>b.day Deborah Hancox, Steve Patterson | <b>30</b><br>b.d. Richard Gano, Janet Farrell                                     | Flower and Coffee Hour Volunteers needed |                                                                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                   |          |                                                                    |                                                         |

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



Prayer list

- Pat Bullard
- Beryl and Dan Fisher
- Genevieve Freeman
- The Holt family
- **Jeannie Rogers'** brothers Steven and John, and family
- Virginia Yoder
- The family of Jim Buffington
- Ginger Redlinger



*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.