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Smyrna

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

May 2017

Dear Friends,

Smyrna may think of itself as a small congregation, but the activity level of the congregation suggests something different. Small churches are primarily relationship oriented, and mid-sized churches have a lot more going on programmatically. Here are some of the things happening at Smyrna:

- Coffee and Friends
- Memory Café
- Mustard Seed Parenting Group
- Prayer Group
- Intergenerational Art Nights
- Frozen Assets
- Confirmation
- Choir
- Adult Education
- Youth Group
- Tai Chi
- Stitch Club
- Aging Backwards
- Peace Camp
- Book Club
- Women's Fellowship



And this list doesn't even include our many active Boards and Committees!

How wonderful it is that Smyrna has so many different people with gifts and talents and energy to share in this way. Our Easter faith tells us that the Spirit blows where it will. We give thanks for the wonderful spirit blowing at Smyrna!

A challenge we face is transportation to help those who don't drive (or don't drive at night) to get here, so we will gather for conversation over Soup and Pie on May 21st to discuss what we might be able to do to address this top need that was identified during our Visioning Session a few weeks back.

Blessings of the Easter Season to you all!

In gratitude,
Pastor Deb

P.S. Worship continues at 11 am through May, and moves to 10 am for June through August.

Smyrna has a variety of **exercise classes** to help you keep your balance. "Aging Backwards" happens here each Monday morning in two sessions, beginning at 9:30, and at 10 am), and Tai Chi takes place on Saturdays at 9:30 am.

Confirmation Field Trip:

Confirmation will meet on the THIRD Friday in May, when we will gather at 4:30 pm at Smyrna and carpool to attend worship services at the Jewish Congregation Beth Israel, 1972 NW Flanders Street, Portland, Oregon, 97209, and stop for dinner on the way home. All are welcome to join us.

Remember the ARK!

We are 1/3 of the way through the year, and 1/3 of the way through filling the ark! Thank you! A llama (and more!) joined the ARK this month....



Here are the prices of the animals:

Cow - \$500, Fish Fingerlings - \$300, Water Buffalo - \$250, Alpaca or Llama - \$150, Goat, Sheep, or Pig - \$120, Rabbits - \$60, Bees - \$30, Flock of Ducks, Chicks, or Geese - \$20. The Ark (\$5000) contains a whole boatload of these animals!

Stitch Club Bake Sale

Sunday, May 14th you will have the

opportunity to buy baked items before and after church. All money raised will add to the fund for replacing the windows in Friendship House.



Understanding Memory Care

Kelly Barnett, RN, Manager of the Friendship House Resident Care at Marquis in Oregon City, will be the guest speaker at Smyrna's Memory Café on Friday, May 5th at noon.



Kelly oversees the care of residents in the Memory Care unit at Marquis, and is familiar with the different forms of dementia, how they can affect people, and how to connect with residents and help their families stay connected and engaged. She will explain what a Memory Care unit is, will describe its staffing and the type of residents who come to stay there, and will walk through a typical day and routines. She also will discuss what families should look for in Memory Care facilities for loved ones, and tips for visiting friends and relatives in Memory Care.

Demystifying this type of environment is key to staying connected with and supporting friends, neighbors, and family members who have Alzheimer's disease, Lewy Body Dementia, Vascular Dementia, or any of the other forms of dementias, and knowing how to advocate for quality care. Being familiar with Memory Care can help families with a loved one who could benefit from this care, and using this form of assistance can help protect the health and well-being of the primary caregivers, as well.

Understanding memory care also helps those who do not have a dementia diagnosis be more empowered to take actions to stay healthy, but not feel fearful of dementia, as there still is life to be lived with dignity and compassion even with a diagnosis of cognitive impairment.

Smyrna's Memory Café on Friday, May 5th from noon to 1:30 p.m. will include other brain health information, handouts, and activities, and will include a light lunch. **There is no cost, although free-will donations are accepted for lunch. Reservations are required by Wednesday, May 3rd by calling 503-689-4450.**

For more information about the Memory Café, visit the Smyrna UCC website at www.smyrna-ucc.org.

PARENTING CLASS

The Mustard Seed Parenting Group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 6-8 pm at

Smyrna. RSVP to Carly.Itami@gmail.com, or talk to Rebekah Yoder for more information.

The Health Committee invites

you to have your blood pressure screened during Coffee Hour on the 4th Sunday of each month. Thanks to Jane Dahl for launching this service!

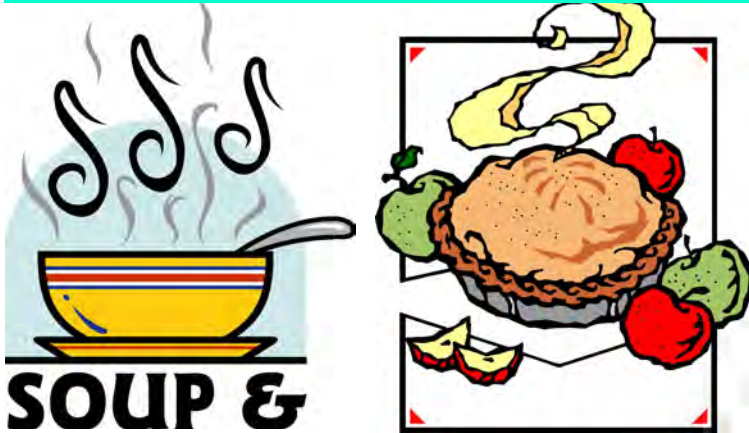




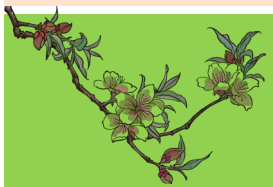
Welcome to
Penelope
Enfield!
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The Youth Group invites you to help collect new and gently used children's books for children who would not have other access to their own books in



Soup and Pie Sunday is scheduled for May 21st. There will be a free will offering which will go into our general fund for church expenses. Stay tuned for further details.



Thank you to the Earth Care Committee —

and especially to Bill and Paula Day — for getting the Dogwood and

Spiraea cuttings from the Yamhill County Soil and Water Conservation District in McMinnville to share with the congregation on Earth Day Sunday! Thank you, Yamhill SWCD!

Adult Education

- May 7 – Capital Punishment and the Bible
- May 14 – Mothers in the Bible
- May 21 – Mystery
- May 28 – Looking Ahead: Planning for Fall 2018

Stitch Club Excursion

A field trip to the Elaine Annen Doll Museum in Mt. Angel was enjoyed by Stitch Club members on Thursday, April 6th. The oldest doll (picture) in the museum is Mother Mary Queen of Heaven which is made of wood and covered in gesso. It was found in an abby in France and believed to be from the 1700's. The members ended the morning by having lunch at Leona's in Mt. Angel.



Tai Chi Class Change —

Smyrna Tai Chi classes on Saturday will continue to meet at 9:30 a.m., however the Wednesday class will no longer meet.

Virgil will be leading Tai Chi at the Molalla Adult Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Treasurer's Report — Irene Schriever

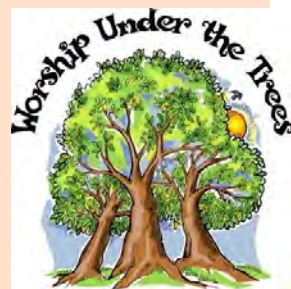
Balance 2/28/2017	\$4,579.06
Receipts	7,829.61
Transfers/Adjustments	(250.00)
Expenditures	<u>9,824.52</u>
Balance 3/31/2017	\$2,324.15



Thank you to all who made soup and other yummy dishes to share during the Lenten dinners and Easter Sunday brunch!

Camp Adams Sunday

Camp Adams Sunday will be on Sunday, July 30, 2017 with worship at 11 am and a potluck to follow. Save the date for worship, fun, and fellowship together!





Helen Mae Liechty Odell

*January 11, 1938—March
16, 2017.*

Helen was born in Winfield, Iowa January 11, 1938, to Paul Silas Liechty and Eda Barbara Conrad Liechty.

She graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1956 where she participated in Glee Club, Band, Class Plays and Basketball. She graduated in 1960 from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Burlington, Iowa. While in Burlington she met Charles “Charlie” Wayne Odell and they married October 15, 1960 in Winfield, Iowa.

Helen's nursing career was spent working at the State Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Veteran's Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa and ended at the Portland VA Hospital, Portland Oregon in 1996 when she retired. She worked many years in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit where she worked mostly the night shift.

Helen and Charlie drove to Oregon in 1968 with Helen's parents and three children on vacation. They fell in love with the Pacific Northwest and in 1969 moved with their family, Helen's parents and her brother (Donald) and his family, and sister (Mary).

As a long time member of Smyrna United Church of Christ, her homemade cinnamon rolls could be counted on at the annual church auction. Helen was an avid reader, she gardened and canned from her own garden as well as local produce. Helen could always be counted on to be cheering on the OSU Beavers, the Iowa Hawkeyes and Canby sports her children were participating in. She was well known for having an extra sandwich for a “starving” wrestler.

Family vacations included lots of camping, trips to the Oregon Coast, drives around Mt. Hood, sunning in the pool at Kah Nee Ta and traveling to Iowa visiting family and friends. Helen and Charlie after retirement spent nearly 20 years of traveling with their 5th wheel around the United States visiting family and friends.

Helen is survived by her husband of 56 years Charles and her children Sarah of Oregon City, Timothy (Nadine) of Milwaukie, Thomas (Kristin) of Oregon City, and Mark (Crista) of Canby; sister Dorothy Pforts of Washington, Iowa and sister-in-law Murlene (Donald) Liechty of Molalla. Helen leaves nine grandchildren, Nicholas and Jeffrey Hout, Shon, Zachary, Kathryn, Allyson, Jacob, Joshua and Isaac and several generations of nieces and nephews.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents Paul and Eda, sisters Mary Liechty, Kathryn (Eugene) Fleenor and brother Donald (Murlene) Liechty.

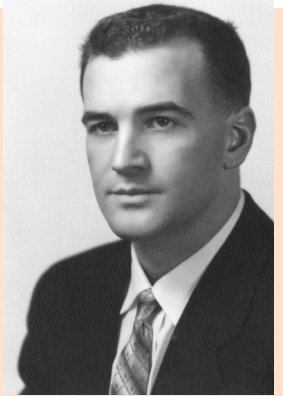
Donald Joseph Gribble

June 4, 1931

December 30, 2016

Joe, the third born child of Andrew W. Gribble and Iness Knox Gribble arrived on June 4th 1931 in Clackamas, Oregon soon after the start of the “Great Depression”. His home was on a small 25 acre farm.

When Joe was about 5 years old the family moved to a larger farm south west of Molalla in the Oak Grove area. Here they went into the dairy business.



Joe graduated from Molalla High School in 1949. In high school he held several class offices and was active in sports, lettering four years in football and wrestling. One of many friends in high school was Joann Freeman but he didn't ask her out until just before graduation. Joe and Joann went on to Oregon State University in the fall of 1949 where Joe was on a wrestling scholarship and studying engineering. Joe gave Joann his fraternity pin in December of 1950. He left school after the first quarter of his sophomore year to work on the farm. Joann went on to Nursing School at University of Oregon Medical School and they were engaged in June of 1953. Joann finished her schooling in December of that year. They were married on February 27, 1954.

In January 1955 Joe returned to Oregon State U to finish his degree in Engineering. He joined ROTC to meet his military obligation and earned his pilot license in a small single engine plane. He graduated from Oregon State in June 1957, and reported for duty in the Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Belvoir, VA in August 1957. On November 1, 1957 their first child, Donald, was born at DeWitt Army Hospital. In March 1960 their daughter Patricia Ann was born. After his tour of duty, the family moved to Port Orford where Joe designed and built a modern dairy facility. This led to a move to Santa Rosa, CA, in 1963, to build Pineyhill Dairy and the formation of a corporation (Agpro) to build future dairies. Their third child, Ted, was born in Santa Rosa. It was decided that a move to Chattanooga Tennessee would help to cover the projects that were developing. A couple years later, Agpro moved to Texas.

In 1987 Joann inherited one third of her parents' farm in Oregon, and she & Joe decided that since the business was stable in Texas, they could move back to Oregon. In 1988 Joe opened his Engineering office in Oregon under the business name of Five G Consulting.

In 2006 Joe came down with a serious reaction to a Sulfa drug. This was the beginning of several serious medical problems. Sons Ted and Donald decided to move Five G Consulting to Texas, and they both moved to Texas to manage the companies.

In July 2013 Joe was hospitalized with a serious neurological disease, diagnosed as Parkinson's Disorder. After a month at Benedictine Care Center, Joe and Joann decided to bring him home where he battled the Parkinson's which finally took his life on December 30, 2016

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**PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

Forgiveness by Virgil Foster

In this brief moment of life
Lord have mercy upon us
Grant us the courage to
see ourselves as we are
And the grace to forgive
what we see.

- Chuck Odell and all the Odell family
 - Lucia Schuebel
 - Blanche Kober
 - Joann Gribble
 - Amber, Kent, and Penelope Enfield
 - Kirstin Gano
 - Jean Epley
 - the Itamis
 - Debbie Hancox and her family
 - Allison Graves and her family
 - Jean Akers
 - Jon and Susie Schriever
 - Steven L. Watkins, Jeanie's brother
- and all others mentioned in prayer time and on the Heart-Line.

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.