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

August 2017

Dear Friends,



Last month, I shared a corny joke, and during this last month of summer, I have just one more to share...

“What did the pig say when it got so hot? ‘I’m bacon!’” Sorry, that’s a groaner.

By the time you read this, we will have just held our Smyrna Camp Adam’s Sunday, and will be gearing up for Peace Camp to begin, with kids in Grades K-6. And there is nothing like going to camp to remind one to have fun, to enjoy friends old and new, and to ponder the wonderful Creation of which God has made us a part.

We are going to have an eclipse in a few weeks, and it is going to be amazing. How much more amazing is the wonder of our God? It really is almost breathtaking.

But let us not let our summer time eclipse our remembering to do good, to remember the hungry, and the sick and poor. There is much that we are called to do!

God be with you all, this day, and always.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb

Resuming in August:

- ◆ Coffee and Friends — August 1st, and meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th weeks at 2 pm
- ◆ Tai Chi — on Saturday, August 12th at 9:30 am

On Summer Break resuming in September:

- Mustard Seed Parenting – September 5th at 6 pm
- Confirmation – September 8th at 4:30 pm
- Memory Café – September 8th at noon
- Adult Education – September 10 at 9:45 am
- Aging Backwards – September 4th at 9:30 and 10am

Monthly Meetings:

- ⇒ Health Committee – August 1st at 3:30 pm
- ⇒ Earth Care Committee – August 8th at 3:30 pm
- ⇒ Diaconate – August 15th at 3:30 pm
- ⇒ Church Council – August 15th at 7 pm
- ⇒ Emergency Preparedness – August 22nd at 3:30 pm
- ⇒ Namaste Café – August 22nd at 6 pm

PEACEBUILDERS CAMP —

A Multicultural Day
Camp



Join us in learning about the **messages** and **practices** of nonviolence and peacemaking in a fun and educational way.

August 7-11, 2017

9am – 12:30PM at Smyrna UCC for students ages K-6.

Registration forms are on our website:
<http://www.smyrna-ucc.org/christian-education/>

Inter-generational Art Night



I enjoyed leading the project "Mediation on Mandalas" very much. After a delicious salad supper we watched a short video

showing the creation and offering of a Mandala, made from tiny grains of vibrantly colored sand by Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Tashi Lhunpo monastery in India.

By following this ancient practice, we cleared our minds for meditation, started in the center of our paper circle, used colors with symbolic meaning, we created designs that radiated out, symbolically, to the world. We all used the same techniques, used the same colored tempera paints, the same watercolor paper and they all turned out differently! I was so surprised!

The next Inter-generational Art Night, August 16th project is Encaustic Wax Painting led by Heather Anderson. The O'fest Committee will be serving Poutine (YUM!) to go along with our salad supper starting at 6 pm—**Note the time change!**—and the art project starting at 7 pm.

See you there, fellow artists!
Audrey Yoder,
Christine Foster
Heather Anderson.



White = focus

Black = individuality, deep thought

Red = energy and passion, strength

Pink = love

Orange = self-awareness and creativity

Yellow = learning, wisdom, and laughter

Blue = peace and emotional health

Green = love & respect for nature, physical health

Purple = spirituality



Congratulations to these 8th Grade graduates:

- * Elsa Anderson
- * Lucia Bangs
- * Halaina Crispin
- * Imani Robinson
- * Emily Yoder



School Supply Drive

Our project for August, is to gather school supplies to be shared with our local schools, Ninety-One, Rural Dell and North Marion.



For many parents, buying school supplies is a huge expenditure and many do not have enough money to supply their children with these things.

Following you will find a list of desired items:
Note: Name brands are important for quality.

- Crayola products: crayons (24 box), colored pencils, markers, (both broad and fine), and water colors.
- Dixon Ticonderoga pencils # 2
- red pens
- highlighters
- spiral notebooks and notebook paper, both wide and college ruled
- composition notebooks
- two pocket folders
- School supply box 5x8x2
- 1 inch and 2 inch three ring binders

Thank you for helping with this project.

24 Months to

When disaster strikes, what should you do? You could move away from the Northwest, but that would just allow more Californians to move in. You



could build an apocalypse vault and fill it with dried elk meat, but who has the time? You could curl up into a ball, close your eyes and plug your ears, but you're smarter than that.

There's a sensible, cost-effective way to prepare. It involves taking things one step at a time over the course of a year. Breaking down tasks and shopping lists will make the work manageable and help you avoid overwhelming your schedule and your bank account.

With the help of disaster preparation experts, we've crafted a month-by-month guide to get you fully prepped with the basics by this time next year.

Month 3:

Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water*
- feminine hygiene products
- 1 can meat/fish/beans*
- Aspirin/Pain reliever
- 1 can fruit*
- 1 gallon water for each pet
- paper and pencil
- Vitamins

*= per person

To Do:

- ♦ Discuss with your family and neighbors the help you may need and find out their needs
- ♦ Assemble extra medications, prescriptions and vitamins and label "emergency use"

Treasurer's Report — Irene Schriever

Balance 5/31/2017	\$3,790.38
Receipts	8,134.51
Trans/Adjustments	(250.00)
Expenditures	<u>(9,102.12)</u>
Balance 6/30/2017	\$2,572.77

Suzie Voss,

The Canby Adult Center's food services manager,
is retiring after 30 years of service to the senior community of Canby.

Please join us

In celebrating her retirement on Friday, August 4th, from 3:30 – 5:30 pm

at the Canby Adult Center,
1250 S Ivy Street.

Light refreshments will be served.

August 2017

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Please remember in prayer:

† Joann Gribble
† Lucia Scheubel,
† the new babies and parents in our congregation,
† the Odell family,
† Jon and Susie Schriever,
† Mickey Hester,
† Debbie Hancox,
† Vonda Stoneking,
† Jean Epley,
† Blanche Kober,
† The family of David Roddy, Brenda Hammock's brother-in-law who passed away
† Robbie Riggs (friend of Angela & Scott Stierle family),
† Carl Menkel,
† Dan Allee,
† Don Blatchford,
† and all others mentioned during prayer time and on HeartLine.



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.