

BEHOLD!!

Smyrna

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

July 2018

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am just getting ready to leave on vacation for a couple of weeks with the family, the last family summer vacation we will take before John graduates from college next spring. And as you read this, we will just be coming back! So I hope it will be (was?) a refreshing, relaxing time. I give thanks for Rev. Ann Duffy, who filled in while I was away. And I hope that you all have refreshing and relaxing times with your family this summer.

On the way home from church today, we had fun in the car talking about the different ways that Jesus relaxed. (This is what conversations sound like when there are preachers and preachers' kids in the car.) Jesus went out to the wilderness. He fell asleep on the boat. He went for a walk. He went out to the garden. He hung out with his friends. He invited himself over to friends for dinner. He traveled.

If JESUS needed to take a break, how much more do we mere mortals need to realize that we are, well, mere mortals? So...this summer, I hope you will slow down a little....

A wonderful change of pace are our summer hours – we worship at 10:00 am . And do come join us at our Salad Suppers, when we will be exploring, “Changes, Challenges, and Transitions,” and at Camp Adams Sunday, which is July 29th. (See inside Behold for more information.)

God bless you all!
In gratitude, Pastor Deb



*Camp Adams scholarships are still available –
please contact Pastor Deb or Sheila Daniels.*



Murlene Liechty's family
Invites everyone to
Help celebrate
Her 85th birthday
During a special Coffee
Hour after worship on
Sunday, July 22, 2018

Poutine!

We will be serving Poutine at the Donald Hazelnut Festival on July 14. The activities start 10 am with a parade at 11 am. There is a vintage car show, live music, food and craft booths. We plan to have basic poutine, deep-fried cheese curds, deep-fried dill pickles, ice tea and lemonade. It ends around 4 pm.

Lots of family fun. www.donaldhazelnutfestival.com We can use help with our booth.

Meetings and Events

Changes, Challenges and Transitions – Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month over the summer for a special Salad Supper series led by Ione Jensen on “Changes, Challenges and Transitions.” We started on June 26 (Changes) and will continue with dinner at 6 pm on July 24 (Challenges), and August 28 (Transitions). Please bring a salad to share, and your own table service. Sponsored by the Health Committee.

Summer Hours – Just a reminder that we will continue our summer worship hour at 10 am every Sunday through August. (Except Sunday, July 29, when we meet at Camp Adams at 11 am)

Blood Pressure Screenings continue. Thank you to Jane Dahl of the Health Committee for making this possible on the last Sunday of each month.

Tai Chi meets Wednesdays at 9:30 am – thank you to Virgil Foster for leading this class, which is a great way to improve your balance in a very gentle and peaceful manner.

Sharing Our Stories (formerly Coffee and Friends) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at noon. Bring a sack lunch to share and we will meet in Pastor Deb's office to “Share our Stories.”

The Church Council will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, July 10.

Memory Café is on a break for the summer, and will resume on Friday, September 7th with Jan Irving, RN, Brain Health Educator from Salem Health.



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Peace Camp August 7-10.

(Tuesday-Friday)

5:30-8:30 pm

Smyrna United Church of Christ

Theme: Let Peace Begin with Me!

Peace Camp is growing this year! We will include Pre-K through Grade 12, and will meet in the evenings from 5 to 8:30 pm – and it's free to all ages! We will start with a light supper, have programs, music, crafts, yoga, snacks, activities to learn about being a peacemaker, and fun! Save the dates, and tell your friends!

Thank you to Sheila Daniels for stepping up as our Peace Camp Coordinator and to all who can help make this the best year ever!

Smyrna's Camp Adams Sunday will be on
Sunday, July 29th.

We will gather for worship at
11 am (please note later start
time), followed by an all-church
potluck picnic.





Smyrna's Strawberry Festival 2018

On the evening before Father's Day Smyrna held their annual Strawberry Festival. Once again, church members and friends pitched in to serve a light supper, cakes, pies, ice cream and strawberries to the community.

Thank You to everyone who helped make this year's

Dear Friends and Family Members of Carol Loe,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of Carol's passing on June 13, 2018.

She has had a number of health struggles the past years, and about the time she seemed to be

improving, she would suffer another downturn in her health. She was cared for by Providence ElderPlace personnel, and well cared for in her foster home where she was with her loving caregivers at the time of her passing.

There was a private interment at Canby's Zion Cemetery, and a memorial service is tentatively planned for some time in September.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely, Judy Kennedy
503-232-4045

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 13 —

- Preparedness experts stress the importance of a team or neighborhood approach to dealing with what could be a long, hard aftermath.
- The state's Map Your Neighborhood program offers a step-by-step approach to organizing your most immediate source of help - the people living around you.
- Your neighbors can share equipment and supplies, expertise and assistance that will be especially important if there are elderly or disabled people or young children in your household.
- The MYN GUIDE (available in the racks in the church narthex) helps neighborhoods establish a post-disaster meeting area, neighborhood care center and small teams tasked with utility shut-offs, neighbor check-ins, and other concerns. It also gives advice on crafting shared lists so everyone knows who has key supplies they can share, such as spare bedding or a ladder, and who has skills that might come in handy during a disaster.

Treasurer's Report

Balance 4/30/2018	\$(1524.58)
Receipts	7,865.86
Expenditures	<u>(5,530.18)</u>
Balance 5/31/2018	\$811.10

July 2018

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
1 Coffee Hour: Volunteer needed Flowers: Audrey Yoder	2 7 pm AA/AO	3 10 am OA b.d. Leona Ogren	4 b.d. Scott Stierle <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i>	5	6	7																																																																																																		
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Please remember in prayer:

Jean Epley
Deborah Lewis (whose mother recently passed away)
Janet Bridge (Jane Dahl's daughter)
Blanche Kober
Dan and Beryl Fisher
Dan and Louise Allee,
Vonda Stoneking
Kitty Aideen
Mickey Hester
Debbie Hancox
and all those mentioned in church.



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.