

BEHOLD!! SMYRNA

July 2020



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Dear Smyrna Friends,

Steadfast. That's what we are called to be, as parents, when we are working, as good citizens. Steadfast. That's what we are called to be as Christians, as people of faith.

Steadfast. That's what we need to be in these tumultuous times of public health, economic and social upheaval.

To that steadfastness, we must add humility, kindness, and an openness to learn and grow. To that steadfastness, we must also add the wisdom to remember that all things are impermanent on this earth, from viruses to social structures, to our very lives. Finally, we recall that steadfastness is buttressed by the courage to change the things that we can – like our response to racial injustice around us.

I hope and pray that we all will all can remain steadfast during this challenging time, for the love of God is with us. Recall the words of the apostle Paul, who was steadfast through so many trials, and who remained so open to those around him. He told the Christians of the early church in Rome:

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Romans 12:9-18)

So, dear steadfast Smyrna friends. Let us rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. For God is with us, now and always.

God bless you all,

Virtual Coffee Hour

Please join us on Zoom (or by phone) for a virtual coffee hour each Sunday at 11:30 pm. Watch for the internet link or the phone number in your e-mail each week.

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In memory of
**Rev. Asa
Jenson**

11-24-1930 to 6-16-2020

*Husband
Father
Friend*

Our prayers of sympathy and support for lone Jenson and family on the death of Asa "Ace" Jenson from Covid-19, June 16, 2020

Children for Change

During the months of July and August we will be collecting money for K.I.N.D. which stands for Kids in Need of Desks.

UNICEF has given us the information that the desk prices are: One for \$27.50; two for \$55.00; or \$1500 for a classroom.

Our offerings for Children for Change will go to support this effort.

We continue to support our local food bank with cash donations. As always, we appreciate your support.



Coffee and Conversation

Coming soon! Conversation on the book, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*, by Austin Channing Brown. This book has been chosen as a book club selection by the Central Pacific Conference for UCC congregations in our conference.

Stay tuned for a date, time, and zoom link to join us for a virtual conversation about this book. We may also have funding available to help purchase the book, and will let you know as soon as we have details from the conference.

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July is Camp Month at Smyrna!

We are sorry that Camp Adams has had to suspend programming over the summer this year to the coronavirus, but we would like to ask you to help us make July "Camp Month" at Smyrna. Our hymns and special music will be "Camp Songs," and we will have other special parts of the service to help us remember our time at camp, and to look forward to those days again.

Please send Tom Daniels any photos you have of your time at Camp Adams, or other camps or camping trips. Also, on July 12th, we will welcome Natalie Becker from Camp Adams, who will bring us our morning's sermon.



On the Way

Did you know that the Central Pacific Conference has a monthly newsletter, too? It's called, "On the Way," and the editor of that newsletter is none other than our own Ginger Redlinger. Here is the link to the current newsletter:

<http://cpcucc.org/wp14/on-the-way/>

You can subscribe to that free newsletter here:
<https://cpcucc.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c1fab9f89ecab71f0d3f77c3&id=8971d711ed>

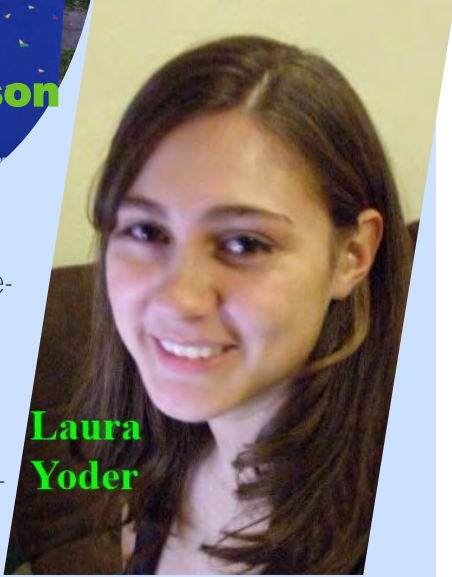


Memory Café - We hope to start back with Memory Café again in September, on the first Friday of the month, September 3rd, but will keep you posted.

Adult Education - Adult Ed will resume again in the fall – please send Pastor Deb ideas for programs that you would like to see, or if you would be willing to lead a session, as well.



Congratulations to our Graduates!
 During worship on June 14, we celebrated four graduates, each completing different levels of schooling, and all on their way in life!



Laura Yoder

Congratulations to:
 Nik Peterson (Arlene Peterson's grandson), who graduated from DeSales University in Center Valley, Pennsylvania.

Laura Yoder, who graduated from Adams State University in Alamosa,



Lulu Anderson

Colorado with her Master's Degree in Social Work.

Lulu Anderson, who graduated from Baker Prairie Middle School.

Oliver Humphries (Sheila Daniels' grandson), who graduated from Pre- K. We wish you all many blessings in the years



Oliver Humphreys



Thank you to all those who are helping to put together the Sunday worship services – from readers, to musicians, to those who are helping the church look so beautiful for the

filming there. A special word of thanks to Tom Daniels and Joel Daniels for putting the services together. Please let me know if you would be willing to help read scriptures or prayers, or to provide special music in the coming weeks.

24 Things to Always Remember . . . and One Thing to Never Forget

your presence is a present to the world.
You're unique and one of a kind.
 Your life can be what you want it to be.
 Take the days just one at a time.

Count your blessings, not your troubles.
You'll make it through whatever comes along.
 Within you are so many answers.
 Understand, have courage, be strong.

Don't put limits on yourself.
 So many dreams are waiting to be realized.
 Decisions are too important to leave to chance.
 Reach for your peak, your goal, and your prize.

Nothing wastes more energy than worrying.
 The longer one carries a problem, the heavier it gets.
Don't take things too seriously.
 Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets.

Remember that a little love goes a long way.
 Remember that a lot . . . goes forever.
 Remember that friendship is a wise investment.
Life's treasures are people . . . together.

Realize that it's never too late.
 Do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.
 Have health and hope and happiness.
 Take the time to wish upon a star.

And don't ever forget . . .
 For even a day . . .
 How very special you are.

Read more: <http://www.inspirationalarchive.com/632/24-things-to-always-remember/#ixzz6PexpdyMb>



Haiku Continues

Pandemic goes on
As does the Haiku Challenge!
I prefer haiku.



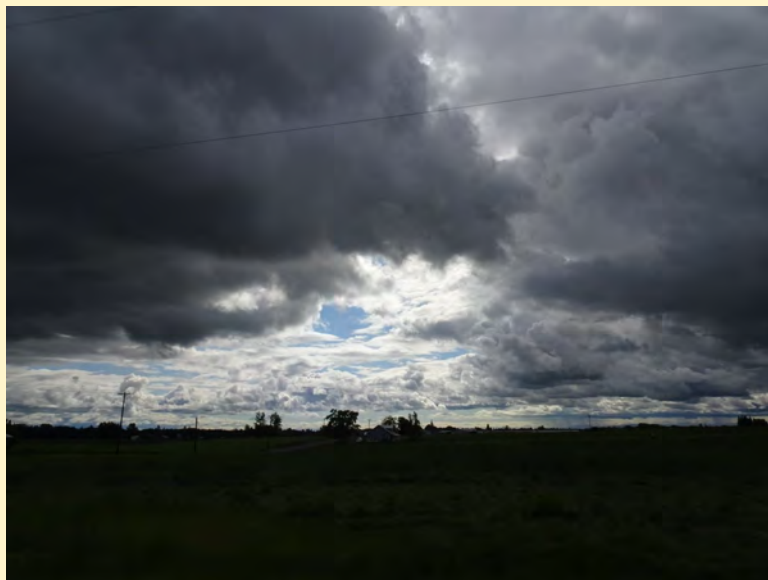
Gentle morning rain.
Plants thrive in the warm sunshine
Weeds pulled, flowers bloom
Tom Daniels

My hair looks dreadful
But it is well with my soul
So, I am content.
Pastor Deb

Haiku is easy
Counting syllables is fun
One, two, three, four, five
Sheila Daniels



Valentina sits
Quietly dreaming, she dozes
Peace in the garden
Jeannie Rogers



The sun was shining
Setting out, clouds covered sun
It was a short walk
Jeannie Rogers

July 2020 at Smyrna

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Please hold in prayer:
Pat Bullard and all her family,
Ione Jenson and her family
Beryl and Dan Fisher,
Garrett Veatch
Debi Veatch
Blanche Kober
Vonda Stoneking
Paul Burkert
and all who live alone or who have other concerns.

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.