

# BEHOLD!! SMYRNA

October 2021



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

*Dear Smyrna Friends,*

We are well into the season of autumn now, and have moved back inside for Adult Education at 10 am each Sunday with worship following at 11:00 am. We are also still recording the service to share with those who prefer to participate online, because as our Conference Minister, Rev. Tyler Connolly, pointed out at Emma Brewer Wallin's recent ordination service in Salem recently, God is not bound by time or space.

We welcomed four new members into our fellowship at Smyrna on September 19<sup>th</sup> – Nancy and Pat Bryan, Rev. Janet Farrell, and Anne Stronko. If you haven't met them yet, we hope you will soon! And watch for their photos and a bit about them in next month's Behold.

At Smyrna these days, we are doing some things differently because this pandemic, such as not passing the peace or having coffee hour at the moment, but we can still worship together, pray together, listen to the beautiful organ music, and enjoy the sacred stillness of the sanctuary. And we can continue to BE the church in so many ways. Remember what it says on the banner outside our church?

I see you doing this in so many ways. May God continue to guide and sustain us, now and always.

Blessings,  
Pastor Deb

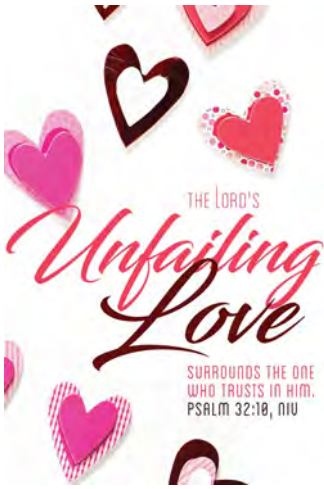


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## Mission and Outreach

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC. In 2021 Neighbors in Need "Unfailing Love" offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless

and immigrant neighbors or communities. One third of these funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two thirds of this offering is used by the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. We will be collecting this offering on October 10<sup>th</sup>. but contributions can be made at any time.



Also, I am happy to report that on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Paulette had 67 pounds of food and paper items to deliver to the Molalla Food Bank. The container in Friendship House is full again, so it is ready to take. Thank you to everyone adding to this collection. There is now a request for toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and cereal.

Children for Change continues in October to support "Quilts for Empowerment" which aids women in Kenya.

**Halloween Treats  
at Smyrna!**  
**The Christian Nurture Committee will have goodie bags  
for Trick or Treaters  
Available at the church entry  
From 4-6 pm  
On Saturday, Oct.30, 2021**



Coffee Hour  
We are pausing on the traditional Coffee Hour after worship for a time due to the indoor mask mandate triggered by the delta variant of COVID-19. Please stay tuned.



Smyrna's UCC Fall road clean up is scheduled for 9 am, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are able, please assist this effort. I will have the vests, pick up devices, and bags at the church that morning.  
Thank you! Rick Gano

## Ukulele Classes

Ukulele classes have resumed at Smyrna on Thursdays at 1 pm. There are still a few openings for anyone interested in joining. Here is a good chance to make music and be with others while masked and remaining socially distanced. Contact Jane Dahl for more information.



## Adult Education Classes

Through the fall we will have classes at 10 am each Sunday on "Faith in Action," "Mystics," "Exploring the Scriptures," "Mystery" and will have a few invited guest speakers. Please stay tuned for more.



## Save the Date –

You won't want to miss the special music on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am when John Nilson will be returning to Smyrna to share his piano compositions and arrangements.



## Steps to take to stay well this flu season

1. Practice good food health habits: get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food
2. Wash your hands often with warm water and soap for 20 seconds (it takes 20 seconds to sing Happy Birthday TWICE), rinse, then dry completely.
3. Hand sanitizer is a good second option to washing. Use when your hands are not visibly dirty. Put a dollop of sanitizer and rub into your hands, covering all surfaces for 20 seconds or until dry.
4. Pay particular attention to cleansing hands before contact with others such as shaking hands, etc, or eating or drinking.
5. Stay home when you are sick.
6. Cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm, or into a tissue you then dispose of properly.
7. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
8. Use a disinfectant cloth to wipe down surfaces often touched: phones, countertops, TV remotes, door handles, toilet handles, computer keyboard & mouse, light switches, etc.....
9. Get a flu shot- the CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccination every year. Vaccination is especially important for: people 50 years and older, children 6 months through 4 years old, women who are or will be pregnant during flu season, people with chronic medical conditions or weakened immune systems, people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care centers, health care workers, people who live with or care for anyone at high risk for flu-related complications. Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes.

## Smyrna Library Update:

Smyrna is updating its library offerings **and this month's new book is a novel** by best-selling author SUE MONK KIDD: **"THE BOOK OF LONGINGS."**

Published in 2020, the book is grounded in meticulous research and with a **reverential approach to Jesus' life that focuses on his humanity.**

Ana, raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee, is a daring and brilliant spirit expected to marry an older widower, a prospect which horrifies her. Then an encounter with Jesus changes everything as they fall in love.

Their marriage evolves with love and conflict and humor in Nazareth as Ana makes her home with Jesus, his brothers, and their mother, Mary. We feel her struggle, her emotions, and her passion to realize the potential within herself as she lives through a time and culture devised to silence her.

We watch the interplay of love and devotion and purpose between Ana and Jesus as they each live out **their inner callings.** And Ana's experience of watching her Beloved husband, betrayed by her brother, Judas, tried and crucified, brings a new perspective to the old, old story.



## Treasurer's Report — Irene Schriever

### General Fund

Beginning Balance 7/31/21	\$26,395.80
Receipts	\$13,990.24
Expenses	<u>(\$6,076.30)</u>
Ending Balance 8/31/21	\$34,309.74

## Dorothy Minnie Krebs

Dorothy Krebs, 92, died peacefully on August 14, 2021.

Dorothy was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Peter and Mary Kersten on July 24, 1929.



Dorothy enjoyed the out of doors; in particular, walking, gardening, and horseback riding. She and her husband, Orville traveled to many parts of the world learning of other ways of life. Nothing pleased her more than to have the family gathered round the table for a Christmas celebration. Her spontaneity and light hearted nature was evident at these gatherings.

Dorothy was known to be tough and resilient while being optimistic and trusting in her relationships with others. The care and warm attention she received in her final days is a testament to her openness and fundamental goodness.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Orville Krebs. She is survived by sons Rodney (Joan) and Randy (Tae), daughters Jacqueline Bordeaux (Rich Reuth), and Mary Kallstrom; grandchildren Megan Schwartz (Evan), Seth Krebs (Staci), Logan Krebs (Jodi), Brandon Krebs, Alexa Haider, Wailan Krebs, and Lance Gendvilas; and five great grandchildren, Everett Krebs, Charlie Schwartz, Orly Schwartz, Owen Krebs, and Sloan Krebs.

Memorial contributions may be sent to:  
Smyrna United Church of Christ, building fund  
31119 S. Hwy 170  
Canby, OR 97013

**Cemetery Update:** Please take a look at the gate. Repairs were made a few days ago and it looks great! There are still a couple stones to be repaired and most all of the damage from the storm has been taken care of. Thanks to so many willing hands.



# HABITAT

## Habitat for Humanity

Thank you to Carl Menkel for providing us with an update on the work of the North Willamette Valley Habitat for Humanity during worship on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are grateful for his service!

There are many opportunities to support Habitat in various ways – please talk to Carl for more information.

## Paul Burkert 1936-2021

Paul Burkert was born on December 8, 1936 to J. Paul and Ruby (McKee) Burkert.

Paul grew up and lived in the same house and property on Burkert Rd.

He attended two years of elementary school at Oak Lawn School, then

third through eighth grades at Elliott Prairie School, and went on to graduate from Canby Union High School. He also attended Oregon State University.

Paul met his wife, Helyn "Chic" (Burton), at Elliott Prairie Church. They were married on March 8, 1958, and raised three children on the farm. Paul was a farmer, mechanic, and shop foreman for several farm implement companies in the Willamette Valley.

Paul's passion was tractor pulling and was immensely proud of the many trophies that he won. He was a member of the 59er's Tractor Club.

Paul spent many years tending the grounds at Smyrna UCC.

Paul is survived by his son Jay (Tami) Burkert, Elliott Prairie; daughter Pam (Mike) Williams, Bend; daughter Susan (Mark) Lowrie, Molalla; granddaughters Rachel (Bryan) Andyke, Aloha; Becca Williams, Redmond. Preceding him in death was his wife, Helyn.



SUBMITTED PHOTO - Julius Paul Burkert Jr.





## Just Peace Church

Please write down some of the peace Scriptures you found for last month's "assignment" and place them in the Just Peace box in the Narthex.

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:3, NIV

Next assignment — Write down some of the things that Smyrna UCC does to promote Just Peace in the areas of:

- ⇒ Just Peace with the Earth,
- ⇒ Just Peace in the Marketplace,
- ⇒ Just Peace among the Nations,
- ⇒ Just Peace in the Community.

Please place these ideas in the Just Peace box in the Narthex as well.

Thank you, Sheila Daniels

## Pandemic Pastimes

Thank you to all who shared what you worked on, whiling away the hours as a hobby during the pandemic – whether it was a craft, cooking, TV shows you saw, or a new hobby you took up. These were displayed in Fellowship House during August and again on the last Sunday in September.



## A very big thanks and hooray!

We have finally done it. After nearly three years in the planning, the solar array at the church is completed and has been busily producing kilowatts of electricity since June 15 of this year. Energy Solutions, our contractor from Oregon City took care of the installation which was completed in four days. They were wonderful to work with. We also appreciate Kevin Bany, Bany Fence Co, Inc for installing the chain link fencing.

We could not have done this without a major award from **Portland General Electric's Renewable Development Fund** made possible by the Green Future<sup>SM</sup> renewable power program. To date, PGE Green Future<sup>SM</sup> customers have helped fund more than 14.5 Megawatts of new, local renewable energy generation. To learn more about the PGE Renewable Development Fund, please visit [portlandgeneral.com/rdf](http://portlandgeneral.com/rdf) We wish to thank the supporters of Green Future<sup>SM</sup>.



We postponed the Ribbon-Cutting, originally scheduled to take place on September 12, due to concerns about the surge in COVID virus infections. We intend to reschedule when conditions improve.

We have a real-time energy program, Solar Edge, that monitors the production. As you read this, we will have produced kilowatts worth over \$800 since June 15. This equates to over 10,500 lbs of CO2 emissions and is the equivalent of over 80 trees planted.



## October 2021 at Smyrna

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

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a just world for all

## **Please hold these Smyrna friends in prayer:**

- \* David Schriever
- \* Katherine Holt and her grandson,  
Barak
- \* Virginia Yoder
- \* Dan and Beryl Fisher, their daughter  
Kara
- \* Louise Allee
- \* Eldon Blatchford
- \* Bryce Pease
- \* Mary Namit and family
- \* Bill, Liz, and Spencer Chapin and family
- \* Angela Baker and family, and others who are in our thoughts and  
prayers.



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.