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February 2022  UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee was formed in October and members approved by a special congregational meeting after Pastor Deb informed us of her resignation from Smyrna UCC. In 2021 the committee held two Zoom meetings with the conference pastor Tyler Connoley.

Based on those discussions, the committee prepared a “Position Posting” for an Intentional Interim transition pastor, three-fourths time, to guide us through developing a congregational profile and defining our needs to call the next settled pastor. The conference put the interim pastor posting on the national UCC ministerial jobs web site December 20, 2021, just before the Christmas holiday period.

Any applicant will respond to the conference, who will validate the candidate before forwarding their application to the committee. We have (as of January 22) received two applications. The committee will be operating under a requirement to maintain confidentiality of all candidates’ personal information, so will not be able to give much detail as the process goes forward. A “typical” search for an Intentional Interim pastor would take about six months, but could vary widely. An Intentional Interim pastoral call typically lasts one to two years, and can also vary widely. Our posting specifies up to 15 months, with an option to extend to 20 months total.

Ministers: All members of the church

Minister: Interim/supply pastor

Editor: Jeannie Rogers Asst. Ed.: Elaine Daniels

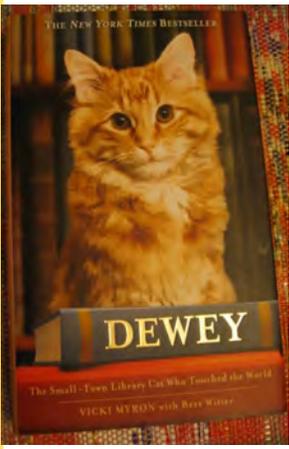
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Smyrna UCC Reading Group — not just for Facebook members!

The Facebook page for the “Smyrna UCC Reading Group” will be launching soon. A book has been chosen for the first discussion--- Dewey The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World. To give readers time to borrow or order the book (hard-copy, audio or e-book), the discussion, comments, etc. will start January 31st on Facebook and run through the month of February.

To join the Facebook group, email Audrey (yoderstore@canby.com) and she'll send you a Facebook invitation to join. This group is a private group (only members see posts) and hidden (only members can find the group).

For those who aren't on Facebook, contents of posts will be emailed to you. Your comments, if you give us permission, will be copied and posted to the Smyrna UCC Reading Group on Facebook. Whether you are on Facebook or not, we can work out a way to include you in the discussion.

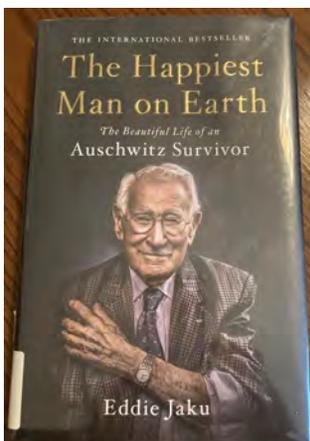
Please email Audrey Yoder (yoderstore@canby.com) or Ann Clites (ann.clites@verizon.net) if you have questions, concerns and want to join. Share the joy of reading with Smyrna friends!

What are you reading?

The Library Committee is interested in compiling a list of book recommendations from Smyrna's congregation and friends. Have you read something lately you'd like to share? Just submit the title and author to Ann, Audrey, Debi, or Jeannie, or send to Smyrna's email.

If you feel moved to write a review, it would be welcome but it is not necessary.

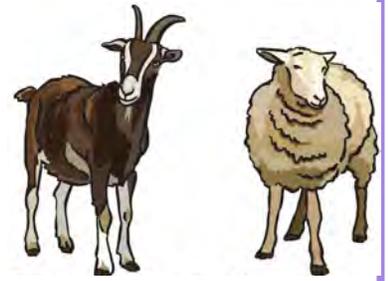
I'll start:



The Happiest Man on Earth : the Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor by Eddie Jaku — Eddie survived capture, escape, and recapture by the Nazis, concentration camp, and the death of most of his family, yet he came to consider himself The Happiest Man on Earth. In his own words: **“There are always miracles in the world, even when all seems hopeless. And when there are no miracles, you can make them happen.”**

Mission and Outreach:

In January and again this month our Children for Change will go to Heifer International. These funds help parents to earn an income, feed their families, and send their children to school.



We continue to contribute food items to the Molalla Food Bank. Paulette takes these items after she makes the monthly trip into Portland to collect donated pet food and then delivers this for us.

This last week, I also met with the person in charge of “Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart.” During December, this group gave out 350 Christmas stockings to people here in Clackamas County. The clothing collected on our Christmas Tree in the Friendship House was given to this group to be distributed later. Thank you to everyone. — Elaine —

Dear Smyrna Friends,



Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers, the wonderful card and generous gift that Church Moderator Barbara Daniels brought by our home! I am so grateful for your kindness in so many ways over these past eight years and will continue to hold you in my heart.

You will always be in my thoughts and prayers, with thanksgiving. God bless you all.

Gratefully,
Deb, Steve, Sophia and John

Smyrna's Days of Giving

Instead of asking our members to tithe, Smyrna holds four Days of Giving a year — Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

The Winter Days of Giving is scheduled for February 13, 2022. Contributions may be sent (made payable to Smyrna UCC) to Irene Schriever, 32914 S Kropf Rd, Molalla, OR 97038 or use the online contributions service accessible on Smyrna's website: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YH XK/home>



If you wish to donate to more than one fund, you may write one check and indicate how you want it divided \

Emergency Preparedness

Good emergency equipment for vehicles includes snow tires or chains and emergency supplies including:

1. Extra gas
2. Blankets
3. Shovel
4. Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
5. Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
6. Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
7. Flashlight
8. First aid kit
9. Extra batteries
10. Whistle (to signal for help)
11. Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
12. Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
13. Manual can opener (for food)
14. Local maps
15. Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



Emergency tip: Instead of stockpiling an emergency food supply that expires, consider purchasing a dehydrated one. I purchased one at Costco that contains 124 servings, has a 25 year shelf life, and comes in a bucket with a handle for carrying. \$59.99

RESOURCE Page

A Helpful page for people in
our community.

(Click here.)

LONELY? Medical issues? Need Help?

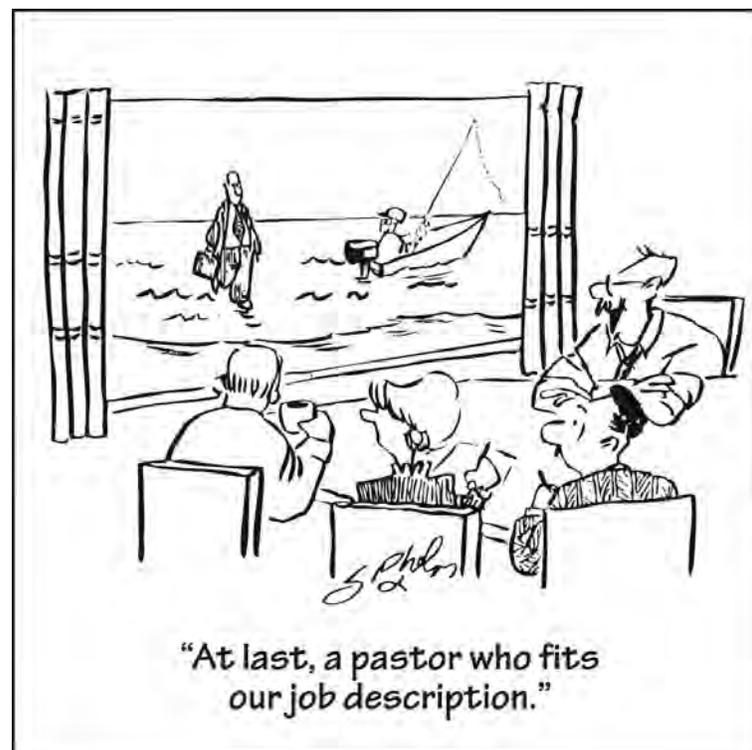
Please visit the Smyrna Resource page. On Smyrna's website, www.smyrna-ucc.org, just click the Resource tab

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen"

Bears repeating.....In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:19



February 2022 at Smyrna

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> Women's Fellowship Luncheons canceled </div> | | 1 b.d. Barbara Menkel | 2 b.d. Aurora Stanbro, Helen Daniels | 3 | 4 b.d. Loretta Wallace | 5 b.d. Jean Akers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 11 am Worship b.d. Carl Menkel, Skyler Wilson, Lois Johnson | 7 7 pm AA/AO | 8 | 9 | 10 b.d. Elaine Daniels, Sandra Mahar | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 11 am Worship b.d. Peter Holt Winter Days of Giving | 14 7 pm AA/AO b.d. Holly Schriever Koch, Virgil Foster | 15 | 16 b.d. Joe Yoder, Donna Yenne | 17 | 18 | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 11 am Worship b.d. Beryl Fisher | 21 7 pm AA/AO President's Day | 22 Washington's Birthday | 23 b.d. Eldon Blatchford | 24 | 25 | 26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 11 am Worship b.d. Jane Dahl | 28 7 pm AA/AO | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <table style="font-size: small; text-align: center;"> <tr><th colspan="7">Jan 2022</th></tr> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <table style="font-size: small; text-align: center;"> <tr><th colspan="7">Mar 2022</th></tr> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> </div> | | | | | Jan 2022 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | Mar 2022 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | |
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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



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- Ginger Redlinger
- David Schriever
- Virginia Yoder
- **John Mason's extended family**
- Mary Ashton
- 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.