



# Friends of SMYRNA UCC CEMETERY Newsletter

*Spring  
2023*

Welcome to the 27th edition of an annual newsletter to the friends of Smyrna United Church of Christ Cemetery,\* established in 1891. This newsletter is sent out from the committee as a means to keep in touch with all those who have an interest in the preservation, upkeep, and improvement of one of the historic cemeteries in Clackamas County, Oregon.

The Cemetery Committee members are: Joel Daniels, Treas. (503) 651-2694, Paul Yoder, (503) 651-2333, equipment maintenance, Rick Gano, maps & reservations (503) 651-2044, Carl & Barbara Menkel, (503) 819-8566, Murlene Liechty, (503) 829-4118, Carly Itami, (503) 954-6318. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee for more information.

Isidro Maintenance takes care of the Cremation Garden. He comes each month to do edging and fertilizing. Tracy Hill has taken care of the main cemetery. She is currently on leave and we are looking for someone to take her place temporarily. Thanks to those who have been filling in. With the leaves coming out and the shrubs blooming, we are very pleased with how it looks.

\*Smyrna U. C. C. Cemetery is licensed by the Oregon State Mortuary & Cemetery Board

## Treasurer's Report

### Cemetery Operating Fund

<b>Balance Jan. 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 3,393</b>
Donations	2,120
Donations plot	1,300
Reimb. for grave markers	1,980
Marker Processing Charge	212
Marker Installation	325
Transfer from Trust Fund	0
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 6,476</b>

#### Expenses:

Administrative expense	\$ 173
Caretaker & Mowing Expense	1,567
Maintenance Supplies	0
Portable Toilet Maintenance	778
Grave Markers	2,215
Credit Card Proc. Fees	30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$ 5,144)</b>

**Balance December 31, 2022** **\$ 4,710**

### Cemetery Permanent Fund

<b>Balance January 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 172,386</b>
Memorial Donations	6,455
Unrealized investment gain /loss	(31,420)
Transfer to General Fund	0
<b>Balance December 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 149,444</b>

The bulk of the funds in the cemetery's permanent fund is invested with the **United Church Funds**, a subsidiary of the **United Church of Christ**. We have benefited from their expertise for nearly twenty years. Last year the economy did not do so well, but this spring, we have gained back some of our losses. First quarter of 2022, our fund balance was \$158,162.

# Cemetery Use Policy

Contact Rick Gano, (503) 651-2044, for available locations and to reserve a plot. Reserving a plot is secured with payment of the price of the plot. It is no longer possible to purchase a burial plot other than in the Cremation Garden for cremated inurnments.

A permanent marker is required within six months of burial, unless other arrangements are made with the cemetery.

No plastic or resin may be used for markers.

Flat lat 12 x 24 in. granite (with no concrete border) must be used in the cremation garden.

A vault is required for burials. No container or vault is required for cremated remains.

Cost to reserve plots:

	Smyrna Members	Non-Members
Burial Plots	\$ 150	\$ 700
Cremation plots	150	500



## The History of Smyrna UCC Cemetery

Smyrna Church was founded and built, and 132 years ago last month, it had its first service. The first burial was of Catherine Yoder Lantz, who with her husband Gideon settled in the Yoder area in the 1870's. She was the one who encouraged a large number of Yoder's to move to this community from Illinois and Missouri in the years just prior to the turn of the century. Catherine died March 11, 1891 just a few months after construction had begun on the church building.

During the years that followed, there have been 480 interments and inurnments in this sacred ground.

The cemetery is owned by the church. The Cemetery Committee takes care of most cemetery business subject to the approval of the Church Council. We recognize that the cemetery has deep roots in the community and we aim to be good stewards of this resource.

We are fully licensed by the Oregon State Mortuary and Cemetery Board and are inspected regularly. Inspected.



**We remember all those laid to rest here during the last year**

**Joan McPherson  
David Schriever  
Nora Hamilton  
Ronald Sether  
Charles Ferguson  
Leta & John Gibson**

We are tax-exempt.  
Send your donations to:

**Smyrna United Church of  
Christ Cemetery  
c/o Joel Daniels  
31060 S Kauffman Road  
Canby, OR 97013**



# *Gifts to the Smyrna Cemetery General Fund*

May 1, 2022-April 30, 2023

JoAnn Beck  
Cliff & Judy Burbank  
Carl G Cain  
Clinton Case  
Beverly Culp  
John Cutter  
Dennis B Frome  
Rick & Levonne Gano  
Ebby Hartley  
Steven R Husbands  
John & Susan Knight

Anne C Massey  
Phillip and Rosalyn Massey  
Joan McPherson  
Carl & Barbara Menkel  
Amer Mizra & Britt Frome  
Marcia Oswalt  
Almeta Peterson  
Dennis & Lois Ray  
Mary Lou Roberts  
Ann Sommer  
Christine & Steven Weigel



## *In Memory of:*

### ***Susan & Kristine Corey***

Stephen Corey

### ***Donald & Roberta Daniels***

Terrance D Daniels

Thomas A Daniels

### ***Howard Clausen &***

### ***James St. Clair***

Thomas A Daniels

### ***Jean Dale***

Karold Dale

### ***Donald Dapp***

Mariann Dapp Domarad

### ***Albert & Nellie Eyman***

Joel & Elaine Daniels

### ***Paul Eyman***

Nancy Holden

Paulette Eyman

### ***Moritz & Agnes Gottwald***

Elaine & Joel Daniels

### ***Juanita Hamilton***

Nora Hamilton

### ***Ben & Franie Heyerly***

Elaine & Joel Daniels

### ***Robert Kyrk***

Juliana Kyrk

### ***Jack & June Malmquist***

Jay P Malmquist

### ***Marion & Owen Marine***

Gail Case

### ***Massey Family***

Marie Allphin-Rothi

### ***Bob & Joan McPherson***

Scott, Sally & Stacy

McPherson

### ***Linda Melcher***

Darrell Melcher

### ***Norton & Genevieve***

### ***Nicholson***

Carol Schultz

Greg & Ana Babcock

### ***Ousley, Mary***

Diana Lindberg

### ***Conrad & Ethel Owen***

Barbara Davis

### ***Joseph Pastrone***

Thomas A Daniels

### ***Eleanor Ray***

Dennis & Lois Ray

### ***David Schriever***

Irene Schriever

Joe & Josette Waitman

Rick & Levonne Gano

Murlene Liechty

Ron & Barb Herman

Byron & Dorothy Schriever

### ***Ron Sether***

Marjorie Sether

Sharon Smith

Bob & Judy Yoder

Gerald & Judy Livingston

Don & Suzan Sether

Jan Foland

### ***Lucia Schuebel***

Diane Kindall Potter

### ***Elizabeth Veneklasen***

Allen & Katherine Holt

Robert Otis

### ***Widstrand Family***

Marie Allphin-Rothi

### ***Bud & Evelyn Wormdahl***

Barbara Davis

### ***Emerson Yoder***

Virginia Yoder

### ***Claude Yoder***

Bob & Judy Yoder

*Thank you all for  
your very Generous  
Donations*

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OF CHRIST

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**We appreciate all the work  
you do to help with  
maintaining the cemetery.**

***We have some flower  
containers available from  
previous years, and we'll put  
them out for Memorial Day.  
Feel free to use them.***

***Flowers and containers placed  
on the graves for Memorial  
Day will be removed for regu-  
lar maintenance in early June.***



**We honor all the  
Veterans of the Armed  
Services this  
Memorial Day**

The V.F.W. comes each year and places flags on the graves of all the veterans buried in the cemetery. They usually leave extra flags by the gate to be used for any they have missed. Let us know and we will do our best to see that they are remembered in years to come.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive our annual newsletter, please let us know. We will be happy to add their names to our mailing list. It is because of the active interest of our church members and friends of the cemetery that we feel assured it will be well taken care of in the future. If you would like to have your name removed from our mailing list just let us know.

