



# Friends of SMYRNA UCC CEMETERY\* Newsletter

Spring  
2024

Welcome to the 28th 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, Derek Crispin, Murlene Liechty, and Carly Itami. 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. Ramon Quintana has been doing mowing and maintenance. 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, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 4,606</b>
Donations	2,835
Donations plot	950
Grave Marker deposit	100
Reimb. for grave markers	1595
Marker Processing Charge	93
Marker Installation	50
Transfer from Trust Fund	0
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 5,623</b>

#### Expenses:

Administrative expense	\$ 126
Caretaker & Mowing Expense	4,650
Maintenance Supplies	78
Portable Toilet Maintenance	979
Grave Markers	1,375
Refund for a plot	250
Credit Card Proc. Fees	12
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$ 7,470)</b>

**Balance December 31, 2023**                      **\$ 2,759**

### Cemetery Permanent Fund

<b>Balance January 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 149,445</b>
Memorial Donations	5,106
Unrealized investment gain /loss	20,205
Transfer to General Fund	0
<b>Balance December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 174,756</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 stayed strong. First quarter of 2024, our funds balance was \$ 189,672

## **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 remains..

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 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 ashes..



## **Memorial Day Cemetery Dedication May 27, at 12 noon**

Whether or not you have a loved one interred in our cemetery, you are invited to join in a Memorial Day dedication and old-fashioned decoration day service.

The cemetery is an important part of our outreach and relationship with the community. We'll be outdoors, rain or shine so come dressed for the weather.



**We remember all those who  
passed away during the year.**

**Richard Eyman Daniels  
Lloyd Bruce Hein  
Marvin Abbe  
Audrey Amaya Yoder**

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, 2023-April 30, 2024

John & JoAnn Beck  
Carl Cain  
Clinton Case  
Judy Counterline & James  
Huby  
John Cutter  
Dennis B Frome  
Richard & Levonne Gano  
Steven R Husbands  
Ione Jenson  
John & Susan Knight

Murlene Liechty  
Cheryl Marquez  
Barbara & Carl Menkel  
Marcia Oswald  
John & Jill Pastrone  
Julia & Bill Peterson  
Robert & Marna Porath  
Mary Lou Roberts  
Ann Sommer  
Robert & Judy Yoder



## *In Memory of:*

### **Marvin Abbe**

Jonathan & Mary Hines  
Joel & Elaine Daniels  
Richard & Levonne Gano

### **James Buffington**

Richard & Levonne Gano

### **Susan & Kristine Corey**

Stephen Corey

### **Donald & Roberta Daniels**

Thomas A Daniels

### **Richard Daniels**

Murlene Liechty  
Karin & Gordon Satrum  
Richard & Levonne Gano

### **Howard Clausen &**

### **James St. Clair**

Thomas A Daniels

### **Jean Dale**

Karold Dale

### **Albert & Nellie Eyman**

Terrance Daniels

### **Paul Eyman**

Nancy Holden  
Paulette Eyman

### **Kent Fisher**

Gail Case

### **Burt, Ellen, Beverly,**

### **Michael Gottwald**

Lisa Havre, Larry Sumpter

### **Robert Kyrk**

Juliana Kyrk

### **Jack & June Malmquist**

Jay P Malmquist

### **Marion & Owen Marine**

Beryl Fisher

### **Florence Martin**

Beryl Fisher

### **Massey Family**

Marie Allphin-Rothi

### **Frank & Jeannette McMillan**

Josette & Joe Waitman

### **Bob & Joan McPherson**

Sally McPherson

### **Linda Melcher**

Darrell Melcher

### **Ray & Doris Miettunen**

Nancy Dilger

### **Mary Addington Ousley**

Diana Lindberg

### **Conrad & Ethel Owen**

Barbara Davis

### **Joseph Pastrone**

Kim Smith  
Thomas A Daniels

### **Reed, Kim**

Gail Case

### **Judith Reppinger**

Nancy Dilger  
Urs & Victoria Baltensperger

### **Eleanor Ray**

Dennis & Lois Ray

### **Shirley & Electa Ritter**

Steven & Christine Weigel

### **Helen Sawtell**

Judy Pankratz-White

### **David Schriever**

Irene Schriever

### **Fred & Lucia Schuebel**

Diane Kindall Potter

### **Allen Van Veen, Catherine**

### **Van Veen**

Nancy Dilger

### **Elizabeth Veneklasen**

Robert Otis

### **Widstrand Family**

Marie Allphin-Rothi

### **Bud & Evelyn Wormdahl**

Barbara Davis

*Thank you all for  
your very Generous  
Donations*

**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 regular 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.