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Dear Smyrna Folks,

When I was a kid, Thanksgiving was my favorite holiday. Each year, we had an extended gathering with family and friends at a rented cabin in a local state park on the shores of Lake Superior. Thanksgiving in the Northern Minnesota of my youth often brought early snow, which added a crisp brightness to the brown earth of autumn.

One of my mom's signature Thanksgiving dishes was called Cranberry Salad. I'm not sure where she got the recipe, but like all good midwestern salads, jello is a core ingredient. Every year, I get out the little scrap of paper on which I wrote the recipe on my first Thanksgiving away from home, while my mom dictated it to me on the phone. In these days, jello salad is not regarded as high cuisine, but in its early years, before refrigeration was common, it was considered a delicacy. Only the rich could afford an ingredient that would not come together properly without refrigeration.

As a young adult, I played around with the ingredients, adding some things here, and subtracting others there. I scoffed a little at jello — thinking it was too old fashioned, too sweet, too weird. But, I've tried making the salad without the jello a time or two, and it's just not the same. It needs that one ingredient to hold it together.

It's probably stretching a metaphor too far to say that jello is like the Holy Spirit. But, I'm going to do it anyway! Sometimes we might wonder if Smyrna UCC is getting too old, too sweet, or too weird. We may worry about where the young people are. We may wonder if we have passed on what they need to know. We may question our relevancy or our legacy.

In those times of concern, take heart! You have passed on all the ingredients. They are all laid out, chopped and ready. The generations to come will mix them in a bowl — maybe not exactly like you have done it, but using the ingredients you have provided.

And the jello will hold it all together!

Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer

Grandma Kandi's Cranberry Salad

Ingredients:

- Half a bag of cranberries
- Cup of orange juice
- One box strawberry Jello
- Small can pineapple pieces
- One apple
- Quarter cup walnuts, lightly chopped



-Stalk or two of celery, diced

-Small bag frozen strawberries, cut in half

-Simmer half a bag of cranberries in the orange juice until the cranberries begin to burst.

-Pour the cranberries and juice (carefully!) into your serving bowl and add the jello. Mix until jello is dissolved.

-Add pineapple, apple, walnuts, celery and strawberries. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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Have you ever questioned if your vote makes any difference? You will have the opportunity to confirm that it does after worship **November 3**. Karyl Carlson will portray a less known early founder of the Women's Suffrage Movement through her own courageous stories in response to an interview with Janet Farrell.

**Election Day Prayer Vigil,
Tuesday, November 5, 2024, from 11am-1pm**

Step away from the relentlessness of the news on Tuesday, November 5 and step into God's embrace for a few moments or an hour. The sanctuary will be open and prayer guides will be provided. If you are not able to get to church that day, please consider this your invitation to pause at some point during the day for prayer. Whatever the outcome of this election, our God remains, as does our commitment to justice and peace in the world.



Prayer Vigil



Dessert table from the October 24th Women's Fellowship Dinner. Don't miss the November 14th lunch!



Thursday, November 7, 6pm:
Vigil of love and light in solidarity with LGBTQ+ neighbors and friends in the sanctuary. This event is being planned in cooperation with Zoar Lutheran in Canby, Molalla Methodist

Church and Beaver Creek United Church of Christ. It is intended as an opportunity to express care and companionship with and for the LGBTQ+ community in Clackamas and Marion Counties and is open to people of all or of no faith background.

November 3 All Saints Day Musical sermon from pianist John Nilsen	November 10 TBA
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 11-1 Election Day Prayer Vigil Sanctuary open and individual prayer guide provided.	November 17 Matthew 6:25-33 Pastor Jennifer Preaching
	November 24 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Pastor Jennifer Preaching

November 10, 2024 Soup and Cookie Bake Off Sunday

Winter time is just around the corner and it is that time of year to bring out the Hearty Soup recipes to share and what goes better as a dessert, but cookies.

The Fund raising committee will provide several soups for everyone on November 10, 2024. The contest is a bake off of your favorite cookie to bring for a vote to see who makes the best. Last year we tasted chocolate Chip cookies and this year it will be peanut butter cookies.



So sign up to bring 3 dozen of your favorite PB cookies and we'll sit down to eat soup following our church service.

Women's Fellowship Bazaar at Smyrna



Smyrna's Women's Fellowship group will hold their annual Bazaar/Holiday Market on **Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** in the Friendship Hall of the church at 31119 S. Canby-Marquam Hwy, Canby. It will be a one day event this year and offer items such as baked goods, jams/jellies, knitted hats, dishcloths, and much more. The women will have several home made soups, breads, desserts and beverages for purchase beginning at 11:30 AM and continue until close of sale.

Plan on making Smyrna one of your stops during the day on November 23, 2024. We would love to see you there.

LONELY? Medical issues? Need Help?

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



Thank You!!

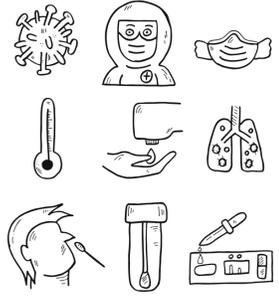
I want to thank the following church members for their help on October 19th with the road cleanup on the Canby/Marquam Highway (Highway 170): Pat Bryant, Mary Namit, Levonne Gano, Mark Gano, Dan Durham, Christine and Virgil Foster, and Joel and Elaine Daniels for assisting in the road clean-up. Right now, the April 2025 cleanup is scheduled for April 26th. Again, thank you for your help!!!

Rick



Free home COVID tests are available now

In case you hadn't heard, every household can again order four free at-home COVID tests. Go to [CovidTests.gov](https://www.CovidTests.gov) and click "Order Free At-Home Tests." Enter your contact information and address. Click Check Out Now." Review your information and click "Place My Order." Alternatively, those who don't have computers or other digital devices can call 1-800-232-0233 to order tests kits. The tests are delivered by first-class mail.



The CDC expects the virus to surge again this winter, peaking around the middle of January. A new variant named XEC, which is highly transmissible, has been found in 20-plus states. The at-home tests may be less reliable in detecting new variants, but tests are still valuable for people at risk for severe outcomes (including, for example, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems).

The latest fall COVID vaccine is expected to be effective against the XEC variant



SMYRNA UCC MEMORY CAFE PRESENTS



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT NOON

Lunch followed by a short film and Q&A with director, Amy Benson, Producer, Emily Kelly-Peterson and film participant, Patsy Benson.

The Last Act: A Short Documentary About Life and Death (39 min.)

A nonagenarian actress, contemplates her roles in life as she shops for a retirement community and says good-bye to her best friend in hospice.

Winner of the Audience Award at the Friday Harbor Film Festival. This film illuminates what it is to be curious and open up until the end.

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Smyrna's Harvest Festival on October 27, 2024 saw new faces as well as familiar ones enjoying treats and activities. Costumed and non-costumed engaged in crafts and games — pumpkins to decorate, pictures to create, the ever popular donut grab (without using hands!), puzzles to delight all ages. Witch Sheila stirred up a delicious brew in her cauldron as fascinated children watched her add mysterious liquids, yummy flies, spiders, snakes, and mice. A furry eared cook provided a light supper of hot dogs, chili, finger food veggies, and cookies. And of course there was trick or treating down the hall between the offices and classrooms.



November 2024 at Smyrna

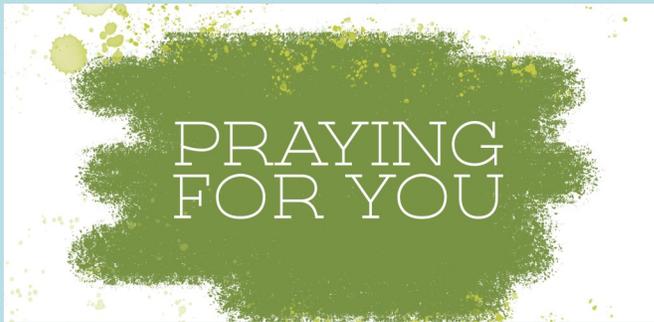
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**No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's
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you.**

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- Jerry and Paul Holbrook
- Mary Namit
- Robert Schuebel
- Pat Peterson
- Paul and Mary Ashton
- Pat Bullard
- Beryl and Dan Fisher
- Genevieve Freeman
- The Holt family
- Jeannie Rogers' brothers Steven and John
- Virginia Yoder
- Anne Stronko and Roger Marin
- The Crispin family

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.