



# Friends of SMYRNA UCC CEMETERY\* Newsletter

Spring  
2025

Welcome to the 29th edition of an annual newsletter to the friends of Smyrna United Church of Christ Cemetery,\* established 134 years ago 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, Ann Sommer, and Irene Schriever. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee for more information.

Isidro Maintenance takes care of the Cremation Garden. A major project for him this year was to level the area and plant new grass. 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, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 2,759</b>
Donations	1,960
Donations plot	1,500
Transfer from Trust Fund	5,275
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 8,735</b>

#### Expenses:

Administrative expense	\$ 50
Caretaker & Mowing Expense	3,943
Maintenance Supplies	35
Portable Toilet Maintenance	884
Grave Markers	1,375
Insurance	3,324
Refund for a plot	200
Credit Card Proc. Fees	9
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$8,445)</b>

**Balance December 31, 20224 \$ 3,049**

### Cemetery Permanent Fund

<b>Balance January 1, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 174,756</b>
Memorial Donations	4,076
Unrealized investment gain /loss	22,411
Transfer to General Fund	5,275

**Balance December 31, 2024 \$ 195,968**

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 over twenty years. We also established a money market fund at our bank to take advantage of higher than normal interest rates.

## 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 stone 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 26, 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.



**Smyrna's Historic Cemetery.** As we gathered recently to inter the ashes of Cheryl Marquez, we looked across the nearby stones, and realized she was the fifth generation of her family buried in the immediate vicinity. Her second great-grandfather, Asa Yoder, was a founder of the church, who died in 1905. We are humbled by all those who went before.



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

**Virginia Wilson Yoder  
Robert R Yoder  
Cheryl Gottwald Marquez  
Ronald Cooper  
Danny Fisher  
Darrell Melcher**

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**

**Donate**

To donate online click on:

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# *Gifts to the Smyrna Cemetery General Fund*

May 15, 2024-April 30, 2025

Judy & Cliff Burbank  
Carl Cain  
Clinton Case  
Marianne Dapp Domarad  
Dennis Frome  
Steven R Husbands  
Murlene Liechty  
Cheryl Gottwald Marquez  
Marcia Oswalt

Almeta Peterson  
Julia & Bill Peterson  
Dennis Ray  
Mary Lou Roberts  
Ann Sommer  
Ab & Barbara Veelle  
Christine & Steven Weigel  
Judy Yoder

*Thank you all for  
your very Generous  
Donations*

## *In Memory of:*

### **Marvin Abbe**

Terrance Daniels

### **Susan & Kristine Corey**

Stephen Corey

### **Donald & Roberta Daniels**

Kim R Smith

Thomas Daniels

### **Richard Daniels**

Kim R Smith

Terrance Daniels

Paulette Eyman

Thomas Daniels

### **Howard Clausen &**

**James St. Clair**

Thomas A Daniels

### **Paul Eyman**

Nancy Holden

Paulette Eyman

### **Danny Fisher**

Joe & Josette Waitman

Pat Rogentine

Diane Garvin

Murlene Liechty Family

Rick & Levonne Gano

### **Robert Kyrk**

Juliana Kyrk

### **Jack & June Malmquist**

Jay P Malmquist

### **Marion & Owen Marine**

Gail Case

### **Massey Family**

Marie Allphin-Rothi

### **Cheryl Gottwald Marquez**

Joel & Elaine Daniels

### **Frank & Jeannette McMilian**

Kristi & Rod Stringer;

### **Bob & Joan McPherson**

Sally McPherson

### **Linda & Darrell Melcher**

Curtis Melcher

Richard & Kathy Zimmerman

### **Ray & Doris Miettunen**

Nancy Dilger

Marna & Robert Porath

### **Mary Addington Ousley**

Diana Lindberg

### **Conrad & Ethel Owen**

Barbara Davis

### **Joseph Pastrone**

Kim Smith

Thomas Daniels

### **Judith Replinger**

Urs & Victoria Baltensperger

Marna & Robert Porath

### **David Schriever**

Irene Schriever

### **Kimberly Schmidt**

Mearline Schmidt

### **Fred & Lucia Schuebel**

Diane Kindall Potter

Michael P Lynch

### **Jon Stringer**

Kristi & Rod Stringer

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

**Van Veen**

Nancy Dilger

Marna & Robert Porath

### **Elizabeth Veneklasen**

Robert Otis

### **Widstrand Family**

Marie Allphin-Rothi

### **Bud & Evelyn Wormdahl**

Barbara Davis

### **Virginia Yoder**

Diana Lindberg



**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.

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Peony & Calico Rose planted over 100 years ago