



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

Balance Jan. 1, 2024	\$ 2,759
Donations	1,960
Donations plot	1,500
Transfer from Trust Fund	5,275
Total income	\$ 8,735

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
Total Expenses	(\$8,445)

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

Cemetery Permanent Fund

Balance January 1, 2024	\$ 174,756
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.

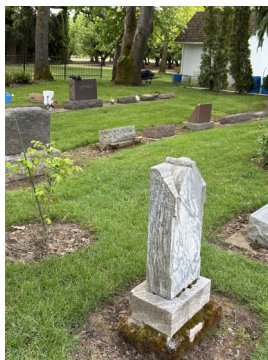
A vault is required for burials. No container or vault is required for ashes..

**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:

[Smyrna Cemetery](#)

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 McMillan

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 Repplinger

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 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.

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Peony & Calico Rose planted over 100 years ago