



# Friends of SMYRNA UCC CEMETERY\* Newsletter

## Spring 2026

Welcome to the 30th edition of an annual newsletter to the friends of Smyrna United Church of Christ Cemetery,\* established 135 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, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 3,049</b>
Donations	3,691
Plots sold	2,950
Grave markers reimbursal	6,606
Marker sales processing	202
Transfer from Perm. Fund	0
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 13,449</b>

#### Expenses:

Administrative expense	\$ 284
Caretaker & Mowing Expense	6,212
Maintenance Supplies	60
Portable Toilet Maintenance	884
Grave Markers	5,891
Insurance (paid 1/12/26 \$3,557)	0
Refund for a plot	200
Credit Card Proc. Fees	30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$13,361)</b>

**Balance December 31, 20225**                      **\$ 3,137**

### Cemetery Permanent Fund

<b>Balance January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 195,969</b>
Memorial Donations	4,021
Money Market interest	663
Unrealized investment gain /loss	33,907
<b>Total income</b>	<b>37,928</b>

**Balance December 31, 2025**                      **\$ 233,897**

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 25, 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.** This spring the church celebrated its 135th anniversary which included an interview with Mrs. John P (Rebecca) Yoder (played by Karyl Carlson) whose family moved to Oregon in 1893 and joined the newly completed church. Her monument is in the picture to the right. The first burial took place shortly after the church had its first service in 1891.



**We remember all those who were interred here during the year**

**Larry Sumpter  
Mari Gottwald  
Leroy & Joanitta Lomax  
Karen Marsh  
Carl Cain  
Billy Ray Gibson  
Eldon Gibson  
Harry Wilbur Hein  
Richard & Janice Pankratz**

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

**Flowers and containers put out for Memorial Day will be removed for regular maintenance**

# *Gifts to the Smyrna Cemetery General Fund*

May 1, 2025-April 30, 2026

Cliff & Judy Burbank  
Carl Cain  
Clinton Case  
Stephen Corey  
Marianne Dapp Domarad  
Dennis Frome  
Marian Golonka  
Steven Husbands  
Hugh Marquez  
Adam & Angie Maurer

Carl & Barbara Menkel  
John & Jill Pastrone  
Carl & Barbara Menkel  
Britt Frome & Amir Mirza  
Julia & Bill Peterson  
Mary Lou Roberts  
Leonard & Marsha Sano  
Cliff Sether  
Ann Sommer



*Thank you all for  
your very Generous  
Donations*

## *In Memory of:*

### ***Phillip Clites***

Rick & Levonne Gano

### ***Susan & Christine Corey***

John & JoAnn Beck

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

Kim Smith

Terrance Daniels

### ***Daniels Family***

Rick & Levonne Gano

### ***Paul W. Eyman***

Nancy Holden

### ***Kent Fisher, Danny Fisher***

Gail Case

### ***Kathleen Frome***

John & JoAnn Beck

### ***Robert Kyrk***

Juliana Kyrk

### ***Leroy & Joanitta Lomax***

Shelly & Jeff Lomax

Laurie & Chris Lomax

Kelly Lomax

Jim Lomax

### ***Massey Family***

Marie Allphin-Rothi

### ***Darrell & Linda Melcher***

Curtis Melcher

### ***Frank & Jeanette McMillan***

Kristi & Rod Stringer

### ***Ray & Doris Miettunen***

Nancy Dilge

### ***Mary Addington Ousley***

Diana Lindberg

### ***Joseph Pastrone***

Kim Smith

### ***Judith Repplinger***

Nancy Dilger

### ***Shirley & Electa Ritter***

Christine & Steven Weigel

### ***Glenda Sano***

Diana Lindberg

### ***David Schriever***

Irene Schriever

### ***Fred & Lucia Schuebel***

Diane Kindall

### ***Jon Stringer***

Kristi & Rod Stringer

### ***Sumpter, Larry***

Rick & Levonne Gano

### ***Allen VanVeen, Catherine VanVeen***

Nancy Dilger

### ***Elizabeth Veneklausen***

Robert Otis

### ***Widstrand Family***

Marie Allphin-Rothi

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

Barbara Davis

### ***O. P. Yoder***

Terrance Daniels

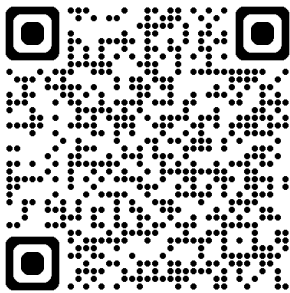


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We are tax-exempt. Send your donations to:

**Smyrna United Church of Christ Cemetery**  
c/o Joel Daniels  
31060 S Kauffman Road  
Canby, OR 97013  
Or online. [www.smyrna-ucc.org](http://www.smyrna-ucc.org)  
Choose "cemetery." You can use a credit card or ACH transfer directly from your bank account.



### **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.