



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

An ecumenical and interdenominational fellowship
Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches

April 2021

Dear Family,

Spring has come;
Yet, last night,
three inches of snow came in its place.

The iris pushing their green
blades out of the cold, dark earth,
seeking the warmth of the spring sun
get covered once again.

With the biting taste of winter,
they keep pushing;
in the sure and certain hope that warm earth,
warm sun are awaiting.

They keep pushing,
raising the blades of their arms to the sky,
rejoicing in new life.

HOW DOES GOD DO IT?

The birds, singing loudly,
roam the still, frozen earth for bits of twig
and last year's dead grass to build a nest,
to bring forth new life.

The foundation of their temple is buried
this morning in white fluff,
but in the sure and certain hope of rising temperature,
lengthening days and growing life,

they persist,
they work,
they scavenge,
they sing.

HOW DOES GOD DO IT?

The trees now laden with snow,
once again even the tiniest branches
have balanced in their thin arms,
multiple snowflakes,
one on top of the other.
These lean, no-fat, branches
pushing their arms skyward raise up in glory,
in the sure and certain hope that soon
they will bring forth leaf and new life.

HOW DOES GOD DO IT?

A man riding into Jerusalem on a donkey,
the threat to the powers-that-be,
"Principalities and Powers" are wanting
to do him in because of his dangerous message:

"God is on the side of all...
There is no privileged right hand
or left hand side of God...
Where your treasure is,
there also is your heart,
your sins are forgiven you,
go and sin no more."

He rides on;
he confronts the money changers;
he breaks bread with his disciples;
he prays in the garden;
he is arrested;
he stands in silent nobility against false accusations
and unwarranted flogging;
he carries his cross;
he is hoisted up and offers:
words of forgiveness
words of hope
words of connection
words of agony
words of hungering to know
words of fruition
words of Resurrected Life.

He feels God's hands,
surrounding him, holding him;
Resurrection Life has begun.
He feels new life;
in and through the valley of the shadow he has walked,
and he continues to walk,

"For Lo, I will be with you, always."

HOW DOES GOD DO IT?

Faithfully,
Nancy

Schedule of Upcoming Services: April 2021

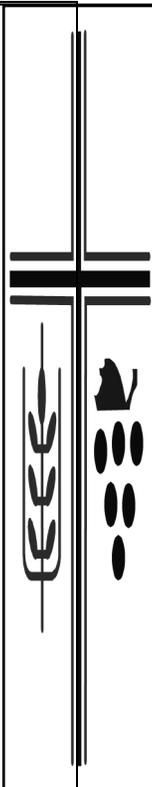
SERVICES ON THE SCF WEBSITE

The plan is for all services to be available for viewing on the SCF website on the date of celebration and will remain posted: www.sunriverchristianfellowship.org

You can either listen to an audio recording or watch a video & audio recording of the following worship services. Just select the appropriate icon.

- April 2: Good Friday: 7 Preachers**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- April 4: Easter Sunday**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- April 11: 2nd Sunday of Easter**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- April 18: 3rd Sunday of Easter**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- April 25: 4th Sunday of Easter**
Pastor Frank Brocker
- May 2: 5th Sunday of Easter**
TBD

Note: April 30-May 1: Pastor Nancy will be attending the ELCA Synodical Assembly, virtually.



Prayer Needs

- Al Tweit—leg strength
- Susan Weber—dealing with Parkinson’s
- Aedan—great-grandson of Karen Newcomb, birth defect
- Bernadine & Jim Foster—lung & heart issues
- William Lambertson—grandson of Sandra Rodgers, in long-term recovery; assault
- Marianna Wiper—under chronic pain
- Olivia Long—living with complications from epilepsy; granddaughter of Jenny & Dave Long
- Cathy Blinn—sister of Roy Green; battling metastatic cancer
- Parker—grandniece of Allison Weatherhead; fighting acute lymphoblastic leukemia
- Bergen Bull—recovery from slight tear in the esophagus
- Jean Rice—fighting cancer
- Gail Manary—fighting cancer
- Mike Brannan—extreme back pain
- Laura Webb—emotional issues
- Ellen Rau—walking with cancer
- Rich—brother of Sandra Rodgers; eye issues
- Nicholas & Michelle Barthelemy—emotional Issues
- Mary Link—awaiting more tests
- Carol Thomas—recovery from spine stimulator implant
- Barbara Goffrier—recovery from knee replacement
- Lynne Ekstrom—recovery from cancer treatment



EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

Good Friday Virtual Service: April 2

Easter Celebration Virtual Service: April 4

Easter weekend services will be on the SCF website in both video and audio formats on their respective days

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FUTURE SCF IN-PERSON SERVICES

Planning, and appropriate protocols, for in-person services in the SCF parking lot, hopefully, sometime in May are moving forward. Virtual worship will continue as well. Updates will be forthcoming.

UPDATE: Regarding the Efforts to Purchase the Sunriver Fitness and Aquatics Center

The process of negotiating the possible purchase of the Sunriver Fitness and Aquatics Center continues, however slowly. After multiple rounds of offers and counteroffers over the past weeks, Wade Watson, Mark Halvorsen of Village Properties, and I are preparing another offer for submission. SCF initially offered to purchase the academy portion of SFAC for \$1.0M, that offer was rejected, and we received a counteroffer at \$1.5M, down \$100K for their original price. SCF subsequently submitted a second offer at \$1.125M that SFAC owners countered at \$1.4M, including an offer to carry some of our debt; that is where things stand at this time.

Before SCF submits its next offer, we are taking the time to verify with the Deschutes County’s Community Development Office the likely requirements necessary to subdivide the property. Items of interest are the required separation between the two buildings and the ownership of parking that is needed to meet County requirements. To that end, we have engaged a knowledgeable local real estate and land use attorney to assist us. We expect to have the answers we need to these questions in the next few days. Once those answers are in hand and meet SCF’s needs, we will submit a new counteroffer.

The pro forma P&L’s prepared to assist our negotiations, looking forward, say that we can support a limited increase in our previous offer with the proviso that the SCF congregation is willing to financially support the debt.

As you will recall the Managing Board and Ad Hoc Housing Committee will bring all this financial information to the congregation, in detail, for review and approval before moving to close a transaction. While there remains a significant gap between the SFAC asking pricing and SCF’s offering, we believe the efforts to purchase the building should continue and a deal is at hand. We believe the SFAC is a perfect fit for our congregation going forward and all effort should be made to make our ownership happen.

We will continue to keep you all posted as to the progress of the negotiations. In the interim, the SCF Managing Board has decided to delay any notification to HTCC of cancelling our lease until we have moved further in our negotiation with SFAC.

Joe Huseonica and Wade Watson

Transformed to Love & Serve – the Goal of the Education Ministry of SCF
Ongoing Groups: These groups continue to meet throughout the year

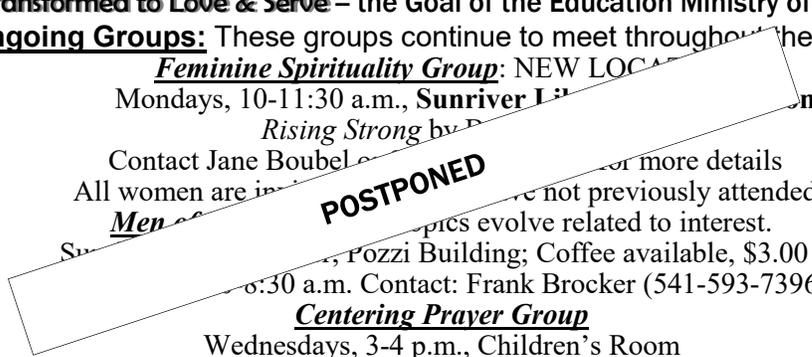
Feminine Spirituality Group: NEW LOCATION
 Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., Sunriver Library

Rising Strong by Doreen
 Contact Jane Boubel for more details
 All women are invited. Topics evolve related to interest.

Men's Group: Mondays, 6:30 a.m. Contact: Frank Brocker (541-593-7396)

Centering Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m., Children's Room
 Contact: Bette Butler 541-647-7982 (cell/text), butlerbdewitt@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

April 23 is the deadline this year for current recipients and new scholarship applicants to submit their scholarship applications to the church. The week following, Pastor Rob will be calling each applicant and scheduling their personal online Zoom interview with the Scholarship Committee during May.

As you probably have heard from various media reports, the vast majority of college students everywhere have had a tough year especially on the emotional level. Isolation is not the normal college experience, quite the opposite, so it's not surprising that many are having assorted difficulties. As they come to mind, please add our current scholarship recipients to your prayer list as they navigate through the remainder of this challenging school year - **Bailey Baer, Tayler Baer, Eleni Edwards, Rylan Francher, Madelyn Hunt, Olivia Jones, Jenavieve Lustyik, Olivia O'Shaughnessy, Adam Plant, Ben Plant, Chris Phillips, Hunter Seamons, Maisie Stapleton, Zoey Voyles, Sam Wieber.**

Many of you have continued to provide financial support to the scholarship program this past year for which the Scholarship Committee is very grateful. If you wish to make a donation to program, please make out your check to "SCF" and put "Scholarship Program" on the memo line. Thank you for your contribution.

HIGHWAY 97 CLEAN-UP: May 20, July 15, September 16

The HWY 97 cleanup crew is pleased to announce the Thursday May 20, 2021 cleanup is on! All days will be on Thursdays. Meet at SCF parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. Bring a hat, gloves and water. Please let Dave Drescher know if you can help because no in-person church services means no sign up sheets. Contact Dave at: dnadrescher@gmail.com or 503-475-5500

Social distancing guidance: Fully vaccinated folks could mean more flexibility. Stay tuned on this.

Option 1: If using two vehicles, immediate family members can share space in vehicles.

Option 2: If using two vehicles and not immediate family members, then one person could sit in back seat with both folks wearing masks. Very short time in vehicle together.

Option 3: If using just one vehicle, walk up and back to vehicle. (This is not preferred because your back would be to traffic).

CARE & SHARE MARCH

Boxes Distributed:

Small	30
Medium	36
Large	14
X-Large	5
Total	85

People served:

Adults	204
Children	79
Total	283

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and distributed food on March 26

BOTTLES & CANS FOR FEBRUARY

In February we collected \$321.61 in cash + a check from bottle drop for \$225.00. A grand total of \$546.61. Thanks to everyone. Steve

Financial Report as of February 28, 2021

	<u>Actual Jan-Feb.</u>	<u>Budget Jan-Feb.</u>
Income	\$60,146	\$50,334
Expenses	\$49,906	\$52,005
Net Income	\$10,240	\$ 1,671

UPDATED DIRECTORY

Copies of the updated 2021 SCF Church Directory are available in the church office.

May Newsletter Deadline: April 28

Please send articles to Jan Tuckerman:
 jtuckerman@chamberscable.com

Ministry Team Leaders – 2021

- Congregational Care
Pastor Nancy Green
- Stephen Ministry
Randy Heise & Ginny Adams
- Senior Ministry
Joe Huseonica
- Communications
Cindy & Mark McConnell
- Education
Rob Pearson
- Evangelism
Shereda Benfield
- Membership/Welcoming
Jan Bull
Gail Drew
Linda Salzer
- Outreach
Jane Boubel—UPCAP
Gary Carlson—National & International
- Scholarship Program
Rob Pearson
- Stewardship
Jim Adams
- Worship
Rob Pearson

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SCF STAFF

- The Rev. Canon Nancy Sargent Green
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- Jan Tuckerman
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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

Sunday Service & Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Services held at the

Holy Trinity Church

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