



# Sunriver Christian Fellowship

An ecumenical and interdenominational fellowship

March 2021



**Daylight Savings Begins March 14:** On Saturday evening, March 13, be ready to "spring-ahead" into daylight savings by turning your clocks forward one hour in anticipation of longer days of light.

## THE LENTEN JOURNEY: A Personal Story

Blessed God,

Before I was born,  
you knew my inmost thoughts.  
And when I came out of the womb,  
Your arms carried me into the world.

As I cried, as I cooed,  
as I lay wide-eyed and speechless,  
You held my hand.  
When I became so sick,  
frightening my parents and doctors alike,  
when I almost left this earth at 4 months old,  
You held my hand buoyed by the prayers of others.  
You held my hand until I took it away.

As I grew  
You fed me with sights and sounds  
too wonderful for words:  
innocence, dreams,  
imagination and exploration.  
Like a sentinel  
You remained steadfast  
even when I found others  
more important,  
both people and things.  
You said, "Yes",  
You said, "No",  
and you gave me  
the freedom to choose.

When I left childhood,  
You walked me into adolescence.  
When I lost my Dad,  
I could talk to you  
when I could no longer talk to him.  
When I felt uncomfortable  
in my body,  
I was comfortable  
in your presence.

When I felt unacceptable  
to my peers,  
I knew I was acceptable to You.  
When I failed and felt shame,  
You held me close.  
You held me close  
and told me I was worthy.  
Still in all this goodness,  
I often ignored You.

Since I have become an adult,  
I have known new pain  
and new joy.  
And You have held my hand  
through it all:  
miscarriage and birth,  
death and new life,  
darkness and light,  
despair and hope.  
When my faith was small,  
You touched me  
and made it larger.

It is Lent, Blessed God.  
May I remember my past  
as sacred interlace.  
It is there, in the past,  
that Your intersecting with me  
has become transparent.  
Lead me to softly turn inward,  
to cradle Your living  
inside of me,  
as You have cradled me  
since the womb.

I have felt Your warmth  
in the sunlight,  
Your power in the wind  
and the waves,  
Your strength  
in the compassion of others,  
Your healing love  
in moments of deep joy.

I have seen Your work  
in the canvas of an artist,  
in the voice of a prophet,  
in hands wringing for justice,  
in the gentle actions of a neighbor,  
in moments of thin air  
where heaven is so close  
that the air I breathe  
is Your breath exhaled.

You know me, Jesus.  
I do not have to pretend.  
You take my hand  
into the wilderness in Lent.  
Together we walk into unsettled  
places  
which have no highways  
nor signposts.  
You shepherd me in the desert  
where days are hot,  
nights are cold,  
and big sky reigns.  
You invite me  
to share with you the bread  
of angels,  
and give me courage  
to face whatever  
wild beasts appear.

You hold my hand.  
My ears strain  
to hear your voice,  
"Fear not," You whisper.  
"Fear not, my Beloved."

**Blessed Lent,  
Nancy**

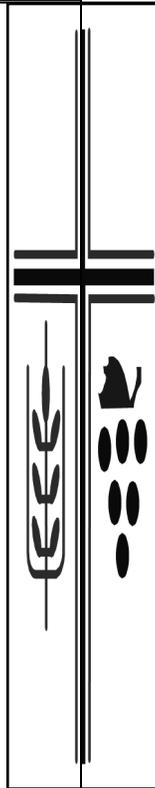
### Schedule of Upcoming Services: March 2021

#### 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](http://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.

- Mar. 7: 3rd Sunday in Lent**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Mar. 14: 4th Sunday in Lent**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Mar. 21: 5th Sunday in Lent**  
The Rev. Roy Green
- Mar. 28: Palm Sunday**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Apr. 4: Easter Sunday**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green



#### New "Daily Breads"

Copies of the spring edition of the "Daily Bread" daily devotional are now available in the literature rack in the HTCC entry area next to the sanctuary. They are free.

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- Isolation and loneliness
- Anxiety over health
- Grief due to many different kinds of losses
- Financial strain or job loss
- Uncertainty about the future

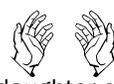
If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call Stephen Leader Shereda Benfield 503-998-4308



#### 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 Lamberton*—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
- *Melanie Webb*—fighting cancer; daughter of Sharon & Gene Krueger;
- *Mike Brannan*—extreme back pain
- *Laura Webb*—emotional issues
- *Ellen Rau*—living with cancer
- *Susie Schneider*—recovery from back surgery
- *Rich*—brother of Sandra Rodgers; eye issues
- *Nicholas & Michelle Barthelemy*—emotional issues
- *Mary Link*—awaiting more tests
- *Kathie Salquist*—severe pain
- *Carol Thomas*—recovery from spine stimulator implant



#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

##### Palm Sunday Virtual Service: March 28

If you would like a palm branch from this service, they will be available in the HTCC entry area on Sunday, March 28, starting at 11 a.m. until Wednesday, March 31 at 4 p.m.

##### Good Friday Virtual Service: April 2

##### Easter Celebration Virtual Service: April 4



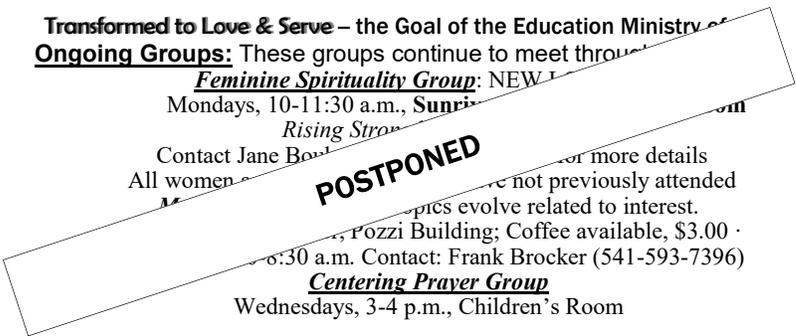
**Transformed to Love & Serve** – the Goal of the Education Ministry of  
**Ongoing Groups:** These groups continue to meet throughout the year.

**Feminine Spirituality Group:** NEW!  
 Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., Sunrise Room

**Rising Strophes:** NEW!  
 Contact Jane Boubel for more details  
 All women only. Those who have not previously attended

**Men's Group:** Topics evolve related to interest.  
 Mondays, 6:30 a.m. Contact: Frank Brocker (541-593-7396)

**Centering Prayer Group**  
 Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m., Children's Room



**PROGRESS UPDATE Regarding the Purchase of the SFAC**

Per the direction of the SCF Managing Board and the Housing Ad Hoc Committee, Wade Watson and I, with the assistance of Mark Halvorson from Village Properties, have engaged the owners of the Sunriver Fitness and Aquatics Center by presenting an offer from SCF to purchase what is known as the academy portion of that facility.

We presented an initial offer earlier in February, received a counteroffer and responded with our own counteroffer. We are awaiting a response from the owners regarding our counteroffer. The offer contract contains the necessary contingency clauses that allow SCF to terminate the agreement before closing for the following reasons:

- ♦ Deschutes County rejects the necessary realignment of the lot lines required to separate the academy from the remainder of the property.
- ♦ SCF determines that the operating costs of the building are prohibitive once they are fully disclosed.
- ♦ Close inspection of the facility by professional contractors determines that the cost of the needed renovations and deferred maintenance are beyond acceptable.
- ♦ SCF fails to achieve the necessary mortgage financing, the results of a capital campaign fail to meet the needed goal or the SCF congregation fails to approve the purchase.
- ♦ The negotiations regarding the shared parking with SFAC and HTCC, are not successful.

As soon as SCF has what is considered an acceptable agreement with the owners and we have been able to identify all the costs associated with operations and renovations, we will be presenting that agreement to the SCF congregation for review and approval to proceed. We will also be presenting a complete financial impact statement that will reflect the impact of the purchase on our operating budget and identify the targeted results for a capital campaign. We will continue to provide regular updates as to our progress.

Mortgage applications have been submitted to two lending institutions with an initial pre-qualification response expected in the next few days.

If we are successful in achieving a purchase contract with the owners, we will launch several immediate activities:

- ♦ A capital fundraising campaign.
- ♦ We will engage an architectural firm to analyze and provide renderings that reflect the necessary renovations.
- ♦ We will engage the professional resources necessary to inspect all electrical, mechanical and HVAC systems.
- ♦ We will engage construction firms to provide us with proposals and costs to complete the necessary upfront renovations.

As shared during the Annual Meeting, we had already engaged a Bend architect with significant church building experience to evaluate the suitability of the overall building to becoming a permanent home for SCF. His response was an enthusiastic yes, the building will provide adequate space for a sanctuary and the ancillary needs of our congregation, such as the bells and the choir.

In terms of a timeline, we would anticipate closing on the contract following approval of the property subdivision, or about September 1<sup>st</sup>. Completion of initial renovations and move-in would be targeted for late in the fourth quarter.

While there remains a lot to be accomplished before we can say we are on our way to owning our own building, good progress has been made and the Managing Board and the ad hoc committee are excited about bringing this new direction to you for review and approval in the coming weeks.

As a footnote to this update, the Managing Board has voted to delay the termination of the HTCC lease until we have a more refined response from the SFAC owners.

*Joe Huseonica & Wade Watson*

**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/Welcome**

*Jan Bull  
 Gail Drew  
 Linda Salzer*

**Outreach**

*Jane Boubel—UPCAP  
 Gary Carlson—National & International*

**Scholarship Program**

*Rob Pearson*

**Stewardship**  
*Jim Adams*

**Worship**  
*Rob Pearson*

**SCF Managing Board – 2021**

*Linda Smith  
 President*

*Vice President  
 Katie Hall/Patty Smith*

*Secretary  
 Jenny Long*

*Treasurer  
 Steve Austin*

*Roy Green  
 Joe Huseonica*

*Sandra Kendle  
 Paul Knollman*

*Gene Krueger*

**SCF Endowment Board—2021**

*Wade Watson  
 President*

*Cliff Erickson  
 Treasurer*

*Liz Haberman  
 Secretary*

*Paul Barthelemy  
 Linda Collier*

*Mike Gocke  
 Vicki Udlock*

**SCF STAFF**

*The Rev. Canon  
 Nancy Sargent Green*

*Senior Pastor  
 Dr. Robert Pearson*

*Associate Pastor:  
 Worship & Administration*

*Jan Tuckerman  
 Administrative Assistant*

**Financial Report as of January 31, 2021**

	<u>Actual Jan.</u>	<u>Budget Jan.</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 37,327	\$ 25,167
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 26,339	\$ 26,003
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 10,988	\$ -836

**SCF Supports La Pine Middle School Soccer Players**

The Soccer Coach at La Pine Middle School had five special needs students turn out for the team. Their excitement was beyond words, but there was one slight problem, none of them had the required soccer cleats, shin guards or knee socks. The coach asked the Family Access Network (FAN) Advocate if she knew any source of funds to help these kids. When she called our SCF Outreach Ministry she got an enthusiastic YES, and within 3 days these kids had the shin guards, socks and a gift card to purchase a new pair of soccer cleats. I hope each of you has a big smile on your face as you read this, and realize that YOU made this happen with your support of Outreach and its many efforts to help our friends and neighbors. We together are doing the work, inspired by Jesus!

**CARE & SHARE**  
**FEBRUARY DISTRIBUTION**

<u>Boxes</u>	
Small	28
Medium	34
Large	23
X-Large	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>
<u>People Served</u>	
Adults	211
Children	113
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>324</b>

**DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Copies of the "2021 SCF Printed Directory" are now available in the church office.

**April Newsletter Deadline: March 26**  
Please send articles to Jan Tuckerman:  
jtuckerman@chamberscable.com

**ELECTRIC THREE-WHEEL CART**

We have a donation of a electric three-wheel cart for use outside on a paved path. Original cost was \$3000. It is in good shape but needs a battery. Must be stored inside and needs to be on a battery charger. It will disassemble to fit in a car trunk. We can deliver in the local area. It is FREE as part of our medical loan program. Contact Steve Austin: 541-593-1216; lizandsteve@bendbroadband.com



**NOTE: Men's Group on ZOOM**

This group is still meeting under Frank Brocker's coordination every Tuesday morning at a new time - 8:30-9:30 am, via Zoom. Contact Dave Buhaly to have your name added to the Zoom invitation list.

Dave Buhaly  
svrbvrdave@icloud.com  
435-770-9220



**BOTTLES & CANS FOR JANUARY**

In January we collected \$341.65 in cash and a check from the bottle drop for a total of \$566.65. Thank you.

*Steve Austin*

**NEWS FLASH**

**Watch for an email over the next 10 days seeking your opinion about refreshing and reopening SCF!**

**Thank you from the LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICE**

Thank you for the incredible commitment you showed to refugees and migrants in 2020. Your generosity provided us the funding needed to keep our legacy of welcome during a very challenging time. Your investment enabled us to uphold the values of compassion, human rights, family unity, and dignity for those seeking safety from war and persecution.

Your total contribution to LIRS: \$1250.

In anticipation of the changes to our immigration policies and system, we're prayerfully preparing for a time when more refugees and immigrants can feel the presence of God's love through our work.

With your support, we can continue to welcome and stand alongside vulnerable families seeking safety and asylum and provide them with hope and a new beginning.

We will ensure that children who have been orphaned or separated from loved ones find loving homes and make sure that those trapped in immigration detention never feel alone.

And we will continue to be a voice for the vulnerable, advocating for the compassionate treatment of refugees and migrants.

I am so grateful for your generosity and commitment of our mission, and you have made an impact in the lives of refugee and migrant families. Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity to LIRS

With deep gratitude.  
Andrew Stelle

*Vice President of Development and Outreach.*

**Thank You from the FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION**

Dear Sunriver Christian Fellowship:

Thank you for giving the gift of mobility in 2020.  
Your generous donation in 2020 was \$9940.

Your generosity, along with all other generous donors, made the following achievements possible in 2020:

- Distributed 55,636 wheelchairs in 28 countries
- Trained 24 distribution partners in 16 countries
- Distributed an average of 200 wheelchairs per day.

On behalf of Free Wheelchair Mission, and those whose lives you are helping to transform, I extend our thanks to you for partnering with us in this mission

With gratitude,

Nuka Solomon  
*Chief executive Officer*



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**Sunriver Christian Fellowship**

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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