



# Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

## December 2018

Dear Family,

When I think back on fabled Christmas traditions, the TV Santa comes to mind, struggling to make his way down the chimney with a large belly and even larger bag of toys. Once in the living room, he is delighted to find a tall glass of milk and a couple cookies in plain sight for him to consume to replenish his energy.

There is the true story of blessed Sybil Gibson who as she weakened and made her way closer to the kingdom of heaven, she collected things she loved and invited friends over for tea. She invited each to pick a gift to take home. Some gifts she pre-selected for friends; others had a choice.

Here are thoughts offered on gifts given and received by blessed Fred Craddock, who, like Sybil Gibson, has risen in glory.

This is the season when we are reminded that giving and receiving are one act, not two. Of course, for practical purposes we divide them. For example, there are times when it is important to stress that it is more blessed to give than receive. At other times, attention is given to receiving. The church devotes four weeks (Advent) to prepare to receive the Christ child. But receiving without giving can be selfish, just as giving without receiving can be condescending. The New Testament understands this by offering one word for generosity (giving) and the same word for gratitude (receiving). That word is Grace.

I have a vivid memory of giving and receiving as one beautiful act. The occasion involved my late sister, Frieda. When her long battle with cancer was coming to a close, she sent word to friends to come by for a gift. Over the years she had received gifts from them: a vase, a wall hanging, a painting, silver tableware, and so on. When the friends arrived, she gave to each the gift that she had once received from that friend. I was stunned and embarrassed. We had been taught from childhood that you do not return gifts: you keep them, you prize them.

I stationed myself outside so that I could explain to the friends that Frieda was not ungrateful. This was so out of character for her. It must be the cancer or the medication. As the first friend came out of the house, I began my painful apology, only to be interrupted. "Oh, no; this is the most wonderful gift I have ever had. It is twice blessed; it has been both given and received. What could be more beautiful?"

Nothing.

This story gives a lovely new color to our Christmas giving and receiving..

Be well.

Faithfully,  
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### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**Monday, December 24 2 p.m.**

**Family Christmas Eve Service**

A wonderful celebration of Jesus' Birth, designed with children in mind. It will include carol singing, a unique drama with a distinctive historical Sunriver flavor, special music, Eucharist, and a Christmas gift for the children. The service lasts about 50 minutes.

**Monday, December 24 9 p.m.**

**Traditional Christmas Eve Service**

This service is an opportunity to sing favorite Christmas carols in community fashion, listen to beautiful Christmas music by the choir and bells, be challenged by a Christmas message from Pastor Nancy, culminating in the Holy Eucharist.

### **RING & SING IN THE SEASON**

Sunday, December 9, 3 p.m. Free. A holiday musical program featuring vocals and bells from the Sunriver Christian Fellowship music ministry

**Schedule of Upcoming Services December**

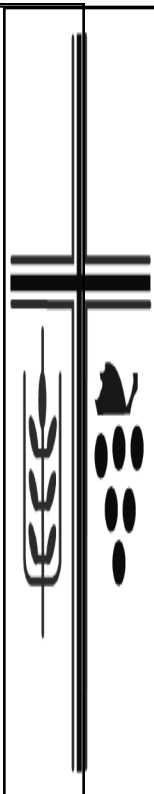
**December 2: The 1st Sunday of Advent**  
 Celebrant: The Rev. Shereda Benfield  
 Altar Guild: Gail Drew, Linda Smith, Gina Tjadin, Harriet Yandt  
 Lector: Karen Newcomb  
 Chalice Bearers: Dave Buhaly, Gail Drew, Karen Newcomb, Barbara Purcell, Gina & Terry Tjadin  
 Greeter: Elizabeth Stearns  
 Ushers: Nancy & Richard Farnham, Vicki & Don Udlock  
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Vicki Udlock  
 Eucharistic Visitors: Bette Butler & Karen Carmichael  
 Coffee: Jenny & Dave Long

**December 9: The 2nd Second of Advent**  
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green  
 Altar Guild: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin, Clara Smith, Patty Smith  
 Lector: Stuart Young  
 Chalice Bearers: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin, Clara Smith, Patti Smith, Sandy & Stuart Young  
 Greeter: Yvonne Smith  
 Ushers: Dave Buhaly, Bob Sharp, Vicki & Don Udlock,  
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Vicki Udlock  
 Coffee: Carol & Terry Thomas

**December 16: The 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green  
 Altar Guild: Sue Huseonica, Anne Irving, Mary Link, Dorothy Theodorson  
 Lector: Carol Thomas  
 Chalice Bearers: Susan & Joe Huseonica, Anne Irving, Mary Link, Dorothy & Rob Theodorson  
 Greeter: Sandra Kendle  
 Ushers: Sandra Kendle, Bob Vogel  
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Bob Vogel  
 Coffee: Linda & John Salzer

**December 23: The 4th Sunday of Advent**  
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green  
 Altar Guild: Jan Bull, Stacy Pyatt, Linda Salzer, Kay Sharp  
 Lector: Harry Hamilton  
 Chalice Bearers: Jan Bull, Stacy Pyatt, Linda & John Salzer, Kay & Bob Sharp  
 Greeter: Clara Smith  
 Ushers:  
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros:  
 Coffee: Susan & Joe Huseonica

**December 24: Family Christmas Eve Service 2 p.m.**  
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green  
 Altar Guild: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin, Susan Huseonica, Mary Link  
 Chalice Bearers: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin, Susan & Joe Huseonica, Joan Lewis, Mary Link  
 Greeter: John Lysaker  
 Ushers: Margaret Beard



**December 24: Christmas Eve Service 9 p.m.**  
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green  
 Altar Guild: Jan Bull, Susan Huseonica, Patty Smith  
 Lector: Terry Thomas  
 Chalice Bearers: Jan Bull, Sallie & Dave Hennessy, Patty Smith, Carol & Terry Thomas  
 Greeter: Karen Newcomb  
 Ushers: Bob Sharp

**December 30: The 1st Sunday after Christmas**  
 Celebrant: Pastor Frank Bocker  
 Altar Guild: Jan Bull, Stacy Pyatt, Linda Salzer, Kay Sharp  
 Lector: Dana Gregg  
 Chalice Bearers: Jan Bull, Dana Gregg, Linda & John Salzer, Kay & Bob Sharp  
 Greeter: Randy Heise  
 Ushers: Sally & Randy Heise  
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Sally Heise  
 Coffee: Kay & Bob Sharp

**January 6: The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green  
 Altar Guild: Susan Huseonica, Linda Smith, Harriet Yandt  
 Lector: Sallie Heise  
 Chalice Bearers: Jane Boubel, Carole & Andy Elsbee, Sally & Randy Heise, Mal Murphy  
 Greeter:  
 Ushers: Richard & Nancy Farnham, Bob Vogel  
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Bob Vogel  
 Eucharistic Visitors: Kay & Bob Sharp  
 Coffee: Ginny & Jim Adams

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** On Wednesday, December 12, 10:30 a.m., the HTCC sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas. Holy Trinity Catholic Church takes charge of this activity but SCF members are invited to help.

- Prayer Needs*
- Al & Karen Tweit
  - Andrew & Nicholas Barthelemy
  - Susan Weber—dealing with Parkinson's
  - Aedan—great-grandson of Karen Newcomb, birth defect
  - Bernadine & Jim Foster—cancer & heart issues
  - William Lamberton—grandson of Sandra Rodgers, in long-term recovery; assault
  - Maxford—grandson of Harriet & Max Yandt; Acute Flaccid Myelitis
  - Charlene—sister of Chuck Carey; fighting cancer
  - Ellen Rau—fighting cancer
  - Steve Rau—recovery from broken ankle
  - Richard Hansen—fighting cancer
  - Rich Charles—struggling with dementia
  - Audrey Charles—undergoing cancer treatment
  - Kate Mendenhall—dealing with grief
  - Marianna Wiper—fighting pain
  - Judy Johnson—knee replacement
  - Tom Sandefur—dealing with cancer
  - Binny Kinyon—knee replacement
  - Susan Wells—recovery from cancer surgery
  - Barbara Vogel—hip replacement surgery



**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**

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.-noon, HTCC Dining Room.

*Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg  
 Contact Jane Boubel or Shereda Benfield for more details

All women are invited even if you have not previously attended

**Men of Faith Group** — topics evolve related to interest.

Sunriver Nature Center, Pozzi Building; Coffee available, \$3.00 ·  
 Tuesdays; 7:30-8:30 a.m. Contact: Frank Brocker (541-593-7396)

**SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**

We've been asking you to pray for our current 17 scholarship recipients this fall. Given that the end of the fall term is coming up quickly for all of them, please pray that they are diligent in completing all required projects, and in particular, good success on their various course finals.

As we suggested last month, if you need a special gift idea this holiday season, consider making an "In Honor Donation" to the *Partnership in Education* Scholarship Program in recognition of a loved one.

If you would like to participate in this kind of "holiday acknowledgement," you can make a donation in any amount you choose to the Scholarship Program. Simply write a check to SCF, putting the words "Scholarship Program Holiday Recognition" on the memo line. Also, please provide the church office with the name(s) and mailing addresses of the person(s) you would like to honor. A "Holiday Recognition Card" will be mailed to them on your behalf.

**DISASTER RELIEF DONATIONS**

Beginning today, Sunday November 25, and going through Sunday December 16, SCF will hold an emergency appeal to benefit the California Fire Disaster Relief. We ask that you make out your checks to SCF and put "fire relief" directed to one of the following three relief agencies: ELCA Disaster Relief, Episcopal Relief and Development or Habitat for Humanity Disaster Relief. If you do not designate one of these three we will equally divide your contribution among the three when we send out the checks. If you would rather make your donation to another relief agency we ask that you send your donation directly to that agency. Please support this appeal as it is urgently needed.

**DAILY BREAD:** Winter "Daily Bread" devotionals are available in the foyer literature rack.

**NAME TAGS:** If you do not currently have a name tag to wear on Sundays for the worship service, contact Jan Bull and request one - [541-593-2052](tel:541-593-2052) or [shoppingnanaian@gmail.com](mailto:shoppingnanaian@gmail.com).

**BLOOD DRIVE:** A Blood Drive, sponsored by SCF, will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Friday, December 29, 12:30-6:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, either call [1-800-737-2767](tel:1-800-737-2767) or go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). If you can donate cookies, please bring them to the church on that Friday morning and leave them in the kitchen.

**SAVE THE DATE** The SCF Annual Church Business Meeting will follow the worship service on January 20. If you have a ministry team report you would like included in the "2018 Annual Report," the submission deadline is January 11, 2019. Please send it as an email attachment if at all possible.

**SCF MANAGING BOARD MEETING**

The SCF Managing Board meets once a month on a Tuesday in the HTCC dining room from 2:30-4:00 p.m. These meetings are open to all. The next board meeting is **December 18**.

**Updated Directories Information**

Kate Mendenhall - Nov-Apr.  
 7352 E. Princess Blvd. Apt. 4210  
 Scottsdale, AZ. 85255

**Financial Report as of October 31, 2018**

	<u>Actual Jan.-Oct.</u>	<u>Budget Jan.-Oct.</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$239,546	\$273,775
<b>Expenses</b>	\$254,918	\$263,415
<b>Net Income</b>	\$(15,371)	\$ 10,360

**January Newsletter Deadline:**

**December 28**

Please send articles to  
 Jan Tuckerman:

[jtuckerman@chamberscable.com](mailto:jtuckerman@chamberscable.com)

**Ministry Team Leaders – 2018**

Congregational Care  
*Pastor Nancy Green*  
 Stephen Ministry  
*Randy Heise & Ginny Adams*  
 Senior Ministry  
*Joe Huseonica*  
 Communications  
*Cindy & Mark McConnell*  
 Education  
*Rob Pearson*  
 Evangelism  
*Shirley Smith*  
 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 – 2018**

Joe Huseonica  
*President*  
*Vice President*  
 Katie Hall  
*Secretary*  
 Jenny Long  
*Treasurer*  
 Gene Bennington  
 Dave Buhaly  
 Cliff Erikson  
 Roy Green  
 Sandra Kendle  
 Linda Smith

**SCF STAFF**

**The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green**  
*Senior Pastor*  
**Dr. Robert Pearson**  
*Associate Pastor: Worship & Administration*  
**Jan Tuckerman**  
*Administrative Assistant*

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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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