



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

May 2021

Dear Family,

For nearly 14 months, SCF has not held a public worship service due to the COVID pandemic. By the way, it was Pastor Frank Brocker who led our last public worship service on March 8, 2020, but we won't blame him for what happened subsequently!

During the shut-down, a Virtual Worship Service has served as a weekly worship alternative. To make that possible, we need to give a giant thanks to Randy Heise who masterminded the mammoth job of (1) video-recording our virtual service every Saturday, (2) editing and mixing, at home, the audio recording done each week by Roger Smith, (3) often adding in special music prerecorded by bell ringers or vocalists, and then (4) posting the finished product on the SCF website in both video and audio formats for Sunday distance participation – **no small undertaking!!!**

Hopefully we are turning a corner towards again offering in-house worship services. Given the increasing number of COVID inoculations being administered, and we know that Sunriver people are taking full advantage of that, it was our intention to begin in-person worship services on Sunday, May 9, which is Mother's Day. However, due to the recent spike in COVID cases, and the new designation in Deschutes County as "Extreme", we are changing our plan.

Don't be dismayed!!! We will still have our first in-person worship service on May 9, **10:30 a.m.**, but it will be held outdoors in the HTCC parking lot on the east side of the building, as we did last fall, weather-permitting. This outdoor gathering will continue until we receive word that the county's COVID designation has lowered, at which time we will move to indoor worship services.

As we did last fall, the following basic guidelines need to be observed for our outdoor worship services:

- Bring your own folding chair(s).
- Mask-wearing, currently, according to the CDC, is not required if outdoors if you have had both inoculations.
- If you have not had your second inoculation, please wear a mask for the sake of others.
- Maintain a reasonable distance from others just as a precaution.

In anticipation of in-person worship services, the Worship Committee has developed several protocols that will need to be observed. As we draw closer to that time, we will notify you with protocol-specifics that will provide both a public worship opportunity and a safe environment for all participants.

Church leadership recognizes that the most important priority of our church family is to worship together. We appreciate your patience as we move towards that eventuality. We also know you appreciate the fact that **safety** is a top necessity that guides leadership's decision regarding when to start in-house worship.

We look forward with hope and anticipation to soon regathering for family worship.

Pastor Rob

OUTDOORS...INDOORS..TAPED **WHICH WILL IT BE?**

OUTDOORS: Starting Sunday, May 9, at **10:30 a.m.**, outdoor, in-person services will be held in the east side church parking lot. Bring a chair, mask if you aren't fully vaccinated, and maintain appropriate distance. All outdoor services are subject to weather conditions. **Please note the slight time change to 10:30 p.m. to allow for set-up of your chairs!**

INDOORS: No in-person, indoor services until safety conditions, and state and county guidelines, allow such gatherings at a capacity to best serve the greatest number of our congregation again.

TAPING: Weekly Sunday services will continue to be taped and posted on the SCF website until indoor services are able to reconvene at full capacity .

All taped services are available for viewing on the SCF website on the date of celebration and will remain posted:
www.sunriverchristianfellowship.org

Schedule of Upcoming Services: May 2021

SERVICES ON THE SCF WEBSITE

All taped services are 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.

May 2: 5th Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Roy Green

May 9: 6th Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

IN PERSON: weather permitting 10:30 HTCC east side parking lot. See cover article for guidelines.

May 16: 7th Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

May 23: The Day of Pentecost

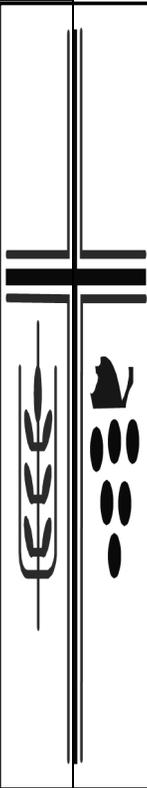
Pastor Robert Pearson

May 30: The 1st Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Shereda Benfield

June 6: The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green



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
- *Steve Rau*—treatment for MRSA
- *Rich*—brother of Sandra Rodgers; eye issues
- *Nicholas & Michelle Barthelemy*—emotional issues
- *Mary Link*—future abdominal surgery
- *Carol Thomas*—recovery from spine stimulator implant
- *Barbara Goffrier*—recovery from knee replacement
- *Lynne Ekstrom*—recovery from cancer treatment
- *Carol Friedley*—knee replacement recovery
- *Paul Barthelemy*—aortic valve replacement
- *Hal Husby*—chronic pain



SCF TREASURER OPENING

Towards the end of April, the Finance Committee actively began searching for a replacement for the church treasurer, Jenny Long. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please contact a member of the Managing Board or Jenny (usna03@gmail.com) herself.

UPDATED DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Shereda Benfield & George Blankenship:

new address

2001 NE Linnea Dr., #235,

Bend, OR 97701

phone numbers and emails remain the same.

June Newsletter Deadline: May 25

Please send articles to Jan Tuckerman:

jtuckerman@chamberscable.com

SCF SURVEY RESULTS

In early March, an email was sent out to SCF family members asking for input and comments on three questions:

1. **Church Growth:** The church needs to focus on congregational expansion. What thoughts or suggestions do you have regarding how this might be accomplished?
2. **Church Branding:** When you are describing SCF to people, what are your “selling” points? What makes you proud to be a member of SCF?
3. **Participation:** SCF needs a broad spectrum of members to participate in the “Refresh and Reopen” Action Group. Are you willing to participate in this short-term project?

The results to the survey will be shared via email with all members on Monday, May 3.

Thank you for your very thoughtful responses.

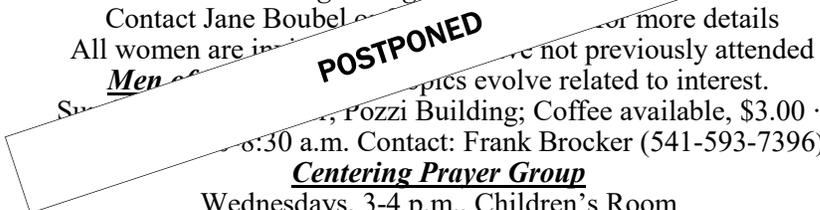
Transformed to Love & Serve – the Goal of the Education Ministry of SCF
Ongoing Groups: These groups continue to meet throughout the year

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

Rising Strong by Doreen Gardner
 Contact Jane Boubel for more details
 All women are invited. Those who have not previously attended

Men's Group topics evolve related to interest.
 Sunriver Library, Pozzi Building; Coffee available, \$3.00
 8:30 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

The Scholarship Committee recently received 18 scholarship applications and will soon begin personal interviews with each young person. Seven applicants were "first-timers" and the remaining are who we call "reapplicants." Decisions regarding awarded scholarships will be shared with you in the June newsletter.

The COVID challenge over the past year has not permitted the Scholarship Committee to offer many fundraising efforts. We have been blessed with several good donations recently and we are awaiting news regarding a grant that was submitted last month. Between now and the end of August, the committee would like to raise an additional \$5,000-7,500 towards awarding scholarships we wish to grant for the next school year. If you can assist in this effort, please make out your check to SCF and put "Scholarship Program" on the memo line. We believe that this program is making a difference in the lives and futures of the young people we are privileged to support.

CARE AND SHARE APRIL

Thanks to all for your generous contributions of nonperishable food! You continue to make Care and Share a viable charity. We would like to respectfully request that items in glass jars not be donated. In recent weeks we have had boxes topple. Had there been any glass items in those boxes we would had quite a mess!

Thank you again for your generosity and willingness to support Care and Share.

The stats for April are as follow:

Boxes Distributed

- Small: 41
- Medium: 34
- Large: 26
- X-Large: 7
- Total: 108**

People Served

- Adults: 250
- Kids: 121
- Total: 371**

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

The HWY 97 cleanup crew is pleased to announce that Thursday May 20, 2021, cleanup is on! All cleanup 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).

BOTTLES & CANS FOR MARCH

In March we collected \$411.10 in cash plus a check from bottle drop for \$100.00 for a grand total of \$511.10. Thank you all for your hard work. Steve Austin

Financial Report as of March 31, 2021

	Actual Jan-Mar.	Budget Jan-Mar.
Income	\$79,003	\$75,501
Expenses	\$72,974	\$77,929
Net Income	\$ 6,029	\$ -2,428

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

SCF Managing Board – 2021

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- 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
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- Liz Haberman
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- 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

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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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