



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

April 2020

Dear Family,

Hear the words from Herbert O. Driscoll, our first speaker, sponsored by our Speakership Series, years ago. This came from him last week with permission to quote. He uses as his text, Julian of Norwich's masterpiece, Revelations of Divine Love. Dame Julian was an English Anchorite [circa 1342-1416]

This revelation is "...an exchange between Julian and our Lord in which he shows her the outstretched palm of God's hand in which she sees a hazelnut lying. Puzzled, Julian asks our Lord what the hazelnut means. He tells her that it is a symbol of everything God has created. In this Julian is to see three things of God's Creation, that God is its Maker, its Lover and its Keeper.

That short exchange in Julian's manuscript seemed to speak eloquently to a late 20th world that was becoming aware of the all-important responsibility humanity bears to its own natural environment.

That exchange between Julian and her Lord has attached to it a promise that continues to echo down the centuries, a promise that has become overwhelmingly important in this present time of world-wide anxiety and fear. Julian recalls our Lord's words precisely. She is told that "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Those utterly simple words, promising a sublime hope for Creation and History, can be heard quoted again and again in our own deeply shadowed time of viral infection and its threatening consequences. We quote them because they promise a divine hope. We also owe a huge debt to a woman who, even though her life was surrounded by plague and fear, handed on that divine promise to future generations.

A final thought. There is a debt we owe that is all too easily forgotten, a debt to the treasures of Jewish wisdom. Somewhere in that great treasure house there is the remark of some sage about Moses and the Exodus Journey. Moses, it is said, was not a person of fear. He did not fear the burdens of leadership, nor fear enemies nor the dangers of the wilderness. There was only one thing he feared, that the people would lose Hope. Then and only then would the great journey end.

So let's join one another in remaining a people of Hope."

Easter blessings of Resurrected Life.
Pastor Nancy

The Hands and Feet of Christ Are In Action At SCF and the Broader Community

Our country, state, and local communities are facing a crisis as the coronavirus spreads. But challenges generally bring out the best in people - especially members of SCF. Members are making calls to check on the health and safety of our brothers and sisters, volunteers are delivering groceries and prescription medicines to our most vulnerable, a team is crafting masks to protect our heroic doctors and nurses on the front lines of this pandemic, and our community outreach programs are caring for South County children and families in dire need. The list goes on and on.

There is no doubt, the SCF family is the hands and feet of Christ in action: here, now, when most needed. I am so proud of every one of you, and blessed beyond all measure to be part of something truly exceptional. Yet in these unprecedented times the need is great, and I must, as your Stewardship Chair, ask you to prayerfully consider becoming involved in two additional ways.

First, as you know, many of the people who work in Sunriver are either unemployed or their income has been significantly reduced. Imagine the financial strain on housekeepers, barbers and hair stylists, food servers, small business owners, grocery clerks, and the many other employees in service industries in and around Sunriver. They need our help now. Consider giving some of these persons a financial gift, perhaps along with a note of appreciation for who they are and the work they do. Your help could mean food on their tables or utilities paid.

Second, I want you to be aware that approximately 20% of SCF's annual budget relies on "plate or non-pledge gifts". That amounts to more than \$62,000 for 2020. However, since we are no longer able to come together, that expected revenue is gone. The resulting budget shortfall can only be addressed by one of three options: an increase in SCF family giving; an equivalent reduction in essential pastoral care or community outreach; or, spending down our modest reserves which serve as a safety net to address our uncertain housing situation.

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Schedule of Upcoming Services: April 2020

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 5: Palm Sunday

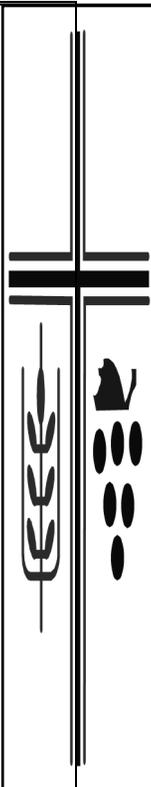
April 10: Good Friday

April 12: Easter Sunday

April 19: The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 26: The 3rd Sunday of Easter

May 3: The 4th Sunday of Easter



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Therefore, I am asking every SCF member to prayerfully consider, if your financial position allows, to please help now. If you are going to receive a check as a result of the recent stimulus package passed by Congress, consider sharing it. If you do not need it to pay bills, there are others who certainly do, including SCF and our neighbors in the service industry.

I know I am asking a lot of the SCF family when investments have tanked in value. But our church's and neighbors' needs are real and immediate. Share as you are able. Collectively we can continue to accomplish great works when we participate in actions that make God's love real and present in our community.

Faithfully Yours,
 Jim Adams
 Stewardship Chair

THANK YOU from MONICA HUSBY

Dear Sallie and all the Prayer Shawl knitters:
 Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. It was such a delightful surprise to receive this gift from all of you. Your prayers and love are deeply appreciated.

As you make prayer shawls for others in time of grief, know how much the receiver is feeling the love from her Christian sisters. I wish I where there so I could give each of you a hug.

Thank you again so much for the beautiful shawl. It will be used daily. You all have a wonderful ministry you are fulfilling.

Love & prayers
 Monica Husby

HWY 97 CLEANUP

The HWY 97 cleanup crew is pleased to announce 2020 clean up dates. All days will be on Thursdays. Meet at SCF parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. Bring a hat, gloves and water. Sign-up sheets will be available the two Sundays before each clean up.

May 14, June 11, July 9 ,
 August 13, September 24
 Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
 David Drescher: 503=475=5500
dnadrescher@gmail.com

FROM THE SCF TREASURER

As we face many disruptions to our processes/procedures at SCF, I wanted to let you know that I will continue to stop by the church each Monday to pick up any checks/check requests that have been dropped off or mailed in during the previous week. While services have stopped, we still have monthly obligations to meet so please continue your generous support of SCF and its outreach ministries. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these, please feel free to let me know.

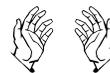
In addition, I wanted you to be aware that I plan to keep the members of the Managing Board and Finance Committee informed regarding our financial status with a summary every two weeks of our income and expenses. Please let me know if you would like to be included.

I look forward to our being able to gather again as the family that we are.

Take care,
 Jenny Long, SCF Treasurer

Prayer Needs

- Al Tweit
- Andrew & Nicholas Barthelemy
- 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
- Maxford—grandson of Harriet & Max Yandt; Acute Flaccid Myelitis
- Ellen Rau—dealing with cancer
- Marianna Wiper—recovery from another fall
- Bonnie Gregory—stroke recovery; sister of Barbie Sessler
- Bill Taylor—fighting cancer
- Marianne Arnold—blood pressure issues
- Olivia Long—living with complications from epilepsy; granddaughter of Jenny & Dave Long
- Cathy Blinn—sister of Roy Green; battling metastatic cancer
- Shirley Smith—heart & lung issues
- John Lysaker—lung & strength issues
- Al Braemer—heart & lung issues
- Mollie Shea—in recovery
- The Wilson Family—in their hour of loss



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 Brené Brown
 Contact Jane Boubel
 All women are invited. Topics evolve related to interest.

Men's Group:
 Sunriver, Pozzi Building; Coffee available, \$3.00
 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

CARE AND SHARE UPDATE

On behalf of the Care and Share Board, I'd like to thank Sunriver Christian Fellowship for their steadfast support in food donations, volunteer hours, and financial support over these past chaotic months. As a different kind of chaos is now upon us with the COVID-19 virus pandemic, your prayers, help, and support continue to be both very much needed and appreciated.

Since Sunday services were cancelled on the 15th (meaning no food bag pick-ups for C&S), Youngs had their truck at SCF on Wednesday, March 18, and about 20 families brought 28 bags, boxes and cases of food. THANK YOU!

We were planning to distribute on March 27 but we cancelled that distribution due to Governor Brown's statewide order to remain at home. It was not an easy decision, but many of our volunteers are older than 60 and most at risk. We know many of our clients are food challenged during normal times, so the decision felt awful, and now we are trying to figure out how we can respond to families who are desperate and call us.

We shall see what happens by this time next month and then make a decision for an April distribution, but for the time being, stay home and stay safe.

We do have some good news: We have a new name for this 501(c)3 charity of 100% volunteers:

Community Outreach Care and Share

Formerly Holy Trinity Care and Share, now our local food box ministry has a new name that better defines who we are: Volunteers from the Sunriver churches and the greater community in Sunriver/La Pine who are helping feed hungry families and adults in south Deschutes County.

We want to give a special shout-out of thanks to the many hands who have been involved in passing out bags and collecting food in their trucks/SUVs; sorting cans and boxes, collecting boxes, picking up fresh fruit, bread, milk or groceries; collecting, sorting and getting the refunds on redeemable cans and bottles; donating money; volunteering on the last Friday of the month to register clients, fill and sort boxes, and then load the milk, laundry soap, and boxes into cars. It takes a village!

Other news: Mark and Cindy McConnell have designed and ordered credit-card sized refrigerator magnets to be placed in rental units so that renters can know what to do with and where to take their redeemable cans in Sunriver and know they are helping feed the hungry by doing so. What a clever idea! Thank you, Mark and Cindy. SCF is funding this project through UPCAP.

Needed: Volunteers to help with the following: [once collection & distribution resumes]

** Two volunteers to pass out bags at SCF on the second Sunday each month and one volunteer to have their pickup truck or large SUV available to load filled bags at SCF on the third Sunday each month. There are some names on the list already, but more names are needed to share these tasks.

If you have questions about how you can help or want to volunteer, please call/text me at 541-848-9920 or email at slsjyoung@hotmail.com.

Many oodles of thanks and elbow bumps, Sandy Young

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- Senior Ministry
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- Communications
Cindy & Mark McConnell
- Education
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- 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

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May Newsletter Deadline: April 27

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

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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

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

Services held at the

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