



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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Managing Board President's Message

It has been a busy and productive year for your SCF Managing Board as we attended to a number of organizational, administrative, and financial opportunities. Before I delve into a summary of those opportunities, allow me to thank the members of our Pastoral Staff, the Managing Board, the Finance Committee and the Endowment Fund Trustees who dedicated a significant number of hours to insuring that the pastoral and business aspects of our great congregation were being well attended to. I especially want to thank Cliff Erickson and Gene Bennington for their service to the Board as they prepare to move on to serve other needs in our congregation and community. Similarly, I want to thank Bob Vogel, who has served the Endowment Fund for so many years

The key organizational issues that the Board addressed this year were those of Board term limits and election of Endowment Fund Trustees. The SCF Bylaws now include provisions that allow board members to succeed themselves for a second term or a total of six years. Both the SCF Bylaws and the Endowment Fund Charter were amended to provide for election of EF trustees. EF Trustees had previously been approved and appointed by the Managing Board, but with the increasing value of the endowment fund, prudence has dictated that the trustees be elected by the congregation. The SCF Bylaws were also amended to allow the SCF Nominating Committee to identify board and trustee candidates.

Administratively, the Board approved three key process changes. First was a decision to license the use of Ministry Scheduler Pro, a software package, as a means of reducing the required effort and to automate the process that our ministry leaders were using to identify and schedule volunteers for our various worship ministries. We believe that as congregation members become more familiar and comfortable with this software, the scheduling of lay ministry activities will become much more efficient and predictable. Second was rescheduling the sequence of events that the Finance Committee and Managing Board use to establish our operating and ministry budgets for the coming fiscal year. In years past, a budget was established after the results of the Stewardship pledge process were known. This often meant that desired spending levels were not supported. This year, and going forward, the congregation will be presented with the needed spending levels prior to being asked to submit a pledge. The result of this process change is that the Finance Committee and the Managing Board are able to fully honor the needs of our operating and ministry spending requests. Third was a decision by the Finance Committee, with Managing Board approval, to move our sizeable reserve fund into a potentially higher yield investment fund. The oversight of this reserve fund remains with the Finance Committee and Managing Board.

As most are aware, SCF entered 2018 expecting to negotiate a new long-term lease for our building with the Catholic Church. An initial term sheet was being proposed before the

Catholic Bishop announced that the Holy Redeemer Parish of La Pine, that includes this mission church, Holy Trinity, would be launching a "Planning for the Future" process with a goal of building a new parish church serving both Sunriver and La Pine. This plan, if enacted, would include disposing of this building. The Bishop's announcement of this planning process came with a commitment that SCF would be provided with a right of first refusal if the building was to come up for sale.

So here we are close to a year later and we do know that Holy Redeemer is progressing with their planning efforts. However, we are not privy to the details of that process or the progress being made. Recent inquiries have yielded only the response that we will be updated when there is something specific to share. While we have not been offered a time line, it is prudent to expect a protracted process. General knowledge of the building process says it is reasonable to believe that it could be two to three years or more before a new church could be completed. The Catholic Bishop has re-confirmed the commitment to give SCF every opportunity to purchase this building when the timing is appropriate.

At this juncture, we will continue our wait and see stance. We fully expect that a discussion to extend the existing lease will happen in the coming months. We have also indicated to the Catholics that we could be open to beginning a dialogue on the possibility of purchasing this building prior to completion of their new church and basically reversing the roles that are in place today. However, there have been no discussions on this point to date. Please be assured that the Managing Board will notify the congregation if the Catholics were to extend an invitation to begin such a discussion.

I believe it reasonable to say at this point, that the spiritual, organizational and financial health of our congregation is strong. This congregation and this community move forward on volunteerism, and the presence and value of so many SCF members is apparent throughout our community.

There will be four major areas of focus for the Managing Board as we move through 2019. First is the important need to make sure we maintain our use of this building after the expiration of our existing lease at the end of the year. We will be engaging our landlord in such discussions beginning early this year. Second is the need to have contingency plans in place with options for acquiring this facility if the opportunity arises. Third is the need to maintain a dialogue with our pastoral staff regarding their individual retirement plans and to plan for succession as is appropriate. And, fourth, is the need to continue to enable this congregation to be of value and service to our Lord and to this wonderful community that we are blessed to be a part of.

Joe Huseonica, 2018 SCF Management Board President

Schedule of Upcoming Services: February

February 3: The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Jan Bull, Mary Link, Linda Smith
 Lector: Don Udlock
 Chalice Bearers: Jan Bull, Mary Link, Barb Purcell,
 Vicki & Don Udlock, Gordon Werkeme
 Greeter: Bob Shearman
 Ushers: Margaret Beard, Nancy & Richard Farnham
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros:
 Eucharistic Visitors: Anne Irving & Mary Link
 Coffee: Sue & Doug Seator

February 10 The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin,
 Clara Smith, Patty Smith
 Lector: Janice Dost
 Chalice Bearers: Bette Butler, Karen Carmichael,
 Brenda Chapin, Janice Dost,
 Clara Smith, Patti Smith
 Greeter: Janice Dost
 Ushers: Bonnie & Skip Smith
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Skip Smith
 Coffee: Linda & Bob Shearman

February 17: The 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

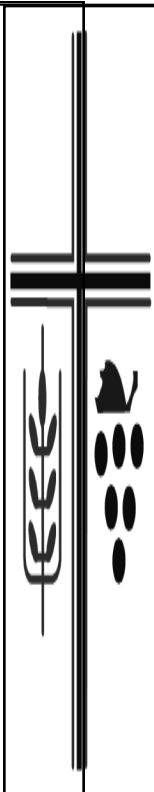
Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Anne Irving, Mary Link, Dorothy Theodorson
 Lector: Wade Watson
 Chalice Bearers: Bette Butler, Anne Irving, Mary Link,
 Dorothy & Rob Theodorson, Wade Watson
 Greeter: Karen Carmichael
 Ushers: Bob Shearman, Bob Vogel
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Bob Vogel
 Coffee: Jenny & Dave Long

February 24: The 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Barthelemy
 Altar Guild: Jan Bull, Stacy Pyatt, Linda Salzer, Kay Sharp
 Lector: Gene Bennington
 Chalice Bearers: Jan Bull, Stacy Pyatt, Linda & John Salzer,
 Kay & Bob Sharp
 Greeter: Diana Swenson
 Ushers: Margaret Beard, Monica Mack, Linda Smith
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros:
 Coffee: Diana & Pete Gustavson

March 3: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Gail Drew, Linda Smith, Patty Smith
 Lector: Randy Heise
 Chalice Bearers: Dave Buhaly, Gail Drew, Randy & Sally Heise,
 Linda Smith, Patty Smith
 Greeter: Yvonne Smith
 Ushers: Nancy & Richard Farnham
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros:
 Eucharistic Visitors: Gene Bennington & Shirley Smith
 Coffee: Jan & Bergen Bull



LENTEN SEASON

This year, the Lenten season is introduced with the Ash Wednesday Service on March 6, 7 p.m. in the HTCC sanctuary. As in the past, a Taize-type format helps to set the tone for this important 5-week pilgrimage leading up to Holy Week.

Throughout Lent, weekly Sunday worship services will include expanded readings and music. We hope this will enhance your weekly personal worship participation.

Worship Scheduler Assistance

The Worship Ministry Team implemented a new software program to assist in scheduling needed weekly worship personnel (i.e., Greeters, Chalice Bearers, Lectors, Ushers, etc.). If you have been having problems getting use to this new system, call Sally Heise who will help you navigate through the program and answer your particular questions - [541-390-0027](tel:541-390-0027).

UPDATED PRINT DIRECTORY

The deadline to submit changes or to be newly added to the SCF printed directory was February 1. However, if you were not able to meet that deadline, you can still submit information to the church by Monday, February 4 at noon - sunrivercf@gmail.com. We are planning to have updated directories available on Sunday, February 10.

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 Lambertson—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
- Rich Charles—struggling with dementia
- Audrey Charles—undergoing cancer treatment
- Marianna Wiper—fighting pain
- Tom Sandefur—dealing with cancer
- Patsy Christopher—dealing with cancer
- Joan Lewis—recovery from a broken jaw
- Randy Horn—recovery from 4 cracked vertebrae
- Dave Grissen—dealing with cancer
- Bill Taylor—dealing with cancer



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)

Conversations with the Psalms: Although this class began Sunday, January 27, you can still join in. Dana Gregg is facilitating a new look at engaging these Sacred Songs; bring your wonderings and questions as well as your devotion. It will continue through Sunday, March 3 [note: the class does not meet Feb. 10] in the HTCC dining room following the worship service.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

For the ninth time this coming spring, SCF's Scholarship Program will be awarding scholarship assistance to qualified young people. Most first-time applicants will be graduating from high school this spring and looking forward to college next fall. However, the greater number are young people who are already scholarship recipients and are reapplying as they progress through their college studies.

You've been asked to pray for our current recipients this current school year. The Scholarship Committee would ask for your prayers particularly for one of our current recipients who will be taking on a unique adventure as part of his higher education preparation.

Sam Wieber is a second-year student at Reach Training Institute in Salem, preparing for vocational ministry. The school includes practical field experience as part of a student's preparation. This past fall, Sam was asked to be part of a "2019 Kurdistan Pastoral Support Team." Sam provides us with a brief description regarding this opportunity.

"The team and I are preparing to serve in Sulymaniyan, Kurdistan from February 28-June 28. My classmate, Samson, and I will be there providing pastoral and leadership support to the International Church of Slemani (English-speaking) while the lead pastor is away on a short home assignment. Two pairs of elders from Salem Alliance Church and one of my professors at RTI will also be coming at different times to provide support and set Samson and I up for success."

During this 4-month time, Sam will also be taking 9-credit hours online from RTI. Your continued prayers for him and Samson would be most appreciated. You will be updated whenever Sam sends us new information regarding his overseas experience.

Ministry Team Leaders – 2019

- Congregational Care
Pastor Nancy Green
- Stephen Ministry
Randy Heise & Ginny Adams
- Senior Ministry
Joe Huseonica
- Communications
Cindy & Mark McConnell
- Education
Rob Pearson
- Evangelism
Bob Sharp
- 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 – 2019

- Joe Huseonica
President
- Dave Buhaly
Vice President
- Katie Hall/Patty Smith
Secretary
- Jenny Long
Treasurer
- Roy Green
- Dana Gregg
- Sandra Kendle
- Linda Smith
- Larry Weber

SCF STAFF

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

Financial Report as of December 31, 2018

	<u>Actual Jan.-Dec.</u>	<u>Budget Jan.-Dec.</u>
Income	\$325,863	\$328,530
Expenses	\$306,276	\$316,100
Net Income	\$ 19,587	\$ 12,430

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 February 26.

March Newsletter Deadline:
February 22

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

BOTTLES & CANS REVENUE FOR NOVEMBER

Our November total for deposit bottles and cans was \$298.45. Our December total was \$270.60. Our 2018 grand total was \$3868.55 representing 38,685 items recycled. Our two year total is 80,436 items recycled. We would love to have you join our team. Please contact Steve Austin if you are interested.

BOOK DISCUSSION – BEING MORTAL

During the Lenten Season, the SCF Stephen Ministry Team will conduct a study of Atul Gawande's bestselling book, *Being Mortal*. A noted surgeon, Gawande examines the process of aging in a modern world and how that process can and does conflict with modern medical practices.

"Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should.

Riveting, honest, and humane, "Being Mortal" shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life—all the way to the very end."

The study will begin Sunday March 17 from 11:45 to 1:30 and continue for five Sundays, ending April 14. Each session will operate as a "facilitated" discussion group modeled after our well received study of *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart* two years ago. In order to keep group sizes at a level where everyone has time to participate we have reserved all three available rooms and each room will have its own facilitator. Each of the first 4 weeks will focus on 2 of the book's 8 chapters while the 5th will focus on two resources we believe will help you have these difficult discussions in your own lives.

Unlike last time, this is not a Stephen Ministry publication so you will need to acquire your own book. The Deschutes Public Library System has 20 print copies, 2 of which are "large print" versions. Additionally they make it available as an e-book and an audio book. We are in contact with Deon Stonehouse at Sunriver Books and Music to ensure that copies are available at a 10% discount for those who mention they are in the SCF book study group.

After our own study of *Being Mortal*, the Stephen Ministry Team feels this book to be important and relevant not only to our congregation, but our community as a whole. We hope to see you in March.

STEPHEN MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT

The following report from the Stephen Ministry was not included unfortunately in the "2018 Annual Report." Stephen Ministry at SCF is comprised of Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are Christian caregivers trained to confidentially work one-on-one with those going through difficult times in their lives. Stephen Leaders are trained to lead and train groups of Stephen Ministers. During 2018 we trained one new Leader giving us a total of four Leaders and eleven Ministers who in total gave distinctively Christian care to fourteen different Care Receivers on their individual journeys. We are trained to walk confidentially with our care receivers experiencing challenging life circumstances including: a difficult diagnosis for you or your loved ones; serious illness; loss; divorce; the strain of being a care-giver to a loved one; and many more. If you need a partner to walk with you, or know someone who does, please let us know. You will recognize us by our blue Stephen Ministry name badges in Church each Sunday.

ANNUAL MEETING OUTCOMES

[see also the cover article for Joe Huseonica's message]

SCF held its annual church business meeting following the worship service on January 20th following the worship service. Joe Huseonica, Managing Board President, presided over the meeting. He shared an overview of the board's work during 2018 and thanked Gene Bennington and Cliff Erikson, who are stepping down, for their service.

Following his remarks, Stan Porter, Nominating Committee Chair, presented 3 nominees to serve on the Managing Board: Joe Huseonica (General), Dana Gregg (Episcopal), and Larry Weber (Lutheran). All three were unanimously approved by the membership and will serve 3-year terms. Don Udlock was presented as a nominee to serve a 3-year term on the Nominating Committee. He was unanimous approved. Stan Porter, who chaired the committee this past year, has completed his service on the committee and is stepping down from it. Appreciation for his service was expressed by president, Joe Huseonica. Mike Gocke's name was presented as a nominee for the Endowment Board. He was unanimously approved and will serve a 3-year term.

Jenny Long, SCF Treasurer, presented a summary of the "2018 Financial Statement" and the "2019 Proposed Budget." The new budget was unanimously approved by those present. After the Annual Meeting, the Managing Board met and selected their officers for the 2019 year – Joe Huseonica, *President*, Dave Buhaly, *Vice President*. Katie Hall will continue to serve as secretary and Patty Smith will be assisting her. If you would like a copy of the 2018 SCF Annual Report and/or a copy of the approved 2019 Budget, contact Pastor Rob in the church office – 541-593-1183 or sunrivercfc@gmail.com.

PASTOR NANCY'S JANUARY ROAD TRIP

The wonderful words of Christmas blessings I received from former parishioners before the holiday made me ever aware of how much I missed seeing them and many others as well. I realized that I had a hard time picturing them in their relatively new surroundings because I had never visited them and their homes. So, looking at a map, I recognized how doable driving a big circle would be that would intersect with a good number of former SCFers who had been so instrumental in the living out of our common life in Christ.

So, I went to the Managing Board with my plan to spend a week traveling around the Northwest and, after getting their approval, Roy and I drove off last Monday, January 21 with Roy at the wheel and 1502 miles later we arrived home on January 26.

We started with Lillian Arnold, living now with her daughter in Dorena, Oregon. On to Chuck and Patsy Christopher in Silverton, Edith Parrish in Newburg, Ellie Luba and Al and Joyce Hornish in Portland.

Crossing the state border, we made our way to Vashon to visit Jack and Beve Kiekel, crossed the state of Washington to Lewiston, Idaho to visit John and Betty Nesby, crossed back into Washington, and back to Oregon to visit Mike and Gail Beeson in Milton-Freewater. Finally we spent a night in Cove, Oregon, since Roy had a morning Standing Committee "zoom" computer conference. We drove home on Saturday afternoon. I will reflect a bit on our visits in my sermon on February 3. Suffice it to say that these folks helped love us into being a more creative, giving, and energetic Body of Christ in Sunriver. They love Jesus with fidelity and devotion and humor. They continue to teach me. Based on this experience, I would not be surprised to see Roy behind the wheel again on another travel excursion months down the road.

Blessings, Nancy



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 Lillian Arnold
 Patsy & Chuck Christopher
 Edith Parrish
 Ellie Luba
 Joyce & Al Hornish
 Beve & Jack Kiekel
 Betty & John Nesby
 Gail & Mike Beeson

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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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