



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

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TO THE SUNRIVER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP FAMILY

Winter is the perfect precursor for Lent. We quiet our usual busyness and savor a period of rest beneath a blanket of snow. We prepare for the growth of spring followed by summer's burst of activity. Lent also calls, asking us to engage in introspection and thoughtfulness, a season to appreciate the promise of new life made possible by Jesus' great sacrifice for each of us. How can we use this time, not only for self-review and redirection, but to also thoughtfully consider our future as the body of Christ that is SCF?

It is time to expand on the Strategic Planning Process of 2014. At that time, the three primary questions were as follows: What is God calling SCF to do? Where is SCF going? How will we get there? Our mission statement remains the same: "SCF is committed to being a visible presence of Christian love and unity, growing in faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and witnessing this faith through service to the needs of the community around us and of the world." One of the primary concerns six years ago is still true today: SCF membership is declining, due primarily to the age-related issues of our congregation. This puts the financial support of our church on the shoulders of fewer members and it is not the path to a sustainable future. We must grow our congregational numbers and therefore, develop a course of action to accomplish this goal.

Housing, where SCF would call our physical home, was not an issue in 2014. SCF and HTCC enjoyed a congenial, respectful relationship with a long term lease in place, a far cry from our current reality. Our current lease term is for only 1 year, with the possibility of renewal for a 2nd year, and each side has a 6-month notice of termination. As the Managing Board sought alternative spaces for worship, music rehearsals, meeting and office space, it was evident that there is nothing else in the immediate Sunriver area that is adequate for our many needs. The uncomfortable result was to sign a lease extension that quadrupled our basic rent so SCF would continue to have a home. While the Managing Board continues to examine contingency plans, if it were necessary to find other housing for our family of faith, including another inquiry of the owners of Sunriver Aquatics and Fitness, it is time to confirm our choice as a congregation on where our future worship home will be. Are we content to continue as tenants, accepting perhaps new costs or restrictions that we cannot

control as the price of comfort, amenities and familiarity with the HTCC building? Or, is it time to chart our own course by buying, creating and/or building our own physical home—a facility to meet our needs for worship, congregational growth, music performance, office, storage, classroom and meeting space as well as the ability to host community and special events?

These are heady questions: how do we grow and where will we call home? It is time to define our path forward, to give shape and vision to our future as a congregation. Please use this contemplative season of Lent to consider these important issues and then to speak what is in your heart and on your mind by attending one of the following congregational meetings in the sanctuary: Tuesday, March 3, 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, March 11, 2-4 p.m.; or Thursday, March 19, 7-9 p.m. Each session will use the same list of questions as a base to generate discussion. Those unable to participate in a small group will have the opportunity to offer their thoughts via an email survey containing the same questions. The responses will be collected, shared with all, and used as a tool to chart a path forward for SCF. The Managing Board is also seeking the assistance of other members of the congregation who would be willing to act as small group leaders. Thank you for responding to this call to thought, discussion and action.

Linda Smith

2020 President, SCF Managing Board

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The upcoming Lenten season is introduced with the Ash Wednesday Service on February 26, 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.

Schedule of Upcoming Services: February

February 2: The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Carole Elsbree, Linda Salzer, Linda Smith
 Lector: Don Udlock
 Chalice Bearers: Carole Elsbree, Linda & John Salzer,
 Linda Smith, Vicki & Don Udlock
 Greeter: Monica Mack
 Ushers: Sally Heise, Nancy & Richard Farnham,
 Sandra Rodgers
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Sally Heise
 Coffee: Sally & Randy Heise
 Eucharistic Visitors: Sally & Randy Heise

February 9: The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
 Preacher: Pastor Jack Kiekel
 Altar Guild: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin,
 Patty Smith
 Lector: Karen Newcomb
 Chalice Bearers: Dave Buhaly, Karen Carmichael,
 Brenda Chapin, Gail Drew, Karen Newcomb,
 Patty Smith
 Greeter: Vicki Udlock
 Ushers: Gene Bennington, Stan Porter, Jean & Al Rice
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Gene Bennington
 Coffee: Carol & Terry Thomas

February 16: The 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

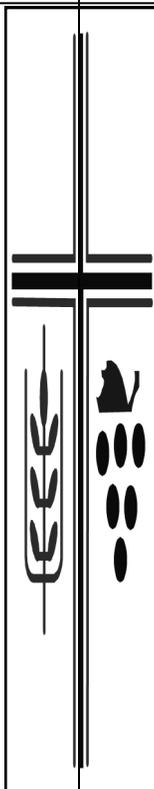
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Coleen Horn, Anne Irving, Jann Phares
 Lector: Margaret Beard
 Chalice Bearers: Jane Boubel, Bette Butler, Harry Hamilton,
 Coleen Horn, Anne Irving, Mal Murphy
 Greeter: Doris Brannan
 Ushers: Nancy Farnham, Carole & Andy Elsbree,
 Sandra Kendle
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Nancy Farnham
 Coffee: Vicki & Don Udlock

February 23: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Jan Bull, Linda Salzer, Kay Sharp
 Lector: Randy Heise
 Chalice Bearers: Jan Bull, Randy Heise, Linda & John Salzer,
 Kay & Bob Sharp
 Greeter: Clara Smith
 Ushers: Dave Friedley, Mike Gocke, Jenny & Dave Long
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Dave Friedley
 Coffee: Yvonne & Jay Smith

March 1: The 1st Sunday in Lent

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Barthelemy
 Altar Guild: Gail Drew, Linda Smith, Gina Tjaden
 Lector: Bob Vogel
 Chalice Bearers: Dave Buhaly, Gail Drew, Linda Smith,
 Gina & Terry Tjaden, Bob Vogel
 Greeter: Monica Mack
 Ushers: Richard Farnham, Monica Mack, Stan Porter
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros:
 Coffee: Chris Hamilton & Jackie Medill



A LENTEN INVITATION TO CONTEMPLATION

Richard Rohr recently wrote, "Thomas Aquinas and many others stated that the highest form of spiritual maturity is not action or contemplation, but the ability to *integrate the two into one life stance*—to be service-oriented contemplatives or contemplative activists. By temperament we all tend to come at it from one side or the other." SCF is a congregation of activists—do you need to foster your contemplative side? If you are thinking about what to do for Lent this year, I invite you to join our Centering Prayer group, Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. in the Children's Room. Christian Centering Prayer is a type of contemplative, silent prayer (about 20 minutes). It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. The rest of the hour is spent reading about and discussing the practice. Newcomers are always welcome and instruction is provided. While the group meets year-round, our Lenten dates are Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Apr. 1, 8. Drop-ins are encouraged, and you do not need to attend all sessions. Please contact Bette Butler at 541-647-7982 or butlerbdewitt@gmail.com for questions and information.

- Prayer Needs*
- Al 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
 - Ellen Rau—dealing with cancer
 - Audrey Charles—undergoing cancer treatment
 - Marianna Wiper—recovery from a fall
 - Tom Sandefur—dealing with cancer
 - Bonnie Gregory—stroke recovery; sister of Barbie Sessler
 - Bill Taylor—undergoing cancer treatment
 - Shirley Smith—congestive heart failure
 - Al Braemer—recovery from a fall



Sue Seator: Celebration of Life
 Saturday, February 8, 11 a.m.
 Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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, 10-11:30 a.m., HTCC Dining Room.

Rising Strong by Brené Brown

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)

Centering Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m., Children's Room

Contact: Bette Butler 541-647-7982 (cell/text), butlerbdewitt@gmail.com

SCF ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

SCF's Annual Meeting was held immediately after the worship service on January 26. Congregational approval of church leadership included: Managing Board – Sandra Kendle and Gail Grauer to serve 3-year terms and Steve Austin to serve a 2-year term. Liz Haberman and Paul Barthelmy were confirmed to both serve 3-year terms on the Endowment Board of Trustees.

Both the "Endowment Fund Resolution" and the "Proposed 2020 SCF Budget" were unanimously approved.

Following the business meeting, the Managing Board met briefly and unanimously elected Linda Smith as the 2020 board president. The Board will begin its efforts regarding "SCF's Housing Future" immediately and the congregation will be an important part of this discussion leading to a future decision.

If you were not able to attend the Annual Meeting but would like a copy of the 2019 Annual Report, contact Pastor Rob.

ENDOWMENT MOMENT

The SCF Endowment Fund distributes annual income from the Fund to enhance and expand the ministries of SCF. Applications are invited from individuals and organizations in support of ministries that compliment SCF's mission, articulated as follows: "SCF is committed to being a visible presence of Christian love and unity, growing in faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and witnessing this faith through service to the needs of the community and the world." Completed applications should be submitted to the SCF office by February 15. Electronic applications (pdf files) are acceptable. Application forms may be obtained from Pastor Rob, Wade Watson or Cliff Erikson.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Christ Caring for People through People

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Shereda Benfield, Randy Heise, Sue Rhodes or Ginny Adams. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Ginny Adams	541-301-2444
Shereda Benfield	503-998-4308
Randy Heise	541-410-0170
Sue Rhodes	541-425-0374



Ministry Team Leaders – 2020

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 – 2020

Linda Smith
President

yet to be filled
Vice President

Katie Hall/Patty Smith

Secretary

Jenny Long

Treasurer

Steve Austin

Gail Grauer

Roy Green

Dana Gregg

Joe Huseonica

Sandra Kendle

SCF Endowment Board—2020

Wade Watson
President

Linda Collier

Treasurer

Liz Haberman

Secretary

Paul Barthelmy

Cliff Erikson

Mike Gocke

Bill Taylor

SCF STAFF

The Rev. Canon
 Nancy Sargent Green

Senior Pastor

Dr. Robert

Pearson

Associate Pastor:

Worship &

Administration

Jan Tuckerman

Administrative

Assistant

CARE & SHARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Following is information regarding the outcome for the *Care and Share Food Distribution* and the *Christmas Basket Program* for 2019.

Care and Share

Total number of Boxes distributed:	1,917
Total number of Adults served:	4,429
<u>Total number of Children served</u>	<u>2,162</u>
Total number of People served:	6,591

Christmas Basket Program

Number of Families served: 90

These families received, depending upon their size, four to six boxes of food. They also received a ham or turkey with all the fixings for Christmas dinner. Gifts were also given to children under eighteen years of age.

This could not have happened without the generous contributions and support of the Sunriver church communities, local residents, visitors to our community, and numerous Sunriver businesses. Your donations made Christmas a bit merrier for these families.

Thank you all for your generosity of time, talent and treasure.

2020 PRINTED SCF DIRECTORY UPDATES

The printed SCF Directory is being updated. The goal is to have it available by mid-February. To assist revision efforts, please email to the church office, if you have not already, any changes regarding your personal information in the current SCF 2019 Directory. If you are not currently in the church's printed directory and would like to be included, please send the following information to the church at sunrivercf@gmail.com

- Name(s)
- Phone number(s) (land & cell)
- Physical and mailing addresses (if different)
- Email address(es)

The deadline: Friday, February 7

National/International Outreach

SCF's National/International Outreach program provided support totaling \$7500 in 2019 to six international programs to relieve suffering of people in various parts of the world.

Living Room Ministries: provides quality end-of-life care to people in Kenya.

Canvasback Missions: provides medical and surgical services to residents of the Marshall Islands.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services: assists refugees with resettlement in a foreign land, the USA.

A Promise of Health: provides medical services to the indigenous people of 14 communities in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Free Wheelchair Mission: provides mobility through low cost wheelchairs to people in third world countries.

Heifer International: provides animals to third world countries and communities to support and sustain families.

Each of these missions has an SCF "champion" who serves as liaison and supporter of the mission and is a member of SCF's National/International committee. Each "champion" is tasked with serving on the committee, writing articles for publication in the SCF Newsletter and presenting the 3 minute "Mission Moment" once each year during a church service presenting an overview of the supported mission and recent developments.

Judy Johnson, the SCF Champion for Heifer International, passed away last spring. If any SCF member has an interest in becoming a "Champion" for Heifer International, please contact Gary Carlson, Chair at 541-593-5004 or mesquitobiker@gmail.com

SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS ANNUAL MEETING

Attention all Shepherd of the Mountains Lutherans and all Sunriver Christian Fellowship members. Two important events will be happening soon. All SCF members are invited to attend either or both of these events.

Sunday, February 9: The Shepherd of the Mountains Annual Meeting will be convened immediately after worship. All members should plan to attend this important meeting as we will be looking back on 2019 and ahead into this year, electing Congregation Council officers, and electing delegates to the 2020 Oregon Synod Assembly to be held in Portland this year.

Tuesday, February 11: Newly installed ELCA Oregon Synod Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar will be visiting Sunriver Christian Fellowship to meet and to learn about us. Bishop Laurie will be available from 3-4 p.m. on that day, in the sanctuary, to offer a short message to SCF members and to answer any questions that we have for her. We are thrilled to have her visit us so early in her tenure and strongly encourage all SCF members to attend this important event.

THANK YOU from a recipient of UPCAP Assistance

I would like to first start off by saying, I cannot begin to explain what the support, help, and generous donation of the play structure meant to me. As a pretty recently divorced, single Foster Mother, I was not sure where I was going to turn after not working in almost 18 years. I set goals and created a dream to help myself relearn independence, be able to continue helping children and provide for my grandson. This did seem like a huge change and challenge. Scary in ways, exciting in others. I did not know how to get there entirely on my own. The support of two Habitat volunteers began to fill me with hope. You, SCF/UPCAP, paid off a debt left owing in my name. I had support to look at what was happening, what was needed, and guidance on how to start. Then I was told SCF/UPCAP was going to help me with a swing set play structure for the business I was working so hard to start. It was such a blessing. I only asked for a used donated swing set...you provided me with a brand-new real play structure fit for a Daycare. It was delivered, the details taken care of, a Team so generously spent their free time to come to my home, carry it, put it together, and place it. I must say it is the MOST beautiful play structure, well beyond anything we could have asked for. The support, help and encouragement that you have shown me has uplifted me. You have given me back courage to believe I can do this; that we will be OK, that we will recover, and I can become independent, successful, and provide for myself and grandson, and others that need shelter and love. These hard times have drawn me closer to God. I have been praying, keeping faith, and knowing that if things were perfect here, I would not seek God's love, or his promise of Heaven as eagerly as I should. It is these times that show me who I really am, where I belong, and that God's Love is where I need to firmly remain. I truly know in my heart that you all are an incredible blessing to us. The wonderful things that you do for people goes well past the act of giving. You have helped to ENSURE OUR FUTURE, helped restore my faith, gave me back self-confidence, and allowed me to believe in myself again. Thank you so much for this HAND UP in my life. I can only hope that as my business takes off, I, too, can turn around and reach someone else, offering them help without judgment, without anything in return other than...love. You helped me in my past, and now in my present again, and that will continue to help my future. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. If I can ever do anything at all for you, please let me know. Maybe help a family that can't pay for childcare because they are just getting back on their feet, maybe cooked meals for someone in your church family who is elderly and alone, anything at all that I can do to give back to ANY of you or your church or program, please call. I love you all, I appreciate you all, your time, your care. I will never, ever, forget and never be able to say THANK YOU enough!

NEW SCF MEMBERS: JANET & JOE AMOS

Janet and Joe Amos moved to Central Oregon in the Fall of 2018 from West Virginia after living there for the prior 43 years. They lived in SE Bend before moving into their new home in the Caldera Springs area of Sunriver at the end of 2019 as full-time residents.

Janet was a Professor and later the Chief Academic Officer in Higher Education before retiring 8 years ago. Joe worked as an Engineer and in Health, Safety and Environmental Affairs over a 35-year career before retirement ten years ago. In retirement, Janet and Joe were active in mission projects in SW Nigeria before moving to Central Oregon.

Janet grew up in the Lutheran Church in North Dakota while Joe was raised in the Anglican Church tradition in Nigeria; hence they feel at home at SCF.

Janet is an active outdoors enthusiast and loves skiing and kayaking. Joe was a soccer (football) player, coach, and referee at recreational and competitive levels.

One of their daughters lives in Portland with her family. Two other children still live in Louisville, Kentucky. Janet's sister, Karen, and husband, Wade, are active SCF members. They feel blessed to be living in Central Oregon and close to family, including SCF!



SCF MANAGING BOARD MEETING

Next board meeting:
February 18, 2:30 p.m.

Financial Report as of December 31, 2019

	<u>Actual Jan.-Dec.</u>	<u>Budget 2019 Jan.-Dec.</u>
Income	\$335,395	\$318,896
Expenses	<u>\$317,018</u>	<u>\$315,791</u>
Net Income	\$ 18,377	\$ 3,105

March Newsletter Deadline: February 24

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 – 10:15 a.m.

Services held at the

Holy Trinity Church

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