



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

February 2021

Dear Family:

January 2021 has not been any easier than 2020 when it comes to grief. We have lost more Americans to death because of COVID in January than any other month since the virus arrived on our shores.

Although none COVID related, ten of our own family members have let go of their loved ones to life beyond silence in 2020-2021, thus far. Grief abounds as parishioners faced the first Christmas and now their first Valentine's Day, Lenten season and Easter without their loved one. Those important moments hold a depth of pain that seems unhealable by word or touch. Yet, these moments need to be felt. They need to be lived through.

Judith Skretny's article, *Top Seven Things to Know About Grief*, offers us some wisdom.

1. Grief lasts longer and can be more painful than most people expect.
2. There is no right way or wrong way to grieve-just your way.
3. The least helpful thing for grieving people is other people telling them how they should be doing things.
4. The most helpful thing for grieving people is to be able to process their feelings (talking, writing, composing, creating).
5. Good grief doesn't mean forgetting; it means remembering and forming a new relationship with the deceased person.
6. Sometimes the people we think should help us simply can't.
7. People are fundamentally resilient. They can and they will survive.

The Way of the Cross

[composed by Nancy Green, 2005]

There is nothing easy about working through grief.
But we do have One who will walk with us every
step of the way:
One who has walked the way of the Cross.

The wood is sharp,
splinters dig deep into my skin,
the cross beam is awkward to balance.
Life is harsh, indeed.

Everyone has a cross to bear.
So, why do others seem to walk on so effortlessly?

I stumble under the weight,
I can't trust the strength of my legs, my will, my heart.

I say I love Him,
I say I trust Him.
So, why can't I carry my suffering with His dignity,
with His nobility?

I put down my cross to rest.
The skin on my shoulder is ripped.
Blood trickles to the ground,
but the pain is found--deeper than the bone.

A shadow passes over me, neither dark nor alarming.
It is a Presence.
My soul quiets.
I know that I am not alone.
The suffering is mine, but it is shared by Another.

A truth emerges in my mind:
We all have crosses to bear.
It is not the weight of the burden that is crucial,
but the manner in which we bear it.

If He loves me enough to share my pain,
if by His presence in my suffering He redeems it
and gives it power to become the
gold of compassion and forgiveness,
then, what do I have to fear?

The cross, how I bear it, is the essence of my life.

Oh, Lord,
It is there that You will meet me.
It is there that, one decision at a time,
You will invite me to join
You in the salvation of the world.

**In faith,
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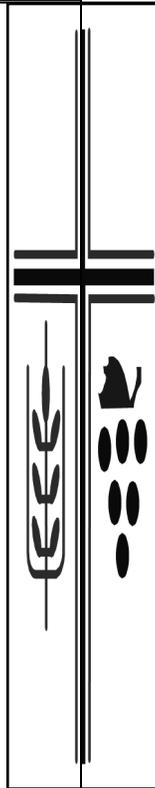
Schedule of Upcoming Services: February 2021

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.

- Feb. 7:** 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Feb. 14:** Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Feb. 21:** 1st Sunday of Lent
The Rev. Mary Anne Gard
- Feb. 28:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Mar. 7:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
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 Lamberton—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
- Melanie Webb—fighting cancer; daughter of Sharon & Gene Krueger;
- Mike Brannan—extreme back pain
- Laura Webb—emotional issues
- Ellen Rau—continuing battle with cancer
- Peter Schneider—recovery from lumbar fusion surgery
- Beve Kiekel—recovery from a small stroke
- Rich—brother of Sandra Rodgers; eye issues
- Nicholas & Michelle Barthelemy—emotional issues
- Katie Davis—daughter of Barb Davis, melanoma
- George Blankenship—recovery from shoulder surgery
- Kathie Salquist—severe pain



ANNUAL MEETING OUTCOMES

SCF’s Annual Business Meeting was held virtually on Sunday, January 24. Thanks to the techno-skills of Randy Heise and Linda Smith, the meeting went smoothly and a higher number than expected of members participated.

Voting this year was done by ballots either emailed, snail mailed, or dropped-off at the church office with 107 ballots received. Following are the results.

- All nominees for the various church officer position were unanimously approved.
- The “Proposed 2021 Budget” was unanimously approved.
- The proposal to authorize the Managing Board to terminate the lease with HTCC when the Managing Board decides the time is appropriate was passed by a majority:

Yes	92
No	14
Unanswered	1

A copy of the “2020 Annual Report” can be read on the church’s website – www.sunriverchristianfellowship.org. A printed copy of this report can be obtained by stopping by and picking it up at the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will offer the Ash Wednesday service online on Wednesday, February 17. The ashes blessed will be put in very small packets and left in the Sacristy from 12-4 on the 17th. Please feel free to come pick up a packet and take it home to impose ashes on yourself and/or each other.

*“Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”*

NOTE: Men’s Group on ZOOM

This group is still meeting under Frank Brocker’s coordination every Tuesday morning at a new time – 8:30-9:30 am, via Zoom. Contact Dave Buhaly to have your name added to the Zoom invitation list.

Dave Buhaly
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 435-770-9220

March Newsletter Deadline: February 24

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

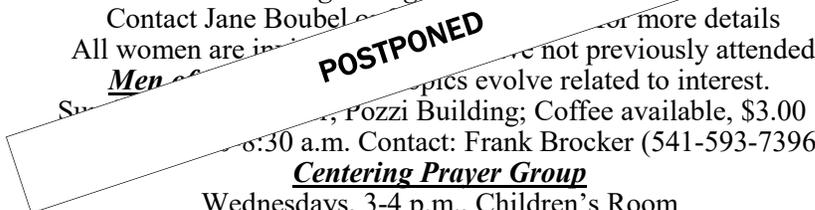
Transformed to Love & Serve – the Goal of the Education Ministry of SCF
Ongoing Groups: These groups continue to meet throughout the year

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

Rising Strong by Doreen
 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
 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



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Upon contacting our current scholarship recipients, they reported that in spite of COVID challenges on their respective campuses, they have fared well. I received word from one that she had made the dean's list for this past fall term.

In the middle of February, all current, eligible recipients will receive an email with an attachment of the "2021 Scholarship Application Form." Pastor Rob will also be sending a reminder email to local high school counselors to encourage any qualified seniors they work with, who attended Three Rivers School, to consider applying for a scholarship. The deadline for receiving applications is April 23.

Like last year, the Scholarship Committee will be interviewing all applicants via Zoom appointments. This worked out well last year and enabled all interviews to be completed by the end of May. The committee has determined to make available up to \$30,000 in scholarship assistance for the 2021-2022 school year.

Due to the limitations for group gatherings this past year, the committee has not been able to fundraise in the same way as before. However, several of you have made personal contributions which are greatly appreciated. Let me encourage any of you interested in supporting our local young people in their higher education pursuit to make a contribution on their behalf. Please make out your check to SCF and put "Scholarship Program" on the check's memo line. Thank you in advance for your continued assistance to this vitally important outreach.

DIRECTORY UPDATING

To assist directory revision efforts, if you haven't already, please email to the church office any changes regarding your personal information in the current SCF 2020 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 office at sunrivercf@gmail.com.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 6..

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

You can pick up an updated version of SCF's printed directory any time beginning Monday, February 15 from the church office.

CARE & SHARE:

JANUARY

Boxes Distributed:		People served:	
Small	32	Adults	245
Medium	42	Children	<u>118</u>
Large	23	Total	363
X-Large	<u>6</u>		
Total	103		

Financial Report end of year 2020

	Actual Jan-Dec.	Budget Jan-Dec.
Income	\$370,058	\$342,230
Expenses	<u>\$306,814</u>	<u>\$333,559</u>
Net Income	\$ 63,244	\$ 8,671

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

- Linda Smith
President
- 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
President
- Cliff Erickson
Treasurer
- Liz Haberman
Secretary
- 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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Sunday Service & Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Services held at the

Holy Trinity Church

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