



# Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

## January 2021

### Dear Family,

Finally, the door to 2020 is closing with the New Year and the roll-out of vaccines brings incredible hope that our lives will soon return to "normal" in 2021. Defining "normal" is a challenge unto itself, not only for our community and the world but also for SCF.

The Ad Hoc Housing Committee has been busy investigating options and developed three scenarios for our housing future:

1. Continue as tenants at HTCC. Our current lease expires on December 31, 2021, the budgeted yearly rent is over \$42,200, and we will owe HTCC a \$1000 carpet payment in the first part of 2021. We have no guarantees from Holy Trinity that they would be open to renegotiating our lease to extend our residency beyond 2021.
2. Exit the lease with HTCC, upon approval of the SCF membership, and agree to lease space at SHARC for a year starting on July 1, 2021. We have not received final numbers from SHARC and SROA for a one year lease. On the high end, it would be \$350 per Sunday morning and an additional \$100 per week for choir and bells practice time/space. Office space for Rob at the Chamber of Commerce would be a minimum of an additional \$500 per month.
3. At the same time, with either option above, we continue to pursue the offer to purchase the original portion of the Sunriver Fitness and Aquatics facility. An architect with experience in designing churches has walked through the space and believes it has incredible potential to be remodeled into a wonderful facility for our needs. The Ad Hoc committee has approached a local realtor having experience with the current owners of SFAC to act as the SCF agent in negotiations. The purchase would require congregational approval once negotiations have concluded as well as a capital campaign to finance the purchase and necessary renovations.

There will be a vote of the SCF membership in January on a specific housing question: Do you approve of the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Housing Committee and the Managing Board to exit the lease with Holy Trinity Catholic Church? It is the appropriate course of action based on two primary factors:

1. There should be financial savings in 2021 and beyond, depending on our exit date from the lease, and
2. the continuing erosion of the once cordial, mutually respectful relationship between SCF and HTCC.

The hope is to inform HTCC of our intent to exit the lease, based on fiscal responsibility, and give an exit date of mid-April 2021. HTCC could ask us to honor the 6-month notice of

termination, in which case, we would be required to continue lease payments for the 6-month period from the date of termination notice. By that time, we should have a new lease in place for space at SHARC to hold worship services, and vocal choir and bell choir practices as soon as group gatherings are allowed to resume post-COVID. While we believe it would be very unlikely, HTCC could respond to our request to terminate the lease with a more favorable rental agreement. If that were to happen, the Ad Hoc Committee would compare the offer to stay with the expense of moving to SHARC and suggest actions in the best interest of SCF.

There are two additional ballot measures for membership consideration in January 2021. The first involves the approval of a budget for the upcoming year. Jim Adams chaired an incredibly successful stewardship campaign that actually reflected an increase in pledged giving. It demonstrates the amazing generosity and faithfulness of our congregation. We face a small deficit only because of the loss of generous members no longer with us. Jenny Long and the Finance Committee, with input from the Managing Board, have crafted a document that reflects the decrease in income, decreases in several budget areas while fully funding salaries and outreach ministries. It is not a balanced budget but there is the full expectation that there may be a budget surplus from this year that will cover the projected shortfall.

The last item for a congregational vote is to approve the nominees for positions on the Managing Board, Endowment Board of Trustees, and Nominating Committee.

Please contact any member of the Managing Board with your questions, concerns, or thoughts by email or phone:

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I do not have all the details regarding how the annual meeting will be conducted since it is a work in progress. Thank you for your patience as we put all the pieces in place, for your continued generosity, and faithfulness to SCF and its missions.

A blessed New Year to all.

Linda Smith  
2020 President, SCF Managing Board

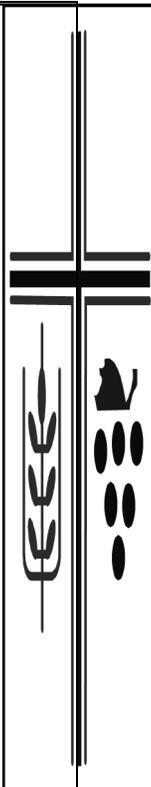
**Schedule of Upcoming Services: January 2021**

**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](http://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.

- Jan. 3: 2nd Sunday after Christmas**  
The Rev. Roy Green
- Jan. 10: 1st Sunday after the Epiphany**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Jan. 17: 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Jan. 24: 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Jan. 31: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Pastor Robert Pearson
- Feb. 7: 5th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
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
- *Susan Sloan*—fighting cancer
- *Melanie Webb*—fighting cancer; daughter of Sharon & Gene Krueger;
- *Mike Brannan*—extreme back pain
- *Dick Mathison*—pain & weakness issues
- *Laura Webb*—emotional issues
- *Ellen Rau*—continuing battle with cancer
- *Peter Schneider*—recovery from lumbar fusion surgery
- *Beve Kiekkel*—recovery from a small stroke
- *Rich*—brother of Sandra Rodgers; eye issues
- *Nicholas & Michelle Barthelemy*—emotional issues
- *Katie Davis*—daughter of Barb Davis, melanoma
- *Robin Goffrier*—recovery from bike accident
- *George Blankenship*—recovery from shoulder surgery



**SCF ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, January 24**

This year’s virtual annual SCF business meeting date has been moved back one week to January 24. Details regarding the “how-to’s” for this meeting will be forthcoming. We will still print up an Annual Report and make it available on the SCF website.

**Submit Annual Report by Friday, January 8**

All ministry team leaders are being asked to submit their respective ministry’s annual report as an email text to the church office by Friday, January 8.

**SCF MANAGING BOARD MEETING**

The SCF Managing Board meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. All meetings are in Zoom format right now but all meetings are open to all. Contact Linda Smith at [smitmack@pacbell.net](mailto:smitmack@pacbell.net) if you would like to be sent the link to join the meeting. We will continue with a Zoom format as long as COVID restrictions are in place.

**February Newsletter Deadline: January 27**  
Please send articles to Jan Tuckerman:  
[jtuckerman@chamberscable.com](mailto:jtuckerman@chamberscable.com)

**NOTE:**

**Men’s Group on ZOOM**

This group is still meeting under Frank Bocker’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  
[srvrbvrdave@icloud.com](mailto:srvrbvrdave@icloud.com)  
435-770-9220

**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. Topics evolve related to interest.

**Men's Group:** Tuesdays, 7:30 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

**VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS 2020: Updated COWculations**

**MOOS FLASH FROM THE MEADOW!!** I was a little *low* (as in "the cattle are *lowing*") on my *cowculations* for "Visions of Sugar Plums". We have actually **NETTED** over \$16,000! Thanks to all of you, my *herd*, UPCAP will have plenty of *moolah* to help many of those in need in our community. Needless to say, our event was an *udder* success!

And speaking of *udders*, mine have finally thawed out and I am back to producing my rich, *whole* milk. No *milk* duds for me!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

With Grateful *Bovine* Blessings,  
 Your *Holy Cash Cow*



**Christmas Basket Distribution**

A big thank you to everyone at Sunriver Christian Fellowship who donated food, money for gifts and perishables, sorted and packed food, and delivered the food and gifts for the Sunriver Community Christmas Sharing. Fifty-three of our local families (165 individuals) including 59 children had a blessed Christmas because of your generosity. A thank you also goes to Community Bible Church at Sunriver for the use of their facility for this annual community event.

Sunriver Community  
 Christmas Sharing Committee

**CARE & SHARE  
 NOVEMBER FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Boxes Distributed: 146  
 Adults 348  
 Children 152

**TOTALS FOR 2020**

Boxes Distributed: 1677  
 Including turkeys, chickens & hams  
 Adults 3056  
 Children 1371

**Note:** there were no distributions in March or April.

**BOTTLES & CANS FOR NOVEMBER**

Thanks to everyone for the efforts in November. I understand that we had issue, while we were traveling, of an overflowing bin but, in SCF tradition, everyone pitched in to solve the problem.

In November we had \$494.50 in cash and \$200.00 in the bottle drop check for a total of \$694.50.

Steve Austin

**Financial Report as of November 30, 2020**

	Actual Jan-Nov.	Budget Jan-Nov.
Income	\$321,172	\$313,711
Expenses	\$285,289	\$305,763
Net Income	\$ 35,883	\$ 7948

**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  
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 – 2020**

- Linda Smith  
President
- Vice President  
Katie Hall/Patty Smith
- Secretary  
Jenny Long
- Treasurer  
Steve Austin
- Gail Grauer
- Roy Green
- Joe Huseonica
- Sandra Kendle
- Gene Krueger

**SCF Endowment Board—2020**

- 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

### **THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

How often is it said: "I can remember faces, but I can't remember names?" Is that really true? Look at family photos spanning some 30 years and ask, "Are we really known by our faces?" They change so dramatically as gravity, sun and age pay their dues.

Our faces go away. In contrast, our names will be intact long after our faces have become dust and ashes. Long before we knew our Lord as the Good Shepherd, the Prince of Peace, the Suffering Servant, the longhaired, bearded, olive skinned and gentle eyed man in a plastic frame setting on our mantle, we knew him as Jesus.

Joseph was told in his dream to name his coming child, Jesus. When Gabriel appeared to Mary, Gabriel too declared that her baby would be called Jesus.

Listening to the Divine Voice, speaking through dream and angel, Mary and Joseph named their child, Jesus—a name as common and ordinary as "Jim", "Joe", "Peter", or "John" in our day. The name "Jesus" carried no holiness nor distinction, reminding us that the Extraordinary chooses to come to life through the ordinary, through flesh.

Jesus was given a name at his birth and at his dedication at the Temple, remembered by us in the Christmas season. In the season of Epiphany mighty kings brought rich gifts to him, as wicked rulers tried to slay him, and he was baptized at the hands of his cousin John. At his baptism, Jesus received another name. As he descended into the cold waters of the Jordan and emerged with his face glistening and his hair slicked back, God's voice proclaimed "this is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased."

Your name is critical and you have two of them: you have "John", "Dick", "Mary" or "Susan" - an ordinary name THROUGH WHOM the Extraordinary moves. And you have your baptismal name: "You are my beloved son, my beloved daughter with whom I am well pleased." The Spirit descended upon you as the Spirit descended upon Jesus. As happened to Jesus, you, too, have been sent out to do extraordinary things: to love your enemies, to walk the 2nd mile, to forgive 70x7 times, to return good for evil, to carry the needy on a pallet to the presence of Jesus and to stand up for those ignored and forgotten: the poor, the outcast, the homeless.

These epiphanies—these actions—great and small, invite us to manifest Jesus in our own lives. It is not enough to let angelic voices speak for us. It is not

enough to let royalty and peasant shepherds testify to Jesus, God Incarnate. It is not enough to honor him by remembering his birth as we take down our Christmas décor for another year. The season of Epiphany reminds us that we are to allow Jesus to shine through us so that His light may light up ourselves and our darkened world.

With the close of 2020 and the beginning of a new calendar year in which our nation faces huge problems and SCF continues to work toward a more dependable home, it is easy to persuade ourselves that those in places of power will make the necessary and right decisions. That goes against the spirit of the Epiphany season which teaches us we have roles to play in God's Divine Economy. We all hold within us the image of God from which pours out of us holy light, regardless of the work we choose to do.

Listen to Joan Chittister: In her book *"There Is a Season,"* she tells the Hasidic story of the rabbi who disappeared every Shabat Eve, "to commune with God in the forest" - or so his congregation thought.

*So one Sabbath night they deputed one of their cantors to follow the rabbi and observe the holy encounter. Deeper and deeper into the woods the rabbi went until he came to the small cottage of an old Gentile woman, sick to death and crippled into a painful posture.*

*Once there, the rabbi cooked for her and carried her firewood and swept her floor. Then when the chores were finished, he returned immediately to his little house next to the synagogue.*

*Back in the village, the people demanded of the one they'd sent to follow him, "Did our rabbi go up to heaven as we thought?"*

*"Oh, no," the cantor answered after a thoughtful pause. "Our rabbi went much higher than that."*

May we go as high.

Faithfully,  
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**THANK YOU FROM LIVING ROOM MINISTRIES**

Sometimes it is hard to know what to say when overwhelmed by generosity. The world is weary and marked by hurt, but I am grateful for reminders of love and kindness. I am thankful for you and other partners who have stood with Living Room this year, allowing us to continue to love in gentle and bold ways.

I was at Kimbilio Hospice doing rounds and sat down beside a grandmother who had come to us because of her pain. We were both wearing our masks, simply talking about life, love, and loss. The moment declared what I've long known to believe: we need one another.

Thanks again for being part of Living Room.

Love,  
Julie Boit, Living Room Executive Director,  
and the Living Room Team.

**Updating Printed Directory**

An updated version of SCF's printed directory will be available in mid-February. To assist revision efforts, please email to the church office any changes regarding your personal information in the current SCF 2020 Directory if you haven't already. 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 – [sunrivercf@gmail.com](mailto:sunrivercf@gmail.com).

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

**The deadline is Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Updated Directory Information**

**Rita Copp** – new address:  
6250 North Park Ave., Apt. 205,  
Tacoma, WA 98407.

**Carole Elsbree**  
new cell phone: 541-598-6006;  
home phone: 541-312-1624

**Alice Hanson** – new winter address (Dec.-Apr.):  
19203 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., #87  
Phoenix, AZ 85027.

**Karen Carmichael**  
new phone number: 503-501-6097  
[She has dropped her landline phone number.]

**THANK YOU FROM KENYA**

Greetings from Kenya. We pray you are all doing well. What a year it's been! Our Tarus family "mantra" is: Welcome to Parus home, where challenges are opportunities." This year, we have all experienced unexpected challenges. We have passed through unique season of lament and celebration. The year has highlighted, in really strong ways, how fragile and vulnerable we are; but also, how important it is to find ways to be together (even with social distancing).

In 2020, our family has celebrated strong enough internet to have "Zoom" calls with our family and friend in the U.S.! We have lamented the awkwardness of walking by our neighbors without greeting them with the traditional, and very important, handshake.

At Living Room, we have lamented the suffering we continue to witness as the sick come through our doors. We have celebrated the great privilege of loving and caring for our patients and their family members each and every day. We feel honored that we get to be part of this sacred work.

You are too as you walk alongside of us; and we say, thank you! Thank you for walking this journey of love with us.

*Grace and shalom be upon you.*  
David, Allison and ALL the Tarus family.  
LIVING ROOM MINISTRIES

**WE CARE**

Chelsea and Chris are many miles from their loved ones. We are hoping you will find it in your heart to drop them a note- a reminder that we back here are thinking of them and thanking them for their dedicated service to our country.

*Thank you.*  
Sallie Hennessy

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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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