



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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Dear Family,

I love this photo! This is one of our faithful acolytes lighting the candles in his home before he settled down with his family to enter into our Easter worship service online. Thank you, Max, for giving permission to publish it. The photo reminds me of how much I miss seeing so many of you on Sunday mornings and leaning into the help I get from Max Turbyne and Rebecca Henderson with regularity.

My work week has a very different appearance than what has been normal for me for the last 42 years of ordained life. I sit more than I ever have before: in front of the computer screen attending Zoom conferences, answering emails, texts and making phone calls. I am very grateful for the number of ways we are staying in touch as a family, caring for each other, checking in, and worshipping together even while physically apart. I am grateful to the parish family.

I also find myself deeply appreciative that this pandemic did not arrive in the middle of winter when we would be far more “penned” in. I delight in daily walks on the bike paths, watching signs of spring everywhere I turn:

Two families of geese, each shepherding their small multi-numbered newborns across the bike path to the river;

Grace and Gus seemingly enjoying the quiet of Aspen Lake, until geese fly in and land on *their* island. Gus goes after them with loud honks and flapping wings, as if to say, we are happily quarantined here and you had better find your own home elsewhere;

The grass is getting a bit greener, the maple tree is budding, and hummingbird feeders are hanging out hoping to welcome the hummers back in due time.

These springtime annual events feed my soul and drive away my fatigue. I can listen to the newscasts with more energy, seeking to hear stories of flattening curves across the globe.

We are left with questions that at present we cannot answer: when can we travel to visit family, or plan a vacation, or host a party, and when can we assemble in the sanctuary to worship together as the Body of Christ? The answers to these questions seem to ride

on how well we remain “hunkering down”, and, when outside, how careful we are to stay six feet apart with mask and gloves on. There is conversation of a three phase “rolling return” at the National level and Oregon’s Health Authority will guide us through.

Meanwhile, I find myself grateful I have a home in which I *can* quarantine and I daily remember those hardworking people who permit me to have food on my table: local restaurants serving Meals-To-Go, grocery workers, farmers, field workers, fishermen, sanitation workers. The list goes on and on. This list does not even touch the countless medical workers pushing themselves to the edge to save lives and restore health. I heard that New York City might plan a ticker-tape parade for health workers at the end of the pandemic. Every city and town should do the same - even if we have to stretch out for miles so we are not standing too close.

We will get through this in time. But, at this moment here is a list of daily quarantine questions put together by Brooke Anderson as a way to check in with herself every day:

- What am I grateful for today?
- Who am I checking in on or connecting with today?
- What expectations of “normal” am I letting go of today?
- How am I getting outside today?
- How am I moving my body today?
- What beauty am I either creating, cultivating, or inviting in today?

I invite you to ask yourselves these same questions as our days march on.

Blessings,
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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.

May 3: The 4th Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

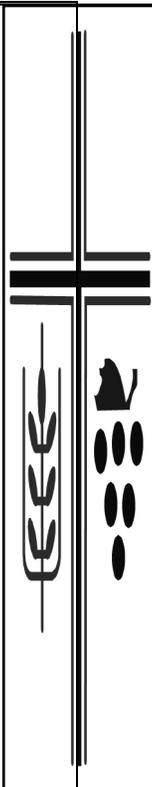
May 10: The 5th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
The Rev. Roy Green

May 17: The 6th Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

May 24: The 7th Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after Ascension Day
Pastor Frank Brocker

May 31: The Day of Pentecost
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

June 7: The 1st Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday



SCF ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

The SCF Endowment Fund has provided three grants in April for COVID-19 related needs in Deschutes County:

Shepherd's House Ministries: \$2,500 to provide food for the unemployed. Shepherd's House is giving away 1,000 meals per day compared to the normal demand of 50 meals per day.

Family Access Network (FAN): \$2,500 to provide food, safe shelter, healthcare, and child-care for unemployed and underemployed families in South Deschutes County.

Partners in Care: \$2,100 to convert a Hospice House room to a negative pressure room suitable for isolation of a presumptive COVID-19 patient, to purchase UV ovens to sanitize masks and other equipment and to establish a Telehealth program to enable virtual outreach with patients

Financial Report as of March 31, 2020

	Actual Jan-Mar	Budget Jan-Mar.
<u>Income</u>	\$86,724	\$84,807
<u>Expenses</u>	\$87,206	\$82,416
<u>Net Income</u>	\$ -482	\$ 2,391

June Newsletter Deadline: May 22

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

LILLIAN ARNOLD BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Lillian's 100th birthday is Friday, May 22. Let's inundate her with cards by having a card shower. I just talked to her daughter Karen and Karen said cards may be sent any time between now and then. Karen will collect them and give all of them to her on that Friday, May 22.

Thank you, Shirley Carlson

Cards are to be sent to:
Lillian Arnold
37142 Row River Road
Dorena OR. 97434



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 
- 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; under hospice care
- Ryan Lewis—recovery from COVID-19

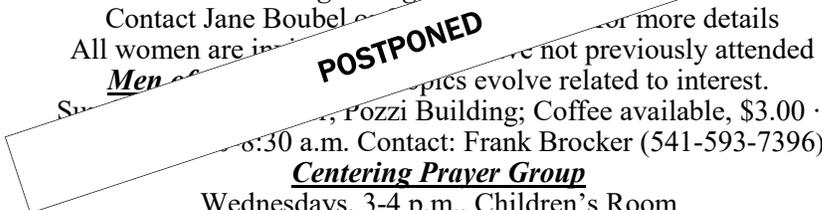
Transformed to Love & Serve – the Goal of the Education Ministry of SCF
Ongoing Groups: These groups continue to meet throughout the year

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 of Faith
 Sunrivers, 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



MEN OF FAITH

Men of Faith The Men of Faith group is still meeting, only the format has changed! The fellowship of men gathers via the internet weekly at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. During this period of “social distancing”, the group is using the Zoom meeting application, which can be downloaded for free to your internet connected device by going to Zoom.com. The topics are constantly evolving to suit the interests of the participants. If you would like to join, or just try it out, please contact Gene Bennington by email: gene@benningtonproperties.com. He will then add you to the contact list and email you the link to join the next meeting. Grab your coffee and sit in on the next discussion. You might discover a new Tuesday routine.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

In spite of school closures, online classes, and a host of other challenges, SCF's scholarship program is still moving ahead this spring. This will be the 10th time that scholarship assistance is available to qualified local youth and adults. Because of various challenges for applicants, the deadline for receiving applications was moved up a week to May 1.

Still wanting to interview all applicants, the Scholarship Committee will use Zoom as its interview vehicle and it will take most of May to complete them. It is uncertain whether we will be able this year to present our scholarship recipients to the congregation in a worship service as we have in the past. Nevertheless, we will certainly provide the congregation with information regarding each recipient in an upcoming church newsletter.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Gene & Sharon Krueger – drop the home phone number (541-639-8401); they are only using their cell phone numbers listed in the church directory.

Ted Searle – home phone number correction: 360-984-3483

Peggy Spieger – new email address: pspieger@centurylink.net.

Mike Beeson – new email address: sunrivermike@hotmail.com.

Malcolm Hill – new address:
 Sierra Pointe, Rm. 322, 5161 Foothills Blvd., Roseville, CA 95747

Scott & Stacy Pyatt – current address:
 1582 Calistoga Way, Olivehurst, CA 95961, 541-350-1198

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

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- Dr. Robert Pearson
 Associate Pastor:*
- Worship & Administration
 Jan Tuckerman
 Administrative Assistant*

When
"Pull Yourself Together"
Doesn't Work

You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together. . . . Cheer up. . . . Tough it out. . . . It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You're still hurting. Things are coming apart. Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential, one-to-one care as you search and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, contact Stephen Leader Shereda Benfield 503-998-4308. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.



UPCAP UPDATE

In early April, UPCAP used part of a \$5000 grant from Pacific Source/United Way to purchase gift cards for families in need. Jane Boubel went to Grocery Outlet, Walmart and Fred Meyer, buying 15 cards from each business. The cards have been loaded with \$50 of value. Jen Reuter, the FAN advocate at Three Rivers School, will oversee the distribution of the cards to families struggling in the current economic climate.

The Care and Share Program will be distributing food on a "one-on-one" basis. Individuals or families in need of food should call Madeline Bednarek at 541-593-3653 or email to: madeline@q.com and arrangements can be made to set a time and place to pick up a box of food. Please continue to set aside nonperishable foods for the next collection date or to offer support through your financial donation. Checks can be mailed to SCF or left at the church office, please write "Care and Share" on the memo line of your check and Jenny Long will see it is directed appropriately.

The Other Side of the Virus, An Opportunity to Awaken

Yes, there is fear
Yes, there is isolation
Yes, there is panic buying
Yes, there is sickness
Yes, there is even death
But...

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear

They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound

Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are
To how little control we really have
To what really matters
To Love

So we pray and we remember that
Yes, there is fear
But there does not have to be hate
Yes, there is isolation
But, there does not have to be loneliness
Yes, there is panic buying
But, there does not have to be meanness
Yes, there is sickness
But, there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes, there is even death
But, there can always be a rebirth of love

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now
Today, breathe
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing, Spring is coming
And we are always encompassed by Love

Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing

- Written by Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM, March 13, 2020

PANDEMIC EASTER LITANY

This year
 we couldn't kneel down
 and wash one another's feet
 but parents kneel by the tub and wash their babies
 before bed and pray for another day
 and we wash our own hands lovingly, thoroughly
 for our neighbors and strangers we will never meet.
Your Love always finds a way, O God. Alleluia!

This year
 we couldn't break bread with friends
 and pass the cup of blessing
 but grocery store clerks stock the shelves
 and healthcare workers suit up,
 giving their bodies
 so that we may eat and live.
Your Love always finds a way, O God. Alleluia!

This year
 we couldn't walk the stations of the cross together
 through our sanctuary or neighborhood
 but a father waits in line for food,
 carrying the cross,
 and a teacher works endless hours from home,
 carrying the cross,
 and a sanitation worker still wakes before the sun,
 to carry away our trash,
 carrying the cross.
Your Love always finds a way, O God. Alleluia!

This year
 we couldn't share the emptiness of the stripped altar,
 waiting and praying in the silence,
 but the whole world now holds vigil moment to moment
 as bodies are taken from respirators and
 wait to be buried without ritual –
 not buried alone,
 but with Jesus,
 like seeds in the ground.
Your Love always finds a way, O God. Alleluia!

This year
 we couldn't share God's big stories
 in the way we are used to
 – not from a page and pulpit –
 and stay up all night to light the holy fire,
 but as the holy breath brooded over the chaos,
 we discover our shared breath in a way we can no longer deny
 and as the dry bones came together,
 we are learning to come together in the way you made us
 and as our ancestors were liberated from Egypt,
 so our Earth gasps deeply in her liberation from our oppression
 and our cities are lit, once again, by the holy fire of the stars.
Your Love always finds a way, O God. Alleluia!

This year
 we couldn't fill our sanctuaries with lilies
 and lift our voices together -
 - not in the way we are used to –
 but this Easter morning we wake and walk with Mary in
 fear and trembling
 to the edges of the tomb
 and find a crack –
 the promise of the tulips' opening,
 the strangers' smile on the street,
 the announcement of a babe born –
 “we are being made new,” she cries –
 the breath of life in our lungs that MUST proclaim with
 each
 in and out:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your Love always finds a way, O God. Alleluia!

*Pr. Melissa O. Reed, Bishop's Associate,
 Prepared for the April 12 Oregon Synod Easter Worship*

HWY 97 CLEANUP: Maybe start in JUNE?

Due to COVID-19 issues, the May 14 clean up has been cancelled. We'll cross our fingers for doing our June 11 clean up. 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.

June 11, July 9 ,
 August 13, September 24
 Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
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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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