



# Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

## October 2021

**Dear Family,**

*As October commences and, along with it, our month of concentrated stewardship, I find myself grateful to Gene Bennington who has agreed to lead our efforts this year and to be our Preacher on October 3. He wears a coat of many colors in the countless ways he cares for our neighbors.*

*I am also grateful for the leadership of Jim Adams who has led us in the past so capably to connect our time, talent, and treasure as vital parts of God's economy. I am also thankful that he is very willing to do computer spreadsheet work to keep us on track and take some of the work off the shoulders of Gene. Thank you both.*

*I offer you an article I wrote for the newsletter sixteen years ago. It still speaks to me and I hope it will speak to you as well.*

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It is the month of October, my month of thanksgiving, the month I reflect on all my blessings, the month I ponder on what I will give back to God out of gifts of holy abundance.

**Lord Jesus,**

before I was born You knew my inmost thoughts. And when I came out of the womb, Your arms carried me into the world.

As I cried, as I cooed, as I lay wide-eyed and speechless, You held my hand. You held my hand until I took it away and let go of Yours.

As I grew, You fed me with sights and sounds too wonderful for words: innocence, dreams, imagination, and exploration.

Like a sentinel, You remained steadfast even when I found others more important, both people and things.

You said, "Yes," You said, "No," and You gave me the freedom to choose.

**Blessed Jesus,**

when I left childhood, You walked me into adolescence. When I lost my dad, I could talk to You when I could no longer talk to him.

When I felt uncomfortable in my body, I was comfortable in Your presence.

When I felt unacceptable to my peers, I knew I was acceptable to You. When I failed and felt shame, You

held me close. You held me close and told me I was worthy. In all this goodness, I often ignored You.

Since I have become an adult, I have known new pain and new joy. And You have held my hand through it all: miscarriage and birth, death and new life, darkness and light, despair and hope. When my faith was small, You touched me and made it large.

**Lord Jesus,**

as I think about thanksgiving, about the countless ways You've healed me, I can look with hope and gratitude into the future. And I can remember the past as sacred interlace. It is there—in the past—that Your intersecting with me has become transparent.

Lead me, Christ, my brother, my Lord, to softly turn inward, to cradle Your living inside of me as You have cradled me since the womb.

I have felt Your warmth in the sunlight, Your power in the wind and the waves, Your strength in the compassion of others, Your resurrected life in moments of deep joy.

I have seen your work in the canvas of an artist, in the voice of a prophet, in hands wringing for justice, in the gentle actions of a neighbor, in moments of thin air where heaven is so close that the air I breathe is Your breath exhaled.

You know me, Jesus. I do not have to pretend.

In the silence of Your love, I bring You gifts, gifts of my time, talent, and treasure, gifts dedicated to this truth: that no child of Yours will ever hear these words, "there's no room in the inn."

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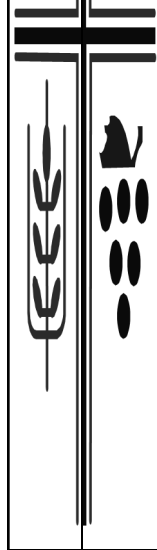
### **ALL SAINTS RECOGNITION**

As part of the All Saints worship service on November 7, those loved ones who have died since last year's All Saints Sunday on November 3, 2020, will be recognized. If you would like to have a loved one's name included in this remembrance, please send the name(s) to the church office by noon on Friday, November 5, preferably by email so we have the correct spelling of the name(s) – [sunrivercf@gmail.com](mailto:sunrivercf@gmail.com).

**Schedule of Upcoming Services: October 2021**

**UPCOMING SERVICES: all In-person**

- October 3:**     **The 19th Sunday after Pentecost**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green  
Preacher: Gene Bennington
- October 10:**   **The 20th Sunday after Pentecost**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- October 17:**   **The 21st Sunday after Pentecost**  
Pastor Robert Pearson
- October 24:**   **The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
The Rev. Mary Ann Gard
- October 31:**   **The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green  
Bishop Patrick Bell
- November 7:**   **The 24th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**All Saints Day**  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green



**SERMONS ON THE SCF WEBSITE: AN UPDATE**

There will be Audio Sermons only, no Video recordings, on the SCF website September 26, October 3, 10, and 17. As always, recordings are posted on the SCF website after 5 p.m. on Sunday.

**2022 PLEDGE AND TIME & TALENT MAILING**

On Sunday, October 3, Gene Bennington, Stewardship Chair, will begin our month-long stewardship emphasis as the Preacher with Pastor Nancy as Celebrant. During the following week, the "2022 Pledge and Time & Talent Forms" will be mailed to all members of the SCF family.

The "2022 Time & Talent Form" will provide you with information regarding a variety of serving opportunities for consideration. You may decide to continue with current involvements or choose to participate in a new ministry area. The names of ministry leaders along with their phone numbers and email addresses are on the form if you wish to talk with any of them about their ministry area's focus and activities.

The "2022 Pledge Form" helps the Finance Committee work on the proposed 2022 SCF budget. You can return your completed forms: (1) by putting them in the Love Box that will be located on the front table of the sanctuary each Sunday in October; or (2) mail both forms to the church, or (3) leave your completed forms on Pastor Rob's desk in the church office. Returning both forms in a timely fashion will greatly assist in planning for 2022.

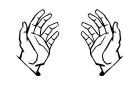
**November Newsletter Deadline: October 26**

Please send articles to Jan Tuckerman:

[jtuckerman@chamberscable.com](mailto:jtuckerman@chamberscable.com)

**Prayer Needs**

- *Al Tweit*—leg strength
- *Susan Weber*—dealing with Parkinson's
- *Aedan*—great-grandson of Karen Newcomb, birth defect
- *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 & Bob Blinn*—sister & brother-in-law of Roy Green; Cathy battling metastatic cancer
- *Parker*—grandniece of Alison Weatherhead; fighting acute lymphoblastic leukemia
- *Bergen Bull*—prayer for increased energy
- *Mike Brannan*—extreme back pain
- *Ellen Rau*—walking with cancer
- *Steve Rau*—recovery from surgery
- *Rich*—brother of Sandra Rodgers; eye issues
- *Nicholas & Michelle Barthelemy*—emotional issues
- *Lynne Ekstrom*—recovery from cancer treatment
- *Edith Parrish*—chronic back pain
- *Brenda Chapin*—recovery; shoulder replacement
- *Mike Spaniol*—coping with paralysis
- *Doris Brannan*—recovery; shoulder replacement
- *Katie Wayland*—living with cancer
- *Linda Salzer*—recovery; knee replacement



**UPDATED DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Steve & Liz Austin: new temporary address  
8993 Wind Jammer Lane  
Montgomery, TX 77316  
[lizsunriver67@gmail.com](mailto:lizsunriver67@gmail.com)

Jann & Steve Phares: new address  
346 NW Phils Loop  
Bend, OR 97703

Same phone number & email address

**MIKE SPANIOI FUNDRAISER**

Concert by *The Song Collectors*: Thursday, October 7, 2021; 4-6 p.m. at Mary McCallum Park, Sunriver. Let's bid adieu to summer and listen to music by *The Song Collectors* (Gina Rosbrook and Peggy Frede). If you would like to contribute to Mike and Carolyn Spaniol's medical assistance fund we will gladly accept any and all donations. If you've already made a donation, please come and enjoy the music as a thank you. What to bring: a chair, any food or beverage for your personal use, and a mask. We hope to see you there!

**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*

First and Third Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m. HTCC Dining Room.  
 Zoom session on Fourth Monday.

For information contact Bette Butler ([butlerbdewitt@gmail.com](mailto:butlerbdewitt@gmail.com), 541-647-7982)  
 or Jane Boubel ([JaneBoubel53@gmail.com](mailto:JaneBoubel53@gmail.com)/541-815-9853)

To be added to the Zoom email list contact Bette Butler.

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; Tuesdays: 8 a.m.

Contact Frank Brocker – 541-593-7396, [bfbfbrocker@gmail.com](mailto:bfbfbrocker@gmail.com),  
 or Dave Buhaly – 435-770-9220, [svrbvrdave@icloud.com](mailto:svrbvrdave@icloud.com).

*Centering Prayer Group*

Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m., Children’s Room

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday October 10 after the worship service**

The Managing Board is calling for a short congregational meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2021, after the worship service to approve a change to the church bylaws. The intent of the change is to allow each member of the congregation a vote on three of the most important items to the strength of the congregation: changes to the bylaws, the senior pastor position, and buying or selling real estate. The new wording will allow each member to cast a ballot without the necessity to be physically present during a congregational meeting. The current bylaw reads:

ARTICLE IV: The Congregation

SECTION 4.03. CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

(e) Voting Majority

Changes to the Bylaws, calling or relieving a Senior Pastor or purchasing or selling real property shall require a two-thirds vote of the quorum present. All other matters brought before the Congregation shall require a majority vote of the quorum.

Suggested change to (e):

(e) Voting Majority

Changes to the Bylaws, calling or relieving a Senior Pastor, or purchasing or selling real property shall require a two-thirds majority of ballots received from the membership. The decision on these matters will be conducted by individual ballot with each ballot requiring the signature of the voting member. A two-week window will be set for the distribution and collection of ballots once the Congregation has been notified of the called Congregational vote. All other matters brought before the Congregation shall require a majority vote of the quorum.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE: Additional Scholarship Awarded**

Upon the recommendation of two SCF members, the Scholarship Committee recently awarded a *Dora R-Good Neighbor Scholarship* to Victoria McDaniel. This scholarship is specifically for adults (not in the usual college-age group) who are seeking higher education in order to enhance their vocational future. Victoria begins a 2-year nursing program this fall at Oregon Coast Community College in Newport, Oregon. She has already completed an Associates degree from COCC and a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) Certification. While working at St. Charles Medical Center’s cardiac unit she decided to seek a nursing degree, specializing in cardiac care. The Scholarship Committee was very impressed with this young woman and the diligent effort she has expended already (often holding down 2 jobs and additionally babysitting on the side to pay for her education and expenses) and are confident that her aspirations will be of great benefit to many in the future.



**Financial Report as of August 31, 2021**

	Actual Jan-Aug..	Budget Jan-Aug..
<b>Income</b>	\$198,302	\$201,337
<b>Expenses</b>	\$203,160	\$205,632
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ -4,858	\$ -4,295

**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*  
*Linda Salzer*
- Outreach  
*Jane Boubel—UPCAP*  
*Gary Carlson—National & International*
- Scholarship Program  
*Rob Pearson*
- Stewardship  
*Gene Bennington*
- Worship  
*Rob Pearson*

**SCF Managing Board – 2021**

- Linda Smith*  
*President*
- Gene Krueger*  
*Vice President*
- Katie Hall/Patty Smith*  
*Secretary*
- Jenny Long*  
*Treasurer*
- Roy Green*
- Joe Huseonica*
- Sandra Kendle*
- Paul Knollman*
- Gene Krueger*

**SCF Endowment Board—2021**

- Wade Watson*  
*President*
- Cliff Erickson*  
*Treasurer*
- Vicki Udlock*  
*Secretary*
- Paul Barthelemy*
- Linda Collier*
- Mike Gocke*
- Liz Haberman*

**SCF STAFF**

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

### ***AN SCF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION !!***

Last year the music ministry at SCF was hoping to put together a virtual SCF Christmas Celebration program. Due to a lack of time, we were not able to pull it off. But the idea to create such a virtual program for this Christmas season is currently underway. And. . . **we want you to be part of it !!!**.

We are looking for members of the SCF family who would like to spread some Christmas cheer in their own way. Here are some suggestions (don't feel limited by them and don't feel you need to be a professional to participate):

- Read a short Christmas story
- Sing a Christmas song by yourself or with your family
  - Play a musical instrument
  - Share a family Christmas tradition
  - Perform a short Christmas skit

Dress-up in your Christmas finest and wish everyone a "Merry Christmas"  
Let your imagination run wild!



If you are interested in participating, contact Pastor Rob at [sunrivercf@gmail.com](mailto:sunrivercf@gmail.com) or Shelley Giaier at [michelegiaier777@gmail.com](mailto:michelegiaier777@gmail.com) for the details.

### ***CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE***

On Sunday, September 19, Steve Olson, who is assisting our Capital Campaign effort, was our Preacher for that service. Following the service, he offered a workshop on different ways to donate in addition to cash gifts. Here are some options that he shared:

**Stock** – appreciated assets, such as stock, which have been owned for at least a year can be gifted directly to the church. In doing so, the full value of the stock can be used as a charitable gift, and taxes are not owed on capital gains.

**IRA Transfers** – for those age 72, or older, you can transfer funds directly from your IRA to Sunriver Christian Fellowship. Such a transfer is not reportable income to you and can meet your required minimum distribution for the year. Such transfers are limited to \$100,000 per year and not deductible as a charitable donation but have the potential to reduce your tax bill because there is no reportable income. *This way of giving can be helpful even if you don't itemize.*

**Matching Funds** – some employers or boards will match your donations. In some instances, even if regular offerings to the church are not matched because of religious restrictions, they may be eligible for a capital campaign. Please check with your employer, as sometimes these rules change.

**Donor- Advised Funds** – while pledges cannot be made from a Donor Advised Fund or Family Foundations, intentions can be shared, allowing for financial planning by leadership.

**Trusts** – charitable Remainder Trusts and Family Charitable Lead Trusts are creative ways to give in certain situations. Check with your financial advisor. Representatives of the ELCA Foundation ([www.elca.org/Give/ELCA-Foundation](http://www.elca.org/Give/ELCA-Foundation)) and the Episcopal Church Foundation ([www.ecf.org](http://www.ecf.org)) are also available to help with your planning.

**Gift Planning** – have you included Sunriver Christian Fellowship in your gift plan? Including the church as a beneficiary of all or part of your estate, life insurance, stock portfolio, IRA, 401K, charitable gift annuity, etc., is a way of providing a legacy gift for the future.

**For More information:** If you would like to set up electronic giving, receive stock gift instructions, or have questions on your contribution records, please contact the church office or:

Steve Olson, Campaign Consultant: **253-973-2611**; [steve@olsonadvancement.com](mailto:steve@olsonadvancement.com).

*As always, consult with your tax professional or attorney as you consider various gifting options.*

### ***VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS***

**COWABUNGA!!!** "Visions of Sugar Plums" is sneaking up on us! In just a few short weeks we will be **hoofing** our **chow** over to the **Great Barn!** I am **prodding** you into your kitchens to **churn** out those favorite recipes. And while you are at it, I double **doggie** dare you to double or triple the recipes! Filling that **Great Barn** to the rafters is a real **challenge!** But if we all work **Eberhard** I know we can do it! Remember, this is an "all **herd**" event. I'm **cownting** on every one of you! Yes, even you **bulls!** I want to hear a **stampede** into your kitchens and workshops. I know I'm a bit **bossy** but our neighboring **herds** are in need.

With Bovine Blessings,  
Your Holy Cow



**SCF ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT**

Sunriver Christian Fellowship outreach grants from the Endowment Fund are making a difference in our community which will continue to happen going forward regardless of where our physical building is and what the annual budget looks like. That is what the Endowment Fund was designed to do.

**Endowment Fund Grants 2020-21 to date**

- \$2000 - Shepherd's House      Food & Housing
- \$2000 - La Pine Community Kitchen      Food & Meals
- \$2000 - SCF Scholarship Program      Scholarships beyond High School
- \$2000 - Three Rivers School      Exceptional education needs related to COVID
- \$2000 - Mountain Star Family Relief      Child Abuse Prevention
- \$1500 - Family Access Network      Responding to the needs of La Pine students & their families

In keeping with our Christian Faith,  
Your Endowment Fund Board of Trustees  
Vicki Udlock, Secretary  
Cliff Erikson, Treasurer

Note: Below is a Thank You letter from the Family Access Network for the Endowment Fund grant from SCF.



July 13, 2021

Wade Watson  
Sunriver Christian Fellowship  
18160 Cottonwood Rd  
Sunriver, OR 97707

Dear Wade,

We would like to thank you for awarding FAN with a \$1,500.00 grant on 7/4/2021 to support FAN families in La Pine! Your generosity and partnership sustains our efforts to alleviate poverty and meet our community's ever-expanding needs.

FAN is uniquely positioned to serve local families, with a presence in schools throughout Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties. We assist nearly 8,000 children and family members each year. Our advocates work directly with families to connect them to essential services such as food, shelter, clothing, heating, school supplies, health services, and more. FAN strives to cultivate a safe and welcoming environment for children and families in need.

*"My advocate is amazing! She has helped us so much, and we never feel judged or guilty about asking for assistance; we all need it. I'm incredibly thankful."*  
— A parent helped by FAN

With gratitude,

*Lauren Olson*  
Lauren Olson, Foundation Chair

*Julie N. Lyche*  
Julie N. Lyche, Executive Director

*Wade,  
Wow! Thank you so much for this support of La Pine's FAN families. This will make such a difference in the lives of La Pine students. with gratitude,  
Emily*

Please consider this letter official receipt of your contribution. No goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift. This organization is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Federal tax identification number: 20-3534560

Opening doors to hope, help and new possibilities.

2125 NE Daggett Lane Bend, Oregon 97701 [541] 693-5675 familyaccessnetwork.org

**CARE AND SHARE SEPTEMBER**

Thanks to all for your generous contributions of nonperishable food! You continue to make Care and Share a viable charity. I believe that our numbers are staying lower as the DOOR in La Pine is distributing food on the 4th Friday of each month which often coincides with Care & Share on the last Friday of each month. We will continue to do our best to serve those who come to Care & Share.

Thank you again for your generosity and willingness to support Care and Share.

Madeline Bednarek

Boxes Distributed

- Small: 25
- Medium: 25
- Large: 20
- X-Large: 5
- Total: 108**

People Served

- Adults: 182
- Kids: 86
- Total: 268**

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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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