



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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April 2018

[The following information was read to the congregation at the Palm Sunday service on March 25.]

Dear Family

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Joe Huseonica and I am President of your Sunriver Christian Fellowship Managing Board.

The Managing Board wants you to be aware of the recent developments regarding the SCF lease discussions with Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

The SCF Managing Board team negotiating a lease renewal has been informed by our counterparts at Holy Trinity that it is the Catholic Diocese of Baker's intention to sell this building. We were told of this decision as a matter of courtesy at this point. We were also told this decision is part of a broader restructuring of the Holy Redeemer Parish in La Pine, of which Holy Trinity is a mission church. The restructuring is to include the sale of both church buildings and the construction of a new church. Beyond those details, we have not been made privy to any other information or plans at this point. Holy Trinity is committed to keeping us apprised of their planning efforts and any implications for SCF.

There is no immediate impact on the SCF use of this building. As you would likely expect, selling two churches plus planning and building a new one won't happen overnight. Our current lease runs through December 31, 2019 and the Holy Trinity representatives do not believe that lease term will be impacted. They have also indicated a willingness to negotiate an extension to the current lease beyond that point if they have not yet finalized and implemented their restructuring plans. From the SCF perspective, the Managing Board believes we should move forward with our own planning process in anticipation of a successful Holy Trinity plan.

The upcoming Managing Board meeting agenda on Tuesday will include a discussion of the various options that SCF will need to consider with regard to our future home. We will consider all options at our disposal including purchase, lease or build. Purchase of this building would be the ideal. Please be

assured that the Managing Board will keep you all informed of our Board discussions and recommended direction as well as update you on any additional news forthcoming from Holy Trinity.

We wanted you all to be aware of this Holy Trinity direction and be able to respond accordingly when the "rumor mill" gets going (which it is sure to do!) and before SCF has completed our own planning. It is important that we represent this change of direction for Holy Trinity for just what it is; a broader restructuring of Holy Redeemer Parish. This is a huge undertaking for the Catholics and while SCF will launch its own planning effort, we are being assured that our co-tenancy is secure through the current lease period and beyond.

I will be available after this service, as will other members of the Managing Board, to listen to your inputs with regard to Managing Board's future planning efforts as I'm sure your input will be helpful as the Board looks at our options going forward.

In faith, Joe

NEW WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULING PROGRAM

The Worship Committee has recently secured a new "Worship Volunteers Scheduling Computer Program" that will help the effectiveness of the monthly scheduling of the many volunteers needs for weekly worship services. Sally Heise, along with Randy's assistance, is the primary manager of the program. One of the helpful features of the program is the weekly "reminder notification of volunteers" for the coming Sunday. Training of key worship leaders will occur after Easter and it is hoped that the program is fully operational in May.

NOTE: Pastor Nancy will be away for continuing education April 23-May 6 in Iona, Scotland, under the tutelage of John Philip Newell.

Schedule of Upcoming Services—April

April 1 Easter Sunday

Celebrant: The Rev Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Jeana Emerson, Susan Huseonica,
 Linda Salzer, Gina Tjaden
 Lector: Wade Watson
 Chalice Bearers: Jeana Emerson, Cliff & Kathie Erikson,
 Gina & Terry Tjaden, Wade Watson
 Greeter: Terry Thomas
 Ushers: Chris Baldwin, Dave & Jenny Long, John Lysaker
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros:

Eucharistic Visitors: Anne Irving & Mary Link
 Coffee: Jane Boubel & Mal Murphy

April 8 The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Rev Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin,
 Clara Smith, Patty Smith
 Lector: Joe Huseonica
 Chalice Bearers: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin,
 Sallie Heise, Joe Huseonica, Clara Smith,
 Patty Smith
 Greeter: Steve Hamilton
 Ushers: Gene Bennington, Dorothy & Rob Theodorson,
 Terry Thomas

Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Terry Thomas
 Coffee: Elizabeth & Gerry Stearns

April 15: The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Susan Huseonica, Anne Irving, Mary Link
 Lector: John Salzer
 Chalice Bearers: Oralee & Harry Hamilton, Anne Irving,
 Mary Link, John & Linda Salzer

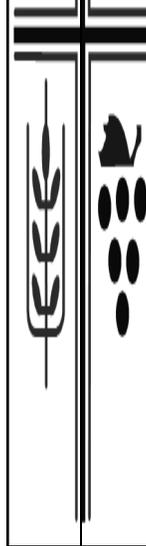
Greeter: Sally Heise
 Ushers: Dave Buhaly, Don & Vicki Udlock, Bob Vogel
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Bob Vogel
 Coffee: Gina Rosbrook

April 22: The 4th Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Pastor Robert Pearson
 Altar Guild: Jan Bull, Stacy Pyatt, Kay Sharp, Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Dave Buhaly
 Chalice Bearers: Jan Bull, Stacy Pyatt, Kay & Bob Sharp,
 Sandy & Stuart Young
 Greeter: Diana Gustavson
 Ushers: Carol & Dave Friedley, Steve Hamilton, John Salzer
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: John Salzer
 Coffee: Linda & Stan Porter

April 29: The 5th Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Rev Paul Bathelemy
 Altar Guild: Karen Carmichael, Brenda Chapin,
 Clara Smith, Patty Smith
 Lector: Diana Gustabson
 Chalice Bearers: Brenda Chapin, Diana Gustavson,
 Loretta Slepikas, Clara Smith, Patty Smith
 Greeter: Karen Newcomb
 Ushers: Stan Porter, Jean & Al Rice, Bob Sharp
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros: Stan Porter

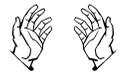
**May 6: The 6th Sunday of Easter**

Celebrant: The Rev Roy Green
 Altar Guild: Gail Drew, Jeana Emerson, Gina Tjaden,
 Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Joan Lewis
 Chalice Bearers: Gene Bennington, Dave Buhaly,
 Gail Drew, Jeana Emerson,
 Gina & Terry Tjaden,
 Greeter: Sandra Kendle
 Ushers:
 Audio: Ryan Lewis—Intros:
 Eucharistic Visitors: Anne Irving & Mary Link
 Coffee: Susan & Joe Huseonica

THANK YOU FROM NANCY: Old age must be setting in. For the first time in years, I did not acknowledge the choir, bell choir, pianists and musicians who helped enrich our Holy Week services beyond words. Music lifts us—and you lifted us high. Thank you and Easter blessings.

Prayer Needs

- William Lambertson—grandson of Sandra Rodgers, in long-term recovery; assault
- Aedan—great-grandson of Karen Newcomb, birth defect
- Nat Collier—fighting prostate & bone cancer
- Wen Drew
- Marlys Lysaker—fighting cancer
- Andrew & Nicholas Barthelemy
- Al & Karen Tweit
- Susan Weber—dealing with Parkinson's
- Bernadine & Jim Foster—cancer & heart issues
- Maxford—grandson of Harriet & Max Yandt; Acute Transverse Myelitis
- Charlene—sister of Chuck Carey; fighting cancer
- Ellen Rau—fighting cancer
- Shirley Smith—recovery from ankle surgery
- Bill Groscup—recovery from surgery
- Rich Charles—recovery from surgery
- Audrey Charles—recovery from cancer
- Dick Chapin—recovery from pneumonia
- Wintress Lovering—undergoing cancer treatment
- Olivia Long—seizure treatment
- Bill & Pat—brother & sister-in-law of Jan Bull
- Margaret Beard—recovery from hip surgery
- Monica Mack—recovery from foot surgery

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross Blood Drive is planned for Tuesday, April 3 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. at HTCC. To schedule an appointment, either call 1-800-737-2767 or go online to redcrossblood.org.

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, 10:00 a.m.-noon, HTCC Dining Room.

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr

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)

Men's Bible Study — current topic: Book of Acts

Being taught by Steve Hamilton: Bring a Bible.

Wednesdays; 9-10:30 a.m. HTCC Dining Room

**Ministry Team
Leaders – 2018**

- Congregational Care
- Pastor Nancy Green*
- Stephen Ministry
- Randy Heise & Ginny Adams*
- Senior Ministry
- Joe Huseonica*
- Communications
- Cindy & Mark McConnell*
- Education
- Rob Pearson*
- Evangelism
- Shirley Smith*
- 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*

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM :

Applications Coming In/Funding Issues

This spring marks the eighth year of SCF's *Partnership in Education* Scholarship Program. The deadline for applicants to submit their application forms is Friday, April 20. During May, the Scholarship Committee will be interviewing all applicants who are attending a school in the Bend-La Pine area. In mid-June, the committee will complete its interview process of those reapplying but who attend a college out of the area.

During the worship service on June 3, as many of the local applicants who will be receiving a scholarship as are available, will be presented to the congregation. This provides an opportunity for the church family to become acquainted with the young people and adults that they are supporting through this ministry.

God has blessed this program far beyond expectation. Thank you for your continuing financial gifts and prayers for our scholarship recipients.

SCF Management Board – 2018

- Joe Huseonica*
- President*
- Vice President*
- Katie Hall*
- Secretary*
- Jenny Long*
- Treasurer*
- Gene Bennington*
- Dave Buhaly*
- Cliff Erikson*
- Roy Green*
- Sandra Kendle*

A CHALLENGE FROM THE PROPHETS

Beginning Sunday, April 15 and continuing through May 20, Pastor Rob will be leading a discussion study on the topic, *Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture*. The class will be held in the Children's Chapel from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Each session will include a DVD presentation by Dr. Walter Brueggemann, eminent Old Testament scholar, teacher, and writer, followed with a discussion on the topic he presents. The subject matter will be challenging so be prepared to be a bit jarred. There is no charge, but please let Rob know if you want to attend so adequate printed handouts will be made.

THANKS TO EASTER HELPERS

Pastors Nancy and Rob wish to express their special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the Lent-Easter season a meaningful experience. Each of your contributions was an important aspect in our outreach not only to the Sunriver community, but to the many guests that attended the various Holy Week services.

SCF MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

The SCF Management Board meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday in the HTCC dining room from 2:30-4:00 p.m. These meetings are open to all. The next board meeting is
April 24

Financial Report as of February 28, 2018

Actual Jan-Feb. 2018 Budget Jan.-Feb. 2018

Income	\$62,781	\$54,755
Expenses	\$55,274	\$52,364
Net Income	\$ 7,507	\$ 2,391

SCF STAFF

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

HIGHWAY CLEANUP SCHEDULE FOR 2018

The snow is melting along our stretch of Highway 97 and those items that so many people have so nicely thrown from their vehicle windows are poking their heads out of the snow. So, it is time for our group of cleaners to get out and clean up God's beautiful country. This year we will start our pickup on Thursday April 26, meeting in the HTCC parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to get assignments, vests, garbage bags, etc.

This year we will be picking up on Thursdays.

Other pickup dates and times:

- Thursday June 7 @ 9 a.m.
- Thursday July 26 @ 9 a.m.
- Thursday Aug. 23 @ 9 a.m.
- Thursday Sept. 27 @ 9 a.m.
- Thursday Oct. 25 @ 9:30 a.m.

Signup sheets will be available on each of two Sundays prior to the pickup dates. Come join us for a delightful stroll with wonderful companions as we take care of God's country.

Stan Porter
slporter@crestviewcable.com, 503-910-6915

SCF DINNER GROUPS

2018 SCF Dinner Groups are now forming. SCF dinner groups meet about once per month over the period of about a year for potluck style meals and fellowship. Groups consist of 6-10 people, both couples and singles. Dinner group is a great way to get to know fellow congregants and build lasting bonds of friendship. Each group has a leader who hosts the first gathering in May or June. Groups decide from there when and where they meet. Some groups opt to not meet until after the busy summer. Groups meet in homes, restaurants or even outdoors for any meal on any day that they chose. Dinner groups are a wonderful way to get to know people in a small, casual setting and strengthen our congregation in many ways. Signups will be located on the guest book table starting April 8 and extending to April 29. Please contact Gail Drew if you have any questions.

UPDATED DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Kenney & Cheryl Griffiths: New address:
 2071 Lemonberry Lane
 Carlsbad, CA 92009
 same emails & cell phones

Paul Hower: New address:
 325 S. Timber Creek
 Sisters, OR 97759

THANK YOU FROM THREE RIVERS SCHOOL

During a *Missions Moment* in early March, Jane Boubel, UPCAP Chair, introduced a faculty member and student members of the Three Rivers School Robotic Team, a new program at the school. It was impressive what has already been accomplished by the students as a result of their early efforts. A week later, SCF received this note from principal Tim Broadbent:

"I want to thank Sunriver Christian Fellowship for its support of our school. The impact that you have on our students, both past and present, is beyond commendable. Please share my thanks on to all who worship with you. Your support is invaluable."

NEW SCF MEMBERS

It's hard to believe that Mark and Cindy McConnell have only lived in Sunriver for one year! They are totally involved in so many activities: SCF choir and bells, SCF communications ministry, Men of Faith, book club, SRWC, SR Stars, pickleball, theater at SCF, SR Music Festival, mountain biking-the list goes on and on! Cindy is from Colorado and Mark has lived all over the NW. After both graduated in education, they met on a blind date in Lake View, OR. In 1995 they moved to Newport and built a B & B that Mark ran for 10 years, along with being Mayor of Newport while Cindy continued teaching Spanish. They have two grown children, a lawyer son and physical therapist daughter and are very excited about their first grandson. Both are very happy in their new community and will continue their love of travel, going to Spain and Portugal this spring. SCF is very blessed having this talented couple as new members.



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENT

Central Oregon Mastersingers
Classical Treasures: Choral Gems of the Classical Era
 Durante - Haydn - Mozart - Beethoven - Schubert - Rossini
 Saturday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m.
 Nativity Lutheran Church, 60850 Brosterhouse, Bend
 Tickets \$20; students free
 Purchase from: Gina Rosbrook or Jan Tuckerman
 Or online: www.centraloregonmastersingers.org

May Newsletter Deadline: April 24

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

Dear Family,

I know, I know, I get hooked on a theologian and that is what you hear me “echo” over and over again. Right now, with the Lenten offering from Dr. Fred Craddock, I have been re-reading him and have been filled.

Before you read this Craddock article from “A Taste of Honey”, ask yourself, how well do I know Jesus? How much do I want to get to know him better?

May this article challenge you.

“His head is full of notions, but his heart is as empty as a churn.” These are the words a mother used to describe her son.

Mary lived in a two-room, no-floor cabin on a mountain near Ozone. I was a student preacher in that area, and I took seriously Paul’s example of ministering “publicly and from house to house.” But Paul was a city preacher and I was in the country, some of it very remote. I had no car, but the loan of one enabled me to visit the widow Mary. “Is yours the only house on this road?” “No, there’s one more on past me about half a mile.” “Anyone live there?” “Yes, my son George.” “Any family?” “No, he ain’t never married.” “Do you think he would let me visit him?” “Probably, but it wouldn’t do no good, if you are meaning to talk to him about his soul.” At this point she gave me the above description of him. Her evaluation of his condition should have prompted me to see George immediately, but it did not. Eventually, I went.

George’s place was a picture of self-sufficiency: A lazy dog that hardly stirred, a dozen or so chickens in the yard, a small chicken house, a garden still bearing witness to last year’s crop, and an out-house. The house itself was apparently built by someone who didn’t care. The front room contained a bed, two chairs, and a kerosene stove. In the other room was a woodstove, a small table, and one chair. A clutter of old newspapers surrounded the chair most worn. “It’s clear you love to read,” I said as I pointed to a wall full of shelves, and each shelf full of books. “I heard on the radio about them books. If you bought the whole set, they let you pay it off by the month. They’re about half paid off.” You could tell George was proud of those books. “I’m nigh on sixty years old and I ain’t seen another set.” The set was the Great Books of Western Civilization. Plato, Aristotle, Plutarch, Kant, Milton, Shakespeare, Dickens, Melville, Sandburg; you name it, it was there.

I didn’t want to embarrass George, but I asked anyway, “Have you read any of them?” “All of them, some twicst.” I listened as he talked fondly of what he had read. “Your favorite, George?” “*Plutarch’s Lives.*”

On a later visit, I asked, “Do you have a Bible, George?” “No, Momma does, but she don’t like to loan it.” On the next trip I took him a Bible and suggested he begin with Luke. On my last visit (I was moving away) I said, “George, what do you think about Jesus?” He looked down for quite a while and when he raised his head, I saw tears. “I wish I could of knowed him,” said George as he got up and walked outside.

Blessed Easter and Blessed Knowing, Nancy

SCF ENDOWMENT MOMENT

One of the greatest needs in Central Oregon, and particularly in Southern Deschutes County, is affordable housing for low-income families. Rising rents often force families to live in substandard housing or move frequently. This housing insecurity leads to a myriad of well-documented stresses for children and adults, including poor health and nutrition, risky health behaviors, or poor mental health.

The SCF Endowment Fund recently chose to respond to this need for affordable housing by making a contribution to support the upcoming Habitat for Humanity of La Pine-Sunriver (HfHLPSR) project to construct 16-18 single family homes in La Pine. HfHLPSR solicited a donation of land in La Pine from Deschutes County. On June 7, 2017, the County Commissioners donated 1.85 acres of raw land to HfHLPSR to create a new neighborhood for low-income families. The permitting process is now underway to create a subdivision including 16-18 lots. The objective is to construct the necessary road and utility infrastructure and the 16-18 homes during the upcoming 4-year period. The predicted project cost is \$2.25 million.

HfHLPSR carefully screens, counsels and educates applicants to ensure their success in meeting the obligations of a 30-year mortgage and the responsibilities of home ownership. Existing HfHLPSR homeowners are stable and working in the region—many work in blue-collar and service industries, particularly in businesses supporting the tourism and recreation industry.

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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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