



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

October 2020

Greetings!

Once again we are entering the Church season of Stewardship. This will be my sixth year of having the privilege of being your Stewardship chair. Thank you for your trust and openness to share this holy season with me.

When I was first appointed as chair, I was mentored by Gene Bennington, our previous chair. I poured over his humorous and thought provoking sermons, and his extensive collection of books and notes to better understand stewardship and why our church dedicates an entire season to this concept. The takeaway I learned from Gene is that stewardship is not about fund raising; it is about how we respond to God's love.

In my 2020 stewardship sermon, I will discuss the intersection of God's love (inspired by 1 John 4, 7-12), the amazing spirit of Sunriver Christian Fellowship (something called koinonia that Jack Kiekel introduced me to), the challenges of the COVID pandemic, and how these seemingly disparate issues can help inform this holy season.

Candidly, you could not be stuck with a less qualified stewardship chair during this time. Because of Ginny's and my health issues that place us at "substantial risk" during the pandemic, I have struggled at times with loss, loneliness, sadness, and anxiety. Yet, I have also found at other times great comfort in others' acts of kindness that reminded me of Christ's loving presence.

I hope you will once again give me the honor of joining me as we do our best to navigate this season, growing closer in Christ's love. I acknowledge the challenges before our SCF faith family are great, including:

- our need for a stable place of worship
- the challenges of social isolation
- pastoral and community needs
- our loss or plate and guest collections.

Yet despite these challenges, I know the generosity and faith of the SCF faith family are greater.

In closing, I look forward to the time when we can come together again to worship God and experience each other in community and relationship as we were created to do. I dearly miss you all!

Faithfully yours, Jim Adams

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

October is SCF's usual stewardship month. Jim Adams, chair of stewardship, will be presenting the sermon during the October 4 services. During the week following his presentation, "2021 Pledge Forms" will be mailed. One major difference this year is that the "Time & Talent Form," normally a part of this mailing, will not be included. Given the COVID challenge and uncertainty when public worship gatherings will resume, the Managing Board felt it better to wait until early 2021 to mail out the Time & Talent Forms.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITES

In mid-September, two outdoor worship services were made available to a limited number of participants per service. Gene and Pam Bennington made available their backyard in Sunriver which can easily accommodate 25 persons per service. These outdoor services will continue **at the Holy Trinity parking lot starting October 4** into mid-October, weather-permitting, at 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required by contacting Gene at gene@benningtonproperties.com. Please indicate which service time you prefer. Attendees are requested to wear a mask and bring their own folding chair.

And the weekly **Alternative Worship Service** will continue to be recorded each Saturday and made available on the church's website the following day, Sunday, in both video and audio formats.

"SAINTS" NAMES

As part of the "All Saints" worship service on November 1, those loved ones who have died since last year's All Saints Sunday on November 3, 2019, 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, October 30, preferably by email so we have the correct spelling of the name/s: sunrivercf@gmail.com.

Schedule of Upcoming Services: July-August 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.

Oct. 4: The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
Preacher: Jim Adams

Oct. 11: The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

Oct. 18: The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Frank Brocker

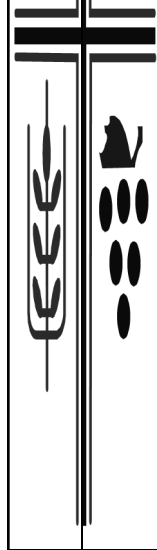
[Note: Pastor Nancy will be attending an Episcopal Diocese meeting on Zoom Oct. 16-18.]

Oct. 25: The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
Preacher: Shereda Benfield

Nov. 1: All Saints Day

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

**VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS**

The "Visions of Sugar Plums" Bake Sale will still be occurring this fall. The date is Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Great Hall. Masks will be required. This is an important annual fundraising event. All proceeds directly benefit Care & Share's outreach to those in need in our community.

COWABUNGA !!!

Visions of Sugar Plums is only a few weeks away! *Dairy I prod* you into your kitchens to *churn* out your favorite recipes? Remember...we not only sell delicious bake goods. We are also known for our *udderly* wonderful frozen foods. So hot *hoof* it into you kitchens and *churn, churn, churn!*

We are again offering "A Wagon of Wine" on our raffle. It has brought in *moocho moo!* Many of you have donated wine in past years. If you would like to donate a bottle(s) please bring to Rob's office any Mon., Tues., Wed., or Fri. between 10 and 4. I promise I won't get into it...nothing worse than a cow on *moonshine!*

With Bovine Blessings,
Your Holy Cow

**DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Joan Sloan - phone correction: 541-306-4641

Paul Hower - new address:

3971 Birch St., Washougal, WA 98671; Same phone number

Barbara Hart - new cell number: 503-217-9880

Gina Rosbrook - new email: ginarosbrook1@gmail.com

WE CARE

WE CARE was a letter writing program that was started about 10 years ago for the purpose of letting members of our military "family" know that they are being thought of and prayed for while on remote overseas assignments. The program was started up again as Chris and Steve Hamilton's daughter, Chelsea, is now serving in Afghanistan. I have just received another name. Robin and Barbara Goffrier's son, Chris, is now stationed in Djibouti, Africa.

As a WE CARE team member you would be assigned a month for you to correspond with him. It could be a card or two, a small gift bag (of M and M's???) but most important prayers for his safety.

If you would like to be a part of the WE CARE team just let me (Sallie) know and I will fill you in on the details. I can speak from experience as our son, Steve, was a recipient of WE CARE and was very thankful to know that others cared.

Sallie Hennessy
Hennessy130@gmail.com

- *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 Lambertson*—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
- *Kathy Salquist*—MRSA bacterial infection
- *Bergen Bull*—slight tear in the esophagus; recovering
- *Jean Rice*—fighting cancer
- *Dick Chapin*—in hospice care
- *Gail Manary*—fighting cancer
- *Bob Vogel*—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
- *Kyce Lindstrom*—granddaughter of Beth & Paul Lindstrom; emotional issues

Prayer Needs

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., Sunriverside Meeting Room
 Rising Stars

Contact Jane Dewitt for more details
 All women who have not previously attended

Prayer Group
 Wednesday, Contact: Bette Butler 541-647-7982 (cell/text), butlerbdewitt@gmail.com

Men of Faith Group — still meeting on Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30 am (new time)
 Frank Brocker, Coordinator (541-593-7396); currently meeting via Zoom;
 Contact Dave Buhaly to have your name added to the Zoom invitation email:

LEARNING ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In spite of our current social separation and not being able to provide group learning opportunities as in the past, there is another option you may want to consider. Over the past several years, many adult studies have been offered at SCF. Many of them included assorted study materials including: Participant's Guide, Leader's Guide, and DVDs. These studies can provide you with a means to continue your own spiritual growth. A chart has been developed to inform you of what is now available for you to borrow. It can be found on the SCF website. Here are the steps to take in order to investigate what might interest you:

- + Go to the SCF website - www.sunriverchristianfellowship.org
- + At the top of the front page, click the "Get Involved" link
- + Under that link, click "Activities"
- + On the "Activities" page will be descriptive information and a place for you to click and look at the chart describing the various study options to choose from.

If interested in borrowing any of the materials, contact me in the church office at either - [541-593-1183](tel:541-593-1183) or sunrivercf@gmail.com. All materials are currently in the church office for you to quickly obtain. Let me know of any questions you might have. Keep growing!!! Rob

BOTTLE COLLECTION : AUGUST

Thanks for another record month we had \$758.70 in cash and a check for \$250 from Bottle Drop for a total of \$1008.70. As our total has increased we are changing our accounting and we would like for you to include the cash register receipt with the cash (most of you already do this).

Thanks to all of you.
 Steve Austin

CARE & SHARE

The next Care & Share food collection will be on Wednesday, October 14 from 10:30 a.m.-noon in the Maverick's parking lot next to HTCC under the trees. Once again, they are asking for Mac & Cheese and chili.

The September food collection was a great success! SCF family and friends donated over 300 pounds of food. This included 100 cans of chili, 200 boxes of Mac & Cheese, and 100 cans of fruit and vegetables. Thank you for your generous support in this time of need!

September:

Boxes Distributed		People Served	
Small	46	Adults	331
Medium	54	Children	137
Large	28	Total	468
X Large	9		
Total	137		

Financial Report as of August 30, 2020

	Actual Jan-July	Budget Jan-July
Income	\$215,867	\$226,153
Expenses	\$205,304	\$222,373
Net Income	\$ 10,563	\$ 5,781

November Newsletter Deadline: October 27

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

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/Welcome
 Gail Drew
 Jan Bull
 Linda Salzer
- Outreach
 Jane Boubel—UPCAP
 Gary Carlson—National & International
- Scholarship Program
 Rob Pearson
- Stewardship
 Jim Adams
- Worship
 Rob Pearson

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- Secretary
 Jenny Long
- Treasurer
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 Gail Grauer
 Roy Green
 Joe Huseonica
 Sandra Kendle

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Sunday Service & Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Services held at the

Holy Trinity Church

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