



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

February 2022

Dear Family,

Epiphany is the lost season. It is the season which is tucked in between the greatly anticipated season of Christmas and the quiet, inward, reflective season of Lent.

In Christmas, we celebrate the birth of our Lord.
In Lent, we prepare inwardly to walk with him to Golgotha.
In Epiphany, what happens?

Epiphany begins with the Magi following the star to a Bethlehem stable in Mathew's Gospel. They come bearing gifts to the Christ Child as the Light to the whole world. God's promise of salvation is no longer restricted to the people of Israel, but now offered for all humanity.

In Epiphany, we discover who Jesus is and we listen for his call. This call is not restricted to any particular denomination or creedal formula. His call is to the wider human family with no boundaries included.

Listen to a new way to hear of the boundless kingdom of God through the pen of Dr. Fred Craddock, from *Taste of Milk and Honey* [July/August 2020]:

THE QUESTION WAS ASKED by a TV reporter and directed to Carl Sandburg, poet, historian, biographer, storyteller. The question was, "Mr. Sandburg, what in your opinion is the ugliest word in the English language?" I was interested because I grew up with "ugly words." My mother's list of ugly words included taking God's name in vain, cursing, swearing, and using profanity. These words were not to be spoken. Also not to be spoken were words not ugly but close enough to come under the ban: darn, heck, gosh, etc. Also not to be spoken were eleven words that sounded alike but in reality were different. For example, "But, Momma, I was saying dam, not damn." This long list of ugly words came back to mind when the reporter asked, "What is the ugliest word?" Through the years, as I have outgrown my mother's list (at least, some of them), I have added to my own. For example, "ilk." It is an old Scottish word meaning "like, or the same." "The drug dealers and their ilk," or "the tax collector and their ilk." Ilk is ugly, real ugly. But I silenced my mind; Mr. Sandburg was about to speak. I grew more anxious as he grew more deliberate. Finally: "The ugliest word in the English language is exclusive." He said no more; he did not explain his choice or attempt to justify it. His face said it all – what could be uglier? I tossed my boyhood list— how childish! I tossed ilk and all its ilk— how useless! On a slip of

paper I wrote "exclusive." I dared not speak it lest my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth. As I sit here years later I can hardly say the word, it is so ugly. And when I think the word, I feel I should wash my mind out with soap. [May 2012]

The opposite of exclusive is "inclusive", one of the most beautiful words in our vocabulary. May SCF remain inclusive in its heart and practise.

Faithfully,
Nancy

UPDATED SCF INFORMATION

As a result of moving out of HTCC, some changes are inevitable.

Remaining the same:

SCF Mailing Address

18160 Cottonwood Rd., #266
Sunriver, OR 97707

SCF Office Phone Number

541-593-1183

SCF email

sunrivercf@gmail.com

Church Office Hours

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday & Friday

Changes

Sunday Temporary Worship Location

SHARC, Dillon Room

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. worship time

57250 Overlook Road BUT please

park in the east parking lot off Beaver Drive.

SCF Temporary Church Office Location

56835 Venture Lane, Suite 206C

Sunriver, OR 97707

(Sunriver Business Park; in the 2-story office building next door to Mike's Tires; second floor next to the elevator)

Rob will bring mail received in the church office during the week to the worship service each Sunday and will put it on a table in the back of the room for ministry leaders and groups to pick up. If a mailed item needs to be received earlier than each Sunday, Rob will notify the respective leader.

UPCOMING SERVICES: all at SHARC

- February 6:** 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- February 13:** 6th Sunday after the Epiphany
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- February 20:** 7th Sunday after the Epiphany
The Rev. Roy Green
- February 27:** Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- March 6** 1st Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

NEWS FROM THE ENDOWMENT FUND

A new grant was made to **A Promise of Health** in Yanhuatlan, Oaxaca, Mexico to build a clinic which will provide a doctor and medicine for many tiny communities in a remote area who have no access to health care. The request came from our National/International leaders Gary and Shirley Carlson. Please enjoy reading the grateful thank you letter in response to the generosity that this SCF-created Endowment Fund has provided.



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January 3, 2022

Linda Smith, President
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On behalf of the Board of Directors of **A Promise of Health (APOH)**, Dra. Soledad and all her patients in Oaxaca, Mexico, thank you so very much for your recent \$2,500 donation!

The funds came from the **Endowment Fund** as approved by its Board of Directors. I understand that entity is under the umbrella of **Sunriver Christian Fellowship (SCF)**.

The money will be spent to finish the construction of the first ever of its kind, healthcare clinic, in Yanhuatlan, Oaxaca. This clinic will provide a doctor and medicine to dozens of tiny communities, thousands of families, who have longed for medical care, for generations.

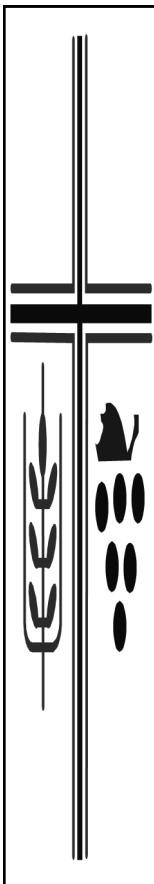
Dr. Soledad was born in Yanhuatlan and has wanted to return to the place of her birth for many years. She has worked with APOH for 11 years in southern Oaxaca, has 3 children of her own and calls this her "Golden Dream". She will treat both chronic and acute conditions, using Homeopathic medicine, as well as offer counseling on nutrition and wellness for her patients of all ages.

It's hard to imagine that generations of people have gone without a doctor. Historically, the region has the highest infant mortality rate in all of Mexico.

Now the region will have in its presence a learned and dedicated doctor who will forever change lives for the better!

CARE AND SHARE JANUARY

Boxes Distributed	People Served
Small: 34	Adults: 218
Medium: 39	Children: 92
Large: 17	Total: 310
X-Large: 4	
Total: 94	



Prayer Needs



- *Al Tweit*—leg strength
- *Susan Weber*—living 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
- *Bergen Bull*—prayer for increased energy
- *Rich*—brother of Sandra Rodgers; eye issues
- *Nicholas & Michelle Barthelemy*—emotional issues
- *Mike Spaniol*—coping with paralysis
- *Dick Arnold*—treatment for multiple myeloma
- *Betty Surdivant*—mother of Linda Porter, under hospice care
- *Cliff Rodgers*—undergoing heart treatment
- *Doug Seator*—recovery from shoulder surgery
- *Barbara Goffier*—recovery from neck surgery
- *Paul Knollman*—treatment for patella injury
- *Melanie W.*—daughter of Gene and Sharon Krueger; battling cancer

March 2022 Newsletter Deadline: February 24

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

UPDATING PRINTED DIRECTORY

There's still time to email the church office regarding any changes to your personal information for the 2022 SCF Directory. If you are not currently listed in the church's printed directory, and would like to be included, please send the following information to sunrivercfc@gmail.com.

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

The deadline is Friday, February 4.
The 2022 Directory will start being available at the February 13 worship service.

PIANO DONATION

A couple in Sunriver, Dick & Debbie Brissenden, are donating a console piano to SCF. Through Doug Seator's contact with this the Brissendens, it was learned that they wanted to donate the piano. As soon as the sales agreement between SCF and SFAC is completed, the piano will be moved from the Brissenden's daughter's house in Bend to SCF's new home. Rob is looking for a few volunteers to help with the move. The piano will be located on the second floor of the Academy Building and is just the right size piano for various rehearsal and class situations.

Financial Report as of December 31, 2021

	Actual Jan.-Dec.	Budget Jan.-Dec.
Income	\$302,299	\$302,005
Expenses	\$317,527	\$306,086
Net Income	\$ -15,228	\$ -4,081

Transformed to Love & Serve – the Goal of the Education Ministry of SCF

Ongoing Groups: These groups continue to meet throughout the year

Feminine Spirituality

This group meets Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Sunriver Library. The book selection is *Outrageous Openness* by Tosha Silver. All women are welcome to attend.

For further information contact:

Chris Hamilton: chrish39@gmail.com or Shereda Benfield: skbenfield@gmail.com

Men of Faith — topics evolve related to interest.

Sunriver Nature Center, Pozzi Building; Tuesdays: 8 a.m.

Contact Frank Brocker – 541-593-7396, bfbfbrocker@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEETING OUTCOMES

SCF's Annual Business Meeting was held at the SHARC on January 23 following the worship service with Managing Board President, Linda Smith, presiding. Copies of the "2021 Annual Report" were distributed to those attending. If you did not receive a copy, contact the church office. It will also be on the SCF website: www.sunriverchristianfellowship.org. Since the report provides greater detail, the following is just a summation of the annual meeting.

Don Udlock, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following nominees:

Managing Board (3-year term): David Drescher (L), Gene Krueger (L), Barbara Purcell (G)

Nominating Committee: Sue Husby, Patty Klascius (3-year terms); Linda Salzer (2-year term)

Endowment Board of Trustees (3-year term): Mike Gocke, Susan Kenney, Vicki Udlock

Don asked that a unanimous ballot be cast for all nominated persons and a unanimous approval vote for all nominees was received.

Jenny Long presented a summary of the "2021 Financial Report." Jenny has stepped down from the SCF Treasurer position after serving with distinction for the past 6 years which was acknowledged with a standing ovation and gift from Linda Smith. Jenny reported that 2021 ended with an income higher than projected but expenses exceeded what was projected for the year. Fortunately, any shortfall was covered by reserve funds. Joe Amos, newly appointed SCF Treasurer, presented the "2022 Proposed Budget." The details of his presentation are in the Annual Report. A motion was made to approve the 2022 budget and a unanimous approval followed.

Wade Watson provided an update on both the capital campaign progress and building remodeling status.

Linda expressed her appreciation for the work that the Managing Board, Ministry Teams, and numerous other volunteers contributed during the challenging yet rewarding 2021 year.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

The following information was included in the "SCF 2021 Annual Report" but many of you may have not seen it and it is worth sharing again. The 2021 school year was very difficult for all of our scholarship recipients due to Covid, but we received encouraging words from all of them that they prevailed admirably in spite of challenging academic adjustments. In the spring of 2021, the Scholarship Committee awarded 17 scholarships and 1 more adult scholarship in September for the 2022-23 school year. Of these 18 recipients, 8 received a scholarship for the first time. This was the program's twelfth year. The following summary outlines what your investment has accomplished during these 12 years: 173 scholarships awarded to 74 individuals; 95 of the awarded scholarships have gone to individuals reapplying at least one time; 55% of these first-time "reappliers" have received additional scholarship assistance. A total of \$268,550 in scholarship funds has been awarded as of the fall 2021. Twenty-five scholarship recipients have graduated: 8 with an Associate's degree; 17 with a Bachelor's degree.

Due to Covid, fundraising efforts were limited during 2021. However, the generous support of the SCF family continues to be the primary source of revenue and we wish to thank all of you who are making an investment in the lives of so many in our local community members through this ministry effort.

A special thanks to the Scholarship Committee members who assist in facilitating the work of this program in so many ways: Jan Bull, Carole Elsbree, Chris Hamilton, Sharon Krueger, Mitzi Putney, Susan Wells, and Pastor Rob.

Ministry Team Leaders – 2022

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 – January 2022

Linda Smith
President

Gene Krueger
Vice President

Patty Smith
Secretary-ex officio

Joe Amos
Treasurer

Dave Drescher
Roy Green

Sandra Kendle

Paul Knollman

Barbara Purcell

SCF Endowment Board—January 2022

Wade Watson
President

Cliff Erickson
Treasurer-ex officio

Vicki Udlock
Secretary

Paul Barthelemy
Linda Collier

Mike Gocke

Susan Kenney

SCF STAFF

The Rev. Canon
Nancy Sargent Green

Senior Pastor
Dr. Robert Pearson

Associate Pastor:
Worship &

Administration
Jan Tuckerman

Administrative Assistant

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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m.

Services Held Temporarily at

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