

Sunriver Christian Fellowship



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

March 2022



Daylight Savings Begins March 13:

On Saturday evening, March 12, be ready to "spring-ahead" into daylight savings by turning your clocks forward one hour in anticipation of longer days of light.

Dear Family,

"Remember you are dust and to dust you will return."

These words tell us that Lent is now. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd and marks the beginning of this season. Roy and I will offer a simple service of Imposition of Ashes with prayer, music, readings, and meditation. We will offer this service at noon on March 2nd at the Sunriver Library Meeting Room. The service will last at most an hour. I do ask that masks be worn.

Since ancient times, Lent has become a season in the Church year carved out for inward journeying as we travel with Jesus to the cross.

Lent becomes a time for our spring cleaning. It is the time to go inside to rid ourselves of some of the clutter and trash that fills our spiritual lives. It is time to shine some light on the dark corners we may have avoided to investigate.

Why? Because if we do not take this inner journey of discovery, then we may fool ourselves into thinking we are in good health. And if we wait far too long, it can be death-dealing emotionally, if not physically.

No one can illustrate this better than a theologian I quote regularly, Dr. Fred Craddock. Many of you will remember when he traveled to Sunriver, a number of years back, to teach us and to preach.

Listen to him from *A Taste of Milk and Honey, February 2009*:

I learned just recently of a case of surgery so extraordinary that I assumed it was a singular case, but the surgeon assured me it was not. Rare, yes, but unique, no.

The story in brief is this: a man in his mid-fifties was rushed to the emergency room of the nearest hospital. He complained of inability to breathe. Examination revealed that the cause of his shortness of breath was a growth, a large growth, on his upper back, between his shoulder blades. The man's mother said she first noticed it when he was a teenager. She repeatedly urged him to have it attended to, but he never did. The growth was small when she first noticed it, and on subsequent occasions she could tell it was growing. Her urgings moved

from cosmetic (it was becoming unsightly) to medical (it will put pressure on your heart). When her son became an adult and moved away, she worried but did nothing more. The patient himself gasped to the doctor that the growth had enlarged gradually and had been accepted as part of his life. He grew unable to imagine himself without it; it became a part of his identity. It caused little or no pain; that is, until recently.

The growth had to be removed; there was no alternative to surgery. A team of surgeons was assembled. They began at 7:00 a.m. and finished at 3:30 p.m. One or two follow-up surgeries might be required, but the patient would live. Barring unexpected complications, he should enjoy a life free of unnecessary weight; a new life, one might say.

How much did the growth weigh? Everyone was curious to know. Slightly more than 40 pounds. How in the world was he able to carry it, day and night? Because it grew so slowly. Would it have been fatal if not removed? No question. Was it sent to the lab for analysis? Of course, it always is. What was it?

A grudge.

I will see you on the journey.

Blessings,
Nancy

LENT & HOLY WEEK DATES

March 6-April 3: Five Lenten Sunday Services

April 10: Palm Sunday Service

April 15: Good Friday Service: **Noon** at SHARC

April 17: Easter Service

JACK KIEKEL: Celebration of Life

Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m.

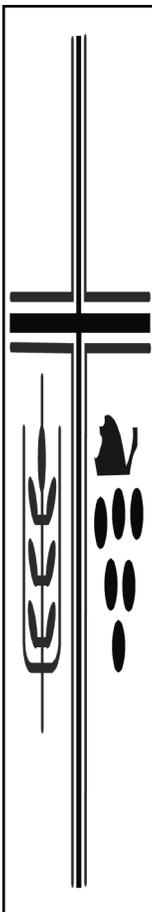
SHARC Benham Hall

Refreshments to follow on the patio

Please: masks required indoors.

UPCOMING SERVICES: all at SHARC

- March 2:** Ash Wednesday Service: noon
Sunriver Library Meeting Room
- March 6:** 1st Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- March 13:** 2nd Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- March 20:** 3rd Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Mary Anne Gard
- March 27:** 4th Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- April 3** 5th Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green



Prayer Needs

- Susan W.
- Aedan
- William L.
- Marianna W.
- Olivia L.
- Bergen B.
- Rich
- Nicholas & Michelle B.
- Dick A.
- Betty S.
- Cliff R.
- Doug S.
- Melanie W.
- Joan L.
- Ken S.
- Chuck C.
- Joe H.
- Shirley S,
- Gina T.
- Kyle A.



CARE AND SHARE: FEBRUARY

Boxes Distributed

Small: 26
Medium: 34
Large: 20
X-Large: 5
Total: 85

People Served

Adults: 198
Children: 112
Total: 310

SCF NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECOGNITION

Are you interested in learning more about SCF: its origin, governance, Mission statement, cornerstones, ministries, and more? If so, please come to the new member orientation Sunday, March 6, right after the worship service, at SHARC. We welcome all. The New Member Recognition will be held Sunday, March 27, during the service. If you are interested, please call Rob Pearson to let us know of your presence: 541-593-1183.

DAILY BREAD

Copies of the spring edition of the "Daily Bread" daily devotional are now available and will be on the table when you enter the Dillon Room at the SHARC for Sunday worship services. They are free.

UPDATED SCF DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Copies of the recently updated "2022 SCF Directory" are available at the church's temporary office in the Sunriver Business Park - Cascade Building, 56835 Venture Ln, Ste. 206 C (building just west of Mike's Tires) or at a Sunday service at SHARC.

Financial Report as of January 31, 2022

	<u>Actual Jan.</u>	<u>Budget Jan.</u>
Income	\$31,862	\$22,473
Expenses	\$29,045	\$26,240
Net Income	\$ 2817	\$ -3767

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Efforts to launch the 12th year of SCF's scholarship program, *Partnership in Education*, have begun with a recent reminder email to qualified applicants who can reapply for the 2022-2023 school year. In the process of sending this email, Pastor Rob contacted several scholarship recipients who may be graduating this spring. In response, he discovered that four of our awarded recipients will be graduating with their bachelor's degree this coming spring and an additional one will graduate after completing fall term next December. This is the largest number of graduates to whom SCF has awarded scholarships at any one time. Further, all five of these "future grads" were assisted throughout their entire college experience by the scholarship program.

If you would like to make a contribution to this very worthy investment-program, please make out your check to "SCF" and put "Scholarship Program" on the memo line. It is money well spent!

April 2022 Newsletter Deadline: March 28

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

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

.STATUS UPDATE ON SCF'S NEW HOME

You heard in the update at the annual meeting that the architectural firm that had accomplished the conceptual design advised us in late December that they would not be able to complete our project. After weeks of searching and exploring alternatives, we retained David Wilkerson of ORW Architecture to complete the design and prepare construction documents. David has designed churches, is a committed Christian and is married to a Presbyterian pastor. The firm has been working on our project for approximately 3 weeks and is making good progress. Pastor Nancy and an ad hoc committee comprised of Liz Haberman, Roy Green, Carol Thomas, Barbara Brocker and Wade Watson has been interfacing with the architect. A presentation to the congregation, of the in-progress design, is planned for late March.

The County Community Development Department land use decision was issued on December 14. That allowed preparation of the Final Partition Plat drawings for subdivision of the property to proceed. HHPR, our engineering and surveying firm, completed the drawings and submitted them to the County Surveyor for review on February 4. The queue of drawings awaiting review is long and it presently appears that the review will be completed on or about March 7. Approval by other County departments will then be required but should be able to be accomplished more expeditiously. Payment of back taxes, of approximately \$36,000, by the sellers will also be required before the Final Partition Plat can be approved.

The Reciprocal Access and Parking Agreement will provide joint use and shared maintenance of the approximately 110 existing parking stalls. Final details of the Agreement are being resolved with the sellers such that the Agreement can be executed and recorded concurrently with closing of the purchase.

Finalization and recording of the Final Partition Plat and execution of the Reciprocal Access and Parking Agreement are required prior to closing of purchase of the property. Closing is presently projected in mid to late March.

The critical path to occupancy of our new sanctuary is completion of the construction drawings, acquisition of a County Building Permit and construction. Construction is projected to begin in July and complete in November.

Liz Haberman circulated a survey on February 15 offering all SCF members the opportunity to participate in a variety of ad hoc committees related to creating our new church home. As Liz said, *"This is an opportunity, beyond the Capital Campaign, for all of us to leave our footprints in this new house of God."* Please return your survey forms to Liz or the church office as soon as possible.

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/Welcome
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

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 Patty Smith
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 Roy Green
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 Barbara Purcell

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SCF STAFF

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

Ministry Update:
CANS & BOTTLES for "Care and Share"

Question:

*How many cans can a can counter crush,
 If it crushed cans for an hour a day?
 How many bottles can a bottle basher bash,
 If it bashed bottles for an hour a day?
 How much plastic can a smasher smash,
 If it smashed plastic for an hour a day?
 How many people picked, poked, and pushed,
 The items that were crushed, bashed, and smashed?*

Answer:

*A baker's dozen put food in the oven,
 For those that needed the lovin'!
 32,555 times at 10 cents a crush, bash, and smash,
 Bought food with \$3,255.50 cash!*

2021 was a year of transition. Steve Austin moved to Texas to be closer to family in August.

In 2019, Steve took on the task of creating a new depository at the Marketplace and organized the group of dedicated volunteers that empty the bin every day of the week! What an amazing gift Steve gave to this mission.

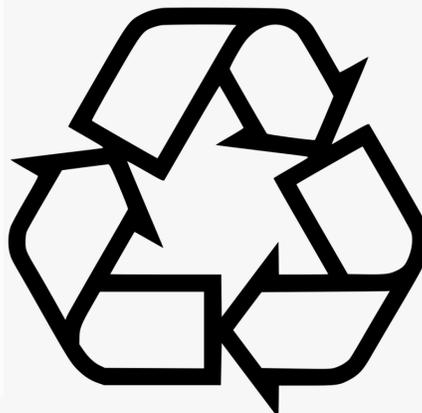
Bette Butler and Mark and Cindy McConnell have partnered to keep this mission going forward.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers that cover each day of the week: Gene Bennington, Gerry Stearns, Mike and Linda Gocke, Susan Huseonica, Skip Smith, Cliff and Sandra Rodgers, Phil and Linda Santaluce, Bette Butler, Mark and Cindy McConnell.

Volunteer!

We can always use a few extras to fill in as folks travel or are on "sick-leave". We will train you and make it easy to help out.

Thanks to all who deposit their cans and bottles in the bin. If you would like to get a Blue Bag to fill at home, let Mark know and he can make it easier for you to collect and donate! Contact Mark at: mconn@me.com



Outreach Update: **A PROMISE OF HEALTH**

Barbara Grannell, APOH Executive Director & Bill Grannell, APOH President

A Promise of Health, is one of SCF's international medical missions to the indigenous population of a rural area of Oaxaca, Mexico. SCF has supported this mission through its budget for several years. A Promise of Health is bringing desperately needed healthcare to Yanhuitlán and all of its surrounding communities. Yanhuitlán's last doctor passed away many years ago. Between then and the recent arrival of Dr. Soledad, the only medical help was from a person who only knew some first aid.

A Promise of Health is built upon friendship. States Barbara Grannell, APOH Executive Director, "It is a friendship that I find amazing. You, our ever faithful donors, APOH's directors, Dr. Soledad, and now the people who live in Yanhuitlán's communities, all share a special bond of friendship. It is particularly amazing because you and the people of these Mixtec communities have never met. But the strength of your friendship has built them a clinic and brought them a doctor. "

Fourteen months ago, Dr. Soledad and A Promise of Health began construction of the clinic in Santa Domingo, Yanhuitlán. Construction should be completed mid-March and the clinic opened by the end of the month.

Surrounding Yanhuitlán and Dr. Soledad's APOH clinic are 26 small pueblos and towns. With the passage of many years, as these mountain communities changed, often losing population as families sought a better life elsewhere, they came under the jurisdiction of Yanhuitlán's municipal government. Today, the local government of Yanhuitlán governs another 20 Mixtec communities. Some are close by. But others are in hard to get to spots in the hills and valleys that radiate from town.

This may be the 21st century but in most villages there is little to indicate that it is. Most cooking is done over wood fires, laundry is washed by hand and corn is made into Nixtamal (corn dough) that is then shaped into tortillas – a historic staple for Oaxaca's Mixtec. In preparation for the clinic's opening, Dr. Soledad, accompanied by her older son Arturito and occasionally by her daughter Karime, has begun visiting all of the surrounding communities to introduce herself and announce that the clinic shall soon open.

Following her visits, Dr. Soledad writes, "These visits greatly sadden me when I see how poorly these families live. Their homes are made of adobe, scraps of wood and corrugated metal roofs. Each day households must collect firewood to cook and stay warm. Many have no running water or bathrooms. Their diets are poor and their sanitation is worse. It is sickness waiting to happen!" Dr. Soledad continues: "Here, in the pueblos of Santa Domingo, Yanhuitlán, I observe much greater poverty than I ever did in Ayoquezco, Oaxaca. Though Yanhuitlán has a population of less than 2,000, when combined with the number of people scattered in surrounding villages, I believe our new clinic will serve at least 6,000 people. When our APOH clinic opens, I know I will have many, many people visiting the clinic seeking medical care. I will be the first and only doctor to recently live in my community. We must be prepared for that."

One of those people whom Dr. Soledad will soon be serving, is the bread seller Miguel. Every 4 to 5 days he loads a big basket of fresh bread on his bicycle and makes the rounds to different neighborhoods in Yanhuitlán to sell his wares. The bread is baked in incredible stone ovens in another small pueblo called San Pedro. Dr. Soledad says, "He is always happy to serve and always wears a smile."

Barbara Grannell concludes, "Saint Francis of Assisi said, 'There is nothing more on this earth to be prized than true friendship.' Nothing could be truer than that statement. With that, dear friends, thank you for reaching out your hand of friendship to our near neighbors in the Mixtec region of Oaxaca."



CLINIC ENTRANCE JUST AFTER ROOF POUR — NOVEMBER 1, 2021



FINISHING PLASTER SOUTH WALL— FEBRUARY 11, 2022



Miguel the bread seller uses his bike to make sales around town.



Yanhuitlán's next generation!

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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m.

Services Held Temporarily at

SHARC

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