

Sunriver Christian Fellowship



An ecumenical and interdenominational fellowship
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October 2022

*Some more priceless wisdom from our
wonderful friend, Dr. Fred Craddock*

I had absolutely no interest in buying a car when I drove into the lot where dozens of used (pre-owned) cars were on display. My purpose was to do the owner a favor. Let me explain.

Every day between home and work I passed this car lot. These “like new” automobiles were shown to the public with their prices in large letters on the windshields. From time to time the cars were moved around, with exception of one car. Always in a favored spot was a real eye-catcher, an Olds Cutlass Supreme, a canary yellow convertible with black interior. Price: \$300.00. Must be some mistake; one zero omitted, but even at \$3000.00 it looked like a real steal.

One day it occurred to me that some buyer would see the mistake and offer the \$300.00 to the horrified but helpless owner. I drove in to warn the owner of the mistake so he could prevent a huge loss. But he said there was not a mistake, \$300.00 was the price. It can't be; what's wrong with it? I kicked the tires, checked the odometer (165 miles), searched for evidences of being wrecked or flooded, turned on the ignition and listened. It hummed like a hive of bees. O.K., what's the catch?

This car does have one unusual feature: it will take you not where you want to go but where you ought to go. Really? Yes. How many owners? One. Do you have his phone number? Yes. I called and verified the strange truth about the car. What's it like to have a car like that? Absolutely horrible, he said. One Saturday I missed my tee time because I was at a nursing home visiting with the residents. One evening I missed dinner with friends because I was ringing the Salvation Army bell for 3 hours in front of Macy's. I recall a Sunday when my wife was away, I drove down the street to get a paper and six pack and that crazy car took me to church and Blessed Assurance.

I noticed the other day that the car is still on the lot. The price has been marked down to \$30.00.

Interested? - FBC

Dear Family,

As we enter into October and our month of concentrated stewardship or the use of our time, talent, and treasure for 2023, I was struck with Dr. Craddock's article. Have you felt the nudging, he so creatively talked about, in your own time: giving up a tee time or a game of tennis to clean the highway? Or refraining from buying something special but unneeded and instead gave those dollars to Care and Share without even being asked?

As you reflect on what pledge of dollars you might give to SCF for 2023 and how you might divide up your time and talent in the coming year, take a few minutes and reflect back on how you felt deep on the inside—the joy that filled you—after you gave in ways that you had not planned. What you did know at that moment is that your gift of time, talent and treasure mattered: you were co-creators with God to help bring the kingdom of heaven to earth. Every gift counts, every person matters.

As we prepare to move into the whole of our church building in December, in the sanctuary and offices, we will need folks to sign up for committees that are new to us. For example, we have been renters for our whole existence and thus, had no need for a large buildings and grounds committee, in the past.

Please look closely at the Time & Talent form when it comes, as we will need your help. If you find yourself leaning out on the “Godward” side, acting and giving in generosity that was beyond logic, did you notice what carried you there?

Was it by chance an Olds Cutlass Supreme, canary yellow convertible with black interior?

*Blessings,
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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY REMEMBRANCES

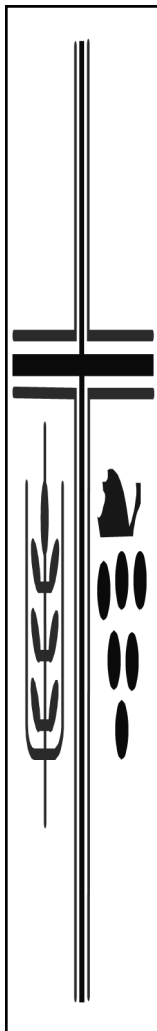
As part of the “All Saints” worship service on November 6, those loved ones who have died, since last year's All Saints Sunday, will be recognized. If you would like to have a loved one's name included in this remembrance, please send the name(s) to the church office by noon on Friday, November 4, preferably by email, so we have the correct spelling of the name(s): sunrivercf@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES: all in-person

- October 2:** **The 17th Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- October 9:** **The 18th Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Roy Green
- October 16:** **The 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Chuck Christopher
- October 23:** **The 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- October 30:** **The 21st Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- November 6:** **The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

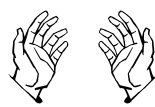
Each Sunday service is being taped during the worship service itself and then posted on the SCF website by Sunday evening.

Note: Pastor Nancy will be on vacation October 3-10



Prayer Needs

- Aedan
- William L.
- Marianna W.
- Olivia L.
- Bergen B.
- Rich
- Dick & Marianne A.
- Paul M.
- Mike F.
- Joe H.
- Beve K.
- Keith L.
- Amber F.
- Mal M.
- Peter G.
- Betsy M.
- Lynne E.
- Erik E.



CAROL WEBB
Memorial Service
Sunday, November 6
3 p.m. at SCF

Updated Directory Information

Karen Carmichael
[fall & winter]
206 Mossrose St.
Ft. Meyers, FL.
33913

SECOND WORSHIP SPACE

Thanks to the technical efforts of Randy Heise and Ryan Lewis, a TV monitor is now set up and functioning in SCF's new home in the area where Sunday coffee & cookies are served. Several of our church family, for various reasons, have felt uncomfortable sitting in the current second floor worship area. The service will now be streamed to the monitor downstairs for those feeling more comfortable in a more open space yet wish to participate in Sunday worship. Communion will be brought down to those watching the service on the monitor.

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS:

Save the date: Saturday, November 19.

We will be at SHARC this year due to remodeling of the Great Hall. We are carrying on with this great fund raiser for our neighbors in need, in honor of Andi Northcote. We will again be selling amazing baked goods and handmade holiday gifts. We will have fabulous raffle prizes, including our Wagon of Wine. If you can donate a bottle (or more) of wine to this, please call Liz Haberman to arrange pick up or delivery: 310-415-6102. We also have some very special silent auction items, one of which is a Murder Mystery Dinner for 8 people! So, please consider helping out by making, baking, or donating. If you have any questions, please direct them to Diana Gustavson, 612-770-7706, or Ronda Floyd, 704-497-1447. Thanks so much for your help!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Much construction progress has been made during the past month. The most challenging parts of renovation projects typically occur during the time frame when demolition and rough-in of electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems occur. Unexpected conflicts frequently are discovered during these activities. Fortunately, those activities have been completed and the unexpected challenges have been addressed successfully.

Wallboard installation and finishing began this week and will likely continue for approximately 2 weeks. That will be followed by painting and the installation of various finishes. The contractor's schedule identifies completion of the project on December 12.

Thirty members of the congregation participated in small group tours of the project on September 24. We hope to be able to provide similar opportunities to observe the progress in late October or early November.

The project is tracking well with the budget and available funds. We are very grateful for the generosity of the congregation and thank the entire congregation for enthusiastic support.

November 2022 Newsletter Deadline: October 26

Please send articles to Jan Tuckerman:
jtuckerman.sunriver@outlook.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 on Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Sunriver Library except on major holidays. (No meeting on Labor Day.) The book selection is *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul - Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World* by John Philip Newell. All women are welcome to attend. For further information contact: Chris Hamilton: chrish39@gmail.com or Shereda Benfield: skbenfield@gmail.com

Men of Faith

This group is now meeting monthly on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Pozzi Building at the Sunriver Nature Center. There is a discussion leader for each meeting, with the general outline of a topic. Our next meeting is October 11.

2023 PLEDGE AND TIME & TALENT MAILING

October is SCF's Stewardship month. On Sunday, September 25, Gene Bennington, Stewardship Chair, launched the 2023 stewardship emphasis with a challenging message. If you were not able to be at that service, you are encouraged to hear him on the church's website: www.sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

During the week of October 2, the "2023 Pledge and Time & Talent Forms" will be mailed to all members of the SCF family. The "2023 Pledge Form" helps the Finance Committee work on the proposed 2023 SCF budget.

The "2023 Time & Talent Form" provides information regarding SCF's variety of serving opportunities. 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.

You can return your completed forms: (1) by putting them in the Love Box that will be located on the front counter (where coffee & cookies are served) when you enter SCF each Sunday for worship beginning October 9; or (2) mail both forms to the church: 18160 Cottonwood Rd. #266, Sunriver, OR 97707. Returning both forms in a timely fashion will greatly assist in planning for 2023.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REQUEST

We are thankful for the 2022 pledge payments that have been received year-to-date. We are about 82% of the way of meeting our 2022 pledge goal of \$313K. If you haven't remitted your pledge payment, we ask that you do so at your earliest convenience. If you don't remember your pledge amount, please contact Joe Huseonica at papajoe@huseonica.com or give me a call at 503-367-5482.

FALL ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Later this fall, two courses will be offered following the worship service, upstairs at SCF. The first one will be led by the Rev. Roy Green entitled "Truth and Reconciliation: Discussion of the Doctrine of Discovery," October 23, 30, and November 6. The second is an Advent study titled "The Amazing Cousins," an overview of the unique birth experiences of both John the Baptist and Jesus, led by Pastor Rob. It will meet December 4, 11, and 18. Further details on both classes will be shared soon.

Once our remodeling project has been completed, we are looking forward to more classes beginning in early 2023.

Financial Report as of August 31, 2022

	<u>Actual Jan.-Aug.</u>	<u>Budget Jan.-Aug.</u>
Income	\$202,304	\$215,007
Expenses	\$218,968	\$254,569
Net Income	\$ -16,664	\$ -39,562

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

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Vice President
- Patty Smith*
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- Joe Amos*
Treasurer
- Dave Drescher*
Roy Green
Sandra Kendle
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Barbara Purcell

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- Cliff Erickson*
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- Paul Barthelemy*
Linda Collier
Mike Gocke
Liz Haberman
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.

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