



# Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

September 2022

## OUR NEW CHURCH: A Progress Report

It has been more than 2 years since SCF began the search for a new home in mid-2020. There have been lots of challenges along the way but the significant goal of creating an inspirational new space for our worship services will soon be achieved. It is indeed a very exciting time.

R&H Construction began work on July 25 and has been making great progress since then. Demolition has been completed and framing of the raised platform, sacristy, new walls and new doorways is complete. The next several weeks will be occupied with electrical rough-in, plumbing rough-in, fire sprinkler system modifications, and HVAC ductwork modifications. Later in September, wallboard work will begin followed by painting and finish work in October and November. R&H presently projects completion by December 1.

A dedicated group of volunteers has served on a sanctuary design review committee for the past six months. They have interacted with ORW Architecture, reviewed options, provided feedback, and made necessary decisions regarding the sanctuary design and its furnishings. New stackable chairs and other furnishings for the sanctuary have been ordered and should arrive in late November or early December.

The project is tracking well with the budget and available funds. We are very grateful for the generosity of the congregation and thank those who have already submitted their 2022 pledged donations. Payment of outstanding 2022 pledges by the end of September will greatly assist with managing cash flow for the project.

Thank you to the entire congregation for your enthusiastic support of the project.

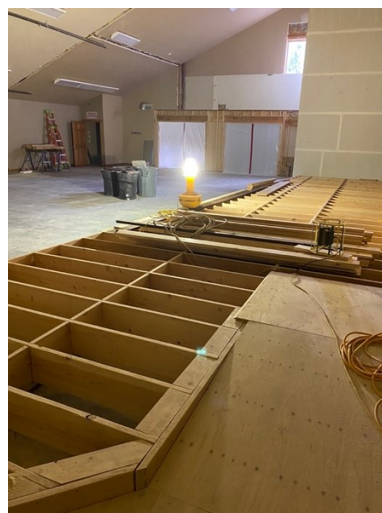
Wade Watson, *Project Manager*



Wide Angle View: Front of Sanctuary with Raised Platform



Southward View:  
Raised Platform  
and Entrance to  
Sacristy



Northward View from  
SE Corner:  
Raised Platform  
toward two  
New Entrance Doors

**UPCOMING SERVICES: all in-person**

- September 4:** The 13th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- September 11:** The 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green: Celebrant  
Pastor Frank Brocker: Preacher
- September 18:** The 15th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- September 25** The 16th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green: Celebrant  
Gene Bennington: Preacher
- October 2:** The 17th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

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

**DURING BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

There will be NO access to SCF Monday through Friday.

The lock box code will be shared by Wade Watson only with those on a very short list. If you need meeting space for an SCF group or activity, there are two cost-free options.

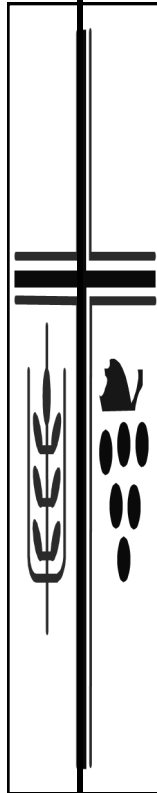
1. A meeting room in the business park very near the temporary church office. This can be scheduled through Rob Pearson.
2. The Deschutes Public Library in Sunriver has a wonderful meeting space that can be reserved online or in person at the library. You must pick up a key to the room prior to your reservation from the library staff during business hours.

**WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE**

Phil Northcote is making available a top-quality wheelchair that Andi used. It has many features and additionally he has a steel bridge that allows the wheelchair to go up 2 stairs. If you have a need for this kind of equipment, or know someone in the area who does, contact Phil directly at either—541-598-9188 or [psnorthcote@yahoo.com](mailto:psnorthcote@yahoo.com)

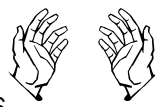
**October 2022 Newsletter Deadline: September 26**

Please send articles to Jan Tuckerman:  
[jtuckerman.sunriver@outlook.com](mailto:jtuckerman.sunriver@outlook.com)



**Prayer Needs**

- Aedan
- William L.
- Marianna W.
- Olivia L.
- Bergen B.
- Rich
- Nicholas & Michelle B.
- Dick & Marianne A.
- Paul M.
- Melanie W.
- Ken S.
- Mike F.
- Joe H.
- Shirley S.
- Beve K.
- Keith L.
- Amber F.
- Mal M.
- Peter G.
- Susan S.
- Peter S.
- Karen C..
- Betsy M.



**CARE AND SHARE JULY**

Boxes Distributed

- Small: 33
- Medium: 42
- Large: 23
- X-Large: 6

**Total: 104**

People Served

- Adults: 251
- Children: 110
- Total: 361**

**SCF & COVID UPDATE**

We continue to adhere to the Oregon Health Authority guidelines that **encourage** the use of masks while indoors and **request** the use of masks while singing. It is also recommended that “passing of the peace” remain noncontact. The coffee fellowship will continue, and we hope that you will enjoy your refreshments in the wonderful outdoor spaces of the building. Thank you for your participation in keeping our family of faith safe by adhering to these guidelines. It is a demonstration of the concern and respect each of us have for all who enter our doors on Sunday mornings.

**Financial Report as of July 31, 2022**

	<u>Actual Jan-July</u>	<u>Budget Jan-July</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$149,205	\$170,062
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$167,751</u>	<u>\$192,665</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ -18,546	\$ -22,603

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

**Ongoing Groups:** These groups continue to meet throughout the year

#### Feminine Spirituality

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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

*The group will resume meeting this month. See article below for up to date details.*  
For further information contact: Harry Hamilton: 541-593-2934, weatherlore@msn.com

### **MEN OF FAITH: RESTARTING IN SEPTEMBER**

Men of Faith has been inactive during the summer due to falling attendance and COVID. After much informal discussion, many of us feel it is time to start up for the fall, with a new format and new energy. This is announcing the rebirth of a discussion group that will share ideas about matters of faith and inspiration. The new format includes:

1. We will meet monthly, generally on the second Tuesday of the month.
2. We will meet from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m..
3. There will be a discussion leader for each meeting, with the general outline of a topic.
4. We will continue to exclude partisan politics and personal attacks on each other.
5. We will continue to meet in the Education Building of the Nature Center, the Pozzi Building, until the church space is cleared for organizational use, hopefully toward the end of 2022.

6. We will communicate via email to the greatest extent possible.
7. We will not expect to begin each meeting with humorous stories/sayings. Prayer are always welcome.

FYI: Leaders are encouraged to bring treats to share with the group.

If you know someone whom you believe should be part of this group, feel free to “spread the word”.

**The first leader will be Gene Bennington. His topic will be the *Future of SCF*.**

**NOTE: this first meeting will be on the third Tuesday, September 20.**

For further information contact: Harry Hamilton: 541-593-2934, weatherlore@msn.com

### **2023 PLEDGE AND TIME & TALENT MAILING**

October is our normal Stewardship month. However, we will begin this emphasis a week earlier this fall, Sunday, September 25. Due to travel plans, our Stewardship Chair and Stewardship preacher, Gene Bennington, is not available the first Sunday in October. . . and we certainly do not want to miss his message! During the week of October 2, the *2023 Pledge* and the *Time & Talent forms* will be mailed to all SCF family members.

The *2023 Time & Talent Form* will provide you with information regarding a variety of serving opportunities for consideration. 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.

The *2023 Pledge Form* helps the Finance Committee develop the proposed 2023 SCF budget. You can return your completed forms: (1) by putting them in the Love Box that will be located on the counter near the front entry door each Sunday in October or (2) mail both the *Time & Talent* and *Pledge forms* to the church. Returning both forms in a timely fashion will greatly assist in planning for 2023.

### **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 — 2022**

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### **SCF Endowment Fund Trustees— 2022**

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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



### **FALL ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

One of the anticipations for our new church home is to again provide adult learning opportunities. This fall, Feminine Spirituality will continue to meet on Mondays from 10 a.m.-Noon in the Sunriver Library. The Men's Tuesday group will resume on September 20, 7:30 a.m., Pozzi Center at the Nature Center.

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.

### **FALL MUSIC GROUPS**

September is normally a start-up time for the bells and choir. At present, the bells will resume practices, in small ensembles, in early September. Shelley Giaier, Bells of Sunriver Director, has committed to have various ensembles provide special music every other Sunday throughout this fall. If you are interested in bell participation, contact Shelley to investigate your possible involvement: 908-328-8818 or michelegiaier777@gmail.com.

Resuming our vocal choir is bit more complicated. Beginning rehearsals require that the remodeling project be completed. Also, due to recent new COVID issues, we need to make sure we don't create any health problems for our singers. At this point we hope to resume choir practices by the middle or end of November in order to participate in worship services during the Advent-Christmas season. However, the above two conditions are the "final determiners" when a starting date can be announced. We will keep you posted.



### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE**

All scholarship awards for our 15 recipients have been mailed to their respective schools. Five of the recipients, on the semester system, already resumed classes in mid-late August. The remaining ten start their fall term in mid-late September. As you have the opportunity, pray for them as they move forward this school year towards their ultimate graduation objective.

Due to COVID challenges, fundraising for this program has been limited to individual donations and a few grants. The Scholarship Committee hopes to initiate some other fundraising strategies during the upcoming school year. The Scholarship Program receives no SCF budgeted money. However, the Endowment Program has generously provided funds for the program over the past several years. Most of the funding comes from outside sources. If you would like to contribute to this impacting outreach effort, please make out your check to "SCF" and put "Scholarship Program" on the memo line. Thank you for your support.

**SCF MASTER CALENDAR**

A master calendar, currently in the church office, is being initiated. It will particularly become very important for room scheduling purposes when we are in our new building. However, in the meanwhile, we want to begin using it now. If you have a meeting, class, etc., wherever it is being held, please contact Rob in the office with the pertinent information to be put on the calendar (e.g. type of meeting, date, time, location). This information will also be included in our weekly service bulletin on the SCF website. Thanks for your help.

**UPDATED DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Marianne & Phil Alves: new address;  
14168 Whitewater Loop  
La Pine, OR 97739

**DAILY BREADS AVAILABLE**

We're back on track having the quarterly "Daily Bread" devotional booklet for the fall available beginning this coming 'Sunday. They will be on the counter near the entrance to the church. They are FREE.

**BOTTLES & CANS for Care and Share**

We have a great bunch of redeemers! Every day of the week, one of the crew faithfully empties the bin at the Marketplace and feeds the in-store machine, or bags the bottles & cans up and takes them to the Bottle Drop in Bend. For the first six months of this year we have collected \$4,236 for Care and Share for support of families in South Deschutes County. That's 42,236 returnable items that didn't get thrown away and were recycled. The funds purchase great quantities of fresh food for those in need, which is combined with the generous bags of non-perishable food our Fellowship collects each month. Our amazing crew includes: Bette Butler, Linda Gocke, Susan Huseonica, Sandra Rogers, Gerry Stearns, Skip Smith, Lori and Phil Santaluca, Mark and Cindy McConnell, Linda Salzer, and Gene Bennington. We can always use a few more volunteers to sub in, or maybe team up with one of our veterans and take a day every other week. If you are interested in this mission, please call Mark at 541-270-1313 or email [mconn@me.com](mailto:mconn@me.com)

**SCF FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION Campaign for 2022**

The Free Wheelchair Mission Campaign for SCF will be carried out this year during the month of September. The price of the wheelchairs will be the same as in the past: \$96. This year we will collect funds for the campaign during the complete month of September and will be sending the money to the Free Wheelchair Mission during the first week of October when the mission operates their two-for-one matching program. This year when you donate money for a wheelchair your money will purchase two wheelchairs.

It is amazing to me that the \$96 cost actually gets the wheelchair manufactured, delivered to one of 94 countries around the world and delivered to the person that will use that chair to give them the mobility that will allow them to get up off the ground and out of their home to become a vital part of their community.

If you have any questions about the campaign, please feel free to give me a call. The Free Wheelchair Mission website is: [freewheelchairmission.org](http://freewheelchairmission.org)

When making a donation to SCF for this campaign, write "Free Wheelchair Mission" on the memo line of your check. Thanks you all for your support of this mission.

**As of this date, SCF donations have given mobility to 1107 people world-wide.**

**THANK YOU ONE AND ALL !!**

Stan Porter: (503) 910-6915; [sporter@crestviewcable.com](mailto:sporter@crestviewcable.com)





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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m.

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