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SCF FINANCIAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Back in September, I provided some assessment of SCF's financial health and some reasons to remain hopeful. Thanks to the generosity of many, our financial health continues to be good after a full year in our New Church Home.

Below are a few highlights from the latest Annual Meeting Financial Report.

How Did We Fare in 2023?

We realized an increase in the Total Pledge Amount from 91 Pledging Family Units with an average pledge amount of \$2,981.00. The increased stewardship is in addition to the tremendous support to the Capital Campaign Building Fund.

We took in a Total Income of \$307,310.00, with ~17.5% being from "Non-Pledge" and Miscellaneous Donations. The Pledge Income was attributed to 74.7% for "General", 17.7% for "Episcopalian", and 7.6% to "Lutheran" membership. Some of the miscellaneous income resulted from the Parking Lot Usage Agreement with the Sunriver Service District and shared with SFAC, our contiguous neighbor. Overall, the financial performance was better than the budget plan, with some of the cost savings resulting from not having to incur Senior/Interim Pastor expenses in the second half of the year. Additionally, we were blessed with ~\$76K in Operating Surplus Funds accumulated over the past few years to help offset the projected budget shortfall in 2023. We ended the year on a positive note with about \$34,000.00 in Operating Funds Surplus to carry over into 2024.

What Lies Ahead for 2024?

A strong Stewardship Drive resulted in about the same Total Pledge Amount from 80 Pledging Family Units (12% decrease from 2023) with an average pledge amount of \$3,237.00, an 8.6% increase over the previous year. The increased generosity is a great testament to the character and optimism as we look ahead, providing the needed flexibility in the budget planning by the Finance Committee and the Managing Board.

We are expecting a Total Income of ~\$305,480.00 and Projected Expenses of ~\$345,720.00, covering a wide range of scenarios. This includes some possible role changes at the end of our Search/Call process for a Senior Pastor while maintaining the continuity of our Worship and Music Ministry. The budget maintains and/or expands SCF's Outreach Ministry, and is exclusive of the additional \$30K+ in proceeds from the Annual Bake Sale/Visions of Sugar Plums (VSP) for UPCAP. A new budget area is an enhanced Community Exposure/Promotion Program for active pursuit of congregational growth now that we are fully settled in. The forward-looking budget includes a sub-

stantial allowance for the ongoing Search process as well as an attractive Compensation and Benefits Package for a new Senior Pastor. The challenges and opportunities of the budget are being addressed in a fiscally-responsible and compassionate way. We have attempted to apply the "S.M.A.R.T." principle [*Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, and Timely*] to the budget plan for the needed flexibility ahead. More details on the 2024 Budget are available in the Financial Report Highlights (pages 6-13) of the Annual Report.

An Optimistic Horizon

Below are some focus areas and opportunities as we journey ahead.

1. Paying down the Mortgage Debt on the new Church Home will reduce recurring interest expense. The planned repayment of the Capital Campaign Loan in 2024 and 2025 will provide the means to reduce the Facility Ownership Expenses.
2. We are exploring cost reduction opportunities in controllable Expense Categories such as Office/Administrative. For example, the e-mailing of donation statements for those who opt in will save preparation and postage costs. Another is a renewed Office Copier Machine Lease to reduce the labor intensiveness for document production such as the Service Bulletins and Directory.
3. The systematic replacement of the old HVAC Units and energy-saving initiatives should result in improved efficiency and reduced utility costs.
4. We are hopeful and equipped to act as we anticipate the successful arrival a faithful Pastor in the not too distant future. An additional blessing is the dedication and quality of the Supply Pastors who continue to guide our Worship Services during our continuing transition/sojourn, at a minimal cost.

In summary, we have the sources of funds to balance the 2024 budget for the projected scenarios without dipping into the Reserve Fund of ~\$120,000.00.

In closing, there is a great deal of gratitude for your continued generosity and faithfulness as evidenced by the significant increase in average giving over the last few years from a reduced number of Family Giving Units. The Finance Committee will continue to work with the Managing Board on being good stewards of your financial support.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or just curious about other details of our financials. SCF's financial books are open to all, with the appropriate confidentiality safeguards.

Joe Amos, Treasurer, 541.948.9848
jamos@sunriverchristianfellowship.org

UPCOMING SERVICES: all in-person

- February 4:** **5th Sunday after the Epiphany**
Pastor Rob Pearson
- February 11:** **The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**
The Rev. Mary Anne Gard
- February 14:** **Ash Wednesday—12 noon**
The Rev. Roy Green, Officiant
Pastor Frank Brocker, Preacher
- February 18:** **1st Sunday in Lent**
The Rev. Chuck Christopher
- February 25:** **2nd Sunday in Lent**
Pastor Erika Spaet
- March 3:** **3rd Sunday in Lent**
Pastor Rob Pearson

Each Sunday service is live-streamed. See the SCF website for details. Also, each service is being taped during the worship service itself and then posted on the SCF website by Sunday evening.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The beginning of the Lenten season commences with an Ash Wednesday service on February 14, noon, in the SCF sanctuary.

As in the past, a Taize-type format helps to set the mood for the 5-week Lenten pilgrimage leading up to Holy Week. Readings, Taize-type music, a reflection message, and quiet meditation are important aspects in this Lenten reparatory service.

ANNUAL MEETING OUTCOMES

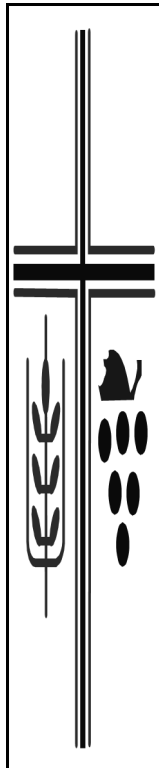
On Sunday, January 21st, SCF's Annual Church Business Meeting was held following the worship service. The following areas were approved by the congregation for 2024:

- 2024 Budget
- Management Board: 3-year term — Dave Long (G), Tom Ped (G) 2-year term — Doris Brannan (E)
Following the Annual Meeting, the Management-Board approved Gene Krueger as board president and Barbara Purcell as board vice president.
- Endowment Board of Trustees (3-year term): Roy Green, Wade Watson, Gordon Werkema
- Nominating Committee (3-year term): Sally Heise, Susan Huseonica
- Approval of changes to the SCF By-Laws

A copy of the "2023 Annual Report" is available upon request from the church office.

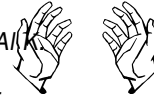
March 2024 Newsletter Deadline: February 25

Please send articles to Joan Lewis:
officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org



Prayer Needs

- Aedan
- William L.
- Olivia L.
- Rich D.
- Amber F.
- Betsy M.
- Lynne E.
- Erik E.
- Patty & Al
- Carol F.
- Jennie F.
- Ann W.
- Nancy V.
- Stan P.
- Andy S.
- Clyde B.
- Oralee H.
- Joyce H.
- Patty S.
- Nancy Fa
- Mike B.
- Vicki U.
- Jan B.



CARE AND SHARE

January
Boxes Distributed
Small: 44
Medium: 43
Large: 27
X-Large: 6
Total: 120
People Served
Adults: 293
Children: 228
Total: 521

SCF MANAGING BOARD

The SCF Managing Board meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at SCF, 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be February 27. All are welcome to attend.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & BUILDING RENOVATION REPORT

Much has been accomplished since February 2021 when negotiations began to purchase our building. None of it could have been accomplished without the generosity and encouragement of the congregation – thank you!

We are preparing to embark upon Phase 3 of the renovation program. Anticipated activities in 2024 include the following:

- Replacement of 4 air conditioning units and 2 furnaces
- Installation of a de-icing system beneath the sidewalk at the front entrance
- Acoustic improvements in the Fellowship Hall
- Roof modifications to divert snow away from the sanctuary emergency exit doors
- Landscape irrigation system north of the building
- Miscellaneous smaller items
- Partial repayment (\$100,000) of the Reserve Fund loan

Projected total expenditures for Phase 3 are \$240,000 which is consistent with 2024 pledges.

Please consider payment of your 2024 Capital Campaign pledges in the 1st or 2nd quarters of the year, if possible for you. Accomplishment of some of the planned work is weather dependent and can not proceed until adequate funds are available. Also, it is hoped that a portion of the repaid Reserve Fund loan can be used to prepay some of the existing mortgage thereby reducing mortgage payments and ongoing operating costs.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and encouragement.

Wade Watson
Capital Campaign Manager

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 every Monday; 10-11:30 a.m., in the SCF Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome. We have a meeting, read and discuss a book, share joys and concerns, and support a number of missions.

If any one is interested and would like more information on the group or the book we're reading, please contact Chris Hamilton: chrish39@gmail.com

Men of Faith

This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, 3-4 p.m. in the SCF Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Harry Hamilton: weatherlore@msn.com

SCF MANAGING BOARD JANUARY 2024 MEETING SUMMARY: GENE KRUEGER

The January Managing Board meeting was held on January 23, 2024, in the SCF fellowship hall. The Managing Board officers for 2024 are President–Gene Kreuger, Vice President–Barb Purcell, Treasurer–Joe Amos.....New MB members are Doris Brannan, Dave Long, and Tom Ped.

The annual meeting was recorded to a YouTube video and is available for congregation members upon request. Please contact Joan Lewis if you wish to have the YouTube link.

The development of Cottonwood Park is still an area of concern for SCF's MB since it is directly adjacent to SCF's east property line. The MB selected Linda Smith and Wade Watson to be the 'team' who will interact with the SROA concerning this issue. If any congregants have input re: the development of Cottonwood Park, please discuss same with either Linda or Wade. A meeting will be held on the day following this MB meeting with the SROA managers to discuss possible options. A petition will be circulated for signature(s) gathering. IF you oppose the placement of the dog park adjacent to SCF property, please sign the petition.

The revised SCF bylaws will be posted on the website.

The MB wants to remind congregants that only "service animals" are allowed inside the SCF building.

Upcoming 'activities' planned for 2024 are: Volunteer Fair–spring, new member spaghetti dinner–May 19, Blood drive–fall, Social Security seminar–fall.

The next Managing Board meeting will be on February 27, 2024, at 1:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

Ministry Team Leaders – 2023

Congregational Care
Rob Pearson
 Stephen Ministry
Randy Heise
 Communications
Cindy & Mark McConnell
 Education
Rob Pearson
 Evangelism
Vacant
 Membership/Welcome
Jenny Long
 Outreach
Jane Boubel—UPCAP
Gina & Terry Tjaden—
National & International
 Scholarship Program
Rob Pearson
 Stewardship
Gene Bennington
 Worship
Rob Pearson

SCF Managing Board – 2023

Gene Krueger
President
 Barbara Purcell
Vice President
 Joan Lewis
Secretary-ex officio
 Joe Amos
Treasurer
 Doris Brannan
 Dave Drescher
 Dave Long
 Phil Northcote
 Tom Ped

UPDATING PRINTED DIRECTORY

An updated version of SCF's printed directory will be available in mid-February. To assist revision efforts, please email to the church office any changes to your personal information in the current [SCF 2023 Directory](#) if you haven't already.

If you are not currently in the church's printed directory and would like to be included, please send the following information to the church – sunrivercf@gmail.com:

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

The deadline is Friday, February 9th

SCF Endowment Fund Trustees— 2023

Wade Watson
President
 Vicki Udlock
Secretary
 Susan Kenney
Treasurer
 Mike Gocke
 Roy Green
 Liz Haberman
 Gordon Werkema

SCF STAFF

Vacant
Senior Pastor
 Dr. Robert Pearson
Associate Pastor
 Worship & Education
 Joan Lewis
 Office Manager

SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING

The Lutherans will gather for our *Shepherd of the Mountains* Annual Meeting after church on February 25th. We'll decide on our yearly benevolence to the Synod and ratify our revised constitution. We'll also elect both officers and delegates to the Synod Assembly which will be held on Zoom on June 1st. Hope to see you there!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER

Holy Week this year starts on Sunday, March 24, with Palm Sunday, and goes through Sunday, March 31, with Easter. Maundy Thursday will be on March 28. Diana Gustavson will be taking reservations for the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper. For reservations, please contact her at: phone: 612-770-7706 email: prg1us@yahoo.com

ANDI'S COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks will be available in the church office. Suggested donation is \$40. Contact Joan Lewis at 541-593-1183 or email at officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org. All proceeds go to Andi's kitchen.

NANCY MCGRATH GREEN GALLERY

The Plein Air Artists of Oregon will host a reception at 11:30 AM on February 18th following the church service. Don't miss this celebration of our newest exhibit of fine art! Refreshments will be served.

2024 FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION SCF CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

SCF will participate in the 2024 Free Wheelchair Mission X2 campaign taking place in July of 2024. The price for a chair is \$96 and each donation for a chair from the SCF congregation will be matched by the FWM during the X2 campaign in March.

The chairs are distributed in 94 countries around the world and the \$96 actually gets the chairs made, ships the chairs and gets those chairs to individuals in those 94 countries. Volunteers donate their own money and time to go on those missions to those countries and help put the chairs together and deliver the chairs to the people in need. Ed and Carol Mosman who attend SCF have been volunteers on one of these missions to put the chairs together and deliver the chairs to individuals in need.

SCF's donations over the years, have purchased over 1,100 chairs that accounted for over 4,000 chairs with match from our SCF angel and the X2 matches from the FWM.

I thank the SCF congregation for the support of this mission that allows people to receive the gift of mobility and a huge chance at changing their lives for the better.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:
Stan Porter, FWM Champion
slporter@crestviewcable.com (503) 910-6915

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Are you ready to join in the fun of celebrating Sunriver Christian Fellowship? How does sharing our community spirit sound to you? Plans are being made to offer opportunities for us to get together and welcome others who may wish to join us. These plans include a spaghetti dinner, a blood drive, a potluck, and a pancake breakfast. Our first goal is a spaghetti dinner in May (the 19th to be exact). If you would like to help in any way on any of these events, please let Barb Purcell or Jenny Long know. They would love to hear from you. Jenny's and Barb's contact information is in the church directory.

CALL/SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Call/Search Committee (formerly the Transition Call Committee) is still hard at work. While it seems like a long time since Pastor Nancy retired, it has been only seven months and our work towards finding a new Senior pastor continues.

There have recently been some positive developments beginning with a Zoom meeting with Melissa Reed, the Lutheran Transition Officer. The purpose of the meeting was to learn what the process would be over the next couple of months. We talked about qualities we hope for in a new pastor and about how our committee can work together. Melissa expressed the thought that our location and congregation, plus the fact that this is a full-time position, should prove desirable to potential candidates.

Jenny Long subsequently had a phone conversation with both Melissa Reed and Marilyn Roth (the Episcopal Transition Officer), which was extremely productive. Recognizing the work the committee and congregation have already done to start the search, it was decided that we can start accepting candidates! This is wonderful news, as it moves us ahead a couple of months. Our SCF profiles are available online and interested candidates can start the process. The candidates will first be vetted by both the Lutheran Bishop's office as well as the Episcopal Bishop's office to ensure that their certification is up-to-date and that they are viable candidates. The vetted applications will then be sent to us and we will consider the applicants and decide whom we should interview.

Please keep this committee and our church in your prayers as we continue to meet and work on writing and reviewing our interview process and questions. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with any of the committee members.

THANK YOU SUNRIVER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

“Thank you so much for your generous donations to **Three Rivers School**. Your support of our school is appreciated.” Your donations of socks, underwear, gloves, snow pants, warm coats, gift bags, tissue paper, and the recently received gift of funds from your Visions of Sugarplums show your commitment to our school, the students, teachers, and staff. “Thank you and have a great Christmas and New Year.” Tim Boadbent, Principal

“Thank you, Sunriver Christian Fellowship Team! Your generosity and continued support of the **FAN Otters at Three Rivers!** Having the church in my corner is such a blessing and I am so grateful for your willingness to bring love and hope to families. I hope you have an amazing Christmas full of joy!” Emilie Winchester FAN Three Rivers School

“Thank you for the donation. This will help us continue our ministry of giving beds to the children in need here in Central Oregon. A good night’s sleep is so important to a child’s development. This year we have provided 800 beds to kids. It is only possible because of you and the help your church provides. Joe Myers, President, **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** “Gratitude for such consistent compassion and support, year after year!” **Bethlehem Inn**

“My personal thanks to Sunriver Christian Fellowship. You have been long-standing supporters of the **Volunteers in Medicine** clinic. We are grateful for your faith in us. Thank you for being a part of our circle of caring!” Kat Mastrangelo, Executive Director

“Thank you for your generosity!” **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

“Thank you doesn’t begin to cover it! Words can’t fully express our gratitude for the help support and encouragement you have provided for neighbors in need. You are a true blessing!” **Shepherd’s House**

“Thank you for your thoughtful donation that supports NeighborImpact’s true power transformation. At our core lies our ability to bring about change, and your contribution sustains us along the way.... Thank you for believing in us.” **NeighborImpact**

“Your ongoing support means so much.” **Saving Grace**

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your generous support of our mission to provide affordable housing for working families in Southern Deschutes County. “Efforts in 2023 included 4 families in homes, thriving La Pine ReStore, 100 families receiving Critical Home Repairs. “Our work brings us together, to share in our mission to ensure that each of us can have a safe, healthy place to call home.” Dwane Krumme, Executive Director, **Habitat for Humanity for LaPine Sunriver**

“On behalf of **Care and Share Community Outreach** I would like to thank you and your fellow congregants for your generous support of our food distribution program.... we have been able to provide 1,037 boxes of groceries to 4,661 persons between January and November.” Christine Dishaw Volunteer

“Thank you so much for your generous gift. My husband has a long way to go but is getting stronger every day.” A family that is struggling to pay medical bills resulting from a horrific vehicle crash.

“Your financial gift arrived at a perfect time. I was praying to God for a way to pay my rent and provide a bit of Christmas for my 2 girls who have been so strong during their father’s treatment for mental illness and the loss of our home of 10+ years. Thank you for providing us loving hope.”

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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

Sunday Service — 10 a.m.

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