

# Sunriver Christian Fellowship



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## Dear Family,

What resulted from initial discussions during the Tuesday morning men's group in 2007 has continued to be realized through SCF's Scholarship Program, *Partnership in Education*. Though the program was approved by the Management Board in early 2008, the economic crisis later that year necessitated a launching postponement until a future time.

In late 2010 with the economy experiencing a positive recovery, the scholarship plan was revisited. The original proposal was updated, a new Scholarship Committee was formed, and promotional and application materials were developed. In the winter of 2011, the program was introduced to career department leaders in local Bend-La Pine high schools, and that spring, \$5,000 was awarded to the first scholarship recipients.

This spring the program enters its fourteenth year. It targets specifically young people who live in this area, attended our local Three Rivers School, and are now seeking higher education. Applicants must either be graduating this spring or already graduated from any Bend-La Pine high school. One important feature of our scholarship, and often missing in other scholarship programs, is the opportunity for a recipient to reapply annually up through the completion of one's undergraduate program, whether their goal is a Certificate, Associate, or Bachelor degree. Currently, 202 scholarships have been awarded to 76 individuals, of which 51 of those recipients have reapplied at least once, and of those, over half continued to reapply up to the completion of their respective program. As of this past fall, \$328,850 in scholarship assistance has been awarded.

One goal of the program is to see a recipient complete their program and receive their degree. I recently contacted several scholarship recipient graduates to find out – **Where are you now?** and **What are you doing?** Here are a few responses that came back to me:

**Allison (Lake) Marvin** – I received my veterinary technology degree from COCC in 2016. I ended up completing my degree in biology, then decided to switch species from human medicine to veterinary medicine. I went back and obtained another degree in veterinary technology, and have been working for Oregon State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Corvallis, OR for the past (almost) 8 years. I work in the cardiology department, where I get to help treat patients, and also help instruct future veterinarians. I also have a new 8-month old baby girl at home. Life is good!

**Karlie Holmgren** – After graduating from OSU Cascades in 2017, I've spent five years in equipment finance and two years in the beauty industry, launching my own small business. I keep finding myself back in the finance industry, drawn to its challenges, networking opportunities, and potential. Currently, I'm a project manager for a small equipment finance brokerage, overseeing various tasks like marketing, title work, and operational functions. Working for a startup allows me the opportunity to wear many hats and learn from them all. It's surreal how distant college feels, yet somehow at the same time feels like just yesterday. Excited to see where the next seven years will take me in my career!

**Andrew Vanasen** – After graduating from OSU in 2019, I ended up enlisting in the Air Force and served a 3-year tour in England as an Aerospace Propulsion Technician, which was mostly working on the engines for the F-15E Strike Eagle. About 4 weeks ago I moved to Denver and I'm now working as an engineer for United Launch Alliance helping to design and build rockets! I have also switched from active duty to the Reserves, so I will be continuing my military service part time.

**Ben Plant** – I graduated from Oregon State University with a Mathematics degree in 2022. I am currently working for the State of Oregon as Fiscal Analyst working directly with State agencies to determine current and future budgeting as well as some accounting.

From its beginning, the scholarship program is self-sustaining. No monies are contributed to it from the SCF general budget. The committee works diligently to secure grant monies, solicit both individual and business donations, and plan special fundraising events. If you would like to financially contribute to this important SCF outreach, please make out your check to "SCF" and put "Scholarship Program" on the memo line.

The *Partnership in Education* program would not have achieved its current position without the support and help from many members of our SCF family. Thank you for your faithful generosity and encouragement throughout these 14 years. It's making a difference!

Pastor Rob

**UPCOMING SERVICES: all in-person**

- May 5:** 6th Sunday of Easter, 10:00 AM  
Pastor Rob Pearson, Celebrant
- May 12:** 7th Sunday of Easter, 10:00 AM  
Bishop Patrick Bell, Celebrant
- May 19:** Pentecost, 10:00 AM  
Pastor Mark Brocker, Celebrant
- May 26:** 1st Sunday after Pentecost, 10:00 AM  
Pastor Erika Spaet, Celebrant
- June 2:** 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, 10:00 AM  
Pastor Rob Pearson, Celebrant

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.

**CARE AND SHARE**

Care and Share Food Distribution Needs YOUR Support

The Sunday before the last Friday of each month 2 devoted members of the Care and Share packing and distribution team are in front of SCF awaiting your donations for the upcoming distribution. Care and Share provides much needed food and household supplies to support our friends and neighbors that are in need from Sunriver and LaPine. Your donations of food; hearty soups, tuna fish, veggies, pasta noodles and sauce, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, toilet paper, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, and the list continues. This month the pick-up is March 21 for distribution March 26. Help us fill up their car!!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Installation of acoustic panels in the Fellowship Hall was completed in April. It will be exciting to see the effectiveness of the installation during the spaghetti dinner on May 19.

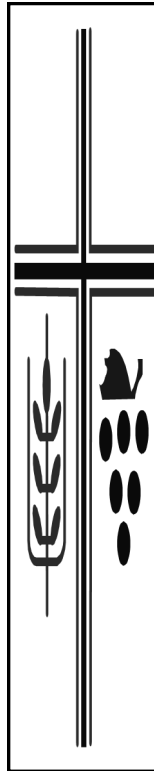
Work began on April 29 to install a hydronic heating system beneath the sidewalk approaching the main entrance to avoid icy conditions next Winter.

Construction of a roof gable above the Sanctuary emergency exit, to divert snow avalanches away from the doors, is planned to occur in May, depending upon the weather.

The intent remains to repay \$100,000 of the Reserve Fund loan as soon as adequate funds are available in the Capital Campaign account. This will allow the Managing Board to consider a partial payment of the mortgage principal, thereby reducing ongoing interest payments.

Thank you to all who have already paid their 2024 Capital Campaign pledges.

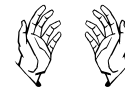
Wade Watson  
Capital Campaign Manager



**Prayer Needs**

Current prayer needs are listed. Please continue praying for long term needs listed in bulletins and website.

- Amber F.
- Betsy M.
- Lynne E.
- Erik E.
- Patty & Al K.
- Carol F.
- Jennie F.
- Nancy V.
- Andy S.
- Clyde B.
- Jonathan C.
- Lauren B.
- Gail & Mike B.
- Jan B.
- Carol T.
- Scott J.
- Sierra G.
- Thomas W.
- Madelyn G.
- Carol D.
- Benjamin C.
- Andy E.
- Shirley & Gary C.
- Carol W.



**CARE AND SHARE**

**April**

Boxes Distributed

- Small: 50
- Medium: 42
- Large: 36
- X-Large: 4

**Total: 132**

People Served

- Adults: 323
- Children: 121

**Total: 444**

**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 May 28. All are welcome to attend.

**SPAGHETTI FEED**

**Make your reservations now!!**

Don't miss our first ever spaghetti lunch and dinner.

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. First seating: 12 noon.**

**Second seating: 5:00 p.m.**

Menu: spaghetti, salad, bread, and cookies. Water, lemonade, and coffee will also be served. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Donations accepted. This opportunity is open to all members of SCF as well as members of our community. Invite your friends and family, but don't delay in making your reservations.

Simply email: [spaghetti@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:spaghetti@sunriverchristianfellowship.org).

Be sure to let us know how many will be in your group and which seating you would like. See you there!

**UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Bergen Bull Celebration of Life  
June 29, 2024, 11:30 a.m.

Beve Kiekel Celebration of Life  
July 28, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Terry Thomas Celebration of Life  
September 14, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

**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 MARCH 2024 MEETING SUMMARY: DORIS BRANNAN**

The opening prayer for the SCF Managing Board meeting on April 23, 2024, asks for the members to listen carefully for guidance as we deliberate important matters of major consequences to the SCF members and our community.

The Transition/Call Committee reported that they have selected a candidate to replace our pastor. The Managing Board expressed great appreciation to this committee for all the dedicated work, time and effort. The Managing Board President and members planned two work sessions to prepare for negotiations with the chosen candidate.

The Building and Capital Budget updates show advances in planning for the sound modification in the Fellowship Hall, the entry sidewalk heating, the parking lot repair and plans for handicap parking.

The Board decided to specify the Pastor's role on the Managing Board and all committees as a voting member although ex-officio.

All members are welcome to attend the Managing Board meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

**SCF MANAGING BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you wish to contact a Managing Board member by email for church business, please use the following email addresses.

- Eugene Krueger [ekrueger@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:ekrueger@sunriverchristianfellowship.org)
- Barb Purcell [bpurcell@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:bpurcell@sunriverchristianfellowship.org)
- Doris Brannan [dorisb0401@gmail.com](mailto:dorisb0401@gmail.com)
- Dave Drescher [ddrescher@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:ddrescher@sunriverchristianfellowship.org)
- Dave Long [dlong@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:dlong@sunriverchristianfellowship.org)
- Tom Ped [tped@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:tped@sunriverchristianfellowship.org)
- Terry Tjaden [ttjaden@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:ttjaden@sunriverchristianfellowship.org)

**BISHOP BELL'S ANNUAL VISIT**

Bishop Patrick Bell, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, will be making his annual visit to SCF May 11th and 12th of 2024. There will be a gathering with church management teams (Vestry, Lutheran Council and Managing Board) at 5:30 Saturday evening and he will preach on Sunday. The Sunday service will be followed by a Q&A with all congregants.

**OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESSES**

- The office will be using our new email addresses from now on.
- Please send general emails to: [info@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:info@sunriverchristianfellowship.org).
- Please send emails specifically for Rob to: [rpearson@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:rpearson@sunriverchristianfellowship.org).
- Please send emails for Joan Lewis to: [officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org).

**Ministry Team Leaders – 2024**

- 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  
*Bob Sessler*
- Worship  
*Rob Pearson*

**SCF Managing Board – 2024**

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

**SCF Endowment Fund Trustees— 2024**

- 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*

### **SCF ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Endowment Fund was created by SCF in 2002 to enhance and expand the service ministries of the congregation beyond what is possible through its operating funds. The Fund is a true endowment fund meaning that gifts to the fund will be held in perpetuity. Distributions from the Fund are limited to income earned from invested funds and are used to support various outreach and social service ministries. The Fund's principal is invested with the Episcopal Church Foundation.

Grants provided to date in the current fiscal year include:

- \$2,200 to MountainStar Family Relief Nursery to support their La Pine bus transportation system and provide two 4-child strollers for their new facility in La Pine. <https://www.mtstar.org>
- \$3,000 to Mosaic Medical to provide Starlink internet connectivity for their Mobile Clinic vehicle providing healthcare to individuals experiencing homelessness. <https://mosaicch.org>
- \$4,730 to Heart of Oregon Corps to support their new summer program to train indigenous youth from the Warm Springs Reservation in various conservation programs including fire fuels reduction, habitat restoration and trail Maintenance. <https://heartoforegon.org>
- \$1,000 to SCF Scholarship Program to support college scholarships for young people and adults living in the South Deschutes County area.



Donations to the Endowment Fund provide an opportunity for individuals to contribute to the lasting legacy of themselves, their loved ones and SCF. Donations provided as a memorial will be recognized on

### **SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWING**

The Scholarship Committee received 15 scholarship applications in April. Seven are first-time applicants and eight are reapplicants. Two of the first-time applicants are siblings of two reapplicants. During early May, all applicants will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee members via Zoom and decisions about awards will occur subsequently. During the worship service on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, as many scholarship recipients who are available will be presented to the church family during that service. This provides the congregation with the chance to personally meet those being awarded a scholarship and welcome family members who can attend with them.

### **GRADUATES RECOGNITION**

If you have a family member who either will be soon or have recently graduated from high school, college, graduate or professional school, please let us know so we can recognize them in the June Newsletter. To make sure we get your information right and names spelled correctly, please send us via email the following information:

- Name(s)
- Relationship to you
- If a high school grad – name of high school and city/state
- If either an undergraduate college student, graduate student, professional school graduate – name of school, degree type (e.g. B.A., M.A., etc.), and their major area of study in school (e.g. Engineering, Computer Science, English, etc.)

Please send this information to the church office by May 24<sup>th</sup> – [info@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:info@sunriverchristianfellowship.org).

**DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Mike & Linda Gocke  
Remove land line number.

Monica Mack  
Email: [monicamack90@gmail.com](mailto:monicamack90@gmail.com)

Jim and Danna Harnish  
17540 Mesnard Street #111  
Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034  
Home phone: 503-908-1655  
Cell phone: 541-419-6551

Alan (Skip) & Bonnie Smith  
Cell phones:  
Skip: 541-350-5443  
Bonnie: 458-600-3410  
Remove land line number.

**UPDATED DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE**

The 2024 SCF Church Directories are available in the church office. To get one, ask Joan Lewis. She is in the office Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**NEW “DAILY BREADS”**

Copies of the spring edition of the “Daily Bread” daily devotional are available on the counter immediately to the left as you enter the church lobby. They are free.

**June 2024 Newsletter Deadline: May 26**

Please send articles to Joan Lewis:  
[officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org)



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