



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

January 2010

BUDGETS, REALITY & FAITH

Now that the glow of the Christmas, New Year's celebrations, and bowl games are over, we must come back to the real world. The national economy has been on the forefront of all our thoughts for some time now, and most of us have been impacted to some extent by the current recession. Our 2009 operating budget income will be somewhat lower than we projected. But since SCF has run a frugal ship, our year end results should be near breakeven. We will have accurate results to present at the annual meeting on January 24th. Giving by our members for dedicated causes has continued to be generous, which has always been the hallmark of this congregation.

Your SCF Finance Committee has been at work for several months assembling a recommended budget for 2010. The results from our pledge drive indicate that the recession will continue to have impact on our income. We have also lost several generous members to life's normal uncertainties. As of this writing, we have received slightly fewer pledges than last year and the average amount per pledge unit has decreased by approximately 10%. A significant portion of our operating income is from members and friends who do not pledge but give generously. Prudence would indicate that we will see some reduction in this category also. Indications are that our income in 2010 will be somewhat below that of 2009.

Although SCF has a reasonable reserve, the Finance Committee does not believe it prudent to dip into the reserve for a substantial overrun of expenses compared to income. Even so, our budget proposal will probably show a need to use some of our reserve funds. Thus, we have recommended a preliminary budget to the Board that will reduce our expenses in 2010 over 2009 by approximately 15%.

Fixed operating expenses take up approximately 75% of the 2009 budget - ministry program expenses about 25%. We can squeeze some savings out of our fixed expenses (staff, facilities, insurance, etc.). But the majority of our discretionary expenses are in the area of our ministry programs. Our preliminary recommendations include:

- ◆ Holding our staff expenses flat or slightly reduced.
- ◆ Tightening our fixed expenses as much as possible.
- ◆ Reducing our ministry program commitments.

Fortunately, our wonderful Outreach programs that take up the majority of our ministry program expenses have a large reserve of dedicated funds that can be used next year to compensate for a budget reduction

Those of us responsible for preparing the budget need to stay within the facts as we know them, but we do realize God has a way of working through darkness with surprises. We know that when push comes to shove this congregation can and will pull its own weight. We will present a final budget recommendation to the SCF Board at their January meeting based upon the facts and best projections we can make. Hopefully, by that time we can see that only a modest budget reduction will be necessary. You will have the opportunity to review and approve this budget at the annual meeting to be held after the service on January 24th. Moving through the year we can adjust as God's blessings unfold before us.

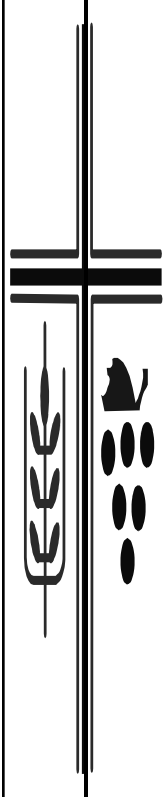
Randy Egertson, Treasurer
For the Finance Committee

Schedule of Upcoming Services—January

January 3: 2nd Sunday after Christmas
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Ellie Luba, Jackie Medill, Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Dave Grissen
 Chalice Bearers: Randy & Sally Heise,
 Herb & Ellie Luba, Don & Darla Mercer
 Greeter: Marilyn Myers
 Ushers: Steve & Chris Hamilton,
 Jay & Yvonne Smith
 Audio: Mike Beeson
 Thanksgiving Prayers for: Sue Neelley and
 Bill & Pat Nelson
 Coffee: Lysakers & Hornishes

January 10: 1st Sunday after Epiphany
 Celebrant: Rev. Dave Grissen
 Altar Guild: Brenda Chapin, Gloria Houghton,
 Shirley Reedy, Marilou Reinikka
 Lector: Gene Bennington
 Chalice Bearers: Rita Copp, Gloria Houghton,
 Hal & Sue Husby, Gerry McMinn,
 Shirley Reedy
 Greeters: Brynn & Laurie Skovolt
 Ushers: Richard Farnham, Tom Ped, Shirley Smith,
 Terry Thomas
 Audio: Dave Friedley
 Coffee: Jim & Mitzj Putney

January 17: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
 Celebrant: Pastor Frank Brocker
 Altar Guild: Lorraine Matson, Lois Tonning,
 Susan Woodward
 Lector: Judy Johnson
 Chalice Bearers: Ronald Klingelhofer, Lorraine Matson,
 Lois Tonning, Bob & Barbara Vogel,
 Susan Woodward
 Greeter: Dinah Finney
 Ushers: Dave & Carol Friedley, Katie Hall,
 Karen Newcomb
 Audio: Don Mercer
 Eucharistic Visitors: Gerry McMinn & Susan Woodward
 Coffee: Al & Karen Tweit



January 24: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Deanne Hatch, Marge Sageser
 Lector: Don Udlock
 Chalice Bearers: Randy & Diane Egertson,
 Deanna Hatch, Marge Sageser,
 Don & Vicki Udlock
 Greeter: Vivienne Jarvis
 Ushers: Dick Fallgren, Jay & Yvonne Smith,
 Al Webb
 Audio: Roger Smith
 Thanksgiving Prayers for: Barbara Neely
 and John & Betty Nesby
 Coffee: Mark & Chris Baldwin

January 31: 4th Sunday after Epiphany
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Ellie Luba, Jackie Medill,
 Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Sybil Gibson
 Chalice Bearers: Sybil Gibson,
 Randy & Sally Heise, Shirley Smith,
 John & Linda Salzer
 Greeters: Rod & Gail Juranek
 Ushers: Jim & Mary Lou Kreiss,
 Brynn & Laurie Skovolt
 Audio: Percy Lewis
 Thanksgiving Prayers for: Karen Newcomb and
 Rob & Diana Norem
 Coffee: Jay & Yvonne Smith

February 7: 5th Sunday after Epiphany
 Celebrant: Pastor Jack Kiekel
 Altar Guild: Ellie Luba, Jackie Medill, Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Karen Newcomb
 Chalice Bearers: Andy & Carole Elsbree, Beve Kiekel,
 Herb & Ellie Luba, Karen Newcomb
 Greeter: Marilyn Myers
 Ushers: Sally Heise, Percy & Joan Lewis, Bob Vogel
 Audio: Mike Beeson
 Coffee: Shereda Benfield & George Blankenship

- Prayer Needs**
- *Berni*—friend of Laurie Skovholt
 - *Elaine*—daughter-in-law of Gerry McMinn
 - *Dottie Maley*—in treatment for spine degeneration
 - *Marilyn Myers*—living with COPD
 - *Debbie Martson*—fighting cancer
 - *Percy Lewis*—fighting cancer
 - *Carol Thomas*—undergoing surgery January 14
 - *Bobby*—son of Bob & Laura Wineman
 - *Bill Chase*—living with Parkinson's
 - *Earl*—friend of SCF
 - *John*—son of Barbara Bird, fighting cancer
 - *Bev*—mother of Vicki Russell, recovering from chemotherapy
 - *Gary DeKat*—cancer treatment & anticoagulation therapy
 - *Harry Hamilton*— fighting cancer

- *Tracey*—daughter of Frank & Bonnie Naasz, fighting Lou Gehrig's disease
- *Dick Boubel*
- *Leah Cain*—undergoing chemotherapy
- *Sheri Grissen*—fighting cancer
- *Jane Mink*—living with cancer
- *Bonnie Sperbeck*—recovery from a broken shoulder
- *Bill Dost*—slow recovery from severe injuries due to fall off a ladder



And pray for our military family members:

Craig Klascius: son of Al and Patty Klascius
 Ryan Parrent: grandson of John and Marlys Lysaker,
 Chris Arnold: son of Dick and Marianne Arnold,
 Chelsea Hamilton: daughter of Steve and Chris Hamilton
 Travis Dofelmier: nephew of Mary Braddock
 Max Cyphers: son Ray & Betty Cyphers, husband of Lynette & father of Lilliana

YOU ARE INVITED:**SUNRIVER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
1ST SUNDAY SUPPERS 2010**

**JOIN A SMALL GROUP AND MEET ALL YEAR ON
THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IN
EACH OTHER'S HOMES FOR
POTLUCK SUPPER OR BRUNCH.**

**JUST SEND PENNY BENNINGTON AN E-MAIL
AND YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A GROUP OF 12
(MOST MONTHS WE ARE 7-8 PERSONS --
SUNRIVER STYLE).**

**THE FIRST GET TOGETHER WILL BE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH.**

PLEASE RESPOND BY THE 17TH OF JANUARY.

**WE NEED HOSTS FOR EACH GROUP.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ONE?
PLEASE LET ME KNOW SOON.**

***IN YOUR E-MAIL PLEASE GIVE NAMES,
PHYSICAL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE.***

***E-MAIL PENNY AT:
PENNY@BENNINGTONPROPERTIES.COM***

**Directory Update Deadline:
January 15**

The SCF office will be updating the church directory during the next couple weeks. It will be available at the annual church business meeting on Sunday, January 24. If you have any recent directory changes that have not been communicated to the office (or you are expecting some changes in the next month), please notify Rob at scf@chamberscable.com or 593-1183 by January 15.

**Senior Care Corner
Your Home & Home Health:**

Mark your calendars for two important presentations scheduled for January 2010 which will take place directly after the Sunday service.

January 10:

"Is the House You're Living In The Right Home?"

January 17:

"Hospice And Home Health Care"

As we enter 2010 your Senior Care Ministry is keen to address the needs of this very special group of people. We will be meeting early in January to discuss the direction that will best serve your needs. Please feel free to let us know if there are issues you wish to explore.

FIREWOOD FOR CARE & SHARE:

A special thank you to our customers, donors, and the many volunteers who helped haul, split and deliver firewood this season. We generated over \$6000 for the Care & Share food program. We are proud to report that we delivered over 53 truck loads of FREE firewood to our neighbors in need!!

Thank you,
John Salzer & Carl Janzen

February Newsletter Deadline:

January 21

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

Thanks to Thrivent Reps

We want to recognize and thank those members from the SCF family who served this past year as congregational coordinators for Thrivent Financial

Al Webb
Bob Vogel
Shirley Reedy

SCF ANNUAL MEETING
January 24 after Worship Service

The annual SCF business meeting will be held after the worship service on January 24. If you wish to have a report included in the "2009 Annual Report," please send it to the church office as an e-mail attachment by January 15.

There will be election of members to the Management Board as well as voting on a proposed by-laws change.

Candidates for the Management Board:
 Lynn Hornbuckle (Episcopal)
 Lois Tinning (Lutheran)

The following proposed by-law change will be presented at the meeting for a vote. It comes from the Finance Committee as a result of last summer's annual financial review.

The Financial Review report for the year ending December 31, 2008 suggested the annual financial review required by the Bylaws need not be an 'audit'. An 'audit' by definition requires significant time and cost that is not necessary for the financial situation of SCF. The following is presented for consideration as a change to the Bylaws to correct this matter.

Current Financial Paragraph

(iv) Review & Audit. The Board shall appoint a team of Congregation members to review the Books of Account and financial status of the Congregation each year; provided that every third year the audit team shall include at least one member who is not affiliated with the Congregation or its Sponsoring Congregations and is knowledgeable in finance and accounting. This review shall be done during the first half of the year, with a report to the Board no later than July 1st.

Proposed Change: [underlined to be ADDED; italics to be DELETED]

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SCF November 30, 2009 Financial Status			
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net YTD</u>
Plan Year to Date	\$248,998	\$249,314	<\$ 316>
Actual Year to Date	<u>\$234,680</u>	<u>\$232,659</u>	<u>\$ 2,021</u>
Better <Worse> than Plan	<\$ 14,318>	\$ 16,655	\$ 2,337

**Ministry Team
 Leaders – 2009**

- Congregational Care**
Pastor Nancy Green
- Communications**
Kennedy Griffiths
- Education**
Rob Pearson
- Evangelism**
Sybil Gibson
- Fellowship**
Fran Roberts
- Hospitality**
Lenora Salomon
- Membership**
Marianne Arnold
Jan Bull
- Outreach**
Jack Kiekel
Jane Boubel–UPCAP
Jack Kiekel–National & International
- Seniors Ministry**
Rita Copp
- Stewardship**
Harry Hamilton
- Worship**
Rob Pearson

**SCF Management
 Board – 2009**

- Dave Hennessy**
President
- Dick Arnold**
Vice President
- Hal Husby**
- Jim Manary**
- Marilou Reinikka**
- Shirley Reedy**
- Jane Vakoc**

SCF STAFF

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

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

Ongoing Groups: These groups continue to meet through the summer

Women's Spirituality Group - Lynn Hornbuckle: *facilitator* (593-5870)
Mondays, 10:00 a.m.-noon, HTCC Library.

Men of Faith Group — topics evolve related to interest. Owl's Nest, Sunriver Lodge.
Coffee available, \$2.50 · Tuesdays; 7:30-8:30 a.m. Contact: Jack Kiekel — (593-9484)

Meditation - Carolyn Barr: *facilitator* (593-8397 or sytetime@hotmail.com)
Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m., Children's Chapel

For both men and women: Focus: "Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) of the Psalms

Enneagram - Jane Mink: *coordinator* (593-5684 or rjminkster@aol.com)
Second & Third & Fourth [just this month] Thursdays 11:00-12:30 p.m. Children's Chapel

Upcoming Learning Opportunities in the New Year

Precepts Bible Study - 13 week study on Philipians & Colossians
Jan. 13–April 7; 10:30 a.m.—Noon
A study guide is now available in the church office: \$10. Jodie Bischof, facilitator (593-1159)

ALPHA 2: the second half of the Alpha course will begin on Monday, January 25, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at HTCC and will go for five weeks finishing on February 22. A weekend retreat, January 29–31, is part of this Alpha experience. If you participated in Part 1 and plan to continue, please contact Rob. If you attended a former Alpha course but want to "brush up," please join us but let Rob know. The topics to be covered in Part 2 are :

- Week 1 - "How Can I Resist Evil?"
- Week 2 - "Why and How Should We Tell Others?"
- Week 3 - "Does God Heal today?"
- Week 4 - "What about the Church?"
- Week 5 - "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" and "Wrap-Up"

Kilns College Sponsors Second Apologetics Conference

Kilns College in Bend, one of SCF's sponsored ministries, will be offering their second Apologetics Conference this coming February 19-20 to be held at the Westside Church in Bend.

Three featured speakers will be participating in this event: New Testament scholars Dr. Craig Blomberg and Dr. Craig Hazen, and Old Testament scholar Dr. Daniel Wallace. Drs. Blomberg and Wallace will be keynote speakers and Dr. Hazen will join them as breakout session discussion leaders.

The schedule for the conference is Friday evening, 5:30-9 pm, and Saturday from 8:15 am - 8:45 pm. Saturday afternoon will include numerous breakout sessions from which participants can choose according to interest. Cost for the conference is \$35 per person.

An "early bird" registration can be done online:
www.kilnscollege.org/events/apologetics-conference

More detailed information on the conference, its speakers, and the schedule may be obtained through this website.

MUSIC START-UPS FOR CHOIR & BELLS:

If you are interested in joining either group contact the person listed below.

Bells of Sunriver: first rehearsal Monday, January 11. Contact Joyce Hornish (593-5962) prior to January 11. The Bells practice Monday afternoons.

Adult Vocal Choir: first 2010 practice date is Wednesday, January 6, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Contact Rob in the church office if you have questions.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS: Prayer Shawl Knitters will meet on Wednesday, January 13 in the church dining room at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting!) Hope to see you then.

Here are some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

[found on the Internet (where else) and submitted by Diana Swenson]

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to be kind to others.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on..

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you.

The more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

WE CARE

"We are not perfectly free until we live in pure hope. For when our hope is pure, it no longer trusts exclusively in human and visible means, nor rests in any visible end. He who hopes in God trusts God, Whom he never sees, to bring him to the possession of things that are beyond imagination."

Thomas Merton, *No Man Is An Island*

Skirmishes seem to be waning, (perhaps because it is winter?), and at least one of the recipients of our letters is writing back to those who send letters! What a pleasant surprise that has been. One of the young men made a DVD-movie which is circulating among our team. If you would like to see it, please contact John or Marlys Lysaker. The value of home-cooked food is missed; however, the senior officers serving Thanksgiving dinner showed "they care". The other profound truth sent to our team this month is the appreciation for the country we live in. Chris Arnold, who flies a MEDEVAC helicopter, writes,

"It makes one thankful for what we have in the States. We not only haven't experienced the violence and war for the last 30 straight years that they have here, but just in our day to day lives. Even with the healthcare debate raging, Americans have access to quality healthcare. Trained professionals, not tribal home remedies. And we don't have to rely on foreign troops to hopefully find us in our hour of need and call in helicopters to save us. We know that wherever we may be injured, we have great emergency response crews and quality care only minutes away."

Our WE CARE team has grown to 46. Only a few more are needed to complete Nancy's vision of writing once a year.

If you would like to join us, please email Jane Mink at rjminkster@aol.com. May your new year bring "beginnings" beyond imagination!!! Jane

shepherd of the Mountains

SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes: Dec 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by President Brynn Skovholt

Candidates were nominated and elected to serve in 2010. They are: Steve Austin: President, Karen Newcomb: Vice President, and Bob Vogel: Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that we continue giving 14% to Synod. Motion passed.

New Thrivent programs for 2010 will not be announced until January 2010.

Thrivent plans to support Newberry Habitat as follows: They will donate \$58,500. Habitat is responsible for \$22,500 and the Lutheran churches of Central Oregon for \$9,000 for a total of \$90,000. Habitat already has their amount invested in land. This is for one house in 2010 to be sponsored and built by Lutherans.

Bob Vogel reported that the Thrivent Congregation Care Fund is being discontinued. The Care in Communities program has not yet announced its 2010 program. In the past it has offered support to IVC, Habitat and Care and Share activities. It takes only \$10 annually to become an individual Thrivent member which comes with voting privileges.

Holden Village info - see Bob.

Pastor Nancy's job description has been presented and accepted by the Board.

Synod Meeting to be May 20-30 in Portland at the Red Lion. Sarah Miles will be the featured speaker. The Skovholts are our representatives.

Al Tweit suggested that we need an in-depth Bible Study. Bob Vogel said the ELCA has good materials but that leaders were needed. A committee made up of Al, Bob Vogel and Carol Webb volunteered to look into the idea. The meeting was closed with prayer led by President Brynn.

Respectfully submitted:

SUMBA WATER WELLS & MORE UPDATE: The following are an excerpts from the *Year in Review 2008-09* report

EYE SURGERY: For years we have been dispensing hundreds of eye glasses at our clinics but we have not been able to help those in need of surgery. Cataracts are a big problem for many in Sumba. The women who are affected are no longer able to weave the blankets and baskets that are so important in this society, the children cannot read in school and the men can no longer farm. Twice during during this year we invited a team of Australian eye surgeons to Sumba to help us help as many people as possible. The team of volunteer Ophthalmic eye surgeons, nurses and Optometrists were joined by our staff for a week in July 2008 and again for a week in July 2009. Together they saw 1,190 people and performed 166 life changing eye surgeries. They also dispensed 917 spectacles and about 150 sunglasses.

LIBRARIES: During this year we donated libraries to 9 of the primary schools we support. Now more than 1,800 children are being inspired by the 3,285 grade appropriate books we bought for them. Some of the donors to this project were able to help us set up the libraries at the schools, an altogether rewarding experience. We are pleased to report that this project was recently adopted by the local government who now are building libraries at dozens of primary schools throughout the region.

SCHOOL LUNCHEs: This July 2009 we initiated a school lunch program at two of the primary schools we are supporting. Three times a week we have been providing a healthy meal of vegetables to hundreds of children. In part this program is meant to teach children the importance of a good diet and nutrition, and more importantly to help boost the health of the many children in school who are undernourished due to a lack of good food in their villages. Some of the vegetables come from our nearby farming projects and women close to the schools volunteer to cook. We will be monitoring the success of this project which we hope to expand to more schools in 2010.

This completes the Sumba Foundation Year in Review excerpts

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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

Sunday Service & Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Services held at the

Holy Trinity Church

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