



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

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

June-July 2009

Dear Family,

The events described in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2, relate the beginning of the work of the Spirit in the life of community. These events mark the beginning of the season of Pentecost as well as the season of "Ordinary Time", so called by the Church.

But the actual event of Pentecost was hardly ordinary. Pentecost means 50th in Greek. It marked the Festival of Weeks in the Hebrew calendar, a spring agricultural celebration, as the first spring crops were harvested 50 days after planting. In time the Festival of Weeks came to commemorate God's giving of the Torah at Sinai and tradition holds that it was 50 days between the first Passover in Egypt and the arrival of the Hebrew people at Sinai where Moses received the Law.

Pentecost for Christians has always meant thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit which has guided us since Jesus ascended to his Father. The season of Pentecost is "ordinary time"? I do not think so.

The Spirit came in a most unusual fashion: filling the house with the sound and motion of rushing wind and dividing into tongues of fire, coming to rest on all who were there. No one was left without a share of God's Spirit. Whenever the Spirit is present, it is far from "ordinary time."

Life for me the past eight months since becoming President of the Standing Committee for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, has been far from ordinary as well. It is not lost on me how much time this ministry has taken, particularly October through March. Now that Bishop Nedi Rivera has been duly elected as our Provisional Bishop, the Standing Committee returns to its 'ordinary' work of providing advice and counsel to the Bishop.

But other events on the horizon are far from "ordinary." Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori will be visiting Bend on June 9. She is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S. and the first female Anglican Primate in this church's history. She is bright, articulate, loving, attentive to the Spirit and has a spine of steel when she needs to rest on it. I hope many of you will come to hear her at the Boy and Girls Club in Bend.

Ordinary time for me will not resume after Bishop Jefferts Schori departs. In July, I will travel with seven other deputies (four clergy and 4 lay) to Anaheim to represent the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon at our National Convention which meets every three years. This will all be new to me as I have never attended as a deputy before. We will be in session from July 7 to July 18!!

The days start early and run late with much legislation voted on, significant worship experiences and groups of Bible study. I return on July 18 and will be your preacher and celebrant on July 19. I promise NOT to rehearse the legislative action of those long ten days in my sermon time.

Life may feel a little bit more "ordinary" in August. But with the Sunriver Music Festival in full gear and many of you turning your homes into the best of "B&B"'s for friends and family both far and near, I suggest that "ordinary" time may never be ordinary again!

That is what happens when touched by the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit.

Faithfully,

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Schedule of Upcoming Services—June [July will be posted on SCF website]

June 7: Trinity Sunday-1st Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Doris Brannan, Jackie Medill,
 Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Randy Egertson
 Chalice Bearers: Doris Brannan, Randy & Diane
 Egertson, Dave & Sheri Grissen,
 Ron Klingelhofer
 Greeters: Brynn & Laurie Skovholt
 Ushers: Dennis & Judy Rund,
 Terry & Carol Thomas
 Audio: Mike Beeson — Intros: Terry Thomas
 Thanksgiving Prayers for: Tom & Barb Lowery and
 Herb & Ellie Luba
 Eucharistic Visitors: Rita Copp & Shirley Reedy
 Coffee: Dave & Dinah Finney

June 14: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: Pastor Frank Brocker
 Altar Guild: Brenda Chapin, Gloria Houghton,
 Shirley Reedy, Marilou Reinikka,
 Louise Wilson
 Lector: R.P. Hatch
 Chalice Bearers: Gloria Houghton,
 Hal & Sue Husby, Shirley Reedy,
 Wynne & Mary Woolley
 Greeter: Polly Perkins
 Ushers: Gerry Stearns, Terry & Carol Thomas,
 Al Webb
 Audio: Percy Lewis — Intros: Terry Thomas
 Coffee: Gina Rosbrook & Leonora Salomon

June 21: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost [Father's Day]

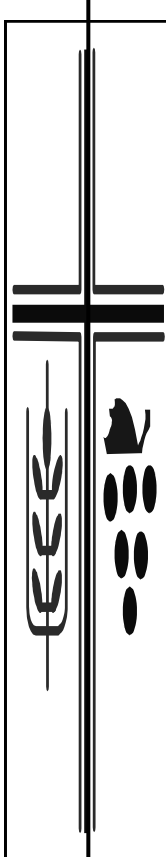
Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Lorraine Matson, Lois Tanning,
 Susan Woodward
 Lector: Gene Bennington
 Chalice Bearers: Gene Bennington,
 Lorraine Matson, Don & Darla Mercer,
 Lois Tanning, Susan Woodward
 Greeters: Jay & Yvonne Smith
 Ushers: Terry & Carol Thomas, Al Tweit, Gene Whisnant
 Audio: Don Mercer — Intros: Al Tweit
 Thanksgiving Prayers for: Richard & Carol Luebke and
 John & Marlys Lysaker
 Eucharistic Visitors: Pastor Nancy & Wynne Woolley
 Coffee: Jim & Mitzi Putney

June 28: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Deanne Hatch, Mary Link,
 Marge Sageser
 Lector: Joyce Hornish
 Chalice Bearers: Deanne Hatch, Joyce Hornish,
 Mary Link, Herb & Ellie Luba,
 Marge Sageser
 Greeter: Gina Rosbrook
 Ushers: Dick Chapin, Katie Hall,
 Terry & Carol Thomas
 Audio: Roger Smith — Intros: Dick Chapin
 Thanksgiving Prayers for: Joe & Dottie Maley and
 Jim & Gail Manary
 Coffee: John & Linda Salzer

July 5: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: Dick Mathison
 Altar Guild: Doris Brannan, Jackie Medill,
 Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Bob Vogel
 Chalice Bearers: Doris Brannan, Rita Copp,
 Andy & Carole Elsbree,
 Bob & Barbara Vogel
 Greeter: Gail Juranek
 Ushers: Vivienne Jarvis, Rod Juranek,
 Jay & Yvonne Smith
 Audio: Dave Friedley — Intros: Jay Smith
 Coffee: Patti Knollman & Sunday School Children



Prayer Needs

- *Bobby*—son of Bob & Laura Wineman
- *Vic Russell*—future radiation treatments
- *John*—son of Barbara Bird, fighting cancer
- *Jane Mink*—living with cancer
- *Gary DeKat*—cancer treatment & anticoagulation therapy
- *Tracey*—daughter of Frank & Bonnie Naasz, fighting against Lou Gehrig's disease
- *Dick Boubel*
- *Percy Lewis*—fighting cancer
- *Christine*—sister of Collette York
- *Berni*—friend of Laurie Skovholt
- *Don Houghton*—fighting cancer
- *Elaine*—daughter-in-law of Gerry McMinn
- *Bill Chase*—living with Parkinson's
- *Holly & Robert Bennington* & triplets Audrey, Oliver & Grace
- *Jayme, Lars & baby Ana Johnson* —Ana in NICU
- *Earl*—friend of SCF
- *Marine LncCpl Brandon Parrent in Afghanistan & Army Spc Ryan Parrent deploying to Iraq*—grandsons of John & Marlys Lysaker



SCF says Yes to Reducing, Recycling and Reusing

Let All Creation Praise is our summer Sunday school theme. Our Sunday school class is learning to care for our fragile Earth. What are you doing to meet this challenge? How does your family reduce, recycle and reuse items? Are you involved in a political or faith group with local, regional or worldwide concerns? We would like each SCF member and friends and visitors to list the ways you are responding to this challenge. Please list your actions and involvement on a piece of paper and place it in the box with the recycling logo located in the narthex by July 12. Thank you for your participation. The children will read, discuss, and tally your responses. Questions? Call Patti @388-2196.

**ALPHA Returns**

The Alpha program that Dave Grissen so successfully ran a few years back, and was more recently offered in a home setting, will be coming again this fall. As it was originally presented, it will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. One major change: rather than presenting the entire program in its typical 11-week format, this time it will be divided into two parts.

- ♦ Part 1: 6-week course running September 24-October 29, 6:30-9 p.m.
- ♦ Part 2: 5 week course beginning in mid-January.

This informative program invites you to explore “basics” of the Christian faith. The weekly sessions include dinner, a DVD topic presentation, and opportunity for small group discussion on the weekly topic. Consider being a part of this learning experience. More detailed information will be coming out in the August Newsletter.

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Chuck & Marianne Wiper - address & phone changes:
168 NW Phil's Loop - Bend, OR 97701
541-678-5519

Ed Graham - address, phone, e-mail changes:
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Tom & Nancy Foote - add to Directory:
16897 Elsinore Rd.
POB 4040 - Bend, OR 97707
541-593-1337

CALL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP

Helpers are still needed for Sundays from July 26-August 30. We need set-up, greeters and teachers. Please call or email Patti Knollman to help: 388-2196/knollman1@bendcable.com This program is possible ONLY with your assistance. Thank you.

Thanks to Choir & Bells

Our choir and bells serve faithfully throughout the year not only here at SCF but in other venues as well. Both will be taking a well-deserved rest for a few months. The choir's last worship participation will be on June 7. They will be sharing “2008-09 Favorites”.

The Bells of Sunriver will play during the services on June 14 and 21 as well as periodically throughout the summer.

Thanks to these musicians who so enhance our regular worship and seasonal times. For anyone who has not participated in either the choir or bells but would like to, contact Pastor Rob in the church office (593-1183) about the choir or Joyce Hornish (593-5962) about the bells.

Directory Update - Available in July

The church office will be working on an update of our SCF Church Directory this summer. An updated version will be available in mid-July. If you haven't done so already, contact the church office with any changes that have either already occurred or are anticipated to occur in the next month or two.

Blood Drive

The Sunriver Community Blood Drive will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Thursday, June 18, 1-6 pm. To schedule your appointment, call the Red Cross at 1-800-

INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVER BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

As of June, Steve Austin is a new IVC board member. And Stuart Young has accepted the position as consultant to the board. “We are so happy to have two members of SCF as active members of IVC,” said Marilyn Myers.

A Promise of Health Update

A Promise of Health's (APOH) two-year partnership with the Merida, Yucatan Montejo Rotary Club has resulted in the first solid step toward sustaining APOH's rural healthcare programs there. The Rotary has vowed to make the APOH Medicine Wheel Program in Yucatan their own. Their goal is to have twelve Medicine Wheels in operation. To do that they continue to need our help through the work of APOH.

The next step for APOH is two Medicine Wheels in poverty stricken rural Oaxaca. One Wheel of five communities is an hour south of the capital and another Wheel of five communities will be in the remote northern mountains. Partners and collaboration are key. COCIO, an umbrella group of 10 Mexican hometown associations in San Diego County, is working to help. COCIO is hosting a Oaxaca Festival in Escondido, California in September. APOH will be there to speak and help raise money for the Oaxaca Project.

Right now APOH is looking for two donated motor homes to ship to Yucatan for the Rotary to use in their Diabetes Prevention Program in rural Yucatan villages. APOH's five-year partnership with a Florida shipping company has resulted in the company's promise to again transport donated motor homes for free to Yucatan.

If anyone in Sunriver has a 10 year old or older, 25 to 28 foot motor home, in good condition, that can be driven to our shipper in Florida, please let me know. An IRS tax deduction can be taken for a motor home donated to APOH. Once in Merida, the Rotary club will renovate the motor home to be used as a clinic in their Diabetes Prevention Program. Diabetes is now at epidemic levels in rural Mexico because of poor diets and an inability to understand the devastating disease.

Thanks again to SCF for its contributions that are leveraging so much care for so many people, our neighbors to the south, who otherwise would have none.

Gary Carlson

Ministry Team Leaders – 2009

Congregational Care Pastor

Pastor Nancy Green

Communications

Kennedy Griffiths

Education

Rob Pearson

Evangelism

Sybil Gibson

Fellowship

Fran Roberts

Hospitality

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Jan Bull

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Jack Kiekel

Jane Boubel—UPCAP

*Jack Kiekel—National
& International*

Seniors Ministry

Rita Copp

Stewardship

Harry Hamilton

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Rob Pearson

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Assistant*

SCF April 30, 2009 Financial Status

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net YTD</u>
Plan Year to Date	\$90,545	\$90,660	<\$ 115>
Actual Year to Date	\$94,690	\$84,368	\$10,322
Better <Worse> than Plan	\$ 4,145	\$ 6,292	\$10,437

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 10:00-11:30 a.m., Children's Chapel

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

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

UPDATE FROM REFUGIO INFANTIL SANTA ESPERANSA IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

We visited Refugio in February. The complex is high above the Bay of Banderas in a former retirement home for Catholic Priests. The remodeling includes a large outdoor play space, nursery, stimulation center, dorm type rooms for the older children, dining/kitchen facilities and a library/tutor room for homework. The laundry area will change to a commercial facility when 220 power can be brought to the site.

There are 55 children ranging in age from infants to 15 years who are cared for by a staff of 18. Special Needs students are educated at a Montessori school, seven students attend a private full day school and the remainder of the students attend a local elementary school from 2:00 to 6:30. Local schools run two shifts of students per day. Students in grades 3-6 are able to study English, a plus in a tourist town.

Music, both singing and instrumental, is provided on Sunday. Health care for the children is donated by a local doctor and a dental team from Idaho provides check ups each year. A volunteer nurse from Oregon is on site every other day to attend to health concerns.

On Sunday, we saw several parents visiting their children. Some were allowed to take the children off site while others had supervised visits on the premises. Puerto Vallarta provides an armed guard at the entrance to insure security for the children. Refugio works closely with the Jalisco State Social Services agency.

The new Costco in PV donates fruits, vegetables, bread and Christmas gifts for the children. Finding more local funding sources is a goal of the Board of Directors. This year \$5500 per month comes from the US foundation, Children's Shelter of Hope based in Portland and \$3500 per month from the Canadian Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation. Sunriver Christian Fellowship will contribute \$750 this fall towards utility expenses.

We enjoyed visiting with happy, well-fed, enthusiastic children and admire the dedication of the US/Canadian winter residents who have taken on this project.

Jim & Mary Lou Kreiss

EVANGELISM

SAT-7 is a ministry to Northern Africa and the Middle East in which SCF is interested. The following information is taken from their latest newsletter. SAT-7 has just received the latest viewer ratings for the Middle East.

"The ratings show that 10 percent of Iraqi households are watching SAT-7 during the year! Children under the age of 15 represent 100 million people of the region. Through SAT-7KIDS, child-by-child, family-by-family, for the first time in their lives, millions are being exposed to the truth, the Gospel, and the Word of God. SAT-7 is on the air with three, full-time satellite channels. The SAT-7 KIDS channel is very popular. It's also the most strategic, helping to influence the next generation for Christ."

"Sometimes the SAT-7 KIDS' broadcasts give viewers a startling reason to watch. Sadly, if a child is born disabled ...families believe their family has been cursed by God. Shamed by the child, they tend to hide the children inside. So imagine their reaction when they see a program of children singing. Among the kids are some who are disabled, a few in wheelchairs. They watch as these special children are loved and honored. The spectacle is stunning and gripping. People want to watch more, to learn who these Christians really are. 'Why are they doing this? Who are these people?'"

"Then there are other contrasts with conventional Arab TV. Some channels extol the virtues of terror and becoming suicide bombers. In extreme cases, they will even interview potential terrorists, giving them a place of honor. News programs can feature many stories of violence, negatively impacting little ones. Reaching the next generation of the Middle East through satellite television is bringing true change and hope, through Christ. Middle Eastern families are very social. They eat together, and watch television together. When they have a choice of programs to watch, children are asserting themselves insisting that the families watch SAT-7 KIDS, even non-Christian families -- watching a Christian satellite network! What an opportunity to reach not only the next generation, but entire families and cultures for Christ."

If you would like to get personally involved in changing attitudes in the Middle East, make a contribution to SCF designated : For Evangelism, SAT-7.

CLARES

Care, Love, Action, Response, Effort & Support

CLARES is a fund-raising organization as well as an organizer of social events. Funds generated from CLARES activities are donated to the Outreach programs of SCF. CLARES meetings are held at the church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month.

We have been very pleased with the number of ladies who have attended our workshops for the felted bars of soap, tie blankets and fun fur handbags. Loads of work is getting done during the workshops and at home by ladies who have come up with their own projects. So very many thanks to all.

The next workshop will be held June 2, 10:00 a.m. at the church. This workshop will be a demonstration class by Kathy Thatcher showing how to make a double Vera Bradley style glasses case. While we will not be having everyone constructing cases in the class, interested ladies should have some sewing experience and a sewing machine to complete the project at home. We will be handing out patterns and instructions.

Other workshops will be announced in the church bulletin.

And please start saving your "Golden Elephants" for the bazaar. As was the case last year, we want things that are undeniably beautiful or useful which you no longer want but would think someone else would like to have. However, we cannot use furniture or clothes as our storage is quite limited. We will be collecting your Golden Elephants sometime in June.

**Don't forget the CLARES Winter Bazaar:
November 7 at the church.**

Fran Roberts
President, CLARES

Bless this Bread [a Mystery Dinner Theatre event]

On the evening on July 10, mystery will abound at SCF as \$1.5 million in jewels goes missing from the church fund drive. Join us for dinner and follow the clues to help Rev. Longacre and the Troupe solve the mystery of Lillian's missing jewels as we present the audience participation Mystery Dinner Theatre "Bless this Bread". Stay tuned for details in upcoming bulletins.

August Newsletter Deadline:

July 24—Please send all articles to
Jan Tuckerman: jtuckerman@chamberscable.com

Brain Exercise Workshops

"Keep Your Mind Sharp with Brain Exercises"

Location: First Baptist Church, 60 NW Oregon
Dates/Times: Wednesdays, May 27 & June 17
2:00-4:00 p.m.

"Keep Your Brain Sharp"

Location: Aspen Ridge Retirement,
Great Room, 2nd floor; 1010 NE Purcell
Dates/Times: Thursdays, June 11 & July 23;
2:00-4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in either workshop, you can register by calling Joni Goodnight at 330-6051, 390-4093 (cell phone), or
jgoodnight@bendcable.com

Highway 97 LITTER PICKUP looking for Volunteers

Does the litter on Highway 97 get to you? Do you want to be part of the solution? Many of you have been part of or currently are part of the SCF Litter Patrol team. We go out four times a year and pick up litter off Highway 97 around Lava Lands, the Butte, completing four miles total. This year ODOT has requested that all Adopt-A-Highway teams also help control noxious weeds. We have been doing a good job with this already but to do it right we need more help. On June 2 at 5:00 p.m. there will be a gathering at Gail and Mike Beeson's home for socializing as well as a noxious weed talk. If you are considering joining this group, please call Gail at 598-7397 and come on June 2. It'll be fun and informative. It feels good to be a good steward of God's creation! Bring a friend!

Safeguarding God's Children

In cooperation with the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, SCF will be offering "Safeguarding God's Children," an abuse risk management training workshop. This workshop includes the following topics:

Meet Sam

It Happened to Me

Keeping Your Church Safe

Diocese of Eastern Oregon Policies

The upcoming dates are:

Sunday, June 14 - 5:30-10 pm

Tuesday, June 30—11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Both workshops will be held at HTCC and a meal is included. A facilitator from Bend will be leading both sessions.

We are asking that board members, Eucharistic Visitors, and Children's workers participate in either of the offered workshops. Doug and Sue Seator are coordinating this effort.

There is no charge for the course. To register, please contact Doug or Sue at 593-2276 or dseator@chamberscable.com.

shepherd of the Mountains

During the weekend of May 22-24, Al and Karen Tweit attended the Oregon Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America held in Eugene. The assembly theme was "God's Work-Our Hands-Building Community". The program consisted of a balance of information, education, Bible study, business, worship and fellowship and was attended by pastors, Lay representatives, Synod Staff and Youth delegates. Pastor Nancy was unable to attend this year's assembly due to prior commitments.

Al and Karen felt the highlights of the weekend were meeting and spending time with delegates and pastors from the other Lutheran congregations in Central Oregon and hearing presentations by Rev. Eric Law, an Episcopal Priest, author, and a very gifted and insightful presenter. Rev. Law gave three presentations related to effective communications in our present journey through a diverse social and religious landscape. Details of his presentations and his website will be made available later.

Bishop David Brauer-Rieke preached at the Friday worship service and also presented the Synod Mission Emphasis. Two resolutions were presented and both passed with significant support. The first was entitled "Hunger-A community priority" and the second was a resolution to memorialize the Church wide Assembly concerning Human Sexuality.

Al and Karen plan to present a comprehensive report in the near future.

WATER FOR THE VILLAGES OF SUMBA

As part of our support for the Millennium Development Goals and the World Water Week, the International Outreach Program of SCF has decided to support the drilling of a water well for a village in Sumba, Indonesia. We have supported the Sumba Foundation for a few years and so this is a continuing program with this year's emphasis on clean water. We have nearly \$1000 which we have collected so far but in the month of July we will again appeal to our members to donate funds to complete the project which will cost about \$2500.

Many of the ancient traditional villages of Sumba are situated on fortified hilltops, far from the water sources in the valleys below. Most villages have never had easy access to water and it is the women and children who must dedicate a major portion of their day to walk three to five kilometers to the nearest productive spring. The water they carry back to the village is used for their livestock and cooking only. They often do not have the option of using the water to bathe their children or themselves. In surveys of schools and clinics in the remote areas, they found that more than 90 per cent did not have water or toilets. The lack of potable water has created an ideal breeding ground for disease. They employ a professional drilling team equipped to drill the deep wells required to provide water in the traditional hilltop villages. These simple and relatively low cost projects will create the foundation to greatly improve the peoples' overall health and well-being.

We hope that you will give generously to help bring clean water to our brothers and sisters in Sumba.



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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

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

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