



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

An ecumenical and interdenominational fellowship
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October 2009

Dear Family,

A number of years ago, quite a few of us applied for a course at St. George's College in Jerusalem. The trip got cancelled because of the lack of political stability in Israel at the time. I am trying again this October. I have saved my two weeks of continuing education you give me each year to take The Palestine of Jesus course at St. George's from October 15-28.

"This course focuses on key elements of the Gospel narrative of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the sacred landscape where the story unfolded. Course members visit major sites connected with the Gospel accounts: Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, the Judean desert and others. After focusing on the Galilean ministry of Jesus, the course traces the Passion Narratives through visits to Bethany, the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemene, and the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) and a devotional Way of the Cross." *(from the course syllabus)*

There will be both lectures and on foot pilgrimages. Daily worship is also an integral part. The one and only time I have been in the Holy Land was in 1978, when I traveled with 238 Jews and one other Christian on a United Jewish Appeal contemporary tour of political Israel! This journey will be entirely different, to say the least.

I will take a few more of my vacation days and travel with Anne Seator. Anne, daughter of Doug and Sue Seator, is with the State Department in Tel Aviv. She will meet me on the 29th when the class is over, and tour me through other sites and sounds of Israel that the Course did not include. Those details we still have not finalized. I return November 3.

In my absence, your Sunday services are filled with eloquent and wise preachers/celebrants. Rob will oversee pastoral concerns, calling on our wonderful retired clergy for help when needed. I leave with great confidence in your spiritual well-being.

As I think about heading to the Holy Land, it is not lost on me how many of our brothers and sisters are also in the Middle East, but in a different and difficult capacity. They are in the military. As I mentioned in my sermon on September 27, I would love to see SCF support the six soldiers who are immediate family members of some of our own, namely Craig Klascius, son of Al and Patty Klascius, Brandon Parrent and Ryan Parrent, grandsons of John and Marlys Lysaker, Chris Arnold, son of Dick and Marianne Arnold, Chelsea Hamilton, daughter of Steve and Chris Hamilton and Aric Finney, grandson of Dave & Dinah Finney.

I would love to see an "army of volunteers" willing to write these soldiers, reminding them that they are not forgotten and their efforts are not unnoticed. If I had 72 letter writers, it would mean that each soldier would hear from one of us once a month. And it would mean that you, as a letter writer, would write one letter per year!! If we had more letter writers, we would write more often. If you are willing to enter into this ministry with me, please e-mail the church or call Rob and let us know of your interest.

Faithfully,

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**Pastor Nancy will be away for continuing education
and some vacation days October 14-November 3.**

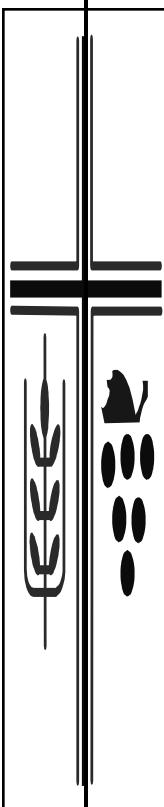
Schedule of Upcoming Services—October

October 4: 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Green
 Altar Guild: Jackie Medill, Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Don Udlock
 Chalice Bearers: Jane Boubel, Mal Murphy,
 John & Linda Salzer, Don & Vicki Udlock
 Greeter: Mary Lou Kreiss
 Ushers: Steve Hamilton, Jim Kreiss,
 John & Marlys Lysaker
 Audio: Don Mercer — Intros: John Lysaker
 Thanksgiving Prayers for: Carl & Joyce Meeuwse
 and Don & Darla Mercer
 Eucharistic Visitors: Dave & Carol Friedley
 Coffee: Kenney & Cheryl Griffiths

October 11: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
 Celebrant: The Rev. John Nesby
 Preacher: Dr. Robert Pearson
 Altar Guild: Brenda Chapin, Gloria Houghton,
 Shirley Reedy, Marilou Reinikka
 Lector: Gerry McMinn
 Chalice Bearers: Gloria Houghton, Hal & Sue
 Husby, Ronald Klingelhofer, Gerry
 McMinn, Shirley Reedy,
 Greeter: Lillian Arnold
 Ushers: Jim & Jo Bergmann, John & Marlys Lysaker
 Audio: Roger Smith — Intros: Jim Bergmann
 Coffee: Dick & Brenda Chapin

Prayer Needs

- *Berni*—friend of Laurie Skovholt
- *Don Houghton*—fighting cancer
- *Elaine*—daughter-in-law of Gerry McMinn
- *Dottie Maley*—in treatment for spine degeneration
- *Kay Mathison*—living with blood disorder
- *Marilyn Myers*—living with COPD
- *Chuck Sperbeck*—fighting cancer
- *Doris Brannan*—fighting cancer
- *Debbie Martson*—fighting cancer
- *Percy Lewis*—fighting cancer
- *Cheryl Griffiths*—recovery from shoulder surgery
- *Carol Thomas*—recovering from back surgery
- *Bobby*—son of Bob & Laura Wineman
- *Bill Chase*—living with Parkinson's
- *Earl*—friend of SCF
- *John*—son of Barbara Bird, fighting cancer
- *Gary DeKat*—cancer treatment & anticoagulation therapy
- *Tracey*—daughter of Frank & Bonnie Naasz, fighting against Lou Gehrig's disease
- *Dick Boubel*
- *Leah Cain*—undergoing chemotherapy



October 18: 20th Sunday after Pentecost
 Celebrant: Dr. Robert Pearson
 Preacher: Harry Hamilton
 Altar Guild: Lorraine Matson, Lois Tanning,
 Susan Woodward
 Lector: Randy Heise
 Chalice Bearers: Randy & Sally Heise, Lorraine
 Matson, Terry Thomas, Lois Tanning,
 Susan Woodward
 Greeter: Jackie Medill
 Ushers: Percy & Joan Lewis,
 John & Marlys Lysaker
 Audio: Dave Friedley — Intros: Percy Lewis
 Eucharistic Visitors: Karen Newcomb &
 Bob Vogel
 Coffee: Doug & Sue Seator

October 25: 21st Sunday after Pentecost
 Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Kiekell
 Altar Guild: Deanne Hatch, Marge Sageser
 Lector: Randy Egertson
 Chalice Bearers: Randy & Diane Egertson,
 Deanne Hatch, Dave & Sallie Hennessy,
 Marge Sageser
 Greeter: Vivienne Jarvis
 Ushers: John & Marlys Lysaker, Tom Ped,
 Al Webb
 Audio: Mike Beeson — Intros: Al Webb
 Coffee: Don & Vicki Udlock

November 1: All Saints Sunday
 Celebrant: The Rev. Roy Green
 Altar Guild: Jackie Medill, Harriet Yandt
 Lector: Renee Bell-Roemer
 Chalice Bearers: Renee Bell-Roemer,
 Al & Carol Elsbree, Karen Newcomb,
 Bob & Barbara Vogel
 Greeter: Marilyn Myers
 Ushers: Jim & Jo Bergmann,
 Jim & Mary Lou Kreiss,
 Audio: Percy Lewis — Intros: Jim Kreiss
 Coffee: Dave & Sallie Hennessy

And pray for our military family members:

- ♦ Craig Klascius, son of Al and Patty Klascius
- ♦ Brandon Parrent and Ryan Parrent, grandsons of John and Marlys Lysaker,
- ♦ Chris Arnold, son of Dick and Marianne Arnold,
- ♦ Chelsea Hamilton, daughter of Steve and Chris Hamilton
- ♦ Aric Finney, grandson of Dave & Dinah Finney

All-Saints Day Remembrances

Sunday, November 1 is designated on the church calendar as "All-Saints Day." One important part during that particular worship service is to ring a bell-toll in remembrance of loved ones who died during the past year (since last year's All-Saint Sunday). If you have a loved-one you would like to be included in this recognition, please send their name (s) to the church office by October 27 so they can be included - [593-1183](tel:593-1183) or scf@chamberscable.com. We will also have a sign-up sheet on which you can provide information beginning Sunday, October 11.

EVs & ALTAR GUILD NEEDS:

We are currently in need of additional helpers who can serve as Eucharistic Visitors (EVs) or on the Altar Guild. No previous experience is required to participate in either ministry. Training will be available for both. If you are interested in serving or have questions, contact Shirley Smith (593-6009) who coordinates our EVs, or Lorraine Matson (382-2125) regarding the Altar Guild.

Directory Update

Dinah Finney - new e-mail address - dinah@chamberscable.com
Doris Brannan - new e-mail address - dorisb@chamberscable.com

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION IN OCTOBER

The annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon will be held this year in Klamath Falls October 9-11. This year's theme is the African concept of:
"Unbuntu: I am because we are."
If you would like to attend the convention please call Ellie Luba (593-5381) for further information.

Got Garage?

The Egertson's need a garage to store a car over the winter. If anyone has garage space available please contact them at 593-2853.

SOME FUNNY FILLERS:

Offertory: A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "Don't pay for me daddy. I'm under five."

Sunday School: The Sunday School teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?" "No," he replied, "We don't have to. My mom is a good cook!"

Marriage: The prospective father-in-law asked, "Young man, can you support a family?"
The surprised groom-to-be replied, "Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves."

Grandma's Age: Little Johnny asked his grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought for a moment, and then said, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

**November Newsletter Deadline:
October 23**

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

“Promise of Health” Expands

By Gary Carlson

“A Promise of Health” the medical mission to the indigenous people of rural Mexico, has successfully transitioned the Maya medical mission in the Yucatan to support and oversight by the Merida Rotary Club. A Promise of Health was founded 8 years ago to bring basic, low cost homeopathic healthcare to the rural Maya of the Yucatan. After 8 years the program has treated more than 65,000 people.

With increased awareness of the program, advocates for the poverty stricken people of Oaxaca have sought the help of A Promise of Health in replicating the program. Oaxaca has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate in all of Mexico.

A Promise of Health has established its first “medicine wheel” in the small town of Ayoquezco, population 6500. Surrounding small communities will also receive medical service bringing the total number of people served to 25,000.

Our role is to help raise the funds to provide these life-saving services. The goal in Oaxaca is to raise \$50,000 to fund two “medicine wheels”. Your Sunriver Christian Fellowship contributions have provided \$855 this year to help support this important help to our poorest neighbors to the south.

THANK YOU FROM THE KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER

We are so grateful for your gift of \$950 to the Kairos Prison Ministry. Through your donations, the ministry is able to pursue its mission of ministry to those who are impacted by incarceration. Through the grace of God, and enabled by your gifts, we are working to bring persons lost in shame, guilt, unforgiveness, and hatred to know the healing and saving power of Jesus Christ, and a new way of life.

The Kairos Prison Ministry in the state of Washington continues to reach out to additional prisons within the state as well as to support expansion in other countries. In addition to McNeil Island Correction Center, Washington Correction Center for Women at Purdy, Washington State Reformatory at Monroe and Clallam Bay Correction Center, we had our first weekends at Pine Lodge Correction Center for Women and the Special Commitment Center in 2008.

We continue discussions with the authorities at additional facilities within the state to bring the program to even more of the incarcerated. We also have an active Kairos Outside ministry which ministers to women whose lives have been impacted by the incarceration of a loved one. In addition, we are developing a pilot program titled “Torch” which will reach out to children of the incarcerated. We hope to have our first Torch weekend this year.

SCF August 31, 2009 Financial Status

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net YTD</u>
Plan Year to Date	\$181,089	\$181,319	<\$ 230>
Actual Year to Date	\$173,044	\$167,280	\$5,764
Better <Worse> than Plan	<\$ 8,045>	\$ 14,039	\$5,994

Ministry Team Leaders – 2009

Congregational Care

Pastor Nancy Green

Communications

Kenney 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

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Jane Vakoc

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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 10:00-11:30 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)
Schedule changes: **October dates** are the 8th (1:00-2:30 p.m.), 15th & 29th (11:00-12:30 p.m.)

Celebrate Your Life Gathering - Based on Roy Green's course this past spring, it was decided by those participating in it to continue meeting quarterly to discuss pertinent "end-of-life" issues. The next get-together is on Sunday, November 1, following the worship service in the HTCC dining room. Topics discussed at each gathering are generated from participants as they work through practical considerations - e.g. funeral or memorial service arrangements, final disposition of one's body, facing the reality of one's mortality, discussing personal end-of-life preferences in regards to health directives with other family members, etc. This group allows individuals to both share and receive insights in handling assorted issues they are facing. Anyone is invited to participate in this group even if you did not attend Roy's earlier class. If you have questions, contact Rob in the church office.

Senior Ministry Presentation: SCF's Senior Ministry is sponsoring a presentation on the topic - "*Diabetes Survival*" - following the worship service on Sunday, October 18. The speaker is Karen Killingsworth, RN, who is currently the Diabetes Nurse Educator for St. Charles Medical Center. She has previously served as a Critical Care Nurse and Patient & Community Education Coordinator for SCMC. Printed information will be available at this 1-hour presentation.

Intercessors List

One of SCF's important ministries is its "Intercessors" group. As needs come to the church office, they are sent to all Intercessors via e-mail. Recipients of this powerful intercessory activity continually share what a difference it made knowing that other Christians were actively supporting them through prayer during difficult times.

If you are not currently receiving these Intercessors' prayer requests and would like to, contact Rob in the church office ([593-1183](tel:593-1183) or scf@chamberscable.com) and request that your name be added to the Intercessors database

Precepts Study

The 9-week inductive Bible study on the New Testament books of I & II Thessalonians continues on Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-Noon in the HTCC dining room.

Jodie Bischof facilitates the discussion. A study guide is required and its cost is \$10. They can be obtained from Rob in the church office.

Call Jodie (593-1159) if you have any questions.

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.

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, FROM 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!!

READER'S THEATER: Randy Heise (director of the Reader's Theater) is inviting anyone who has a desire to join the group to do so. Experience in acting is NOT required. A sense of fun is! If you are interested please call Randy, 382-7211.

POPPERS WORKSHOP: Tuesday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. (The British call them Christmas Crackers) Judy Rund will show you how to make these out of toilet paper rolls, filled with candy and wrapped with Christmas paper. Location: Fran Robert's, #15 Cypress

BAZAAR ITEMS: Please turn in projects to Fran Roberts on Sundays or call Fran at 598-7190 to arrange pick up. Item pricing has begun and she will be accepting them up to one week before the bazaar.

GOLDEN ELEPHANTS: Golden Elephants have now become **ANNIE'S ATTIC** in order to encompass a wider range of donations. Please dig deep into your closets, garage or wherever you have things you don't want. We will accept anything except clothing or electronics [unless they are new and never been used]. Please bring donations to Sally's office at the church for Fran to pick up. If for some reason an item is rejected, it will be taken to Second Tern unless you specify your wish to have it returned. If so, please attach a note to the donation with your name and address.

BAZAAR PREPARATION IS UNDERWAY: Ladies (and gentleman) it is time to think about making jams, chutneys, sauces, canned foods, cookies, cakes, pies, candies, munchies or whatever you would like to donate to the bazaar. We can't possibly get enough and we would be more than happy to accept them from anyone in the community even outside the two church congregations. Please direct your queries to Brenda Chapin, Claire Ped or Andi Northcote. They will tell you when to turn them in.

A TISKET, A TASKET...A FESTIVE GIFT BASKET: We would like to offer gift baskets for sale at the November Bazaar. Please fill a basket for the Bazaar, with items of a particular theme. (Examples: Italian Dinner; Travel; Bath and Body; Birthday or Anniversary. Use your imagination. You need only fill a basket with the gifts and we will arrange, wrap and decorate it. Judy Johnson, 593-0235, is happy to pick up your basket and answer any questions that you may have.

COOKIE BOOK: A committee is putting together a book of baked goods again this year. E-mail Rita Copp at billnrita@msn.com with any recipes that were not included in last year's cookbook **no later than October 19.**

PAPER BAGS: Everyone: start saving paper bags with handles to be used for the purchases at the Bazaar.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS: Would you please donate any Christmas ornaments you no longer want to the Bazaar Christmas tree? We're decorating the tree with ornaments to be sold for the bazaar. Please bring them to your church service; Fran will pick them up.

Getting Ready for the Christmas Season

Do You Hear What I Hear?

**December 6, 2009
5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

The various SCF music and drama groups will again be presenting a special Christmas program. This year's theme:

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

The date is Sunday, December 6 here at HTCC. Because of the larger-than-expected response last year (which literally packed the sanctuary), two performances will be offered this year:

both on December 6.

The first program begins at 5 p.m. and the second at 7:30 p.m. During the intermission at both programs holiday desserts and beverages will be served.

There is no charge for the program but a ticket is needed in order to plan for food. The number of tickets available per program is 175, on a first-come first-served basis (by phone or e-mail). You can secure tickets beginning Sunday, November 1.

You are encouraged to invite family members, friends, and neighbors to this holiday kick-off event.



shepherd of the Mountains

Most of you are familiar with the work that Thrivent has done in our congregation and in the community over the past six years. Many of our congregational projects as well as community outreach projects have benefited from Thrivent matching funds over the years. Our congregational coordinators, Shirley Reedy, Al Webb, Steve Austin and Bob Vogel, have administered these programs on our behalf.

We have just received word from Thrivent that, beginning in 2010, some of these programs will change and some will be discontinued. We will learn soon exactly what these changes will mean for our congregation and our congregational coordinators. What we do know is that, beginning in 2010 our Care in Congregational program will be discontinued. In the past this program has furnished funds to buy our projector and screen, computers, office furniture, scripts for our Theatre Group, money for Easter Eggs, etc. In 2010 Thrivent will introduce "Thrivent Choice" a new program that will allow Thrivent members to direct a certain amount of dollars from Thrivent Financial to their congregations or other Lutheran non-profit organizations and congregations. As you can tell from the name, Thrivent Choice is designed to give members choices - and for eligible members one of those choices will be directing funds to their congregation.

The Thrivent Choice program is still under development and set for a spring 2010 launch. As we learn more about how the program works we will be communicating those facts to you. Stay tuned!

Another thing needs our urgent attention: In the past Bob Vogel, Karen Newcomb and Brynn Skovholt have served as officers in the Central Oregon Chapter board. During the past several years SCF has been without representation on that board. I attended a board meeting on September 14 and they urgently need members to run for positions on the board in 2010. If you would like more information on these positions please contact Bob Vogel (598 -0599). Having an SCF member on the board could really benefit us in 2010.

SUMBA WATER WELLS & MORE UPDATE

The following are an excerpts from the
Year in Review 2008-09 report
from Sumba Foundation.

WATER: This year we completed a series of four large water projects and numerous smaller hand dug wells throughout the region. Together these projects are bringing water to another 5,968 people living in 56 villages. For the first time in their lives these people now have easy access to clean safe water. In total, we now have been able to bring water to 23,210 people living in an area of 95 square kilometers of coastal Sumba.

FARMING: Last year's pilot *organic farming project* succeeded in providing more food and substantial income for the 8 families that participated. This year 32 families have joined this program which has already more than tripled the size of land being farmed. We also expanded out to new areas where our tractor and water pumps are helping create productive farms from once fallow land. We insure that the farmers families eat what they grow and only sell the excess. Each area has created its own farmers co-operative that works and manages the farms and also sells their produce to Nihiwatu resort and at several local markets.

At two schools we now have small farm projects that are teaching organic farming methods to hundreds of children. We provide the knowledge, the equipment and the seeds. The children are making compost and growing healthy vegetables. In so doing we are introducing new and healthier foods and creating the start of a better diet for this generation.

BIO-DIESEL: In its first year of operation, close to 100 tons of copra was purchased from hundreds of local villagers to make Biodiesel at our factory, the fuel is sold on to Nihiwatu Resort. This project is creating a small and continually growing economy in the region by injecting much needed cash into a generally cashless community. We have been following what the families are doing and we are very encouraged with what we see. Several families have already been able to open small shops, others are using the money wisely to pay for advanced education for their children.

The by-product of the bio-diesel process is *glycerine* which we make into liquid soap at our factory. Each week 2,000 liters of soap is manufactured sent out to special dispensing stations we have built close to the water faucets at 12 villages. The soap is a big hit, so much so that we can barely make enough to meet the demand.

More excerpts will follow in SCF newsletters as space permits.

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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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