

# CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

Silverton First Christian Church

## *From the Pastor...*

This month I wanted to take time to pay tribute to four amazing leaders who are finishing their terms of leadership. I want to give thanks for **Sue Price**, **Verlene Beard**, **Lydia Miller**, and **Jeff Marcoc**. Their leadership and service has blessed and enriched and touched our community, and we give thanks for each of them.

**Sue** has served for the past several years as the secretary of our board. She has brought a smile and warmth, a focus and determination, always keeping us on track as she worked hard faithfully organizing and compiling all the activities and notes of the board. Sue, we give thanks for you.

**Verlene** stepped up this past year to serve both as our treasurer and our financial secretary. Verlene brings joy, strength, and integrity to everything she does. She is one of the most faithful and hardworking people I know. In the office, we always look forward to Tuesday mornings with Verlene and Erin.

When we called **Lydia** in the midst of transition, she stepped forward and said, "Here I am!" Even while working full time, she has shown up week after week to bring a deep presence and care for our youth. I have had the privilege of watching Lydia grow as a leader and have seen her incredible gifts working with youth going through struggles and challenges. We are excited for Lydia as she begins a new job at the Children's Farm Home in Corvallis. We know that her huge heart, deep care, and loving presence will bless all those she serves.

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**Contemporary Service**  
9:10am

**Fellowship/Refreshments**  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

**Traditional Service**  
10:45am

## *From the Pastor continued...*

From the moment **Jeff** arrived at Silverton FCC, he stepped up to lead. He has brought incredible gifts and a huge heart to our community, our elders, and to our men's fellowship group, which he helped to create. With warmth and kindness, Jeff has brought joy and true caring to all he has done. Jeff has a way of showing others how sacred they are. We are proud of Jeff for doing right now what he needs to do to take care of himself, and we want him to always know that he is sacred to all of us.

As Jeff, Lydia, Verlene, and Sue step down from their leadership positions, they are not leaving our community; they remain sacred and beloved members of our church family. Take time in the weeks ahead to tell each of them thank you for the amazing work they have done. As these four finish their terms and positions, I pray that all of us might listen to our hearts to see if God might be calling some of us to step up into these positions to lead and serve and use our gifts like these who have gone before us.

When God calls each of us to arise, may we have the courage to say, "Here I am, use me!"

Love,

Pastor Eric





## Family Fun Night and Refugee Restart Kits Mission Project

This last month our church worked with Salem for Refugees to put together supplies for refugee restart kits. We had a wonderful Family Fun night where 15 people gathered to help assemble kits, and learn more about refugees and the challenges they face. Karen Brock prepared an amazing dinner with dishes from all sorts of refugee nations. Thanks to all those who donated supplies for the kits. As a congregation we put together 20 Refugee Restart Kits.





### Finding God At The Movies

We had a wonderful Finding God At The Movies this last month. We watched the movie “Encanto” and had a great discussion about where we saw God and themes of faith. Ben and Cole shared that God calls us to use our gifts to come together to help each other. We enjoyed another amazing dinner prepared by Karen Brock. We had 12 people attend. Our next Finding God at the Movies will be May 26, 2024 from 4 to 7pm. Hope you can join us!

### Free Family Movie at the Palace Theater

The Noble Men of Oregon are hosting another free family movie at the Palace Theater on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

The movie this month will be **“The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader”**.

There will be two showings, one at 2pm and one at 7 pm.

There will be a presentation of the gospel with the movie as people are encouraged to look for themes of faith in the film.

There will also be a drawing for free movie tickets at the Palace.





May is here! The days are longer, there is more sunshine, the birds are singing in the early hours just before the sunlight peeks out at us. These tiny moments are some of the things we can be grateful for even on the days when we feel like nothing else is quite right. Because being aware of the beauty around us that was created by our Father can change our entire outlook for the day.

The root of worship is gratitude. Gratitude must be our motivation. If we come with nothing to offer, it doesn't matter. If we come so tired we don't have words, it's OK. He gave the greatest offering in His Son. When we look at that, we find our motivation.

Let's listen to the song "**Gratitude**" by Brandon Lake or the traditional hymn "**Great is Thy Faithfulness**" and feel all the love that our Father has for each one of us.

Blessings,  
Your Worship Teams



Dear Silverton FCC,

April 8, 2024

For the last two years I have had the honor of working with our youth group and alongside Jonathon. We started out as very part-time leaders with the intent to begin to build back up our youth group for when the new pastor arrived. A few months later Pastor Eric joined the Silverton FCC family and we decided to stay for a while longer. As the youth group grew - the prep, time and events increased as well.

As many of you know, my day job is in the social work field working with teens. I have recently gotten a new job at the Children's Farm Home in Corvallis. The Children's Farm Home is the state hospital level of care for the teens of Oregon. I love being a youth group leader and even more, I love working with these youth here. They are a wonderful group of kids.

With my new job, the intensity of the teens and the commute have both increased by a lot. I have decided that what is best for me, at this time, is to step down as a youth leader, with my last day being June 30, 2024. This has been a hard decision to make but it is what is best for me and my family. I have not yet told the youth group, but when I do, I will make sure they know that I will still be there for them in the future.

Sincerely,

Lydia Miller  
She/Her/Hers



**Save the Date!**

On Sunday, June 30, at 10:00 am, please join us to celebrate Lydia Miller and all she has done as a youth leader here at First Christian Church!



In April the youth group walked to The Davenport House Retirement Living and played some fun games with the residents. Both the residents and the youth had a great time and we plan on doing it again in the future.

The youth group also voted to use some of their mission funds to go towards the restart kits for Salem for Refugees.

Thank you for all the love and support you all have shown the youth group with the Willamette Valley Pie Co. Sale and the Easter breakfast.

There are still a few pies left if anyone is interested! Thank you to Karen Brock and Sandi Hadley-White for making the youth group delicious dinners in April.

If anyone is interested in making dinner for the youth group please reach out to Lydia or Jonathon.

Mark your calendars for June 22nd-23rd for the Silverton FCC Youth group lock in!

Happy May! Lydia Miller and Jonathon Thompson





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

It was around 32 years ago, about the time our oldest son was born, that I said “YES” to Jesus and started teaching Sunday school. In all the various ways we have been involved with the church over the years, teaching Sunday school has been my favorite. It was a little daunting at first, I didn't think I had enough Biblical knowledge. I thought teachers needed to be Bible scholars. But I've learned that's not true. Faith and a willingness to listen and follow God's instructions are most important, as well as a willingness to learn along with the children. I am constantly learning something new every time I put a lesson together. I've learned to be flexible. I've learned that my way is not always the best way and sometimes God has a different lesson plan. I've learned to have a sense of humor as well as grace and patience.

I say these things because I need your help. If you have a willingness to help develop children's spiritual growth; if you love God and believe that every child is a gift from God; if you believe church should be a place where every child of God is welcomed and accepted and deserves to hear about his love, then we need you to help with a Sunday school class. I ask that you please pray about it, then let me know. Wynelle and Paula have committed to teaching the preschool and kindergarten class 3 Sundays a month until June. Jennifer and CW have committed to teaching that class the 4th Sundays.

What would God have you do?

Please let me know.

Please take a minute to thank our teachers, Vanessa and Lola Reid, Linda Sutter, Kathy Lamoreaux, Wynelle Dettwyler, Paula McKinley, Jennifer Hensley and CW McCollom.

Say yes to Jesus!

Love and hugs,  
Laurie





## Mother's Day Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Group is putting on the Mother's Day Breakfast this month on May 12, 2024 from 10 to 10:45 am, between the services in the Multipurpose room.

Bring the moms in your life and treat them to a delicious breakfast.



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## Family Fun Night- Celebrating Moms

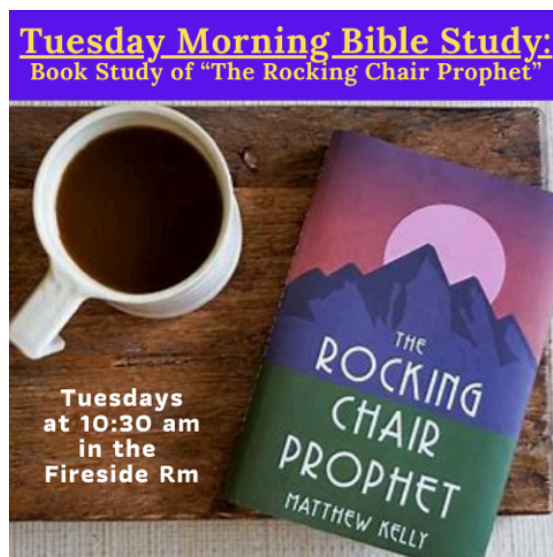
Our Family Fun Night on Sunday, May 12, 2024, from 5 to 7 pm is all about celebrating and honoring our moms. Mom's will be treated to a delicious dinner prepared by the dads and kids. There will be amazing cheesecake from "Not Just Cheesecake" for dessert. There will be all sorts of crafts and activities to do with and honor the moms in our lives.

Hope you can join us for this special event.



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Book Study of “The Rocking Chair Prophet”

All are welcome to our Tuesday Morning Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the Fireside room. We are continue our book study of “The Rocking Chair Prophet” by Matthew Kelly. This is a powerful story about suffering and the ways we face it together.



## Stone Soup Meal

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm



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Every Wednesday evening our crew prepares a Stone Soup Meal both for any members of this community as well as for the Sheltering Silverton Shelter. Join us for a simple delicious meal and some holy fellowship together from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose room.

## 2nd Service Worship Committee

All are invited to join us for our monthly 2nd Service Worship Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 1pm in Pastor Eric's office. Come reflect on past month's services and work on planning the upcoming 2nd Services and helping pick out the music for those services.



# FCC Men's Fellowship Group Spring Update

## Mother's Day Breakfast—Sunday, May 12

The men's group will organize and host this event to honor all the mothers at our church. Men are needed for setup and cleanup, cooking and serving, and buying food and beverage items ahead of time.

Our Mother's Day Breakfast coordinator is Ric Dettwyler.

He can be reached at 503-519-3543 cell/text.

## CAST for Kids Event—Saturday, May 18

The men's group is once again supporting this event. This is a unique program where children with special needs are hosted for an incredible half-day event of fishing and fun. We are looking for those to help with setup and cleanup, those to help with the food, and those to be fishing buddies with the kids. For more information about this event,

see page \_\_ of this newsletter

Clint Sanford is the men's group coordinator for this event.

He can be reached at 503-510-3931 cell/text.

If you would like to car pool, please contact Clint.

## Next Men's Fellowship Breakfast—

Saturday, June 15, at 8:00 am at Water Mountain Restaurant.

Ric and Clint are the group coordinators.

## Special Thanks to Ric, Chuck, Greg and Chase

for all their hard work with the o-fest booth and storage shed prep!



# CAST for Kids Event

Silverton FCC is excited to be helping to sponsor the  
**CAST for Kids Event**

on Saturday, May 18, 2024

at Donna Laney's home in Canby (31215 S Dryland Rd).

This is a fun fishing event for children with special needs and their families.

The event goes from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

All volunteers are asked to be there by 8am for setup and training.  
We need people to help as fishing buddies, to help with setup, cleanup,  
parking, registration, meal prep, meal serving, and more.

All volunteers need to pre-register.

You can register at-

<https://castforkids.jotform.com/team/2024-event-forms/kyllo-reservoir-shore-volunteer-reg>

There is also a registration for anyone who has or knows of a special needs child or youth who would like to attend.

Hope you can join us for this awesome event!



**FREE Event**  
**SATURDAY**  
MAY 18, 2024

Kyllo Reservoir  
31215 South Dryland Road  
Canby, OR 97013

Volunteers arrive at 8:00 am  
Event: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

C.A.S.T. for Kids Kylo Res

Scan with a mobile camera or click to register for this event

**Volunteer Duties include:**

- Event Set-up/Clean-up
- Registration/Attendance
- Rod/Reel/Tackle Prep
- Fishing with children
- Prep & Serve Lunch
- and more!

**Questions?**

**Event Contacts:**  
Ryan Laney (503) 201-3065  
Scot Laney (503) 502-5331  
kylloreservoir@castforkids.org

The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, enriches the lives of children with special needs, supports their families, and strengthens communities through the sport of fishing.

**VOLUNTEER FOR**  
**C.A.S.T. FOR KIDS**  
**KYLLO RESERVOIR**  
FISHING EVENT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**Help us provide a morning of fishing and celebration for children with disabilities!**

- Pre-registration is required ✓
- Approximately 6 Hours Volunteer Time ✓
- Experienced anglers with basic bank fishing knowledge ✓
- Anglers to assist one-on-one fishing ✓
- Anyone with a heart to serve children and help with on-shore event facilitation duties ✓

**PRESENTED BY**  
**PacificSeafood**

For More information  
[www.castforkids.org](http://www.castforkids.org)  
<https://castforkids.org/event/kylloreservoir/>

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**Children receive:**

- Peer Interaction
- Fishing Guidance & Basic Techniques
- Fishing Fun Pack - Rod & Reel, Tackle Box, T-shirt & hat, Photo Plaque

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**JOIN US!**  
**C.A.S.T. FOR KIDS**  
**KYLLO RESERVOIR**  
FISHING EVENT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**Join us for a morning of fishing followed by lunch and a special awards ceremony!**

- Pre-registration is required, space limited ✓
- Participants must be at least 6 years old ✓
- Accessible for all disabilities ✓
- Parent/Guardian must attend with child ✓
- Free event, lunch included ✓

**PRESENTED BY**  
**PacificSeafood**

For More information  
[www.castforkids.org](http://www.castforkids.org)  
<https://castforkids.org/event/kylloreservoir/>



**Memorial Day Tribute**  
May 26, 2024

## Memorial Day Tribute

On Sunday, May 26, 2024, we will be honoring the veterans in our lives who have died. We are asking for pictures and information with your veteran's name and when they served. We will be putting together a special slide show in the services to honor all of them. Please either send your information and pictures to the church via email- [fccsilverton@gmail.com](mailto:fccsilverton@gmail.com) or drop them off to the church office. We look forward to honoring our veterans together.

## Beth Negrey's Elder Installation

Join us between services on Sunday, May 26, 2024 as we install Beth Negrey as an elder at Silverton First Christian Church. Hope you can join us for this special event.



**Memorial Day**  
(Staff Holiday)

**Monday, May 27, 2024**

## Memorial Day Is A Staff Holiday

We just want to remind everyone that the church office will be closed and all church staff are off on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day. May we each take time to honor and remember those who have served.



## Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, June 2, 2024 we will be honoring our graduates with a special service between the services. If you have a graduate who is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, trade school or any other program please get Pastor Eric and the church office information about and a picture of your graduate as we would love to honor them. We hope everyone can join us for this special Sunday.



## All Church Meeting

We want to remind everyone to save the date of June. 9, 2024. Between the services we will be having our annual All Church Meeting. We will be voting on the upcoming church offices and budget for the new year. Hope you can attend.



Mark Beard 1  
 Paul Buckley 4  
 Ginni Stensland 4  
 Joseph Sutter 4  
 Shelly White 5  
 Connor McCollom 5  
 Susie Barstad 6  
 Sheryl Derting 6  
 Jamie Lamoreaux 6  
 Daniel Cote 8  
 Linda McCallister 9  
 Jennifer Stor 10  
 Kate Koenig 10  
 Roger Moles 12  
 Emery Clark 12  
 Allan Graves 14  
 Jonathon Thompson 14  
 Jeff Marcoe 17  
 Dennis Hadley 19  
 Art Desmarteau 20  
 Vida Desmarteau 20  
 Ryan Koenig 23  
 Annis Myren 24  
 Lucy Hicks 27  
 Cole Lamoreaux 27  
 Ron Thomas 27  
 Cherry Hoffman 31  
 Jon Lamoreaux 31  
 Christoffer McCollom 31

# CHURCH CAMP

## “Creation Speaks”

Listening For The Ways God Is Still Speaking



Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho  
Elementary Camp (Those having completed 1st to 5th grade)  
July 22 to 26, 2024  
At Suttle Lake United Methodist Campground  
Register at  
<https://gocamping.campbrainregistration.com>

# IMAGINE

## A World of Love and Kindness

Christian Church  
in Oregon & SW Idaho

Middle and High School  
Summer Camp

August 5 to 9, 2024

At Suttle Lake  
United Methodist Campground

Register at  
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAdKcspUNFJaM1Q1WlpXUTFBMTA3WVlNRkVWSUUzSi4u&origin=lprLink>



**Church Officers/  
Personnel**

**Elders:**

Cara Zitzelberger - Elder Chair

Marcus Clark, Ric Dettwyler,

Lynn Koenig, Donna Laney,

Beth Negrey, Ginni Stensland

**Church Board Chairman:**

Steve Reid

**Church Treasurer:**

Verlene Beard

**Office Administrator:**

Jana O'Connor

**Keeper of the House:**

Libby Bordewich

**Facilities Director:**

Allan Graves

**Children's Ministry Leader:**

Laurie Dyer

**Youth Leaders:**

Lydia Miller/Jonathon Thompson

**Worship Music Team:**

Gail Frassenei, Wayne Cawlfeld,

Chris Dyer, Ami Barstad,

Aaron Barstad, John Meye,

Gil Wittman, Marilyn Woodward



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**2023-2024  
Board of Directors**

**Slate of Officers**

Board Chair - Steve Reid

Vice Chair - Danika Beard

Treasurer - Verlene Beard

Board Secretary - Susan Price

Financial Secretary -

Verlene Beard

Assistant Financial Secretary -

Erin Stone

Trustee Chairperson -

Allan Graves

**Board Members**

**Elder Chair -**

Cara Zitzelberger

**Deacon Chair -**

Karen Brock

**CWF Chair-**

Lynn Koenig/Karen Brock



# *Splinters from the Board*

The Board Members met in the Fireside Room, Monday, April 8th at 6:30 PM.

## **Facility Report:**

Allan reported that the church property could use an additional two yards of wood chips. He performed these services:  
sprayed for ants, placed weed and feed on front yard, replaced the motion sensor light in pantry and replaced security lights in multipurpose room.

## **Deacons' Report:**

Karen suggested obtaining members emergency contact information in case it is needed when something unexpected occurs. The information will be kept confidential. She will develop a form.

## **CWF Report:**

The Easter egg hunt was successful. Pray shawls will be made for high school graduates instead of quilts.

## **Pastor's Report:**

The Pastor reported that April 24th is Office Administrator's Day. The Pastor is planning to provide flowers for Jana.

Family Fun Night on April 14th will involve assembling kits for refugees.

He announced that there will be another C.A.S.T. for kids fishing event at Kylo reservoir on May 18th. He asked if the church would like to be a sponsor. After some discussion, Allan made a motion to sponsor a CAST for kids at Kylo Reservoir at the amount of \$1000. Karen seconded the motion. Board Approved.

## **Chairperson's Report:**

Steve raised the issue of rents for the coming year. Due to the increases in electric rates, the following raises will be made for the next year: Rental for "Sunshine Pre-school" will increase 10% monthly with full monthly rent in September and May and rent for "Not Just Cheesecake" will be raised to \$800 per month with a 12-month contract with no proration.

The church's Oktoberfest truck will be set up for sale to the Mt Angel Oktoberfest committee. Chuck Koenig said that he would pick up the truck at the Annen's and bring it to the Church's parking lot. Chuck offered to take over the mowing of church property during this growing season. Verlene made a motion for Chuck and his grandson, C.W. to mow the church property during the season at the cost of \$210.00 per month. Allan seconded the motion. Board approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Price, Board Secretary



## Offering Totals April 2024

March 31	\$4,150.00
April 7	\$3,295.00
April 14	\$1,565.00
April 21	\$1,535.00
April 28	\$1,430.00

**Total: \$11,975.00**

*Thank you for your continued Support!  
You may give through Venmo or place your gifts in the offering trays by the doors in the sanctuary.  
You may also give using your Visa or Mastercard!  
Just stop by the office and fill out a form.*

### We are looking for volunteers!

To be the next **Church Treasurer** and **Board Secretary**.  
If you feel God leading you to take on one of these positions, please let Steve Reid, board chair, know by May 15, 2024.  
You can contact Steve at 541-517-2030.  
The start date is July 1, 2024.



**Coffee hosts  
for Coffee Time**  
Between services. Sign up with a friend and host together!!!  
(sign-up in the MP Room)

**Sunday Deacons/Greeters  
for each service.**  
Contact the Church office or Karen Brock, Deacon Chair, at 503-931-8230 if you are interested!



## Looking to Hire a New Youth Ministry Leader

As Lydia steps down as of the end of June as one of our Youth Ministry Leaders we are looking to hire a new Youth Ministry Leader to start July 1, 2024. If you or someone you know is interested in applying or learning more about this position please contact Pastor Eric at 503-873-6620 or by email at eeide98@gmail.com.



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