

# CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

Silverton First Christian Church

## Honoring Our Graduates

Join us on Sunday June 1, 2025 as we honor our graduates between the services. We will be promoting and recognizing all our children and youth after another year of Sunday School and Youth Group, and we will be celebrating our graduates.

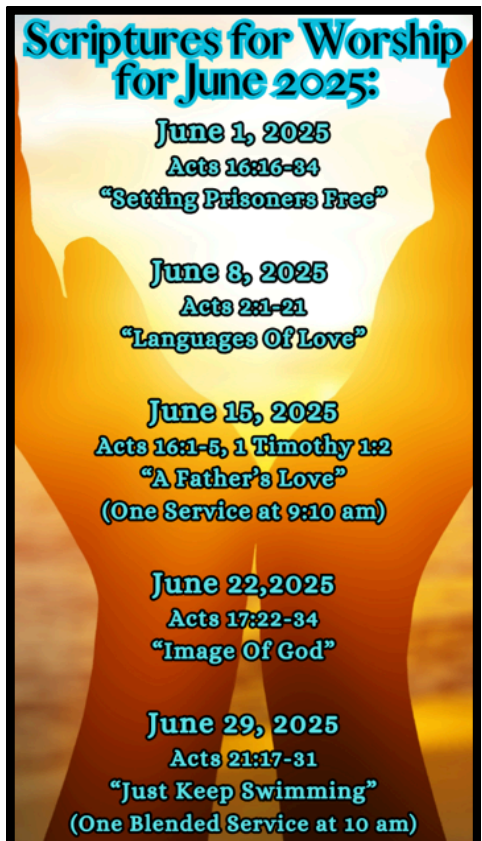
It is our joy to honor seven amazing graduates this year. We celebrate each of them and the achievements they have made and hold them all and their families in our love and prayers as they step out into the next chapters of their lives. May they each know that in this community they have people who love, cheer for, and believe in them always!

Love,  
Pastor Eric



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# 2025 GRADUATES



**CW McCollum**

CW is the nephew of Jennifer and Steve Hensley and grandson of Chuck and Lynn Koenig. CW is an integral part of our church family. He is active in the youth group, men's group, helping with Sunday School, working in the sound booth, and simply stepping up to serve and care with a smile wherever there is a need.

CW is graduating from Woodburn High School. In high school he has been involved with the Link Crew who help welcome incoming freshmen. He has also loved being a part of the Yearbook staff, participating in Technology Makers and Archery Club. CW loves photography and recently had one of his photos displayed at the Woodburn Art Center Student Art Show. He will be participating in the Bridges Program this next year while he explores career options.



# 2025 GRADUATES



**Alina Elder**

Alina is the daughter of Sarah Elder, sister to Michael and Kruz, and granddaughter of Julie and Roger Bersin. She has been an integral part of the Youth Group here at our church as well as one of the lead singers in our weekly contemporary worship service. Alina is graduating from Cascade View Christian School. Alina enjoys spending time with her friends and family and working with her horse. She plans to attend Colorado State University in the fall and study veterinary medicine.

# 2025 GRADUATES



## **Elijah Kenneth Ulloa**

Eli is son of Stephanie Ulloa and grandson of Karen Brock. He is graduating this year from Silverton High School. Eli has loved playing football which he started through the Pop Warner program in elementary school and has played all four years of high school. This past year he also added wrestling and did very well. His future plans are to go to a trade school and become an electrician. Eli is this year's recipient of the Silverton First Christian Church scholarship.



# 2025 GRADUATES



**Cooper Gardner**

Cooper is the grandson of Mary and Tom Wrolstad.

He is graduating from V.R. Eaton High School.

Cooper has enjoyed time with his family and friends, working on his car, and loves sports especially swimming. He is excited for how God will continue to direct his steps and plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and study mechanical engineering.

# 2025 GRADUATES



## **Kendal Taylor**

Kendal has been a key member of our youth program these past years. She is graduating from high school here in Silverton where she has enjoyed FFA, Softball, and the Environmental Club. Kendal plans to attend Central Oregon Community College in the fall and will be working on a degree in forestry.



# 2025 GRADUATES



## **Rachel (Remy) Miriam Rosenzweig**

Rachel who goes by Remy is the granddaughter of Gil and Carol Wittman. Remy will be graduating from Jewish Community High School of the Bay (JCHS) in San Francisco, California. She plans to attend Lewis and Clark College this fall. She has enjoyed serving as stage manager for her high school theater productions during her freshman and sophomore years and acted in the musicals her junior and senior years. She also had a great time playing soccer the last two years.

Remy is looking forward to learning how to stay cozy in the wet Portland weather and will think of her mom every time she sees Mt. Hood. She is grateful for the support of everyone in her family and looking forward to spending more time with her Oregon relatives.

# 2025 GRADUATES



## **Cassia Maciejewski**

Cassia is the granddaughter of Mary Maciejewski. She is graduating from Sherwood High School. She has loved playing soccer and tennis, singing in the choir, and being a leader in student government. She plans to attend Santa Clara University in the fall. Cassia's family is so proud of her!



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SILVERTON



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**Sundays**

9:10 a.m. ~ Contemporary Service

9:10 to 10:00 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School

10:00 to 10:45 a.m. ~ Coffee and Fellowship Time

10:00 to 10:45 a.m. ~ Youth Sunday School

10:45 a.m. ~ Traditional Service

**1st & 3rd Sundays of each month** (September-June)  
Youth Group Gatherings, 5-7 p.m.

**2nd Sunday of each month**  
Intergenerational Family Fun Nights, 5-7 p.m.

**4th Sunday of each month**  
Finding God at the Movies, 4-7 p.m.

**5th Sundays**  
Blended Service, 10:00 a.m. (Potluck Meal following)

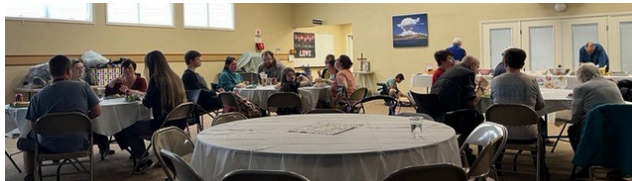
**Tuesdays** (September-May)  
Women's Discussion Group, 10:00 a.m. (Fireside Room)

**Wednesdays**  
Stone Soup Dinner, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

**3rd Saturday of each month**  
Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 a.m. (Water Mountain Restaurant)

**3rd Monday of each month**  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3-4:30 p.m. (Fireside Room)

# May in Review



## Finding God at the Movies

This last month we had 28 people attend our Finding God at the Movies as we watched the movie **"Angels In The Outfield"**. Huge thanks to Stephanie, Jonathon, Brogan, Tom, and others who helped prepare an amazing meal of ballpark food- Hotdogs, Nachos, and more. Thanks to Immanuel Lutheran who brought ice cream for dessert! We talked about where we saw God in the movie in the foster mom who took in all the boys, in how as the players were encouraged and as others believed in them, they began to shine, and we talked about the angels all around us who show us love and care and encouragement along the way.



Our next Finding God at the Movies will be Sunday, June 22, 2025, from 4 to 7pm. The movie will be **"Finding Nemo"**.

Hope you can swim on in and join us next time!



## *Mother's Day Activities*

We had a wonderful Mother's Day Sunday this last month. We enjoyed one beautiful service led by our contemporary team and featuring special music from Gil, John, and Marilyn. Huge thanks to Jana who made beautiful Mother's Day gifts for all the moms and our Men's Group cooked an amazing Mother's Day breakfast. Thanks to Tristan and Laurie and others who helped with lots of special Mother's Day crafts that people of all ages could make together. It was a special day as we truly honored all the moms in our lives!





# *Mother's Day Activities Continued....*







Dear Silverton FCC Family,

It is with much prayer and a heavy heart that I respectfully submit my resignation as Children's Ministry Leader, effective June 29th.

Words cannot describe our feelings of gratitude for what you have done for our family, especially my mom. We will forever be grateful for the amount of love, grace and patience shown to us as I took time off to care for my mother, as well as my own health.

This decision did not come easily, or quickly. With my health, my recovery, and my mother coming home again, it's become evident to Chris and me that more energy and time will need to be focused at home for now and not divided.

The people of Silverton FCC have, and will always have, a special place in our hearts. I want to thank all of my amazing volunteers who have helped bring Jesus to the children. Thank you Vanessa, Lola, Linda, Kathy, Wynelle, Paula, Jennifer, Steve, CW, Nellie, Karen, Allan, and Sheila. I also want to say thank you to Jonathon and Brogan who stepped up to help with family fun events and in so many other areas.

As a personal note, pastor Eric helped me to restore my faith in church leadership and remind me what it means to have a pastor who not only supports his staff, but deeply loves the people he shepherds, even in adverse situations.

A mere Thank You seems inadequate.

With love and gratitude,  
Laurie Dyer



### **Honoring Laurie Dyer**

Due to the needs of caring for her mother, Laurie will be stepping away from her job with us as our Children's Ministry Leader effective the end of this month. Laurie has served as our Children's Ministry Leader for the last two and half years. We are deeply grateful to Laurie and all the work she has done with our children and families. We keep her, Chris, her mom Neola, and all the family in our love and prayers. Though Laurie will no longer be our Children's Ministry leader we hope she and Chris always know they are part of the family and welcome here. We will be having a special celebration honoring Laurie on Sunday, June 29, 2025. We hope you can come that day as we celebrate and honor our friend.



This past month the youth have been hard at work planning, preparing and hosting their events. We had a large group of youth sign up to help with the Easter Breakfast, and they showed up ready to help with everything that needed to be done. The youth group fundraised a total of \$772 from the breakfast. A special thanks to Sarah Elder and Jennifer Hensley for helping prep, cook and clean-up. We appreciate you both and all your help with the breakfast.

For youth group meetings we unloaded yard sale items, had a faith-based movie night, and saved some time for games, food, and fellowship. Summer is right around the corner, and we are enjoying doing fun activities with the kids before they are off on summer vacation.

Spring Cleaning? Have things that need a new home? The youth group is excited to announce we are bringing back the summer yard sale and are looking for item donations. Make sure to check the list of acceptable items before making your donation. The list is posted outside of the office and at the donation table. Donate your items in the multi-Purpose room (table marked: yard sale) or schedule a pick-up time with Jonathon and Brogan. We will be collecting items all summer, they will be picked up for storage every Sunday after church service. Some changes have been made to the summer schedule. Due to availability with the multi-purpose room, the garage sale has been moved to August.

The youth are still collecting cans for their on-going bottle drop fundraiser. If you have cans you'd like to donate, please arrange with Jonathon and Brogan. Thank you everyone for supporting the youth in their fundraising activities.

Upcoming:

6/1: Youth Group  
6/15: No Youth Group, Father's Day Holiday  
8/4 - 8/8- Church Camp  
8/8 - 8/9: Summer Yard Sale Fundraiser  
8/16-8/17: Summer Youth Lock-In

We will be continuing Sunday School through the summer. Youth Group will resume again once the next school year begins. Keep an eye out for other summer events!

# C.W.F. NEWS



## CWF Grab Bag Donations

The CWF is starting to collect items for their grab sale.

Please bring new or gently used items to the donation bin in the Fireside room or to the office.

(Office hours are Monday through Thursday, from 9-1).

Please make sure all items are clean.





# C.W.F. *Upcoming Women's Retreats*

## Summer Women's Retreat in Beaverton

We have an amazing women's retreat coming up in June!  
It will be June 20 & 21, 2025 and held at Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton. The cost is \$40 for the full retreat or \$30 for Saturday only. We will most likely be able to offer carpooling for those that want to go but don't want to drive. If anyone is interested in going to this retreat, please let Jana in the office know as soon as possible.

### Westside Disciples Women's Retreat June 20 & 21, 2025

Murray Hills Christian Church, Beaverton

## *Serving the Ground on Which We Grow Together*

Join us Friday night for salad bar and movie night with discussion.  
Saturday activities include Worship, Workshops, and Pray and Play  
(Childcare available on Saturday)

- ♥ COST: \$40 for full retreat, \$30 for Saturday only  
(\$10 discount for early bird registration by May 15)
- ♥ Registration link is [HERE](#) or scan the QR code below.
- ♥ Deadline: June 10, 2025

For more information, please  
contact the Regional Office at  
(503) 226-7648 or  
[officeadmin@oidisciples.org](mailto:officeadmin@oidisciples.org)



#### *What to bring:*

- ♥ Money for putting in blessing boxes, special offering during worship, and shopping at "One Fair World."
- ♥ Cash or food items for our local outreach mission "Casey's Food Corner" at the Murray Hills Food Bank.
- ♥ Your reusable tote bag, water bottle, and favorite coffee cup/travel mug.
- ♥ Books for the take-one-leave-one table.

*And that Christ may dwell in your hearts  
through faith, as you are being rooted and  
grounded in love.*

*Ephesians 3:17*



## August Women's Retreat in Idaho

The Fall women's retreat this year is being sponsored by  
The Snake River District Disciples Women.

It will be from August 22-24.

If you are interested in going to this, please let Jana in the office know  
as soon as possible as we need to plan this out in advance.

There may be scholarships available to pay for part of the trip.

# DISCIPLES WOMEN SNAKE RIVER DISTRICT FALL RETREAT 2025 "There is Always Room at the Table"

August 22, 4:00 pm – August 24, noon

Trinity Pines Conference Center



Speaker:  
Alicia  
Speidel



Cost: \$185 full weekend  
\$130 one night+Sat  
\$75 Sat. only

\$10 discount if register by 6/1/25

[www.oidisciples.org/women](http://www.oidisciples.org/women)

Deadline: 8/1/25

Rafting Trip: Friday 8/22/25 \$20

Ziplining During Retreat: \$15  
(minimum 8)

Register by 7/1/25 to reserve  
your spot for activities



For more information,  
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# Weekly ACTIVITIES

## Women's Discussion Group

(Formerly Tuesday Morning Bible Study)

## Women's Discussion Group

June 17, 2025 @ 10am  
Lynn Koenig's home



The Women's Discussion Group will not meet during the summer for a study time.

We will meet once monthly for a catch-up time, to just encourage each other and be aware of prayer needs.

The June gathering will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Lynn Koenig's home.

Those attending will meet in the church parking lot and carpool together.

On that date, we will decide on the July date to meet.

There will be announcements in the church bulletin about the summer dates.

We will look forward to seeing you and will start our regular study on the first Tuesday of September, which is September 2nd.

## Stone Soup

Join us on Wednesday evenings starting at 4pm as we start making a weekly meal for the Sheltering Silverton Shelter.

Then at 5:30pm anyone who would like is invited to join us as we bless the meal and enjoy a time of fellowship and a simple meal together. Hope you can join us for Stone Soup!





# Monthly ACTIVITIES

# Prayer Shawl Group

**June 16, 2025 at 3pm**  
**Fireside Room**



## Prayer Shawl Group

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 3pm in the Fireside room for our monthly Prayer Shawl Group.

This past month the group made four shawls for our graduates.  
Huge thanks to the Prayer Shawl Group and the ways they wrap members of this community in love and prayers.

## Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group  
will be gathering on  
Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 8am  
at Water Mountain Restaurant  
for its monthly breakfast.

Come enjoy some tasty food,  
a time of fellowship, and devotion  
together as we support each other and  
continue to explore the ways God is  
leading and calling us to serve.



# June SPECIAL EVENTS

## All Church Meeting

June 8, 2025 [Between Services]



### All Church Meeting

We will be having our annual All Church Meeting between the services in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 8, 2025.

We will be voting on the new slate of officers and the 2025-2026 church budget.

You don't want to miss this important meeting!

## Father's Day Family Fun Night

Join us on Sunday, June 8, 2025, from 5 to 7pm for our Father's Day Family Fun Night. Come enjoy dinner, games, crafts, and activities as we honor those who show us fatherly love.

We are very excited to have the Cub Scouts joining us for this event and they will be bringing their pinewood derby track for one of our activities.

Hope you can join us for this special event!



## Father's Day Family Fun Night

June 8, 2025, 5 to 7pm





### **Father's Day Activities**

We are looking forward to honoring all those who show us fatherly love on Sunday, June 15, 2025.

We will be gathering that Sunday for one service at 9:10am.

Immediately following the service all are invited to the Multipurpose room for our Father's Day Brunch.

You don't want to miss this special Sunday.

### **Juneteenth Holiday**

On Thursday June 19, 2025, the church office will be closed for the Juneteenth Holiday.

All staff will be off that day for the holiday.







## 5th Sunday Blended Service

Join us on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 10am for one Blended Worship Service, this service will feature music from both our teams, children and youth will be participating in the service.

We will be doing a special recognition of Laurie Dyer for all her work as our children's ministry leader.

There will be a potluck luncheon immediately following the service. We hope you can join us for this special Sunday.

## Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner

We have had another wonderful year of Sunday School, and it would not be possible without the amazing volunteers who step up every week to serve.

On Sunday evening June 29, 2025, at 6pm we will be having our annual Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner to which all our teachers, helpers, and their families are invited to attend.

When you have a chance, please take time to say thank you to Allan and Sheila Graves, Jennifer and Steve Hensley, Kathy Lamoreaux, CW McCollum, Paula McKinley, Wynelle Dettwyler, Vanessa and Lola Reid, and Linda Sutter for all the amazing work they each have done this year!





## May 2025 Offering Totals

May 4	\$4,180.00
May 11	\$1,300.00
May 18	\$2,739.00
May 25	\$1,348.00

**Total: \$9,567.00**

## Regional Summer Camp

Our region is once again offering summer camp for Upper Elementary and for Middle School through High School youth at Suttle Lake Camp. Upper Elementary Camp is for those have graduated from 1st to 5th grade and will be in conjunction with United Methodists and will be offered from July 21st to 25th. To register go to-

**<https://gocamping.campbrainregistration.com>**

Our region also offers camp for those having graduated from 6th to 12th grade from August 4th to 8th. To register go to-

**<https://www.oidisciples.org/middle-high-school-camp-24>**

For youth wanting to go check in with Pastor Eric, Jonathon, or Brogan. Our church helps provide scholarships to children and youth who want to attend.







# MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Join us at camp, August 4-8, 2023

There is always room at the table!

In fact, the table is crowded!

Join us at summer camp this year to find your seat!

- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Bible Study
- ✓ Sports & Games
- ✓ Campfire Nights
- ✓ Worship

REGISTRATION

SCAN ME



PAYMENT

SCAN ME



HEALTH FORM

SCAN ME



\$450

Scholarships Available



Suttle Lake Camp  
Sisters, Oregon



## 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:**  
Erin Stone

**Office Administrator:**  
Jana O'Connor

**Keeper of the House:**  
Libby Bordewich

**Facilities Director:**  
Allan Graves

**Children's Ministry Leader:**  
Laurie Dyer

**Youth Leaders:**  
Brogan Allen-Olsen

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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## 2024-2025 Board of Directors

### Slate of Officers

**Board Chair** - Steve Reid  
**Vice Chair** - Danika Beard  
**Treasurer** - Erin Stone  
**Board Secretary** - Jolene Smoot  
**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



George Mitchell 2  
Don Stone 3  
Peyton Jackson 5  
Riley Jackson 5  
Wendy King 5  
JJ Lamoreaux 5  
Griffin McCollom 5  
Brady McCollom 6  
Rob Zitzelberger 7  
Lance Bentz 9  
Jeff Jackson 9  
Rev. Steve Knox 10  
Michael McCollom 11  
Karen Brock 12  
Cora Lamoreaux 13  
Lydia Miller 14  
Tracy White 18  
Judy Kassell 22  
Roger Bersin 24  
Jolene Smoot 24  
Jane Stevens 26  
David Stearns 27  
Rod Irwin 28  
Margaret Richards 28

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# *Splinters from the Board*

May 12, 2025

## **Board President, Steve Reid**

- Meeting began with a prayer led by

## **Board Secretary Report: Jolene Smoot**

- April 14, 2025, minutes motion made to approve and was passed.

## **Treasures Report – Erin Stone**

- Reviewed the report with the group and discussed some increases.

## **Giving/Income Report - Verlene Beard**

- Board discussed the giving/income report

## **Facilities Report - Allan Graves**

- The board voted and approved a bid for a new furnace in the multi-purpose room

## **Deacon's Report – Karen Brock**

- Greeters are greatly needed and appreciated.

## **Elder's Report: - Cara Zitzelberger**

- May Elder meeting was postponed one week, no report at this time

## **Pastor's Report – Pastor Eric Eide**

- Holy Week – went well, thanks to all who assisted with these events and services.
- Easter Service – Breakfast was wonderful, and the egg hunt was fun.
- Administrative Professionals Day - Honored Jana
- Prayer Shawls – The group continues to make shawls for each of our graduates.
- Vacation – thanks to those who stepped up while Pastor Eric took some vacation time.
- Mother's Day - Wonderful Mother's Day joint service Sunday, May 11.
- Popup Shoes and Clothing Give Away - Friday May 30th from 1:00 – 4:00. Looking for volunteers to assist with set up, clean up and service.
- Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, May 31, from 5:00 – 7:00. This event is open to the community. Volunteers are needed as well as meal donations.
- Congregation Meeting - June 8, at 10:15 a.m. The budget will be presented at that time.
- Father's Day Family Fun Night - June 8 – dinner and activities honoring those who show fatherly love.
- General Assembly – all attendees have been registered, and hotel accommodations are set.
- Sunday School Volunteer Appreciation – Eric is working on the event, which is scheduled for June.
- Note: the board members met on May 19, 2025, and reviewed and discussed the budget. It is now ready to be presented to the congregation.

**Closing Prayer** - Pastor Eric led the group in a closing prayer.

**Next board meeting scheduled for June 9, 2025**



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