

Mote From Pastor Eric

This month I want to take time to give thanks for the incredible staff we have at our church. These talented people work very hard week in and week out to serve all of you and our community. I encourage you to join us on Sunday, October 5, 2025, in worship as we will be honoring all of them.

Jana O'Connor works faithfully in our church office as our office administrator and let me just say she does so much more than simply greet people and answer phones. Jana is in many ways the face of our church to the greater community. She indeed answers the phone, but she also coordinates maintenance repairs, puts together bulletins, weekly emails, monthly newsletters, and responds to whatever other needs arise. The special bags for Grandparent's, Mothers, and Father's Day were all put together by Jana. She orders supplies and coordinates the church calendar which is not an easy task. She updates the website and Facebook page and keeps posting news and flyers on Silverton Connection and elsewhere in the community. A few of the many other things Jana does are she works with women's ministries, records our attendance, song copyright usages information, and coordinates church rentals. She helps set up tables for mission projects in the MP room and maintains the church bulletin boards (she did the beautiful veterans display). She is ready to step up to whatever arises and all of this she does with joy, grace, and a smile making every individual she encounters feel cared for and loved. Day in and day out, she has my back in that office, and I give thanks for her.

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Sunday Service- 9:10am Coffee Time- 10:00am 2nd Hour Classes- 10:15 am

Jonathon Thompson and Brogan Allen-Olsen continue to do an incredible job as our Youth Ministry Leaders. They are only paid for 10 hours but they give so, so much more. Jonathon and Brogan are quick to step up to cover a coffee time, to help someone move, or to ensure there is food or snacks that are allergen free for those of us with dietary needs. They work hard planning and coordinating the biweekly youth groups and youth classes. They assist with Family Fun Nights and worship. They are quick to stay late to help with cleanup. Honestly, Jonathon and Brogan step up to help out wherever there is a need. Jonathon and Brogan work hard to listen to the youth and parents and to bring mission projects that support the church and the community. They have worked hard with our youth helping them to learn the importance of giving back. Through their leadership the youth are tithing back to the church a percentage of the money they raise from every major youth fundraiser. They attend youth's games and events and send our youth birthday cards. When one of our youth families needed a place to stay while looking for a new home, they opened their doors for an entire month and let them stay with them. Getting to work with and watch these two amazing people continue to grow and shine is truly one of the greatest joys of this job. These two are genuine servant leaders with hearts overflowing with love and grace and kindness and I give thanks for them.

Libby Bordewich is a servant and one of the hardest workers I have ever met. She works with joy and love as our custodian, but she does so much more. She is there to listen to anyone and pray with anyone. In the face of all that life has thrown at her, she rises to sing her love song to her Savior, being a servant of courage, grace, and care. Libby is a master at finding lost things from a tiny little pearl from a necklace to a cross from an earring to a lost button from a shirt. She vacuums and cleans and fills baptistries all the while praying for our community and singing praise to her creator. When an autistic youth shared his love of garbage trucks, she worked with him and his family to help him take out the trash bins each week. When you need a prayer warrior to pray with or someone just to listen Libby is there. When I think of the Scripture that says the joy of the Lord is my strength and someone in whom I see that living that every day, even in all the challenges and adversity she faces, it is in Libby! Libby shines with beauty and strength! And I give thanks for her.

Note From Pastor Eric Continued:

Gail Frassenei works so hard each week to draw us all into worship. She spends tireless hours practicing and preparing each song. She coordinates the songs with the praise team even when she is sick. She encourages and challenges and nurtures her singers and musicians. Within that team, Gail creates a fierce family that love and care and support and encourage each other. And through that community she builds, I have watched shy quiet souls find their voice and instruments and truly shine. Even when her hip is hurting, she gets up to lead us in song with joy praising our God. One of the things I appreciate most deeply and how at the end of each practice before most of you all even get there Gail and her team pray over all of us, our worship, and for me. It is one of those moments that helps me center and focus each week before the service. I truly give thanks for Gail.

Gil Wittman has a way of bringing songs and hymns to life. He can play Jesus Loves Me in a way you never heard before. His music gets your toes tapping and your hearts soaring. His knowledge of music and theory is second to none. I truly enjoy my weekly meetings with Gil where we talk about everything from the challenges and celebrations of the Sunday before, to our hopes for the Sundays to come. As we have shifted to working to bring worship into one service Gil has worked hard stepping up to bring hymn sings and beautiful special music pieces every week. From hanging of the greens to helping work with the kids so they can sing on 4th Sundays, I deeply appreciate Gil's dedication and hard work. His passion and determination to give his very best shines in all he does. I give thanks for Gil!

Jaime Lamoreaux has been an incredible addition to our team this year. She has a calm and wisdom to all she does helping us with finances. We greatly appreciate her knowledge, servant's heart, and caring. I give thanks for Jaime.

Join me this Sunday and in the days and weeks to come reminding each of these incredible human beings how amazing they are and how blessed we are to have them serving and leading and loving here at Silverton FCC.

Jana, Jonathon, Brogan, Libby, Gail, Gil, and Jaime I hold each of you in my heart and my prayers and I give thanks to God for each one of you every day. I hope that even in the hard work of ministry you each may catch glimpses of the depth and breadth with which you each are loved and appreciated, and the ways Christ's love shines so beautifully in each one of you!

Love, Pastor Eric



September in Review

Family Fun Night: Grandparents Day

We had a wonderful Grandparent's Day Family Fun Night this past month.

We had 17 people attend and enjoyed an amazing meal of Fried Chicken,

Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and a cobbler for dessert prepared by Stephanie. We played games and made crafts for the grandparents in our life.

Thanks to Jonathon and Brogan and everyone else for all their help with cleanup. Our next Family Fun Night will be Sunday, October 12, 2025, from 5 to 7pm and it will be our annual Fall Festival with all sorts of fun fall crafts and games.

Our mission project for the evening will be decorating mini pumpkins for shutting and members in need. Bring your friends, and family and hope to see you then!

























Finding God at the Movies: "Finding Dory"

We had a great Finding God at the Movies this past month. We enjoyed the movie for the first time on the big screen in the Multipurpose room.

We watched the movie "Finding Dory".

19 people attended and we talked about how we can never underestimate the power of grace, love, and compassion and how when we work with God doing those things we change the world.

Thanks to everyone who brought food and to Kara and others for helping pick up.



4th Sunday Worship

Every 4th Sunday our children and youth participate in helping serve in worship.

This past 4th Sunday, our children greeted and brought in the light to start service, Sophia did an awesome job reading the Scripture, Micheal and Kruz did great helping serve communion with Ginni, and all our children, youth, and many friends joined to do an incredible special music piece singing
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands". You don't want to miss 4th Sundays!





Shoe Pop-Up & Clothing Market

Huge thanks to Dixon and the Rotary Club and Orion and the Collective Youth Alliance for Change for all their hard work putting together another shoe and clothing give away this past month.

Thank you to all who donated clothing and shoes and a special thanks to Jonathon and Brogan and our Youth Group for donating all the clothing and shoes from the yard sale to the event.

The event helped provide shoes and clothes to so many people in this community!

We will keep you posted on the date of the next event.

If you have donations of new or gently used shoes or clothing feel free to bring them to the marked table in the Multipurpose room.

2nd Hour Kicks Off with Success

This last month we kicked off 2nd hour to lots of success! 2nd Hour offers classes and gatherings for all ages immediately following the coffee time after worship. We offer Children's Sunday School with Pastor Eric and his team of amazing helpers for kids PreK to 5th Grade. We offer Youth Class for Middle School and High School Youth with Jonathon and Brogan, our youth ministers. We offer Adult Education with the Church Elders going deeper each week in the Scripture and Sermon. We offer Parent Group for parents of children and youth to have a place to talk and support each other. And we offer hymn singing for those who just want to sing some more hymns with Gil. Hope you can join us for 2nd Hour!





The youth have been hard at work this past month. They did a large collection of cans for their bottle drop fundraiser and bagged over 30 bags of cans. They brought in over \$500 with this round of can fundraising. The youth also donated all the left-over clothing and shoes from the yard sale to the clothing/shoe drive at the church this past month.

Sunday school kicked off this past month, and it's been great catching up with everyone and hearing about the fun things they did over summer break. Youth Group resumed Sept. 21st with Parents Night. We had a great time discussing the year with families. We are looking forward to our future mission projects and fundraisers, and the youth are excited to start planning the Christmas program in the upcoming months.

Upcoming:

10/5: Sunday School - 10:15 AM

Youth Group - 5 PM - 7 PM

10/12: Sunday School - 10:15 AM

Family Game Night - 5 PM - 7 PM

10/19: Sunday School - 10:15 AM

Youth Group- 5 PM - 7 PM

10/26: Sunday School - 10:15 AM

Family Movie Night - 5 PM - 7 PM







CWF News

We hope you had a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you all again.

The Women's Discussion Group will start meeting again on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room and will meet weekly.

December 6, 2025, is the Saturday that the ladies have their sale of the surprise boxes/grab bags.

They would appreciate your donations of new or gently used items.

Please bring your items to the donation bin in the Fireside Room or the church office.

The ladies need time to get everything wrapped.

Please make sure all items are clean and thank you to all who have donated so far!

Last year at the same time, we also sold cookies by the pound,

and we will do that again this year.

This is a very good fundraiser. If you are interested in being the chairperson for the cookies by the pound sale, please let me know.

Also last year, some of you who are crafters set up your own booths. If you are interested in doing that again, please let me know.

Thank you, Lynn Koenig





October Happenings

Family Fun Night: Fall Festival

It is once again time for our annual Family Fun Night: Fall Festival on Sunday, October 12, 2025, from 5 to 7pm in the Multipurpose room.

Come enjoy dinner, crafts, and games.
Our mission project will be decorating little pumpkins for shut-ins and members in need.

Bring your friends and family and hope to see you at the Fall Festival!





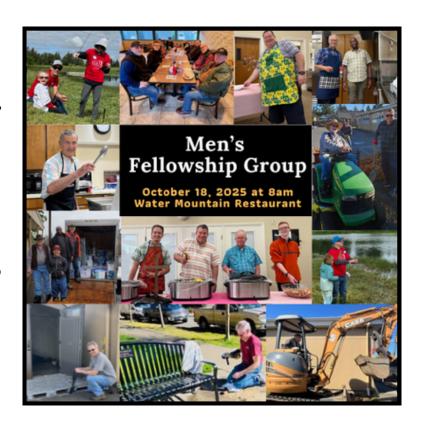
Men's Group

The Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday,
October 18, 2025, at 8am at
Water Mountain Restaurant
for its monthly Men's breakfast.

Men of all ages are invited to come enjoy some delicious food, a devotion from one of the group's leaders, and a time of fellowship together as we continue to explore our call to serve and care in this community.

For more information contact Ric or Clint.

Hope to see you for breakfast!



Prayer Shawl Group October 20, 2025 at 3pm Fireside Room

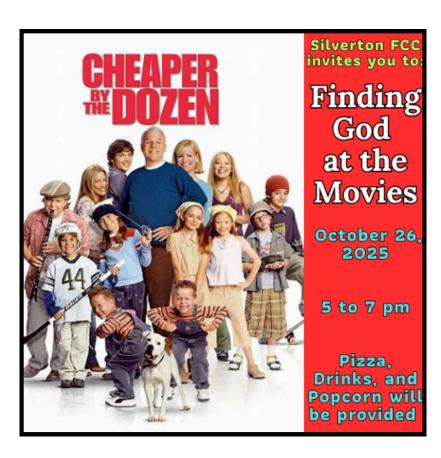
Prayer Shawl Group

Sometimes in the midst of challenging times it is the reminders that we are loved and held in prayer and not alone that help us to keep going.

Our Prayer Shawl Group gathers once a month to meet and make prayer shawls for those going through difficult and challenging times.

If you like to knit or crotchet and would want to help join us on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 3pm in the Fireside room.

Together let's wrap others in love and prayers.



Finding God at the Movies

We want to invite everyone to our next Finding God at the Movies on Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 5 to 7pm in the Multipurpose room.

Come enjoy a movie followed by a brief discussion about the themes of faith we saw in the movie.

The church will provide pizza, drinks, and popcorn and encourages people to bring things that can be added to the meal.

We remind everyone that the movie will be starting right at 5pm so don't be late.

Our movie for October will be

"Cheaper by The Dozen".

Hope you can join us for

Finding God at the Movies.







Trunk Or Treat Event

Silverton FCC will once again be participating in the local Goblin Walk.

We will be one of the stops downtown.

This event will be happening

Friday, October 31st from 4 to 6pm in our Multipurpose room.

In case of weather, and to allow people access to restrooms.

For the month of October, we are asking people to drop of bags of individually wrapped candies to the church office.

We are also asking for those interested in dressing up and decorating tables and helping pass out candy to people to please contact Jana in the office or Pastor Eric.

Silverton FCC is excited to again team up with the *Circle of Friends After School Program* to do this event. We have received special word that Olaf is planning to attend our Trunk or Treat Event this year.







All Church Mission Projects

Wednesday Meals for the Shelter

Every Wednesday the Stone Soup Crew gathers to make a meal for the Sheltering Silverton Shelter.

Bringing what they have from their gardens, from donations, and all given with love they make an incredible meal.

If you would like to help, check in with Kara, Marilyn, Sue, or Ami to see if there is something you can bring.

Then come from 4 to 5:30pm to chop veggies, cook, season, and prepare a delicious meal for our neighbors in need.

From 5:30 to 6:15 pm join us for a simple meal together for all who helped as we bless the food we send to the Shelter.

Hope you can come help make Stone Soup on Wednesday!



Collecting Donations for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We are once again participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes this year.

We will be collecting donations for the month of
October and the first two weeks of November.

Bring donations to marked tables in Multipurpose room.
Operation Christmas Child is through Samaritan's Purse organization.
This organization sends shoeboxes filled with all kinds of gifts for children to children

Last year we sent out 100 shoeboxes. This year our goal is 150 shoeboxes. Below is a list of items for shoeboxes. Remember all donations need to be small enough to fit in a shoebox (Boxes are 12 by 7 by 4 inches).

all over the world to share with them the love of Jesus at Christmas time.

It is also important to note that we cannot send soap, food, candy, gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary items, items that are inappropriate in some cultures like Barbie or Ken dolls in swimsuits, items that have American flags or USA on it, toy weapons, camouflage, seeds or organic matter, liquids, medication, money, breakable items, matches, aerosols, knives, or other dangerous items.

If you have questions about items you can donate, please check with Karen Brock or Pastor Eric.

If there are those who also want to help toward the cost of shipping the shoeboxes, you can make a donation to the church and put in the memo or via note that this goes to the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. It costs \$10 to ship each shoebox.

Looking forward to collecting again with all of you and filling some shoeboxes with lots of love.





Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack orpurse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, anderasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flopsor shoes
- Sunglasses
 Hat
 Wristwatch
 Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
 Clothing and undergarments
 Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games

TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Tov cars
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprintedshoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches

For more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and Follow Your Box labels, visit

Samaritanspurse.org/occ

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE.



Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle

Flashlight



- Pencil container
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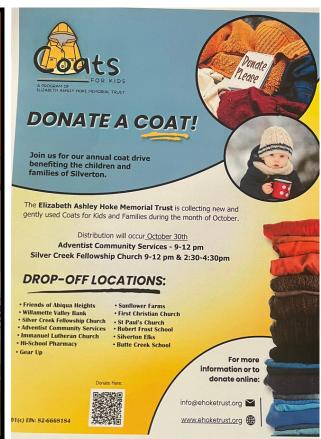


Coats For Kids Drive

We are once again participating in the Coats for Kids Drive here in Silverton. Please bring donations of new and gently used coats, hats, and gloves, in all sizes for children and youth to the barrel and table in the Multipurpose room. We will be collecting for the month of October.

Let's step up to wrap the children and youth in need in Silverton in our love.







Budget Needed for August: \$21,733.00

September 2025
Tithing Offering Totals

Sept 7	\$5,677.00
Sept 14	\$3,592.00
Sept 21	\$1,880.00
Sept 28	\$3,024.00

<u>Total: \$14,173.00</u>

Every gift helps!

Church Officers/Personnel

Elders:

Marcus Clark, Ric Dettwyler, Lynn Koenig, Donna Laney, Beth Negrey, Ginni Stensland, Cara Zitzelberger

Church Board Chairman: Donna Laney

Church Treasurer: Erin Stone

Office Administrator:
Jana O'Connor

Keeper of the House: Libby Bordewich

Facilities Director:
Allan Graves

Youth Leaders: Brogan Allen-Olsen Jonathon Thompson

Worship Music Team:
Gail Frassenei, Wayne Cawlfield,
Chris Dyer, Ami Barstad,
Aaron Barstad, John Meye,
Gil Wittman, Marilyn Woodward

2024-2025 Board of Directors

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Board Chair - Donna Laney

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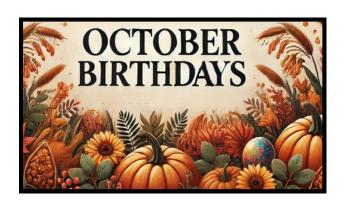
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CWF Chair-Lynn Koenig/Karen Brock



Shirley Leiper 3 Olivia O'Connor 3 Kruz Elder 4 Rachel Kirksey 4 Karl Stor 4 Oliver Annen 5 Marcus Clark 5 Vida Shaffer 5 Kathy Stevens 5 Sophia Annen 8 Judy Duncan 8 Verlene Beard 11 Jana O'Connor 13 Jennie Reed 14 Paige King 15 Brad Bailey 16 Joe Kirksey 19 Sidney King 20 Kevin Pedigo 22 Kyle Pedigo 22 Norma Gomez 26 Angelo Chase 27 Melissa Jury 27 Dave Bayer 28 Judy Buckley 30 Raiden Pierce 30 Jeff Sanford 30 Scott Walker 30 Masen Holmes 31

If you have a birthday that was not listed, please contact Jana in the office and she will add you!

Splinters from the Board

September 8, 2025, Board Meeting (Board Meetings are open to any church member to attend) **Attendees:** Danika Beard, Verlene Beard, Karen Brock, Pastor Eric Eide (non-voting member), Chuck Koenig, Lynn Koenig, Steve Reid, Jolene Smoot and Erin Stone

Steve opened us with a prayer

Treasures Report – The Board discussed the report as presented by Erin Stone. **Giving/Income Report** - The Board discussed the report as presented by Verlene Beard. **Pastor's Report** –

- Pastor Eric reported on past events and cancelations due to the excessive heat.
- The Youth Group had a successful yard sale and gave a tithe back to the church.
- Reported on the Blessing of Backpacks Service, on Beach Trip, and on Ron and Sadiqua's wedding.
- Shared about 2nd Hour- starts this month after coffee time.
 - We are offering- Adult Ed, Parent Group, Hymn Sing, Youth Class, and Sunday School.
- Upcoming Events/Activities/Ministries
- Regional Request for All Congregations to become Sponsors for 2026 Regional Assembly in Boise-Board Approved and sent sponsorship check for \$100.
 - Regional Assembly will be May 15 & 16, 2026. Sponsorships help reduce cost of registration fees for people to attend.
- Tuning Piano It is time to tune the piano. Board approved. Working to get piano tuned.
- Upgrading Phone System Board approved upgrading the phone system as Jana proposed.
- Bulletin Changes Pastor Eric proposed changes to bulletins to save weekly cost. Board approved.
- Kiwanis Rental Kiwanis reached out to FCC about renting for Trivia Bee. Due to issues in the pastthe board voted to charge \$1800 for rent and a \$500 non-refundable deposit. Info relayed to Kiwanis.

CWF Report - Women's discussion group starts up in October on Tuesdays at 10am.

Board chair/Vice chair reports-

- Financial Login Access Codes: Steve has now received this information from Clint.
- Sunshine Pre-school The board heavily discussed this rental. After the meeting Donna Laney, Lynn Koenig, and Pastor Eric met with Teacher Teri and a member of her leadership team and the situation was de-escalated. Rental contact was signed; Correct liability insurance was provided allowing preschool to begin for this year.

Pastor Eric led the group in a closing prayer.

Next Board Meeting – October 13, 2025, at 6:30pm

(Added topic of "175 Anniversary of First Christian Church in April 2026" to October Board Mtg)



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