

CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

Silverton First Christian Church

Note From Pastor Eric

As you all know my mother had major surgery this past month and has a long road to recovery.

I deeply appreciate the elders, Jana, Libby, Jonathon, Brogan, and those members who have been understanding, kind, and supportive with the days I had to work remotely so as to be with my mother in the hospital and then in the week that followed as she came home.

My mom still has a long recovery and possible other surgeries and procedures in the weeks and months to come. My siblings and I are working hard to be there for her. I deeply appreciate those who have and continue to hold my mom and family in your prayers in this difficult and challenging time.

This past month we have taken time to celebrate our amazing staff and our incredible elders. We will still be honoring our hardworking chair of the deacons too. It has been a joy to get to honor all of them and get to give each of them I hope a glimpse of the difference they each make.

I realize that often we don't tell those who lead and serve and step up thank you enough. We often grumble and complain about all the things we are unhappy about. We point out each other's flaws, but we rarely tell each other the ways we see Christ in one another, the ways their lives, as our kids learned in Sunday School this last month, leave a unique and beautiful mark, a finger print, touching us.

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

Note From Pastor Eric Continued:

As we approach Thanksgiving which is one of my favorite holidays. May we take time even in the stress and worries and exhaustion of life to give thanks. May we take time to encourage and tell those around them the difference they are making and how are lives are better because of the little ways they show love and care.

For me in the midst of all that has been going on in my life, one of the moments that has given me joy is getting to work with your all's incredible kids and the amazing helpers who help me every week with Sunday School.

Raiden, Emi, Dom, Roc, Ezra, Devin, Art, Vida, Oliver, William, Tony, Maya, and Sophia, I see Christ in each one of you and it is a joy to work with all of you! Never doubt the power of your kindness, caring, and love!

I also want to just say thanks to CW who has been my right hand in Sunday School. My friend, you have an incredible gift with kids!

Take time this month to tell others thank you!

Love,
Pastor Eric

**Scriptures for Worship
November 2025:**

November 2, 2025
(Daylight Savings Time Ends)
1 John 4:7-21
"God Is Love"

November 9, 2025
(Honoring Veterans)
Jude 1:1-2, 20-25
"In The Footsteps Of Christ"

November 16, 2025
(Thanksgiving Special Offering)
Revelation 5:1-14
"Followers Of The Lamb"

November 23, 2025
(Hanging Of The Greens)
Psalms 100:1-5
"Filled With A Song Of Gratitude"

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
(Blended Service at 10am)
Luke 1:39-45
"A Mother's Hope"

OR

Children's Sunday School

We are having a great time in Children's Sunday School as we learn the Bible Stories, do fun crafts and activities, and sing songs together. On the 4th Sunday of each month the kids have been bringing a song or two that they have learned to worship as our special music. Thanks to CW, Jennifer, Vanessa, Lola, Kathy, Linda, Debra, Wynelle, Gil, Gail, and Karen for all their amazing help! This coming month we will be finishing the story of Moses and learning about Joshua and Rahab. If you want to help with Sunday School contact Pastor Eric. Also if you would like to contribute to the costs for crafts and supplies for Sunday School consider making a donation to the Children and Family Ministries Fund at the church. The Children and Family Ministries Fund helps to fund Sunday School, Family Fun Nights, Finding God at the Movies, and all of our children and family ministries.



2nd Hour

We continue to offer 2nd Hour Classes after worship and coffee time on Sunday. For the month of November we will have three regular 2nd Hour Sundays and then two where we are doing something special. On November 2, 9, & 16 we will have our regular 2nd Hour Schedule with Hymn Sing (11/2 & 11/16) in the Sanctuary with Gil, Adult Education in the Fireside room with the elder of that day, Parent Group in the Multipurpose Room, Youth Class (6th- 12th graders) with Jonathon and Brogan in the Youth Room and Children's Sunday School (PreK- 5th grade kids) with Pastor Eric and his amazing helpers in the Education Wing.

On Sunday, November 23, we will be doing the Hanging of the Greens during 2nd Hour so everyone is staying in the sanctuary to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent.

On Sunday, November 30, it is a 5th Sunday so it will be one Blended Service at 10am as we begin the Advent Season, there will be no 2nd Hour that Sunday.

Coffee Time

10 to 10:15am
Multipurpose Room

Adult Education

Fireside Room

Parent Group

Multipurpose Room

2nd Hour Classes

10:15 to 11:00 am

Children's Sunday School

Education Wing

Youth Group Class

Youth Room

Hymn Sing

Sanctuary

October in Review



Coats For Kids Drive

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped donate coats, hats, and gloves for the coats for kids drive. Huge thanks to our Youth Group who donated all the coats they collected for the garaged sale to the coats for kids drive. We collected several hundred coats.

The organizer said we were one of the top donation sites. Thanks again to all who gave so generously!



Finding God at the Movies- “Cheaper By The Dozen”

We had a wonderful Finding God at the Movies this past month and had 12 people attend. We enjoyed the movie “Cheaper By the Dozen”.

We talked about seeing God when the family came together around each other in times of need, encouraging and lifting each other up. We also talked about seeing God in making time with family sacred and guarding and protecting that time.

Our next Finding God at the Movies will be Sunday, November 23, 2025 from 5 to 7pm in the Multipurpose room.





Family Fun Night: Fall Festival

We had a wonderful Fall Festival Family Fun Night this past month. We had 23 people attend and enjoyed all kinds of fall crafts and games. Thanks to all who made the delicious homemade soups, salads, and bread for our meal. As our mission project we made 24 cards and decorated 24 pumpkins for shut-ins and members in need. Hope you can join us for our next Family Fun Night which will be the Shoe Box Packing Party on Sunday, November 9, 2025.





The youth group was hard at work this last month kickstarting the season of giving by collecting and donating coats to the coat drive for the Elizabeth Hoke Foundation.

They also donated candy for the upcoming TRUNK- or- TREAT event.

Our discussion and lessons this month were based around the theme of giving and what the Bible tells us about having a generous soul.

The youth group will finish up the month helping out with the TRUNK- or - TREAT and are looking forward to seeing all the kids that come through for some candy.

BOTTLE DROP
Fundraiser

**SUPPORT YOUTH
EVENTS,
ACTIVITIES AND
MISSION
PROJECTS**

FOR PICK-UP CALL
JONATHAN OR BROGAN
503.400.5725 // 503.883.3870

BLUE BAGS & TAGS
ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE CHURCH. PLEASE
TALK TO PASTOR
ERIC, JANA,
JONATHAN OR
BROGAN FOR BAGS .

Upcoming Event

**November 2, 2025- Youth Class- 10am
Youth Group- 5 to 7pm**

**November 9, 2025- Youth Class- 10am
Shoe Box Packing Party- 5 to 7pm**

**November 16, 2025- Youth Class- 10am
Youth Group- 5 to 7pm**

**November 23, 2025-
Hanging of the Greens after Service
Finding God at the Movies- 5 to 7pm**

**November 30, 2025- 5th Sunday Blended Service
(Helping in Worship)**



Stone Soup Meal

Join us on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30pm as we prepare the weekly meal for the Sheltering Silverton Shelter. Come help us chop veggies and cook a delicious meal made with love and care. Then stick around and join us for a simple meal and time of fellowship together from 5:30 to 6:15pm. We hope you can join us for Stone Soup!





The Women's Discussion Group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

Saturday, December 6, 2025

is the grab bags & cookies by the pound sale.

The ladies would still 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. Please make sure all items are clean and thank you to all who have donated so far!



Women's Discussion Group

**Every Tuesday
At 10am in Fireside Rm**



November Happenings



Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, November 23, 2025, immediately following service, people are encouraged to stick around in the sanctuary to help us decorate for the Christmas season.

There will be drinks and goodies in the narthex and music from Gil as we get the church ready for Advent. Bring the family and hope you can join us as we decorate!

Thanksgiving Special Offering

This month on Sunday, November 16, 2025 we will be collecting the Thanksgiving Special offering which goes to supporting our denomination's higher education students and programs.

It supports education to thousands of students at our 15 Disciples Colleges & Universities and at our 7 Seminaries. Let's step up to support these incredible schools and all the students they educate!



Family Fun Night: Shoebox Packing Party

Join us on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 5 to 7pm as we pack 150 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Dinner will be provided. We still also need lots of donations of supplies for the shoeboxes.

We still need lots of small toys, toothbrushes, water bottles, stuffed animals, coloring books, toy cars, jump ropes, and more. Bring your donations to the table in the Multipurpose room. We hope you can join us as we pack 150 Shoeboxes with love!



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 or purse
- 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, erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing
- Winter hats or 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
- Toy 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 preprinted shoebox?

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 samaritanspurserg/occ

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

Veterans' Day Activities

On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, the church office will be closed and staff will be off as we honor the Veterans Day holiday.

On Sunday November 9, 2025 we will have Veterans Day crafts on the tables in the Multipurpose room if people want to make a gift for their veteran during coffee time. There will also be a Veterans Day tribute in the service that Sunday. We hope you can join us as we honor the men and women who serve!



Men's Fellowship Group

Men of all ages are invited to join us for our monthly breakfast at Water Mountain Restaurant on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 8am.

Come enjoy some delicious food, a great devotion, and time of fellowship together as we continue to explore how God is calling and leading us to serve and care in this community.

Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group will be gathering for its monthly meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 3pm in the Fireside room.

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come help us wrap those in need in our community in our love and prayers.

Prayer Shawl Group

November 17, 2025 at 3pm
Fireside Room



THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS
[Story of Charles Dickens and the Christmas Carol]

"The King of Kings"
[the story of Jesus told by Charles Dickens to his son]

Barbara Robinson
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
America's Greatest Christmas book is now a Major Motion Picture

"The Man Who Invented Christmas"
[Story of Charles Dickens and the Christmas Carol]

THE KING OF KINGS
A Holy Film by Charles Dickens
EASTER / APRIL 11

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
[Heartwarming and humorous story of a special church Christmas pageant]

Cast your vote for our next Finding God at the Movies.

Finding God at the Movies
November 23, 2025, 5 to 7pm

Finding God at the Movies- November 23, 2025

We want to invite everyone to our next Finding God at the Movies on Sunday, November 23, 2025 from 5 to 7pm in the multipurpose room. This will be our last Finding God at the Movies for 2025. You can cast your votes for which of the three movie choices we will be showing. Please send your votes to the church office or Pastor Eric by Wednesday, November 12, 2025. The church will provide pizza and drinks and we invite everyone who attends to bring something to share. Looking forward to gathering with you for Finding God at the Movies.

5th Saturday Spaghetti Dinner

It is once again time for another 5th Saturday Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 29, 2025 from 5 to 7pm. Spread the word the whole Silverton Community is invited to come join us for a delicious spaghetti dinner.

We need lots of help getting food items and helping prepare, serve, and cleanup after the meal. Contact Gail or the church office to see how you can help.

Looking forward to this special meal together!



Blended 5th Sunday Service

Join us as we begin the advent season with a Blended 5th Sunday Service on November 30, 2025 at 10am.

The service will feature carols and music from both music teams. There will be advent candles to light. And children and youth will be helping in the service. You don't want to miss this serve.

Hope to see you on the 30th!



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 Cawfield,
Chris Dyer, Ami Barstad,
Aaron Barstad, John Meye,
Gil Wittman, Marilyn Woodward

2024-2025

Board of Directors

Slate of Officers

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Verlene Beard

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Allie Herzig 14
Elise Barcroft 18
Jani Reid 22
Sarah Zitzelberger 23
Raleen Hungate 29
Beth Negrey 29
Beth Chase 30



Budget Needed for October:
\$19,337.00

October 2025 Tithing Offering Totals

October 5	\$3,215.00
October 12	\$2,795.00
October 19	\$815.00
October 26	\$1,530.00

Total: **\$8,355.00**

Every gift helps!

Splinters from the Board

BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2025

ATTENDEES:

DONNA LANEY – PRESIDENT, STEVE HENSLEY – VICE PRESIDENT, ERIN STONE – TREASURER,
KAREN BROCK – CHAIR OF DEACONS, VERLENE BEARD – FINANCIAL SECRETARY,
BETTY BEARD – SECRETARY

ABSENT: ALLAN GRAVES, LYNN KOENIG, AND
PASTOR ERIC (SENT REPORT AS HE WAS AT HOSPITAL WITH HIS MOTHER AFTER SURGERY)

THE MEETING BEGAN WITH A PRAYER LED BY DONNA LANEY

PREVIOUS MINUTES – REVIEWED AND APPROVED

ITEMS DISCUSSED –

NEED TO ADD DONNA LANEY TO SIGNATURE CARD FOR BANK
NEED TO ADD STEVE HENSLEY TO FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS DOCUMENTS

DISCUSSED KIWANIS WANTING TO RENT SPACE IN MARCH FOR 3 DAYS FOR SPELLING B FUNCTION
REVIEWED AND CONFIRMED CHARGING \$1800 AND \$500 NON-REFUNDABLE CLEANING DEPOSIT,
WILL BE HAVING FUTURE DISCUSSION ABOUT ALLOWING ALCOHOL

COPIER SERVICES HAVE CHANGED AS OFFICE CRAFT WAS BOUGHT OUT BY ANOTHER COMPANY

TREASURES REPORT -PRESENTED BY ERIN STONE AND APPROVED

GIVING/INCOME REPORT – NEED PEOPLE TO INCREASE THEIR GIVING

FACILITIES REPORT – ALLAN WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE MEETING.

DEACON’S REPORT -HELPED A FAMILY IN NEED WITH GROCERIES AND A GAS CARD

REMINDING ALL DEACONS/GREETERS THAT THEY NEED TO HELP COLLECT & WASH COMMUNION CUPS

ELDERS REPORT – LEADING ADULT EDUCATION CLASS, (THANKS TO PASTOR ERIC WHO WRITES
QUESTIONS), WORKING ON ADVENT WITH PASTOR ERIC, & WORKING TO RECRUIT MORE ELDERS

PASTOR ERIC’S REPORT – WORKING WITH ELDERS AND MUSICIANS PLANNING ADVENT, LEADING
CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEKLY (GRATEFUL TO AMAZING HELPERS), PLANNING FALL FESTIVAL
FAMILY FUN NIGHT, PLANNING FINDING GOD AT THE MOVIES, SENDING WEEKLY POSTCARDS TO THE KIDS,
MAKING PASTORAL CARE VISITS, HOSPITAL VISITS, PASTORAL CARE CALL, AND SENDING LOTS PASTORAL
CARE CARDS. ORGANIZING AND LEADING STAFF APPRECIATION AND ELDER APPRECIATION SUNDAYS, AS
WELL AS MANY OTHER CHURCH DUTIES.

PASTOR ERIC NOTES THAT APRIL 5TH 2026 – WILL BE THE CHURCH’S 175TH BIRTHDAY!!
(WE FORMED ON THE BANKS OF THE PUDDING RIVER ON EASTER 1851)
HE WILL BE WORKING WITH BOARD AND ELDERS TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR THIS SPECIAL DATE

NOVEMBER 10TH 2025 – NEXT BOARD MEETING. BOARD ADJOURNED.



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