

CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

Silverton First Christian Church

Note From Pastor Eric

As we approach the 4th of July, and celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, may we take time to give thanks for the freedoms we have been given and to remember the stories both of joy and struggle that have led to this day. At the heart of freedom is the belief that "all people are created equal, endowed by our Creator, with certain unalienable rights, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The apostle Paul believed that freedom was indeed at the heart of human beings. But he also felt that how we use that freedom matters. Too often we use our freedom for our own gain and glory even when it comes at the cost of the suffering or oppression of others. Paul reminds us that is not the way. He says that we should not use our freedom for our own self interest or personal gain, but rather we should use our freedom to help and serve one another graciously in love. (Galatians 5:13) Freedom should be used to build and better community, to nurture and empower each to be the child of God they have been made to be.

As we celebrate our Independence Day may we honor and remember those who have suffered and sacrificed to make this day possible, and may we not take these freedoms we have for granted, may we not use them selfishly or cruelly for the building of our own empires, but may we use these freedom to work to build and to be the kingdom of God: bringing, justice, hope, grace, love, and freedom into the world and the lives around us.

Love,
Pastor Eric

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Sunday Service- 9:10 am
Coffee Time- 10:15 am
2nd Hour Classes- 10:30 am

July Scriptures & Sermon Titles



Memorial Service for Ronna Vaughan

On Saturday, July 11, 2026 at 1pm in the Sanctuary we will be having Ronna Vaughan's Memorial Service. Join us as we honor and celebrate the life of our dear friend. Immediately following the service join us for a reception in the Multipurpose room. We continue to keep Bill and all the family in our love and prayers.



Ronna Vaughan's Memorial Service
July 11, 2026 at 1 pm
Silverton FCC



Reflection and Direction: Join Me for a Seat in the Chair

Welcome, and have a seat.

This is the first installment of what I hope will become a regular opportunity to share what's happening with your church board, where we've been, where we're headed, and how we can work together to strengthen the ministry of our church.

As many of you know, following our recent election of officers, I have moved from the role of Vice Chair to Chair of the Church Board. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve and excited about what lies ahead. I'm also excited to welcome Mr. Camden Brock as our new Vice Chair. His fresh perspective and enthusiasm will be a tremendous asset as we continue to look for ways to better serve our church family.

I would also like to recognize and welcome the rest of our incoming board leadership team. Serving alongside us this year will be Cara Zitzelberger as Secretary, and our Trustees: Anthony Pierce, Allan Graves, Sara Elder, Ron Thomas, and Chase Annen. I am grateful for each of these individuals and their willingness to serve our church family. Their dedication, talents, and perspectives will be invaluable as we work together to support the ministries and mission of our church.

As we look forward, it is equally important to express our sincere appreciation to those who have faithfully served before us. A special thank you goes to outgoing Chair Donna Laney and outgoing Secretary Betty Beard for their commitment, leadership, and countless hours of service. Their contributions have helped guide our church through many important decisions and have left a lasting impact on our congregation. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and faithfulness.

Reflection and Direction: Join Me for a Seat in the Chair (Continued)

One of the goals I have set for myself in this role is to take a thoughtful look at everything we do and ask a simple question: Is this the best way we can do it? Whether it's finding ways to be better stewards of our finances, improving processes, supporting our ministries, or discovering new opportunities for outreach, I believe there is always room to learn, grow, and improve.

Most importantly, I want this to be a shared effort. The best ideas often come from the people sitting in the pews each week. If you have thoughts, suggestions, or concerns, I encourage you to bring them to a board meeting, speak with me directly, or connect with any member of the board. Together, we can continue building a church that not only serves its members well but also reaches into our community and beyond with the love of Christ.

Each month, I'll use this space to provide updates on board activities, upcoming projects, and areas where we can all be involved. My hope is that these reflections will help keep everyone informed and encourage greater participation in the life of our church.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your commitment to our church family. I look forward to what God has in store for us as we move forward together.

Until next month, thank you for taking a seat in the chair with me.

Stephen Hensley
Chair, Church Board

We are a Family of Faith
We are Disciples at Work



June In Review

Promotion and Graduate Recognition Sunday

We had a great time celebrating our children and youth this past month. We promoted Sophia Annen to Middle School, and we promoted Lola Reid, Elysse Barcroft, and Ollie Herzig to High School.

We celebrated two high school graduates- Lucas Eagen (grandson of Gary and Libby Bordewich) and Callie Gardner (granddaughter of Tom and Mary Wrolstad).

Thanks to Karen, Jonathon, Brogan, CW, and all who helped make it a special day!



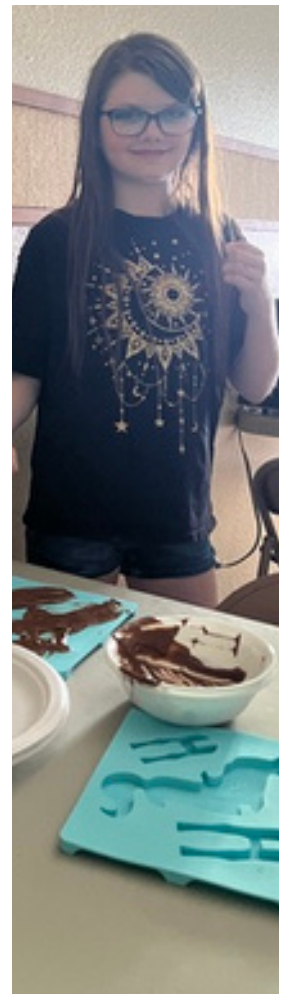


Family Fun Night:

Honoring Moms & Dads

We had a wonderful Family Fun Night this last month as we gave thanks for those who show us motherly and fatherly love. We had 22 people attend. We enjoyed a dinner and a wonderful time together. Our speedway champions were Art and Artemis. Our bowling champion was Vida. Our fishing champion was Elenora. Our corn hole champions were Camden and Stephanie. Family Fun Nights will take a break for the Summer and resume in September.

Huge thanks to all who came early and stayed after to help with cleanup and setup.

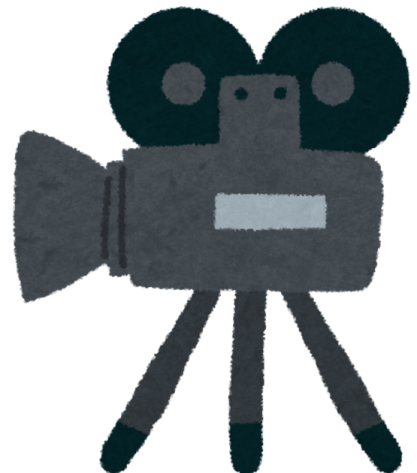
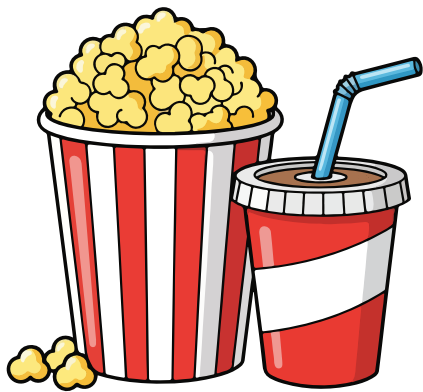


Finding God at the Movies

Finding God at the Movies- I Can Only Imagine

We had a wonderful Finding God at the Movies this past month.

We had 17 people attend and we enjoyed the powerful movie, "I Can Only Imagine." It tells the true story of Bart Millard, the singer and writer of the song. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, thanks to everyone who brought something to share and we had a great discussion about where we saw God. It was voted that evening that when Finding God at the Movies resumes in September we will kick off with "I Can Only Imagine 2" and then have "Abominable" as the movie for October.



youth



The youth had a fun filled month of June. We had our last youth group before summer vacation, hours were extended and we celebrated with a picnic in the park. The youth had fun spending time together playing games and ended the night with a swim in the creek. Thank you Terry & Wayne for donating funds for dinner that evening! We are so thankful for the support we have received these past few months with youth group dinners.

Looking forward to the next few months, we have some big events coming up. Mark your calendars, the youth group has their Annual Yard Sale on July 31st & August 1st from 8AM-4PM. Sunday, August 2nd will be a half price day during coffee hour for our congregation before items are donated to the mission. The youth will still be accepting donations through the month of July. If you have a large donation and need to schedule a pick-up, please contact Jonathon or Brogan. We ask that donations are ready to go by the date/time of pick-up to save time. Smaller donations can be left in the fireside room or dropped off to the youth on Sundays through the month of July. Thanks to everyone that has donated items, we appreciate your continuous support of the youth program.

Upcoming:

7/31 & 8/1- Annual Youth Yard Sale Fundraiser (8 AM - 4 PM)
8/2- Annual Yard Sale/Half-Price Day (During Coffee Hour)
8/3 to 8/7- Regional Youth Summer Camp
TBD- Annual Youth Group Lock-In



THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE DOING A
YARD SALE *this Summer!*



YARD SALE DATES:
JULY 31ST,
AUGUST 1ST & 2ND



**WE ARE ACCEPTING
DONATIONS!**

You can bring your donations
to the back pew in the
Fireside room during the week
or on Sundays to the youth.

Regional Summer Camp for Children and Youth

Any children or youth interested in attending our denomination's regional summer camp this **August 3 to 7, 2026** at Suttle Lake please contact Pastor Eric. Pastor Eric will be serving as the camp chaplain this year and CW McCollom will be one of the Elementary Camp counselors.

We are offering three programs this year for Elementary kids (Having finished 1st through 5th grades), Middle School Youth (Having finished 6th through 8th grades), and High School Youth (Having finished 9th through 12th grades). Camp will have special activities with each group as well as all sorts of activities and worship together with all ages. Our church offers scholarships for kids attending camp so don't let cost be an issue. We hope you can join us for another great year at camp. So far we have 7 of our children and youth attending.

REGIONAL SUMMER CAMP



\$450
PER CAMPER

SUTTLE LAKE CAMP- SISTERS, OREGON

GAMES - SWIMMING - MUSIC - ARTS&CRAFTS - ADVENTURE

AUGUST 3-7

ELEMENTARY CAMP GRADES 1 ST - 5 TH	MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP GRADES 6 TH - 8 TH	HIGH SCHOOL CAMP GRADES 9 TH - 12 TH
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PLEASE REGISTER USING THE GRADE JUST COMPLETED
THREE PROGRAMS- ONE SITE- ONE WEEK

IN THE WILDERNESS

<https://oidisciples.org/summer-camp-2026/>

REGISTER HERE



Summer Mission Project: School Supply Drive



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Our Summer Mission Project will be collecting school supplies for the Middle School and High School. We will be collecting supplies for June and July. As part of our ecumenical Blessing of the Backpacks Service which will be August 30th, we will be collecting supplies for the Middle School and High School and then collecting a special offering on that Sunday for Robert Frost and Mark Twain Elementary. Please help us collect the supplies from the list and bring them to the table in the Multipurpose room. If there are families needing help getting school supplies for their children or youth please check in with Pastor Eric. We are excited once again to team up with our Methodist, Lutheran, and Episcopalian friends to surround our schools with love.

Silverton Middle School Supply List

- 4 Folders
- College rule filler paper (1 pkg)
- #2 Pencils (2 dozen)
- Pens- black and blue (6 of each)
- 2 Highlighters
- 4 Spiral notebooks
- 2 Composition notebooks (100 pg)
- Calculator – (Texas Instrument – 300XIIS)
- Backpack or book bag
- 1 Pair headphones
- Graph paper (8th grade only)
- Colored Pencils (Social Studies)
- 3×5 Lined notecards (1 pkg) (8th grade only)

Recommended:

- Pencil pouch
- Ruler
- Pink Pearl eraser
- Clorox wipes – for AG class
- Hand sanitizer – for AG class
- Kleenex (2 boxes) – for AG class

Silverton High School Supply List

- 2 – sets of index dividers
- 1 – three-ring binder (minimum 2")
- 1 – carry-all plastic zipper pocket
- 1 – Notebook paper – college-ruled
- 1 – 12" ruler, must include metric
- 1 – compass
- 1 – 6" protractor
- 4 – #2 pencils
- 2 – pens (black or blue ink)
- 2 – red ink pens
- 2 – highlighters
- 1 – set of colored pencils
- 3 – 8.5 x 11 spiral notebooks
- 1 – flash drive
- 1 – large eraser

All math students will need a scientific calculator. The TI-30XIIs is preferred.

AP Calculus and Pre-Calculus students need a TI-83 or newer graphic calculator.

A limited number of these will be available to check out from the SHS Library.

July Happenings

Fourth of July Staff Holiday

We are excited to celebrate our nation's 250 birthday this year. Fourth of July this year falls on a Saturday so our church will be observing the holiday on **Monday, July 6, 2026** with the building closed and staff off for the day.

We also want to let people know that from July 2 through July 6, 2026 Jana and Cara will both be taking some much deserved vacation time, so please honor this time they are off.

We hope they have a great trip to Montana.



July 4th Holiday
(Monday, July 6, 2026)

Church Office closed and staff are off for the day

Online General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) across the US and Canada is invited to join in an online gathering *July 10-11, 2026.*

More than a series of meetings, General Assembly is a covenantal space for worship, learning, discussion, business, fellowship, and action. Gathering online allows more of us to participate, connect, and faithfully live into our call to be the church we say we are. If you've never joined a General Assembly before, we extend a special invitation. There's a place for you at the table. The cost is \$30 per Person.

Register Now:

(https://ga2026.disciples.org/series/general-assembly-2026-registration/landing_page)

2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BEYOND:
LOVE SURPASSING
EPHESIANS 3:14-21

ONLINE | JULY 10-11

PREACHERS

JULY 10, 2026
REV. DR. JONATHAN HALL
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF
NORTH HOLLYWOOD

JULY 11, 2026
REV. TERRI HORD OWENS
GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT

All Church Trip to the Marion Berries Baseball Game

On Sunday **July 19, 2026**, we will be going to a Summer League Baseball game for the Salem Keizer Marion Berries. The game starts at 5pm so we will be meeting at the church by 4pm to carpool to the stadium. The game is at the Chemeketa Baseball Field on Lancaster Drive in Salem. Tickets are \$10 per person. Individuals are responsible for the costs of food or memorabilia on their own. Pastor Eric needs people to let him know if they want to go by Wednesday July 8, 2026 so that he can get the tickets.

We hope you will join us for this special all church event.



PUNX at THE PARK

PRESENTED BY

Oregon Department of Human Services

Maps

VS

Drafters

JULY 19TH/5:05PM

Oregon Health Authority

EVERGREEN

Join us as we head to see a Marion Berries summer league baseball game. We will meet at church by 4pm and carpool to the game.

Sunday July 19, 2026 at 5pm.

MARION BERRIES

BASEBALL SALEM, OR

Tickets are \$10 per person.

All Church Pool Party

We will be having our All Church Pool Party on Sunday, ***July 26, 2026*** at the Clarks from 4 to 6pm. Huge thanks to Macus and Jennifer and the Clark family for stepping up to host this event. Bring your family, your swimsuit, change of clothes, towel, sunscreen, and a dish to share and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship in the water.

Clark Family Home Address:
458 Monte Vista Ave
Silverton, OR 97381



All Church Pool Party @ The Clarks

July 26, 2026
4 to 6 pm

Summer Plans for Men's Group and Women's Discussion Group

For the ***Summer(July & August) Men's Group*** will be taking a break and will resume its 3rd Saturday gatherings at Water Mountain Restaurant in September. For the summer we hope our men will join us for the All Church Fishing Trip as well as the Summer League Baseball game and some of the other church summer special events. We are grateful to Clint and Ric for all their leadership of the Men's Group.

For the ***Summer (July & August) , Women's Discussion Group*** will only be meeting once a month for a special gathering. In July the group will gather at Judy Duncan's home on Tuesday July 21st at 10am. Women are encouraged to bring their own lunches. Stay tuned for the August date. Women's Discussion Group will return to its Tuesdays at 10am in the Fireside room in September. We are grateful for Lynn and all her leadership of the Women's Discussion Group.

Women's Discussion Group

July 21, 2026 at 10 am
@ Judy Duncan's Home

[Bring Your Own Lunch]



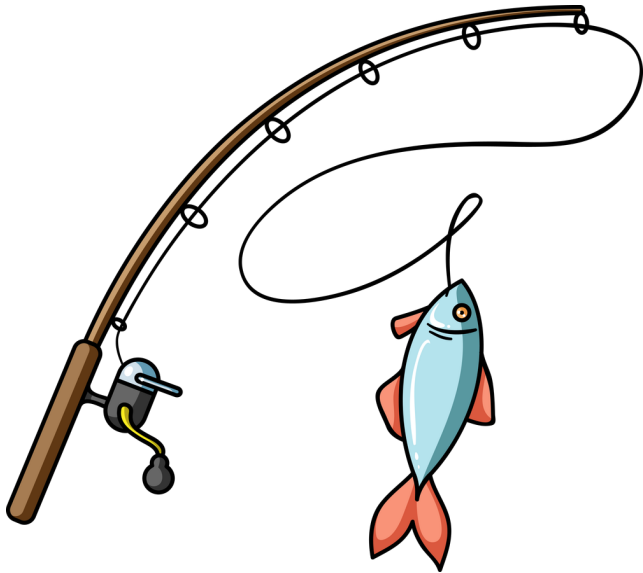
Men's Fellowship Group

Will take a break for July and August
Will Resume in September



Stay Tuned for Special August Activities

In August we will be having an All Church Fishing Trip as well as an All Church Beach Trip. Stay tuned for dates, times, and more details. We hope you can join us for these special events. Wishing you a wonderful Summer!



All Church Fishing Trip
August 2026



All Church Beach Trip
August 2026



Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls needs your help. Can you knit or crotchet? Do you want to learn? We need people to help us knit prayer shawls and for this summer we need people to help knit the prayer in your hand mini shawls for our Blessing of the Backpacks Service on Sunday **August 30, 2026**. If the cost of yarn is an issue for anyone please let Pastor Eric know and we will help get you what you need, Together let's step up to wrap those in need as well as all our children, youth, teachers, and school staff in our love and prayers.



Prayer Shawls

Help us knit prayer in your hand shawls
for the Blessing of the Backpacks Service





Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 7pm on Zoom
with Pastor Eric

Prayer Group

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7pm on Zoom for our weekly Prayer Group. This is a time people can gather to lift up the joys and concerns on their hearts and then come together with others to pray. Each week on Tuesday morning the Zoom link is sent out via email and posted on the private church Facebook page. We hope you will consider joining us this month for Prayer Group. We want to note their will not be Prayer Group on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 as the church board is shifting it's meeting date and will be meeting that night at 6:30pm.



Weekly Mission Project: Stone Soup

Join us on a Wednesday afternoon to help make a meal for the Sheltering Silverton shelter. Come from 4:00 to 5:30pm and work with team leaders- Sue Price, Marilyn Woodward, and Kara Pilcher to prepare soups, salads, bread, and other delicious meals each week for our neighbors in need.

After we prepare the meal for the shelter stick around for a time of fellowship with others who helped as we enjoy a simple meal together around 5:30. We hope you will consider helping with a Stone Soup meal.



Come Help
Make a Meal
For Our
Local Homeless
Shelter

Every Wednesday
4:30 to 6 pm
FCC Church Kitchen

Church Officers/Personnel

Elder Chair: Ric Dettwyler

Elders:

Karen Brock, Marcus Clark,
Lynn Koenig, Donna Laney,
Beth Negrey,
Cara Zitzelberger

Office Administrator:

Jana O'Connor

Keeper of the House:

Libby Bordewich

Youth Leaders:

Brogan Allen-Olsen
Jonathon Thompson

Worship Music Team:

Gail Frassenei, Wayne Cawlfild,
Chris Dyer, Ami Barstad,
Aaron Barstad, George Barstad,
Megan Lee-Herzig, John Meye,
Gil Wittman, Marilyn Woodward

2026-2027

Board of Directors

Slate of Officers

Board Chair- Steve Hensley

Vice Chair- Camden Brock

Treasurer- Erin Stone

Board Secretary- Cara Zitzelberger

Financial Secretary- Verlene Beard

Deacon Chair- Karen Brock

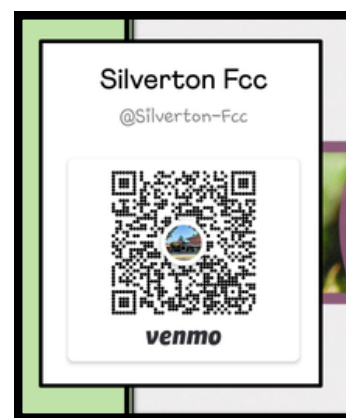
CWF Chair- Lynn Koenig

Trustee's Committee-

Anthony Pierce
Allan Graves
Sarah Elder
Ron Thomas
Chase Annen



Dale Davis 2
Gabi Frassenei 2
Emily O'Connor 4
Brogan Allen-Olsen 5
Megan Lee-Herzig 7
Steve Reid 8
Julie Bock 16
Xianna Lee-Seguín 17
Bernie Poitras 19
Sonya Linn 22
Andrea Walker 22
Chuck Koenig 23
Lynn Koenig 25
Danika Beard 28



**June 2026
Tithing Offering Totals**

June 7	\$4,054.00
June 14	\$3,698.00
June 21	\$1,145.00
June 28	\$1,496.00

Offering Total: \$10,393.00

Budget Needed: \$26,518.00

Every gift helps!

We are a Family of Faith.

*We are a community of God's beloved children.
Growing our faith through supportive,
caring, and inclusive outreach.
Where we strive to welcome all,
as Christ welcomes us.*

We are Disciples at work!

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