

CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

Silverton First Christian Church



August Scriptures & Sermon Titles

Scriptures for Worship August 2026:

August 2, 2026
"Growing Together"
Acts 15:1-21

August 9, 2026
"When Things Change"
Acts 15:36-41, 16:1-5

August 16, 2026
"God's Ever Expanding Tapestry"
Acts 16:6-15

August 23, 2026
"Setting Prisoners Free"
Acts 16:16-40

August 30, 2026
"Blessing of the Backpacks"
Service at 10 am

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



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

Welcome, and have a seat.

Over the past month, I've been reminded how encouraging it is to see ideas beginning to turn into action. One of the blessings of serving as your Board Chair is having a front-row seat to the many conversations taking place about the future of our church. From facilities and stewardship to outreach and fundraising, there is a growing sense that God is opening doors for us to explore new opportunities together.

One area we've been working on is evaluating the possibility of installing solar panels on our church campus. We recently completed a site evaluation, and we're looking forward to reviewing the information and determining whether this project could be a wise investment for our future. As with every decision the board considers, our focus is on being good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us while supporting the ministry of our church for years to come.

I've also enjoyed spending time with our incoming Vice Chair, Camden Brock, as we prepare for the year ahead. We had the opportunity to talk about our shared hopes for the board and the direction we believe God is leading us. I am grateful to serve alongside leaders who bring enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and a genuine desire to strengthen our church family. Together, we are committed to listening, learning, and serving faithfully.



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

One thing that has become especially clear is that there is no shortage of great ideas within our congregation. We are currently exploring plans for a community Italian dinner and auction this fall, along with another exciting fundraising opportunity that is beginning to take shape. These aren't simply fundraising events—they are opportunities to gather, build relationships, welcome our neighbors, and strengthen the ministry we share together. As these plans move forward, we'll be looking for volunteers with a variety of gifts and talents. Whether you enjoy organizing, decorating, cooking, greeting guests, or simply lending a helping hand, there will be a place for you to serve.

Our board agenda continues to grow with projects that help us care for our facilities, support our ministries, and invest in our future. While there is certainly plenty of work ahead, I believe that momentum is a blessing. It tells me that people care deeply about our church and are willing to invest their time, energy, and talents to help it flourish.

Last month I shared my hope that this newsletter would become more than just another article to read. My prayer is that it becomes an invitation—a place where we can share what is happening, celebrate what God is doing, and encourage one another to become active participants in the life of our church. That invitation remains open. If you have ideas, questions, or simply a desire to become more involved, I hope you'll reach out to me or any member of the board. We truly value your voice.

Our mission reminds us that we are "*A Family of Faith*"—a community growing together through supportive, caring, and inclusive outreach. That mission isn't carried out by a handful of leaders; it comes to life through every volunteer, every act of kindness, every prayer, and every person willing to answer God's call to serve.

After all, **We are Disciples at Work!**

Thank you for your continued prayers, your encouragement, and your willingness to walk this journey together. I am excited about what lies ahead and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside each of you.

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

Stephen Hensley
Chair, Church Board

Pool Party at the Clark's



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We had a wonderful all church pool party at the Clark Family home.

The Clarks prepared a delicious meal and thanks to everyone who brought sides to share. We had 16 people attend and enjoyed lots of fellowship, games, and times in the pool. Thank you again to Marcus and Jennifer for hosting a wonderful event!





Youth Yard Sale Was a Success

The Youth Group wants to thank everyone who donated items and who supported them with the yard sale this year. The youth raised over \$4500. All proceeds from this sale go to our youth group mission projects and activities for the year, they also help make it possible for youth to go to camp.

Huge thanks to Jonathon, Brogan, Camden, Otto, Annie, Eden, Xianna, Tristin, Kruz, Micheal, and Lola for all their hard work!



Summer Mission Project:

School Supply Drive



Summer Mission Project: School Supply Drive

Our Summer Mission Project will be collecting school supplies for the Middle School and High School. We will be collecting supplies through this month. 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.

August Happenings



All Church Beach Trip

August 23, 2026

All Church Beach Trip

We will be taking our annual all church beach trip on Sunday, August 23, 2026. After Service at 11am we will leave from the church and head to Lincoln City where we will meet at Mo's for lunch. Then we will enjoy time at the beach. Bring your friends, family, sunscreen, and beach toys and gear!

All Church Fishing Trip

We will be enjoying our annual all church fishing trip on Sunday, August 30, 2026 from 5 to 7 pm. We will be heading to the Silverton Reservoir for an late afternoon of fishing. Everyone needs a fishing license and it is \$5 per vehicle at the Reservoir. Pizza and drinks will be provided for dinner.



All Church Fishing Trip

August 30, 2026



Wedding Shower for Sarah and Lamar

We We will be having a Wedding Shower for Sarah and Lamar on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 11am at Donna Laney's home. Let us join Sarah and Lamar in celebrating their upcoming wedding. Click on the links below, where they are registered.



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AMAZON LINK:

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TARGET LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.TARGET.COM/GIFT-REGISTRY/GIFT-GIVER?REGISTRYID
=4A7A5990-5BD5-11F1-8A17-53D693F9D008&TYPE=WEDDING](https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryid=4A7A5990-5BD5-11F1-8A17-53D693F9D008&TYPE=WEDDING)



BABY
in bloom

Please join us for a Baby Shower

-IN HONORING OF -

Brogan & Jonathon

AUG **16** 2026

2 o'clock in the Afternoon

Silverton First Christian Church

402 N First Street
Silverton, OR 97381

Registry:
<https://my.babylist.com/brogan-jonathon>



Brogan & Jonathon are asking, instead of cards and gifts that everyone bring their favorite baby/children's book with a message written in the book for the baby.

That way all the special notes from our church members are kept for years to come.

Prayer Shawls



Prayer Shawls

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



Prayer Shawls needs your help.
Can you knit or crochet?

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.



Julie Bock's New Address

Julie Bock and her daughter and son in law
Curt and Kathleen LaPram are now settled
in Montana and have a new address for
those that want to stay in touch. We
encourage people to send Julie a card:

Julie Bock

PO Box 975

Boulder, MT 59632

(Cell Phone Number: 503-930-3591)

Men's Group

The Men's Group is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.

Join us Saturday, September 19, 2026 for next Men's Group monthly breakfast at Water Mountain Restaurant at 8am.

For the summer we encourage our men to join us for the All Church Fishing Trip on Sunday, August 30, 2026 from 5 to 7pm.



Men's Fellowship Group

Taking a Break for August
Will Resume September 19, 2026

Women's Discussion Group

The women's discussion group is taking a break for the summer except for one date which is Tuesday **August 18, at 10:00 am at Judy Kassell's home.** Please bring your lunch.

The women's discussion group will resume in September every Tuesday.





Blessing of the Backpacks Service
 --- August 30, 2026 at 10 am ---

Blessing of the Backpacks

We are excited once again to team up with our Methodist, Lutheran, and Episcopalian friends for the Blessing of the Backpacks Service which will be Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 10:00.

We hope you all can make it!

Help with Coffee Time

If you haven't helped with coffee time for a while and can help with it, please look at the sign-up sheet in the MP room and sign-up with a friend. Or let Jana in the office know you can help. We appreciate everyone who has signed up in the past.



Help With Coffee Time
 Sign Up in MP Room

September Happenings



Staff Holiday Labor Day

Monday September 7, 2026 is the Labor Day holiday. The office will be closed and staff will be off on that day.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will be starting back up on Sunday, September 6, 2026 at 10:30 am with Pastor Eric and helpers. We hope all the children will attend.



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September Happenings



Family Fun Night

Grandparent's Day Activities

September 13, 2026
5 to 7pm

Family Fun Night

All are welcome to come to Family Fun Night: Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 5 to 7 pm. We will have all kinds of crafts and fun things to do to honor our grandparents. We hope you all will come!

Finding God at the Movies

Finding God at the movies will resume on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 5 to 7 pm. The movie will be "I can only imagine 2"

We hope you all will join us for dinner, the movie and discussion.

We will have some great prizes to give away too.

Finding God at the Movies

September 27, 2026
5 to 7pm

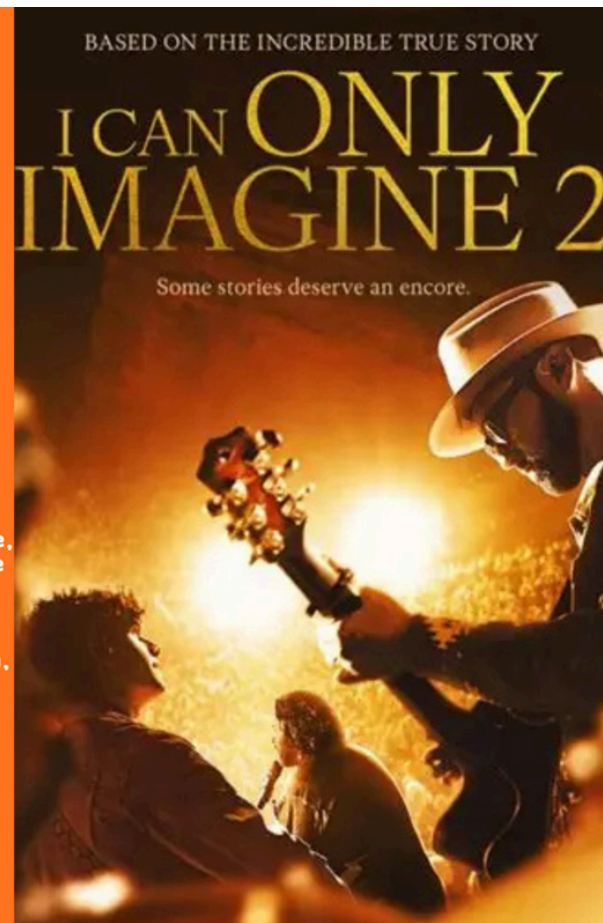
I Can Only Imagine 2"

Come enjoy dinner, movie, and discussion about the themes of faith in the movie.

Church will provide pizza, popcorn, and drinks.

All are invited to bring something to add to the meal.

We will also have a drawing for some great prizes!



Westside Disciples Women's Retreat
September 18-19, 2026

DALLAS FIRSTCHRISTIAN CHURCH
1079 SE Jefferson St, Dallas, OR 97338

Something Beautiful

Join us Friday night for soup dinner and a short devotional time.
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 August 13)
- © Registration link scan the QR code below.
- © Deadline: September 4, 2026

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



What to bring:

- © Money for putting in blessing boxes, special offering during worship, and shopping at "One Fair World."
- © Your reusable tote bag, water bottle, and favorite coffee cup/travel mug.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10



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 to 6 pm
FCC Church Kitchen**

Church Officers/Personnel

Elder Chair: Ric Dettwyler

Elders:

Karen Brock, Marcus Clark,
Lynn Koenig, Donna Laney,
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

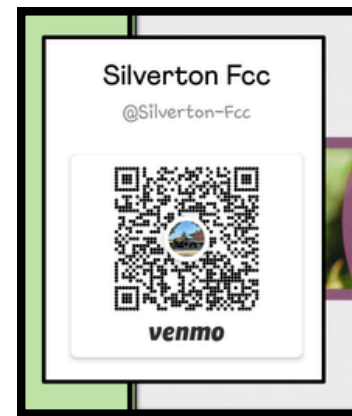
CWF Chair- Lynn Koenig

Trustee's Committee-

Anthony Pierce, Chair
Allan Graves
Sarah Elder
Ron Thomas
Chase Annen



Betty Beard 2
Sarah Elder 3
Elijah Ulloa 7
Drew Miller 9
Steve Ryberg 10
Elia Annen 13
CW McCollom 14
Kathy Lamoreaux 17
Amelia Porter 18
Kay Strobel 19
Alexis Kuenzi 20
Barb Poitras 24
Seth Frassenei 24
Mary Maciejewski 24
Sue Price 24
Aaron Barstad 25
John Meye 25
Tori McCollom 27
Sandy Sanford 29
Michael Elder 31



July 2026

Tithing Offering Totals

July 5	\$3,650.00
July 12	\$3,075.00
July 19	\$ 975.00
July 26	\$3,230.00

Offering Total: \$10,932.00

Budget Needed: \$22,613.00

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.*

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