

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Proclaiming Christ’s Love, Building Community,
Meeting Human Need”

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NEWSLETTER

If you missed any previous editions of the newsletter, we have the last year available on the website at: <https://keizerchristian.org/newsletter/>
Look for the next one on **April 27.**

WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Services are held in-person and live on YouTube at 10 AM each Sunday. Masks are voluntary but highly recommended in the building.



The YouTube link for each service will be sent out in the bulletin and also posted on Facebook and the KCC Website. You can always watch our worship services here:



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME



We have resumed Coffee Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall after church. Thank you to those who have signed up to bring treats for the rest of January. **Please sign up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall**

door. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

April 2nd at 10 am, Palm Sunday — after service we will have our Easter Egg stuffing party.



April 6th at 7 pm, Maundy Thursday

Service—Come join us for this reflective service. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

April 8th at 10 am, **Easter Egg Hunt**— Be sure to invite all of your neighbors and friends. If you are able to help set up, greet folks as they arrive, or clean up please see Kim Free.

April 17th, **Easter**—We will have both a Sunrise service at 6:30 am and our regular 10 am service.



Pastor Erik Free

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Tuesday – Friday
9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Can you believe it!? We are more than halfway through Lent already. From the time you receive this newsletter Easter is only a short 17 days away! Hopefully you are looking out the window upon a sunny Spring day, though if the forecast is to be believed you are facing the typical Oregon Spring rains. Don't let that get you down, though. Warmer days full of outdoor adventuring are ahead; the promise of new life is springing up out of our planting beds even as we continue to have to scrape frosty car windows.

As with all times of transition, Spring is a both/and sort of time; a time when we experience both the old fading away and the



new coming; often a bit slower than we would like, or too fast, depending on your perspective.

Spring comes at a time of our spiritual rhythm when we need a bit of a boost to get us through Lent. We need a reminder of the hope of new life we have in Christ and God's creation does not disappoint. Blue skies and green plants are beginning to make their appearances. The grey of winter is about to be replaced with the myriad colors of Spring just in time for our spirits to be lifted into newness of life.

Spring is a time to witness the sprouting of what God has planted within us, to foster its growth and praise God for the invitation to join creation in this promise of new life. It is not only the plants in the ground that are springing forth new buds and green shoots. Each of our lives are a witness of God's promise of new life. What is God growing in you this season? How will you grow and blossom into the world, fostered by God's love and grace? Pay close attention to your spirit and be ready to Spring into action!

Pastor Erik

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

To include Blessings and Concerns on the weekly email sent out on Monday, please send us an email at 1963kcc@gmail.com or call in your information to the office by Sunday evening. If you would like a printed copy of Blessings and Concerns, please contact the office.



- ♥ Please be in prayer for the family of Dolly Murphy. She passed away peacefully this weekend with loving family around her. There will be a small family graveside service for now. We are not sure if there will be a formal memorial service at this time.
- ♥ Blessing - Abby Brown's dance team won the State Championship in Jazz and took second in Modern this past weekend. Congratulations!!!! Proud grandma, Evelyn Hughes
- ♥ Check out this great clip of Roy Biehn's 102nd birthday: [LINK HERE](#)
- ♥ Please be in prayer for my mom. She is physically doing well at her current group home but needs prayers for emotional support as we begin the process to apply for Medicaid. Also pray for me as I am the one who is working with the State to apply and to jump through all the hoops that are required. Laurie Costales
- ♥ Please pray for our granddaughter, Elizabeth Beiser and her mom and dad, Aurora and Jason. Aurora and Elizabeth have been in Idaho visiting friends. Elizabeth had to be flown home last night due to severe complications with her Diabetes. She is in ICU and will be moved to Doernbecher today. Mark and Kathryn Dodge
- ♥ Good news. My sister, Ruth, is home and doing better. My niece, Brenda, had good test results as there was no cancer. Please keep praying for continued healing. Margy McCurry
- ♥ Please pray for Kim Free. She hurt her knee skiing and will be healing for a few weeks. Pastor Erik
- ♥ Congratulations to church member and nursery attendant, Ashlynn Hughes, and the Gervais High girl's basketball team on winning the state championship in Pendleton last weekend!!! WAY TO GO!

GIVING TOTALS

March to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 1,091.06
2 nd week	1,392.00
3 rd week	5,467.36
4 th week	15,842.58
Total for Month	\$ 22,701.94
Mo Budget	\$ 13,178.00

The February total giving was \$14,623.37 of our \$12,855 budget. Thank you to everyone who contributes and keeps our church alive. It also allows us to support the many charities and other programs in the region.

UNSUNG HEROES



Thank you to those serving as Ushers and Presiders. You are a very important part of welcoming folks to our church.

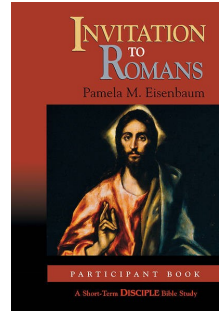
BIBLE ADVENTURE FEST

August 19th
from noon to 4 pm.

Check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or see Evelyn Hughes for more details.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is meeting each **Thursday, at 11 am.** Please join us for some lively discussion of God's Word. We will begin our new series "Invitation to Romans" on Thursday, March 23rd.



MEN'S GROUP



Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **April 1st.** Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

RECYCLING

We are still recycling cans and bottles as well as ink cartridges and toners. Drop them by the church during office hours. All money goes towards Youth Group activities and Summer Camp Scholarships.



PLEASE NOTE: Make sure your containers say **OR 10¢** on them. Protein drinks and some other items are not eligible for return and jeopardize our ability to use the bottle return service. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, April 26th from 4:30-6:30 pm.** It is held every month on the fourth Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church. It is open to all and FREE. There is an opportunity to donate at the dinner. If you would like to help serve desserts, please contact Sue Day.

SHARING OF GIFTS

We have enjoyed special sharing time with the great chimes, choir, and member music. I would also love it if someone has a poem, prayer, or other item to share with the congregation. Please email me [HERE](#) with any ideas you have. *Elizabeth*

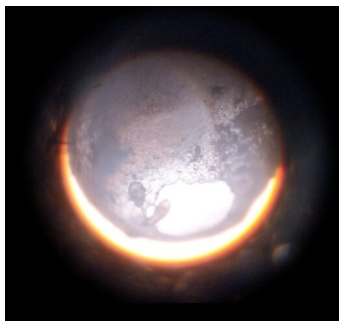


Gerry Henjum	4-3
Riley Blair	4-19



Jay and Tammy Puppo
4-25

ART EXHIBIT AT BUSH GALLERY



Kathryn Cellerini Moore (Van and Kathee Moore's daughter-in-law) will be having an art exhibit at Bush Gallery from **March 10 through April 29** with a reception on **Friday, April 28 from 5:30-7:30 pm.**

STELLULAR—Stellular is a kaleidoscopic soup where the galactic and microcosmic commingle and meld together. Videos of creatures under my own microscope and that of scientist James Weiss, undersea volcanic scenes from the Schmidt Ocean Institute, and scenes captured during my experience as a pregnant person, are warped by pirouetting petri dishes into speckled, nebular vistas. The emergent and waning nebular forms reference the beauty and power of full-fledged galactic nebulae, which are the aftermath of the universe's most explosive, generative recycling agents. The soundtrack includes clips from NASA Chandra X-Ray Sonification Project files that assign soundwaves to nebula images, interspersed with music made by some of Earth's very own cicadas. Stellular is intended to spark curiosity and connect viewers' own experience with that of the earth and cosmos.

For more information click [HERE](#).

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Thank you to all who helped at Food Bank on March 20th. We served 73 families in record time. When we left the cupboards were BARE.

Pam Elliot

SAVE THE DATE

May 13, 2023

We are planning an all church excursion to Mt. Angel Abbey. There will be plenty of activities for all abilities: grounds with beautiful buildings and gardens to explore, stations of the cross, museum, historic library and chapel, views of the surrounding valley, a coffee shop to hang out in and more! We will gather at the church at 9am, have time to hike, relax, explore, have lunch together, and return in the afternoon.

EASTER FIND

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

— ACTS 17:27 NIV

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS—SAVE THE DATES

July 24-28, 2023: Disciples Elementary Summer Camp for those who have completed grades 1-5. For more information email Sara at revsarastaton@gmail.com.

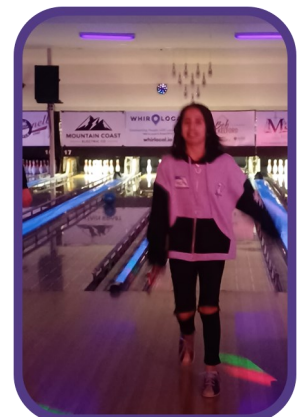
August 7-11, 2023: Disciples Middle and High School Summer Camp for those who have completed grades 6-12. For more information email Alicia Speidel at aliciaspeidel@gmail.com



Registration for both camps will be coming soon. Both camps will be held at the Suttle Lake Methodist Camp.

DISTRICT YOUTH BOWLING PARTY

There were 20 kids at our Youth Bowling Party in February at The REC in Keizer. There were 4 kids from Keizer and the rest were from Salem FCC, Albany FCC, and Lebanon FCC. Thanks to Kim Free for organizing and Dena Query who was a big help with transportation to and from the event.





**Keizer Christian Church
WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER
Geranium Order Form**

Orders due by April 16, 2023

Flowers will be available on Friday, May 5th or Sunday, May 7th. Please give us your phone number so that we may contact you if needed.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address (optional): _____

ITEM	QUANTITY ORDERED	PRICE EACH	SUBTOTAL
GERANIUMS IN 5½" POT			
WHITE GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
RED GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
PINK GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
LAVENDER GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
SALMON GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
DARK PINK/VIOLET GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
CORAL/ORANGE GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
10" HANGING BASKETS			
LAVENDER HANGING BASKET	x	\$30.00	
LIGHT PINK HANGING BASKET	x	\$30.00	
PURPLE HANGING BASKET	x	\$30.00	
RED HANGING BASKET	x	\$30.00	
RED-WHITE HANGING BASKET	x	\$30.00	
EGAN'S GIFT CARD (\$20 VALUE)	x	\$20.00	
TOTAL			

Please make check payable to "Dena Query" and the mail form to her home address or turn in at church. Her address is in the directory.

Payment due at time of order

*For more information, feel free to call the office at 503-393-6843,
We are here Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.*



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SERMON SERIES

Lenten Series: Bootcamp for the Soul

March 26— Sermon: “Dead End” Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45

When all hope seems lost, God revives.

April 2 (Palm Sunday)— Sermon: “Celebrate and Wait” Ps. 118:1-29, Matt. 21:1-11

Rejoice at the end of the journey, but know challenges lie ahead.

Easter Series: Closer and Closer

At Easter, we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead; but this is no ghostly apparition. Jesus returns in the flesh to be close once again with his friends and to bring them closer with one another. There is tenderness and physicality highlighted in the resurrection narratives, people coming together to hear and respond to this amazing news.

April 9 (Easter)— Sermon: “The Stories Women Tell” John 20:1-18

We hear and trust Mary’s story and the stories we all have to tell.

April 16— Sermon: “Reach Out and Touch” 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

Jesus welcomes Thomas to touch him, to get as close as he needs.

April 23— Sermon: “Walking with Jesus” Luke 24:13-35

We Know Jesus and one another in the breaking of bread and the sharing of stories.