

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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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 on our YouTube channel here:  **YouTube**



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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Over the next two years we will complete some major maintenance items (see the attached list).

Stewardship of our building and grounds allows us to minister to

multiple audiences throughout the week.

Some of the work will be very visible and some will be behind-the-scenes. As funds are received, your Council and Property Committee will initiate the work. Thank you for investing in our outreach efforts and community.

The Capital Campaign is in addition to our normal giving amounts. You can designate the amount designated toward the Campaign on your check memo line, giving envelope, or through the on-line portal.

Thank you in advance for your participation!



Troy Costales,
Stewardship Chair

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 **May 18th**.



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Tuesday – Friday
9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR’S MOMENT

Last month we celebrated the first day of Spring and it hasn’t really felt much like Spring here in the Willamette Valley until now. A month after the beginning of Spring some things are finally blooming; the trees are showing a bit of green in the branches and the tulips are finally blooming! Sometimes the internal workings of new life take more time than we’d like to show up on the outside. This same truth for the plant world is true for us humans in our endeavors to continue embracing the new life God has for each of us.

New life takes time, hard work, trust in God, and patience. While we believe that it is God’s work that transforms us, we know from scripture and experience that we are invited into the process as active participants in our own improvement and growth. This human element and God’s timing being different than our own can often be a source of frustration in the waiting for something visible to happen; for some tangible change to take place within us and in our outward lives. This is where we must rely upon God’s grace and pray for patience.

Growth is happening, even if it is as yet unseen. It took a long months of dormancy, and weeks of cells reawakening for the beauty of blossoming plants we now witness to occur; a cycle of rest and growth. Just like that process, we experience a cycle of rest and growth ourselves.

So, don’t be discouraged if your expectations of bearing fruit as a witness of new life are not happening in the timing you expect. trust in God’s timing and give yourself grace. Look to God’s creation for inspiration and hope. New life is just beneath the surface.




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 keep the Medrano family in your prayers. Ana is still experiencing health issues.
- ♥ Thank you to our wonderful coffee hour treat providers. If you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. You will get a reminder on the Monday that you are due to serve. If you have any questions, please call the office.
- ♥ Hello everyone! Riley Blair (Mike and Christa Ryan's son-in-law. is having long awaited back surgery, so let's make him some delicious meals to help speed up recovery. Their friend has set up a Meal Train for them at: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dzv7wl> Even though he is a private person who insists on no outside help, having a hot meal delivered is one small way we can help out the whole family! They are newly married with a young son; therefore, it takes a village in tough times like this.
- ♥ Please keep my co-worker Alycen in prayer for God's comfort. She is suffering through some health issues. Traci Pearl
- ♥ It's not public knowledge. John Campos was in a bad car wreck early this morning. He is ok, had his seat belt on. Was the passenger in a roll over. Stitches and pretty beat up. Asking for healing prayers. Bry Taylor Campos
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who participated in the Capital Campaign Kickoff Potluck on Sunday. If you missed it, there is a flyer that gives a listing of the projects included with the newsletter. We hope to have the slideshow with more information ready soon on the website. Please contact the office if you have any questions or suggestions.
- ♥ Blessing - We had many children come for our annual Easter egg hunt. Thank you to all those who worked to make this a very happy occasion. Special thanks to our Easter Bunny, Kady Rodriguez!
- ♥ My niece Deanna still needs prayers, Covid-19 damaged your lungs and feet. Still working with doctors. Evelyn Hughes

GIVING TOTALS

April to date	
General Fund Offering	
1 st week	\$ 655.00
2 nd week	3,250.85
3 rd week	3,937.58
4 th week	996.53
Total for Month	\$ 8,839.96
Mo Budget	\$ 13,178.00

The February total giving was \$24,011.88 of our \$13,178.00 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.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

UNSUNG HEROES



Thank you to Margy McCurry who came and weeded the front planter this week!

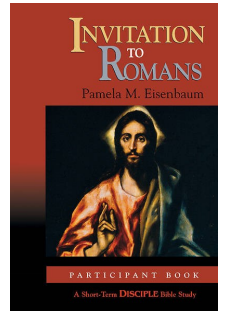
MEN'S GROUP



Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **April 29th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY

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



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, May 24th 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.



SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

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.



Tammy Puppo	5-4
Dena Query	5-8
JoAnn Barker	5-9
Wilma Bogue	5-13
Don Kaehler	5-14
Irie Medrano	5-16
Christa Ryan	5-22
Torry Peterson	5-25
Elizabeth Duncanson	5-28



Bob & Margy McCurry	5-6
Mike & Christa Ryan	5-30

ALL CHURCH EXCURSION

We are planning an all church excursion to Mt. Angel Abbey on **Saturday, May 13th at 9 am**. 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. **RSVP to Pastor Erik if you are interested in going at pastorfree@keizerchristian.org.**



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.

SHARING OF GIFTS

We have enjoyed special sharing time with the great chimes, choir, and member music lately. With the summer coming up, I would like to give others a chance to share. Let me know if you have a poem, prayer, or other item to share with the congregation. Please call me, talk to me after church, or email me [HERE](#) with any ideas you have. *Elizabeth*



BIBLE ADVENTURE FEST



August 19th from noon to 4 pm.

Our Bible Adventure Fest theme this year is "Wild Animals! This is a one-day event that will allow families to go through the different stations learning Bible stories, participating in activities that apply to those stories, eating snacks, playing games and just having fun.

Be sure to put the date on your calendar. **We are starting to sign up volunteers for helping this summer.** Check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or see Evelyn Hughes for more details.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



I'd like to mark this occasion with a Happy 18th Anniversary and a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have served over the past 18 years. We've had so many moments that have touched our hearts as we served those in need. We've also made new friends, worked hard and laughed together. God has richly blessed KCFB and the community.

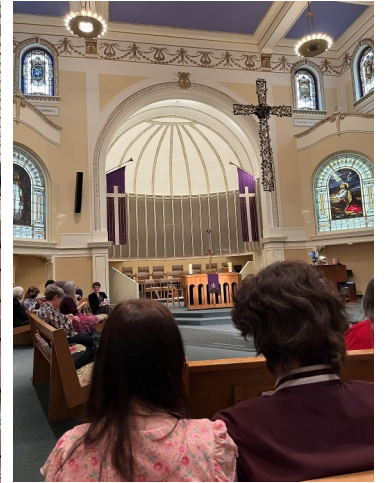
We served 72-75 clients. We lost track of a few because of the pace of the cart pushers who got a little ahead of the intake person. We have been getting several additional volunteers who are a blessing.

KCFB has been purchasing a lot more food because Marion Polk Food Share is not able to supply a lot of the items we are used to having like peanut butter, tuna, mac and cheese, and cereal. On the lighter side, we still are getting lots of See's candy! Your donations are always needed, especially now when the demand is so great.

Pam Elliot

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Five youth and three adults from Salem FCC & Keizer FCC served coffee and breakfast to outside friends in the snow and sleet. Later, youth utilized active listening skills over lunch with two outside guests and again over dinners with Portland FCC member who endured internment during WWII and another who shared their journey of identity and faith. The mission wrapped up the weekend by serving lunch to dozens of outside friends having gained new awareness, increased compassion and a deeper knowledge of God's love for all people. All participants express their gratitude to church family for their uplifting prayers, verbal well-wishes and financial support. Thank you! .







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SERMON SERIES

Easter Series: Closer and Closer, cont.

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 30—Sermon: "Someone to Watch over You"** John 10:1-10
We take the necessary risk to trust the Good Shepherd and one another.
- May 7—Sermon: "Living Stones"** 1 Peter 2:2-10
With Jesus as our cornerstone, we work together to build the kingdom.
- May 14—Sermon: "The Air We Breathe"** Acts 17:22-28, John 14:15-21
We live, move, and have our being in God's freedom
- May 21—Sermon: "Bearing Witness"** Acts 1:6-14
We are commanded to share the stories of what we've seen.



Keizer Christian Church Capital Campaign 2023 – 2025

Overview

With all buildings, there are various items that wear out over time. Even with routine maintenance there comes a time for an upgrade or replacement. Your KCC Council has identified a small list of individual items that are in need of upgrade or replacement over the next couple of years. As funds are collected, individual items will be completed. There will be small and large projects to complete over the next two years. A couple projects will be very visible and others are more behind the scenes. Thank you for your participation in our last Capital Campaign (siding, painting, new carpet in Fellowship Hall, etc.). We are looking forward to another successful effort for 2023-2025.

Items in Need

Outside of the building	Inside of the building
Temporary Parking Lot Striping (\$1,000)	Electrical Work for Kitchen (\$ 1,100 - \$2,300)
Parking Lot Pavement (\$ 50,000)	Bulb Replacement for Projector (\$ 850)
Weather Protection for Front Doors (\$ 1,200)	Remote front doorbell (\$500)
Sprinkler system repairs (\$3,000)	
Reader board light update (\$500)	
Roof Cleaning (\$500)	
“No Trucks” sign at entry (\$50)	
Gutter Cleaning (\$500)	

Ways to Give

You can give to the Campaign by noting on your offering check, envelope, or online using the



Contacts

Ed Query, Council Moderator and Property Chair (about individual items on the list)

Dena Query, Financial Secretary (about ways to contribute to the Campaign)

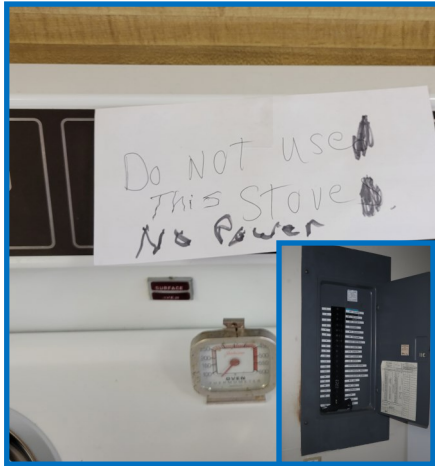
ROOF CLEANING



FRONT DOOR WEATHER PROTECTION



KITCHEN ELECTRICAL WORK



PROJECTOR BULB



GUTTER CLEANING



PARKING LOT REPAIR AND STRIPING



SPRINKLER SYSTEM



READER BOARD LIGHTS



NO TRUCK SIGN

