

# KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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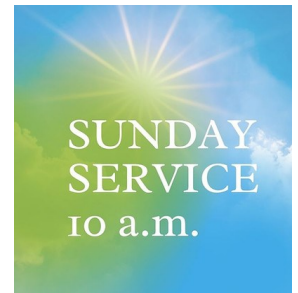
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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Services are held in-person and live on YouTube at 10 AM each Sunday. 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:



## CHURCH WORK PARTY



We will be holding an all-church work party to help us weed, prune, and generally spruce up the church grounds on **June 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am!** We will be joined by our sister church, La Iglesia Jehova Nisi and this will be a great time to meet some new folks too. Bring your yard tools, gloves, and we will have a fun time.

## SHARING OF GIFTS

We have enjoyed special sharing time with the great chimes, choir, and member music lately. With the summer coming up, Chimes and Choir will be on hiatus. 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*

## NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at: <https://keizerchristian.org/newsletter/>  
Look for the next newsletter on **July 27<sup>th</sup>**.



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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

## PASTOR'S MOMENT

For many of you, last weekend was one in which you attended at least one if not multiple high school graduation ceremonies and/or celebrations. It is that time of year when these young people make a great transition, recognizing and celebrating the completing of 12 years of sustained student-hood. Some will continue on as students, though in a much more adult capacity in college or trade schools. Some will enter military service, continuing to learn and develop themselves there. Some will go abroad, some will stay home, some will enter the work force, jumping full force into adulthood. Whatever they end up doing, a significant stage of their lives is ending as a new one begins.

It is a time of recognition and celebration. It can

also be a time of anxiety, pressure, and some grief. Good-byes are being said. Long-term friendships and relationships are ending or significantly changing. For our graduates, this season of life can be bittersweet, or even kind of scary. It may be the first time in their lives that they find themselves facing a significant change or transition and that can be daunting. They will need the help of caring adults to navigate this time; people who have been there and survived to tell the tale.



I recently came across a quote that I think applies to times like graduation and any time, really, when we find ourselves navigating transition to something new. "New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings." I share it not to be a downer on what is traditionally an exciting and joyful time. It is definitely that. I want us to simply recognize that there is a mix of emotions in any significant change and that as people who have weathered such change ourselves, we can offer support and wisdom in that regard to our graduates along with our congratulations. It could be as simple as just naming what feelings they may be having other than excitement, or expectation; like anxiety, or even fear of the unknown future. We can let them know it is ok to talk about that along with their hope.

Sometimes, we need the same reminder that, along with our hope amidst change, there can be worry or fear. This is very human. One of the main ways to allay that fear is to remember Christ's promise to us, "I am with you."

  
Pastor Erik

*"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" ~ Matthew 28:20*

## 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](mailto: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 Van Moore in your prayers. His ankle was severely damaged on his last motorcycle ride and he will be going in for surgery to repair it on Thursday, June 15.
- ♥ Please pray for my brother-in-law, Carrol. He had three stents put in and was initially fine, then developed pneumonia and MRSA. Those conditions are now under control but he is still in the hospital. Also pray for his wife, Ruth. Margy McCurry
- ♥ Blessings to have Pastor Steve Knox preaching last week while Pastor Erik was on vacation. We also thank his wife Christy for attending.
- ♥ Congratulations to Nancy Dalrymple who will be retiring from the Salem-Keizer School District at the end of this year. Thank you for your great work with our young ones.
- ♥ Please pray for the Medrano family. They are having some health issues.
- ♥ Please pray for my husband Michael, retired-disabled from a broken back, and having a hard time with basic mobility issues this past week. Thank you, Traci Pearl

## GIVING TOTALS

June to date	
General Fund Offering	
1 <sup>st</sup> week	\$ 699.95
2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3,762.63
3 <sup>rd</sup> week	
4 <sup>th</sup> week	
Total for Month	\$ 4,462.58
Mo Budget	\$ 13,178.00

The May total giving was \$7,459.12 of our \$13,178.00 budget. Our Year-to-Date amount is almost even with our goal. Just a reminder. Our monthly offering is covering our payroll and utility bills. With good financial stewardship over the past few years, KCC does have a savings account that we are using to make all of our obligations at this time. Without additional giving, the savings account will continue to dwindle.

*"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*

## A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is also known as control, protection, supervision, trust, administration, care, governance, handling, operation, oversight, conservancy, maintenance, management, charge, direction, guardianship, keeping, ministration, and safekeeping. Wow, quite a few ways to express the simple meaning that we have been tasked with the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to our care. Thank you for your investment in KCC as a congregation, as a place of worship, as a space for fellowship, and location for learning and growing together. *Troy Costales*, Stewardship Chair







Owen Porter	7-7
Ana Medrano	7-17
Carol Reynolds	7-18
Bambi Medrano	7-18
Shirley Igou	7-20
Bryson Rodriguez	7-20
RubyMae Brown	7-20
Don Slack	7-26
Daniel Brown	7-27



Kim and Erik Free  
7-21

## MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **June 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Also, do **NOT** crush the bottles. They are not returnable if crushed. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

## REGISTER NOW FOR YOUTH CAMPS

**July 24-28, 2023:** Disciples Elementary Summer Camp for those who have completed grades 1-5. For more info and registration form click [<HERE>](#).



**August 7-11, 2023:** Disciples Middle and High School Summer Camp for those who have completed grades 6-12. For more information and registration form click [<HERE>](#). Please contact Stacy Shelton at [office@oidisciples.com](mailto:office@oidisciples.com) to request scholarship funds.

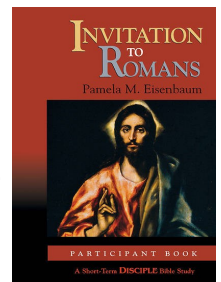
## KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 series "Invitation to Romans."



## 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.** Check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex or see Evelyn Hughes for more details.



## REGIONAL NEWS



The Regional Board has issued a call to Rev. Karen Renee Johnson Bridwell to serve as the Regional Interim Minister beginning on August 18. You can read more about her [<HERE>](#).

## DISCIPLE'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This came out in the latest regional newsletter: "Rev. Erik Free has been nominated to serve as a Vice Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United Church and Canada. Erik's nomination was voted on at the recent meeting of the Disciples of Christ General Board and will now be forwarded to the General Assembly in July held in Kentucky for vote."

When the General Assembly meets in Louisville, Kentucky July 29-August 1, 2023, it will be the first time in four years the church as a whole has gathered in person. The theme for the 2023 General Assembly is "Kingdom of God Within Us, Among Us." The theme is based on three scriptures: Luke 17:20- 21, Genesis 11:1-9, and 2 Peter 1:3. Let's be in prayer for Pastor Erik this summer.

**KINGDOM  
OF GOD  
WITHIN US  
AMONG US**

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3  
July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville



## KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

We have the month of June off because our scheduled night falls on Juneteenth, a national holiday. We will serve again on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The pantry shelves empty quickly and the need for the following food items is great: canned meats, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, soup and mac & cheese. In the month of June lets fill the food box in the narthex to overflowing.

*Pam Elliot*

### Core Foods

#### **Canned · Frozen Fresh · Repack**

- ◆ Canned Protein
- ◆ Cold Cereal
- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Vegetables
- ◆ Shelf Stable Beans
- ◆ Peanut Butter—16-18 ounce
- ◆ Tomato Products—can/jar
- ◆ Shelf Stable Dairy—package/carton
- ◆ Eggs
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Flour
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Soup

*Be sure to check expiration dates!  
Fresh Produce is always welcome!*

**Above are some of the core foods that we are always in need of. Feel free to bring them in and put them in the box in the Narthex.**



## UNSUNG HEROES

A great big THANK YOU to Gerry Henjum for the wonderful Pentecost decoration. Thank you also for all of the flowers and decorations that you change to follow our seasons in the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall. Your work is greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank and recognize those who have created many of the beautiful banners and to Pastor Erik for changing out our banners to follow the seasons and letting us display his batik in the entryway. They make our church very welcoming.



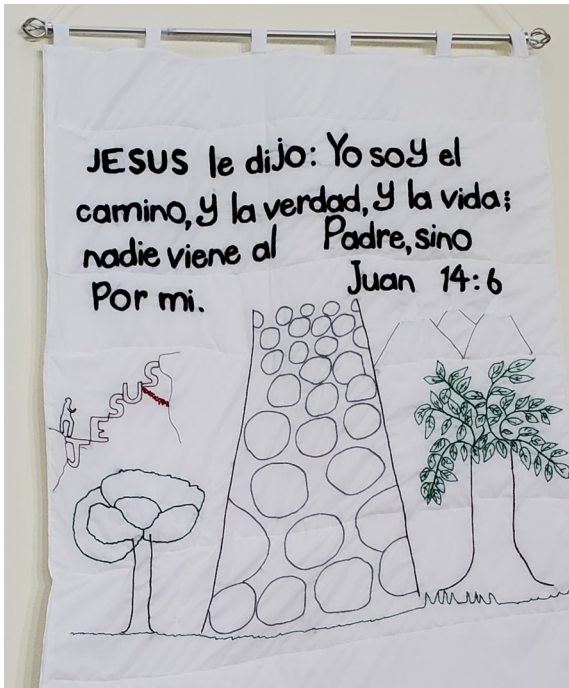
Left—  
Pentecost  
decoration  
by Gerry  
Henjum



Right—  
Banner by  
Eleanor Alt



Left—  
Batik on loan from  
Pastor Erik and Kim  
Free  
Located on the left side  
of the entryway.



Left—Banner by Vidalia Lopez  
(Translation: Jesus answered them, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.")



Right—Banner by Betty Swick

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

Thank you to those who have signed up to bring treats for Coffee Fellowship Time. We have tried to make it easier for setup and have the Secretary prepare the tables for you. The treat provider is responsible for bringing treats, setting them out on the tables, starting the coffee pot and hot water, and all cleanup of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen when done. Please sign up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall door. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Thank you to all of our generous donors to the Capital Campaign. So far, we have raised a total of \$10,835. We have spent a total of \$1,166 for striping the parking lot and purchase/installation of the "No Trucks" sign. The balance in our account of \$9,669 will go towards the remaining projects.

We have several estimates for the electrical work, roof and gutter washing, sprinklers, etc. and are in the process of acquiring more. For more information, please contact Ed Query, Property Chair.

Please remember that we are still counting on the giving of regular tithes and offerings for normal operating expenses. The money given for Capital Campaign Funds are only used for our specified projects, over and above these needs.

You can designate the amount designated toward the Campaign on your check memo line, giving envelope, or through the on-line portal at:

<https://www.continuetogive.com/4904063>.



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## SERMON SERIES

### Summer Series 1: God's Creative Connection, cont.

- June 18—Sermon: “Creative Hospitality”** Genesis 18:1-15  
*When we welcome guests, we welcome God.*
- June 25—Sermon: “Creating Promise Out of Pain”** Genesis 21:8-21  
*God works to redeem what humans mess up.*
- July 2—Sermon: “God Will Provide?”** Genesis 22:1-14  
*We trust God when we don't understand.*
- July 9—Sermon: “Designing Love”** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
*God brings people together for lifelong relationships.*

### Summer Series 2: Broken News for Tough Times begins July 16

*Paul's letter to the Romans is addressed to people he had never met, in the hopes of encouraging and building up this community to which he dreamed of traveling. He knew the Christian life was a perilous one, and the world in which the church was growing and spreading was unpredictable and increasingly diverse. We learn how God sustains us in the midst of brokenness and helps us find wholeness and unity, no matter what crises we are facing.*