

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Meeting Human Need”

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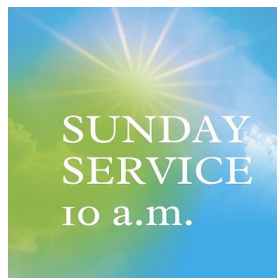
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WORSHIP SERVICES

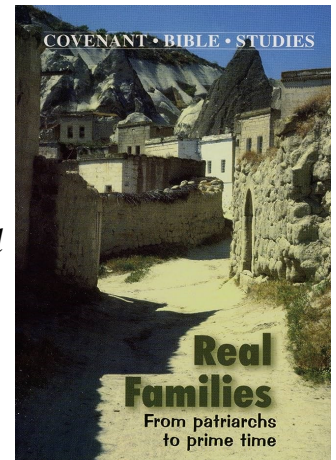


Worship Services are held in-person and live on YouTube at 10 AM each Sunday. The YouTube link for each service will be sent out in the bulletin and also posted on Facebook and the KCC Website. You can always watch our worship services on our YouTube

channel here: YouTube

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will start up again this fall on **Thursday, September 14th at 11 am**. Our study for the fall will be “*Real Families, From Patriarchs to Prime Time*.” We will meet each Thursday at 11 am in the library. Come join us.



CHIMES AND CHOIR



Chimes and Choir will begin rehearsals in mid-September. If you would like to be in one of these groups, talk to me after church or email me [HERE](#).

There will be certain days that our choir and chimes are unable to share their gifts with you so if you have something you would like to share, please let me know.

Elizabeth

NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at: <https://keizerchristian.org/newsletter/>

Look for the next newsletter on **September 28th**.



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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

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PASTOR'S MOMENT

Believe it or not, while there is still another month of Summer left, school starts for thousands of local kids in a mere two weeks' time! For those of us who have been outside this imposed scholastic cycle of school year/holiday breaks, in class/out of class, rest/work it may be hard to remember what it feels like to face the beginning of the school year. Try though. Try to remember what it feels like to anxiously anticipate the return to the classroom and its routine, its stresses and successes, its dangers and hierarchy, social cliques, friends, and enemies.



I remember feeling anxious and excited to begin school again each year. There were always things I looked forward to and many I did not. I was excited for new classes, new things to learn, new teachers to experience. The nice thing about being immersed in that pattern of the rest and renewal of Summer and the new beginning exercise of a new school year is that we didn't have to think about it too much. The pattern just WAS; it just happened to us. We needed the rest and we needed the new challenges as well, in order to continue to grow as people.

Being outside that imposed pattern, us older folks must create that pattern of rest and work, renewal and starting anew for ourselves. It still remains as something we need to grow, lest we stay stuck in less healthy routines where we are allowed to remain static, unmoving. Our culture would have us believe that we aren't growing or succeeding unless we are working at something, moving forward, always doing and producing. This is a lie. We learn so much about ourselves and our experiences when we stop and look back, reflect, rest. Then, and only then, can we engage in the expansive work of starting again. While most of us can't just take three months off each Summer, we can create this life-giving and life-affirming pattern in our lives in other ways.

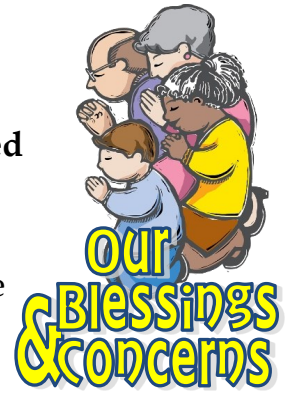
Learn how to stop. Learn how to begin again. It may take some practice if you haven't stopped doing for a while. Remember, this is a biblical pattern. Jesus modeled for us a regular pattern of work and rest, doing and reflecting on the doing. New beginnings are so important. We can't have them unless we stop every now and then. It is part of following Jesus.


Pastor Erik

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
~ Romans 12:2

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.



♥ Good News! LeRoy and Wilma are doing well and not in need of additional help right now. Their grandson has been able to be at home more this month. Thank you to all of you who have given your time to be there as respite care for both of them. Thank you to Laurie Costales for helping me to create the Signup Genius list. Thank you to Troy Costales, Erik Free, Don Kirkwood, Jane Slack, and Don and Marsha Kaehler for visiting with the Bogues. Nancy Dalrymple

THANK YOU FROM DOUG AND CATHY

Our Regional Co-ministers have officially retired and written a very heartwarming thank you to all of the regional churches. Here is an excerpt:

“We truly cannot thank you enough for your support and for the joys of partnering with you in regional ministries through these many years. We're very grateful for our memorable gathering on July 15, love gifts of many kinds, and the music from Peniel Ministries, Pacific Islands Family Church and Portland First Christian Church. We appreciate so much the hospitality of First Christian Church in Portland, allowing us to come full circle to the place where we met and were married. So many of you worked hard in preparation, travelled many miles or gave up other activities to come together on that special day.”



If you wish to read the full letter it is [<HERE>](#)

GIVING TOTALS

August to date	
General Fund Offering	
1 st week	\$ 1,615.00
2 nd week	2,562.58
3 rd week	1,714.58
4 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 5,892.16
Mo Budget	\$ 13,178.00

The July total giving was \$9,974.25 of our \$13,178.00 budget. Our Year-to-Date amount is below our goal. While our monthly offering is covering most of the payroll and utility bills, we are using savings to make up the difference. 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



Donovin Lepe	9-3
Peggy Young	9-5
Kathee Moore	9-5
Alta Goldsby	9-10
Anne Ryan	9-15
Ed Query	9-17
Erik Free	9-23
Simon Blair	9-24
Marsha Kaehler	9-30
Ashlynn Hughes	9-30



Elizabeth & Troy Duncanson	9-3
Mark & Kathryn Dodge	9-18

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **September 2nd**. 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.

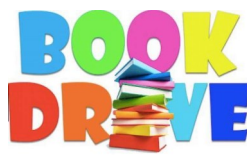
KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, September 27th 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.

D.A.R. CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE



Do you have any children's books that you are willing to donate? Nancy Dalrymple and Jane Slack are collecting them for a donation to Richmond Elementary School. This book drive is for the Chemeketa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Thank you to Nancy Dalrymple for providing birthday treats and taking a photo of our August Birthday attendees.



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.



FOOD BANK PHOTOS



We had a large selection of fresh fruits available this week (top, right).

The "extra" table (above) and pantry (right) were well stocked too.

Photos by Troy Costales



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Our last service day was Monday, August 21st. Again, we had a wonderful group of helpers to set up, pick up and stock the food, bag the amazing amount of produce we received, and serve our clients.

We estimate that we served over 80 people, many of them lined up by 3 pm.

Thank you to those who donated items here at KCC, the box was overflowing this month. We also want to thank the McNary Estates Garage sale group that collected food donations and delivered all 2700 pounds of it yesterday for us to use. In addition, Fred Meyer donated a huge amount of milk and we had a lot of bread items to hand out.

Our next serving day is September 18th. We can use people at various times throughout the day and in the afternoon beginning at 4:00 to start serving clients.

Pam Elliot

UNSUNG HEROES



Thank you to Roger Elliot who weeded the fence area on the west side of the parking lot. We appreciate how nice it looks!

THANK YOU

A great big thank you to all of those who helped plan, put together crafts and activities, and staff the booths for Bible Adventure Fest on August 19th.

We had an amazing crew of 35 helpers from KCC, La Iglesia Cristiana Jehova-Nisi and the Chuukese Church of Christ.

Families attended together and including the adults, we had around 40 people total during the event.

Thanks to the Puppo, Ryan, Free, and Hughes families for loaning their tents so we could all have some shade!

BIBLE ADVENTURE FEST 2023

From Bible Stories with crafts and activities, to bubbles, games, snacks, and washable tattoos a great time was had by all!



Bible Stories



Games



Lots of bubbles!



More Bible Stories



Registration



Once they finished all of the activities, they returned to the registration table for their prize. The grand prize winner of the Super Soaker 300 was Kaiah from the Chuukese Church



*Photos by:
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More Bible Stories



Snacks



Snacks



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SERMON SERIES

August 27—Sermon: “Humility in the Body” Romans 12:1-8

We are called not to be conformed in the way of the world but transformed by the Spirit.

September 3—Sermon: “The True Christian” Romans 12:9-21

God wants us to share the genuine love he shows to us with naturally unlovable people.

Fall Series 1: No Fair

One of the first lessons of social interaction we learn as children is that things don't always seem fair. Sometimes our brother gets a bigger scoop of ice cream, or a friend gets a longer turn on the swing. As adults, maybe we feel the boss passed us over for a promotion or raise. The gospel of Christ is not merely personal, but social. Followers of Christ are called to model the kind of selfless love that Jesus exemplifies, even when people seem utterly underserving of it. The amazing grace we so joyfully sing about for ourselves is not easy to swallow when we watch someone else receive it, but this is the heart of Christian community.

September 10—Sermon: “How to Fight like a Christian” Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus gives a plan for settling conflict in the church.

September 17—Sermon: “The Math of Forgiveness” Matthew 18:21-35

Real grace means losing count of wrongs.

September 24—Sermon: “A Fair Wage” Matthew 20:1-16

We don't get what we deserve.