

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. 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 services on our YouTube channel here: YouTube

TRUNK OR TREAT

Tuesday, October 31st
at 5-6 PM



We had a great turn-out last year for our annual Trunk or Treat. Even though it was rainy and we moved the event into the Fellowship Hall everyone had a fun time. We are already beginning to plan for this year. We would like 10 to 12 stations (cars or chairs and tables) to hand out candy. Decorating and costumes are optional. We would ask that you bring enough candy for 400 children for your station. If you are supplying small candies, keep in mind that you will probably give out more than one. Sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can reserve your spot!!

If you aren’t able to host a car or table, we are looking for donations of actual candy or money towards purchasing candy. Please bring all candy or donations to church by October 22nd. For questions, please see Kim Free, Outreach Committee chair.

NEWSLETTER

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

Look for the next newsletter on **October 26th**.



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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Fall is HERE! Have you completely overindulged in pumpkin spice flavored everything yet? I heard you can even get pumpkin spice flavored SPAM of all things! So . . . that exists. (bleghhh)



Anyway, like many, Fall (or Autumn if you're fancy) is one of my favorite seasons. I love the cooler temperatures and finally being able to wear long sleeves again. I love the changing of the leaves, but not the picking them up off my lawn. I even love the rainy days, perfect for staying inside and reading a good book. It does seem strange, though, that a season of change like Fall is so loved by so many; that it is the change from hot

summer days to cool Fall and eventually cold Winter ones that we look forward to. It seems counter-intuitive even, that we would so embrace this change to worse weather year after year when most other types of change we shy away from.

I think a large part of our paradoxical love of the transformative time of Fall rests in the experience of warmth in response to the ever increasing cold. In Summer, it is warm everywhere. We can experience warmth easily. Once Fall arrives we tend to value it a lot more, and not just the warmth that comes with greater temperatures, but the warmth that comes from personal contact and fellowship as well. Idyllic pictures of Fall often include steaming mugs of hot drinks and friends on couches with blankets, sharing the warmth in increasing degrees of temperature and closeness. We remember how much we need one another during this season.

We witness the changing world around us, that life happens in cycles; how God's creation provides for us from its abundance. Harvest is celebrated. May the God of all good things warm your heart this Fall. May you be inspired by the changing of the seasons to embrace change in your own life; to welcome it as an opportunity for growth, to increase in love and faith.

Pastor Erik

"Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. The Lord will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase." ~ Psalm 85:10, 12

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.



- ♥ Thank you so much for the prayers during my recent illness. I made it back to work last week! God bless us all, Traci Pearl
- ♥ We have just received word that Loretta Blush Walker passed away last Friday, September 22. There is no word on memorial service at this time. Please be in prayer for her family. Pete and Ruth Vrontakis
- ♥ Update on Margy McCurry - Nothing is broken from her recent fall but she is still in a lot of pain. Prayers for healing. She and Bob could also use some meals so I have set up a meal schedule beginning Wednesday, September 27th. Please sign up at the following link: <https://takethemameal.com/GTPS2647> or call me and I can sign you up. Laurie

GIVING TOTALS

September to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 915.00
2 nd week	2725.21
3 rd week	2619.95
4 th week	1,191.51
Total for Month	\$ 7,451.67
Mo Budget	\$ 13,178.00

The August total giving was \$8,152.07 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

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Over time we have the chance to build momentum. Pick up speed. Add to our strength. Bring others in to the grace of our Lord. And by divine wisdom we get the chance to rest and take stock in all that we have done.



I ask you to look back. Smile at what we have accomplished together through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We have done amazing things and will continue to make a difference in the lives of those around us and in our community. Thank you for being such wonderful stewards of the gifts and treasures that have been placed in your hands.

Soon you will receive our 2024 Stewardship Campaign letter. While we can look behind at some amazing accomplishments, we also can look ahead at our plans for the future. Our ability to be the light in the world around us will only happen through our praises and sharing of our gifts. When you receive our 2024 letter, remember what we have done as you prayerfully consider your pledge for our tomorrows. *Troy Costales*, Stewardship Chair



Vicki Zielinski	10-8
Evelyn Hughes	10-12
Ruth Vrontakis	10-22
Laurie Costales	10-29



John & Bry Campos 10-10

DEACON MEETING

We will have a short Deacon meeting in the kitchen after church on **Sunday, October 1st.**

There are some upcoming events that we will plan and it's good to just get together and touch base.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON, PLEASE SEE LAURIE COSTALES!

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **September 30th**. 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.

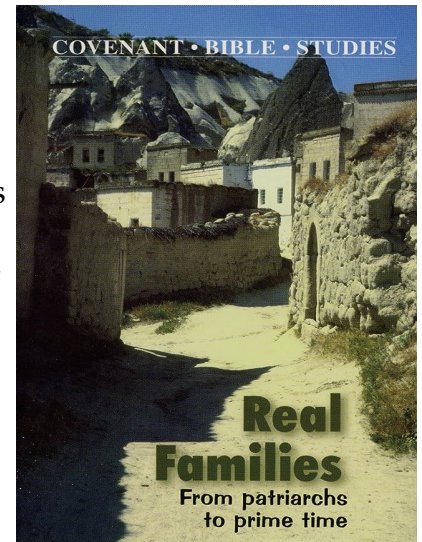


PLEASE NOTE: Make sure your containers say **OR 10¢** on them. Also, do **NOT** crush the bottles. They are not returnable if crushed. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is meeting each **Thursday, at 11 am.** Please join us for some lively discussion of God's Word. If you want to know the particular verses for the week to study, please call the office or Pastor Erik.

We are using the Covenant Bible Studies "Real Families. From patriarchs to prime time."



KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, October 25th 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.

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.



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

On the last beautiful summer/fall day of September we served 84 families. There seems to be no decrease in the numbers we are getting each opening. We have people beginning to line up as early as 2:00 and I heard that on Thursday morning some people show up as early as 6:30.

In October we serve on our regular night, the 16th. On the fifth Monday, October 30th all the churches are helping and we will need 2 people to volunteer with Roger and me.

The following are items we really need: cereal, mac & cheese, soup, and tuna. Please help if you can.

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 or make a donation and we will purchase them for you.

UNSUNG HEROES



Thank you to Dena Query who always puts the labels on our blue bags for pop can/bottle donations.

Dena, Sue Day, and Laurie Costales also take turns taking sacks to the bottle drop donation center.

LIFE ENRICHMENT

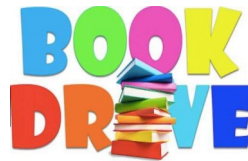
- ◆ Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- ◆ When everything is coming your way you are in the wrong lane.
- ◆ Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- ◆ Birthdays are good for you, the more you have the longer you live.
- ◆ Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you are the statue.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Mark your calendars. This year we will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on **Sunday November 12th at 5:30 PM.** We are coordinating this event with our sister congregation from Jehova-Nisi to attend as well. More information to follow, check your bulletins and emails.



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. Nancy has already taken one batch to the school and they were very appreciative.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Living Simply

When: October 21, 2023 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00p.m.

Where: Murray Hills Christian Church
15050 SW Weir Rd., Beaverton, OR

Cost: \$30 (\$20 if you are a first-time attendee). KCC Women's Ministry has funds to help cover this cost if needed.

Contact person: Dena Query

Dena will be taking her van up and has room for seven passengers. Join your fellow regional women for this one-day event around the concept of decluttering and living more simply.

Registration forms are in the Narthex. Please turn in to Dena by **October 8th.**

Programs and resources are provided to you by your Regional Church and the whole church ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which are supported by Disciples Mission Fund, Annual Fund gifts, the Christmas Offering, designated gifts, and invested funds. Learn more about the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho [HERE](#).





*Sound the Trumpets: Unmuted Witness;
Uncommon Love; United Service*

Number 10:4-7

Reconciliation Ministry is an invaluable part of our church as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. When we encounter the perils of systemic racism, we sound the trumpet. In every expression of the Church, we sound the alarms so that we may be the hands and feet of Christ in the face of racial inequity and injustice. Just like the camps of the east and south in Israel, called together at the sound of the trumpets in the book of Numbers, Disciples are called together as an anti-racist and pro-reconciling faith movement.

For example, some of our congregations host “Be the Neighbor” programs that invite youth and young adults to witness to Christ’s love through anti-oppression education and community service in support of neighbors in need.

Your generous giving to our shared ministry of Reconciliation, allows us to join the cacophony of trumpets sounding the alarm to unmute our witness on behalf of the voiceless, to shine the light of Christ’ uncommon love, and to advocate for justice through our united service and ministry of reconciliation. Will you join Reconciliation Ministry as we seek to extend the reach of Christ’s invitation to abundant life for all of God’s children.

Thank you for your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry!

www.reconciliationministry.org

You can also donate to the Reconciliation Offering on the KCC website through our “Give” button and choose “Regional Special Day Offerings”, or by putting a check or cash in an envelope designated “Reconciliation Offering” and putting it in the offering plate.



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SERMON SERIES

Fall Series 2: The Enemies of Gratitude

The fall is typically the season in which most churches make their case for financially supporting their ministry while also teaching the biblical principles of giving. This series offers an opportunity to teach gratitude by calling out the things that keep us from being truly grateful.

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| October 1—Sermon: “Nostalgia”
<i>Glorifying the past blinds us to present blessings.</i> | Exodus 17:1-17 |
| October 8—Sermon: “Worry”
<i>It’s not about less stress, but more trust.</i> | Philippian's 4:1-19 |
| October 15—Sermon: “Entitlement”
<i>None of us “deserves” the invitation, but we share it anyway.</i> | Matthew 22:1-14 |
| October 22—Sermon: “Greed”
<i>Give to God what is God’s (i.e., everything).</i> | Matthew 22:15-22 |
| October 29—Sermon: “Disappointment”
<i>Don’t let loss keep you from appreciating the good.</i> | Deuteronomy 34:1-12 |