

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

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Look for the next newsletter on **April 25th**.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

PALM SUNDAY: March 24th

Everyone is encouraged to meet in the Narthex and process in with palm frond during the prelude. We will



have plenty of palm fronds available for all. After church we will have an all-church potluck with our sister church, La Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: March 28th

We will be holding our Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, March 30th

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 30th at 10:00 am. 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.

EASTER: March 31st

The spirit of Easter is all about hope, love, and joyful living. Come join us for our time of Worship on Easter Sunday at 10 am.

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



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PASTOR'S MOMENT

Well, were almost there, folks! That's right, the end of Lent is nigh upon us. Holy Week begins this Sunday with Palm Sunday and celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Like most things Jesus did, he did it in an untypical, unexpected, and very specific to his purpose fashion. Holy Week marks the culmination and destination of this season of preparation. Consequently, we, much like our forebears, tend to build up a lot of expectation around the coming of Jesus, then and now and in the future. While that excitement and expectation is certainly warranted, we would do well to, at the same time, recognize that Jesus came then in an expectation-defying manner, and he will very likely continue to do so. One of our core expectations surrounding Jesus should always be the expectation to be surprised.

The very idea of expecting to be surprised would seem to be a contradiction, since it wouldn't really be a surprise if you were

expecting it, would it? I suppose what I'm really saying is have your expectations, retain your hope for what the coming of Jesus into the world and into your life and the lives of others will mean, and at the same time be ready for those hopes and expectations to be surpassed or even seemingly ignored for something better.



The point of all our preparation is not merely to be ready to receive what we can imagine for ourselves in the coming of Jesus, but what God can imagine. Holy Week and Easter are something we celebrate every year and as such we run the risk of the practical functions of the celebrations becoming routine. We fool ourselves into thinking we have it all sorted out; the services, and the meals, the egg hunts, and the Sunday school lessons. This Holy Week and Easter, let us take some of our organizational energy and use it to open up a significant portion of ourselves to the possibility of being surprised. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's sacrifice and resurrection and promise of new life, remember how surprising it all truly is, that God loves us this much, that God covenants with us to this degree and will never stop loving us.

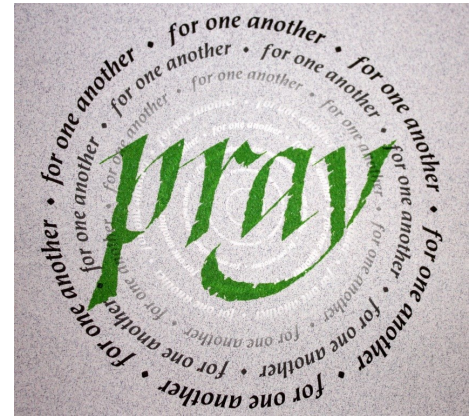

Pastor Erik

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” ~ Matthew 11:9

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 Sue Day in your prayers. She is going in for some more medical tests this week.
- ♥ Please be in prayer for the extended Costales family. Troy's Aunt BJ was diagnosed with cancer last week and is now on hospice. Pray for traveling mercies for his mom, Karen and cousin, Erinn who have traveled to visit with BJ in California.
- ♥ It was wonderful to share stories and our love of Wilma Bogue with LeRoy Bogue, his grandson J.C. and several friends of Wilma's last Sunday.



GIVING TOTALS

March to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 11,340.25
2 nd week	4,713.54
3 rd week	1,203.54
4 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 17,257.33
Mo Budget	\$ 12,136.00

The February total giving was \$7,762.51 of our \$12,136.00 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.

If you are unable to attend service, you can give online through the secure giving portal [<HERE>](#) or mail a check to the office "Attention: Financial Secretary."

"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

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

The All Church Potluck is coming up this weekend, March 24th after church. Bring your dish with you to church! If you have not signed up yet, we are in need of desserts!



DEACON MEETING ON APRIL 7



The Deacons will meet on April 7th after church, in the kitchen. We will be discussing our participation in Pentecost and the 3rd quarter potluck planning.

Please come with your ideas and suggestions! If you have anything to put on the agenda, please contact Laurie Costales.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study



Bible Study continues to meet each Thursday at 11 am in the library. All are welcome!

We will continue our study on "God's Ordinary People" by Michael E. Dixon until Easter.

Beginning April 1 we will start "Freedom in Christ, a study of Galatians, Titus, and Philemon.

UNsung HEROES

Thank you to Sue Day who sewed a beautiful new runner for the communion table. We have many of them, but our green "ordinary time" runner was getting worn.

Look for it in person after the Lent Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost seasons are over.



If you are wondering about the church calendar and colors, Pastor Erik wrote about them in the January Newsletter [<HERE>](#).

MEN'S GROUP



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

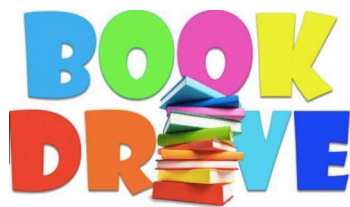
Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, March 27th from 4:30-6:30 pm** at St. Edward's Catholic Church.



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. She plans to take them periodically as we collect more of them. You can bring the books to church and we will collect them for the next batch to be delivered.

Gerry Henjum	4-3
Riley Blair	4-19

Jay & Tammy
Puppo

4-25

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 drink table for you and put out silverware, plates, and napkins.

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.

Thank you to Nancy Dalrymple and Paul Costales for providing treats for Birthday Sunday on March 10th. Here is a photo of Pam, Cindy and Nancy with the birthday cakes.



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



After having February off, we were welcomed back on March 18th with a beautiful spring day! We served 118 families. We are having to purchase more and more with our own funds because our deliveries from MPFS are small and limited in variety.

All core food is needed and especially peanut butter, cereal, canned meat, and soup.

Our next serving night is April 15th.

Pam Elliot

Core Foods

Canned · Frozen Fresh · Repack

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

Be sure to check expiration dates!

Fresh Produce is always welcome!

At the left are some of the core foods that we are always in need of at the **Food Bank**.

Feel free to bring them in and put them in the box in the Narthex or make a monetary donation and we will purchase them for you.

The ones printed in **BOLD** are the ones most needed.



INDOOR PARK

KCC Indoor Park was created provide an indoor play facility for parents and caregivers and their pre-Kindergarten age children where they can practice large motor skills and socialization.

We were excited to re-open Indoor Park in Spring of 2023 and are enjoying seeing families use our space. The format has changed since COVID-19 so please click [HERE](#) to be directed to our page for more information.

Available by appointment only. You can reserve by emailing or calling the office.

The fee is \$5 per group, per day for use of KCC toys and cleaning supplies. Play time for your group is between 9 am and noon on the reserved day with up to ½ hour afterwards allotted for cleanup. Each group must clean and sanitize all toys, equipment, and tables used during their play time.



DIAPER DRIVE FOR YOUNGLIVES



Our church is beginning a support relationship with the local ministry, YoungLives, that ministers with teen mothers and their children. They are currently experiencing a shortage of diapers to provide their moms and have asked for our help. So, we are having a DIAPER DRIVE! For the next two weeks we will be collecting all sizes of diapers at the church, so the next time you find yourself at the store, pick up a pack or a box and bring it down. We will be presenting them to the YoungLives director, Rebekah Hamilton, when she visits our congregation on Sunday, April 7th to share with us more about YoungLives.

EASTER OFFERING

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED,

ALLELUIA! Five words. Our united and active response to Easter. It is an affirmation of faith. It is our faithful response to the power of resurrection at work in our congregations, communities, and Ministries across the world. Because Jesus is risen, we are set free, indeed, to share the limitless love of God, set free from the grip of sin and death, set free to rise together in shared ministry, language, and service.

Several times a year, congregations receive a special offering to support the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These gifts are given above and beyond the regular core support of Disciples Mission Fund.

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on March 24 & 31, 2024, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

You can give by putting "Easter Offering" on your check or giving envelope. If you would like to donate online, click on the link [<HERE>](#)..



CHUUKESE EASTER FEST

Salem Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ (DOC) is hosting this year's PNW Chuukese Easter Fest at Claggett Creek Middle School on March 29, 30, and 31. It will include basketball and volleyball competitions and worship service. Saturday noon to 6 pm will be sports. Friday and Sunday, worship will start at 2 pm. All are welcome to come and participate. Questions contact Kim Free 503-501-0336



FLOWER FUNDRAISER



Attached you will find an order form for our annual Women's Ministry Fundraiser. This year we have more than geraniums!!! Please take a look at our offerings and if you have any questions, feel free to call the office or Dena Query.

Orders are due by Sunday, April 14th and flowers will be available on Saturday, May 4th at 11 am or Sunday, May 5th before and after church.

RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK. TONER

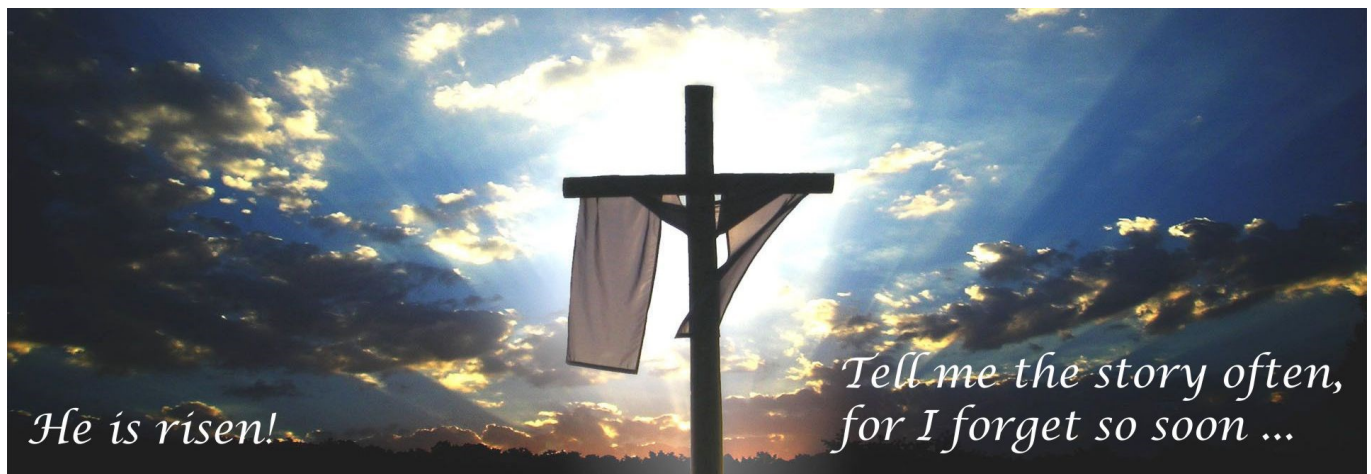


From April 22nd to May 4th, we are able to participate in "Earth Day Give" which lets us get an extra 20% on all bottles and cans that are turned in. Let's bring in those cans and bottles. The funds go towards Children's Summer Camp scholarships.

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.



We are still turning in used ink cartridges and toners. The funds for those are used to buy office supplies for special children's events like Bible Adventure Fest.





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SERMON SERIES

Easter Series

When thinking about what makes a person a Christian, we often start with belief. Someone confesses faith in Jesus, then learns what is expected of his or her behavior as a Christian, and finally the person finds belonging in a community with other Christians. But Jesus didn't work that way, nor does that pattern work for many on the outskirts of the church today. In this Easter series we explore the ways in which Christ lived out a gospel of homecoming and modeled the primary need for and power of belonging, even before we know what exactly we believe or how we are to behave.

March 31 – Sermon: “Insider Knowledge” John 20:1-18

Mary didn't recognize the risen Christ until she heard her name and she knew he was known.

April 7 – Sermon: “In Defense of Doubt” John 20:19-31

The strength of our faith does not come from certainty; it is forged in the furnace of doubt.

April 14 – Sermon: “Eating with Ghosts” Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus meets his sacred disciples with an invitation to fellowship.

April 21 – Sermon: “When You Say Nothing at All” Psalm 23

Sometimes the most powerful way to communicate belonging is to say nothing and simply be present.

April 28 – Sermon: “Follow the Verbs” Acts 8:26-40

Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch show us how to walk with “the other” on the road to belonging.

May 5 – Sermon: “When Jesus Interrupts” Acts 10:44-48

Jesus continues to interrupt and rearrange our understanding and ordering of salvation.



KCC WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Flower Order Form

Orders due by April 14, 2023

Flowers will be available AT CHURCH on Saturday, May 4 at 11 am or Sunday, May 5 before and after service.

Please give us your phone number so that we may contact you if needed.

- ◇ Our new vendor is **Pedersen's Nursery** (formerly Egan's), located at 9805 River Road N, Salem OR 97303
- ◇ The geraniums are the same size as previous years, 5½" pots.
- ◇ The hanging baskets are larger size 12" baskets. There are three different types of flowers to choose from in hanging baskets: Petunia's, fuchsias, and calibrachoa (1" blossoms that resemble tiny petunias). See ordering information on back for available colors.
- ◇ 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 Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Name _____ Phone _____

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	
PURPLE GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
ORANGE GERANIUM	x	\$8.00	
Pederson's Gift Card (\$20 value)	x	\$20.00	
FRONT PAGE TOTAL			\$

SEE BACK FOR 12" HANGING BASKETS

PETUNIA



FUCHSIA



CALIBRACHOA



ITEM	QUANTITY ORDERED	PRICE EACH	SUBTOTAL
12" HANGING BASKETS			
WHITE Petunia	x	\$25.00	
WHITE Fuchsia	x	\$25.00	
WHITE Calibrachoa *	x	\$25.00	
RED Petunia	x	\$25.00	
RED Fuchsia	x	\$25.00	
RED Calibrachoa *	x	\$25.00	
PINK Petunia	x	\$25.00	
PINK Fuchsia	x	\$25.00	
PINK Calibrachoa *	x	\$25.00	
LAVENDER Petunia	x	\$25.00	
LAVENDER Fuchsia	x	\$25.00	
LAVENDAR Calibrachoa *	x	\$25.00	
SALMON Petunia	x	\$25.00	
SALMON Fuchsia	x	\$25.00	
SALMON Calibrachoa *	x	\$25.00	
PURPLE Petunia	x	\$25.00	
PURPLE Fuchsia	x	\$25.00	
PURPLE Calibrachoa *	x	\$25.00	
ORANGE Petunia	x	\$25.00	
ORANGE Fuchsia	x	\$25.00	
ORANGE Calibrachoa *	x	\$25.00	
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