



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**

Come join us for this week’s sermon: “Stand” from Ephesians 6:10-20. Learn to put on the armor of God.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Your faithful and loving support helps KCC to continue the mission and ministry that God has laid before us. Our giving over the course of the last few months has dropped. There are many situations in our lives that can impact our financial giving and we appreciate your gifts and financial investment in KCC. Please remember your gift when you are absent or are going to be absent. Together we make a difference.



Troy Costales, Stewardship Chair

NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

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

When you put God in charge of your life, no one can take you out of line.

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9 am to 1 pm

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PASTOR'S MOMENT

Fall is coming! Recent rains and cooler weather have given us a taste of many peoples' favorite season approaching, Fall. I even wore a flannel shirt the other day! It was glorious.



Summer is a wonderful time, full of activity and projects and it seems to always go by too fast. Summer camps have come and gone. Final trips before school starts again are being planned. Parents are looking forward to children being occupied at school once again.

Fall is a time of new beginnings, return to familiar routines, and for many, a time to rest. The mad rush of Summer is over, but the weather is still nice enough to spend lots of time outside. The air turns brisk and nature starts showing

off its colors. For many, myself included, Fall is a calm between busier times; a time to rest and reflect. I usually take my personal retreat time in the Fall, during October, for this very purpose. Back to school season has settled down by then and Advent season has yet to begin. There is a bit of a lull in activity. We need these slow times.

This year I will be extending my spiritual retreat time into a short sabbatical for the entire month of October. During this time, I will devote some time for reading and reflection, family vacation time, focused spiritual retreat time, and some personal projects. I spoke last Sunday during the sermon about being filled to overflowing and pouring oneself out for the sake of God's Kingdom. Scripture also encourages us to seek balance and rest in our lives in order to make the pouring out possible and sustainable. I encourage each of you to seek that balance in your own lives the best ways you can.

While I am gone, you will enjoy the leadership of your loving and talented Elders as well as the preaching of one or perhaps several of our amazing Disciples preachers from around the region. Pastoral concerns, prayer requests, visitation, etc. will be handled by the church Elders in my absence. I will be back for the Trunk-or-Treat event because there is no way I would pass up the opportunity to dress up and get candy. ☺ May God continue to bless you and give you peace.

Pastor Erik

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

~ Matthew 11:28

BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

To include Blessings and Concerns on the weekly email sent out on Tuesday, 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 pray for Dave Barker. He was transported to the hospital by ambulance on Saturday, August 17th. He has multiple heart issues. He will be transferred soon to St. Vincent's in Portland for a special surgery on his heart. JoAnn has been spending her time at the hospital with Dave (with breaks from her boys). Keep Dave and the family in your prayers.
- ♥ Please pray for Lee. He's spent an extra few days in the hospital after surgery with a spinal fluid leak. He's home recuperating now. Pray for continued healing and rest for us both. Thank you-Evelyn Hughes.



GIVING TOTALS

August to date <u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 490.00
2 nd week	4,050.38
3 rd week	1,162.39
4 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 5,702.77
Mo Budget	\$ 12,136.00

The July total giving was \$8,754.20 of our \$12,136.00 budget. 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.

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

September Servers

DATE	PRAYER PRESIDER	USHER
9/1	Ed Q.	Dena Q.
9/8	Mike R.	Kim F.
9/15	Troy C.	Vicki Z.
9/22	Nancy D.	Dan K.
9/29	Pam E.	Peggy Y.

UNSUNG HEROES



Thank you to Shelley Day who continues to sub in the office for me when I go on vacation. You are a blessing! Laurie Costales

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **August 31st**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study



Bible Study will be resuming on **September 6th**. We will meet each Thursday at 11 am. See Pastor Erik for our new curriculum.

RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK AND TONER



Thank you to everyone for bringing in your bottles and cans. Just a reminder that this is a year-round fundraiser and all funds go towards Children's Summer Camp scholarships.

NOTE: Please make sure that all items have OR 10¢ on them and that they are rinsed out. Also, please do not crush them as we don't get credit for crushed ones or those missing their bar codes.

We are still turning in used ink cartridges and toners. The funds for those are used to buy craft and office supplies for special children's events like Fun in the Field.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

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Join us!



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 coffee, drink table items, 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 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Donovin Lepe 9-3

Kathee Moore 9-5

Peggy Young 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

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, August 28th** from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Core Foods

Canned · Frozen Fresh · Repack

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

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

Editor's Note: Monetary donations to KCC for support of the Food Bank have allowed us supplement our pantry boxes with tuna for the last FIVE months.
Thank you for your generosity!



We are also in need of cardboard boxes for the pantry food.

The increased number of clients has increased our need for these boxes.

Medium size boxes (8" up to about 24") are best.

Please remove your name and address from the boxes and bring them to the office. **Thank you!**

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



I was a pleasant summer day for our Monday, August 19th serving day. We received a lot of produce from MPFS and enough meat in the freezer so that each client would receive some. We had a small crew but served 140 clients in rapid time. By the end of the evening the pantry and tables were bare and freezers almost empty.

Donations are down but demand is high as you can see by the number of clients served. We need your help! In the month of September, I would challenge you to overflow the food box in the narthex with **peanut butter!**

We serve again **September 16th** and will be helping on the fifth Monday, **September 30th**. All help is welcome!

Pam Elliot

You are invited to a Regional Assembly

A gathering of the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho (Disciples of Christ) Congregations and Friends



WATER-BORN



SPIRIT-FILLED



TABLE-SENT

September
27 & 28, 2024

Portland First Christian Church
1314 SW Park Ave
Portland, OR 97201

Worship = Workshops = Music = Community



Keynote Speaker:
Our General Minister and President
Terri Hord Owens

Find more information and register here: [Regional Assembly](#)

SUMMER CAMP 2024

Thank you to those who donated all of their bottles and cans to help with scholarships to youth camp. During service on August 11th we were able to hear from those who attended this year from our congregation. Below is the photo with all of the campers and counselors from this year.



And this photo is the goofy one!



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.





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SERMON SERIES

Fall Series 1: A Faith That Works

The book of James stands unique in the New Testament for its no-nonsense, practical, proverbial wisdom. There is very little cryptic language or mysterious imagery in the way that it calls people to live out their discipleship. For James, faith is neither radically privatized nor solely personal. It is to be expressed outwardly, to improve one's relationships with others, and to help those in need. This series challenges those who believe that faith is something that should be kept to one's self and challenges a culture that sees very little value in religion at all.

- September 1 – Sermon: “Just Do It!”** James 1:17-27
Be doers, not just hearers, of God's commands.
- September 8 – Sermon: “Body and Soul”** James 2:1-17
The body matters: using our physical means to meet physical needs.
- September 15 – Sermon: “Taming the Tongue”** James 3:1-12
The tongue is a small organ that can do great damage.
- September 22 – Sermon: “The Good Life”** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Gentleness and wisdom are the keys to contentment.
- September 29 – Sermon: “Powerful Prayer”** James 5:13-20
Prayer is a healing balm for physical suffering and broken communities.