

# 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

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Tuesday, **December 24th at 6 pm.** Please pick up your candle and individual communion cup in the

Narthex as you arrive. This is a short service designed for the whole family to attend.

## SHARED COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TREATS

We would like for everyone to bring your leftover Christmas treats for Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> to share with everyone. Cookies, pies, fudge, cupcakes, candies, chips, dips, etc. The only thing that is probably not a good idea to bring is that old, stale, fruitcake that’s sitting in the freezer!



## NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**



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## PASTOR'S MOMENT

### First Coming

*He did not wait till the world was ready,  
till men and nations were at peace.  
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,  
and prisoners cried out for release.  
He did not wait for the perfect time.  
He came when the need was deep and great.  
He dined with sinners in all their grime,  
turned water into wine. He did not wait  
till hearts were pure. In joy he came  
to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.  
To a world like ours, of anguished shame  
he came, and his Light would not go out.*

*He came to a world which did not mesh,  
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.  
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh  
the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane  
to raise our songs with joyful voice,  
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,  
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*



Madeleine L'Engle, from [The Ordering of Love: The New and Collected Poems of Madeleine L'Engle](#) .

Merry Christmas.

Pastor Erik

*“to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.” ~ Luke 2:11*

## 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](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.



- ♥ Our friend, Betty Bartlett was ill in the hospital last week. We learned that she passed away peacefully on Wednesday night, December 11. Gerry Henjum and a group of Music Box Angel friends were able to go up this week and visit her before she passed. Betty said she was ready to go and be with the Lord. Memorial service is pending. Please keep her family in your prayers
- ♥ Blessings for John Zielinski. He was nominated and presented with an award at the Tri-State Wheat League Meeting this past week. Vicki Zielinski
- ♥ Roy Biehn recently had a hospital visit and Mike came up and insisted that he move into assisted living. He's staying at Silver Creek in Woodburn, right off the freeway. It seems like a nice place and he seems happy there. Roy will be 104 on March 5th, WOW! Roy's new address is in the directory—it would be great for all of us to send him cards on his birthday.

## GIVING TOTALS

December to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> week	\$ 4,130.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> week	5,038.54
3 <sup>rd</sup> week	1,798.54
4 <sup>th</sup> week	_____
Total for Month	\$ 10,967.08
Mo Budget	\$ 12,136.00

The November total giving was \$7,770.16 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*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

**We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers.** 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.

**COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!





## UNSUNG HEROES



Many thanks to Ed Query. He is a long-serving member, outgoing Moderator and Property Chair and incoming Stewardship Chair.

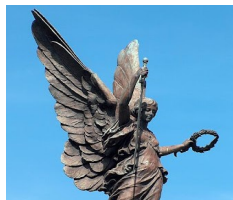
## MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **December 21<sup>st</sup>**.

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



## BIBLE STUDY



We will not meet on December 26<sup>th</sup>. On January 2<sup>nd</sup> we will continue our current Lectionary series. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we begin our new study on "Angels." We meet on Thursdays at 11 am, in the church library.

## RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK, 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. Also, if you participate in the green bag bottle drop for your personal use, you are able to donate some of those funds to KCC online! If you have any questions, please see Laurie Costales.

**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.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Kena Dewey	1-7
Jim Roes	1-11
Paige Blair	1-15

happy anniversary

Roger & Pam Elliott	1-7
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## THOSE SERVING NEXT MONTH

The following people will be serving this month. If you would like to serve, please let the office know, there are many possibilities!



	PRAYER PRESIDERS	USHER
1/5	Troy Costales	Vicki Zielinski
1/12	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler
1/19	Pam Elliott	Peggy Young
1/26	Sue Day	Vicki Zielinski

## KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **4:30-6:30 pm** at **St. Edward's Catholic Church**. *They will not have dinner in December due to the Christmas Holiday.*

### 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
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Flour
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Eggs

*Be sure to check expiration dates!*

*Fresh Produce is always welcome!*

**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!**



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

## KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



We look forward to the new year continuing our mission of feeding the food insecure of the Keizer community.

After much discussion with MPFS, we will be able to continue delivering pre-made food boxes to the clients cars.

On a sad note for the KCC crew, our faithful Dena, who has been with us since day one, is retiring. Monday was her last time with us, it won't be the same without her. Thank you, thank you dear friend we will miss you.

On a wet Monday night, we served 140 clients. We received a good supply of potatoes, apples, oranges, lettuce, mushrooms and fresh herbs. Fresh produce is always well received.

We continue to need peanut butter, mac and cheese, tuna or any canned meats, cereal and soup.

We have January and February off because of holidays, so our next regular serving night is March 17, 2025. We do help on the fifth Monday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Pam Elliot*



# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 10 am





# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, CHUUKESE CHURCH OF CHRIST





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## SERMON SERIES

### *Advent/Christmas Series: Living "In Between," cont.*

**December 22—Sermon: "Can They Hear Us Singing?"** Luke 1:39-55  
*We magnify the Lord in our own way.*

**December 29—Sermon: "The Sounds of Silence"** Luke 2:39-52  
*Thinking about Jesus' silent years reminds us how God works slowly in us.*

### *Epiphany Series: A Light to Enlighten the Nations*

*"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." These lines from the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) speak of the season of Epiphany, the light of Christ for all the world. Seeing Jesus born in Bethlehem, dedicated at the temple, and baptized in the River Jordan, it's easy to focus on his life as a first-century Jew. But the audacity of the gospel is that the light shining in Jesus shone far beyond Israel to illuminate the whole world.*

**January 5—Sermon: "Outsiders Becoming Insiders"** Matthew 2:1-12  
*Christ's love and light draws the whole world in.*

**January 12—Sermon: "Saved to Serve the Whole World"** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
*A baptism empowers mission.*

**January 19—Sermon: "The Illumination of New Wine"** John 2:1-11  
*At Cana, Jesus began his work of illuminating the dark places.*