

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:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **June 26**.

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**



NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Hello my name is Sarah Hackwith, I live in Keizer, I moved here from California in 2007 I am a mother to two children ages 26 and 18. I love to travel and golf. I am interested in learning to crochet I am very excited to join the staff at KCC. My office hours will be Tue-Fri 9am to 1pm. You are welcome to stop by the office and say hello!

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADS!

Congratulations to Ryell, our high school graduate this year. We will be recognizing him, and other youths graduating into middle and high school on Sunday, June 8th. Ryell has participated in our youth programs, summer camp, and Sunday morning praise band over the years. He plans to attend college in Portland after graduation.





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9 am to 1 pm

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PASTOR'S MOMENT



Well, here we are, in that liminal space of being less enamored with Spring with its intermittent and inconvenient rain and constant allergies in seemingly equal measure and yet not yet Summer. We have faith that Summer will finally arrive; faith that the sun will become more consistent. And when the full heat of Summer is pressing down upon us we will find ourselves wishing again for the coolness of Spring days.

Faith is a curious thing. As we continue to walk through the books of The Acts of the Apostles, or simply Acts for short, we are reminded of the great power of that faith inspired by God to move us and

inspire us to become more than we could accomplish on our own. Our own denomination saw these accounts of the early church as an ideal upon which to base the movement that would become the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The simplicity of faith in practice modeled in Acts inspired our early leaders to attempt to divest themselves of the institutional baggage and ecclesiastical gatekeeping that had come to characterize so many churches of the early 1800's (and, honestly, still do today). They were somewhat successful in that effort to simplify their faith, acting in faith that God would continue to show them the way to be faithful, the way to follow Jesus.

Faith is strange in that it can be used to describe what we believe or how we believe it. Faith is variably described as something you have, something you do, something that inspires you to act, the foundation upon which your belief rests as well as the ideal you aspire to. It is tangible and amorphous, corporeal and ethereal; both within our reach and capacity and entirely beyond us. We need God's help to build it. Faith is our strength and can be the most fragile aspect of our being. It makes us vulnerable and powerful in equal measure.

Faith is trust. Trust that following Jesus is better than not following Jesus; that a life devoted to Christ's teaching is better than one where we just do our best on our own to "be good people". Faith does not happen in a vacuum, nor can we build it on our own. We need God and one another to have faith. Because at the end of the day, our faith is wrapped up in the stories we tell, the stories we believe, the stories we share together, the story of God and humanity.

Pastor Erik

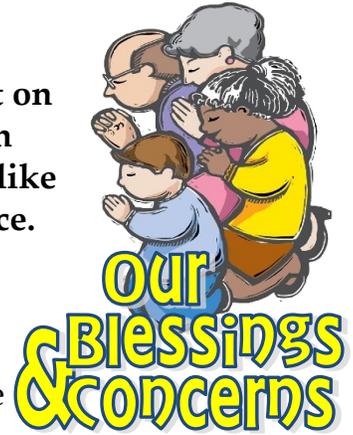
“ . . . for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

~ 2 Corinthians 5:7

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 my sister, Tami, who has begun her chemo treatment and is suffering from the side effects. Pray for strength, healing, and energy. Also, please pray for my sister, Teresa, who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer. Laurie Costales.
- ♥ Please Pray for Evelyn's sister Eloise. She is continuing to struggle with cancer. Evelyn is going to Roseburg to visit and care for her this week.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers in June. 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 Administrative Assistant 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.

GIVING TOTALS

The April total giving was \$12,112.95 of our \$12,115.00 monthly 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."

May to date	
General Fund Offering	
1 st week	\$ 1,638.00
2 nd week	2,154.95
3 rd week	2,524.95
4 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 6,317.90
Mo Budget	\$ 12,115.00

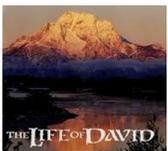
"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **May 22**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



BIBLE STUDY



We meet on Thursdays at 11 am, in the church library. Everyone is welcome! All curriculum is provided. We are currently studying *The Life of David*. Join us for a lively discussion as we dig deeper into God's word.

UNSUNG HERO



Kim Free volunteers multiple times nearly every week with our youth and children providing Sunday school instruction, youth group leadership, rides to youth group and church, and mentoring. She also serves as a regional elder, serves on the Anti-Racism & Reconciliation Commission, and is very active in regional women's ministry. Thank you, Kim, for your devotion of time and energy into the life of the church!

RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK, TONER



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



SUMMER CAMP INFO

All camps will be held at the beautiful Suttle Lake camp near Sisters, Oregon. It is an ecumenical camp with our Methodist and Episcopalian friends.



ELEMENTARY CAMP—(those completing grades 1-5)

DATES: July 21-25, 2025.

COST: \$588. A \$50 deposit is due at time of registration.

If you register by May 5th, you'll receive a \$25 Early Bird Discount. Camp scholarships are available through many local congregations. If you are needing a scholarship or have other questions about this camp, please contact Rev. Sara Staton [<HERE>](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK: [<Registration form>](#)

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CAMP—(those completing grades 6-12)

DATES: August 4-8, 2025.

COST: \$450.

If you are needing a scholarship or have other questions about this camp, please contact Alicia Speidel [<HERE>](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM: [<Registration Form>](#)

PAYMENT LINK (for Middle and High School Camp:

[<M & HS Camp Payment>](#)

Bristol Campos	6-14
Troy Costales	6-18
Vianna Lepe	6-18
Ryhia Lepe	6-18
Trina Buckles	6-21
Koban Buckles	6-23
Jay Puppo	6-27
Bob McCurry	6-29
Karrie Brown	6-30

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

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



THOSE SERVING NEXT MONTH



The following people will be serving next month. If you would like to serve, please

let the office know, there are many possibilities!

	PRAYER PRESIDER	USHER
6/1	Ed Query	Dena Query
6/8	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan
6/15	Troy Costales	Vicki Zielinski
6/22	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler
6/29	Pam Elliott	Peggy Young



Editor's Note: Monetary donations to KCC for support of the Food Bank allowed us to provide 158 cans of tuna this month. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Save those cardboard boxes — Medium size cardboard 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

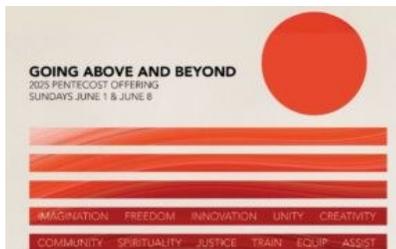


What an exhausting day! We received more fresh produce than at any time I can remember. Thankfully we had enough strong helpers to unload the van. We served 158 families, and I am sure they were happy to get a large variety of fresh produce. Our crew has become too small to handle this without help from people from other churches. We are very grateful. Please think about volunteering if you have a few hours to give during the day.

Our food needs are cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, tomato products, soup, chili, mac and cheese, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated

Pam Elliot

PENTECOST OFFERING—GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND



It's all about layers.

God breathing life into dust. Moses leading people out of slavery into freedom. Hagar calling on God to remember God's covenant. Layer after layer. Mary saying yes. Jesus breaking bread. Young people seeing visions. Elders dreaming dreams. Our ancestors building a movement for wholeness in

a fragmented world. Going above and beyond church as it's always been. Beyond borders and barriers. Beyond us and them. Building layers of community and color, spirituality and vision, justice and joy. Proclaiming the good news that the Spirit is still breathing new life and breaking new bread, and God's people are still seeing visions and dreaming dreams.

Your participation in the 2025 Pentecost Offering lays down another layer, going above and beyond what's been done to what God's spirit is doing next.

Half of the gifts made to this Special Day Offering remain in the region in which they are collected to support its new church movement. The other half goes to support the efforts of New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, and assists emerging and affiliating communities of faith and their leaders across the U.S. and Canada so that they can become movement initiators. Make a gift on June 1 and June 8 to ensure that new places of worship are created, and God's word is spread far and wide. Be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

LAURIE'S RETIREMENT

With a mix of heartfelt gratitude and bittersweet sentiments we will celebrate Laurie's retirement from her position with Keizer Christian Church after 14 years of service. She has been an invaluable part of the KCC team, contributing in many wonderful ways. Laurie has demonstrated unparalleled professionalism and expertise while at the same time being an amazing mentor, organizer, and friend.



We will be holding a thank you and congratulations luncheon on Sunday, June 29 from 11:15 am to noon. This will be a chance to share a meal together and reflect on the lasting impacts Laurie has made. Please plan to join us! More details about the event will be announced over the next few weeks.

OWEN AS SHERLOCK HOLMES

Nancy Dalrymple, Elsie Haverland, Willa Porter, and Don and Jane Slack attended a play at Salem-Keizer Senior Center that starred and was written and directed by, Owen Porter.



Westside Disciples Women's Retreat
June 20 & 21, 2025

Murray Hills Christian Church, Beaverton



*Sowing the Ground on Which
We Grow Together*

Join us Friday night for salad bar and movie night with discussion.
Saturday activities include Worship, Workshops, and Pray and Play
(Childcare available on Saturday)

- ♥ COST: \$40 for full retreat, \$30 for Saturday only
(\$10 discount for early bird registration by May 15)
- ♥ Registration link is [<HERE>](#) or scan the QR code below.
- ♥ Deadline: June 10, 2025



For more information, please
contact the Regional Office at
(503) 226-7648 or
officeadmin@oidisciples.org



What to bring:

- ♥ *Money for putting in blessing boxes, special offering during worship, and shopping at "One Fair World."*
- ♥ *Cash or food items for our local outreach mission "Casey's Food Corner" at the Murray Hills Food Bank.*
- ♥ *Your reusable tote bag, water bottle, and favorite coffee cup/travel mug.*
- ♥ *Books for the take-one-leave-one table.*

*And that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith, as you are being rooted and
grounded in love.*

Ephesians 3:17



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SERMON SERIES

Easter Series: The Unexpected Acts of God, Cont.

May 25— Sermon: “An Amazing Detour” Acts 16:9-15
The power of conversion is still God’s building block to change the world one person at a time.

June 1— Sermon: “An Ironic Escape” Acts 16:16-34
Sometimes those who seem free are truly enslaved, and those who seem to be in chains are truly liberated.

June 8— Sermon: “Pentecost: The Ultimate Surprise Party” Acts 2:1-21
All the astonishing events in Acts (and in the church since) can be traced back to this one surprising moment.

Summer Series 1: Intervention

In our contemporary age some people are uncomfortable with the notion of a God who intervenes in the earthly affairs of humankind. Yet the scriptures are filled with such stories of God doing just that— intervening in human affairs to make right those things that help us to be the kinds of people God is calling us to be. We will explore the Old and New Testaments when intervened to correct justice, spiritually free a demon-possessed man, instruct the disciples, and bring healing in a proud and powerful man.

June 15— Sermon: “God Is With Us” Romans 5:1-5
The power of conversion is still God’s building block to change the world one person at a time.

June 22— Sermon: “A Change Of Heart, Not A Change Of Scenery ” Luke 8:26-39
Often the Lord’s intervention is intended to guide and direct his own as much as the people to whom our ministries are directed