

# 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 also watch our services on our YouTube channel



## SUMMER CAMP INFO



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

**MIDDLE AND HS CAMP – DATES: August 4-8, 2025.**  
**COST: \$450.** If you need a scholarship or have other questions about this camp, please contact **Alicia Speidel** [<HERE>](#)

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

**PAYMENT LINK** (for M.S. & H.S.): [<M & HS Camp Payment>](#)

## NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **Aug 28**





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## PASTOR'S MOMENT

Here we are, at summer camp season once again! By the time you read this our region's elementary campers will be wrapping up a week at Suttle Lake Camp, enjoying their last full day in that beautiful place. Please continue to pray for them, their counselors, and for a safe trip home. Our middle and high schoolers will soon be making the trek from all parts of Oregon and SW Idaho to Suttle Lake Camp in the first week of August, along with adult volunteer staff from our churches, including me! Please pray for us as we prepare for a week away, for travel mercies, and for a meaningful and safe week at camp. We look forward to coming back with wonderful stories to tell.

Your support of this ministry is invaluable, so much so that it is difficult to express just how important it is. Many of our youth would not be able to afford this kind of experience without your financial help. For those of you

with fond church camp memories of your own, you know the importance a week immersed in nature and out of your everyday context can mean for a young person. Surrounded by caring and faithful adults, forging relationships with God and one another, our youth experience a glimpse of God's kingdom and of what the church can be like that is hard to duplicate any other way. For many, it is where calls to faith and even to vocational ministry reach them. Many of our region's current pastors were fostered and mentored through this camping program along with home church youth groups. I have the joy of having been one of their past counselors that now calls them colleague and friend.

Church, through your support and prayer for us you are not just contributing to a fun week in the woods. You are helping to cultivate, mentor, and love into existence the church of today and the church leaders of tomorrow. God bless you in that effort. Thank you!

Pastor Erik

***“The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies declare the work of his  
hands.”***

***- Psalms 19:1***

## 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.



## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME



We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers in August. Thank you to those who have signed up. We have tried to make it easier for setup and have the Admin Asst. 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 June total giving was \$13,416.55 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."

July to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> week	1,131.95
2 <sup>nd</sup> week	4,630.15
3 <sup>rd</sup> week	504.95
4 <sup>th</sup> week	
<b>Total for Month</b>	<b>\$6,267.05</b>
<b>Month Budget</b>	<b>\$12,115.00</b>

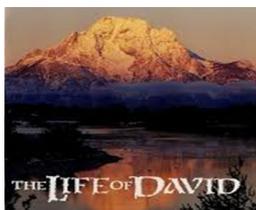
*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## MEN'S GROUP



Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 on **Aug 2**. Men's Group meets every other Sat. at 9 a.m. 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.



## 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 at church.

**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.



## 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
8/3	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler
8/10	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan
8/17	Ed Query	Dena Query
8/24	Pam Elliott	Peggy Young
8/31	Nancy Dalrymple	Vicki Zielinski



## UNSUNG HERO

Nancy Dalrymple has cared for a hydrangea tucked in the corner of the sanctuary and education wing. Great job Nancy!



Is there something you know or do that would surprise us? Do you have a talent or gift we don't know about? What makes you tick?

We are seeking those who are members or regular attenders to share their stories with us in the member spotlight portion of the newsletter.

Please see Pastor Erik or Sarah Hackwith so we can interview you or give you an informational sheet to fill out.

# KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



On this Monday July 21 we served 140 families. We were grateful that it was such a pleasant day.

Recently we have gone from signing in clients on paper to using an I-Pad

At first it was very slow as some clients really struggled with it and we would have to revert back to paper forms.

After two months clients have adjusted to the I-Pad and finally sign in time is back to normal. A big thank you to Nancy for her hard work!

**Our next serving date is August 18th.**

Our food needs are:

cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, tomato produces, soup and chili, mac and cheese, and canned fruit.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated

*Pam Elliot*

## Food Bank Core Foods

**Canned · Frozen  
Fresh · Repack**

- ◆ Canned Protein
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Chili
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Cheese
- ◆ Peanut Butter-16-18 ounce
- ◆ Tomato Products – can/jar
- ◆ Canned Fruit

*Be sure to check expiration dates!*

*Fresh Produce is always welcome!*



Addison Hughes	8-5
Margy McCurry	8-5
Kathryn Dodge	8-20
Jane Slack	8-23
Odin Peterson	8-28
Paul Costales	8-28
Stella Buckles	8-30



Don and Jane Slack	8-3
JoAnn and Dave Barker	8-11
Troy and Laurie Costales	8-17



# BEYOND 2025 MEMPHIS

You may not realize this, but our denomination, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, has just marked a significant event; the 2025 meeting of the General Assembly. This is the last assembly of the two-year cycle that it has been on since restructuring in 1968. With newly adopted changes to our governing documents, The Design, we now move to a three-year cycle of meeting as the General Assembly in person with yearly digital meetings in between. This is also the first time the Design has been altered in such a significant way since its inception in 1968. We are reminded that it is a living document, meant to change and adapt as the church does. This ushers in an exciting new era for our church!

Over 2,000 Disciples and ministry partners gathered in Memphis, TN from all over the world last week for worship, fellowship, training and to conduct the business of the church. We had many from our home region of Oregon and SW Idaho in attendance as you can see in the picture below. Pastor Erik was there with his family, serving the final days of his two-year term as second vice-moderator of the denomination. He helped preside over the business sessions, introducing all the resolutions, reports and some significant emergency resolutions addressing events around the world. He also chaired the Committee on Reference and Counsel in which all the emergency resolutions were reviewed and sent forth to the main body for voting. That work happened after all other programming each day, making for some very late nights, one even lasting into the wee hours of the next day!

There were some wonderful workshops, uplifting worship, and many friendships made and renewed. In the pictures you can see the newly elected moderator team, including the new second vice-moderator, Bernice Rivera, from our region! You will also notice a picture of two of our past General Ministers and Presidents and our current one, Rev. Terri Hord Owens, reflecting on our Disciples history during the final worship service. It was a wonderful time in Memphis and we are all glad to be home!

If you are curious about the resolutions passed or the reports on our many amazing general ministries, please check out the link here:

[Resolutions and Business Items - General Assembly](#)



**Keizer Christian Church**

AUG 23  
11-4

**Free Books and School Supplies**

Arts and Crafts  
Volleyball  
Bubbles  
Water Play  
Music

## Fun in the Field



### FUN in the Field Potluck BBQ

Come have fun together!

Help us celebrate together with field games, volleyball, water games, and bubbles as our kids go back to school and Sunday school and other church activities begin again.

There will be a BBQ, so please bring potluck sides. We are collecting school supplies for kids to be handed out to our kids headed back to school.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the craft or activities stations.

Kim Free - 503-501-0336

## FUN IN THE FIELD

Aug 23

11 am to 4 pm!

Come one come all! We will be celebrating the end of summer and children heading back to school. Please be sure to invite your neighbors and friends.

There will be carnival games, booths with bible stories, crafts, volleyball, bubbles, food, water play and MORE!

Remember that we are continuing to collect school supplies to be able to give away at the event and you can bring them to the office or to church on Sunday!

Interested in volunteering to help?

**Contact Kim Free at 503-501-0336 or Pastor Erik at 503-501-7682.**



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## SERMON SERIES 2 CONT.

### *Action Required*

*Many people of faith have no problem talking about what God has done for us, but have a problem when it's time to talk about what God requires of us. Each text of this series involves a story of people being challenged to discover the importance of acting on what they believe in a fitting manner and in keeping with God's will.*

**July 27 – Sermon: “Be Persistent In Prayer”**

Luke 11:1-13

*The Persistent Friend: Ask and you will receive*

**Aug 3 – Sermon: “Bound Together”**

Eph. 4:1-16

*God calls us to unity, requiring humility and acceptance of one another.*

**Aug 10 – Sermon: “Making Peace”**

Eph. 4:25-5:2

*God calls us to make peace, dealing with anger in a righteous, loving way.*

**Aug 17 – Sermon: “Overflow”**

Eph. 5:15-20

*God fills us with the Spirit, bringing us joy and thankfulness to ordinary days.*