

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 **April 23rd**

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/@keizerchristian2836/streams>



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY: March 29th, 10 am

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.



MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2nd, 6 pm

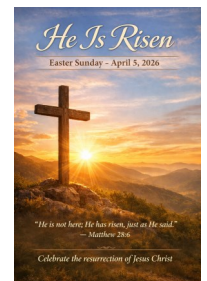
We will be holding our short Maundy Thursday service at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

EASTER: April 5th, 10 am

The spirit of Easter is all about hope, love, and joyful living.

EASTER EGG HUNT:

There will be an egg hunt following service for our Sunday school kids on April 5th.





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PASTOR’S MOMENT

I have always thought of Spring time as a mixed blessing. Getting to feel once again warm sun on your face and smell the hint of blossoms ready to bloom is wonderful, though, tempered by the revolving cycle of putting on and taking off jackets as the temperature and moisture levels vary hourly as well as the inevitable sneezing fits brought on by those very same blossoms we so admire. Yes, Spring time is a welcome transition from the drudgery of winter, but wouldn't it be so much better if it didn't come with the discomfort that so often accompanies change?



If you find yourself resonating with my previous statement you are in good company, most of humanity, in fact. We desire and abhor change in equal measure. We pray for it when our condition is in need of transformation and complain about it when it comes as it always requires us to grow and change ourselves. If only everything ELSE could change to accommodate our every desire and comfort while simultaneously allowing us to stay pleasantly static. This basic human want has existed since the very beginning of our story with God. In Exodus we find God changing the plight of the Israelites for the better and when it necessitates growth on their part, they complain, repeatedly. Scripture is full of other accounts of those whose lives are transformed by God for the better struggling with pains of such transformation and growth. Nothing is easy, not even the good things. In fact, sometimes engaging with God's goodness is the hardest thing of all.

It's easy to focus only on our own comfort and well-being, retaining the desire that everything change to accommodate us; in short, to be selfish. Christ calls us to a greater state of being than this. Like the flowers that burst forth in bloom every Spring, reminding us of new life not only for the plants they support but all the creatures that benefit from their presence, we are called to spring forth in newness of life and transformation not only for our own benefit but that of all creation. We are invited by Christ to perceive the new things he is doing in our lives and in the lives of those around us and to join in, trusting in the promise that God is with us always.

Pastor Erik

“ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” ~ Isaiah 43:19

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 Christa's mother, Carolyn Johns and her family. Carolyn had a heart attack March 3, 2026 and is in the hospital in Walnut Creek California awaiting test results.
- ♥ Pastor Akinino Engichy of Jesus of Nazareth Church began sharing our space in December. In great sadness he passed away on March 2nd, 2026 from complications of a stroke. Please pray for the family and congregation.
- ♥ Please pray for Braxton Ray Kerr, born on March 13th at 6lb 8oz who is in the NICU and unable to breathe on his own. Please also lift up his parents who can only visit him briefly – Evelyn Hughes
- ♥ Please keep Margy McCurry's sister in your prayers as she is currently hospitalized for broken ribs in Springfield, Missouri. Also please pray for her daughter as she prepares for shoulder surgery on March 27th.
- ♥ We lift up our congregation's budget, stewardship, and giving in prayer; asking God to guide our finances both personally and as a congregation.
- ♥ We lift up prayers of support for the Food Bank ministry in a time of transition as they work with Crossroads church to build and adapt new spaces for this ecumenical feeding ministry.
- ♥ We pray for our regional, Disciples of Christ, church, it's many leaders, staff, volunteers, and congregations as well as the ongoing regional minister search process. May the God of all wisdom continue to guide us into a future of increased fellowship and love for our neighbors.



GIVING TOTALS

February total giving was \$14,717.80. The March giving total to date is \$10,709.90 of our \$12,115 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

MUSICAL TALENTS

If you have a musical talent, or a talent such as poem creation, poem reading, storytelling, that you would like to share, please reach out to Elizabeth (our Music Minister). Between Praise Band, Choir, Chimes, and Special Sharing during the summer, there are plenty of opportunities to raise your talents in worship to God.



Gerry Henjum 4-3

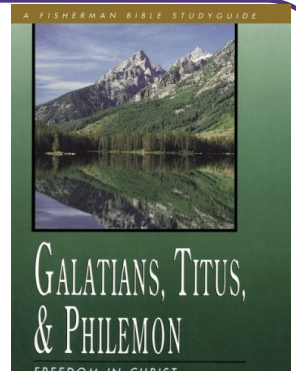
Riley Blair 4-19



Jay & Tammy 4-25
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BIBLE STUDY

We are meeting on Thursdays at 11 am, in the church library for our weekly Bible study. Everyone is welcome! All curriculum is provided. Join us for a lively discussion as we dig deeper into God's word. We started a new series on **January 8th.**



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. We don't get credit for crushed items 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

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 Administrative Assistant prepare the coffee, drink table items, silverware, plates, and napkins.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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.

FOOD BANK—Core Foods Needed:

- ◆ Cold Cereal
- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Canned fruits
- ◆ Peanut Butter—16-18 ounce
- ◆ Tomato Products—can/jar
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Canned Meats

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

Editor's Note: Monetary donations to KCC for support of the Food Bank allowed us to provide peanut butter and tomato products this month. Thank you for your generosity!

We are also in need of cardboard boxes for the pantry food. The larger number of clients served 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!**



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **March 28th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Monday night, the 16th of this month, was our first time to serve after a nice three month vacation. We served approximately 155 families. The design phase for the new facility continues with the final design not complete. The hope is to have construction start on our new space as soon as the remodel of the church is finished.

Civil Rights training and Serve Safe training needs to be completed asap. You can find it on the MPFS website.

April 20th is our next serving night.

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
Pam Elliott

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!



	PRESIDER	USHER	DEACON	DEACON
4/5	Dena Query	Peggy Young	Don K.	Christa R.
4/12	Troy Costales	Christa Ryan	Peggy Y	Vicki Z.
4/19	Mike Ryan	Vicki Zielinski	Daniel B.	Kim F.
4/26	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler	Laurie C	Evelyn H.

REGIONAL NEWS

Westside Disciples Women's Retreat
September 18-19, 2026

Something Beautiful

DALLAS FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1079 SE Jefferson St, Dallas, OR 97338

Join us Friday night for soup dinner and a short devotional time.
Saturday activities include Worship, Round-robin Workshops, Lunch, and Pray and Play Time (Childcare available on Saturday)

- ♥ \$40 for full retreat
- ♥ \$30 for Saturday only
- ♥ \$10 discount for early bird registration by July 31
- ♥ Registration will be available after Regional Assembly in May

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

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10



KCC WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER Geranium Order Form

Orders due by April 19, 2026

Flowers will be available **AT CHURCH** on Friday May 1st at 10:30 AM.
Or Sunday, May 3rd before and after service. Be sure to give us your
phone number so we may contact you if needed!

- ◆ *The Woman's Ministry Group is selling geraniums again this year. These funds are used to help us attend retreats and trainings.*
 - ◆ *Our new vendor is Wavra Nursery in South Salem.*
 - ◆ *All flowers are geraniums this year!*
- ◆ *Please make checks payable to "Dena Query" and turn in person or by mail to the church.*
 - ◆ *Payment due at time of order*
- ◆ *For more information, feel free to call the office at 503393-6843. We are here Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.*

Name _____ Phone _____

ITEM	QUANTITY ORDERED	PRICE EACH	SUBTOTAL
GERANIUMS IN 4" 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	
12" HANGING BASKETS			
LIGHT PINK HANGING BASKET	x	\$35.00	
DARK SALMON HANGING BASKET		\$35.00	
RED HANGING BASKET	x	\$35.00	
BI-COLOR HANGING BASKET (BURGUNDY/WHITE)	x	\$35.00	
WAVRA GIFT CARD (\$20 VALUE)	x	\$20.00	
TOTAL			



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SERMON SERIES

Easter Series: Closer and Closer

“At Easter, we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead; but this is no ghostly apparition. Jesus returns in the flesh to be close once again with his friends and to bring them closer with one another. There is tenderness and physicality highlighted in the resurrection narratives, people coming together to hear and respond to this amazing news. Before Jesus’ followers become the heroic saints of the church, they are simply a group of friends hearing and telling one another a story.”

- April 5 — Sermon: "The Stories Woman Tell"** John 20:1-18
We hear and trust Mary’s story, and the stories we all have to tell.
- April 12 — Sermon: “Reach Out and Touch”** 1 Pet. 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
Jesus welcomes Thomas to touch him, to get as close as he needs.
- April 19 — Sermon: "Walking With Jesus"** Luke 24:13-35
We know Jesus and one another in the breaking of bread and sharing of stories.
- April 26 — Sermon: “Someone to Watch Over You”** John 10:1-10
We take necessary risk to trust the Good Shepard and one another.
- May 3 — Sermon: “Living Stones”** 1 Pet. 2:2-10
With Jesus as our cornerstone, we work together to build the kingdom.
- May 10 — Sermon: "The Air We Breathe"** Acts 17:22-28; John 14:15-21
We live, move, and have our being in God’s freedom.
- May 17 — Sermon: “Bearing Witness”** Acts 1:6-14
We command to share the stories of what we’ve seen.