

# KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Proclaiming Christ’s Love, Building Community,  
Meeting Human Need”

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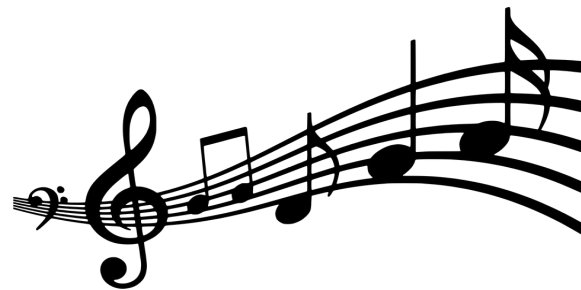
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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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:

<https://youtube.com/live/psSqW4d8DHk>



## 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.

## NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **MAY 22ND**



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## PASTOR'S MOMENT

From the very earliest days of our faith, from the beginnings of God forming a relationship with the people of Israel, the propensity of human

faithlessness has been a problem. God knows this

about us. When God gave us commandments, the very first was a reminder to be faithful to God, The One, our creator, to not let our human desires propel

us towards crafting and adopting any false images or little gods that seem easier to follow or that more closely align to our baser natures. "You shall have no other gods before me." seems pretty simple in concept, yet it has been our greatest challenge in staying in right relationship with God.



**Just God!**

**YOU SHALL HAVE  
NO OTHER GODS  
BEFORE ME.**

**Exodus 20:3**

Humankind has consistently raised up false effigies to worship and follow in place of God, from golden calves to political leaders. The most insidious of which try to convince us they represent the one, true God so fully we might as well just follow them and not worry about the contrast between what they claim to stand for and the horrors we can see with our own eyes. Throughout scripture are reminders to remain faithful to God and not stray towards "easier" paths. All through the Old Testament are reminders to love only God with all that we are. When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus answered with this reminder as his response, to love God above all else, with all that we are. We love God most by remaining true to God's word and not placing ourselves, or any other, in God's place.

Our current generation is no better than any that went before. We have our own small gods, from the things in our lives that, in practice, take primacy over God. Our love that should be directed toward God is often misdirected toward smaller things, ourselves, our country, our chosen political leaders. We too often build these people and things into little gods and love them with the love and passion that should be reserved for God. We convince ourselves that we serve God by promoting an earthly representative or near equal. They believe the hype and adulation and begin trying to act like God. Then we find ourselves in dire straits. Remember the Caesars of old? Rome's main problem with Jesus was that he confronted their audacity in claiming divinity or near divine status. It was wrong then and it is wrong now.

Pastor Erik

*"Hear O Israel. The Lord is our God,  
the Lord alone."*

*~ Deut. 6:4*

# KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

April 20, 2026

## HAPPY 21st ANNIVERSARY

Monday night was the 21st anniversary of Keizer Christian Church participating in the Food Bank. We filled food boxes and pushed carts to waiting families who had food insecurity. 21 years ago, we served approximately 25-30 families per night. Last Monday, April 20th, we served 143 families. Four of our original helper group are still participating: Vicki Zielinski, Wes Norbo, Roger Elliott and myself, Pam Elliott.



The construction of our new space at Crossroads

Church should begin in the next couple of months if all goes well.

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

May 18th is our next serving night.

Our food needs are cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, tomato products, soup and chili, mac and cheese, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and volunteers are always welcome. We provide on-the-job training!

*Pam Elliot*

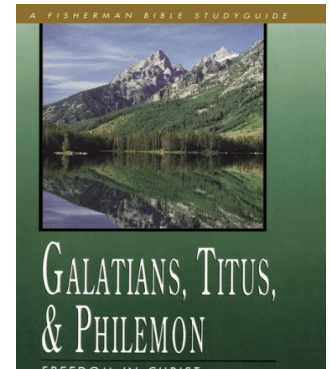
Pam Elliot

**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.



## 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 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!*



MEN'S  
BREAKFAST



## MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **May 9**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



## GIVING TOTALS

The current April total giving is \$6,123.85 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*



- Tammy Puppo 5-4
- Dena Query 5-8
- JoAnn Barker 5-9
- Don Kaehler 5-14
- Christa Ryan 5-22
- Torry Peterson 5-25
- Elizabeth Duncanson 5-28



happy anniversary

- Margy McCurry 5-6
- Mike & Christa Ryan 5-30

## 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	DEACONS	DEACONS
5/3	Dena Query	Peggy Young	Don K.	Christa R.
5/10	Troy Costales	Don Kaehler	Laurie C.	Vicki Z.
5/17	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan	Don K.	Kim F.
5/24	Nancy Dalrymple	Vicki Zielinski	Peggy Y.	Evelyn H.
5/31	Dena Query	Peggy Young	Daniel B.	Christa R.

## 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](mailto: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*

## SERMON SERIES

### *God's Creative Connection*

*"This six-week series begins with the creative agency of God's Spirit at Pentecost, when God uses the power of language to create and connect a new people. Even as God is doing a new thing, we know this same creative Spirit has been at work since the very beginning, from the creation of the world to the creative ways God works to connect with humanity. Spending the first five weeks after Pentecost in the book of Genesis, we learn more about how God works creatively to redeem humanity, restoring the created order to its original, "very good" status and reconnecting what we have divided. God's vision of a world of persons connected to one another and to God will be realized, even if God has to use some very creative methods to do so."*

- 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.*
- May 24 — Sermon: "The Power of Communication"** Acts 2:1-12  
*God speaks in whatever language we need to hear.*
- May 31 — Sermon: "Spoken into Creation"** Gen. 1:1-2:4a  
*God's voice creates and invites us to create as well.*
- June 7 — Sermon: "Creating Faithfulness"** Gen. 12:1-9  
*God first has faith in us. God's faithfulness creates and empowers our own.*
- June 14 — Sermon: "Creative Hospitality"** Gen 18:1-15;(21:1-7)  
*When we welcome guests, we welcome God*
- June 21 — Sermon: "Creating Promise Out of Pain"** Acts 1:6-14  
*We command to share the stories of what we've seen.*
- June 28 — Sermon: "God Will Provide?"** Gen. 22:1-14  
*We trust God when we don't understand.*
- July 5 — Sermon: "Designing Love"** Gen.24:34-38,42-49,58-67  
*God brings people together for lifelong relationships.*



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IS WHO WE ARE  
**NOT** WHERE WE GO”