

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Meeting Human Need"

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NEWSLETTER

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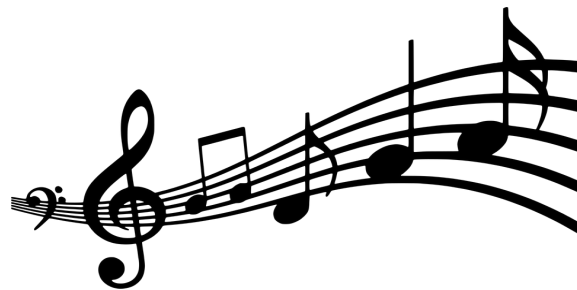
[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter
on **September 24.**

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.



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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT

The beloved American icon Dolly Parton passed away this week from cancer at the age of 80. Whether you were a fan of hers or not I think we can all admit that she was a talented person with a deep and genuine love for people. It is somewhat common knowledge that she consistently reinvested her money into her community and similar poor communities around the country. Dolly could easily have been a billionaire, yet chose to employ most of her money to improve the lives of others.



One of her projects you may not know about is her Imagination Library program aimed at providing books for children all across the country. Through this program a book is delivered to a child every month from ages 1 to 5. My own child received books from Dolly and the look on his face when he got that package in the mail was priceless, not to mention the joy experienced as we sat and read the latest adventure together. Imagine how much more those books meant for kids without nearby libraries, or money for their own books, or functioning school libraries.

Dolly's commitment to childhood reading and education was born from her own experience growing up in a poor Tennessee town with a father who struggled to learn to read. It will be a lasting testament to her kindness and values born from her Christian faith. And yes, our Christian faith has much to say about the importance of seeking knowledge and wisdom. Part of our being people of good Christian faith means encouraging and equipping people in their education and growth in wisdom. Dolly did that through providing books, amongst other things.

How will you continue to be a supportive force for the education of our young ones; our children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends, all the children of our communities? Will it be in volunteering as a story reader at a local school or library? Will it be in book and school supply donations? Will it be in providing resources and supplies for under-resourced and underfunded teachers? As Dolly might say, "Use your imagination!"

Pastor Erik

"... the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."

~ Proverbs 18:15b

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 on **August 29th** Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



GIVING TOTALS



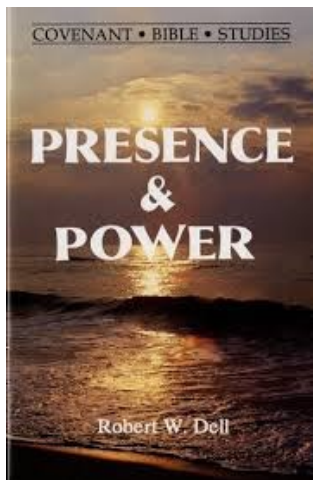
The current July total giving is \$6405.25.00 of our \$12,115 budget. Just a reminder. Our monthly offering is covering our payroll and utility bills. With good financial stewardship over the past few years, KCC does have a savings account that we are using to make all of our obligations at this time. 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

BIBLE STUDY

We are starting a new study beginning on Thursday, September 3rd at 11am!

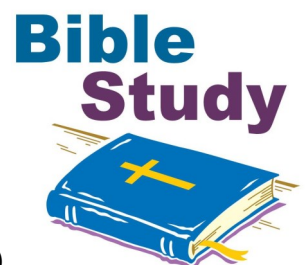


We will be starting a study of Acts called "Presence and Power" by Robert W. Dell. This examination of the Book of Acts explores topics such as the Holy Spirit, healing, deacons, worship, and evangelism.

As always we will follow a participation and discussion-based format. This is not a lecture series ;)

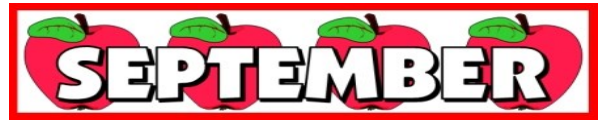
There is no need to purchase any curriculum for this class. All you need is your Bible and your brain!

Please read Acts chapters 1-2 to prepare for the first meeting.



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	
9/6	Troy Costales	Don Kaehler	Don Kaehler	Peggy Young
9/13	Dena Query	Peggy Young	Troy Costales	Vicki Zielinski
9/20	Ed Query	Vicki Zielinski	Dena Query	Troy Costales
9/27	Nancy Dalrymple	Dena Query	Vicki Zielinski	Peggy Young

SHARED RECIPES



Ingredients:

- 1 cup white sugar
- cinnamon (measure with your heart)
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cube butter
- 1 tsp salt

APPLE CRUNCH

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Grease casserole dish with cooking spray and pare apples into the dish.
3. Mix one cup of sugar with cinnamon and combine with apples
4. Mix brown sugar, flour, butter and salt and spread over apples
5. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 50 min.

Thank you to Dot Lewis for sharing this recipe!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

You are invited to celebrate, honor, and remember your loved ones at the **9th Annual Reflections on the River** event from 7:30 - 9:00 pm Thursday, September 17th, 2026.

The self-paced River Walk and luminaria-lit labyrinth will be available from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, including remembrance activities and information for the whole family. The River Walk will stretch from the north parking lot to the Riverfront Park Amphitheater. Reflective music and activities will be featured along the illuminated labyrinth and pathways.

For more information check out this website: <https://www.wvh.org/reflections>



9TH ANNUAL
Reflections on the River
AT SALEM RIVERFRONT PARK

Thursday, September 17, 2026, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Volunteers Needed!

- Assemble luminaria bags • Line pathways with luminarias
- Clean up • Set up activity stations

Volunteer opportunities from 1-11pm

For more information or to sign up for a volunteer shift, call Brittney Blakley @ 503.588.3600 or email volunteer.services@wvh.org

 Willamette Vital Health

Proceeds will benefit our Community Grief Care programs. More info at wvh.org/Reflections

CELEBRATE · REMEMBER · HONOR

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

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Join us!



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, silver-

ware, 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.



Donovin Lepe	9-3
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Peggy Young	9-5
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Alta Goldsby	9-10
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Anne Ryan	9-15
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Ed Query	9-17
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Erik Free	9-23
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Simon Blair	9-24
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Ashlynn Hughes	9-30
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Marsha Kaehler	9-30
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happy anniversary

Elizabeth & Troy Duncanson	9-3
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KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



We arrived Monday morning to bare shelves, refrigerators, and freezers. Our allotment from MPFS consisted mostly of fresh produce and multiple boxes of treats like cookies, donuts, chips, little meat or dairy products. A blessing was the canned food from the McNary Estates garage sale, pickup food from Chick-Fil-A, bread from the Mission and Franz, and a donation from KCC of peanut butter and tuna.

Nationwide, we have a food crisis for our food insecure families.

You can help by donating cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, tomato produces, soup and chili, mac and cheese, and canned fruit. Monetary gifts help us purchase additional food.

Pam Elliot

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 extra tuna and peanut butter for all 120 families served last Monday.

Thank you for your generosity!

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The Keizer Community Dinner is normally held on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church. It is open to all and FREE. The next dinner will be held on **September 23rd** If you would like to help serve or have questions, please contact the office.



Community Meal





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

REGIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT (SEE FLYER ABOVE)

THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 4TH!

We would like to have as many people attend this year's retreat as possible. Order forms area available on the Narthex table. The Women's Ministries here at KCC has funds to pay for registration costs. This money was raised by the geranium sales.

Please turn in your registration form to Dena Query or Laurie Costales by Sunday, August 30th so we can send the form and payment in on time.

Dena is able to take up to 6 people in her vehicle on Saturday morning. She will be leaving her house at 7:30 am to be there by the 8:30 start time. If you would like to carpool, please call Dena to reserve your spot and get her address and directions to her house.

If you have any questions about registration or any of the activities, please call Laurie Costales.



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SERMON SERIES

Fall Series 1—No Fair!

One of the first lessons of social interaction we learn as children is that things don't always seem fair. Sometimes our brother gets a bigger scoop of ice cream, or a friend gets a longer turn on the swing. As adults, maybe we feel the boss passed us over for a promotion or raise. The gospel of Christ is not merely personal, but social. Followers of Christ are called to model the kind of selfless love that Jesus exemplifies even when people seem utterly undeserving of it. The amazing grace we so joyfully sing about for ourselves is not so easy to swallow when we watch someone else receive it, but this is the heart of Christian community.

August 23—Sermon: “Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Matthew 16:13-20

Exploring how true spiritual insight does not come from human intellect or worldly achievement.

August 30—Sermon: “Dying to Live”

Matthew 16:21-28

The paradoxical math of the Gospel.

September 6—Sermon: “How to Fight Like a Christian”

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus gives a plan for settling conflict in the church.

September 13—Sermon: “The Math of Forgiveness”

Matthew 18:21-35

Real grace means losing count of wrongs.

September 20—Sermon: “Fair Wage”

Matthew 20:1-16

We don't get what we deserve.