



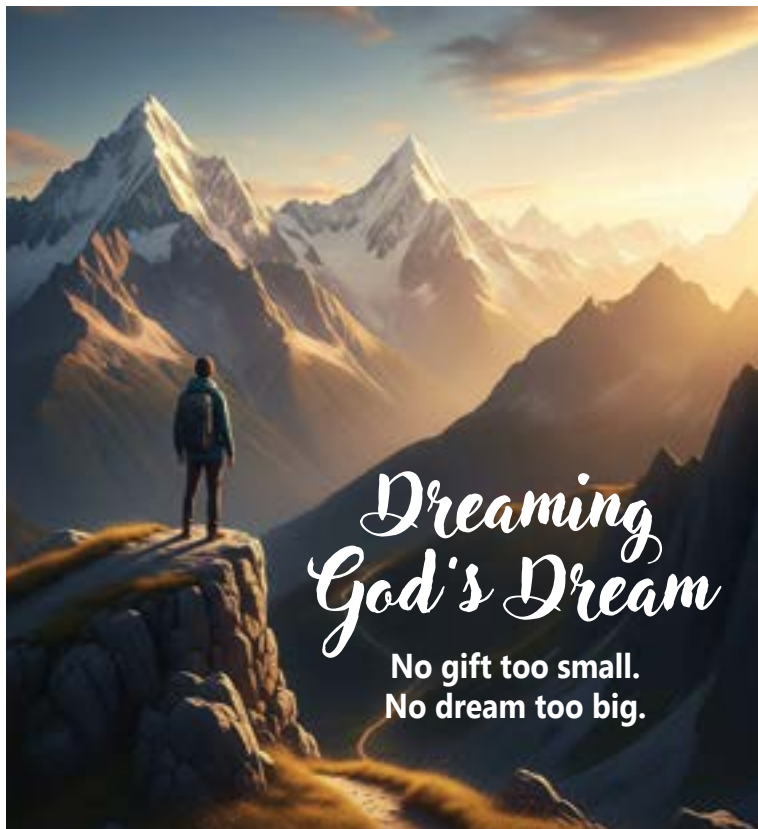
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THE CHURCH SCROLL

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Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am • Children's Church 10:30 am



Our Stewardship Adventure Begins

Sunday, October 19

God has a dream of a world in which all people live together in love, peace, and justice. Our congregation shares in bringing that dream to reality through the various ministries we sponsor. Each of us has the opportunity to share in that dream through our stewardship of the resources with which God has blessed us. We often speak of this by saying "We are blessed to be a blessing."

Starting Sunday, October 19, we will take time to think about our own stewardship of God's dream. We will be given the opportunity to bolster God's dream by filling out an "Estimate of Giving" card to indicate our support of the 2026 church budget.

What a thrill it will be to become involved in supporting God's dream. Your Estimate of Giving card will come to you in the mail shortly after October 27. We hope you will be in prayer as you await the opportunity to support God's dream for our congregation, our community, and the world.

HARVEST LUNCHEON & CAKE WALK

Sunday, October 26

11:45 – 1:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Mark your Calendar and Invite a Friend!

The Caring Ministry Team is hosting a **HARVEST LUNCHEON & CAKE WALK** for our church family and their friends following the 10:30 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. All you have to do is **COME & ENJOY** the meal which is being prepared by six fabulous chili cooks!

WAIT! Did you say **CAKE WALK**?!?! Yep, we are bringing back an oldie-but-goodie fun time!



... where love leads community

Pastor's Message from Co-Senior Minister, Matthew Harris-Gloyer

Some people are surprised to find out that we went the entire term of pregnancy not knowing the sex of our child. We wanted to be surprised. Even though we did all the modern day doctors' visits and classes, we wanted this one commonality with ancestors from before the time of ultrasound technology. For nine months we called our growing child, "Baby." Every night we sang lullabies to "Baby." We noticed "Baby's" movements in the morning, and her/his responses to various foods. When "Baby" was born, I yelped for joy. At some point before birth day, we chose the name, Kaiden, because it could be a girl's or boy's name. It means "beloved companion," and our "Baby" was, and is, just that.

reinforce that Kaiden belongs in our family. The research also shows that this work of belonging cannot be done solely within family units. It reminds me of the traditional saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." There's another that is similar: "It takes a church to raise a parent."

Church is the place where I have found my deepest belonging; a place where people noticed that I was there (and noticed when I wasn't), where people called me by my name, and where people knew me: my successes and failures, joys and remorse. This desire to provide such a place of belonging for everyone (as it was provided for me) is a big part of what drives my calling to ministry. And what I love about Disciples of Christ is that this work isn't mine alone. Rather, in our DOC tradition, ministry



As parents, we aren't perfect. We make mistakes, and we do our best to claim responsibility and make amends. Through these last six years of doing life together, the three of us know each other pretty well. We recognize when one of us is having an off day. We know what helps when one of us gets up on the wrong side of the bed. We know what each other's favorite parks are and which slides are preferred.

Recent research shows that "belonging" is likely a core component of human flourishing. Elements of belonging are being noticed, being called by name, and being known. We are trying to implement this research into our parenting by finding ways to

is the work of every elder, deacon, trustee, leader, member. If you are ready to take the next faithful step into ministry, I would love to talk with you.

~ Pastor Matt

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 9-22

Betty Patterson	October 9
Shawn Hill	October 10
Lois Kinkaid	October 11
Sharon Mudge	October 11
Njeri Cayton	October 15
Robin Crom	October 15
Bev Lamont	October 15
Beth Manzo	October 15
Rosealee Clemens	October 17
Kate Whitehead	October 17
Sharron Streeter	October 18
Joyce Frame	October 20
Leanne Griffin	October 20
Elizabeth Krummel	October 22

October 12 Flowers

*Courtesy of Robin Crom
in celebration of her birthday.*



Prayers For...

Leslie Carlisle, pancreatic cancer
Margaret Cleveland, healing from knee replacement
Susan Crom, pancreatic cancer
Teri Garland, bronchial pneumonia
Natasha de la Garza, large mass in her abdomen
Gene & Shirley Pilcher, Boone Ridge Senior Living Community
Mike Stebbins, healing from hernia surgery
Dolores Vance, diagnosed with Type III Achalasia

Condolences

Duane Setness passed away on September 28. Our sympathies and prayers go out to his daughter, Diane Setness, and the rest of his family. A graveside service will take place on October 9 at 1:30 pm at Valley View Lutheran Cemetery in Silverton.

Debbie Hegr passed away on September 27. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her husband, Marty; son, Eric; granddaughter, Payton; sister, Linda Lytle; and to her extended family of the Kinkadds, Dezotells, Jacksons, Mudges and Beverlys.



This was a display for Debbie's memorial in Cypress, Texas. Our church memorial candle, Debbie's Fellowship of the Towel and precious little notes from Debbie's Priscilla Sisters.

Worship Attendance

September 28	in-person	online
8:30	22	
10:30	95	145
October 5	in-person	online
8:30	17	
10:30	82	117



Prayer Collage Image Cutting Session

Friday, October 24, from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Parlor

Join a small group to hang out with one another while we cut out striking images from magazines—preparing for an upcoming Prayer Collage Workshop.

More details to come on the Prayer Collage Workshop to be held January 24, 2026 at the YMCA. It will be hosted by SFCC Praying Ministry Team!

We are still collecting magazines with medium to large size photo images. Please bring magazines to the church library.



Friday, October 31st
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wear your favorite costume and join us for Tricks and Treats!

Keizer Christian Church
 6945 Wheatland Rd N
 Keizer, Oregon

Candy Donations

Want to add some sugary Halloween happiness for kiddos? Individually wrapped candy donations will support the **Trunk or Treat** event hosted by our DOC neighbors at Keizer Christian Church.

Bring the candy to the table outside the Parlor at Salem FCC on Sunday mornings or to the church office mid-week.

Thank you!



World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday was observed from the balcony by our elementary children. They even



held their little hands out for the blessing to our elders. Please truly know the volunteer teachers and helpers are showing what church is! They loved eating the bread in coffee fellowship too!

Artwork by 5-year old Kaiden Harris-Gloyer.



SALEM YOUTH COLLECTIVE

Named, Noticed, Known: A Framework for Belonging

Sunday, October 12, 2025 | 12:30-2:30 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (across from Bush Park)

How do we cultivate spaces where our teenagers can experience belonging? Based on national research on teens and mental health, this workshop will present a simple framework that can inform how adults can accompany young people, in our ministries, in the community, and in our lives. This workshop is hosted by Rev. Chris Dela Cruz, with Youth Solidarity Movement (YSM), an initiative of Together Lab, and a partner with Salem Youth Collective. YSM cultivates community for teenagers and the adults who support them so that young people can experience belonging in Oregon.

Doubling as our fall kick-off for the Salem Youth Collective, all rising 6-12th graders are invited to participate in a pizza lunch with adult attendees, then they'll engage in connecting activities while adults work with Chris.

We'll meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 1444 Liberty St SE in Salem. 12:30-2:30 pm.

[Click here to sign up.](#)

Deacons for 2026

It's time to prepare a roster of deacons for the 2026 year. Even if you've never served before, we welcome you to join the Deacon team. The duties include:

- Serving once a month
- Greeting people before the 10:30 am service
- Offering communion kits and passing the offering plates

The 8:30 am service operates under the leadership of Joan Lloyd and Faith Coleman. They also welcome help.

If you are interested in serving at either service, please contact Barbara Decker, Deacon Chairperson, at DavidLDecker@msn.com, or 480-231-7343.

SALEM YOUTH COLLECTIVE 2025-2026 PLANNER

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
21st: Kick-Off Carnival	12th: Belonging Workshop 19th: Pumpkin Patch	9th: Noticed 16th: Friendsgiving w/Activity
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
14th: Named 21st: Christmas Party	11th: Known 18th: Service Project	8th: Super Bowl 15th: Relationships
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
8th: Community 15th: Laser Tag Spring Break Mission Trip	12th: Guest Speaker 19th: Nature Hike	9th: Special Saturday Volunteering 10th: No group on Mother's Day 17th: Scavenger Hunt

**Second and Third Sundays from 12:30-2:30 pm
St Paul's Episcopal Church (or off-site)**

REMINDERS:

2025 CWF Rummage Sale Missions Fundraiser

November 6, 7, 8 (open to the public) and Sunday, November 9, open to Church members.

If you need help carrying in your donations to the Fellowship Hall, please call the church office to make arrangements.

All-Church Leaf Clean-up Day!

November 15th | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join us for a Day of Service & Fellowship! Let's come together to rake leaves and clean up. We'll gather for a delicious homemade soup lunch (provided) after the cleanup to relax and fellowship.

Email Dena Turner at: denaturner5@hotmail.com to sign up.



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Save the Date!
Oregon & SW Idaho
Regional Assembly
May 15, 16, 2026
Will be held in Boise, Idaho.

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