



# October



THE COMMUNITY  
CHURCH OF MOAB  
SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

*Change is in the air!* Seems most of the time changes in our lives can be challenging, uncomfortable and even unwelcome.

So how do we deal with it? How do we respond to the changing circumstances that we are facing? Daniel, Chapter 2 vs.21 says this,

***“He changes times and seasons: He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.”***

The first statement made here, is in the word **“He”**. **He**, or **God**, is in control. *(Breathing a sigh of relief here)* Doesn't it do our hearts good to know **“He”** is in charge? **“He”** is the one who provides the change. **“He”** is the one who sets those in power.

It's not an easy thing to endure changes in our lives, especially when it concerns saying goodbye to Pastor Keith, who has been the shepherd of this flock for the past 34 years. Pastor Keith has been a faithful, trustworthy teacher of God's word and a great example of God's love to this community and our fellowship. We will miss him here at Community Church.

*The season is changing.*

As we wish Pastor Keith and Dianne a great retirement, and although they will be missed, we should be encouraged and even excited to enter this new season. We will welcome a new Shepherd. It is good to know that God gives Wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. We can be asking the Lord for wisdom and knowledge for ourselves, for our leaders, and for those in the Pastoral Search Committee.

We can trust the Lord. Jesus is our strength and the glue that holds us together as family. Seems as we face these changes, however uncomfortable at times, they are causing us to *seek* Him more, and that's always a good thing!



**1 Chronicles 16:10-12 Glory in His holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
Look to the LORD and His strength;  
seek His face always.**

***Rejoice!***

Even in these uncertain times. The Lord hears us, loves us and answers our prayers. I'm grateful for our fellowship, and grateful for those who are willing to give of their time and resources, regardless of the curve balls life seems to throw. In this new season, let's work to draw closer than ever! Let's call and encourage one another with our new calling ministry (Thanks Linda!) Let's pray with each other, or just listen. Maybe send a card to someone... You will know, as the Lord leads and as we seek Him for His Wisdom, Knowledge and Discernment.

In Gratitude,

Crystal (Administrative Assistant, Community Church of Moab)





**OPERATION CHRISTMAS  
CHILD 2020 SHOEBOXES  
WILL BE AVAILABLE  
BEGINNING SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 25th**

Thanks to you, this will be the eleventh consecutive year our church will be supporting this wonderful ministry.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020 SHOEBOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>.

In the classroom across the hall from the library, tables with items for you to take to help pack your boxes will be available Mondays through Fridays, between October 26 and November 21 – while supplies last. Bring any items you wish to donate to Operation Christmas Child to the classroom.

PLEASE NOTE: The following items are NOT allowed in the boxes---breakable items, liquids, violence related toys, candy, gum nor toothpaste. The suggested donation for process and shipping is \$9.00 per box. Questions (?) Call Donna Hofmann 259-4505.

The lifesaving Gospel message is conveyed with each shoebox. Also, THE GREATEST JOURNEY, a 12-lesson discipleship program, is available to every child and spreads the Gospel to others in each family!

COLLECTION WEEK IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

We will be available to receive your filled shoeboxes from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm from Monday, 11/16 through Saturday, 11/21 at the church office or at the curbside, contactless drop-off service – call 259-7319.

After the church service on 11/22, we will take all donated shoeboxes to the 2020 Drop-Off Location, Moab Baptist Church, 356 W. Kane Creek Blvd. Phone: 259-8481.

The Drop-Off Team Leader at Moab Baptist Church is Julia Bates (260-2443). The packing party will be held in Green River this year. Contact Julia for more information.

Your shoebox and prayers bring the love of Christ to children around the world.

*"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17*

### **Pastoral Search Update:**

Your committee has narrowed the search to three candidates. We have developed interview questions to determine more about their calling, future vision and goals, how they can enhance the health of our church, and how they will fit with our church family. These interviews by videoconferencing are planned for the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Once again, please pray daily for your church, our future pastor and this committee.*



Dianne and I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to Community Church and all the church's wonderful people for the great retirement celebration that we enjoyed and shared together. There was obviously a lot of work and good thought put into the planning. And so much work to get it together and pull it off. We love each of you so much. We will look forward to seeing each of you around Moab. Also all the gifts and cards that we received with the wonderful letters of greeting were just wonderful and so heartfelt. The gift of money that came from many of you was so very generous. Thank you. We have read each letter and card. The love that flows from them is going to make the rest of our lives full and complete. Keep the faith and keep Jesus in focus.


Keith and Dianne

*Thank You*





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4. 	5.	6.	7. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Diner	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Diner	15.	16.	17.
18.	19.	20.	21. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Diner	22.	23.	24.
25. Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes available!	26.	27.	28. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Diner	29.	30.	31.

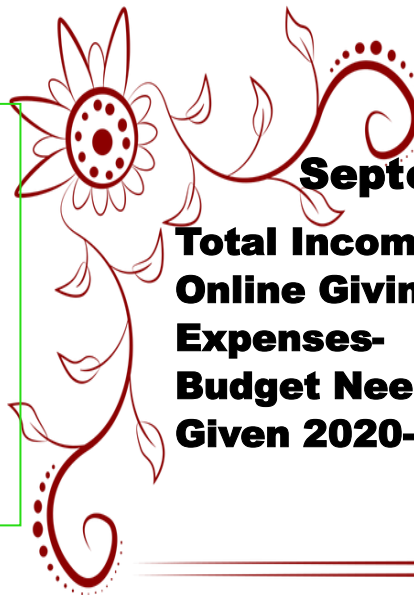


## October Birthdays

10/03) Brendon Dowd 10/05) Donna Hoffman  
 10/07) Kylie Haycock 10/10) Nicole Shumway  
 10/15) Missy Patrick, Karen Smith, Adrien Taylor  
 10/19) Jersey Dowd, Karla Hancock, Tyson Lesmeister 10/20) Abigail Green  
 10/28) Kane Sherer 10/29) Susan Johnston, Jackie Stevens

If your birthday isn't listed here, please email it to: [mcchurch544@gmail.com](mailto:mcchurch544@gmail.com) or call the office at 259-7319  
 Thanks!

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## September Fund Report

<b>Total Income-</b>	<b>\$22,578.00</b>
<b>Online Giving-</b>	<b>\$9,320.00</b>
<b>Expenses-</b>	<b>\$27,567.00</b>
<b>Budget Need-</b>	<b>\$191,024.00</b>
<b>Given 2020-</b>	<b>\$211,697.00</b>



## Let's Stay Connected!

Dear Church Family,  
Welcome to October 2020! How different, to be sure, than previous Octobers. For the first time since December 1986 Pastor Keith and Dianne aren't leading our church family. The pandemic has changed how we come together for Sunday worship services. We feel scattered, with some of us in the sanctuary, others watching online and still others unable to view services at all. And, there's less opportunity for those important connections that took place in Fellowship Hall over coffee and donuts.

The good news is that the most important thing hasn't changed at all! We can proclaim with complete conviction that God still reigns and the Son still shines. God loves each of His precious children and each one of you is a valued member of His family at Moab Community Church. And, there is no doubt that in this time of transition we are meant to remain a strong, healthy congregation, preparing to welcome our new pastor, continuing as a beacon of God's love in Moab.

So, how do we do all that without a pastor? The same way we do it with a pastor! Develop and deepen our own relationships with Jesus through daily prayer and devotion. Act when we get "shoulder taps", God prompting us to reach out to another person because their name just happened to cross our minds or we see a person who needs a kind word or deed. Attend Sunday worship services in the sanctuary or online, which encourages others through our presence.

In order to stay connected within our church family a Congregation Care Calling Committee is forming to make calls just to say, "How are you doing?" "Is there anything you need?" We hope it will feel like those conversations as we shook hands during the greeting time in worship service or lingered after church to say hello to each other. Would you like to be a caller? If so, let the church office know.



Open 9 AM to 3 PM  
closed 12-1  
435-259-7319

If there is an emergency outside  
of office hours please call Crystal at  
603-203-3987 *Thank You*

