



## SOUTH JOPLIN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

April 2017



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#### WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING ALL PEOPLE ALONG A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.

"Welcoming and accepting all people" – is a reminder of our Welcome Statement and genuine hospitality, in the present tense so it is always relevant. "along" – is an invitation to join together side by side. "journey of faith" – implies that arrival is a myth; we are always growing. "service" – is a natural outcome of faith and inseparable from our commitment to discipleship.

#### FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

After a very trying month of funerals which have rocked our congregation, I am looking forward to the celebration of Easter, which gives me hope in the face of death as I am certain it has for generations of those who follow our Risen Christ. The Easter event dramatically changed the way people viewed the actions and teachings of Jesus and forever changed the course of history for much of the world. *The One who Was and Is and Is to Come* is still changing lives, and we are a living testimony to that power of transformation.

I invite you to continue reflecting with me on the various understandings of Jesus in the remaining weeks of Lent, and especially on Maundy Thursday and Easter morning. On Maundy Thursday we will have a service at 6:30 p.m. to recall the Last Supper and a revised Tenebrae service based on Jesus as Light and Salvation. Our chancel choir is providing leadership to this service in lieu of an Easter cantata.

On Easter morning we will have a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., beginning in the chapel and progressing to the gazebo in Friendship Park. This simple service will symbolically engage attendees in the progression from the darkness of the tomb to the living presence of the risen Christ in the garden as the light of dawn grows.

A potluck breakfast will follow at 8:30 in Fellowship Hall, and everyone is asked to bring a breakfast dish to share. Drinks will be provided, and a craft activity will be provided for children to make and take with them to help recall and tell the Easter story. Sunday School classes will take place at the usual time of 9:30 a.m. for all ages.

The morning worship service at 10:45 will include the flowering of the cross as worshippers are invited to bring fresh or synthetic flowers to place on the cross during our prayer time in celebration of the transformation of our sorrow into joy and our gratitude for God's grace and power. The Easter Offering for the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be received, and our sanctuary will be adorned as customary with blooming lilies in memory and honor of loved ones. (See instructions elsewhere in the newsletter if you wish to sponsor one or more lilies.) My final sermon in the series *The One who Was and Is and Is to Come* will highlight Jesus as "Lord," and challenge us to reorient our lives in meaningful ways as we journey beyond the empty tomb in obedience and faith.

Looking forward to seeing you and your guests in the coming days and weeks, *Pastor Colleen*

#### REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS

WITH REV. KATHRYN WILSON, MINISTER OF MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Mission Trip "Spring Fever" Super Sale Event:** Our Mission Team is looking forward to our big "Super Sale Event" fundraiser on **April 29** and we need your help. This event will include a "Trash and Treasures" Garage Sale in the Quonset hut; an Arts and Craft Show on the parking lot; and Breakfast and Lunch options available for sale in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to cover expenses for the trip and also to have ample resources to purchase necessary building materials, supplies, etc. needed by any family to repair damage due to a shortage of financial resources.

How can you help? We need you to donate items for the garage sale. You may contact Tom Hamm, Rocky Eckhardt, or Darryl Coit if you need to make arrangements to have items picked up or to make arrangements to deliver them to the church. **However we are not accepting clothing or electronic items such as TV's, computers or printers.** If you know of any artists and craft vendors who would like to rent a space on the parking lot to sell their products you may contact Tom Wheeler or Pastor Kathryn for more information or an application. Parking lot spaces are available for \$30.00 (\$25.00 for the first five to sign up). Applications may also be obtained from the church office. The Breakfast/Lunch sale is being coordinated by Jeanie Morrison, Darlene Coit, and Sean Nicodemus. If you can help us with the publicity by taking posters or flyers to distribute around the community please ask Pastor Kathryn for them.

And last but not least we need volunteers and more volunteers to help with the sale on the day of the event and prior to the event. There are a multitude of tasks that need to be done and the Mission Team cannot do them all. Sign up posters will be forthcoming identifying the tasks and hours. **Remember this is South Joplin Christian Church's mission trip** and the team is traveling to Rowlett, TX on behalf of the congregation. Do your part to help us have a successful event. Also we are launching a **GoFundMe** page so spread the word to family, friends and neighbors if they would like to make a financial donation. Our Mission Trip to Rowlett, TX, is June 4 – 10. It is not too late to be part of the Mission Team. See Pastor Kathryn to register.

**CROSSLINES:** Welcome Colby Kluthe as our newest member of our Crosslines Team. We are always glad to have new volunteers. The new Monday hours will begin on Monday April 3 and each week thereafter - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with no morning hours. For those who are able to serve but cannot be part of the SJCC 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Team, this is an excellent opportunity.

Currently there is a need for Monday volunteers on April 24, May 15 and May 22. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday the only services available are: clothing, financial, and commodities. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays all regular services available. Please contact Crosslines directly if you can serve any of these evenings (417-782-8384). Please mark your calendars for the next Volunteer Training Day on May 31, 9:00 am – 11:00 am and also the Volunteer Appreciation Event on June 2 @ 6:00 pm and will be catered by Del Rios with entertainment by the Goulds (location to be announced).

Currently Crosslines is in need of towels, toasters, manual can openers and adult hygiene supplies. Our Crosslines Challenge for the month of April is **50 boxes of cereal**. Every year Crosslines donates almost 442,000 pounds of food to God's people in need. That is nearly equal to the weight of "30 elephants". Zimmer Radio Inc. is sponsoring a Food Drive on Friday, April 21 from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm (rain date is Friday, April 28). Visit the Crosslines Ministries – Joplin Facebook page.

**JOPLIN INTERFAITH COALITION:** The next Interfaith Coalition Panel Discussion is scheduled for **April 1** at 10:00 a.m. and will be hosted by the Islamic Society of Joplin, 1805 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. The topic will be "Prayers and Liturgy."

**EQUAL EXCHANGE:** Just a reminder: we offer Exchange products year-round. Check out our display cabinet in the Fellowship Hall to see your choices of coffee, tea, chocolate and cocoa. You may purchase products before or after worship. See any member of the Outreach Committee (names posted by the cabinet) or Pastor Kathryn. *These items will make very special Easter gifts for loved ones.*

**IRVING ELEMENTARY/BRIGHT FUTURES:** Can you believe that the school year is almost over? Wow how time flies. Irving staff is sponsoring another fundraiser to help Mrs. Stacy Foulz (Library Aide) with medical expenses, etc. as she continues her recovery from a massive stroke earlier in the school year. Tina Rainey, the lead custodian has made a beautiful quilt that will be raffled on May 12. Help us support this effort by purchasing your tickets from Pastor Kathryn or Betsy Wheeler. Tickets are \$1.00 or 5/\$6.00.

The Irving Student Council is making plans for their annual School Fair on May 5 starting at 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm. There will be games and food for an evening of family fun. Come and join in the fun. Volunteers are needed if you are able to help. The students are especially looking for volunteers to help with face painting. If you would like to donate items for the concession stand (candy bars, drinks or water) or small candies and treats for game prizes please give those items to Pastor Kathryn. Proceeds will help fund the 5th grade trip to Silver Dollar City and the Student Council annual gift to the school.

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS:** Thank you SJCC for giving so generously in support our Week of Compassion offering. Through your spirit-led giving we received \$1,310.00.

On Sunday April 9 and April 16 we will receive our Easter Offering. This offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, and Treasury Services.

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**++ SJCC CLASSES/EVENTS/NEWS ++ SJCC CLASSES/EVENTS/NEWS ++**

SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW (*YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MIGHT ASK*)

***Sunday Morning Schedule...***

- 9:30 a.m.** Sunday school is offered (age 3 – adult)    **10:25 a.m.** Fellowship time is for everyone  
**9:30 a.m. - Noon** a nursery is provided for those who are too young to participate in other ministries  
**10:45 a.m.** children ages 3 ½ - 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to participate in Children Worship & Wonder  
**10:45 a.m.** Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade up are in worship in the sanctuary with the adults  
*(clipboards are available at the back of the sanctuary for these children)*

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**LENTEN SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**    *"The One Who Was and Is and Is to Come"*

**April 2: Victor** (Sunday Sermon Topic)

**April 9, Palm Sunday: King** (Sunday Sermon Topic)  
Children's Procession of Palms

**April 13, Maundy Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion

**April 14, Good Friday:** No services at SJCC

**April 16, Easter Sunday:** Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. (begins in Chapel)    All Church Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  
Kid's Activity Table 8:30 a.m.    Sunday School 9:30 a.m.    Worship 10:45 a.m. and Flowering of the Cross.

***Please bring fresh or silk flowers for the flowering of the cross, if available.***

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**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

CWF welcomes all women to join us on Wednesday, **April 5** in Fellowship Hall with Karen Kemp as hostess. Spiritual Life starts at 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments at 10:00, business meeting at 10:30 and at 11:00. Karen Kemp will continue her study from *The Dangerous Act of Worship*. The service project for the month will be the National Benevolent Society (Xplor Program).

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**YOUTH NEWS**

The youth are busy planning and preparing for Youth Sunday on May 14. There is something for every youth to do in the service, so please let Pastor Colleen or Pastor Kathryn or Spenser Cullumber know if you will be here to help.

► Upcoming meeting dates: **April 2** and **April 23** at 4:00 p.m. at SJCC. Youth Activities are open to all youth in grades 5-12. Please join us and invite your friends along as well!

**CHILDREN/YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)**

There are Sunday School classes to encourage our young people in their walk of faith each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. "Where It's At" is for kids 3 years old - 4<sup>th</sup> grade with exploration, story-time, and music offered. There is a more in-depth class for grades 5 - 12, as well. The youth in grades 5 - 12 meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Youth Room.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME (April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)**

Did you know that we have Fellowship Time on Sunday mornings at 10:25 a.m., between Sunday School and Worship? All are welcome! If you would like to provide the snacks on a Sunday, please let Sandy Meadows know.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS (April 5, 12, 19, 26)**

We are inviting everyone to join us for our weekly Wednesday night dinner. Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Donations are accepted. If you are able to help, please contact Hospitality Chairperson, Sandy Meadows.

**IT IS TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES**

It is an SJCC tradition to decorate the sanctuary with Easter Lilies prior to Easter. The plants are offered for purchase to everyone in order to honor or remember the special people in your life. The Lilies are \$10.00 per potted plant. All orders are due by Monday, April 10. Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary or by calling the church office at (417) 624-2522. You will be able to take the plants home with you after worship on Easter Sunday.

**APRIL FELLOWSHIP POT LUCK BREAKFAST**

On April 16 (Easter), in place of our regular monthly potluck luncheon, we will celebrate Easter (**April 16**) with a potluck breakfast. We invite you to you to enjoy all of the yummy food everyone brings to share. If you are able, we ask that you bring a breakfast food to share.

**EARTH DAY PICNIC**

Wednesday, **April 19** will be an outdoor picnic in celebration of Earth Day. Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

February 26: 85    March 5: 113    March 12: 88    March 19: 86    March 26: 80

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Sympathy to Family and Friends of:** John Shields, Betty Coursey, Terry Darby, Michael Patterson, Spencer Nicodemus, Kris Daniels, RJ Daniels

**Joy:** Kairyk Dakoda Curry (*birth of Dia & Whitlee Curry's son*)

**Global Ministry Focus:** South Africa (Nia Sullivan), East Timor (Monica Liddle), India (Teresa Henry), Korea (Kahala Cannon), Honduras (Donald Westra)

**All Others:** Gerry Bagby, Rev. Don Baird, David & Linda Barnett, Shahida Birkhead, Chico & Nancy Bond, Chuck Brittain, Ellen Broglio, Misty Buchanan, Betty Coan, Carly Coats, Kristen Cole, Henry Coursey, Norma Cunningham, Dustin Curry, Dorothy Cuttiff, Dan Day, Alma Dent, Amy Stiles Duell, Scott Elliott, Marea Gagle, Mary Gilmore, Felicia Goswick, Elizabeth Hayes, Warren Hayes, Jim Hess, Marianne Hess, Patt Hinds, Jewell Holland, Jim Holland, Alice Hughlett, Daryl Hughlett, McKenna Humphries, Sharonette Jamason, Bethany James, Fern Jensen, Cheryl Kitchingham, Virginia Knight, Shirley Lamb, Flo Leonard, Christian Lindsey, Tom Meadows, Wilton & Betty McKelvey, Ken Miles, Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson), Easton Murdock, Reuben Murphy, Marge Murray, Arlene Nash, Nicodemus Family, Molly Nicodemus, Jessica Plott, James Roof, Martin Rooney, Michael Rooney, Dana Sanders, SJCC Ministries, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Martha Tucker, Joyce Wall, Will Wilkerson, Nick Williams, Charles Wilson, Birdie Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, those who suffer in silence, and all unspoken requests.

**VBS DATES AND NEWS**

Due to busy summer schedules, we are limiting VBS to three Thursdays this year, on **July 20, 27, and August 3**. Please mark your calendars and consider helping with this fun and energizing avenue of faith formation for our children. For one of the mission projects the kids will be making gift bags for people in crisis, so start saving hotel samples of hygiene items, combs, socks, and gently worn T-shirts in adult SM and LRG. To volunteer, speak to Jessie Faucett or Karen Kemp.

**THANK YOU SOUTH JOPLIN**

We so appreciate your donation of non-perishable foods. We also appreciate your time and prayer for this ministry. Thank you for your partnership.  
*Blessings, Crosslines Staff*

**DURING A TIME LIKE THIS...**

Dear SJCC, thank you for serving us a delicious dinner after Dad's *Celebration of Life*. Our family and friends enjoyed food and

fellowship. A special thanks to Betsy Wheeler for organizing the food and all the other kitchen crew.

Sincerely, Nash, Foster, Hogue Families

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### GREEN TEAM NOTES

The Green Team will be providing leadership to worship on the Sunday after Easter (**April 23**), known as Earth Stewardship Sunday. Susan Wolfenbarger will be preaching the sermon, and her topic is the precious gift of water.

Consider making everyday Earth day! Our planet is in trouble. But you can help... *Recycle, plant a tree, compost, buy earth friendly products, go organic, contact your elected officials regarding your environmental concerns, carpool, ride your bike instead of driving, or walk. But, DO something and preserve our planet for future generations.*

We are still collecting funds for a second bike rack for the church property. How many bikes do you have in your garage or family? Consider making a donation to this project for each bicycle!

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### PLANNING AHEAD

Here are the 2017 Camp Dates we know so far, we will post others as they are available.

**CYF:** June 4-9; June 29 - July 4; July 24-28

**Combo Camp:** June 20-24

**Elementary:** June 20-22

**Junior:** June 20-24

**That Camp About God & Sex:** June 25-July 1

**Junior 1:** July 6-10

**Chi Rho:** July 11-15; 16-21; 24-28

**Try-It:** July 14-16; 27-28

**Junior 2:** July 16-20

**CRY:** July 17-20

**123 Go:** July 21-23

**Faith Adventures:** July 24-28

**JYF-** July 24-28

**Intergenerational Camp at**

**MoVal:** TBD

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, Apr. 1:** 10:00 am Interfaith Panel Discussion at the Joplin Islamic Center

**Sunday, Apr. 2:** *Fifth Sunday in Lent* 8:00 am Elders, 9:00 am Praise Team Practice, 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:25 am Fellowship, 10:45 am Worship, 10:45 am Children Worship & Wonder, 4:00 p.m. Youth (grades 5-12)

**Monday, Apr. 3:** 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, Apr. 4:** 6:30 pm Committee Meetings

**Wednesday, Apr. 5:** 7:15 am Irving Tutoring, 9:30 am CWF General Meeting and Spiritual Life, 5:30 Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

**Thursday, Apr. 6:** 11:30 am Clergy Cluster 3 at SJCC, 6:30 pm NAMI "Family to Family" Workshop, 7:00 pm Book Club at Coynes'

**Friday, Apr. 7:** 1:00 pm Irving Reading Day

**Saturday, Apr. 8:** No Scheduled Events

**Sunday, Apr. 9:** *Palm Sunday* 8:00 am Elders, 9:00 am Praise Team Practice, 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:25 am Fellowship, 10:45 am Worship, 10:45 am Children Worship & Wonder

**Monday, Apr. 10:** Church Office Closed, No Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, Apr. 11:** Church Office Opens at 2 pm, 6:30 pm Board Meeting

**Wednesday, Apr. 12:** 7:15 am Irving Tutoring, 10:00 am Prayer Partners, 10:30 am Women's Bible Study, 5:30 Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

**Thursday, Apr. 13:** *Maundy Thursday* 6:30 pm NAMI "Family to Family" Workshop, 7:00 pm Book Club at Coynes'

**Friday, Apr. 14:** *Good Friday* No Scheduled Events

**Saturday, Apr. 15:** *Lent Ends* No Scheduled Events

**Sunday, Apr. 16:** *Easter Sunday* 6:30 am Sunrise Service (*chapel*), 8:30 am All Church Potluck Breakfast in Fellowship Hall - *Please bring your favorite breakfast and/or brunch food to share!*, 8:30 am Children's activity table, 9:00 am Praise Team Practice, 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:25 am Fellowship, 10:45 am Worship with Cantata and Flowering of the Cross. *Please bring fresh or silk flowers.*

**Monday, Apr. 17:** 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, Apr. 18:** 6:30 pm Green Team Meeting

**Wednesday, Apr. 19:** 7:15 am Irving Tutoring, 10:00 am Prayer Partners, 10:30 am Women's Bible Study, 5:30 Cookout and Picnic in Friendship Park, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

**Thursday, Apr. 20:** 6:30 pm NAMI "Family to Family" Workshop, 7:00 pm Book Club at Coynes'

**Friday, Apr. 21:** No Scheduled Events

**Saturday, Apr. 22:** No Scheduled Events

**Sunday, Apr. 23:** *Earth Sunday* 8:00 am Elders, 9:00 am Praise Team Practice, 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:25 am Fellowship, 10:45 am Worship, 10:45 am Children Worship & Wonder

**Monday, Apr. 24:** *Presidents Day* 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, Apr. 25:** 6:30 pm PRC Pastor Colleen, 6:30 pm PRC Pastor Kathryn

**Wednesday, Apr. 26:** *Pastor Kathryn Out of Office* 7:15 am Irving Tutoring, 10:00 am Prayer Partners, 10:30 am Women's Bible Study, 5:30 Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

**Thursday, Apr. 27:** *Pastor Kathryn Out of Office* 9:45 am Crosslines, 6:30 pm NAMI "Family to Family" Workshop, 7:00 pm Book Club at Coyne's'

**Friday, Apr. 28:** *Pastor Kathryn Out of Office* No Scheduled Events

**Saturday, Apr. 29:** 9:00 am Spring Super Sale Event (until 4 pm)

**Sunday, Apr. 30:** 8:00 am Elders, 9:00 am Praise Team Practice, 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:25 am Fellowship, 10:45 am Worship, 10:45 am Children Worship & Wonder

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### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

#### SOUND BOARD OPERATOR (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Apr 2: Darryl Coit  
Apr 9: Raymond Reaves  
Apr 16: Ken Moser  
Apr 23: Bruce Wilcox  
Apr 30: Darryl Coit

#### "WHERE IT'S AT!" SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 YRS - GRADE 4)

Apr 2: Jess Faucett/Sandy Meadows  
Apr 9: Darlene Coit/Jess Faucett  
Apr 16: Rocky Eckhardt/Karen Kemp  
Apr 23: Leanna Carrol/KC Brockman  
Apr 30: Karen Kemp/Jess Faucett  
**Grades 5-12 meet each Sunday with Dia Curry and Mike Fitterling**

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#### PROJECTION OPERATOR (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Apr 2: Sandy Meadows  
Apr 9: Judy Schneider  
Apr 16: Jennifer Reaves  
Apr 23: Sandy Meadows  
Apr 30: Judy Schneider

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#### PRAISE TEAM

Apr 2: Rocky Eckhardt, Judy Akeman, Betsy Wheeler  
Apr 9: Rocky Eckhardt, Lisa Wilcox, Betsy Wheeler  
Apr 16: Kenton Foster, Judy Akeman, Lisa Wilcox  
Apr 23: Kenton Foster, Betsy Wheeler, Lisa Wilcox  
Apr 30: Kenton Foster, Judy Akeman, Rocky Eckhardt

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#### INPUT OPERATOR (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Apr 2: Kenton Foster  
Apr 9: Laurinda Whitehead  
Apr 16: Kenton Foster  
Apr 23: Laurinda Whitehead  
Apr 30: Kenton Foster

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#### COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

Apr 2: Jessica Faucett, George Gagle, Jr., Donny Smith, Sue Sterrett  
Apr 9: Sherry Crumbliss, Patt Hinds, Judy Schneider, Lisa Wilcox  
Apr 16: KC Brockman, Tom Hamm, S. Wolfenbarger, Emma Eckhardt  
Apr 23: Sarah Coyne, Julia Foster, George Gagle, Jr., Rachel Eckhardt  
Apr 30: Jessica Faucett, Patt Hinds, Shirley Martin, Laney Reaves

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#### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Apr 2: Julia Foster  
Apr 9: Shirley Martin  
Apr 16: Sue Sterrett  
Apr 23: Carolyn Thiel  
Apr 30: Susan Wolfenbarger

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#### HOMEBOUND

Apr 2: Margie Fitterling/Tom Hamm  
Apr 9: Darlene Coit/Jeanie Morrison  
Apr 16: Tom Wheeler/Donna Fuller  
Apr 23: Mark Millard/Sherry Crumbliss  
Apr 30: Margie Fitterling/KC Brockman

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#### ELDER IN WORSHIP

Apr 2: Darlene Coit  
Apr 9: Betsy Wheeler  
Apr 16: Mark Millard  
Apr 23: Margie Fitterling  
Apr 30: Betsy Wheeler

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#### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER (VOLUNTEERS GREATLY NEEDED)

Apr 2: Sarah Coyne/Cathy Gray  
Apr 9: Kathy Nicodemus/Leanna Carrol  
Apr 16: Easter *Kids in Big Worship*  
Apr 23: Jessica Faucett/Judy Schneider  
Apr 30: Karen Kemp/Cathy Gray

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#### ACOLYTES

Apr 2: Lauren Coyne/Rachel Eckhardt  
Apr 9: Rachel Eckhardt/Mia Coyne  
Apr 16: Mia Coyne/Laney Reaves  
Apr 23: Laney Reaves/Lauren Coyne  
Apr 30: Lauren Coyne/Rachel Eckhardt

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 14, 2017 BOARD MEETING

(Note: highlights do not include topics covered elsewhere in newsletter)

**Treasurer:** Financial report for January and February reports noting some information lacking or incorrect due to computer issues; Treasurers continue to work to get all information correctly reflected.

**Pastor Colleen:** informed Board Imam Lahmuddin (Islamic Society of Joplin) returning to Indonesia; Rev. Terri Hord announced as nominee for General Minister and President; Mark Rankin agreed to come up with designs for SJCC logo; received request for SJCC to charter a Boy Scout troop.

**Pastor Kathryn:** looking for donations and publicity ideas for Mission trip to Texas; noted training dates for PRAR team as April 1, May 6, August 19, and September 9; moving forward with sabbatical plans and looking for input from congregation as to which Sabbatical learning experiences may enrich the missions of SJCC.

**CWF:** noted upcoming Mothers' Banquet May 7 at 5 p.m. - stressed that it is a time used to honor all women.

**Faith Formation:** asking for empty toilet paper/paper towel rolls and rectangular Kleenex boxes to be used for kid's craft project.

**Green Team:** eagerly anticipating Earth Day; noted cookout and picnic April 19 (Wednesday Fellowship Meal).

**Hospitality:** Sandy Meadows asked all to be mindful of visitors to our dinners and make a point of sitting with newcomers. She also reminded folks there would be no Fellowship luncheon in April. Instead, there will be a fellowship "Potluck" breakfast on Easter morning.

**Memorial:** financial report included; noted kids at Irving Elementary (Student Council) voted to make donation in honor of Spencer Nicodemus.

**Outreach:** mentioned Site Council (Irving) needs volunteers for May 5 school fair; also seeking donations of candy (as prizes) and for sale in concession booth during fair; mentioned SJCC will sell raffle tickets for quilt with proceeds to benefit Mrs. Flotz (Irving Elementary librarian who had a stroke)

**Outreach Financials:** announced receipt of \$1,256 as Week of Compassion donations; noted Equal Exchange products continue to sell well.

**Property:** noted rental account balance reaching point that they may make another donation from Rental to SJCC General Fund in April; hung one of two donated TV's in A-12, will hang other one in Fellowship Hall as soon as they have time; will install bike rack soon; working to find better way to level AC unit so it doesn't continue to trigger alarm during high winds; noted heater in shuttle bus does work; got Board approval to donate white plastic chairs stored in room A-12 to SJCC Rummage sale fundraiser.

**Worship:** noted Nikole Bowden, Judy Schneider, Darlene Coit, Tom Hamm, and Leanna Carrol completed Child Protection training; committee continues to seek more volunteers for Sound/Projection, and also for Greeters in *Children Worship & Wonder*.

**A full copy of financials/minutes is available from the church office.**