



*SOUTH JOPLIN*

*CHRISTIAN CHURCH*

## DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

August 2017



### 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

Last month I wrote about my excitement and anticipation in attending the General Assembly, and now I write with equal excitement having returned from the historic event. As I expected, it was a beautiful experience of diversity and inspiration, and I continue to be grateful to be afforded the opportunity to attend.

I have witnessed the transition of several General Minister and Presidents in the time since I began attending assemblies, and was delighted to be present for the installation of Rev. Teresa Hord Owens on the final evening of worship. As is customary in ordination and installation services, the worshipping community gathered around her and laid hands on her, stretching from her shoulders throughout the congregation. I was moved to be in that chain of support, praying with and for the Holy Spirit to anoint her in this monumental calling. I was also moved to listen to her first sermon to the assembly as GMP, and to hear her pledge to love God first, and love the church to the best of her ability. I immediately thought of the words of 1 Corinthians 13 that without love, our words and actions are but a noisy gong.

The timing of electing our first African American to this position is no accident. At this assembly we voted to recommit our support for Reconciliation Ministries which continues to struggle to meet the demands of its programs while being underfunded by the church, and we voted to become more knowledgeable of the historic merger agreement between the National Christian Missionary Convention (the organized body of African American churches in the Stone Campbell movement organized in 1917) with the International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in 1968. I also wager we enjoyed greater leadership and participation on the part of African American Disciples in general at this assembly. The election of Rev. Owens is a reflection of our genuine commitment to reconciliation and a valuable step toward authentic unity, and I celebrate the growing diversity in our denomination, as I do here at home in Joplin.

In returning from the assembly, I thanked SJCC in my sermon on July 16 for all the hard work you have done in the past to make room for greater diversity in our fellowship. But our work is never finished. In order to have unity in the midst of diversity, we need to keep our hearts, minds, ears and hands constantly open to the leading of the Spirit, always keeping love as our highest ethic. May God continue to be before us as we embrace our mission of “loving and accepting all people along a journey of faith and service.”

BLESSINGS ALONG THE WAY, PASTOR COLLEEN



*Thank you South Joplin for the opportunity to attend the 2017 General Assembly.*

I have returned with a renewed sense of God's calling to serve and the importance of our mission and witness to others. As we have declared ourselves a place of welcome to all, we must continue the hard work of ensuring that our mission goes beyond the walls of our building. The Justice Educational Track that I completed during my time at the assembly highlighted the need to end violence so that we can return to joy; that being radical is not a bad word (helps at getting to the root causes of issues); learn to celebrate as a form of resistance; learn to lament as a part of our action work and explore ways the church can respond to mass incarceration and the inhumanity of solitary confinement. I close with the inspiring words of our new General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens who stated that we must equip, reassure and energize ourselves to do the work that truly and effectively impacts human lives.

*Rev. Kathryn Wilson*

*We Taught Along the Pathway  
Let the Path Continue With us*

### Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration



Come experience African American culture in the food, entertainment and activities beginning Friday, August 4 – Sunday, August 6 as the African American community in Joplin commemorates Emancipation Day by holding the annual "Park Days" Celebration in Ewert Park.

The celebration will feature live entertainment, a professional African Dance Company from St. Louis, MO, a car show, food, gospel music, kid's activities, and various other events. This is a family friendly event.

If you are free on Saturday, August 5 we could use your help at the South Joplin display tent as we will once again share the ministries at our church. See Pastor Kathryn to sign up as a volunteer. We have openings from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Whether you can work all day or just a couple of hours, that's not a problem.

You're also invited to join Pastor Kathryn for the "Church in the Park" service on Sunday, August 6 at 9 a.m.



REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS  
WITH REV. KATHRYN WILSON  
MINISTER OF MISSION AND OUTREACH



“Responding to God’s grace will keep us busy for the rest of our lives.” This is a quote that many have heard me use often as I challenge you to find ways to do service and bring forth God’s kin-dom here on earth. Each day ask yourself, “how or where did I see God at work today?” Then ask, “how did I respond to God’s grace today?” Just a reminder that there is much we can do to bring forth God’s kin-dom in our world today.

VBS Blessing Bags

It's not too late to donate items for our VBS mission project. The children will be making bags and filling them during VBS on Thursday, August 3. If you still want to help with donations to this project you may place your items in the blue buckets in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. Our mission component this year is focusing on the issue of homelessness in our nation. Did you know that on average between 564,708 - 643,067 experience homelessness and being unsheltered in our country on any given night? Be informed about the plight of the unsheltered. There are many reasons or circumstances why people find themselves in this situation (loss of employment, health issues, domestic violence, mental illness, lack of sufficient income, etc.) The bags will be distributed to people in our community who find themselves in a transient/homeless/unsheltered situation. The revised list of items you can donate to fill the bags include: peanut butter or cheese crackers; small packs of Trail Mix; beef jerky, applesauce or fruit cups. Items most needed: bandanas; individual packs of (Kleenex) tissues; baby wipes or moist towelettes; socks (men's and women's); combs. We have an ample supply of trial/hotel size lotion; tooth brushes and toothpaste. You will find metal blue buckets for donated items in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Kathryn.



CWS Blanket Sunday

For several years South Joplin has been an avid supporter of the Church World Service Blanket Sunday through an annual special offering. We are once again partnering with Church World Service to provide blankets for families in need all around the world. From those affected by earthquakes, floods, and war, a CWS blanket will provide the warmth they need. It will also give them knowledge that they are not alone and that there is hope for recovery. In 2016, CWS distributed over three thousand blankets in the U.S. and other places around the world. \$10.00 will purchase one blanket. This year we will receive this offering on Sunday August 6 and August 13.

Servant Spotlight

Earlier this year South Joplin Christian Church partnered with the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and hosted the 12 weeks Family to Family Workshop. This intensive workshop provided support and education for families with adults suffering with mental illness. **Congratulations** to K.C. Brockman who recently completed the training in Jefferson City to become a certified Family to Family facilitator.

CROSSLINES

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It is with much sadness that on July 20, 2017 the Board of Crosslines Ministries, Inc. accepted the resignation of Kathy Lewis, Executive Director of Crosslines for many years. We applaud Kathy's hard work and leadership at Crosslines as she has directed this ministry through many changes including growing into its new location. We thank her for her many years of service and wish her only the best in her future endeavors.  
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The next Friends of Crosslines meeting is Wednesday, August 30 at 12:00 Noon at South Joplin Christian Church Fellowship Hall. All volunteers are invited to attend to hear about the exciting programs or to hear about things that are happening and to provide your input or offer suggestions as to how we can best serve those in need in our community through this ministry. Don't forget there is now a suggestion box at the Volunteer Information Desk to receive your feedback. If you are not a volunteer but wish to join the SJCC Team contact Tom Fortson or Pastor Kathryn. If you want to volunteer other than on our team contact Crosslines directly at 782-8384.

You are always welcome to join our Crosslines Volunteer Team on the fourth Thursday of each month, 9:45 am to 2:00 pm. If you can't work the entire shift, no worries, that's not a problem. Our next work day is August 24.



Our Crosslines Challenge for August is 100 lbs. of flour



*Crosslines also in need of flatware (knives, forks and spoons).*

Visit their website and view the new video highlighting the ministry - <https://www.crosslinesjoplin.org/>

# Classes

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This class meets each Sunday in room A-12 at 9:30 a.m.

**July 23-August 27:** Join us for a continued study of "Food and Faith: a Theology of Eating" by Norman Wirzba through the month of August. There's more to food than just what goes into our stomachs!

# Groups

## INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?

It appears that we may be celebrating a service of baptism in the near future at SJCC. If there are others with a similar desire, please speak to Pastor Colleen immediately so we can make the most of the full baptistery.

## SJCC Book Club

The book club will be starting a new book soon and will be meeting on Thursday evenings in September. The group is hosted by the Coynes in their home at 3831 S. Norman Dr., and is open to anyone with an open mind!

## YOUTH NEWS

Youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to stay after the Fellowship Dinner on **Sunday, August 20** for a fun activity to celebrate the start of the school year. This is the occasion to welcome incoming 5th graders, and a great time to invite someone new. Parents are asked to return to the church at 2:30 PM to join the youth in some goal setting and discussion regarding activities, and to complete our annual permission forms. Please make every effort to be here with your child(ren) on the 20th and help us start the new year in a meaningful way as we join you in guiding your children along their faith journey.

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR** is taking a break during August. **Wednesday night choir practice will resume on August 30.** We are seeking volunteers to perform during the break. Please contact Karen Watson for performance scheduling.

# EVENTS AT CHURCH

## Christian Women Fellowship

CWF has started a new year with a new theme--Intentional Faith Development--and a new study book--Half Truths. All women are invited to join us on **Wednesday, August 2** in Fellowship Hall with Deb Westmoreland as hostess. Spiritual Life starts at 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments at 10:00, business meeting at 10:30 and study at 11:00. Karen Kemp will continue with chapter one, *Everything Happens for a Reason*. The service project for the month is the **Festival of Sharing**.

**MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** will be **Sunday, August 20** at noon in Fellowship Hall. All attending are asked to bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name:

**Main Dish** F-R    **Side** S-Z  
**Dessert** S-Z

## Movie in the Park

Our feature movie this month *Against the Wild 2: Survive the Serengeti* is the story about a brother and sister (with minimal camping experience) survival after a plane crash in the remote African wilderness. Finding themselves stranded and alone with their dog in the Serengeti, the young siblings interact with the animals and adventures of their epic surroundings in a quest to make it out alive and reunite with their family.



**Friday, August 18**  
**7:30 pm Food and Fellowship**  
**8:30 pm Movie**

# EVENTS AROUND TOWN

- Aug 3 - Aug 6** Marian Days ,Carthage
- Aug 3** First Thursday ArtWalk, Joplin
- Aug 4** First Friday Wine Share, Joplin
- Aug 4 - Aug 6** Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration, Joplin
- Aug 5** Waterun 2017, Joplin
- Aug 12** Shoal Creek Water Festival, Joplin
- Aug 17** Third Thursday, Joplin
- Aug 25 - 26** Storytelling Days, George Washington Carver Nat'l Monument
- Aug 27** Nat'l Parks Founders Day, Geo. Washington Carver Nat'l Monument

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Each Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m., we work to encourage our young people in their walk of faith. "Where It's At" is for kids 3 yrs. old to 4<sup>th</sup> grade with exploration, story-time, and music. The kids and leaders meet on the 3rd floor.

There is a more in-depth class for grades 5 - 12. The youth in grades 5 - 12 meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Youth Room.

As the new school year begins, we invite children moving from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join the youth upstairs beginning August 13.

## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER ORIENTATION/WELCOME

On Sunday, August 13 at 10:45 a.m. we will conduct our annual orientation for parents and children who have become eligible to attend Worship and Wonder (3 years old), and welcoming our new 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to adult worship as they "age out" of Worship and Wonder. Visitors who have started attending SJCC in the last year with children between the ages of 3 years and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are also Encouraged to attend. For more information, please speak with Leanna Carrol.



## Note From the Green Team

It's the Dog Days of Summer and the Green Team wants to remind you to keep plenty of fresh, cool water available for your four legged family members. Also, if you see a pet left in a hot car, call the authorities, it could save their life. Keep your pets paws from getting burned. On an 80° day, the pavement will feel like 140°. Burns hurt!

**Green Tip:** 7.6 million companion animals enter the shelter every year in the US. Of those animals, 3-4 million will be lucky to find a home. Adopt-don't shop; save a life!



# Other Important Stuff



**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School (age 3 – adult)  
**10:25 a.m.** Fellowship time for everyone  
**10:45 a.m.** Children Worship & Wonder (ages 3 ½ yrs - 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
**10:45 a.m.** Worship (*clipboards are available for kids 2<sup>nd</sup> grade/up in the sanctuary with the adults*)  
*Nursery available from 9:30 a.m. - Noon for those too young to participate in other ministries.*

**CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

(General Operating Budget June 1-30)

Anticipated Income: \$16,662.06    Actual Income: \$14002.70  
Actual Expense: \$18,083.21

You can give online at [www.southjoplin-disciples.org](http://www.southjoplin-disciples.org)  
Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

**Attendance**  
**June 25: 75    July 2: 80    July 9: 85    July 16: 67    July 23: 89**

**Congratulations**

Roger & Ellen Traver are celebrating the birth of their great granddaughter, Savannah Josephine. Savannah is Avis Stiles' great-great granddaughter.

and

Mark & Liz Millard are celebrating the birth of their granddaughter Allison Grace Duckett.

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**To My Wonderful Church Family**

I want to sincerely thank all of you for the prayers, cards, thoughts, and wishes during my surgery and recovery.

*Blessings, Carolyn Fortson*

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**WE LIFT THESE UP IN PRAYER**

**Global Ministry Focus (Partner):** Nicaragua (Jeanette Salley), Philippines (Eleazar Fernandez), Mexico (Jerri Handy), Fiji (Nikotemo Tapaeko)

**Sympathy:** Jean Poindexter, Kimberly Fatorrini, Jim Hess

**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, Michael Crofford, Norma Cunningham, Randy Cunningham, Dustin Curry, Dorothy Cuttliff, Dan Day, Alma Dent, Amber Dial, Amy Stiles Duell, Carolyn Fortson, Marea Gagle, Mary Gilmore, Elizabeth Hayes, Warren Hayes, Marianne Hess, Jewell Holland, Jim Holland, Alice Hughlett, Daryl Hughlett, McKenna Humphries, Sharonette Jamason, Bethany James, Fern Jensen, Jean King, Virginia Knight, Shirley Lamb, Flo Leonard, Christian Lindsey, Mike Malone, Rachelle Malone, Tom Meadows, Wilton & Betty McKelvey, Ken Miles, Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson), Garret Moser, Easton Murdock, Reuben Murphy, Marge Murray, Arlene Nash, Nicodemus Family, Molly Nicodemus, People of Syria, Jeff Peterson, Planet Earth, Jessica Plott, Josh Robb, James Roof, Martin Rooney, Michael Rooney, Dana Sanders, SJCC Ministries, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Austin Stauffer (Moser), Susan Thomas, Ferne Traver, Martha Tucker, Gary Wald, Joyce Wall, Will Wilkerson, Nick Williams, Charles Wilson, Birdie Woods, Lorenzo Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, those who suffer in silence, and all unspoken requests.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY BOARD MEETING**

**Treasurer:** Discussion raised regarding how to more easily understand presented reports. June report filed with errors; noted not enough income to cover billing; CWF asked that elevator maintenance billing be paid by funds donated last year by CWF for such billing.

**Senior Minister:** report included in packet. Pastor Colleen was at General Assembly in Indianapolis at time of this meeting.

**Minister of Mission and Outreach:** report included in packet. Pastor Kathryn was at General Assembly in Indianapolis at time of this meeting.

**Faith Formation:** children's Sunday School class beginning new unit on Giving Testimony & Witness.

**Hospitality:** received donation for Sunday morning fellowship coffee; was unable to provide financial report of Wednesday evening meals at this meeting due to time constraints.

**Memorial:** financial report included in packets.

**Outreach:** asked members to sign up to represent SJCC and also attend upcoming Emancipation Park Days (August 4-6); Financial report included in packet.

**Property:** financial report included in packets.; noted repairs made to HVAC and plumbing at 1910 S. Wall property; continues to work on issue with main sewer line at that property; cleaned mold from foundation on south side of Mission Station; purchased new vacuum cleaner to replace broken one for church janitor.

**Youth:** financial report included in packets.

Full copy of financials/minutes available in church office.

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

6 Michael & Kylea Madl	18 Darryl & Darlene Coit	20 Julie Moser & Laurinda Whitehead
9 Peter & Ellen Broglio	19 Nathan Gandy & Amanda Hall	

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

3 Sarah Coyne	9 Darlene Coit	17 Patt Hinds	23 Jolene Baker
4 Liz Millard	10 Mark Millard	21 Isaiah Hefner	23 Banner Faucett
5 Judy Akeman	15 Titus Hefner	21 Fern Jensen	23 Darby Skiles
5 Colleen Carroll	15 Nidia Lopez	22 Carolyn Fortson	24 Bailey Hensley
5 Bruce Wilcox	19 John Asher	22 Kylea Madl	25 Kennedy Paige
			30 Mike Fitterling

Regular Sunday Schedule      \* *Denotes Nursery Available*  
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

# AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 am CWF Gen and Spiritual Life	<b>3</b> 9:00 am VBS	<b>4</b> Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration at Ewert Park	<b>5</b> Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration at Ewert Park
		6:30 pm Committees		6:30 pm Boy Scouts		
<b>6</b> Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 am <i>Church in Park</i> Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration at Ewert Park	<b>7</b> <i>Secretary Vacation Day   Office Closed</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Office Opens 2 pm</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Prayer Partners	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
		6:30 pm Board	6:00 pm Worship	6:30 pm Boy Scouts		
<b>13</b> Regular Sunday Schedule	<b>14</b> 1:00 pm Staff meeting	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Green Teem	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Prayer Partners	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm Movie In Park	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Regular Sunday Schedule 12 noon Fellowship Meal 1:00 pm Youth Group <i>grades 5-12</i>	<b>21</b> 1:00 pm Staff meeting	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm PRC Colleen 6:30 pm PRC Kathryn	<b>23</b> 10:00 am Prayer Partners	<b>24</b> 9:45 am Crosslines 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Regular Sunday Schedule	<b>28</b> 1:00 pm Staff meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 am Prayer Partners 12 Noon Crosslines Friends Meeting (SJCC) 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	<b>31</b>		

## “WHERE IT’S AT!” SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 YRS - GRADE 4)

Aug 6: Leanna Carrol/Karen Kemp  
Aug 13: Karen Kemp/KC Brockman  
Aug 20: Jessica Faucett/Sandy Meadows  
Aug 27: Darlene Coit/Jessica Faucett

## PRAISE TEAM

Aug 6: Judy Akeman, Rocky Eckhart  
Aug 13: Kenton Foster, Betsy Wheeler and Lisa Wilcox  
Aug 20: Kenton Foster, Lisa Wilcox and Betsy Wheeler  
Aug 27: Rocky Eckhart, Judy Akeman and Lisa Wilcox

## COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

Aug 6: Sarah Coyne, Tom Hamm, Patt Hinds, Judy Schneider  
Aug 13: Sherry Crumbliss, George Gagle, Don Smith, Sue Sterrett  
Aug 20: Julia Foster, Donna Fuller, Shirley Martin, Carolyn Thiel  
Aug 27: KC Brockman, Kenton Foster, Jeanie Morrison, Lisa Wilcox

## HOMEBOUND

Aug 6: Mike Fitterling/Donna Fuller  
Aug 13: Darlene Coit/KC Brockman  
Aug 20: Tom Wheeler/Susan Wolfenbarger  
Aug 27: Mark Millard/Sue Sterrett

## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Aug 6: Karen Kemp/Cathy Gray  
Aug 13: Jessica Faucett/Judy Schneider  
Aug 20: Sarah Coyne/Leanna Carrol  
Aug 27: Karen Kemp/Rachel Eckhardt

## SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

Aug 6: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves  
Aug 13: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows  
Aug 20: Raymond Reaves/Judy Schneider  
Aug 27: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves

## INPUT OPERATOR

Aug 6: Kenton Foster  
Aug 13: Laurinda Whitehead  
Aug 20: Kenton Foster  
Aug 27: Laurinda Whitehead

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Aug 6: Carolyn Thiel  
Aug 13: Patt Hinds  
Aug 20: Jessica Faucett  
Aug 27: Sherry Crumbliss

## ELDER IN WORSHIP

Aug 6: Darlene Coit  
Aug 13: Tom Wheeler  
Aug 20: Mark Millard  
Aug 27: Margie Fitterling

## ACOLYTES

Aug 6: Lauren Coyne/Rachel Eckhardt  
Aug 13: Rachel Eckhardt/Mia Coyne  
Aug 20: Mia Coyne/Laney Reaves  
Aug 27: Laney Reaves/Lauren Coyne