



NEW CHURCH LOGO

After months of discussion and revisions, the Elders have approved a new logo for our church, and are excited to begin using it as another means of sharing the unique ministry we offer to the wider community. We worked once more with KM Guru Marketing of Joplin who designed and host our web page, in particular with a student intern named Makenzie, who was very gracious and patient through our numerous requests and revisions.

As you can see, the Disciple chalice is central to who we are as a congregation. We are now the only Disciples of Christ church in Joplin, and we remain committed to the covenantal relationship across the region and general church as part of the “movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.” The second half of the Disciple’s Identity Statement reminds us of the chalice and Table that have always been central to our ecclesiology: “As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord’s Table, as God has welcomed us.”

Surrounding the chalice is a circle of color representing community, inclusion, diversity, and energy. Yes, they are rainbow colors, and yes, that is an intentional nod of welcome to LGBTQ persons, but also to straight allies who embrace the values of inclusion that reach beyond sexual orientation or identity. We have witnessed an influx of persons to the church because of this intentional practice, validating the decision the church made several years ago to be a welcoming congregation. This will be a visible means of affirming that practice as we use our logo on various marketing tools and materials.

The church is now invited to help us determine the best ways to use the new logo to boost our congregational identity and outreach. Granted that our funds are limited, the introduction may need to be gradual. If you know of others in the marketing or media world who would be willing to offer services for minimal fees, please inform our elders or pastors.

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



Welcome back to our beloved Minister of Mission and Outreach, Pastor Kathryn! I’m certain I speak for everyone when I express deep appreciation for all she invests in our ministries and behalf of our congregation in the wider community. Although she ensured that her responsibilities were primarily covered in her absence during her sabbatical, no one can replace her unique gifts, and especially for me, the camaraderie and mutuality that I have come to appreciate in our shared ministry. Thank you, SJCC, for affording her the time off, and for taking up many of her tasks so faithfully and enthusiastically. Remember that we were to be prayerfully considering our future together in mission, and what that might look like in the coming months and years. We will have opportunity to share our reflections very soon.

Our **stewardship focus for the month of June** may be one of the most difficult for me. The topic is stewardship of our **possessions and property**. I’ll save the best stories for my sermon, but I begin by confessing that since my childhood, I have had difficulty letting go or sharing my “toys.” I may very well be the modern protégé of the rich seeker who came to Jesus but went away in disappointment when Jesus told him to sell all he had in order to follow the Way. I hope you’ll join me in serious (and perhaps humorous) reflection on our accumulation of material wealth, and prayerfully look for ways to bless God and others with faithful stewardship.

Blessings along the way, Pastor Colleen

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

On Monday, June 11 from 6-8PM the CPT task force will be offering training to any newcomers or volunteers who work with our children, or to parents with interest in our child protection policy, and for those whose training was more than five years ago. Bring a sack meal if you wish, and meet in Fellowship Hall at 6PM. There is no cost for the training. For questions, contact Sarah Coyne at 417-529-8699.

Welcome New Members



Jim & Shari

We were so blessed to welcome **Joe Lewis** and **Jim and Shari Cullumber** into our church family on May 13th! They add so much to our congregation, and we are delighted to be their new church home. Please look for them on Sundays and extend a warm welcome, including inviting their participation in church and social activities. Joe Lewis’ address is 1207 Little Ct., Joplin, 64804 (417-540-9618) and the Cullumbers have just moved into their new home at 2603 Ridgeview Place, Joplin 64801 (Jim 317-695-8267) (Shari 317-4008-2384)



Joe

REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS



Welcome Back Celebration

The Outreach committee and Kathryn's PRC are providing sandwiches, salads, and desserts on June 3 following worship to welcome back Pastor Kathryn. Kathryn will share some pictures and talk briefly about her Sabbatical. *Everyone, please make plans to attend this special event. If you have any questions contact Julia Foster.*

Movie in the Park

Looking forward to some summertime fun? Be sure and mark your calendars for our first Movie in Friendship park night on Friday, June 22. We will begin with fellowship, food, and games, at 7:30 pm with the movie (TBA) starting around 8:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and your appetites. All are invited to this free event.

Equal Exchange

Don't forget to get your coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil and honey from our Equal Exchange Program. Items are available for purchase every Sunday (see listing posted near our display cabinet for the Outreach committee person who can assist you with your purchase). Equal Exchange is a program which supports small-scale farmers across the world and is one of the sustainable/earth stewardship programs supported by the Disciples of Christ.

Learn more about the program by visiting their web page at <http://equalexchange.coop/>



Irving Elementary

The school year has ended and we have been faithful servants in our effort to be a committed partner with Irving Elementary School. Thank you again to the SJCC family for all that you have done in support of the Irving students, teachers and staff During this 2017-2018 school year. Please let us keep all of the Irving families in our prayers throughout the summer. Let us Look forward to doing even more in the 2018-2019 school year.



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Support SJCC Outreach SmileAmazon

Bookmark this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/44-0574395>. All of your eligible shopping will benefit SJCC. In 2017 we received an allotment from Amazon of \$116.32.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in collecting food and household items for Crosslines Ministries. We appreciate it so much! The generosity of the body of Christ in Joplin is truly amazing. Thank you for helping us serve people and feed souls. *Crosslines of Joplin*

CROSSLINES

SJCC has a long history of working with Crosslines. Our "Team" works on the 4th Thursday of each month, 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and be a part of the team. No special skills are required. Join us for all or part of our next workday which is Thursday, June 28. Please let Tom Fortson know in advance if you will be able to help. The need for volunteers is great.

If you want to volunteer on a day other than SJCC's assigned day, your help will be greatly appreciated; even if you can only work one hour, that will be beneficial. Simply ask for Lynn, the volunteer coordinator, when you arrive.

Crosslines regular hours are as follows:

First Monday: 4 p.m.—7 p.m. TEFAP (Commodities Distribution Only)
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Monday: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Regular Services)
Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Regular Services)
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. TEFAP (Commodities Distribution Only)
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Regular Services)
Friday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Regular Services)

Crosslines Challenge for June will be 100 jars of peanut butter or jelly.

Crosslines is currently also in need of the following:

Sorting room items: masking tape.

Office items: needs: clear tape, sticky notes, and Avery labels (5160-30/page).

Pantry items: need of : Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Instant Potatoes, Salt & Pepper, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, BLANKETS, Queen Sheets, Toasters, Crock Pots, Coffee Makers.

If you are willing to donate any of these, the items can be dropped off at Crosslines during their regular hours. If you would like to donate, but the Crossline hours are not convenient for you, give your donations to Karen Kemp at church. She will be happy to convey your donations and return a tax receipt if you wish. Donated items can be placed on either the table in the basement or the cart in the narthex where the monthly food challenge is collected.

Classes

Groups

SJCC AND AREA EVENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Room A-11

During Sundays in June, Vance Halfaker will be presenting ideas on select passages in the Fourth Gospel, suggesting some liberating possibilities that might be "hiding" in a text that has become perhaps too familiar. This will be Vance's last time to share his gifts in Sunday School before moving to Fort Worth for seminary, so we urge your participation if at all possible. Bring your favorite Bible for some thought-provoking study!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION


The children and youth meet 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 those 3 years old through 4th grade and uses crafts, games, and songs centered around a particular Bible story each week. There is a more in-depth class with discussion for grades 5 - 12. Both classes meet on the third floor and parents are always welcome to attend with their students.

Currently "Where It's At" students are studying "Character by God's Design", focusing on the character traits of respect, stewardship, and perseverance. Some of the Biblical characters used as examples are David, Nehemiah, Deborah, and, of course, Jesus.

Black Panther

The Black Panther movie study guide is available! Email Pastor Colleen for a PDF copy you can print at home or ask for a print copy.



Still Needing Volunteers

We continue to seek volunteers for our Safety Team. For more information or to volunteer, contact Darryl Coit at 417-540-2657.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of your love, prayers, and encouragement over the past four years. Thank you for attending my graduation party and for all of the cards and gifts. All of you are so very special to me and have guided me through life, keeping me focused on God's blessings.

All of my love, Sam Nicodemus

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to Lauren Coyne who worked hard raking mulch on our playground at Friendship Park on May 12 and to Laney Reaves who showed up just when our energy was almost gone to help finish the job. Everything looks so much better, and is safer for the little people who play on the equipment.

Since everyone's summers are so busy these days, **we will not be scheduling youth group in the summer.** However, if parents want to plan and schedule an activity and invite the other youth, we will happily help with communicating the details and issuing the invitation. Have an extra fun summer!

MID-AMERICA CHURCH CAMPS

Hey, kids, if you are interested in attending summer camp, visit www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer for information on one of the many camps offered during the summer. There are camps for all ages and even canoe trip camps! A complete list of camps/fees is available in the church office. The church has funds available to pay 1/2 of a camp tuition.

GREEN TEAM THANKS

A Big Thank You to Tom & Sandy Meadows for use of their woodshop and their help in the making of the Butterfly Garden flower beds.

You guys ROCK!

Another Big Thank You to all who made donations to the Joplin Humane Society during the Green Team's April donation drive. We thank you and so does the Humane Society - HOWL!

Green Tip for June

If your dad loves camping, then get him a solar camping lantern. It's great for camping, parties, cookouts, hiking, and more. Plus, it doesn't require batteries or electricity.

Green Team Reminder

June 2 is National Trails Day. Enjoy Mother Nature and get some exercise on some of the 200,000 miles of trails.

REMINDER

There **will not** be a weekly Wednesday evening meal during the summer. The meals will begin again sometime in September. Watch your newsletter for notice of when the meals will begin again!

VBS Supplies Needed NOW!

Please help us by donating to our "Embrace the Fruits of the Spirit" VBS event. We are in need of the following items:

String, twine, elastic (bracelet making)

Buttons (all shapes/sizes/colors)

Washers

Beads (all shapes/sizes/colors)

Pharmacy pill bottles

Small mint and gum containers

Remember, VBS will be **Tuesdays in July** (10, 17, 24, 31), **9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Children ages 3 yrs - 5th grade will discover the *Fruits of the Spirit* and how to apply them in their daily lives. If you are able to volunteer your time to help, contact Karen Kemp or Jessica Faucett.

Bonfire Time

Everyone is invited to join Donna Fuller and Shirley Martin for food, fun, and fellowship during their annual bonfire. They will provide the meat and ask that you bring a side dish to share. The fun will begin at 6 pm on **Saturday, June 9** at 108 S. Oak Ave.

Call Donna for more info (417) 483-9654.



MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The next luncheon will be **Sunday, June 17** at Noon in Fellowship Hall. All attending are asked to bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name:

A-G: Side dish H-M: Dessert

N-W: Main dish

Chancel Choir Summer Schedule

May 23 was the last rehearsal date as the Choir begins summer break. During the break we need volunteers to provide "Musical Talents" during the anthem time of Sunday worship. Please contact: Spenser Cullumber, Karen Watson, Margie Fitterling or Pastor Colleen to volunteer. Choir rehearsal will resume on August 15.

New members need only to come to the August rehearsal to be a part of this great addition to our Sunday Worship.

Thank you to ALL choir members, regular and new, who provide such meaning to the worship service!!

Karen Patchin Watson



Other Important Stuff



CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

(General Operating Budget April 1-30, 2018)

Anticipated Income: \$18,179.61

Actual Income: \$18,710.21

Actual Expense: \$15,461.01

You can give online at www.southjoplin-disciples.org

Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

Attendance

4/29: 87 5/6: 77 5/13: 98 5/20: 85

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 - 1st grade)

10:45 a.m. Worship

Clipboards are available for kids 2nd grade/up in the sanctuary. A nursery is available from 9:30 a.m. until noon for those too young to join in other ministries.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 8 BOARD MEETING

Treasurer: noted income exceeded billing, although not all bills were paid as they awaited funding.

Pastor Colleen: excited by number of folks attending “*Chat & Chew*”; grateful to the 5 SJCC members who made the trip to attend DoC Regional Assembly; noted Pridefest was back on for July 14 (Downtown Diversity) and she will gather more info on the event as it becomes available; was very impressed with Vance Halfacker’s sermon and presentation when he was given the opportunity to preach at SJCC.

CWF: noted officer installation would happen during their June meeting; looking into purchase of “Lift” chairs for SJCC to be used in case of emergency.

Faith Formation: continue to prepare for VBS; Colleen noted great participation of the Sunday School discussion on “*The Souls of Poor Folk*”.

Green Team: pleased with the donations received for the Humane Society; making progress on the flowerbeds for the butterfly garden with special thanks to Tom & Sandy Meadows.

Outreach: noted two new committee members (Chad Peterson-Sloan and Ray Gall); committee reviewed ministries and divided responsibilities; partnered with Webb City Farmers Market by making one time donation to help support the market’s WIC program; mentioned Festival of Sharing no longer just in Sedalia, but divided into regions with our region meeting in Republic on October 20.

Property: noted they made \$3,000 contribution to SJCC from Rental Account in May; raised discussion, asked for suggestions on disposition of green church van (repair and keep? sell?).

Youth: Colleen noted appreciation for the Youth interaction with guest speaker in April from DACA (Cynthia Torres).

Old Business: seeking “at large” (not already part of leadership) members for Nominating Committee.

Full copy of financials/minutes available in church office.

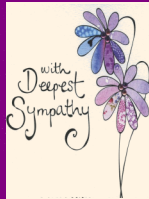
WE LIFT THESE UP IN PRAYER

Sympathy to family and friends of: Huey, Bill Russell

Global Ministry Focus: Mexico (Elena Huegel), Hungary (Ha-un Priscilla Yang), Hong Kong (Judy Chan), Sierra Leone (Nia Sullivan)

Other: Poor People's Campaign

All Others: John Asher, Gerry Bagby, Linda Barnett, Phyllis Battin, Nancy & Chico Bond, Ellen Broglio, Bud Carrol, Betty Coan, Kristen Cole, George Coursey, Henry Coursey, Michael Crofford, Norma Cunningham, Dan Day, Lois Demaree, Alma Dent, Amber Dial, Tom & Carolyn Fortson, Marea Gagle, Mary Gilmore, Harry Guinn, Elizabeth Hayes, Alyxis Hefty, Shirley Holford, Jewell Holland, Jim Holland, Alice Hughlett, Daryl Hughlett, McKenna Humphries, Corey Irwin, Sharonette Jamason, Bethany James, Fern Jensen, Jean King, Shirley Lamb, Wilton & Betty McKelvey, Tom Meadows, Ken Miles, Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson), Easton Murdock, Chris & Andrea Nauser, Nicodemus Family, People of all war torn countries, Josh Petty, Dean Reaves, Josh Robb, Martin Rooney, Michael Rooney, Dana Sanders, Amy Schneider, Jillian Schuler, SJCC Ministries, Lanny Stiles II, Ferne Traver, Gary Wald, Will Wilkerson, Royce Willerton, Charles Wilson, LaDonna Wolfe, Birdie Woods, Lorenzo Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, those who suffer in silence, and all unspoken requests



In Deepest Sympathy

We give thanks to God for Rev. Royce Willerton’s service to SJCC.

Royce passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

A memorial service was held on May 25 in Tucson, Arizona.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Sherry Willerton at: slwillerton@gmail.com

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

8 Whitlee Curry
9 Brandy Castlebury
16 Spencer Morgan

16 Matt Paige
20 JoHelen Umphenour
21 Karen Kemp

22 Gerry Bagby
23 Taylor Reaves
24 Greg Faucett

25 Sue Sterrett
28 KC Brockman

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2 Greg & Jessica Faucett
5 Tom & Carolyn Fortson
8 Charles & Karen Kemp

14 Justin & Sarah Coyne
24 Matt & Angie Paige
25 Vance & Julie Halfaker

26 Courtney & Sara Wright
27 Buddy & Leanna Carrol

Regular Sunday Schedule
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

* Denotes Nursery Available



JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Welcome Back Pastor Kathryn Regular Sunday Schedule 12 Noon Welcome Back Luncheon for Kathryn	4 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Safety Team	5 9:00 am VBS Planning 6:30 pm Committees	6 9:30 am CWF General Meeting and Spiritual Life (at Carolyn Fortson's) 6:30 pm Praise Team	7 11:30 am Clergy Cluster 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	8 Church Office Closed Secretary on vacation	9 6:00 pm Fuller/Martin Annual Bonfire All are Welcome!
10 Regular Sunday Schedule Dedication of Cullumber Twins	11 Church Office Closed Secretary on vacation 6:00 pm Child Protection Training	12 Office Opens 2 pm 6:30 pm Board Meeting	13 10:00 am Prayer Partners	14 Ramadan ends at sundown 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	15	16
17 Father's Day Regular Sunday Schedule 12 noon Fellowship Lunch	18 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	19 6:00 pm Families 4 Families Meeting 6:30 pm Green Team	20 10:00 am Prayer Partners	21 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	22 Pastor Colleen out of office	23
24 Pastor Colleen out of office Regular Sunday Schedule	25 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	26 6:30 pm Colleen's PRC 6:30 pm Kathryn's PRC	27 10:00 am Prayer Partners	28 9:45 am Crosslines 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	29	30

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

June 3: Leanna Carrol/Karen Kemp
June 10: Jessica Faucett/ KC Brockman
June 17: Karen Kemp/Sandy Meadows
June 24: Darlene Coit/KC Brockman

PRAISE TEAM

June 3: Kenton Foster, Lisa Wilcox, Betsy Wheeler
June 10: Rocky Eckhardt, Judy Akeman
June 17: Kenton Foster, Lisa Wilcox
June 24: Rocky Eckhardt, Judy Akeman, Betsy Wheeler

COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

June 3: Monica Bailey, Tom Hamm, Julia Foster, Lisa Wilcox
June 10: Sherry Crumbliss, Chad Peterson-Sloan, KC Brockman, Sarah Coyne
June 17: Patt Hinds, Don Smith, George Gagle, Shirley Martin
June 24: Carey Prater, Donna Fuller, Laney Reaves, Susan Wolfenbarger

HOMEBOUND

June 3: Tom Hamm
June 10: Chad Peterson-Sloan
June 17: Don Smith
June 24: Donna Fuller

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

June 3: Sarah Coyne/Laney Reaves
June 10: Karen Kemp/Judy Schneider
June 17: KC Brockman/Cathy Gray
June 24: Jessica Faucett/tbd

SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

June 3: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows
June 10: Raymond Reaves/Judy Schneider
June 17: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves
June 24: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows

COMMUNION PREPARATION

June 3: Monica Bailey
June 10: Sherry Crumbliss
June 17: Patt Hinds
June 24: Carey Prater

ELDER IN WORSHIP

June 3: Betsy Wheeler
June 10: Margie Fitterling
June 17: Leanna Carrol
June 24: Mike Fitterling

ACOLYTE/ALTERNATE

June 3: Mia Coyne/Laney Reaves
June 10: Laney Reaves/Taylor Reaves
June 17: Taylor Reaves/Carly Garrison
June 24: Carly Garrison/Lauren Coyne

SAFETY TEAM

Volunteers are needed as ushers during Sunday worship . No special skills are needed. All adults are welcome to assist. Please contact Darryl Coit if you are willing to help out on a rotating basis. (hopefully no more than 1x/month)