



From Our Senior Minister

Worship Series July 29 – August 26
"Telling Stories"



Flannery O'Connor wrote in *Mystery and Manners* that "a story is a way to say something that can't be said any other way, and it takes every word in the story to say what the meaning is. You tell a story because a statement would be inadequate."

Our Jewish ancestors and friends have a collection of stories known to them as "midrash." They are stories about stories in the Hebrew Testament (OT). They are told for their meaning, not for historical content. They delight our imagination and linger in our thoughts far beyond speeches and recitations.

For five Sundays at the end of this summer, our Sunday worship will be shaped by the idea of stories, in particular Jewish midrash and personal stories of faith. The worship service will take on a camp feel, including music and décor. You are invited to wear your SJCC shirt if you have one, and prepare yourself to imagine an outdoor setting around a campfire. There we will sing, pray, tell and hear stories, break bread and return thanks.

We are still looking for persons with the talent and time to accompany our singing on acoustic guitar or the djembe drum. If you know of someone or have hidden this talent from us, please speak up!

The story of God's love for the world has been called "the greatest story ever told." We hope this worship experience will enhance your love for God and the great story we continue to co-author with God's help. See you this Sunday!

Note: The service on August 5 will still be at 10:45am, however, it will be an abbreviated service. We invite all those who are able to attend the Emancipation Days Worship in the Park at 9:00 a.m. at Ewert Park. Pastor Kathryn will be preaching. There will be no Elders' meeting and no Sunday School at SJCC on August 5. Praise Team will practice briefly at 10:20 a.m.



Note Address Change

Vance & Julie Halfaker will be moving in order for Vance to start his seminary education. Beginning August 1, their new address will be: 2951 Sandage Ave. Apt. 707, Fort Worth, TX 76109. Best Wishes to the Halfakers on this new adventure.

Vacation Bible School Craft Sale

The children attending VBS have been making craft items which will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings, July 29 and August 12. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Global Ministries Caribbean Initiative, which the children have been hearing about each day of VBS. We hope to sell out of all the items, for the benefit of the many viable ministries they will support. Bring some extra cash and be generous with your purchases please!

Welcome New Members

We rejoiced to welcome two new members on Sunday, July 15.

Will Delehanty lives at 703 Walnut Ridge St. #107 in Joplin and has a six year old daughter named Lilly who resides mostly in Kansas City. Will's phone number is 913-596-8910. Megan Bever lives at 3235 S. Connecticut in Joplin. Her phone number is 765-210-5046. Both Will and Megan are members of the faculty at MSSU.

Chancel Choir Update

We regret to announce the resignation of Spenser Cullumber as our choir director, due to his increasing and changing professional and family duties. He has served our congregation faithfully as a music team member, and we are deeply grateful for the skill and dedication he brought to our music ministry over the last few years.

At this time, we are still in the process of evaluating the future of the choir program. The Personnel Committee is collecting contact information to look for a new director, and suggestions are welcome. Please give pertinent information to Mike Fitterling, Personnel Chair, or to Worship Committee co-chairs Leanna Carrol and Margie Fitterling.

Choir members: We would like to proceed with our scheduled rehearsal on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30pm. You will be asked for your thoughts regarding the choir, and if possible we will rehearse a few selections before concluding with an ice-cream social. Please be in prayer for guidance and direction for this important ministry.

REMINDER: Don't forget to get your coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil 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). Learn more about the program by visiting their web page at <http://equalexchange.coop/>



REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS



Micah 6:8 asks the question, "And what does the Lord require of you?" and follows with the response, "To act just and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." The text challenges us to respond as a witness of God's love in the world. My challenge to each of you is to be informed and to be involved. "Responding to God's grace will keep us busy for the rest of our lives."



CROSSLINES

SJCC has been a Crosslines partner for the past 36 years with ongoing financial support and an active team of volunteers. Our "Team" volunteers 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, August 23**. Please let Tom Fortson know in advance if you will be able to help. **The need for volunteers is great.**

You are also welcome 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. Simply ask for Lynn, the volunteer coordinator, when you arrive. Monday evenings are a great opportunity for families to serve together. Or you can access and submit the Volunteer Application online at <https://crosslinesjoplin.org/volunteer>.

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)
- Closed and all 5th Wednesdays*

Crosslines Challenge for August will be 100 boxes of macaroni and cheese.

Crosslines is currently also in need of the following:

Sorting room items: masking tape.

Supply items: Paper Towels, Ziploc Bags

Pantry items: Toasters, Crock Pots, Coffee Makers, Electric Skillet, Hand-held Can Openers, Peanut Butter, Jelly

These items can be dropped off at Crosslines during their regular hours. If you would like to donate, but the Crossline hours are not convenient place your donations underneath or beside the Crosslines table in the Fellowship Hall. If you need a tax-deductible receipt then contact Karen Kemp directly to request.

Irving/Bright Futures

Where has the summer gone? It is hard to believe that the start of the new school year is just around the corner. The school doors open and classes begin August 16 with a couple of administrative changes. We want to welcome Mr. Josh Depoe (*who was the assistant principal the last two years*) as the new principal and Mrs. Jennifer Sitzes as the new assistant principal. The Irving students and teachers depend on and appreciate our service and support. So let's get geared up for the new school year. There are many ways you can serve throughout the school year. Why not consider being a **Lunch P.A.L.** (Positive Adult Lunching with Students), a **TREK Coach** (tutoring a student one hour weekly), or a **school volunteer** (Site Council, assist with Snack Packs, class parties, etc.). Give it some thought. If you are interested visit the Bright Futures Joplin website and complete the application. For more information contact Pastor Kathryn and she will get you headed in the right direction.

**HELP SJCC MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS!**



Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration

Each August the African American community in Joplin commemorates Emancipation Day by holding the annual "Park Days" Celebration in Ewert Park. The purpose of Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration is to provide a cultural event that educates on African American freedom and achievement. It is an opportunity to promote cultural diversity and respect for all cultures. The event also supports other Committee objectives which are to serve, educate, and advocate in our community. This celebration has taken place in Joplin since 1914. Activities include live entertainment, a car show, food, gospel music, kid's activities and various other events.

In 2016 the Committee added a Sunday morning "Church in the Park" service. Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration is a cultural event for the entire family! Come experience African American culture in the food, entertainment, and activities beginning **Friday, August 3 – Sunday, August 5 at Ewert Park in Joplin**. More information about the weekend of events and schedule will be forthcoming. **Mark your calendars and plan to join in the celebration and the various activities.**

South Joplin began participating in this event as one of the non-profit vendors in 2016 to support the purpose of Park Days. Although rain attempted to hamper things the past two years, we always enjoy the Saturday opportunity in our tent to share about our ministries. Again this year SJCC will have a tent at the event on Saturday. We need volunteers to help set-up, host and tear down our display. Please feel free to choose a time slot on the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet in the Narthax and help us support this event as well as promote our ministries. Whether you can work all day or just a couple of hours that's not a problem.

**On Sunday South Joplin will participate in the
"Church in the Park" service at 9:00 A.M.**



Classes

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

NO Sunday School on **August 5**. Please make plans to attend the Emancipation Days Worship in the Park at 9:00 a.m. at Ewert Park.

During Sunday School **August 12 – 26**, we will continue reflection on New Testament parables.

Join us weekly (unless otherwise noted) at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in room A-12 for great fellowship and faith formation.



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.



Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir rehearsal will resume on **August 15**. We will start the evening with an **ice cream and cake** social for all of our singers!

If you are interested in joining the choir, please come to the church on **Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 pm** for practice. (You can enter the church through Fellowship Hall).

No experience is required...simply a desire to sing praises to God!

I look forward to meeting with new members and welcoming back our current members!

*Karen Patchin Watson
Music Leadership Team*



Groups



YOUTH NEWS

There are no planned youth activities for the remainder of the summer.



Children Worship & Wonder

We need your help! We need a "Greeter" for our Children Worship & Wonder ministry. Our Greeters work on rotation. We would hope to schedule you no more than once a month. There are no special skills needed other than a love of children and a desire to help in their faith development. Please contact Leanna Carrol if you can help out!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REMINDER

There **will not** be Wednesday evening meals during the summer. Watch your newsletter for the restart date!

GREEN TEAM

It's the "dog days of summer"; the Green Team reminds you to keep your own 4-legged family members cool. On a 90° day outside, it is 109° inside your car. Animals locked in cars can suffer brain damage within 15 minutes. If you see a dog in a hot car call the authorities and follow local laws to save the animal. Keep these Joplin numbers handy: Police 623-3131, Animal Control 624-0820 ext. 280, Humane Society 623-3642.

Green Tip

On an 87° day asphalt reaches 140°; that's hot enough to cause burns, permanent damage, and scarring to your pet's paws after contact. Hot sidewalks, pavement, parking lots can reflect heat into an animal's body, increasing the risk of deadly heatstroke. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot for "Spot".



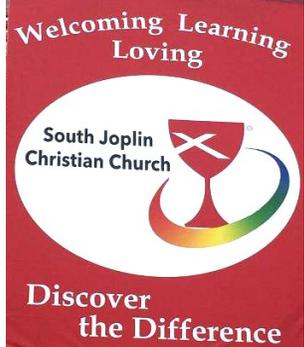
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SJCC AND AREA EVENTS

Check Out Our New sign!



Joplin "Park Days" Emancipation Celebration

This annual celebration will be August 3 - 5 at Ewert Park. This is a Joplin tradition, having been celebrated annually since at least 1914 (over 100 years).

The purpose of Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration is to provide a cultural event that educates on African American freedom and achievement.

Activities include: 12th annual car show, live entertainment, kids fun run, resource booths, Kids Fest, Movie in the Park, free swim, kids picnic, historical re-enactments, kids crafts, and much more!

Activities are free to the public, everyone is welcome!



MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The next 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:

A-D + H-M: Main dish

E-G: Side dish

N-W: Dessert

Movie in the Park Friday, August 24, 2018 Food & Games - 7:00 pm Movie - Dusk Featuring - Ferdinand



Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Hot dogs, pop corn, and drinks will be provided free of charge. (donations accepted)

Invite your family, friends and neighbors for a fun-filled evening.



Other Important Stuff



CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

(General Operating Budget May 1-31, 2018)

Anticipated Income: \$18,179.61

Actual Income: \$14,596.14

Actual Expense: \$18,790.28

(expenses include quarterly insurance premium)

You can give online at www.southjoplindisciples.org

Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

Attendance

6/24: 68 7/1: 84 7/8: 84 7/15: 81 7/22: ??

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 JULY BOARD MEETING

Treasurer noted expenses considerably more than income due to a quarterly insurance payment due; monies already set aside for that payment out of our I & R account.

Pastor Colleen thanked those involved in making VBS possible with special thanks to Karen Kemp, Jessica Faucett, Darlene Coit, Anita Frieze, and Pastor Kathryn.

Pastor Kathryn noted blanket project originally started by Laney Reaves finished with final 16 blankets being given to Children's Haven (plus balance of monetary donations of \$597.17); putting together new PRC team as Rocky Eckhardt and Sean Nicodemus stayed on past their terms in order to finalize her Sabbatical.

CWF will begin annual pie making fund raiser in September.

Outreach noted need to reorganize duties for Movies in the Park and seeking volunteers to help with event; will host a booth at Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration and need volunteers; announced Festival of Sharing on Oct. 20 in Republic, MO; voted to send \$240 to Liesl Wicklund (SJCC partnered with her as she teaches at Bucharest Christian Academy); Scholarship Fund account reconciled balance of \$4,679.27; pleased by continued generosity of SJCC with Easter offering of \$1,100.00 and Pentecost offering of \$1,013.00; Outreach spent \$95 on games and food for Movies in the Park; \$26 in donations were received in June.

Property informed Board sewer collapsed at 1910 S. Wall and would have to be replaced at approximate cost of \$5,000; found small spot on front steps of church peeling and asked company who did the work on the steps to return to repair area; noted locks on front doors (narthex) fixed, northwest basement door repaired, AC in Station repaired, elevator issue resolved; explained Safety Team finished risk assessment and set priorities, committee will work on items in order of importance and seek volunteers to help with some projects. Darryl stressed importance of continuing to be aware of safety issues around church; Pastor Carroll suggested having at least one member of Safety Team present at all SJCC functions.

Worship informed Board Spenser Cullumber resigned as Music Leadership Team member and currently seeking to fill position; seeking volunteer as "Greeter" for Children's Worship & Wonder.

New Business

1. announced scholarship to be presented to Vance Halfaker as he met all enrollment criteria for seminary. A \$1,000 scholarship will be disbursed as \$500/semester for the 1st year with a renewable \$400/semester following.

2. motion passed that biennial registration as nonprofit be renewed by Church Secretary.

Full copy of financials/minutes available in church office.



WE LIFT THESE UP IN PRAYER

Sympathy to family and friends of: Dewitt Cox (Fortson), John Wolf (Shawna Ketron), Rev. Benny Boling, Dave Noran (Gagle), Andy Rios (Elliott)

Celebration: Robin & Ben Blair (birth of Eleanor "Rory" Kate)

Global Ministry Focus: Ecuador (MaryKathryn Ball), United Kingdom (Alison Trezona), Paraguay (Amelia Casillas and Pedro Carlo Muniz), Greece (Kearstin Bailey)

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, Chelsea Foster, Marea Gagle, Mary Gilmore, Harold Goode, 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, Nicodemus Family, People of all war torn countries and those affected by natural disasters, Josh Petty, Dean Reaves, Nancy Ritchy, Josh Robb, Martin Rooney, Michael Rooney, Dana Sanders, Amy Schneider, Jillian Schuler, SJCC Ministries, Lanny Stiles II, Ferne Traver, Gary Wald, Betsy Wheeler, Jimmy Willerton, Will Wilkerson, Charles Wilson, LaDonna Wolfe, Birdie Woods, Lorenzo Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Sarah Coyne	17 Patt Hinds
3 Reese Prater	19 John Asher
4 Liz Millard	21 Fern Jensen
5 Judy Akeman	22 Carolyn Fortson
5 Colleen Carroll	23 Banner Faucett
5 Bruce Wilcox	23 Darby Skiles
9 Darlene Coit	24 Nathan Gandy
10 Mark Millard	25 Kennedy Paige
	30 Mike Fitterling

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

18 Darryl & Darlene Coit
19 Nathan Gandy & Amanda Hall
20 Julie Moser & Laurinda Whitehead
30 Jim & Shari Cullumber



Safety Team: If you would like to be part of our Safety Team, contact Darryl Coit at 417-540-2657.

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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 am CWF General Meeting/Spiritual Life 10:00 am Project Homeless Connect (until 3 pm) 6:30 pm Praise Team	2 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	3 Emancipation "Park Day" Celebration	4 Boy Scout Car Wash Emancipation "Park Day" Celebration
5 9:00 am Worship with Pastor Kathryn (Ewert Park) 10:45 am Worship at SJCC (No Sunday School)	6 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Outreach Mtg.	7 6:30 pm Committees	8	9 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	10 <i>Office closed</i> <i>Secretary vacation day</i>	11
12 Regular Sunday Schedule	13 <i>Office closed</i> <i>Secretary vacation day</i>	14 Office Opens 2 pm 6:30 pm Board Meeting	15 6:30 pm Choir Practice (ice cream/cake social)	16 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	17	18
19 Regular Sunday Schedule 12 noon Fellowship Lunch	20 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	21 6:00 pm Families 4 Families Meeting 6:30 pm Green Team	22 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	23 9:45 am Crosslines 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	24 7:00 pm Movie in the Park	25
26 Regular Sunday Schedule	27 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	28 6:30 pm Colleen's PRC 6:30 pm Kathryn's PRC	29 12 Noon Friends of Crossines (at Crosslines) 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	30	31 <i>Office closed</i> <i>Secretary vacation day</i>	

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

- Aug 5: Rocky Eckhardt, Jessica Faucett
- Aug 12: Leanna Carrol, Karen Kemp
- Aug 19: Karen Kemp, KC Brockman
- Aug 26: Jessica Faucett, Sandy Meadows

SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

- Aug 5: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows
- Aug 12: Raymond Reaves/Judy Schneider
- Aug 19: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves
- Aug 26: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows

PRAISE TEAM

- Aug 5: Kenton Foster, Betsy Wheeler, Lisa Wilcox
- Aug 12: Kenton Foster, Judy Akeman, Chad Peterson-Sloan
- Aug 19: Lisa Wilcox, Rocky Eckhardt, Betsy Wheeler
- Aug 26: Judy Akeman, Chad Peterson-Sloan, Lisa Wilcox

COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Aug 5: Sue Sterrett
- Aug 12: Patt Hinds
- Aug 19: Susan Wolfenbarger
- Aug 26: Monica Bailey

COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

- Aug 5: Sue Sterrett, Chad Peterson-Sloan, Sarah Coyne, Julia Foster
- Aug 12: Patt Hinds, Don Smith, George Gagle, Shirley Martin
- Aug 19: Susan Wolfenbarger, Tom Hamm, Lisa Wilcox, Rachel Eckhardt
- Aug 26: Monica Bailey, Ray Gall, Carolyn Thiel, Laney Reaves

ELDER IN WORSHIP

- Aug 5: Rocky Eckhardt
- Aug 12: Leanna Carrol
- Aug 19: Mike Fitterling
- Aug 26: Darlene Coit

HOMEBOUND

- Aug 5: Betsy Wheeler, Chad Peterson-Sloan
- Aug 12: Rocky Eckhardt, Don Smith
- Aug 19: Leanna Carrol, Tom Hamm
- Aug 26: Mike Fitterling, Ray Gall

ACOLYTE/ALTERNATE

- Aug 5: Taylor Reaves (Reese Prater)
- Aug 12: Reese Prater (Carly Garrison)
- Aug 19: Carly Garrison (Lauren Coyne)
- Aug 26: Lauren Coyne (Mia Coyne)

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

- Aug 5: Karen Kemp, Judy Schneider
- Aug 12: KC Brockman, Rachel Eckhardt
- Aug 19: Jessica Faucett, Leanna Carrol
- Aug 26: Sarah Coyne, Laney Reaves

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)