

South Joplin Christian Church

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

May 2018

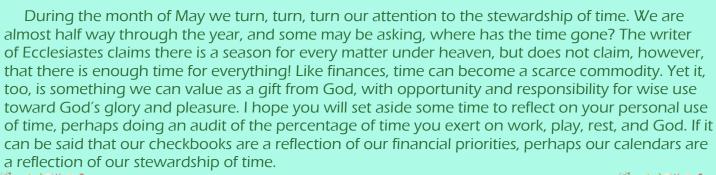


WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING ALL PEOPLE ALONG A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.

"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 Seníor Míníster

The writer of Ecclesiastes would be in for serious reparations if he/she were eligible for royalties on the famous "*time for all seasons*" passage in the third chapter. The words have been set to many tunes, and in my lifetime, made popular by Pete Seeger's recording of "Turn, Turn, Turn." According to Wikipedia, the song was originally released in 1962 as "To Everything There Is a Season" on folk group the Limeliters' RCA album Folk Matinee and then some months later on Seeger's own The Bitter and the Sweet. Many people who adored the song had no idea it came from Hebrew scripture.



And while you're at it, I hope you will recognize the value of spending time with your church family in worship, faith formation, fellowship, and service.

I look forward to seeing more of you in May! Blessings along the way, Pastor Colleen





Update Your Directory

Glenn & Mary Lou York have moved. They are living at the Communities at Wildwood at 3222 S. John Duffy Dr., Rm # 313 Joplin. Their new phone number is 781-2233.

MID-AMERICA MEN OZARKS GETAWAY & RETREAT, MAY 4-6; \$75.

This is an event for men to spend time with other Christian men and reflect on life and our spiritual gifts. For more info contact Paul Koch, Regional Minister at paul.ccma@sbcglobal.net or 636-221-7065. Brochures are available in Fellowship Hall.



Time to Celebrate!!



¹ Please join us to celebrate Samantha Mary Nicodemus' graduation from the University of Arkansas on <u>Friday, May 11 from 6p.m.-8p.m.</u> at Woody's Smokehouse. We are hosting a come and go open house with dinner and dessert for all. RSVP to Kathy at ksnicodemus@sbcglobal.net or 417-438-8883 by <u>May 5</u>.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We celebrate and congratulate Avis Stiles on her induction into the Joplin Bowling Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 14 for her longevity in competitive bowling. She is an inspiration to us all!

INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING: WHAT IS RAMADAN?

Ramadan is a Muslim holiday; a time for spiritual purification achieved through fasting, self-sacrifice and prayers. It is celebrated during the ninth month of Islamic calendar (*this year Ramadan will begin at sundown on Tuesday, May 15*), The fast is observed each day from sunrise to sunset. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the five Pillars of Islam. The Islamic belief that requires that Muslims perform five central duties in order to strengthen their faith. Muslims aim to realize these five pillars in their lifetime. Ramadan concludes with a 3-day festival known as "Eid" or "Eid ul-Fitr," which literally means "the feast of the breaking/to break the fast." The holiday marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting and is a culmination of the month-long struggle towards a higher spiritual state. If you would like to learn more, check out **www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/practices/fivepillars** for a more in-depth article regarding the five Pillars of Islam.



He Taught Along the Pathway. Let the Path Continue With Us



Grateful

REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS

PRAISE GOD FOR SJCC'S "SPIRIT-LED" GENEROSITY

Through your "spirit-led" giving to the Easter offering, we received \$1,167.00. Your gift to the Easter offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (DoC). 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.

Movie in the Park

Warm weather is coming! Mark your calendars for our first movie in the park 2018 on **June 22nd**. As always it will be enjoyable for the whole family. Come to our Friendship Park and eat hot dogs while relaxing and watching a family friendly movie. Just bring your lounge chairs or blanket. Bring your family and invite your neighbors and friends. This event is free and open to the public. If you would like to help with movie night any time throughout the summer please contact Betsy Wheeler (Outreach chair).

Irving Elementary

The school year is coming to a close and Irving is bustling with activity. There will NOT be a First Friday Reading Day in May as their state testing will be in progress. But, you're encouraged to attend the 3rd Annual Irving Carnival on <u>May 4</u> from 5 - 7 pm. There are big plans for several food trucks and 19 different booths of fun and prizes. As a partner with Irving through Bright Futures, Outreach is happy to help support the carnival financially. They would love for us to come and celebrate a successful year with them. The staff and students have enjoyed having us and have expressed gratitude for our being there as readers, Snack Pack distributors and Site Council members. Thank you SJCC volunteers for once again meeting the challenge of exemplifying our practice of mission and service to others. 2018 Pentecost Offering (May 20/27)

When the day of Pentecost had come, awe came upon everyone who witnessed the wonders being done through the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:43)

Your gift will help new churches grow in your own region/area, and will provide support to new church planters through Hope Partnership's New Church Ministries. The stewardship of our courageous new church leaders is vital, and your contribution to this offering connects planters with much-needed resources for support and sustainability. God continues to bless us through the mission and ministry of all our congregations, and today, we have the opportunity to share God's blessings by giving abundantly to the Pentecost Offering. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

Support SJCC Outreach <u>SmileAmazon</u> 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.

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/

CROSSLINES

SJCC has a long history of working with Crosslines. Our "Team" works on the <u>4th Thursday of each month</u>, <u>9:45 am to 2:00 pm</u>. 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, May 24th. Please let Tom Fortson know in advance if you will be able to help. <u>The need for volunteers is great</u>.

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 Monday evening 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Tuesday through Friday 9:45 am to 2:00 pm. Crosslines is currently seeking additional volunteers for Monday, May 14 and 21 (4-7 pm), Tuesday, May 29, and Thursday, May 31 (9:45 am-2 pm). Please note, **Crosslines will be closed Monday, May 28** for Memorial Day **and Wednesday, May 30** for the "Friend's of Crosslines" meeting.

<u>Crosslines Challenge for May</u> will be a little different from our usual challenge. They are in need catsup, barbecue sauce, salt, pepper, and common spices. Let's try to collect 100 of these items. Many of them can be had for \$1.00 each - even the small containers of common spices are \$1 at the Dollar Tree.

<u>Office needs:</u> clear tape, sticky notes, and Avery labels (5160-30/page.) <u>Pantry needs:</u> sandwich-size Ziploc bags. <u>Sorting room needs:</u> masking tape. If you are willing to donate any of these, they can be placed on either the table in the basement or the cart in the narthex where the monthly food challenge is collected.

For <u>distribution to clients</u>, Crosslines needs inexpensive flip flops, small appliances, adult extra-large sized clothing, men's shoes and underwear, and feminine hygiene products. 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.

A Note From Crosslines: Dear South Joplin Christian Church, <u>Thank you so much</u> for your generous donation of gloves, hats, and scarves. These items have been and will continue to be a blessing to so many who are in need. We are so thankful that your church continues to respond to needs and serve alongside us here at Crosslines.



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

During the month of May, we will be discussing The Souls of Poor Folk, a report auditing America 50 years after the Poor People's Campaign challenged racism, poverty, the war economy/ militarism, and our national morality. In 1967, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., alongside a multiracial coalition of grassroots leaders, religious leaders, and other public figures, began organizing with poor and marginalized communities across racial and geographic divides. Together, The Poor People's Campaign aimed to confront the underlying structures that perpetuated misery in their midst.

Fifty years later, The Souls of Poor Folk challenges us to take a look at how these conditions have changed since 1968. The stark findings draw from a wide variety of sources, including primary and secondary data as well as interviews with and testimonies by people who have been living through and responding to these changes on the ground.

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.

This quarter "Where It's At" students are studying the parables of Jesus. People often asked Him what He meant when He said "the Kingdom of God." Jesus told many parables explaining what God's Kingdom is like.

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.



YOUTH NEWS

Our youth will meet on Saturday, <u>May 12</u>, 9:30-11:30AM to work on the playground at Friendship Park. We will be pulling weeds and spreading new mulch. Bringing work gloves would be helpful if they have them.



MID-AMERICA CHURCH CAMPS ANNOUNCED

July 16-19: CRY Festival at Culver Stockton College for youth who have finished 8-12th grades; July 19-22: West Central **Regional Youth Event (with UCC)** at Grinnel College, IA for youth who have completed 6-12th grades; Outdoor camps for campers from K - 12th grade at several locations throughout the state. SJCC offers 50% assistance on registration fees to all our participating youth. For camp Information/registration go to www.mid-americadisciples.org/ summer, or see our church secretary or Pastor Colleen for printed forms.

GREEN TEAM TALK

The Green Team reminds you to respect your mother on Mother's Day. Spend some quality time with your mom by taking her out on a picnic and then going hiking in the woods or for a walk in the park; don't forget to clean up after yourself! Remember to always respect your mother.

MOTHER'S DAY IDEA

Give your mom a gift that she can enjoy year round. Visit a local Farmers Market or artisan shop and find a handcrafted bird feeder as a gift for your mom. It's great for the planet and birdwatching can be a fun and interesting hobby.

Green Tip for May Go seedless. Seeds can come in unnecessary packs and packaging compared to this alternative: Ask any friends with cool plants if you can take a small cutting from their plant to start your own! But note that this could be trickier than it sounds; be sure to research just how to do this before trying.

TO THE WHOLE CHURCH

Every day's a special day for thinking thoughts of you. For remembering in the fondest way the thoughtful things you do. Thank you for the Easter Lily. I really do appreciate it. Please keep me in your prayers.

Norma Cunningham

SJCC AND AREA EVENTS

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Come and enjoy fellowship and food at our open dinner <u>each Wednesday</u> evening at 5:30.

Invite your friends and neighbors. All the food is prepared for you. Monetary donations are welcome. We hope to see you there!

You are also welcome to stick around after the meal and help out with small tasks around the church. Darryl Coit can give you more info on helping around the church.

Freedom of Flight Museum Run...

will begin at 8:30 a.m. on <u>May 5</u>, and offer a Mini Duathlon (12/under), One Mile Fun Run (12/under), traditional 5K, combo 5K bike ride duathlon The event will be located on the runways and surrounding roads of the Joplin Regional Airport.

Dinners for Eight Groups Forming

This is an informal way of getting better acquainted with SJCC folk in assigned groups, usually consisting of eight people, Although some groups have been larger or smaller. The idea is to rotate hosting the meal either at a local restaurant or home on a regular date and time convenient to the group. Several people have indicated an interest in participating, and groups will be forming soon. Please tell Pastor Colleen no later than May 6 if you are interested.

Joplin Memorial Marathon Half Marathon & 5K

Saturday, <u>May 19</u>• Joplin, MO• Newly renamed as a tribute to the 161 people who lost their lives when the F5 Joplin tornado struck in May 2011, this run takes the place of the Boomtown Days Run, which had been run in June in previous years.

MONTHLY

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON The next luncheon will be **Sunday**, **May 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: <u>Dessert</u> E-M: <u>Main dish</u> N-W: <u>Side dish</u>

SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS

Mark your calendars for **Tuesdays in July** (10, 17, 24, and 31) **9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Through "*Embrace the Fruits of the Spirit*," children ages 3 yrs - 5th grade will discover the *Fruits of the Spirit* and how to apply them in their daily. Now is the time to volunteer your help in making plans and preparations, so please see Karen Kemp or Jessica Faucett with your enthusiastic response!



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 - 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. - Noon for those too young to participate in other ministries.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 10 BOARD MEETING

Treasurer: noted it appeared expenses for March \$9,043.91 greater than income. Some expenses anticipated/paid from I&R with actual expenses \$937 over income (one Sunday missed due to weather.)

Pastor Colleen: excited by number of folks to attend "*Chat & Chew*"; met with Child Protection Task Force and working to set date for training session/background check for child/youth volunteers/workers; attended JoMoEq (local support group for LGBTQ individuals) meeting and was informed Joplin Pride Fest NOT likely to happen this summer; the Millards, Wheelers, Tom Hamm, and herself will all be attending Regional Assembly;

CWF: hosted guests from Regional Disciples Women; elected new officers for 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Faith Formation: continue to have low attendance for Sunday school; asked for suggestions on getting kids into Sunday school.

Green Team: continues to collect supplies for Humane Society; found another bike rack - to be ordered soon.

Outreach: noted Movie in the Park on June 22nd; asked that Outreach member assist with purchases from Equal Exchange cabinet; announced Easter special offering of \$1,167 received.

Property: Rental Account deposits current; reset basement elevator hallway light, cleaned/repaired hot water heater in Narthex bathroom, lubed front doors, door stops reset; pleased tornado drill conducted with no problems, thanked all who participated/ helped; explained all exterior doors to be locked after start of worship and ushers to be on duty to monitor for late comers (ushers responsible for securing building after services); **stressed need for additional volunteer ushers on rotating schedule**.

Youth: guest speaker in April to help kids understand DACA.

Old Business: motion passed to approve Camp Scholarship Fund Policy and include in SJCC Policy Manual.

New Business: motion passed approving Mark Millard, Betsy Wheeler, Tom Wheeler as voting delegates (Regional Assembly).

As an aside: seeking "at large" (not already part of leadership) members for Nominating Committee.

Full copy of financials/minutes available in church office.

Notice something around the church that needs attention? Please let someone know. You can inform Darryl Coit, Rocky Eckhardt, Tom Meadows, Kenton Foster, Mark Millard, Susan Wolfenbarger or the church office. If we all work together, we can keep things running smoothly

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

The lower tax rates and higher standard deductions of "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017" (\$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for married filing jointly) **may put more**

dollars in your pocket which you can use to support the ministries most important to you. For questions about the changes in deductions or charitable giving, email Christian Church Foundation at info@ccf.disciples.org or call (800)668-8016.

CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION (General Operating Budget March 1-31, 2018)

Anticipated Income: \$18,179.61 Actual Income: \$13,332.07 Actual Expense: \$22,375.98

You can give online at www.southjoplindisciples.org Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

Attendance 3/25: 87 4/1: 133 4/8: 83 4/15: 85 4/22: 92

WE LIFT THESE UP IN PRAYER

Sympathy to family and friends of: John Paul Nauser, Mike Blood, Cherokee Doerflinger, Bronnie Pyle-Broyles, Sheila Ibanez, Carroll Kennedy, Art Sprouse, Sr., Tony Greenwood, Lem Compton, Maxine Sadler, Niki Disney

Global Ministry Focus: Lesotho (Mark Behle), Haiti (Chimiste Doriscar), Hong Kong (Bruce VanVoorhis), Mexico (Elena Huegel), Hungary (Ha-un Priscilla Yang)

Sabbatical: Rev. Kathryn Wilson

All Others: Almonzo, John Asher, Gerry Bagby, Linda Barnett, Phyllis Battin, Nancy & Chico Bond, Ellen Broglio, 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, Jay Haynes, Alyxis Nicole Hefty, Dawson Hirshey, Shirley Holford, Jewell Holland, Jim Holland, Alice Hughlett, Daryl Hughlett, McKenna Humphries, Corey Irwin, Sharonette Jamason, Bethany James, Fern Jensen, Yolanda Johnson, 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, Jillian Schuler, SJCC Ministries, Lanny Stiles II, Ferne Traver, Gary Wald, Karen Watson, Will Wilkerson, Royce Willerton, Charles Wilson, Susan Wolfenbarger, Birdie Woods, Lorenzo Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, those who suffer in silence, Mother Earth, and all unspoken requests.

Prayer changes things



BIRTHDAYS

- 18 Liliana Soderstrom
- 19 Tom Hamm
- 26 Carly Garrison
- 26 Roger Traver
- 28 Monica Bailey29 Evie Joy Carrol

ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Glenn & Mary Lou York
- 29 Bruce & Lisa Wilcox



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

MAY 2018



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Pastor Kathryn on Sabbatical March 5-June 2 | | 1 | 2 9:30 am CWF Gen and Spiritual Life | 3 11:30 am Clergy Cluster at Monett | 4 | 5 Families 4 Families Event |
| | | 6:30 pm Committees | 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice | 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club | 5:00 pm Irving Carnival | |
| 6 Regular Sunday Schedule | 7 | 8 Office Opens 2 pm | 9 10:00 am Prayer Partners | 10 | 11 | 9:30 am Youth working in Friendship Park |
| | | 6:30 pm Board Meeting | 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice | 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club | 6:00 pm Samantha Nicodemus Grad Party at Woody's Smokehouse (RSVP by May 1) | (9:30 –11:30 am) |
| 13 Mother's Day Regular Sunday Schedule | 14 | 15 Ramadan begins at sundown | 16 10:00 am Prayer Partners | 17 | 18 Church Office closed | 19 |
| | | 6:00 pm Families 4 Families Meeting 6:30 pm Green Team | 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice | 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club | | |
| 20 Pentecost Pentecost Offering Regular Sunday Schedule 12 noon Fellowship Lunch | 21 | 22 | 23 10:00 am Prayer Partners | 24 9:45 am Crosslines | 25 | 26 |
| | 5:30 pm Security Team | 6:30 pm Colleen's PRC | 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice | 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club | | |
| 27 Pentecost Offering Regular Sunday Schedule | 28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed | 29 | 30 10:00 am Prayer Partners | 31 | | |
| | | | 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice | | | |

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

- May 6: Jessica Faucett/Sandy Meadows
- May 13: Karen Kemp/Jessica Faucett
- May 20: Darlene Coit/Jessica Faucett
- May 27: Rocky Eckhardt/Karen Kemp

PRAISE TEAM

- May 6: Lisa Wilcox, Kenton Foster, Judy Akeman
- May 13: Judy Akeman, Rocky Eckhardt
- May 20: Rocky Eckhardt, Lisa Wilcox, Betsy Wheeler
- May 27: Judy Akeman, Kenton Foster, Betsy Wheeler

COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

May 6: KC Brockman, Susan Wolfenbarger, Julia Foster, Patt Hinds May 13: Sue Sterrett, Carey Prater, Shirley Martin, Lisa Wilcox May 20: Patt Hinds, Sherry Crumbliss, Carolyn Theil, Emma Eckhardt May 27: Don Smith, Donna Fuller, Karen Kemp, Susan Wolfenbarger

HOMEBOUND

- May 6: Mike Fitterling/Susan Wolfenbarger May 13: Darlene Coit/Carey Prater
- May 20: Tom Wheeler/Sherry Crumbliss
- May 27: Mark Millard/Donna Fuller

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

May 6: Sarah Coyne/Leanna Carrol

- May 13: Karen Kemp/Judy Schneider
- May 20: KC Brockman/Cathy Gray
- May 27: Jessica Faucett/Rachel Eckhardt

SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

May 6: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves

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

COMMUNION PREPARATION

May 6: KC Brockman May 13: Sue Sterrett May 20: Patt Hinds May 27: Don Smith

ELDER IN WORSHIP

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

ACOLYTE/ALTERNATE

May 6: Taylor Reaves/Carly Garrison May 13: Carly Garrison/Lauren Coyne May 20: Lauren Coyne/Reese Prater May 27: Reese Prater/Mia 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)