

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER July 2018

South Joplin
Christian Church



From Our Senior Minister



The Apostle Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians that “*All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial.*” (1 Corinthians 10:23) In this country of remarkable freedoms, Paul’s words serve as appropriate guidelines even for our culture which is so far removed from him in time and culture. This verse and others will accompany our stewardship theme for July of “Power and Freedom.”

Vance Halfaker will be **preaching** again for us on **July 15**, utilizing the lectionary passage in Ephesians 1:3-14 as his text. This will be his last chance to preach here before he and Julie embark on their move to Fort Worth, Texas in August where he will begin his seminary studies at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University. After hearing his first sermon here, I have no doubt this one will be equally uplifting, and urge each of you to make every effort to be here to receive God’s inspiration through him and to bless him with your encouragement.

A reminder to those who travel during these summer months and are not able to be in worship, our weekly sermons are recorded and posted on the church website as podcasts on the “Worship” tab. Naturally, we appreciate your faithful contributions and offerings during your absence via mail or online giving as well!

Blessings along the way, Pastor Colleen

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.

Vacation Bible School News

Our plans for VBS this summer are a little like an old camp song: “*Make new friends but keep the old.*” Having VBS one day a week during July seems to work, so the dates are **July 10, 17, 24, and 31** from **9AM to 2PM**. We provide a morning snack and a light lunch.

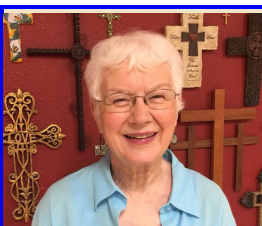
We will still take afternoon field trips to local agencies including Crosslines, but also visit Ronald McDonald House, Children’s Haven, and National Health Care. Parents, if your child has afternoon activities or is too young to enjoy these visits, you may pick your child(ren) up early at 12 o’clock noon. We will be transporting the children in the church bus, which does not accommodate booster seats, so if you have concerns about their safety, you may join us at noon and provide your own transportation.

We have new curriculum from Global Ministries which utilizes Bible stories to teach the Fruit of the Spirit, but rather than going “back in time” to hear from biblical characters, we will sail in our imaginations to four Caribbean countries to become acquainted with new cultures and characters.

Instead of an offering, we are asking for **gently used children’s books** which we will take to Crosslines on **July 24**. Please bring any donations you have to the church by that date. Additionally, the children will be selling crafts made at VBS each Sunday to raise money for the Global Ministries Caribbean Initiative.

We welcome youth, grades 6 and older who would like to be helpers. Please let Pastor Colleen or Karen Kemp know if you can help.

Advance registration is deeply appreciated! Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex, in the church office, or on our church website (www.southjoplindisciples.org) under the “Faith Development” tab. One form per child please.



Joyce Crumbliss

Welcome New Member

We gladly welcomed Joyce Crumbliss to the SJCC family on June 3. Joyce is the mother of Sherry Crumbliss, and lives at 2724 E. Kennedy, Joplin, 64801. Her phone number is 437-8190. Look for her on Sundays and extend a friendly welcome!



REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS



Dear God, I know that sometimes I forget to praise You. I know my faith weakens and I even doubt You when things are particularly bad. But, in the end I am always grateful that You love me unconditionally and see to it that I rise to a new day. Amen



VBS 2018 Mission Initiative

This year the SJCC Planning Team in its desire to teach our children the importance of mission and outreach has chosen to support Global Ministries Caribbean Initiative projects. The proceeds from the VBS Craft Sale will help support this mission. Help our children be a blessing to others through their efforts. Below are but a few of the projects part of this Initiative that coincide with the countries they will visit.

Columbia – CEDECOL Women's Network is an interdenominational network of women working throughout Colombia as advocates for those affected by the violence.

Dominican Republic - Caminante meaning "One Who Walks the Path," serves children who are at risk of being drawn into prostitution as a result of the culture associated with the tourist economy in the Dominican Republic.

Haiti - House of Hope is a program for children laboring as domestic servants ("restaveks"), and also assists young moms, single girls, and elderly women who have been abandoned, by providing them with a safe place where they can learn social skills such as conflict resolution and a professional trade.

Jamaica - Mount Olivet Boys Home provides residential and social services for boys 8 - 18 years of age who are orphaned, abandoned, homeless, or reside with families who cannot adequately provide for their care. Also many children come to **Pringle Home** from situations of neglect and abuse, most having no family reference. The Pringle Home provides assistance for these abandoned, orphaned, and street children.

Movie in the Park

July 27, 2018

7:30 pm - Food & Games

Movie - Dusk

Featuring - Paddington 2

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



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/>

Support SJCC Outreach [SmileAmazon](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/44-0574395)

Bookmark this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/44-0574395>. All of your eligible shopping will benefit SJCC. No matter how large or small your purchase, 0.5% per of the amount spent adds up. Thanks for your support.

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, July 26. 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. Monday evenings are a great opportunity for families to serve together.

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 July will be 100 cans of fruit.

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 Skillets, Hand-held Can Openers

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

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

With the exception of July 22, we will be using Amy-Jill Levine's work on parables for our adult SS class in July. Dr. Levine is a Jewish New Testament scholar who has written and lectured extensively on the Christian Testament and teaches at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is a self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt."

On July 22, Nathaniel Carroll, Esq. from Arch City Defenders, St. Louis will be our guest, speaking on his work as a lawyer combatting systemic racism in the St. Louis area. (He also happens to be Pastor Colleen's son!)

Join us weekly at 9:30 a.m. Sundays 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 Summer Schedule

The Chancel Choir will take at break during July.

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.

Karen Patchin Watson

Groups



YOUTH NEWS

There are no planned youth activities for the remainder of the 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

Wishing you and your family a safe & happy 4th of July. Here are some tips for those 4-legged family members:

1. Keep pets indoors at all times.
2. Don't put insect repellent on animals.
3. Keep pets away from alcohol.
4. Keep pet at home during fireworks and NEVER use fireworks near pets.
5. Have pets properly identified (tags, microchip).
6. Keep "glow jewelry" away from pets.
7. Do not give pets table food.
8. Citronella candles, tiki torch products, and insect coils can be harmful to pets. If you suspect your pet has ingested them, call your Veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435.

Green Tip:



Pick up your waste and recycle! After this Fourth of July there are bound to be plenty of stray cans, bottles, streamers, plates, and forks littering streets and parks. Do yourself, your community, and the environment a favor by picking up all the leftover traces of your party and properly dispose of them, recycling all that you can.



SJCC AND AREA EVENTS

REMINDER

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

VBS

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.

Please see Pastor Colleen's article on page 1 for more info.

Food, Fellowship, Fun & Fireworks

Everyone is invited!!! Come to the Fitterling and Eckhardt Musical Firework Extravaganza on **Saturday, July 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fitterlings' backyard (4502 Cherry Road with satellite parking at the Millards' house). Share your favorite finger foods and desserts. Water, soda pop, and lemonade will be provided. Bring your lawn Chairs...and enjoy!

PRIDE FEST

A change in leadership has brought changes to the annual Pride activities for LGBTQ persons and allies. Activities will begin for "Downtown Diversity Pridefest" on Joplin Avenue in the 500 block at 11a.m. and continue until 6PM on **Saturday, July 14**. In lieu of setting up and staffing a booth all day in the heat, we hope to have members and friends of SJCC equipped with our welcome statement mingling and visiting with attendees, and extending a warm invitation to people with interest. If you are interested in representing the church in this way at your own convenience, please let Pastor Colleen know.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The next luncheon will be **Sunday, July 15** 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: Main dish

H-S: Side dish

T-W: Dessert

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Other Important Stuff



CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

(General Operating Budget May 1-31, 2018)

Anticipated Income: \$18,179.61

Actual Income: \$14,516.46

Actual Expense: \$13,014.63

You can give online at www.southjoplin disciples.org

Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

Attendance

5/27: 75 6/3: 101 6/10: 71 6/17: 87

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 JUNE BOARD MEETING

Treasurer: noted ended month of May in the black; but not likely to catch up on repaying monies borrowed from Salary Reserve to pay regular operating expenses with current income levels.

Pastor Colleen: excited to have Pastor Kathryn back; noted new church logo picture and explanation of meaning on website; disappointed with low attendance of Youth group - group will hold off on meetings/gatherings until Fall; seeking volunteers to hand out SJCC info during Downtown Diversity Pride Fest on July 14.

Pastor Kathryn: offered thanks to SJCC for having making her sabbatical possible and for "Welcome Back Luncheon"; explained that Committee members will continue work as they have been during her sabbatical leading themselves with Kathryn attending as ex-officio, freeing her to work on other aspects of Outreach; excited about work of One Joplin Initiative and being part of Human Services Team representing the faith community locally.

CWF: noted installation of Officers; explained, as part of year-end "spend down", they purchased 2 new lift chairs (evacuation chairs) with remainder of funds donated to Webb City Farmers Market WIC program.

Diaconate: informed Board Judy Schneider excused from Diaconate duties; Board approved Ray Gall as Diaconate thru 2018.

Faith Formation: announced funds raised from VBS craft sale to go to Global Ministries *Caribbean Initiative*.

Green Team: praised great teammates; pleased with how Butterfly garden turned out.

Outreach: committee to pass out flyers inviting public to Movie in the Park; very thankful for congregational response to "Noisy Offering" of \$325 for Webb City Farmers Market WIC program.

Property: preparing for Movie in the Park night; noted sprinkler system closet door replace by Ken Moser; seeking paint sprayer and volunteers to paint Station foundation; informed Board of slight damage to men's bathroom ceiling in Station due to AC leak; discussed issue with tablet used for security and will ask TEC to replace it as it was purchased through them with understanding that it be used to monitor the cameras.

Old Business: Board voted to accept Nominating Committee as Mike Fitterling (Chair), KC Brockman, Sarah Coyne, Margie Fitterling, Patt Hinds, Chad Peterson-Sloan, Ellen Traver, Betsy Wheeler, Susan Wolfenbarger; seconded by Mark Millard.

As an Aside: discussion regarding necessity of monthly Board meeting to handle business of SJCC; asking Board for ideas/ thoughts considering possible effectiveness of meeting 4-6 times each year to handle regular business.

Full copy of financials/minutes
available in church office.



WE LIFT THESE UP IN PRAYER

Sympathy to family and friends of: Royce Willerton, Almanzo Hall, Elmer Thompson, Ann Dueltgen, Alissa Brock, Lisa Manning

Celebration: Sam Nicodemus & Oswaldo Gomez (engagement), Brad & Sara Hamm (marriage)

Global Ministry Focus: Israel/Palestine (Sara Makari), Mexico (Carlos Sediles-Real), Democratic Republic of Congo (Linda James), Japan (Martha Mensendiek), Morocco (Fritz-Gerald Joseph)

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, 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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5	Will Wilkerson	14	Shari Cullumber
6	Margie Fitterling	18	Sarah Faucett
6	Jennifer Reaves	18	Wendy Garrison
8	Ken Moser	18	Jean King
9	Shirley Holford	22	Colby Kluthe
12	Keegan Skiles	24	Cooper Paige
13	Mike Soderstrom	27	Buddy Carrol
		31	Denny Frieze

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Gary & Cathy Gray
22 Raymond & Jennifer Reaves



Still Seeking Volunteers

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

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

JULY 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Regular Sunday Schedule	2 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Committee	3 6:30 pm Committees	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed No CWF Meeting	5 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	5 Office closed Secretary Vacation Day	7 7:00 pm Fitterling Eckhardt Musical Fire-works Extravaganza
8 Regular Sunday Schedule	9 Church Office Closed Secretary Vacation Day	10 Office Opens 2 pm 9:00 am VBS 6:30 pm Board Meeting	11	12 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	13	14 11:00 am Downtown Diversity Pridefest
15 Regular Sunday Schedule 12 noon Fellowship Lunch	16 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	17 9:00 am VBS 6:00 pm Families 4 Families Meeting 6:30 pm Green Team	18	19	20	21
22 Regular Sunday Schedule	23 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	24 9:00 am VBS 6:30 pm Colleen's PRC 6:30 pm Kathryn's PRC	25	26 9:45 am Crosslines 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	27 7:30 pm Movie in the Park	28
29 Regular Sunday Schedule	30 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	31 9:00 am VBS				

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

July 1: Rocky Eckhardt/Karen Kemp
July 8: Leanna Carrol/Jessica Faucett
July 15: Karen Kemp/Sandy Meadows
July 22: Jessica Faucett/KC Brockman
July 29: Darlene Coit/Karen Kemp

PRAISE TEAM

July 1: Lisa Wilcox/Kenton Foster
July 8: Rocky Eckhardt/Judy Akeman
July 15: Kenton Foster/Betsy Wheeler
July 22: Rocky Eckhardt/Judy Akeman
July 29: Kenton Foster/Betsy Wheeler

COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

July 1: Carolyn Theil, Sue Sterrett, Julia Foster, Karen Kemp
July 8: KC Brockman, Susan Wolfenbarger, Sarah Coyne, Shirley Martin
July 15: Patt Hinds, Ray Gall, George Gagle, Lisa Wilcox
July 22: Monica Bailey, Tom Hamm, Chad Peterson-Sloan, Don Smith
July 29: Donna Fuller, Sherry Crumbliss, Carey Prater, Emma Eckhardt

HOMEBOUND

July 1: Mike Fitterling/Sue Sterrett
July 8: Darlene Coit/Susan Wolfenbarger
July 15: Tom Wheeler/Ray Gall
July 22: Mark Millard/Tom Hamm
July 29: Margie Fitterling/Sherry Crumbliss

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

July 1: Sarah Coyne/Judy Schneider
July 8: Jessica Faucett/Cathy Gray
July 15: KC Brockman/Rachel Eckhardt
July 22: summer break-No CW&W
July 29: summer break-No CW&W

SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

July 1: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves
July 8: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows
July 15: Raymond Reaves/Judy Schneider
July 22: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves
July 29: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows

COMMUNION PREPARATION

July 1: Carolyn Theil
July 8: KC Brockman
July 15: Patt Hinds
July 22: Monica Bailey
July 29: Donna Fuller

ELDER IN WORSHIP

July 1: Darlene Coit
July 8: Tom Wheeler
July 15: Mark Millard
July 22: Margie Fitterling
July 29: Betsy Wheeler

ACOLYTE/ALTERNATE

July 1: Lauren Coyne/Mia Coyne
July 8: Mia Coyne/Laney Reaves
July 15: Laney Reaves/Carly Garrison
July 22: Carly Garrison/Taylor Reaves
July 29: Taylor Reaves/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)