

# DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll, Senior Minister  
Rev. Kathryn Wilson, Minister of Mission & Outreach

South Joplin  
Christian Church



## 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, Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll*

I have had the pleasure of meeting informally with several individuals and couples who have attended our church as visitors recently. I am always amazed at the various experiences people have had which bring them to our doorsteps, and even more grateful for the loving hospitality of the church family they experience when they arrive.



Thanks to an influx in visitors the last few months, the elders and Pastor Kathryn and I will again be hosting a Newcomers Chat & Chew on Saturday, February 2 at 5:30 PM. We will provide a light meal of pizza and salad, and give people an opportunity to meet the elders as well as see who else is new here.

The term "newcomers" applies to anyone who has visited or joined the church since April 2018 when we hosted the last event. We will have time for questions and tours of the church building, and continue building relationships with each other. Personal invitations are being sent, however, if you are reading this article and would like to be included, you are of course welcome! Please RSVP to me so we are prepared with enough food for all. Children are welcome too, of course.

Meanwhile, I thank each and every one of you for faithfully practicing genuine hospitality as one of our core values. We can always do more, but I'm hearing from our visitors that the welcome is palpable and indeed genuine.

*Blessings along the way, Pastor Colleen*



## *Join Us in Welcoming the University of Arkansas Inspirational Chorale*



Over the past several years South Joplin Christian Church has evolved into a congregation that welcomes, embraces and promotes diversity and inclusiveness both within and outside of the church. In order for our congregation to be faithful in our calling we must be intentional about our work to be inclusive and diverse, seeking ways and opportunities to bring people into community and embracing our commonalities and our differences. So when one of those rare opportunities comes along you can not turn it down.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, **February 9** at 6:00 pm when South Joplin will host the University of Arkansas Inspirational Chorale in concert in celebration of African American History Month. It is the Inspirational Chorale's mission and commitment to keep the black sacred music tradition alive.

The ensemble provides a forum where university students, regardless of ethnicity, can perform the various genres of the tradition. The Inspirational Chorale – as an integrated part of the university's music department, the academic community, and the community at large – has enjoyed an illustrious reputation while performing for dignitaries and heads of state. The ensemble has made appearances at national and international conferences and has taken international tours to Beijing, China, Kilkenny, Ireland, and Kingston and Montego Bay, Jamaica. The Chorale celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2017. Come join us for this wonderful musical experience.

## **Welcome New Members**

We rejoice to welcome Michael Soderstrom on January 6 and Karen Kemp on January 13. Michael is pictured here with his children, Lilia (left), Darius (center), and Adara (right). Their address is 5794 Suburban Terrace, Joplin 64804. Michael's phone number is 432-770-8031.

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Karen Kemp has been active at SJCC for several years, and lives with her husband Charlie at 5843 Riverside Dr., Joplin 64804. Her home phone number is 417-781-1657. Thanks be to God for our growing church family!



## Youth Fundraiser a Huge Success

Congratulations on a job well done on January 13 for the DACA scholarship fundraiser! The amount raised was \$1250.05, not including a few additional t-shirt sales. We are so proud of the hard work our youth invested in this event and grateful to the adults who pitched in to help as well. We had a full house for the play, and plenty of delicious cupcakes donated by talented bakers. Our guest, Cynthia Torres was deeply touched by the expression of care and support. Thank you to everyone who helped or contributed in any and all ways!



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

He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:2 (NRSV)

### 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring

Our annual Souper Bowl of Caring event was kicked off on **Sunday, January 13** during worship featuring our Half-Time Parade of Babies. This year Outreach has a new strategy. We will not be collecting cans of soup but are asking for financial donations instead which allows Crosslines to get more "bang for the buck" purchasing food straight from Ozark Food Harvest in Springfield. In our sanctuary are the collection cans with pictures of our youth (baby pictures) and a favorite soup. Each week you can cast your vote by placing cash or checks in the can of your favorite baby or favorite soup. That's all it takes and it saves you from a trip to the grocery or having to lug those cans of soup to the church. Please be generous in your donations as we "Tackle Hunger" in the Joplin community.

### SJCC 2019 Mission Trip

The 2019 Mission Trip date has been set and the Team will travel to Van Buren, MO May 5 - 11. It is not too late to add your name to the list. With the close distance anyone wanting to participate for only a day or two you are also welcome to be part of the Team. The Mission Team will begin to meet shortly and map out all of the plans for the trip and fundraising. Our work project is being organized by Catholic Charities and it appears that the Team will be involved in a new home build. As part of this mission opportunity Pastor Kathryn is inviting members of the congregation to participate by writing devotional reflections or meditations (include scriptural reference) to be used during worship and devotion time throughout the week by the Team. If you feel led to write and submit a meditation or reflection to encourage and inspire our Mission Team as they labor in the vineyard, please contact Pastor Kathryn directly. The deadline for submissions is March 31. Although there are wonderful things written and printed, she is looking for submissions written by our own members. Also if anyone is interested in being the Team's resident cook for the week inform Pastor Kathryn.



#### Many Thanks!

The Outreach Ministry Team applauds your generous donation of \$1037 to the Christmas Offering in support of the ministries in the Mid-America Region.



### Week of Compassion

Our Week of Compassion Offering will be received **Sunday, February 17 and 24**. This year's theme is "*More Than We Can Imagine*" (Ephesians 3:20). The Outreach Ministry Team is planning a special worship service highlighting the work of WOC. Visit our special Prayer Station which will be set up in the Narthex providing an opportunity to pray for others across the globe. SJCC children and youth will have an opportunity to learn more about WOC and will be asked to contribute to the offering by saving their coins.

### Irving/Bright Futures

Come enjoy a fun afternoon at Irving's Souper Bowl of Caring Assembly, Friday February 1. Who will be this year's winner between the girls team coached by Ms. Sitzes or the boy's team coached by Mr. Depoe? The losing coach must complete the challenges on the Wheel of Misfortune. Due to the assembly there **will not be a First Friday Reading Day** in February.



### CROSSLINES

Be a part of SJCC's Volunteer Team the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and be a part of the team. No special skills are required. **SJCC will** have a work day on **Thursday, February 28**.

You are welcome to volunteer on days other than our regularly scheduled work day. Your help will always be greatly appreciated; even if you can only work one hour. Ask for the volunteer coordinator, when you arrive. Monday evenings are a great opportunity for families to serve together. You can access/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)

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Monday:** 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Regular Services)

**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Regular Services)

**Wednesday:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. TEFAP (Commodities Distribution Only)

**First Wednesday - Workforce Wednesday:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Job Center Caseworker onsite

***Closed on all 5th Wednesdays***

**Our Crosslines Challenge for February will be 50 cans of Vienna Sausage and Spam.**

**Additional Needs:** Masking Tape, Paper Towels, Ziploc Bags, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toasters, Crock Pots, Coffee Makers, Electric Skillets, Hand-held Can Openers. Donations can be dropped off at 320 N. School during Crosslines regular hours.



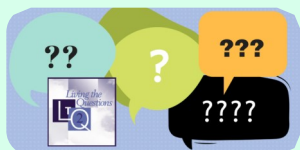
# Faith Formation

PLANTING  
FAITH  
GROWING  
FAITH

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

Join us for *Living the Questions 2.0* on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in Room A-11.

Send an email to Pastor Colleen at [colleen\\_e\\_c@hotmail.com](mailto:colleen_e_c@hotmail.com) if you would like to receive supplemental reading material to augment each video session.



## 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. This month we have lessons about King Josiah, Jesus the Good Shepherd, Zacchaeus, and Jesus bringing a little girl back to life.

There is a more in-depth class with discussion for grades 5 - 12. Dia Curry and Mike Fitterling lead this group. We feel you will not only grow in your faith but interact with fellow students.

Both classes meet on the third floor and parents are always welcome to attend with kids.



## YOUTH NEWS

Since the youth worked so hard on the fundraiser, we will spend our regular meeting time on February 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. playing games.

You may bring snacks if you like.



## GROUPS



### APPLE PIE SALE

Our delicious apple pies are still available for sale. The pies are \$12 each. Contact Ellen Traver or Anita Frieze for pick up

### THE GREEN TEAM

During February the Green Team invites you to show your love! That's right, show your love to Mother Earth by purchasing wildflower seeds that will help the bee population...and the bees will show their love, as well.

#### Green Tip

Instead of buying your loved one an expensive gift, how about buying an acre of rainforest in their name. It's a gift that your loved one and Mother Earth will both love!

*Happy Valentine's Day*



### Equal Exchange

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 near display cabinet for the person who can assist you with your purchase).

Equal Exchange 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/>



### Directory Update

Please make a note in your directory with the following information:

Will Delehanty & Megan Bever  
have a new address:

201 Sunset Dr.,  
Carl Junction, MO 64834



## SJCC AND AREA EVENTS



Please join us **each Wednesday** evening at 5:30 for fellowship and food. The meal is prepared by our Hospitality Committee and offered free of charge.

**Monetary donations are welcome!!**

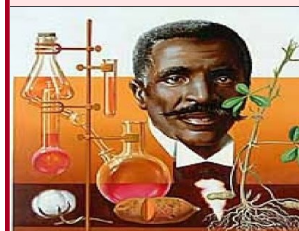
## GEO. WASHINGTON CARVER NATIONAL MONUMENT PRESENTS AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAILBLAZERS

Who successfully created the first light bulb filament? Ragtime music? The world's first blood bank? Join us for this discussion exploring some of the many contributions and accomplishments of African Americans.

**When:** Feb 1 and 2

**Where:** 5646 Carver Rd. Diamond, MO

**Time:** 1 pm - 2 pm



For more info  
call George  
Washington  
National  
Monument at  
417-325-4151.

### Boy Scout Sunday and Chili Feed

We will be observing Boy Scout Sunday on **February 10**, celebrating our charter with Troop #103 with their involvement in worship and a chili feed at noon.

Any former or current scouts are invited to wear uniforms in show of support.



### POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Join us on Sunday, **February 17** Following worship for our monthly Potluck Fellowship Luncheon. Please bring something to share as listed below.

**A-G: Main dish**

**H-S: Side dish**

**T-W: Dessert**



### WEATHER CANCELATIONS

In the unlikely event that we cancel our services on Sunday morning, we will notify local TV stations and post the cancellation on Facebook. On weekdays, if Joplin Public Schools are canceled, our church office will also be closed and scheduled activities will be canceled as well. Please use discretion and caution when deciding to come to the church in bad weather; we may not have sidewalks or parking lot cleared.

### Know Your 2019 Church Leadership (Chairperson)

Board: Mike Fitterling  
Treasurer: Shari Cullumber  
Financial Secy.: Leanna Carrol  
CWF: Ellen Traver  
Elders: Darlene Coit  
Gm. Team: Susan Wolfenbarger  
Outreach: Raquel Sapient  
Property: Darryl Coit

Board Vice: Raymond Reaves  
Asst. Treas.: Chad Peterson-Sloan  
Asst. Fin. Secy.: Anita Frieze  
Diaconate: Patt Hinds  
Faith Form.: Kemp/Faucett  
Memorial: Margie Fitterling  
Perm. Fund: Tom Fortson  
Parliamentarian: Sherry Crumbliss



## Other Important Stuff



### CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

(General Operating Budget December 1-31, 2018)

**Anticipated Income: \$18,179.61**

**Actual Income: \$15,844.17**

**Actual Expense: \$22,867.08**

*(expenses include quarterly insurance premium)*

You can give online at: [www.southjoplingdisciples.org](http://www.southjoplingdisciples.org)

Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

### Attendance

12/30: 57    01/06: 89    01/13: 104    01/20: 80

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School (age 3 – adult)

**10:25 a.m.** Fellowship time for everyone

**10:45 a.m.** Children Worship & Wonder  
(ages 3 ½ yrs - 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

**10:45 a.m.** Worship

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

### JANUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Treasurer:** noted we ended month in the black; I&R showed net loss due to having to borrow from salary reserves to pay Dec. salaries and insurance premiums.

**Pastor Colleen:** report was included. It was noted we received notice from Church Extension that Investment Note maturity date been extended another three years; also noted we can reinvest, extend or redeem the Note.

**Pastor Kathryn:** continues to work on Youth Mission trip planned for June 2019 as well as working on general SJCC mission trip to Van Buren, MO scheduled for May 5-11, 2019 and pleased to announce 12 confirmed participants for general mission trip so far; continues to be part of upcoming JOMO Restaurant week benefiting Crosslines; will be one of the trainers at Anti-Racism/ Pro-Reconciling Justice Ministries Training scheduled January 25-26 at South Street Christian Church in Springfield; is working with One Joplin Human Services Team on Domestic Violence to develop a workshop for church leaders to be more cognizant of and find ways to deal with/decrease domestic violence ;was excited to have had lunch with her Irving Elementary Lunch Pal.

**Outreach Financial:** noted KC Brockman very thankful for all volunteers who helped with Alternative Christmas Fair; Pastor Kathryn was pleased to announce total proceeds of fair and chili feed totaled \$859.18 and applauded SJCC congregation for generous donations to special Christmas offering.

**Elders:** raised \$500 and pleased to donate money to Crosslines.

**Memorial:** noted monies spent on Advent banners.

**Outreach:** said volunteers needed for Project Homeless Connect.

**Property:** voted to gift \$3,000 to SJCC as 15% (\$450) to General Operations, 15% (\$450) to Outreach, 35% (\$1,050) to Special Projects, and 35% (\$1,050) to Equipment Reserve; explained elevator works okay if load is centered (will continue to observe); noted some flooding in basement due to failed sump pump (replaced); offered thanks to Tom Hamm for mopping up after flooding; replaced nonworking shop vacuum; raised discussion regarding Boy Scout project currently being developed to enhance Friendship Park; informed Board locking mechanism installed on rear door of shuttle bus; still awaiting decision from Sheltered Workshop on whether or not they will accept our older green van as donation to the workshop.

**A Full copy of Financials and Board Meeting minutes is available to members by contacting the church office.**



### WE LIFT THESE UP IN PRAYER

**Sympathy to family and friends of:** Ann Butts, Elvis Dry, Floretta Swearingen, Mary Iris Crane, Kristen Cole, Orville Johnson, Betty Stanley, Norman Dean Traver

**Seminary:** Vance Halfaker and Julie

**Global Ministry Focus:** Ghana, West Africa (Larry & Debbie Colvin), Greece (Kearstin Bailey), Kenya (Phyllis Byrd), Mexico (Cara McKinney)

**All Others:** All people effected by disasters (natural and manmade), Melanie Alderson, John Asher, Gerry Bagby, Nancy & Chico Bond, Amy Box, KC Brockman, Ellen Broglio, Linda Campbell, Betty Coan, Kristen Cole, Henry Coursey, Michael Crofford, Lois Demaree, Kamal Eways, Rhonda Ewing, Martha Felland, Tom & Carolyn Fortson, Marea Gagle, Wendy Garrison, Judy Gibson, Mary Gilmore, David Harding II, Rod and Mary Havens, Elizabeth Hayes, Alyxis Hefty, Shirley Holford, Jewell Holland, Jim Holland, Alice Hughlett, Daryl Hughlett, Corey Irwin, Sharonette Jamason, Bethany James, Fern Jensen, Betty Kemp, Sam Knudtson, Alexandra Lyons, Mary & George McAdams, Wilton & Betty McKelvey, Tom Meadows, Sarah Miller, Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson), Easton Murdock, Denita Murphy, Nicodemus Family, Jim Owen, Josh Petty, Alexis Prater, Willa Randall, Nancy Ritchey, Josh Robb, Martin Rooney, Michael Rooney, Amy Schneider, Jillian Schuler, Carolyn Theil, Ferne Traver, Roger Traver, Gary Wald, Tova Wallace-Lee, Karen Patchin Watson, Lavella Wheeler, Will Wilkerson, Jimmy Willerton, Charles Wilson, Birdie Woods, Lorenzo Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests. Amen!

*Prayer Is the Key to Heaven  
But Faith Unlocks the Door.*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 CAROLYN THIEL	19 SHERRY CRUMBLISS
6 KAREN FITTERLING	19 KENTON FOSTER
9 JULIA FOSTER	19 CATHY GRAY
12 TAYLOR CUNNINGHAM	24 KAIRYK CURRY
18 EMMA ECKHARDT	24 KATHRYN WILSON
	26 DARRYL COIT

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14 MARK & LIZ MILLARD
15 JERRY & MICHELLE WILLIS
18 FRED & BECKY MARTINO
28 CHAD & DENNIS PETERSON-SLOAN



### Support SJCC Outreach

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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 and Children Worship & Wonder

\* Denotes Nursery Available

# FEBRUARY 2019

## AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2       5:30 pm <i>Chat &amp; Chew for Newcomers</i> (in Fellowship Hall)
3 Regular Sunday Schedule <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	4  1:00 pm Staff Meeting   6:30 pm NA Meeting	5     6:00 pm Worship Cmt 6:30 pm Committees 6:30 pm NA Meeting	6 9:30 am CWF General Meeting/Spiritual Life   5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	7  11:30 am Clergy Cluster at Billings 3:30 pm Interfaith Disc   6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Outreach mtg.	8	9 8:30 am Boy Scout Merit Badge Training 1:30 pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting   6:00 pm U of A Inspirational Chorale
10 Regular Sunday Schedule <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b> Boy Scout Chili Feed	11 Church Office closed Secretary Vacation Day   6:30 pm NA Meeting	12 <i>Office opens at 2 pm</i>   6:30 pm Board 6:30 pm NA Meeting	13   5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	14     6:30 pm Boy Scouts	15	16
17 <b>WoC Offering</b> Regular Sunday Schedule 12 Noon <b>Fellowship Meal</b>	18  1:00 pm Staff Meeting   6:30 pm NA Meeting	19     6:30 pm Green Team 6:30 pm NA Meeting	20   5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	21  12 Noon Irving Site Council Meeting   6:30 pm Boy Scouts	22	23
24 <b>WoC Offering</b> Regular Sunday Schedule	25    6:30 pm NA Meeting	26   6:30 pm Colleen's PRC 6:30 pm NA Meeting	27   5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	28 9:45 am Crosslines   6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<div>Note: Pastor Kathryn will be out of the office Feb. 22 thru March 2</div>	

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

Feb 3: Rocky Eckhardt, Jessica Faucett  
Feb 10: Jessica Faucett, Karen Kemp  
Feb 17: Darlene Coit, Karen Kemp  
Feb 24: Leanna Carrol, Sandy Meadows

### PRAISE TEAM

Feb 3: Betsy Wheeler, Chad Peterson-Sloan, Judy Akeman  
Feb 10: Rocky Eckhardt, Chad Peterson-Sloan, Judy Akeman  
Feb 17: Lisa Wilcox, Kenton Foster, Rocky Eckhardt  
Feb 24: Betsy Wheeler, Lisa Wilcox, Kenton Foster

### COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

Feb 3: Jim Cullumber, Raquel Sapien, George Gagle, Shirley Martin  
Feb 10: Mike Soderstrom, Patt Hinds, Sarah Coyne, Mia Coyne  
Feb 17: Sean Nicodemus, Kathy Nicodemus, Kenton Foster, Lisa Wilcox  
Feb 24: Ray Gall Susan Wolfenbarger, Julia Foster, Carolyn Thiel

### HOMEBOUND

Feb 3: Mark Millard, Jim Cullumber  
Feb 10: Margie Fitterling, Mike Soderstrom  
Feb 17: Betsy Wheeler, Sean Nicodemus  
Feb 24: Rocky Eckhardt, Ray Gall

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Feb 3: TBD  
Feb 10: TBD  
Feb 17: TBD  
Feb 24: TBD

### SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

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

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Feb 3: Raquel Sapien  
Feb 10: Patt Hinds  
Feb 17: Kathy Nicodemus  
Feb 24: Susan Wolfenbarger

### ELDER IN WORSHIP

Feb 3: Margie Fitterling  
Feb 10: Betsy Wheeler, Colleen Carroll  
Feb 17: Rocky Eckhardt  
Feb 24: Leanna Carrol

### ACOLYTE/ALTERNATE

Feb 3: Reese Prater (Carly Garrison)  
Feb 10: Carly Garrison (Lauren Coyne)  
Feb 17: Lauren Coyne (Mia Coyne)  
Feb 24: Mia Coyne (Laney Reaves)

### SAFETY TEAM REQUEST

Adult volunteers are needed as ushers during Sunday worship. No special skills are needed. If you would like to be part of our Safety Team, call Darryl (540-2657).