

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

March 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'm looking forward to the Lenten season this year as we utilize the metaphor of learning to dive as an invitation to submerge below the surface of scripture and tradition and think more deeply about the person of Jesus and his life and ministry.

"Diving Deeper" will begin on Ash Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with a time of preparation for the weeks ahead, and continue on with weekly *spiritual challenges and practices* in addition to our customary mission challenge. Swim caps are not necessary, but by all means, put on your thinking caps and put away your inhibitions.



Here are some teasers:

March 10 "Facing Our Fear" Luke 4:1-13

March 17 "Ocular Distortion" Luke 9:28-36

March 24 "Not the Olympics" Luke 13:1-9

March 31 "Harder than it Looks" Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Let's jump in together on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.!

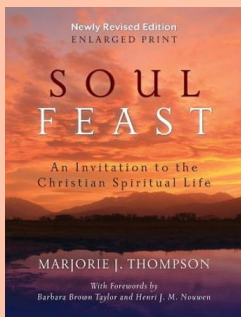
Blessings along the way, Pastor Colleen

*Pastor Colleen will
be on vacation from
March 7th through
March 18th.*



Food For the Soul

A Time of Reflection, Prayer and Learning to Nurture the Soul



Purpose: "Food for the Soul" will provide the opportunity to spend time together reflecting, praying, meditating and sharing the experience of God in our lives. This time of exploration and learning and diving deeper together will help you along your journey of faith as you strive to deepen your relationship with God in daily life.; an opportunity to explore Christian spirituality.

This 10-12 week study (based on the book, "Soul Feast" by Marjorie J. Thompson) will meet at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday beginning March 10th. All participant will need to purchase their own book. Contact Pastor Kathryn directly no later than March 3 if you wish to participate.

Space is limited.



FINGER LABYRINTHS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Disciple Women's Ministries are asking people to make and send 3000 "finger labyrinths" to the General Assembly in Des Moines this July. Patterns are provided online for those who sew, knit and crochet. The finger labyrinths will be given during opening worship, hopefully, to everyone attending. A sample of the crochet labyrinth is on the women's bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. They need to be finished and sent to Indianapolis by June 1.

For instructions, go to: <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/disciples-women/>

WELCOME, AUTUMN!

We rejoice to welcome Autumn Van Volkinburg to our ministry team as accompanist to the choir and congregational worship.

She returns to Joplin from the Dallas, Texas area, and brings with her a wealth of experience Planning and leading worship.



Please give her an outstanding welcome to SJCC!

INTERFAITH LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE

The Joplin Interfaith Coalition has planned a soup and salad Luncheon and Bake Sale for Saturday, March 9th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Islamic Society. The event will feature vegetable soup, sandwiches, and drinks for \$5, with desserts available for a small price.

There will also be a silent auction for baked goods. All proceeds will go to Crosslines. Pastor Colleen has tickets for sale, and she is also in need of someone to coordinate our church contributions of food for the luncheon and sale.





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

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)

2019 Mission Trip “Mission in Action” - Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus.

As our Mission Team readies itself for the upcoming trip to Van Buren, MO May 5 - 11, you may wonder how you can help if you are unable to go. Believe it or not there are things that you can do to support this mission. First, the Team asks that you begin to pray that God will use each of them to serve with love, compassion, and understanding as a witness of God's love in the world. Also pray for each person by name: Colleen Carroll; Darlene & Darryl Coit; Julia & Kenton Foster; Donna Fuller; Ray Gall; Tom Hamm; Dano Lash; Jeannie Morrison; Chad Peterson-Sloan; Raquel Sapien; Tom Wheeler; Kathryn Wilson, and Lisa & Phil Wise. Pray that God will open their minds and hearts, give peace, and provide strength as they prepare themselves for this mission opportunity. As plans progress, the Team will be seeking your support of the upcoming fundraising efforts. And last, but not least, the invitation is still open for anyone choosing to write a devotion, reflection, daily prayer or meal prayers that will be used as part of the daily devotion and worship time. Pastor Kathryn will have available on Sunday, March 3 specific guidelines and scripture suggestions to assist in your writing. Your devotional and worship contributions will provide inspiration and encouragement for beginning and ending each day.

Week of Compassion Special Offering

On February 17 Outreach planned and led the worship service celebrating our general church's work and ministry through Week of Compassion with the theme “More Than We Can Imagine.” The service provided the opportunity for our congregation to more closely relate to the importance of this ministry, a first responder to disaster and hardship around the world and a reminder of the response from WOC to the community of Joplin after the 2011 tornado. Outreach thanks each and everyone who gave to the WOC offering on February 17 and 24. And once again because of your “spirit-led generosity” and your deep compassion for others we received **\$1,334.00** in our offering. Yes, “More than we ever imagined.” Let us not forget that God's imagination is broader, deeper, and more profound than ours. But if we allow God's power to work through us collectively as a church family, we can do more than we could ever imagine doing on our own. **Thank you SJCC!**

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING RECAP

Thank you South Joplin. You came through as always. Our *Souper Bowl* event was a huge success. Rather than collect food items this year you voted for your favorite baby or favorite soup with your coins, cash and checks raising \$434. And all of our “babies” were winners! Yet another example of your “spirit-led generosity”. All proceeds will benefit Crosslines Ministries.

Irving Elementary/Bright Futures

Let's give a big round of applause to Irving for their fantastic Souper Bowl of Caring event. The students, teachers and staff collected 4,084 food items for Crosslines. Thank you to our SJCC members who helped to load the Crosslines truck. March 1st is our next First Friday Reading Day, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Please email Pastor Kathryn or the Church Office no later than Tuesday, February 26 if you plan to read. Also in March SJCC will be providing breakfast or lunch for the teachers and staff to show our appreciation. Outreach will meet soon to set the date possibly March 13 or 14. Let us be in prayer for all of our students, teachers and staff for a safe Spring Break.



CROSSLINES

Be a part of SJCC's Volunteer Team the
4th 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, March 28. Thanks to everyone who supported JOMO Restaurant Week.**

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)

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th 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 March will be 50 jars of Peanut Butter.

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

GROUPS



EVENTS

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Ash Wednesday (March 6) is the beginning of Lent, an important season in the life of the church and in our spiritual journeys. Join us at 6 pm on March 6 as we prepare to journey through Lent, toward the cross and on to resurrection.

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 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.

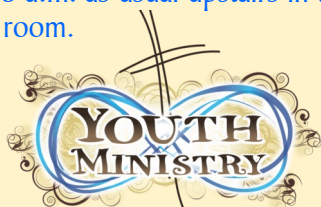
There is a more in-depth class with discussion for grades 5 - 12. Dia Curry and Mike Fitterling lead this group. We feel you will not only grow in your faith but interact with fellow students.

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



Youth Ministry

Due to our pastors' schedules and spring break, the youth will not meet in March. Sunday School will continue at 9:30 a.m. as usual upstairs in the youth room.



APPLE PIE SALE

We still have apple pies for sale. The pies are \$12 each. Contact Ellen Traver or Anita Frieze for information.



THE GREEN TEAM

About 30% of total land world-wide is occupied by the forests. There are over 60,000 species of trees. So, go out and explore the forests! See how many species you can find.

Green Tip

An apple tree can yield up to 15 -20 bushel of fruit per years and can be planted on the tiniest urban lot. Aside from fruit for humans, trees provide for birds and wildlife.

Happy St. Patrick'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/>



Update Your Directory

Timicia Curtis' address has changed. Please update your directory with her new address: 816 W. B St., Joplin, MO 64801.

WEATHER CANCELATIONS

In the unlikely event that we must cancel our Sunday morning services, 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.



Special Note: there will not be a meal served on **March 6** (Ash Wednesday) or **March 20** (Spring Break).

Please join us on **Wednesday March 13 and 27** at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and food. The meal is prepared by our Hospitality Committee and offered free of charge. **Donations are welcome!!**

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Join us on Sunday, **March 17** after worship for our monthly Potluck Fellowship Luncheon. Please bring something to share as listed:

H-M + T-W: Main dish

N-S: Dessert

A-G: Side dish



It's St. Patty's day. Wear your Green!

FARMERS - Markets -



Empire Farmers Market Every Saturday

931 E. 4th Street Joplin

A vibrant four-season market where you can find the best of what this area has to offer; produce, meats, cheeses, wine, beer, crafters, artisans and any number of other vendors, set up in a collection of permanent and rotating stalls.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Disciples of Christ General Assembly. Saturday, July 20th to Wednesday, July 24th. The assembly will be held in Des Moines, Iowa.

There will be worship services, workshops, exhibits, booths, meals, and events throughout the assembly. For more information on specific events and services, please visit:

<https://ga.disciples.org/registration/>

You will find a more informative schedule along with registration information. And, **REMEMBER...**

**Early registration discounts
Expire March 31! Save about 20%
on your registration by acting now.**





Other Important Stuff



CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

(General Operating Budget January 1-31, 2019)

Anticipated Income: \$18,179.61

Actual Income: \$15,284.91

Actual Expense: \$17,557.61

(expenses include quarterly insurance premium)

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

Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

Attendance

1/27: 93 02/03: 67 02/10: 91 02/17: 81 2/24: 83

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

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer: noted year end investment totals (Church Extension) current; noted Church Pro Accounting software updated; noted discrepancy on some reports due to prior 10¢ error; working to correct all the reports

Pastor Colleen: pleased to note 8 adults/2 kids attended New-comers' Chat & Chew; pleased with turnout/response to Tea and Conversation event hosted by SJCC; proud that SJCC was one of only three Disciples' churches that hosted such an event; invited Rev. Michelle Scott-Huffman to preach on March 3; enjoying collaborating with Autumn Von Volkinburg on upcoming worship services; stressed need for volunteers to help with March 9 Interfaith Luncheon and Bake Sale ticket sales and one person to act as liaison; in need of one more person for her Pastoral Relations Committee; informed Board she will be on vacation March 7-18.

Pastor Kathryn: offered thanks to planning committee for U of A Inspirational Chorale concert (160 attended) with free-will offering of \$827 given to Chorale (which they greatly appreciated) also stressed that the group mentioned that they felt very welcomed by SJCC and others attending concert; noted thanks for great opportunity to co-facilitate ARPR Justice Ministries training event.

Outreach: noted 12 representatives from SJCC in attendance at MLK breakfast at MSSU; pleased to have 7 volunteers participate in Project Homeless event; offered thanks to Tom & Sandy Meadows and Chad Peterson-Sloan for building "Prayer Station". The Outreach financial report was included in the packet.

Property: completed following projects: returned dried pad and carpet to room A-11 after slight flooding, replaced all sanctuary bulbs with LEDs, painted trim on North stairway, replaced and/or adjusted door stops, changed AC filters, relocated 2 fire extinguishers and installed signage per Joplin Fire Department suggestions; announced Joplin Sheltered Workshop picked up 1995 Dodge van which we gifted to them.

Youth: proud of congregation and Youth for work in raising \$1,250 for MSSU DACA scholarship program.

As an Aside: noted request from Disciples Women for "finger labyrinth" pot holders to be sent to the General Assembly; Pastor Kathryn asked for meditative reflections/prayers written by congregation for upcoming mission trip to be used in booklets for mission trip volunteers to use during trip and asked that scripture used for the meditations/prayers be identified to help inspire and focus those volunteers in the field.

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

WE LIFT THESE UP IN PRAYER

Sympathy to family and friends of: Connie Duncan, Jean King, Ronald Gaines, Assata Yocum, Charlotte Palmer, Mary McAdams

Seminary: Vance Halfaker and Julie

Global Ministry Focus: Hong Kong (Judy Chan), Sierra Leone (Nia Sullivan), Lebanon (Ben Drolet), Germany (Rosalind Gnatt), Hungary (Priscilla Yang), Ghana, West Africa (Larry & Debbie Colvin)

All Others: All people effected by disasters (natural and manmade), Melanie Alderson, John Asher, Gerry Bagby, Nancy & Chico Bond, 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, Candy Gagle, 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, George McAdams, Wilton & Betty McKelvey, Tom Meadows, Sarah Miller, Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson), Easton Murdock, Denita Murphy, Nicodemus Family, Jim Owen, Dennis Peterson-Sloan, Josh Petty, Alexis Prater, Willa Randall, Nancy Ritchey, Josh Robb, Martin Rooney, Michael Rooney, Imoni Ross, Amy Schneider, Jillian Schuler, Ferne Traver, Roger Traver, Gary Wald, Tova Wallace-Lee, Karen Patchin Watson, Lavella Wheeler, Will Wilkerson, Jimmy Willerton, Charles Wilson, Birdie Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests. Amen!

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Sandy Meadows	13	Willa Randall
2	Zoltan Morgan	19	Ashley Clune
7	Jessica Faucett	22	Kathy Nicodemus
11	Glenn York	28	Lauren Coyne
13	Colvin Paige	30	Gary Gray

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



6	Tom & Sandy Meadows
16	Tom Hamm & Colleen Carroll
29	Kenton & Julia Foster

We Are Pleased to Welcome

Sam Knudtson and his service dog, George to our church family.
Sam officially joined SJCC by Affirmation of Faith on Sunday, February 24.
Please be sure to offer a warm family welcome Sam and George!



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

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Pastor Colleen will be out of the office on vacation March 7-18				1 12:30 pm Irving Reading Day	2
3 Regular Sunday Schedule	4 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm NA Meeting 6:30 pm Perm. Fund	5 6:00 pm Worship Cmt 6:30 pm Committees 6:30 pm NA Meeting	6 Ash Wednesday 9:30 am CWF General Meeting/Spiritual Life No Weekly Meal 6:00 Ash Wed. Service 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	7 11:30 am Clergy Cluster in Monett 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	8	9 11:00 am Interfaith Luncheon & Bake Sale, Islamic Center (11-1) Don't Forget to set your clocks forward one hour before bed.
10 1st Sunday in Lent Regular Sunday Schedule 2:00 pm Willa Randall's Birthday Party 4:30 pm Food for the Soul Study	11 Church Office closed 6:30 pm NA Meeting	12 Office opens at 2 pm 6:30 pm Board 6:30 pm NA Meeting	13 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	14 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	15	16
17 2nd Sunday in Lent Regular Sunday Schedule 12 Noon Fellowship Meal (wear your green!) 4:30 pm Food for the Soul Study	18 No Staff Meeting 6:30 pm NA Meeting	19 6:30 pm Green Team 6:30 pm NA Meeting	20 No Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Praise Practice	21 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	22	23
24 3rd Sunday in Lent Regular Sunday Schedule 4:30 pm Food for the Soul Study	25 6:30 pm NA Meeting	26 6:30 pm Colleen's PRC 6:30 pm Kathryn'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	29	30
31 4th Sunday in Lent Regular Sunday Schedule 4:30 pm Food for the						

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

Mar 3: Rocky Eckhardt, Jessica Faucett
Mar 10: Jessica Faucett, Karen Kemp
Mar 17: Leanna Carrol, Sandy Meadows
Mar 24: Darlene Coit, Karen Kemp
Mar 31: Rocky Eckhardt, Karen Kemp

PRAISE TEAM

Mar 3: Chad Peterson-Sloan, Lisa Wilcox, Rocky Eckhardt
Mar 10: Lisa Wilcox, Betsy Wheeler, Kenton Foster
Mar 17: Rocky Eckhardt, Judy Akeman, Chad Peterson-Sloan
Mar 24: Betsy Wheeler, Rocky Eckhardt, Judy Akeman
Mar 31: Lisa Wilcox, Kenton Foster, Chad Peterson-Sloan

COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

Mar 3: Donna Fuller, Sherry Crumbliss, George Gagle, Tom Hamm
Mar 10: Sean Nicodemus, Kathy Nicodemus, Karen Kemp, Laney Reaves
Mar 17: Don Smith, Carey Prater, Chad Peterson-Sloan, Raquel Sapien
Mar 24: Sue Sterrett, Jim Cullumber, Lisa Wilcox, Susan Wolfenbarger
Mar 31: Ray Gall, Susan Wolfenbarger, Donna Fuller , Shirley Martin

HOMEBOUND

Mar 3: Leanna Carrol, Donna Fuller
Mar 10: Mike Fitterling, Sean Nicodemus
Mar 17: Darlene Coit, Don Smith
Mar 24: Tom Wheeler, Sue Sterrett
Mar 31: Mark Millard, Ray Gall

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Mar 3: Sarah Coyne, Leanna Carrol
Mar 10: Karen Fitterling, Rachel Eckhardt
Mar 17: Jessica Faucett, Laney Reaves
Mar 24: Sarah Coyne, Judy Schneider
Mar 31: Karen Kemp, Rachel Eckhardt

SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

Mar 3: Raymond Reaves/Jennifer Reaves
Mar 10: Ken Moser/Judy Schneider
Mar 17: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows
Mar 24: Raymond Reaves/Judy Schneider
Mar 31: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mar 3: Sherry Crumbliss
Mar 10: Kathy Nicodemus
Mar 17: Carey Prater
Mar 24: Jim Cullumber
Mar 31: Susan Wolfenbarger

ELDER IN WORSHIP

Mar 3: Mike Fitterling
Mar 10: Darlene Coit, Kathryn Wilson
Mar 17: Tom Wheeler
Mar 24: Mark Millard
Mar 31: Margie Fitterling

ACOLYTE/ALTERNATE

Mar 3: Laney Reaves (Xavier Faucett)
Mar 10: Xavier Faucett (Carly Garrison)
Mar 17: Taylor Reaves (Reese Prater)
Mar 24: Reese Prater (Carly Garrison)
Mar 31: Carly Garrison (Lauren Coyne)

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).