

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

April 2019

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

South Joplin
Christian Church



2019 Easter Offering

Our Easter Offering will be received Sunday April 14 and 21. As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations.

This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work. Thank you for your generous giving.

From Our Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll

By the time this newsletter is published, we will be past the mid-point of the Lenten season, and moving toward the culmination of our Lenten theme, "Diving Deeper." Much of our reflection has been focused on letting go of fears and accepting the challenges and risks which may yield a fuller or richer spiritual experience. Surely the journey Jesus took to Jerusalem and Calvary required nothing less of him!



As we turn the calendar page to April, I urge each of you to remain vigilant, hopeful, and prayerful in your approach to this most important season. Take advantage of the prayer stations offered in worship, and listen carefully to song lyrics, scripture readings, and thoughtful meditations prepared by our elders and pastors. Pay attention to recurring thoughts or events which may be the Spirit's way of inviting you to go deeper in exercising your own faith. Don't remain on the sidelines! If we learn anything from the women at the tomb, it is that they were the ones who showed up, and received the greatest reward of hearing for themselves the great and good news that Jesus lives!

On a personal note, Tom and I thank each and every one of you who have faithfully lifted us in prayer as we awaited the long-overdue sale of our home in Camdenton. We are scheduled to close on the house on May 1, which means that I will be taking a few days off at the end of the month of April to finalize our move to Joplin. For us, this represents an opportunity to more fully invest – *to dive more deeply* - in the life of our beloved congregation and community, and we could not be more grateful for your patience, support, and prayers.

Blessings along the way, Pastor Colleen

INTERFAITH PANEL

The Joplin Interfaith Coalition will host its next panel discussion on Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m. at the United Hebrew Congregation. The topic will be "*What one festival or holiday reveals about our religion.*" Panelists will discuss how the observance of a particular holiday or festival of their choice ties in with the core values or beliefs of their respective religion. UHC is located at 702 S. Sergeant Ave. in Joplin.

Thank You - to all who contributed baked goods, helped with set-up and arrangements, and/or attended the Interfaith Luncheon and Bake Sale on March 9th at the Islamic Society. The joint efforts resulted in a total of \$2105.00 for Crosslines Ministries! Halleluiah!

Welcome New Members!

We rejoice to welcome Carol Bach and Connie Abraham on March 24.

Their address is 2630 Pennsylvania Ave., Joplin, MO 64804.

Their phone number is 417-291-5402.

Please extend your personal welcome to both of them.



EASTER MORNING

Please join us on Sunday, April 21 to share in the celebration of Easter. We will launch our celebration at 9:30 a.m. with a Potluck Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. A children's activity will be provided, and regular Sunday School classes will not take place. Worship at 10:45 AM will be the culmination of our Lenten theme, "Diving Deeper," and will include special music by the chancel choir as well as our customary Flowering of the Cross. Please bring fresh or silk flowers to help transform the cross of nails into a symbol of Living Hope.

See the article below regarding lilies which are also needed to decorate our sanctuary for Easter.

It Is Time to Order Your Easter Lilies

It is an SJCC tradition to decorate the sanctuary with Easter Lilies prior to Easter. The plants are offered for purchase to everyone in order to honor or remember the special people in your life. The Lilies are \$10.00 per potted plant. **All orders are due by Monday, April 8.** Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary or by calling the church office at (417) 624-2522. You will be able to take the plants home with you after worship on Easter Sunday.

***Please make your checks payable to SJCC for these plants with a note in the memo line stating, "Easter Lily".**

Staff Changes

Nikole Bowden submitted her resignation as Nursery Attendant, effective March 31. Additionally, Autumn VanVolkinburg has reached a difficult decision to return to Dallas, Texas and her final Sunday with us will be Easter, April 21. The Worship Committee is deeply grateful to both women for their contributions to our ministry, and invites individuals to express personal gratitude to Nikole and to Autumn, and offer prayers as we continue forward as a congregation in ministry.



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

Jesus crossed boundaries and borders and made himself aware of the situations and circumstances confronting the people personally, socially and politically. As followers of Christ may we do likewise.

Mission Trip Fundraisers

Our Mission Team is gearing up for our trip to Van Buren, MO May 5-11. In an effort to raise funds to support this mission opportunity and future mission trips arrangements have been with Texas Roadhouse for an SJCC Fundraiser Event the 4th Sunday of each month through the end of the year. Present your flyer, Sunday bulletin, or mention SJCC and we will receive 10 percent of your meal costs. Our next event will be Sunday, April 28.

Invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Irving/Bright Futures

“Thank you for the delightful lunch you provided! It was exactly what we needed to power us to Spring Break! All our love, 4th Grade Dream Team - Irving”

On March 13 the SJCC Outreach Ministry Team provided lunch for the entire staff of Irving Elementary as a show of our congregation's appreciation and support for their continued dedication and commitment in teaching and nurturing Irving's 479 students. Several thank you emails were also received reflecting much gratitude.

First Friday Reading Day - April 5 (12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

Please let Pastor Kathryn know if you plan to read no later than Tuesday, April 2.

New readers are always welcome.

“Signs and Symptoms of Child Abuse Training”

The SJCC Child Protection Task Force has partnered with the Children's Center (Joplin) to host this training event on Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. This child welfare training provides an opportunity for participants to learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of child abuse, and how to make a report that can save a life. As a faith community we are considered mandatory reporters in the state of MO. We hope that our child/youth volunteers, Safety Team and members of our congregation will take advantage of this free training. It is open to the public so please help us spread the word.

Those planning to attend please RSVP to 417-624-2522 or via email southjoplincc@att.net. Childcare will be provided.

MEDITATIONS/REFLECTIONS/PRAYERS FOR MISSION TEAM

It is not too late to submit meditations, reflections or prayers including meal prayers for our Mission Trip Devotional Booklet. For additional information/guidelines regarding your submission to the booklet please contact Pastor Kathryn ASAP. The deadline is April 14. Your devotional and worship contributions will provide inspiration and encouragement for the Team as they begin and end each day.

EXTRA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Crosslines will be having “Free Week” in the clothing store April 1 - 5 and is in need of extra volunteers on Monday, April 1, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, April 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to help with this urgent need, please let contact Pastor Kathryn or contact Crosslines directly at (417)782-8384.



CROSSLINES

Be 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, April 25**. I look forward to seeing you there!

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 April will be 50 Jars/Cans of Spaghetti Sauce (NO extra large sizes).

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

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

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room A-11 as we continue viewing and discussing the video-based curriculum, Living the Questions 2.0. Topics in April will be:

The Myth of Redemptive Violence
Practicing Resurrection
(No SS on Easter Sunday)
Honoring Creation

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

The children and youth meet Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. "Where It's At" is for 3 year olds through 4th graders and uses crafts, games, and songs centered around a different Bible story each week.

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 Group

The youth are joining the Green Team and Outreach Committee in leading worship on Earth Sunday, April 28. Plans are already underway, so please mark your calendars and come to our next meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 6PM to add your contributions.

Looking ahead, SJCC is working with Children's Center of SWMO to host a Teen Open Forum on Safe and Healthy Relationships, a discussion-based class for teens covering consent, healthy relationships, sexual abuse, and online safety. The forum is open to all SJCC youth in 7-12th grade and their friends, and is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 from 6:00-7:30PM. Parents or adult caregivers are invited to a separate discussion to take place simultaneously on the same topics. For questions or additional information, talk to Pastor Kathryn.

Save the Dates Vacation Bible School 2019

Mark your calendar for the following Tuesdays: June 25, July 2, 9, and 16 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Now is the time to volunteer your assistance in making plans and preparations, so please see Karen Kemp or Jessica Faucett to be part of the adventure!

Embrace the Fruit of the Spirit

GROUPS



SJCC's Mission Trip Team

You can be a part of our 2019 Mission Trip by baking treats. Members of the congregation are invited to bake cookies or other sweet treats that we can savor while we work. There is nothing like a special treat at lunch, dinner, and snack time. Give Pastor Kathryn a call to make arrangements to bring your treats. We will leave for our trip on Sunday, May 5 after worship. *Thanks in advance!*

THE GREEN TEAM

We will observe Earth Sunday on April 28, the Sunday after Easter with a meaningful worship service led by our youth, Green Team, and the Outreach Committee. Creation Justice Ministries has provided material entitled "Next Generation Rising," which highlights the landmark case called Juliana v. U.S., in which 21 youth have filed suit against the US government for its role in causing climate change and violating their rights to life, liberty, and property, while also failing to protect essential public resources. We invite our congregation to join in praising God for the gift of Creation through worship as well as through sustainable lifestyle choices.

Green Tip

Celebrate Arbor Day by planting your own tree. Trees provide shade, shelter, and homes for wildlife. They also help combat global warming.

CWF/Disciples Women Presidents' Luncheon

CWF will host the Disciples Women/Christian Women's Fellowship Area Presidents' Luncheon on Monday April 8. Registration and coffee will be at 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall, and the morning session will start at 10 am in the sanctuary. Lunch will be served at 11:30, and the afternoon session will begin at 12:15 pm. The theme for the day will be DW/CWF's 145th Birthday Celebration. Katrina Palan is one of the invited guests and will take part in the day's activities.

Equal Exchange

Don't forget to get your coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil from our Equal Exchange Program. Equal Exchange supports small scale farmers across the world and is one of the sustainable/earth stewardship programs supported by the Disciples of Christ.

EVENTS



Please join us **each Wednesday in April** 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!!**

EASTER POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Join us Sunday, April 21 as we celebrate Easter with a potluck breakfast! This will be in place of our regular monthly luncheon. We invite you to bring a breakfast or brunch food item to share.

Drinks will be provided.

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/>



New Address

Virginia Long has moved. Please update your directory to include her new address.

The Gardens at Barry Rd.
8300 NW Barry Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64153



Other Important Stuff



CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

(General Operating Budget February 1-28, 2019)

Anticipated Income: \$18,179.61

Actual Income: \$14,637.12

Actual Expense: \$13,612.80

(expenses include quarterly insurance premium)

You can give online at: www.southjoplindisciples.org

Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

Attendance

3/03: 56 3/10: 78 3/17: 75 3/24: 85

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.

MARCH BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer: noted all February billing paid; encouraged Board members to review financial report prior to Board meeting.

Pastor Kathryn: pleased to announce Tom Hamm to act as construction manager for Adult Mission trip to VanBuren, MO; announced four young people registered for upcoming Youth Mission Trip (Rachel Eckhardt, Kayci Evans, Lexy Evans, and Laney Reaves); explained food pantry at MSSU being well used by approximately 25 students/month. The group hosting the food pantry looks to Crosslines for advice on operations; pleased with One Joplin meeting with court staff, attorneys, and prosecutors to find ways to decrease domestic violence and child abuse in our area.

Memorial: Mark Millard informed Board of Memorial distribution of \$250 paid to Total Electronics to repair/replace a wireless microphone.

Outreach: announced SJCC's Week of Compassion special offering raised \$1,409.00; noted committee furnished lunch for teachers and staff at Irving Elementary; financial report included in packet. Pastor Kathryn explained last year's WoC offering of \$790 still in account not been sent - it will be sent with this year's offering.

Permanent Fund: motion to use funds from Permanent Fund annual distribution to purchase more bronze leaves for use on Tree of Life in the Narthex carried.

Property: noted heat/air in Pastor's office still not repaired; pleased with results of March 10 tornado drill; noted Joplin Sheltered Workshop thrilled to receive our 1995 van and plan to start janitorial service now that they have transportation; motion carried to authorize Total Electronics to switch alarm monitoring to digital system (\$376.00- to be paid out of Property Projects fund), noted this would increase monthly cost of monitoring by \$10; Midwest Concrete agreed to continue to repair steps (they previously repaired/resurfaced) as weather permits, at no cost.

As an Aside: Finger Labyrinths. Shari Cullumber noted knitting instructions on Disciple's website link inaccurate. She already contacted someone to let them know and hopefully the website link will be updated with the correct knitting instructions.

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: Brad White, Ferne Traver, Jackson, the Comfort Dog (Lutheran Church), David Furry, Connie Duncan, Jean King, Ronald Gaines

Seminary: Vance Halfaker and Julie

Global Ministry Focus: Zambia (Robert Breckenridge), Mexico (Carlos Sediles-Real), Indonesia, Karen Campbell-Nelson, Nicaragua (Jeanette Salley), Ghana, West Africa (Larry & Debbie Colvin)

All Others: Melanie Alderson, John Asher, Gerry Bagby, Nancy & Chico Bond, KC Brockman, Ellen Broglio, Betty Coan, Henry Coursey, Michael Crofford, Lois Demaree, Kamal Eways, 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, New Zealand and Muslim Community, 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, Carolyn Thiel, 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.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4 Judy Schneider	15 Anita Frieze
5 Lou Starks	19 Becky Martino
6 Pat Wolfenbarger	24 Cyndi Cogbill
7 Kenan Booe	23 Charlie Blair
8 Rachel Eckhardt	25 Dia Curry
	30 Jeanie Morrison



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

13 Tim & Carey Prater



Support SJCC Outreach

By using 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% of the amount spent adds up. Thank You!

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

APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 VBS Meeting 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm NA Meeting	2 6:00 pm Worship Cmt 6:30 pm Committees 6:30 pm NA Meeting	3 9:30 am CWF General Meeting/Spiritual Life 5:30 pm Mission Team 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	4 11:30 am Clergy Cluster in Mt. Vernon 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club	5 12:30 pm Irving Reading Day	6 9:00 am <i>Signs and Symptoms of Child Abuse</i> Training
7 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 4:30 pm Food for the Soul Study	8 9:30 am CWF hosts Presidents Luncheon 6:30 pm NA Meeting	9 <i>Office opens at 2 pm</i> 6:30 pm Board 6:30 pm NA Meeting	10 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Choir Practice	11 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club	12	13 10:00 am Interfaith Panel at United Hebrew
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 4:30 pm Food for the Soul Study	15 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm NA Meeting	16 6:30 pm Green Team 6:30 pm NA Meeting	17 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 12 Noon Irving Site Council 6:30 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Worship	19 <i>Good Friday</i>	20
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Easter Sunday Schedule 9:30 am Potluck Breakfast and Kids Craft 10:45 am Worship	22 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm NA Meeting	23 6:30 pm Colleen's PRC 6:30 pm Kathryn's PRC 6:30 pm NA Meeting	24 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	25 9:45 am Crosslines 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club	26	27
28 <i>Earth Sunday</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 4:30 pm Food for the Soul Study	29 6:30 pm NA Meeting	30			29	30

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

Apr 7: Jessica Faucett, Karen Kemp
Apr 14: Leanna Carrol, Sandy Meadows
Apr 21: Darlene Coit, Karen Kemp
Apr 28: Rocky Eckhardt, Jessica Faucett

PRAISE TEAM

Apr 7: Betsy Wheeler, Kenton Foster, Chad Peterson-Sloan
Apr 14: Rocky Eckhardt, Judy Akeman, Lisa Wilcox
Apr 21: Kenton Foster, Betsy Wheeler, Rocky Eckhardt
Apr 28: Judy Akeman, Lisa Wilcox, Chad Peterson-Sloan

COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

Apr 7: Kathy Nicodemus, Sean Nicodemus, Sarah Coyne, Sherry Crumbliss
Apr 14: Mike Soderstrom, Tom Hamm, George Gagle, Karen Kemp
Apr 21: Carey Prater, Donna Fuller, Shirley Martin, Don Smith
Apr 28: Raquel Sapien, Ray Gall, Julia Foster, Lisa Wilcox

HOMEBOUND

Apr 7: Margie Fitterling, Sean Nicodemus
Apr 14: Betsy Wheeler, Tom Hamm
Apr 21: Rocky Eckhardt, Donna Fuller
Apr 28: Leanna Carrol, Ray Gall

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Apr 7: Jessica Faucett/Leanna Carrol
Apr 14: Dia Curry/Judy Schneider
Apr 21: Children in Big Worship
Apr 28: Sarah Coyne/Rachel Eckhardt

SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

Apr 7: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows
Apr 14: Raymond Reaves/Jennifer Reaves
Apr 21: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves
Apr 28: Raymond Reaves/Judy Schneider

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Apr 7: Kathy Nicodemus
Apr 14: Mike Soderstrom
Apr 21: Carey Prater
Apr 28: Raquel Sapien

ELDER IN WORSHIP

Apr 7: Betsy Wheeler
Apr 14: Rocky Eckhardt, Colleen Carroll
Apr 21: Leanna Carrol
Apr 28: Mike Fitterling

ACOLYTE/ALTERNATE

Apr 7: Carly Garrison (Lauren Coyne)
Apr 14: Lauren Coyne (Mia Coyne)
Apr 21: Mia Coyne (Laney Reaves)
Apr 28: Laney Reaves (Xavier Faucett)

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).