

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

February

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

General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens sent a letter to Disciples of Christ churches recently, calling us to a season of prayer for our Church. In her words, we do well to remember that *"Showing up FOR the world means we are WITH the world and doing the work, building a movement, Not just our own institutions."*



"In revisiting the history of the Design and Merger Agreement, it is clear that we must return to a deep theological understanding of the covenant, and of the ways in which we are church together. The work of being church together is spiritual work, not just organizational work."

"If we can truly embrace the spiritual disciplines of prayer and Bible study so that the Spirit can have her way, we will be able to see that differences are not deficiencies. We are called to both the tasks (and tension) of unity and freedom together, walking together when we disagree as only truly spiritual people can."

"Disciples, I call you to a season of prayer for our Church. The presidents and leaders of the general ministries are in prayer for you. You can be in prayer for our regions and our general ministries as all three of our expressions of 'church' work together to show up in God's world to fulfill our vision 'to be a faithful and growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.'"

I ask that we heed this call to prayer and invest ourselves in seeking for and listening to the Spirit in all things, including our own faithful witness in Joplin. In spite of the need for daily organizational tasks, we should never do such tasks without the intercession of the Spirit which unites us.

Blessed to be in ministry with and for you, Pastor Colleen



Ash Wednesday

February 26

Begin your Lenten experience
with a service of ashes at
6:00pm here at SJCC.

Sincere Thanks

Thank you to ALL of the wonderful people who worship at South Joplin CC for taking care of Shirley (Holford) and giving her your love. She enjoyed being with her church family.—Jolene Baker

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It's so nice to be remembered. Thank you for the lovely poinsettia; it brightens my day.—Betty Coan

Christianity and Transgender Inclusion Event—Friday/Saturday, February 21,22, Columbia, MO—Free of charge
Come learn from Christian transgender theologian Austen Hartke in an event co-sponsored by First Baptist Church, Broadway Christian Church and Rock Bridge Christian Church. An LGBTQ+ Affirming Worship Service will be held at 6:30 pm Friday after which Hartke will share his coming out story and talk about the biblical stories that give him strength as an adult. On Saturday at 10 am Hartke will lead a session that explores biblical texts historically used to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community and dig into stories of biblical characters who didn't fit the mold of gender expression.
All sessions will take place at First Baptist Church, Columbia, located at 1112 E. Broadway. No reservations or tickets needed.

Welcome Ashley!



Ashley Clune has agreed to serve as our Interim Director for the Chancel Choir. She has been a member of SJCC for over a year, and holds a degree in music education. Thank you, Ashley, for your joyful leadership!

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm for practice.

Stewardship Thoughts

In the book of Genesis, God reminds us that humans are created in God's image. The creation story also details God's great generosity, filling the earth with great things – putting things here for humans to not only enjoy, but to oversee. And Jesus the Christ, whose birth we just recently celebrated, is perhaps the most important reminder of God's generosity and love for humans.

Scripture also is clear that in response to God's love and generosity, we are called to be generous with our resources, which includes our treasures as well as our time, energy and voice. How are you being generous in 2020?

Jim Culllumber, Stewardship Committee chair

Update Your Directory!

John Asher has returned to Joplin and is residing at Joplin Health and Rehab. If you can help transport him to or from church, please call him at (660) 214-4307.

Diversity and Inclusion Proclamation

For the past several months, a workgroup convened by the Chamber of Commerce has worked diligently to identify opportunities and to work toward a more diverse and inclusive Joplin. The result is a proclamation to be presented to the Joplin City Council soon. Copies are available for preview. Let's show up in mass at City Hall.



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

“For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”
(Corinthians 3:9)



SJCC You Are Awesome!

Because of your support the Outreach Ministry Chili and Soup Feed was a great success. Our Mission Co-Workers in Ghana, Africa. Larry and Debbie Colvin, and the Mid-America Region will truly be blessed and grateful for our donation of **\$664.00**. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets, purchased tickets, and made financial or dessert donations. And a special thank you to Mark and Liz Millard for preparing the chili, Kenton Foster who prepared the soup and the hard work of the members of the Outreach Ministry. God is so good and we are so blessed.



Week of Compassion

Each year during the month of February we celebrate and receive our Week of Compassion Offering. This year’s offering will be received on Sunday, February 16 and 23. The theme being uplifted is “Invest in Futures.” We are co-workers in God’s service, planting and watering seeds for God to nurture. In sharing our gifts, we join together as both donors and recipients of generous investment in the growth God will bring. The long-term disaster relief and other work that Week of Compassion supports is mending more than just buildings. It is an investment in futures -- an investment in lives. Please be generous in your giving.

IRVING NEWS

The students and staff at Irving express many thanks and much gratitude for SJCC’s support of the “Turkey Noodle Fundraiser for Ms. Michele Vorhees. Kathy Nicodemus also expresses her thanks to everyone who donated a dessert for the meal. As this newsletter is being published Irving’s Souper Bowl of Caring is in full swing. The Souper Bowl assembly to determine the winner between the girls and boys and to announce the total of food items is scheduled January 31 at 2:00 p.m. They plan to exceed last year’s 4,000+ food items collected. Pastor Kathryn is looking for volunteers to help load the Crosslines truck on the morning of February 4. If you are available and can help, please let her know A.S.A.P. Thank you to our volunteers who have been reading in individual classes and to our Snack Pack volunteers.

2019 TEXAS ROADHOUSE DONATIONS

The Outreach Ministry wishes to thank each of you who continue to support our Mission Trip Fund by eating at Texas Roadhouse on Sundays. Our donations in 2019 totaled \$361.00. We ask your continued support of this fundraising opportunity. Pass the word along to your family and friends throughout 2020 to mention SJCC on any given Sunday. **HEE HAW!**

ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED

Crosslines is in dire need of the following items: Pots, pans, silverware, towels and Queen size bedding. If you have any of these items that you can donate it would be greatly appreciated.



CROSSLINES



Thank you everyone for not only supporting Crosslines during JOMO Restaurant week but also our local restaurants. Once again it was a huge success.

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’s next work day in February 27.** You are welcome to volunteer on days other days during the month of December. Your help is always 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>. You can access/submit the Volunteer Application online at <https://crosslinesjoplin.org/volunteer>. **Crosslines closed Monday, February 17 (President’s Day).**

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

In 2019 Crosslines provided assistance 13,343 times, total cases 2,397 and served 2,322 households.

Number of volunteer hours served - 7,539+

February Monthly Challenge: 100 cans of Pork and Beans (no extra large cans).

MONTHLY CROSSLINES CHALLENGE 2020 - (Are we meeting our monthly challenge?)

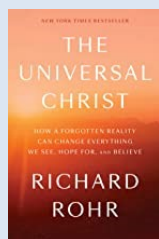
Month	Item Requested	Requested	Received
December	Baking Mixes (bread, cake, cookies, etc.)	100	100

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation

Join us Sundays at 9:30AM in room A 11 as we continue an introduction to Richard Rohr's latest book, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe.*

A brief summary is provided each week so there is no need to do advance reading.



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.

Both classes meet on the 3rd floor and parents are welcome to attend with kids.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

The celebration of Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," created in 1926 by **Carter G. Woodson**, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The Joplin Public Library and the Joplin Emancipation Celebration Committee will host a celebration event on Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Pastor Kathryn is presenting a display and explanation of Kwanza to include a children's activity.

GROUPS



Book Club

The next book selected for discussion is *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins*, by Emily Kegler.

"As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, the author knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her--both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out--appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise."



Discussion of the book will begin at 7 pm on Thursday, February 6 at Daniell Sander's home (953 Country Crossing, Webb City).



Recycling Options at SJCC

Cardboard: dumpster on parking lot

Aluminum cans: collection barrel in Fellowship Hall (remove from plastic bags)

Single stream recycling: two trash bins in alley by the church bus. Observe citywide restrictions for acceptable items only. Full list available at www.republicservices.com/joplin

Please:

- ***NO plastic bags**
- *No glass of any kind
- *Rinse and dry all bottles/cans
- ***Remove lids**
- *If bins are full, don't overflow



EVENTS/OTHER STUFF

For Men in the Mid-America Region: Mark your calendars for "Returning to the Wilderness," May 1-3 at the Ozark national scenic riverway at Shannondale. Free range choices for hiking, canoeing, kayaking, service projects, steak grill out, spiritual bonfire, deep brotherhood. To register or for more information, contact Regional Minister Paul Koch at 636-221-7065 or

Monthly Potluck Fellowship Meal

Join us after worship on the third Sunday of each month for our potluck luncheon. If you are able, please bring something to share according to the first letter of your last name as listed below:

Main Dish: A—Fi
Side Dish: Fl—R
Dessert: S—W

Wednesday Night Suppers

All are invited to come and share in good fellowship and food each Wednesday evening at 5:30. The food is provided, and weekly menus are posted on the church Facebook page. Monetary donations are appreciated.

Please contact Sandy Meadows at 417-850-2348 for more info.

Reminder:

EVERY SUNDAY you visit *Texas Roadhouse* 10% of your food bill will come back to SJCC Mission Trip Fundraiser. (Noon - 9 pm)
Just tell your server to credit SJCC



GREEN NEWS

February 2nd is World Wetlands Day.

Explore the local wetlands. There are varieties of birds, fish, mammals, plants, insects, and amphibians to observe and enjoy.

GREEN TIP—Instead of gifts for your Valentine, volunteer some time at your animal shelter or organize a cleanup group and clean up a river,



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.

Support SJCC Outreach

When shopping on Amazon, please use the following link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/44-0574395> and all of your eligible shopping will benefit SJCC. No matter how large or small your purchase, 0.5% of the amount spent can add up for us. Thank you in advance for your support!



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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 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Reminder: EVERY Sunday you visit Texas Roadhouse 10% of your food bill will come back to SJCC Mission Trip Fundraiser (Noon - 9 pm)</i>				Office Closed all Fridays and Saturdays	1 9am-noon Elders' Retreat
2 Regular Schedule "Souper Bowl Sunday"	3 6:30 pm NA Meeting	4 6:30 pm Committees 6:30 pm NA Meeting	5 9:30 am CWF General and Spiritual Life Meeting 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	6 11:30 Cluster 3 Ministers (Mt. Vernon) 6:00 pm Stewardship Cmt 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club (Sanders' home) (Sander's home)	7	8
9 Regular Schedule	10 6:30 pm NA Meeting	11 6:30 pm Board Mtg. 6:30 pm NA Meeting	12 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	13 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club (Sanders' home)	14	15
16 Week of Compassion Regular Schedule 12 Noon Fellowship Potluck	17 6:30 pm NA Meeting	18 6:00 pm Green Team 6:30 pm NA Meeting	19 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	20 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club (Sanders' home)	21	22 10:00 Black History Event Joplin Public Library
23 Regular Schedule Week of Compassion Offering #2	24 6:30 pm VBS Meeting 6:30 pm NA Meeting	25 6:30 pm Colleen's PRC 6:30 pm Kathryn's PRC 6:30 pm NA Meeting	26 ASH WED 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 5:45 Ash Wed. Worship 6:30 pm Choir Practice	27 9:45 am Crosslines 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club (Sanders' home)	28	29 7am-1pm JHS Bass Team Pancake Feed

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

Feb 2: Rocky Eckhardt, Sandy Meadows
Feb 9: Jessica Faucett, Karen Kemp
Feb 16: Leanna Carrol, KC Brockman
Feb 23: Darlene Coit; Jessica Fletcher-Fierro

Youth grades 5-12 meet Sundays with Dia Curry and Mike Fitterling

PRAISE TEAM

Feb 2: Judy Akeman, Rocky Eckhardt, Betsy Wheeler
Feb 9: Kenton Foster, Betsy Wheeler, Lisa Wilcox
Feb 16: Kenton Foster, Judy Akeman, Betsy Wheeler
Feb 23: Rocky Eckhardt, Lisa Wilcox, Judy Akeman

COMMUNION AT THE TABLE

Feb 2: Connie Abraham, Sherry Crumbliss, Shirley Martin, Sue Sterrett
Feb 9: Susan Wolfenbarger, Carol Bach, George Gagle, Laney Reaves
Feb 16: Megan Bever, Tom Hamm, Lisa Wilcox, Rachel Eckhardt
Feb 23: KC Brockman, Ray Gall, Sarah Coyne, Julia Foster

HOMEBOUND

Feb 2: Mark Millard, Sherry Crumbliss
Feb 9: Margie Fitterling, Carol Bach
Feb 16: Jeanie Morrison, Tom Hamm
Feb 23: Rocky Eckhardt, Ray Gall

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Feb 2: Jessica Faucett, Laney Reaves
Feb 9: Karen Kemp, Leanna Carrol
Feb 16: Karen Fitterling, Rachel Eckhardt
Feb 23: KC Brockman, Judy Schneider

SOUND BOARD/PROJECTION

Feb. 2: Raymond Reaves/Jennifer Reaves
Feb. 9: Ken Moser/Judy Schneider
Feb. 16: Don Smith/Sandy Meadows
Feb. 23: Darryl Coit/Jennifer Reaves

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Feb 2: Connie Abraham
Feb 9: Susan Wolfenbarger
Feb 16: Megan Bever
Feb 23: KC Brockman

ELDER IN WORSHIP

Feb 2: Margie Fitterling
Feb 9: Jeanie Morrison, Pastor Colleen
Feb 16: Jim Cullumber
Feb 23: Leanna Carrol

BIRTHDAYS

4 Carolyn Theil
6 Karen Fitterling
9 Julia Foster
12 Taylor Cunningham
18 Emma Eckhardt
19 Sherry Crumbliss
19 Kenton Foster
24 Kairyk Curry
24 Kathryn Wilson
26 Darryl Coit

ANNIVERSARIES

14 Mark & Liz Millard
18 Fred & Becky Martino
28 Chad & Dennis Peterson-Sloan