

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

June

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.



Reopening the Church

In light of recommendations regarding reopening churches, it is clear that we are not prepared to safely reopen our facilities any time soon. Churches are second only to nursing homes categorically in terms of numbers of persons who are at risk of infection from COVID 19, and you, dear friends, are too precious to us to place at risk. Therefore we are focusing more of our attention to improving the ways we can provide ministry in alternative ways. Please be patient as we take time to make these critical decisions and preparations.

From Our Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll

Are you an essential worker? Not professionally perhaps, but definitely congregationally. As we live into the "new normal" of our life as a congregation in the wake of the COVID pandemic, our needs as a church are changing, and it's time to reorganize our ministry teams. We need YOU!



We need people to help us set-up and operate a new platform for streaming our Sunday worship services, even after we resume worship in the building. This includes people who can work from home as well as those who can safely be at the church. We still need people in the sound booth and at the computer for worship as well. We would welcome musicians or performing artists who can provide special music since we can't have a choir and are encouraged not to sing even if we meet in person for worship (*Once we get Zoom operational, you could do this from your home without being in the sanctuary.*) We need new volunteers to operate the video camera and edit videos. We would love to have sign language to accompany the songs.

Our property team still needs people to monitor our outdoor facilities so they do not appear vacant and unkempt. Darryl Coit has a list of tasks and directions, as well as a few other projects for which he would welcome volunteers.

If and when we resume meeting in the building, we will need teams of people to usher and to sanitize before and after gatherings.

Most importantly, we still need and value your participation in online worship and other gatherings. We still need you to take the initiative to check on our members and neighbors. We also need you to tell us how we can still be living into our mission as a church that "accepts and welcomes all people along a journey of faith and service," even in new ways! You are not only essential, you are loved.

Missing your faces, your voices, your smiles,
Pastor Colleen

Stewardship Thoughts

The tithe. A word not used too often today that refers to the Old Testament "legal" definition of what we should give back to God. A tithe is typically 10%, but we can also get into a whole different "legal" argument if the tithe should be before taxes, after taxes, or what.

Jesus came to help us find our way through some of these legalities required and interpreted in our Judeo-Christian heritage. Instead, we are simply encouraged to be generous and proportional in our giving back to God through the church. Some say give until it hurts; perhaps we should give until it feels good, even if it exceeds the 10% "rule". It seems strange that God doesn't seem to count the ways we are blessed, but so often we get caught up in counting how much we give back to God.

Jim Cullumber
Stewardship Committee Chair

Weekly Prayer Zoom

Pastor Colleen will be hosting a weekly prayer time on Zoom beginning Tuesday, June 2 at 9:30 AM. An email will be sent on Mondays with the link and password. You are invited to join in prayer, and/or to send requests to her email at colleen_e_c@hotmail.com.

Updated Directories

We have updated the church directory in order to keep us all connected despite current events. These can be received by email by contacting us at southjoplincc@att.net. Should you prefer a paper copy these can be printed upon request and made available to pick up at the church office at your convenience.



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



“Responding to God’s grace will keep us busy for the rest of our lives.”

PENTECOST OFFERING

“Celebrating 1,000 New Churches...and Counting!” Our Pentecost Offering will be received on **Sunday, May 31 and June 7**. This offering is received to help our new church movement continue to take root! Half of this offering stays in our local Region to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada by New Church Ministry to support in our giving. You may mail your offering to the church, donate through your online bill pay or via Givelify on our website or the Givelify app. Please make sure you specify Pentecost Offering.

Mid-American Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Justice Ministries Zoom Town Hall Discussion

To act responsibly we must be educated and informed about the issues that impact the lives of our brothers and sisters. The AR/PR Justice Ministries will host its second Zoom Town Hall Discussion on Thursday, June 4 at 11:00 - 12:30. We will learn how COVID 19 is affecting some communities and institutions in Missouri. Pastor Robin Terrell of Second Christian Church - New London will join us and share about the community in and surrounding Vandalia Correctional Center and justice issues in his part of rural Missouri. Kris Milliron of First Christian Church—Marshall will talk with us about her investigation and interviews with church members who work at the packing plant, and their experiences in the midst of this pandemic. The session will conclude with questions and discussion. **Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9722081505>** or dial-in to **+1-312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 972 208 1505**. If you have any questions or experience problems connecting please contact Pastor Kathryn.

In addition to the concerns and opportunities already impacting our lives, COVID 19 has negatively impacted many, our congregations and communities in great ways. What can we do about this dangerous pandemic and its impact? As people of faith, we can engage it faithfully. It’s an opportunity to provide care, engage with empathy and respond as people of faith. Join us!

One Joplin Neighborhood Council

The One Joplin Neighborhood Council comprised of neighborhood leaders and faith-based leaders has been working on initiatives to improve our community. South Joplin is represented on the Council along with members of eight other neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Council’s focus is healthy neighborhoods and believes that safe housing should be a priority in our community. The Council will be presenting signed petition cards to city council on July 6th addressing specific housing issues. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there. We need to show up in numbers (social distancing, of course!) To learn more and sign the petition, please visit www.onejoplin.com/healthy-neighborhoods.html. Council meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6 PM at Byers Avenue United Methodist Church.

**Volunteers
Needed!**



Crosslines

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Beginning **Monday, June 1st** Crosslines is reopening its building to the public. The new hours of operation:

1st Monday (**commodities only**) 4pm - 6:30 pm. Doors lock at 6:30pm.

All other Mondays 4pm - 6pm. Doors lock at 5:30pm.

Tues - Thurs 10am - 2pm. Doors lock at 1:30pm.

Wednesdays are commodity only.

Friday - CLOSED to the public.

Clients can request services in person, so no phone or online food orders will be needed June 1st or after. The schedule for commodities will be returning to the normal schedule - 1st Mon and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wed of each month. **ONLY**

COMMODITIES will be offered on those days. Please keep your originally scheduled week, day and time. The waiting area by the front door is closed off (no chairs). Clients will be screened with a temperature check. Social distancing will be observed in the line and inside the building. **Please wear a mask.** One person per household unless the children are too little to stay at home. Pantry boxes will be offered - no client choice yet. Services offered: pantry, commodities, hygiene kits, baby food, baby diapers/wipes, feminine products, adult briefs, dog and cat food, kitty litter. **NO CLOTHING OR HOUSEHOLD REQUEST ITEMS** at this time. **Rental and Utility applications** online only - crosslinesjoplin.org then click on the rental assistance tab at the top of the page. Commodities need to be picked up by the client unless there is a dated and signed note. The person picking up must have the client’s ID and Crosslines card. All other services requested should be requested in person by the client receiving the service. **Clothing and household donations will begin again the week of June 22nd during regular operating Crosslines hours.** Regular volunteer groups are still suspended at this time.

June Monthly Challenge: In lieu of a monthly food donation we are asking for financial donations until further notice. You may mail your contribution to the church, 1901 S Pearl Ave, Joplin, MO 64804. Please write CROSSLINES on the memo line or go to the South Joplin website (www.southjoplindisciples.org) and donate through Givelify. Choose Mission and Outreach or Other, then type CROSSLINES in the memo section.

Prayer Requests

Medical: Ruth Prater, Leanna Carrol, Pam Lewis (Joe Lewis' mother), Kathryn Wilson, Tamara Keel (Peterson-Sloan), Rev. Jacque Foster, Jim Frieze, George Randall

Sympathy: Richard and Nancy Buford (Wilson), Susan Bartlett (Carroll)

Other: Humanity as we navigate uncharted waters of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Military: Michael Crofford, Corey Irwin, Josh Robb, Jillian Schuler, Dylan Theil, Gary Wald, Jimmy Willerton, Lorenzo Woods

Ongoing: John Asher, Nancy Ballard, Nancy & Chico Bond, Dani Bowen (Meadows), Ellen Broglio, Janet Burns, Veronica Carnahan, Samantha Catey, Betty Coan, Rylee Davis (Gagle), Dan Day, Lois Demaree, Rebecca Doerflinger (Hall), Carolyn & Tom Fortson, Marea Gagle, Mike and Candace Gandy (Hall), Mary Gilmore, Elizabeth Hayes, Alyxis Hefty, Sue Hess, Art Hines, Jewell Holland, Jim Holland, Daryl Hughlett, Roland Hughlett, Bethany James, Fern Jensen, Kenneth Johnson, Betty Kemp, Charlie Kemp, Virginia Long, Sam Knudtson, Lamley Family, Alexandra Lyons, Shirley Martin, Fred Martino, Virgil McCoy, Betty McKelvey, Tom Meadows, Sara Metts, Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson), Easton Murdock, Bethany Newman, Larry Nauser (Fitterling), Nicodemus Family, Jim Owen, Matthew Paulda, Josh Petty, Alexis Prater, Todd Prater, Cameron Ransom, Sharon Reeve, Martin Rooney, Raquel Sapien, Amy Schneider, Kimmy Smith, Sue Smith, Lou Starks, Carolyn Theil, Mike Tesh, Michelle Vorhees, Tova Wallace-Lee, Karen Patchin Watson, Will Wilkerson, Sherry Willerton, Charles Wilson, Lisa Wise, Birdie Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

Global Ministry Partners: Ghana, West Africa (Larry & Debbie Colvin)
June 7 - Rachel Pellett, Jamaica
June 14 - Emanuela Loccident, Morocco
June 21 - Israel/Palestine
June 28 - Eleazar Fernandez, Philippines



The Christian Church Disciples of Christ is asking all of its congregants to participate in the Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington with other people of conscience on June 20, 2020. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the planned march is going digital. The increasing urgency of a broad movement led by the poor and most impacted is more apparent every day. Now is the time to organize towards collective action to enact a moral agenda for the nation. This 2 hour program will be broadcast on Saturday, June 20th at 10 AM EST and 6 PM EST and again on Sunday, June 21st at 6 PM EST. Visit [June2020.org](https://june2020.org) or tune in. Visit the Disciples of Christ website to learn more and sign up at <https://disciples.org/> or contact Pastor Kathryn.

GROUPS



GREEN TEAM NEWS



How can you spend quality time with your family, get exercise, and appreciate God's creation? Simple - take a hike! June 6 is National Trails Day, so go for a hike, spend quality time with your family, and show your appreciation to God for the beauty of creation.

Green Tip: For gadget-loving dads, hand-cranked or solar powered chargers are perfect for loading up smart phones, mp3 players and laptops on the go and for the next family camping trip.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 3 Dennis Peterson-Sloan
- 8 Whitlee Curry
- 9 Brandy Castlebury
- 9 Raquel Sapien
- 16 Spencer Morgan
- 19 Rory Blair
- 20 JoHelen Umphenour
- 21 Karen Kemp
- 23 Taylor Reaves
- 24 Greg Faucett
- 24 Dawn Cullumber
- 25 Sue Sterrett
- 28 KC Brockman

Anniversaries

- 1 Megan Bever & Will Delehanty
- 2 Greg & Jessica Faucett
- 5 Tom & Carolyn Fortson
- 8 Charles & Karen Kemp
- 14 Justin & Sarah Coyne
- 25 Vance & Julie Halfaker
- 26 Courtney & Sara Wright
- 27 Buddy & Leanna Carrol

EVENTS/OTHER STUFF

Camps Cancelled

Regional staff and leadership have agreed that we **should not and will not host any regional camps this summer**. Due to the lingering presence and spreading of COVID 19 throughout Missouri, the risks of managing socially-distant, regularly disinfected, health-monitoring camps and still providing the spiritually-enriching, life-changing experience would be difficult if not impossible. Those who registered will receive full refunds. Should the late summer or fall provide windows of being safe to gather again, camp directors are looking into possibilities of limited day or weekend reunion or retreat gatherings.



Board Meeting

Our church board held an emergency meeting via Zoom on May 4 to consider the PPP (Payment Protection Plan) loan made available through Pinnacle Bank. The following motions were approved:

1. To waive the bylaw requirement for a congregational meeting to incur congregational debt due to the time constraints of the loan deadline and the inability to meet to have a congregational vote.
2. To accept the loan proceeds (\$26,535).
3. To begin paying furloughed employees effective the day the loan proceeds are accepted. (This is necessary in order to meet the salary and wage percentage requirements for the loan. Furloughed employees are the custodian, Sunday custodian, and nursery attendant.)

The regular May board meeting was cancelled.

SJCC Zoom Gathering Continues

We continue to host the weekly Zoom Gatherings on Wednesday evenings at 7PM. Watch your email for the link and password, and invite someone you miss to join us!



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