

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

May

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



In my column last month, I wrote about the uncertainty facing us as we make adjustments to our ministries based upon guidelines and restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those uncertainties seem to change constantly, and at this writing I again have few concrete answers. We are uncertain when or how we will resume worshipping together at the church. We are uncertain what activities will resume first, or how many of our groups will need to completely reimagine how to go about doing what was done before. We are uncertain how to respond faithfully as well as practically, except through an abundance of prayer.

The elders suggested that we should err on the side of too much communication rather than not enough, so we have been flooding your email inbox (if you have email) with almost daily communication. For those without email, we have printed and sent the weekly CareMail letters, as well as Sunday sermons. Our Facebook posts have at least doubled in the last four weeks as we try to stay connected. Even so, we are still looking for ways to improve community and care for one another.

Thankfully, the wealth of scriptural inspiration we draw from provides an almost infinite number of examples and references to our ancestors in faith who were faced with making untold adaptations in order to stay on the faith journey. The book of Hebrews comes to mind as a kind of "Cliff Notes" version of such stories. I have been encouraged by reading its pages a number of times in my own lifetime, and suggest the same for any others who might be feeling lost or depleted of encouragement.

Meanwhile, please keep checking in on each other, keep up the prayers for the well-being of the whole human family, keep doing what you can, when you can, with an eye for doing the most that you can. And keep tuning in to our Live-stream services and posting comments so we know you're "in the house!"

Missing your faces, your voices, your smiles
Pastor Colleen

Stewardship Thoughts

We hope you are safe and well during this COVID-19 pandemic. If you or loved ones have become ill with the virus or are among the millions whose livelihood has been deeply hurt by this pandemic, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Now and in the days ahead, you may receive a stimulus check from the U.S. government. If you need these funds to secure food, housing and everyday essentials, we encourage you to take care of yourself, your family and your loved ones.

For those minimally impacted by the pandemic, this incentive can be seen as a one-time bonus. If you are among the fortunate, would you consider sharing a part of this bonus to further Christ's ministry through South Joplin Christian Church? The Bible often makes mention of the tithe, or 10%. A gift of part or all of this on-time bonus will not only help the church get through this uncharted time, but more importantly allow you to remember whose you really are while practicing the spiritual discipline of stewardship and generosity.

Respectfully, Jim Cullumber
Stewardship Chair

A Smart Way to Give

SJCC has entered a new era: the age of anytime, anywhere giving. We are now up with Givelify, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities.



To make your first mobile donation the best experience possible, we recommend you download the Givelify app for Android or iPhone before you get to worship. Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes to memorize. Even better, it's free to download and use.

Make your offerings, tithes, and gifts to special envelopes right from the palm of your hand. You can give to South Joplin Christian Church wherever you are. Make us your home place of worship for quick one-tap access.

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



“Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.” Ephesians 3:20 (NRSV)

It's Not Too Late

If you have not completed the 2020 Census please do so. It is not too late. Completion of the every 10 year census is key to the funding of many essential programs and services in our local community such as hospitals, schools, assistance programs, Medicare, senior centers, congressional seats, etc. So if you have not done so simply go online (<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>) and complete or by phone toll-free (844-330-2020). If you received a mail form just complete and drop in the mail. It is easy to complete, fairly short and we are counting on you. If you have general questions or need assistance you may contact Pastor Kathryn at the church (417) 642-2522 for guidance.

Many Thanks

The Outreach Ministry would like to thank each of you for your contributions to our Easter Offering. Through your generous giving we received \$640.00. Thank you for supporting our General Ministries.

Mission Challenge Recap

During mid-April a challenge was issued asking to send cards of gratitude and thanks to the staff of Crosslines Ministries. The number of individuals and families requesting assistance for food and rental assistance has reached an all time high for the ministry. So if you have not had a chance to send cards it is not too late. The address is 320 S. School, Joplin, MO 64801.

Additionally, Pastor Kathryn is still receiving handmade masks to distribute to our service agencies meeting the needs of the unsheltered and homeless.

SPECIAL OFFERING

This year's Pentecost Offering theme is **“Celebrating 1,000 New Churches...and Counting!”** In 2001 the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) embraced a bold vision: to start 1,000 new churches in 1,000 different ways by the year 2020. And we did it! We started 1,000 new churches...and counting! This offering is received to help our new church movement continue to take root! Each year, half of this offering stays in the local Region where it's collected to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada by New Church Ministry to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy. Our Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, May 31 and June 7. May we be generous in our giving.

Rapha International Virtual 5k

Giving Tuesday Now will be held on May 5th as a national effort to meet the financial needs of nonprofits as they struggle during the global crisis. Rapha International is hosting a virtual 5k and needs you and everyone you know to join them! Register at give.rapha.org/run and donate \$10. Tag them in a photo or video of your run, walk, bike, hike, scoot, etc.! Don't forget to use the hashtag #RaphaRun, and invite others to join in! You may participate from now until May 9th. They can't wait to join together with you and have some fun as they help change the lives of exploited children!



Crosslines



Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Crosslines is continuing to operate under the modified hours instituted in March. Presently we are uncertain as to when the volunteer teams will resume their monthly service time. Once that information is received the SJCC Team will be notified.

Please visit the Crosslines website or Facebook for the latest announcements and details regarding hours and days of operation as well as any specific needs. Pastor Kathryn will be sharing things regarding Crosslines at various times to keep our congregation informed. Their building is still closed to the public and are still not accepting any type of food, clothing, household or other such donations. Client services are drive thru only with requests being received via their website or phone. Crosslines is, however, asking for financial donations at this time which will enable the purchase of larger quantities of food from the Ozark Food Harvest.

Clients will only be able to receive food or rental assistance and requests must be made online or via phone 24 hours in advance and all other orders will be pre-bagged prior to arrival for pickup. Crosslines will be open to disburse food only on Monday (4 pm - 6:30 pm), Wednesday (10 am - 1:30 pm) and Friday (10 am - 1:30 pm). They will not be distributing food on Tuesday or Thursday; those will be the days when they will pre-package pantry boxes/commodities and process orders.

May 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: Rylee Davis (Gagle), Dani Bowen (Meadows)

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, Ellen Broglio, Janet Burns, Veronica Carnahan, Samantha Catey, Betty Coan, Dan Day, Lois Demaree, Rebecca Doerflinger (Hall), Carolyn & Tom Fortson, Marea Gagle, 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)

May 3 - Rosalind Gnatt, Germany

May 10 - Bosela Eale, Kenya

May 17 - Leda Zakarison, Lebanon

May 24 - Carlos Sediles-Real, Mexico

May 31 - Anne Gregory, Thailand

Camp Information

Our camp leaders continue to monitor COVID-19 data with regard to our 2020 summer camp ministry. We are still very hopeful that we will be able to run programs and have recently made a couple of changes to our pricing and schedule.

- All camps registration deadlines will be extended to June 1 with no late fees applied (keeping early bird discounts as the consistent price.)
- NEOLA CYF camp will be moved to the week of July 20th (Previously scheduled for June 7-12. July 20 is the same week as Chi Rho. The leadership is still working out if they will do a shared space or have two separate but shorter length camps this week).

We are eager to provide our youth, children, and staff a safe, fun, hope-filled camp experience and will continue to keep you informed as our plans progress!



GROUPS



GREEN TEAM NEWS



It's Mother's Day and the Green Team wants you to respect your Mother Earth. Give her some TLC by picking up after yourself and make sure she has plenty to eat and drink. Remember she's the only mother we have. Show her some respect!

Green Tip: When buying flowers for Mother's Day buy flowers that have been certified USDA organic or by purchasing them from growers with Vera flora certification, which ensures providers meet sustainability standards and ethical work practices.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

12 Amy Carlisle

12 Lily Delehanty

18 Liliana Soderstrom

19 Tom Hamm

26 Carly Garrison

26 Roger Traver

28 Monica Bailey

29 Evie Joy Carrol

Anniversaries

20 Glenn & Mary Lou York

25 Rocky & Shawna Eckhardt

29 Bruce & Lisa Wilcox

Zoom Board Meeting Highlights

16 members of our church board met via Zoom on April 14. In addition to receiving and approving reports, the board approved the following motions:

- To extend the 2020 budget presented to the congregation last November for another three months, through the month of June;
- To allow the Outreach Committee to spend up to \$500 from the Tornado Fund for disaster relief related to the COVID-19 crisis with Pastor Kathryn's guidance;
- To direct Assistant Financial Treasurer Kim Noll to begin the application process for the SBA loans available from Pinnacle Bank in accordance with the recent CARES Act. (If and when approved we understand we will have an opportunity to accept or deny the loan before funds are made available.)

EVENTS/OTHER STUFF

Weekly Responsibilities

"Where It's At!" Sunday School
(3 YRS - GRADE 4)

May 3: Darlene Coit, Sandy Meadows

May 10: Rocky Eckhardt, Karen Kemp

May 17: Jessica Faucett, KC Brockman

May 24: Leanna Carrol, Karen Kemp

May 31: Jessica Fletcher-Fierro, Karen Kemp

Praise Team

May 3: TBD

May 10: TBD

May 17: TBD

May 24: TBD

May 31: TBD

Communion at the Table

May 3: KC Brockman, Sherry Crumbliss, George Gagle, Susan Wolfenbarger

May 10: Raquel Sapien, Tom Hamm, Megan Bever, Lisa Wilcox

May 17: Sue Sterrett, Don Smith, Sarah Coyne, Karen Kemp

May 24: Kathy Nicodemus, Sean Nicodemus, Julia Foster, Rachel Eckhardt

May 31: Connie Abraham, Carol Bach, Ray Gall, Patt Hinds

Homebound
May 3: Mike Fitterling, Sherry Crumbliss
May 10: Darlene Coit, Tom Hamm
May 17: Jim Cullumber, Don Smith
May 24: Mark Millard, Sean Nicodemus
May 31: Margie Fitterling, Ray Gall

Children Worship & Wonder

May 3: KC Brockman, Judy Schneider

May 10: Karen Kemp, Leanna Carrol

May 17: Sarah Coyne, Laney Reaves

May 24: Jessica Faucett, Robin Blair

May 31: Karen Fitterling, Rachel Eckhardt

Sound Board/Projection

May 3: Ken Moser/Judy Schneider

May 10: Don Smith/Sandy Meadows

May 17: Darryl Coit/Jennifer Reaves

May 24: Raymond Reaves/Jennifer Reaves

May 31: Ken Moser/Judy Schneider

Communion Preparation

May 3: KC Brockman

May 10: Raquel Sapien

May 17: Sue Sterrett

May 24: Kathy Nicodemus

May 31: Connie Abraham

Elder in Worship

May 3: Darlene Coit

May 10: Jim Cullumber/Pastor Kathryn

May 17: Mark Millard

May 24: Margie Fitterling

May 31: Jeanie Morrison

SJCC Calendar

Since so many future plans are up in the air due to the Corona virus, we will not printing a May calendar with this issue. If and when activities resume, we will be in communication in every possible avenue to update the congregation. Thank you for your patience as we navigate uncharted waters in these strange times.

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