

# DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

## July

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.



### Outdoor Worship to Begin July 5 at 8AM in Friendship Park

Pastor Colleen will be offering a brief service of "word and sacrament" at 8AM on Sunday mornings in Friendship Park during the summer months, weather permitting. There will be no audio equipment or amenities provided; please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets and Communion elements. Social distancing and masks are a must. The church restrooms will not be open for use for the time being. Cancellation due to weather will be posted on the church Facebook page.

### Reopening the Church

The elders have begun discussion of the anticipated steps needed to ensure a safe re-opening of the church for worship and activities, with a soft-date of July 12 in mind, although that looks less likely with the continued rise in local cases and the amount of preparations that need to take place. Last week volunteers met in the sanctuary to remove all hymnals, Bibles, and shared items, and soon our custodian will begin some preliminary cleaning tasks.

Resuming worship in person will not be possible without a new task force of 10-12 volunteers who will assist with weekly monitoring, welcoming, and sanitizing. The individuals on this task force ideally are under the age of 60 and are without physical limitations or risk factors. Volunteers are urged to contact Pastor Colleen.

We will continue to broadcast services even after resuming worship in person for the sake of any who choose to stay home, and the 8AM outdoor service will continue through summer, weather permitting.

### VBS GOES ONLINE!

Our faith formation ministry team has embraced the chance to offer VBS online this year and has been hard at work planning a meaningful learning opportunity for our families and anyone with interest. "Journey to India" will provide an introduction to some of our mission partners and ministries in India, hear and tell Bible stories, and learn an Indian dance called *Bharata Natyam*, taught by Judy Schneider. Supplemental material will provide recipes, worksheets, craft suggestions, and websites for further learning. The weekly lessons will be posted weekly to our church YouTube channel (South Joplin Christian Church) starting July 6, and may be viewed at your leisure in part or entirety.

Additionally, Darlene Coit will host a live-stream story time on Wednesday evenings at 6PM on Zoom. She will be reading a book about or by an Indian author and engage listeners after the reading who may have questions or want to showcase the craft or art projects they have completed.

Registration is needed to provide the supplemental material and links to the story time. You may register on our church website on the Faith Development page, or sign into: <https://forms.gle/KDmCYxU9ibQVuyzW7>.

Finally, we are providing some "bundles" of craft supplies and printed material while supplies last. You may pick up a bundle at the church on July 1 or 2 from 6-7PM, or request delivery by our special volunteers. Craft supplies you may wish to secure in advance include TP or paper towel tubes, crayons or markers, scissors, glue and tape.

### Stewardship: A Spiritual Discipline

In 21st Century America, the word "discipline" is not regarded well. Yet a "spiritual discipline is a skill that enables us to hear God and be used by God. This is one of the first steps in developing the kind of lifestyle that is consistently bent towards appreciation for the grace of God. Stewardship is everything you do after you say "yes" to Jesus. Stewardship is a lifestyle choice that recognizes that everything is a gift from God. Our responsibility as Christian stewards is to manage all the gifts that we have received from God - including our financial gifts - and using those gifts to create a better world. Thank you for saying "yes" to Jesus and working toward being a good Christian steward!

Jim Cullumber  
Stewardship Committee Chair

### Weekly Prayer and Social Gathering on Zoom

Prayer time on Tuesday mornings at 9:30AM continues on Zoom. Sign-in link and password are in the weekly CareMail or can be obtained from either pastor.

Wednesday Social Gathering on Zoom will take place on July 1 at 7PM but will be suspended during the rest of July in order to leave time for the VBS story time.

### Directory Update

John Asher now has a new phone number: (417) 691-1754. Please update your directories accordingly.



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



*“The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.” (Matt. 9:37)*

### **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

The SJCC Outreach Ministry wishes to thank you for your generous donations to the Pentecost Offering in support of the Disciples of Christ New Church Ministry. We received offerings in the amount of \$640.

### **VBS MISSION OPPORTUNITY OPEN TO CONGREGATION**

Each year our Vacation Bible School includes a “Moment for Mission” and an opportunity for hands-on mission or supporting a mission initiative with our Global Ministries Program. This year as our children and families *Journey to India* virtually due to COVID 19 Pastor Kathryn will be highlighting several mission initiatives and projects supported by the Disciples of Christ in India. You can view the “Mission Moment” highlight via the SJCC YouTube channel weekly. As a joint project our families will be invited to join together and participate in the Global Ministries “Child and Elder Sponsorship Program” . The VBS Planning Team will be selecting one of our featured missions to then sponsor a child/children for one year depending on the amount of donations received. We are inviting anyone in the congregation who is interested to join us in this effort or to sponsor a child or elder on your own. To learn more about this mission opportunity visit [https://www.globalministries.org/child\\_sponsorship](https://www.globalministries.org/child_sponsorship). If you choose to be a sponsor individually we would like to encourage you to select one of the missions highlighted during our VBS.

### **SOULS HARBOR EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE**

In May 2019 you may recall that the triple bunk beds in our Quonset hut were donated to Souls Harbor after several years of looking for a donor recipient. Because of the height the bunks had to be modified in size to fit into their residential space and the wood sealed to prevent a bed bug infestation. Recently in June Souls Harbor was excited and grateful to let us know that the bunks were modified to double bunks and single beds which has enabled them to increase the number of residents. So glad that many will experience a good night’s rest, and so thankful that the gift we received to serve our volunteers after the tornado has now been passed on to serve others in our community.

### **One Joplin Neighborhood Council Update**

The One Joplin Neighborhood Council continues to work on their initiatives to improve our community. The Neighborhood Council’s focus is healthy neighborhoods and believes that safe housing should be a priority in our community. Due to COVID 19 the Council made the decision to postpone the presentation to the Joplin City Council originally scheduled on July 6. If you have not signed a petition card in support of their effort it is not too late. To learn more and sign the petition, please visit [www.onejoplin.com/healthy-neighborhoods.html](http://www.onejoplin.com/healthy-neighborhoods.html). Council meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6PM at Byers Avenue United Methodist Church. The next meeting is July 15th.

### **Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival**

“God has called God’s people to work for justice and on behalf of the poor for more than 2,000 years.” Learn more about the Poor People’s Campaign and the need for us to become more involved in this necessary work. Visit our Facebook page and watch the video of the Mass Poor People’s Digital Assembly that took place in June. As part of this campaign take time to inform yourself about the importance of Medicaid Expansion in Missouri which will appear on the August 4th voting ballot.

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Needed!**



## **Crosslines**

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Crosslines is continuing its hours of operation as instituted **Monday, June 1st** with the building open to the public on a limited basis.

1st Monday (commodities only) 4pm - 6:30pm. 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. Services include pantry, commodities, baby food, baby wipes, diapers, food requests, feminine products, adult briefs, clothes, household miscellaneous and household request items. Although the building is open to the public the waiting room remains closed. Clients are encouraged to wear masks. Only pre-made pantry food boxes at this time. The schedule for commodities has returned 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. **Rental and Utility applications** online only - [crosslinesjoplin.org](http://crosslinesjoplin.org), then click on rental assistance tab at the top of the page. However no rental funds are available until July 13. 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 should be requested in person by the client receiving the service. **Clothing and household donations are now being received during regular operating Crosslines hours.**

The SJCC Volunteer Team is scheduled to resume service at Crosslines on the 4th Thursday beginning July 23 unless otherwise notified. We are in need of additional volunteers to serve on our team as some of our previous volunteers will not be returning. If you are available to join our team or know of someone who may be interested **please contact Pastor Kathryn ASAP.**

**July 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.southjoplinindisciples.org](http://www.southjoplinindisciples.org)) and donate through Givelify. Choose Mission and Outreach or Other, then type CROSSLINES in the memo section.**

## Prayer Requests

**Medical:** Leanna Carrol, Ally Ford (Wolfenbarger), Pat Sampson (Wolfenbarger), Wendy Garrison, Kirby Gould (Christian Church Foundation), Sandy Meadows, Ruth Wilcox (Bruce Wilcox' mother)

**Sympathy:** Art Hines (Akeman), Ron Hunter (Millard), William Merchant (Evans/Cogbill), Ruth Prater

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

**Ongoing:** John Asher, Judy 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, Jim Frieze, Marea Gagle, Mike and Candace Gandy (Hall), Mary Gilmore, Elizabeth Hayes, Alyxis Hefty, Sue Hess, 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)

July 5 - Raul F. Santiago Rivera, Puerto Rico

July 12 - Brigitte Eale, Kenya

July 19 - Cindy Moraga-Selva, Mexico

July 26 - Thomas Smith, Korea

### Our Heart Goes Out...

We share the sadness of Joe Prater and family on the death of his beloved wife Ruth on June 20 following a stroke and subsequent cancer diagnosis.

Memorial services are pending in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Parker Mortuary.

## GROUPS



### GREEN TEAM NEWS



#### **Give a hoot; don't pollute!**

Over 1,800 lbs of trash were left behind by 4th of July visitors to Lake Tahoe last year. Please pick up after yourselves, and use reusable dishes or compostable flatware made from corn or bamboo. Remember to keep you four-legged family members safe and locked inside your home while fireworks are overhead.

**Green Tip:** When firing up the grill, use an electric or propane grill; they're cleaner than charcoal. If the charcoal taste is a must have, choose a charcoal made from non-invasive tree species or from sustainably managed forest trees.

## EVENTS/OTHER STUFF

### Board Meeting Highlights

The church board met via Zoom on June 6 for a regular meeting. Motions were proposed and accepted to purchase an additional surveillance camera for Friendship Park through our current security system and to contract with Jude Sweet to construct, install, and train volunteers on a new computer and camera system for the sanctuary which will enable video recording and editing of worship services. Up to \$615 for the camera is available from the Coursey Memorial Fund. The remainder of the funds will come from the general budget. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14 on Zoom.



### From Our Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll

Exciting possibilities are in the works! Thanks to the knowledge and skills of Jude Sweet, grandson of Patt Hinds, we are moving forward with expanding our ability to record and broadcast our church services in a far wider way than we have been doing until now.

Prior to the COVID 19 shut down, weekly sermons were available on our website via audio recordings only through a server called PodBean. Then once worship in person was cancelled, a small group has met weekly in the sanctuary to live-stream the worship service on Facebook, which gave the added benefit of being able to provide more of the service as well as see the participants, but restricted the service to what could be broadcast from the sanctuary at that given time.

With a new video camera and custom-built computer and software, we will be able to compile a service to broadcast on our church YouTube channel which can include lyrics to songs, taped messages of our members or others who provide scripture reading, music, prayers, etc. as well as contributions from denominational leaders and friends from far away. Accessing the service on YouTube will open the service to a far greater number of viewers than Facebook, and greatly increase the possibilities for use beyond the worship service.

We move in this direction primarily from the advice of church consultants who warn that most people will be slow to return to worship in person, and expectations for online opportunities will only increase. The technological advances will also make it possible for us to stream whatever is happening in the sanctuary to the TV screens downstairs in Fellowship Hall, enabling us to handle any overflow crowds at large occasions.

The cost of this upgrade is manageable, thanks to you your ongoing faithful support of our general budget along with a supplemental gift from the Coursey Memorial, and the generous agreement with Jude who is more than happy to help "the church where he grew up."

Since the system will tie into our current audio equipment, few changes will be needed for those who already operate our microphones. However, we will need to train volunteers on the new computer equipment and process, some of which will be done in advance of the Sunday service. If you are not intimidated by learning and trying something new, please step up and let Pastor Colleen know of your availability. We anticipate being able to put the new system to use as soon as August, so please do not hesitate.

As always, thank you for your patience and understanding as we deal with a steep learning curve!



## 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      \* *Denotes Nursery Available*  
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

# JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <i>Office Closed on Fridays and Saturdays</i>	4 <i>4th of July</i>
5  8AM Outdoor Worship 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship	6	7  930AM Prayer on Zoom  630PM Worship Committee (fellowship hall)	8  6PM VBS Story Time on Zoom	9	10	11
12  8AM Outdoor Worship 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship 4PM Dismantling Racism Dialogue on Zoom	13	14  930AM Prayer on Zoom  630PM Board Meeting on Zoom	15  6PM VBS Story Time on Zoom	16	17	18
19  8AM Outdoor Worship 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship 4PM Dismantling Racism Dialogue on Zoom	20	21  930AM Prayer on Zoom	22  6PM VBS Story Time on Zoom	23  945AM Crosslines	24	25
26  8AM Outdoor Worship 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship 4PM Dismantling Racism Dialogue on Zoom	27  630PM Kathryn's PRC	28  930AM Prayer on Zoom  630PM Colleen's PRC	29  6PM VBS Story Time on Zoom	30	31	

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### Camera/Audio

July 5: Sandy Meadows, Darryl Coit  
July 12: Judy Schneider, Donny Smith  
July 19: Jenn Reaves, Raymond Reaves  
July 26: Jim Cullumber, Ken Moser

### Elder

July 5: Jim Cullumber  
July 12: Mark Millard  
July 19: Margie Fitterling  
July 26: Jeanie Morrison

### Storyteller

July 5: KC Brockman  
July 12: Karen Kemp  
July 19: Karen Fitterling  
July 26: Sarah Coyne

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kinsey Castlebury
- 2 James Roof
- 5 Will Wilkerson
- 6 Margie Fitterling
- 6 Jennifer Reaves
- 8 Ken Moser
- 12 Keegan Skiles
- 13 Mike Soderstrom
- 14 Shari Cullumber
- 14 Phil Wise
- 16 Ben Blair
- 18 Sarah Faucett
- 18 Wendy Garrison
- 24 Cooper Paige
- 27 Buddy Carrol
- 27 Colby Kluthe
- 29 Chad Johnston
- 31 Denny Frieze

## Anniversaries

- 22 Raymond & Jennifer Reaves
- 31 Joe & Ruth Prater