

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

August

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

Our first online Vacation Bible School is now "in the books," as the saying goes, and I want to devote this space to the dedicated adults who made it happen, and to the children who embraced the opportunity to try something different. A year ago at this time we could not imagine all the changes we would need to make in order to see it through, but God has been good to coax us along the pathway.



I begin by thanking Jessica Fletcher-Fierro, without whom we could not have managed such an undertaking. Jessica not only provided her own tutorial videos on yoga, but she also edited and compiled all the other videos into one and posted them to our church YouTube channel weekly. This is the very thing we hope to be able to do with our new camera and computer in the sanctuary, and she made it look seamless.

Each of the others on the ministry team also made their videos, including Pastor Kathryn who taught about our Global Ministries in India, Karen Kemp who deftly taught the Bible story each week, Judy Schneider who made Indian dance look so easy, Jessica Faucett who found simple crafts that could be done even from miles away, and Darlene Coit who set aside each Wednesday evening to read a story to the children on Zoom. I also thank my special helpers Adam Hajeh, Autumn VanVolkinburg, and Chris Greninger whom I roped into helping me sing our VBS song on a Sunday morning after we recorded the church service. Since we did not meet in person, we didn't have the opportunity to enjoy the tasty snacks and meals provided by our usual kitchen crew, but hopefully some families tried the recipes which were provided. I also thank each of the parents, grandparents, and especially the children who joined, making the experience so worthwhile.

The good news is that each of the videos for the four weeks will remain on our church YouTube channel, so if you subscribe to our channel, you can watch them anytime. The children's book which Darlene read will also become part of our children's library, so you can borrow them for your kids.

Finally, please note that the mission project is something we can all support, whether or not you participated in VBS. Through Global Ministries, we have an opportunity to make our VBS a blessing to our partners in India. See Pastor Kathryn's article to see how you can help.

We hope and pray in advance that next year we won't have to be online again, but thanks be to God for all the lessons learned and the blessings realized.

Blessed to be in partnership with such a great congregation,
Pastor Colleen

Stewardship Thoughts

We sure have been doing church differently. The pandemic is keeping us from gathering regularly for worship, study, prayer and support. But our ministry continues, thanks to your ongoing gifts. Just this past month, for example:

- A casual early Sunday worship Service has been held in Friendship Park.
- Children, aided by parents and grandparents, participated in a virtual Vacation Bible School.
- A small group has been digging deep into racism.
- Another small group headed to Springfield to help paint the regional office there in preparation for the new transitional regional minister
- Pastoral calls - the telephone type - have been ongoing, as well as our online worship service.

The pandemic may have us down, but it hasn't kept the church down. The list is just a handful of things accomplished. Your continued financial support makes a difference! In fact, your generosity allows you to practice the faith discipline of stewardship.

God may not like this pandemic, but our response is surely pleasing to God.

Jim Cullumber
Stewardship Committee Chair

Outdoor Worship to Continue in August

The weather has cooperated thus far for outdoor worship at 8AM on Sundays in Friendship Park, and a small group has enjoyed the opportunity to worship in person. Children (and pets on leashes) are welcome, but masks and physical distancing are a must. Remember your lawn chairs and Communion elements, and note that the restroom facilities are not available for use. Cancellation due to weather will be posted on the church Facebook page.



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

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19



VBS 2020 Mission Project

Our 2020 Vacation Bible School took us on "A Journey to India" where we were able to hear about the partnerships and work being supported in India through the Disciples Global Ministries. The children were able to spend time with me each week hearing about four special projects: Week #1 - The Tibetan Children's Village; Week #2 - Family Farm Village and King's Matriculation School; Week #3 - Deep Griha Society, Pune; and Week #4 - Evangelical Mission Hospital - Khariar and Children's Home. So now that we have finished our journey we pause to reflect on the impact these projects have had on the lives of both children and adults in India. Visit our church YouTube channel and listen and learn about this great work. As always our VBS mission component involves a project. This year in collaboration with Global Ministries "Child and Elder Sponsorship Program" we are inviting anyone in the congregation interested to join us in our effort to sponsor a child/children for one year. The VBS participants will vote on one of the four projects for the sponsorship. The average cost is \$25 - \$35 per month but you may contribute any amount, even as little as \$5.00. If you would like to join our VBS participants and volunteers and make a donation you may mail a check to the church payable to South Joplin Christian (memo line: VBS Mission) or through Givelify on our church website and mark (Other: VBS Mission). **Deadline for donations: August 12.**



CROP WALK 2020

Mark your calendars. Plans for the Ozark Area CROP Walk are underway. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 17 at the Webb City Farmer's Market. And again this CROP Walk may look totally different. With the help of the regional coordinator, the team is reviewing several alternatives: a virtual walk, a drive-thru event, a walk at the place of your choice, a limited contact walk or a combination of these. It will be interesting to see the creativity, as we have now become accustomed to trying new ways of doing things. Stay tuned for more details. We hope you will choose to participate as we engage the fight against hunger in our own community.

IRVING PARTNERSHIP AND BRIGHT FUTURES

With the 2020 - 2021 school year soon to begin, there are still many unanswered questions about the role of volunteers and ways partners will be able to assist this year. What I do know is that volunteers will not be allowed in the buildings including Lunch P.A.L.'s. The Snack Pack Program will continue with a need for volunteers to do the packing at the Joplin Food Service Center. The role of the Site Councils is also being re-envisioned. Let us be in fervent prayer for our students, teachers, administrators and all other staff as the time draws near for a return to school.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS!

Avoid a census taker knocking on your door by simply completing the questionnaire online or via phone.



Crosslines

Be part of SJCC's Volunteer Team the 4th Thursday of each month, 9:45AM to 2:00PM.



Yes, the SJCC Team is back in action as of July 23. If you are willing to serve, all are welcome to come and be a part of the team. Just contact Pastor Kathryn. No special skills are required. **SJCC's** next work day is **August 27**. You are welcome to volunteer on other days during the month as well. 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>. Thank you to each of our volunteers who have agreed to return in this time of pandemic. And many thanks to the volunteers who served over the past several years and are unable to return.

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.

Donations are being accepted during the scheduled hours Monday through Thursday. Check the Crosslines website or FB page for the latest updates.

August 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.southjoplin.org) and donate through Givelify. Choose Mission and Outreach or Other, then type **CROSSLINES** in the memo section.**

Prayer Requests

Medical: Pat Wolfenbarger, Wendy Garrison, Malik Taylor, Leroy Smith (Cleaver), Rev. Jaque Foster, Rev. Faye Vaughn, Jayne Sanders (Daniell's mother), Larry & Susan Hagensicker (Millard), Maurice Williams (Wilson)

Sympathy: to the family of Jeffrey Murray, former SJCC member who passed away July 23, Wanda Lee Cunningham, Jean Sapp (Meadows)

Other: teachers, staff, and students as fall semesters resume

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)

August 2 - Violeta Rocha, Nicaragua
August 9 - Monica Liddle, East Timor
August 16 - Fiona Kendall, Italy
August 23 - Mark Knowles, Lesotho
August 30 - Judy Chan, Hong Kong

GROUPS



GREEN TEAM NEWS



With the dog days of summer here, it's important to keep our four-legged family members cool so here are some ideas: keep cool treats around, have cooling mats, provide shelter and water, keep your pets indoors, comb & brush regularly, never leave your pets inside a car on a sunny day, and when walking your dog feel the pavement - if it's too hot for your hand then it's definitely too hot for your dog's paws and can lead to serious burns!

Green Tip: Read the labels when buying bedding, toys, collars, and leashes for your pets. Buy items made from natural or organic materials, avoiding items made from vinyl, phthalates, or bpa in case they are chewed and ingested.



Recycling Options at SJCC



Cardboard: dumpster on parking lot

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

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



EVENTS/OTHER STUFF

Reopening

Due to rising cases of COVID 19 in the area, reopening of the church has been postponed. A task force has been named to begin reviewing protocols and procedures for the eventual reopening, with Judy Akeman as the chair person.

The General Minister and President of our denomination, Rev. Terri Hord Owens, offers this insight:

"The phased opening plans developed by public health experts call for several benchmarks to indicate safety such as 14 days of declining case counts, widespread testing, and contact tracing. We are not there yet."

The economic impact of this pandemic is devastating...and many of the decisions to reopen business are in response (to that economic impact).

Church, we don't make decisions based on economics. We make decisions based on love. And here in this time, in the midst of this pandemic, the loving thing to do is not to gather for worship. Love, as we know from 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, is patient. Love does not insist on its own way."

August Birthdays

3 Sarah Coyne
3 Reese Prater
4 Liz Millard
5 Judy Akeman
5 Colleen Carroll
5 Bruce Wilcox
9 Darlene Coit
10 Mark Millard
17 Patt Hinds
19 John Asher
21 Fern Jensen
22 Carolyn Fortson
23 Banner Faucett
23 Darby Skiles
24 Nathan Gandy
24 Chad Peterson-Sloan
30 Mike Fitterling

August Anniversaries

7 Chris Greninger & Anthony Rabuano
18 Darryl & Darlene Coit
19 Nathan Gandy & Amanda Hall
30 Jim & Shari Cullumber

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Office Closed on Fridays and Saturdays	1
2 8AM Outdoor Worship 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship 4PM Dismantling Racism Dialogue on Zoom	3	4 930AM Prayer on Zoom	5	6	7	8
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30 8AM Outdoor Worship 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship	31					

RESPONSIBILITIES

Camera/Audio

August 2: Sandy Meadows, Darryl Coit
August 9: Judy Schneider, Donnie Smith
August 16: Jenn Reaves, Ray Reaves
August 23: Jim Cullumber, Ken Moser
August 30: Sandy Meadows, Darryl Coit

Elder

August 2: Rocky Eckhardt
August 9: Leanna Carrol
August 16: Jim Cullumber
August 23: Darlene Coit
August 30: Mike Fitterling

Storyteller

August 2: Sarah Coyne
August 9: KC Brockman
August 16: Karen Kemp
August 23: No Story
August 30: No Story

Lectionary Texts

August 2: Matthew 14:13 - 21
August 9: Matthew 14:22 - 33
August 16: Matthew 15:21 - 28
August 23: Matthew 16:13 - 20
August 30: Matthew 16:21 - 28

