

# DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER October

South Joplin  
Christian Church



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## 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.



## Stewardship Thoughts

*"If I could not go to SJCC, I honestly do not know if I could find a community to worship with."*

We all have reasons we belong to and participate in South Joplin Christian Church. For some it is inclusiveness and welcoming; for others it is freedom to explore Scripture free of doctrine; others find meaning in service to others. It is in this faith community - even though the pandemic has kept us from worshipping in one place together - that we find encouragement, spiritual support and the challenge to be disciples of Christ.

*"We do our best to not accept racism, sexism, homophobia or any other judgmental behaviors, yet we know we have growing and ways of caring to learn! We listen, study and try to do better and more for others!"*

This is the time of year we conduct our fall financial stewardship campaign. We ask members and friends to estimate their giving for 2021 so that church leadership can devise a spending and ministry plan for the coming year. Later this month you will receive a letter and estimate of giving card in the mail. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can support the ministries of SJCC and return the cards by the end of the month.

*They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share...so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.*

*1 Timothy 6:18, 19b*

Live Generously is the campaign theme, taking the encouraging words from Apostle Paul to Timothy: That we might find life in being generous. We are made in the image of God, a God who blesses us beyond measure. God invites us to join in the Christian ministry, using the resources provided by God to further the Kingdom.

Materials will be mailed Oct. 19. We ask your estimate of giving be returned by Oct. 31 so that we can adequately prepare for the next year. Your estimates are held in confidence by the financial secretary, and you also can alter your estimate during the course of the year should your circumstances change.

Thank you for supporting the work of Christ through your giving to South Joplin Christian Church!

- Jim Cullumber, Stewardship chair

Proportionate Giving Table



Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Giving (to determine annual gift, multiply dollar amount below by 52)											
		15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$22,000	\$423	\$63	\$51	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$25	\$21	\$17	\$13	\$8	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$57	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$76	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$134	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$153	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$139	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19
\$110,000	\$2,115	\$317	\$254	\$211	\$190	\$169	\$148	\$127	\$106	\$85	\$63	\$42	\$21
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$277	\$230	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23
\$140,000	\$2,692	\$404	\$323	\$269	\$242	\$215	\$188	\$152	\$135	\$108	\$81	\$54	\$27



## From our Senior Minister

Recently the Drury School of Religion Board, of which I am a Member, sponsored a lecture by Disciple theologian and Harvard Divinity School professor, Dr. Stephanie Paulsell, entitled "Spirituality in a Time of Deep Political Division." Even if I wasn't obligated as a board member to participate, I would have been "all in". The tensions of polarization are real, folks! Thankfully, her lecture was highly practical and helpful.



In summary, she reminded us that Christian spirituality is about reshaping our vision and keeping us on a pathway toward constant renewal. Inspired by a reading of Timothy Snyder's book, *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the 20th Century*, Dr. Paulsell gave three spiritual practices that I'd like to pass on to you for the next few weeks.

1. Search for Truth. Practice the kind of lifestyle that is always learning, always open to dialogue, known only in being and doing and not just empirical knowledge or memorization. Never close yourself off to new information or opportunity for transformation.
2. Be kind to your language. In a world of increasing slogans and sound bites, find language that's fresh and "un-sloganized". Find freedom to express yourself in fresh vocabulary and cultivate your imagination.
3. Make eye contact and small talk. Bring your inner self in line with the moment and be truly present with the person across from you.

While these may not sound like "spiritual practices" one would expect from a theologian, they point to the deepest level of our humanity - our sacred selves - and call for authenticity and grace with ourselves and those with whom we share this planet. In her closing remarks, I believe she quoted Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in saying, "If we don't have to be the way we are, then the world doesn't have to be the way it is."

If you are also struggling with the polarization of this season and climate, I hope these alternative practices offer you some peace and stability. Grace and peace to you, beloved.

Pastor Colleen



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



*“No matter how tired you are, no matter how physically exhausting this work may be, it’s beautiful to bring a smile into someone’s life, to care for someone in need. What greater joy can there be?” - Mother Teresa*

### VBS Child Sponsorship

We are so excited to announce that our application to sponsor a child in India has been approved. Due to the COVID pandemic we were unable to sponsor a child at the Tibetan Children’s Village but agreed to sponsor a child at the Family Village Farm in Vellore, India. Our child is a three year old twin named Sharina. Sharina and her sister, Sharini, were placed at FVF November 2019 at the request of their father as the result of hardship and devastation after the untimely death of his wife. The girls were two years of age. Their one year old brother remains with the father. When notified about the sponsorship of Sharina, I learned that the twin sister was awaiting a sponsorship, as well. Being true to the mission, witness and ethos of SJCC and in responding to God’s grace I reached out to the Program and informed of our interest to sponsor Sharini with the request recently approved. It is with joy that I share with much appreciation that in response to the Mission Challenge on September 27 a donation has been pledged to cover the full cost of the one year sponsorship.

### Equal Exchange Sale

Been missing your favorite coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa and olive oil? Well, you won’t have to wait much longer. Pastor Kathryn is hosting an outdoor drive-thru sale with several items available on-site. Watch for the advertisement in the October 5 CareMail. She will include the items available for sale and the pricing. All orders must be placed in advance by directly submitting your request to her. The orders will be ready for pick-up on **Saturday, October 10 (1:30PM - 2:30PM)** at the door leading down to the Fellowship Hall from the alley. It will be drive-thru only so please have your check or exact cash for your order available and ready when you receive your order. Halloween is just around the corner and wouldn’t it be a great time to serve your guests hot cocoa or add mini chocolate bars to your treat bags? No worries! We can handle that, as well. Help us continue supporting small farmers, sustainable living and fair trade through the equal exchange program. Thank you to our SJCC families who regularly order coffee in bulk. If you are interested in doing the same, please contact Pastor Kathryn.

### Join the SJCC 2020 CROP Walk Team

**We need you to join our Team!** Calling all previous walkers and new participants to sign up for this year’s CROP Walk on Saturday, October 17. It’s a VIRTUAL Walk. No need to leave the confines of your house. Simply register online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/joplinmo>. Make sure you identify South Joplin as your team. Once registered, people anywhere can donate directly with no need to physically collect donations unless you choose. Option two is onsite registration on the walk day at the Splash Pad Pavilion - King Jack Park in Webb City, (corner of W. 10th Street and Pennsylvania St.), 9:00 - 10:00AM which is drive-thru to drop off donations. There will be no group walk but families/ individuals are invited to walk around the trails at the park. A portion of the funds raised will remain in the Joplin community to support Joplin Bright Futures and Webb City Cares Snack Pack Programs and the MSSU Lion Co-Op. Help us to stop hunger “one step” at a time. Contact Pastor Kathryn for more information.



### Crosslines



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

We always welcome additional members to serve on the SJCC Team. **SJCC’s next work day is Thursday, October 22.** If unavailable to serve with us, other days during the month are open. 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>. Crosslines is continuing its hours of operation 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. (Closed on all 5th Wednesdays)**

**Friday - CLOSED to the public.**

**(Phone in pantry service is currently available for any family under COVID quarantine.)**

**Until we resume onsite food donation collections, if you would like to support Crosslines with a financial donation 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](http://www.southjoplindisciples.org)) and donate through Givelify. Choose Mission and Outreach or Other, then type **CROSSLINES** in the memo section.**

### 2020 Christmas Toy Drive

This year Crosslines is hosting a “Toy Drive” to assist families in the community that have been hit hard due to the COVID pandemic, realizing that Christmas will present additional hardship for some families. Starting this month Crosslines will begin accepting donations of new and gently used toys for all ages. Donations should be taken directly to Crosslines at 320 S. School Avenue as we will not be receiving donations at the church. We will post any additional information on our FB page or include in our weekly CareMail.

## Prayer Requests

**Sympathy:** Mary Nicodemus-Havens; Glenn York; Rev. Bob Hubbard; Martin Rooney (Umphenour)

**Medical:** Madonia Sloniker (Garrison); Baby Quin (Watson); Scott Elliott

**Other:** Wildfires and hurricanes; Upcoming elections

**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; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

**Global Ministry Partners:** Ghana, West Africa (Larry & Debbie Colvin)

Oct. 4 - Sean Amato, Egypt  
Oct. 11 - Martha Mensendiek, Japan  
Oct. 18 - Phyllis Byrd, Kenya  
Oct. 25 - Carmelo Alvarez, Venezuela

### Reopening

The Reopening Task Force is working toward a tentative date of November 8 to resume in-person worship at SJCC. Watch for detailed instructions in the weekly CareMail and online communications, and be assured that even when worship in the sanctuary resumes, we will continue Livestreaming the service for all who wish to remain safely at home.

## GROUPS



### GREEN TEAM NEWS



**Animal Blessing:** In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals, our Green Team will be blessing the animals on Saturday, October 10th at 1:00pm in the church park. All animals must be on a leash or carrier; masks and social distancing will be observed. Prayer, scripture and blessing will take place. You can even tell a story about your animal - past or present. A donation will be collected for the Joplin Humane Society. Items collected: pet food, cat litter, toys, collars, leashes, bedding, newspapers, cleaning supplies, blankets, towels and wash rags. Come out and let's honor God's creation!

**Green tip:** Instead of throwing away your old blankets, towels and rags, donate them to the Humane Society; it's less items in the landfill and the animals will appreciate it.

### Handbells Anyone?

Since vocal choirs are not advisable during the current pandemic, handbell ensembles may be the answer for special music. Chris Greninger is willing to coordinate and direct a handbell choir with simple arrangements if there is sufficient interest. Participants must be willing to wear masks at all times. All ages welcome; this could be a great family activity! Inform Chris or Pastor Colleen of your interest please. We'd like to be ready with special music by Advent.

### Online Bible Study

Pastor Colleen will host a Bible study on Zoom Wednesday evenings in October at 7PM, covering the book of Philippians chapter by chapter. For October 7, please read Chapter 1 in advance. You may join with video or by phone, and login codes are available in the weekly CareMail or by request from Pastor Colleen at colleen\_e\_c@hotmail.com.



## EVENTS/OTHER STUFF

### Interfaith Panel Online: Sat. Oct 3, 10:00AM

RELIGION IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC: How have each of our communities adapted their worship and learning activities to current conditions? How do you balance faith, worship, and safety? Panelists will address first how their respective religious communities in Joplin have adapted their worship, educational and other activities to the COVID-19 crisis and more generally how religion balances its core practices and beliefs with the health & safety of it's members. Participation is limited to local faith community members only; log-in information will be sent via email to the congregation. If you do not receive an email, please contact the church office or one of our pastors.

### Board Meeting Action

In addition to hearing reports and approving minutes, the board unanimously approved the following actions:

- To appoint Darlene Coit as a voting delegate to the Regional Assembly, and grant pre-approval for up to two more persons from SJCC who express interest in serving as voting delegates.
- Approval of the report from the internal Audit Committee of the church financial processes, with thanks for their work.
- Extension of the provisional 2020 budget through the end of the fiscal year.
- Pay wages for Administrative Office Assistant for up to three weeks as needed for quarantine or isolation.
- Regretfully receive the resignation of Kim Noll, Assistant Financial Treasurer, with gratitude for her outstanding work on the PPP loan process.

Full copies of reports and minutes are available in the church office.

### October Birthdays

3 Donna Fuller	14 Joyce Crumbliss
8 Fred Martino	18 Keaton Simmons
8 Becci Godsey	22 Jim Cullumber
9 Landon Coyne	25 Megan Bever
12 Jessica Fletcher-Fiero	27 Justin Coyne
13 Mike Schneider	28 Sean Nicodemus

### October Anniversaries

4 Timicia Curtis & Malik Taylor
5 Alecia & Daniell Sanders
13 George Jr. & Marea Gagle
22 Spencer & Dawn Cullumber
27 Brandy & Stephanie Castlebury
28 Denny & Anita Frieze

## 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
				<b>1</b> 11:30AM Cluster 3 Meeting on Zoom	<b>2</b> Office Closed on Fridays and Saturdays	<b>3</b> 9AM
<b>4</b> World Communion Sunday 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7PM Worship Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	<b>7</b> 7PM Bible Study on Zoom	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1PM Blessing of Pets 1:30PM - 2:30PM Equal Exchange Pickup
<b>11</b> 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 630PM Board Meeting on Zoom	<b>14</b> 7PM Bible Study on Zoom	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9AM - 10AM CROP Walk - King Jack Park (Webb City)
<b>18</b> Congo Week Children's Sabbath 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship	<b>19</b> Congo Week	<b>20</b> Congo Week	<b>21</b> Congo Week 7PM Bible Study on Zoom	<b>22</b> Congo Week 945AM Crosslines	<b>23</b> Congo Week	<b>24</b> Congo Week
<b>25</b> 915AM Elders 1045AM Livestream Worship	<b>26</b> 630PM Kathryn's PRC	<b>27</b> 630PM Colleen's PRC	<b>28</b> 7PM Bible Study on Zoom	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### Camera/Audio

- October 4: Sandy Meadows, Darryl Coit
- October 11: Jim Cullumber, Ken Moser
- October 18: Judy Schneider, Donnie Smith
- October 25: Jenn Reaves, Ray Reaves

### Elder

- October 4: Leanna Carrol
- October 11: Mike Fitterling
- October 18: Darlene Coit
- October 25: Jim Cullumber

### Weekly Scripture

- October 4: **World Communion Sunday** - John 17:20-23
- October 11: Philippians 1:21-30
- October 18: 2 Cor. 9:6-11, 1 Tim. 6:17-19 (Jim Cullumber preaching)
- October 25: Philippians 3:4b-13

