



DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

January 2021

Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll, Senior Minister
Rev. Kathryn Wilson, Minister of Mission and 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.



Focus on Ministry

With the start of a new year, we highlight our ministry teams for your consideration and prayerful support. We can always use additional energy and elbow grease to keep our ministries going.

Education is the responsibility of **Faith Formation**. We make sure Sunday School classes have materials and teachers scheduled. We plan Vacation Bible School. If you enjoy working with children or just want to make sure that they are being cared for in our congregation, this is the committee for you. We have nominal chairmen, but our planning and decisions come from the whole committee—not from the chairmen. Please join us. Karen Kemp uskemp@gmail.com or JessicaFaucett1982@gmail.com

The **Green Team** has some exciting plans for 2021, and lots of ways to be involved. We will start moving the church towards being carbon neutral in our energy use. In addition, we will continue work on the butterfly garden, recycling, Earth Sunday, and green tips in the newsletter and bulletins.

How can you be involved? We need people with strong administrative skills to help calculate energy use (looking at utility bills), someone to update the bulletin board in the fellowship hall quarterly, people to contact recycling centers, and someone to write/find Green Tips. If any of these appeal to you, please contact Jessica Fletcher-Fierro via text-(562) 201-6247 or email: fletch.survey@gmail.com

Although much of our **Hospitality Ministry** has been put on hold during the pandemic, we remain hopeful that our doors will open again soon to visitors and guests. Meanwhile we are interested in people with moderate computer skills to serve as Online Greeters for our streamed events. Sandy Meadows would also like to step down as chair of this ministry. If you have interest in helping, contact Pastor Colleen at the church or colleen_e_c@hotmail.com

The **Stewardship Ministry** seeks to encourage and uplift generosity in our congregation, supporting the ministries of the congregation while raising awareness to the many blessings we receive from God, through Jesus Christ, and through our congregation. Our most active time of the year is fall as we develop a giving program for the next year. Our goal is to help us all better recognize and accept God's blessings and using the spiritual discipline of financial stewardship to grow our faith, both as individuals and the church. Our ministry is open to anyone willing to better understand God's call on our life to be faithful and to develop a more thankful and generous heart.

Jim Cullumber, Stewardship chair, 317-695-8267 jcullumb@gmail.com

Our **Property Ministry** is tasked with a significant responsibility, maintaining security and upkeep not only of the church building but also the Quonset hut, two rental houses, Friendship Park, parking lot and church shuttle bus. There are sub-committees that include Safety Team, Rental Team, and Tech Team. There is always something to do, so if you have skills in any building maintenance, repair, lawn/garden, even record keeping, we need your help. Darryl Coit has been at this for several years and would appreciate sharing the load. Contact Darryl at 417-540-2657 or laservices2650@gmail.com

The **Worship Ministry** welcomes those with an interest in helping to facilitate authentic and engaging worship experiences, in person and online. We are especially looking for people to focus on short-term seasonal or special occasions. We could also use people interested in helping with camera and computer operations, video editing, and visual effects. Contact Betsy Wheeler at 417-434-0318 or betsy.wheeler51@gmail.com

How will YOU participate in ministry in 2021?

If you don't see what you're looking for, perhaps it's time for us to begin something new!

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES: Kimberly Ocampo and Tyler Normand



Kimberly Ocampo began as our new Administrative Office Assistant on December 16. She is a junior at MSSU majoring in International Political Affairs with an emphasis in Global Cultural Studies. She has an internship with Rapha International and hopes to one day work for a non-profit organization with a mission to help others. Until the new semester, her office hours will be Monday through Friday, 10AM—3PM.



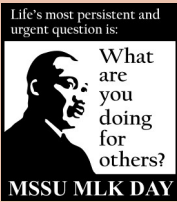
Tyler Normand began as our new custodian in December and works primarily Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Tyler is a video game enthusiast and has a four-year-old daughter named Echo.



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

Great and Loving God, Thank you for the many opportunities you have provided that give us the chance to be your hands and feet in the world. May the hope, peace, joy and love of this advent season inspire us to be the best witness of your love in all the spaces we land. Amen.

MLK Day Celebration January 18, 2021



The 21st Annual MSSU Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration is scheduled as a virtual event this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's theme is "A Call to Action . . . What Are You Doing for Others" with guest speaker Mr. Nimrod Chapel, Jr., president of the Missouri NAACP.

Nimrod is also an experienced trial attorney with more than a decade of practice ranging from work in law firms to state government. He was responsible for a broad array of litigation regarding enforcement of civil rights, discrimination, consumer protection, and wage and hour and accessibility laws throughout Missouri. The Livestream event broadcast will begin at 6:00 pm. Special music will be provided by Terrence Scott, Unity Baptist Youth Choir of Joplin, and a trio from Kansas City, Mo. Our Outreach Ministry Team is excited that we have the opportunity to once again be a sponsor for this event. **Event Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/96119130475> (**Passcode:** 712339). KGCS will broadcast live on local digital channel 21. To registrar for this event please contact Shonte Clay-Fulgham at clayfulgham-s@mssu.edu Cost is free.



Irving Elementary School

During the holiday season SJCC was able to bring a spirit of joy to two families by providing them with a Christmas tree and some wonderful Christmas decorations. The Outreach Ministry Team would like to thank the members of the congregation for their donations of these items. Not only do these trees and decorations have a new home, they were received with bright smiles and celebration by the students and their families. Ms. Voorhees sends her deepest appreciation to our congregation for the many ways that we minister to the students, families, teachers and staff at Irving in responding to their needs and showing our love.

Thank You for Your Generosity

Many thanks to each of you who generously donated to our Christmas Offering.

CROSSLINES



The ministry at Crosslines has served many in this community through its food pantry, free store and rent/electric assistance for over 35 years and more so during this current COVID-19 pandemic. November and December were very busy and within those months Crosslines broke a record with over 220 people coming through the door in one day!



SJCC's Volunteer Team will serve the 4th Thursday - January 28.

Volunteers are welcome to serve other days during the month when they are open. Ask for Carrie Pence, 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>.

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.

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

Prayer Requests

Sympathy: Rev. Edgar Wallace (Xenia, OH); Rev. Kelly Caldwell (Laurie, MO); Gloria Lemur (Asher); Alene Piel (Carroll/Hamm); Loretta Monaco (Kemp); Mr & Mrs Drew (Asher); Wayne Fortson; KC Brockman's aunt Cookie; KC Brockman's sister

Medical: Carla Arnall; Denny Frieze, Donna Fuller, Jim Courtney (Kemp); Sarah Willerton (Cleaver)

COVID: Laura Warrender (Faucett); Carolyn Theil's brother-in-law Ed and wife Carolyn; Sherry Drew (Asher);

Other: Chris Fitchie, Sara Cordez, Janet Smith, First United Christian Church, Xenia

Military: Michael Crofford; Corey Irwin; Josh Robb; Dylan Theil; Gary Wald; Lorenzo Woods

Ongoing: John Asher; Judy Ballard; Nancy & Chico Bond; Dani Bowen (Meadows); Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; Samantha Catey; Betty Coan; Rylee Davis (Gagle); 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; Shirley Martin; Virgil McCoy; Betty McKelvey; Tom Meadows; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Easton Murdock; Bethany Newman; Larry Nauser (Fitterling); Nicodemus Family; Jim Owen; Diana Parker (Coit); Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Alexis Prater; Todd Prater; Cameron Ransom; Sharon Reeve; Raquel Sapient; Amy Schneider; Kimmy Smith; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Mike Tesh; Michelle Vorhees; Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Mayree West (Carroll/Hamm); Will Wilkerson; Sherry Willerton; Charles Wilson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

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

January 3 – Thomas Smith – Korea

January 10 – Debbie Colvin - Ghana

January 17 – Ricardo Mayol – Guatemala

January 24 – Maria Bakalian – Lebanon

January 31 – John Campbell-Nelson – Indonesia



GROUPS



GREEN TEAM NEWS



January 2020: What is Carbon Neutrality?

This year, the Green Team will primarily focus on reaching the goal of being carbon neutral by 2030. For an organization to be carbon neutral, they: 1) calculate their carbon emissions 2) work on lowering them, and 3) purchase carbon offsets (invest in climate change mitigating projects) for the emissions they cannot eliminate. Look for more ways to support these efforts in the months to come!

Green tip: Lower your carbon footprint at home by setting your refrigerator and freezer correctly. The United States Department of Energy recommends around 35 to 38 degrees Fahrenheit for the fridge and 0 degrees for freezers. (And unplug that old fridge in the garage when you don't need it to

3rd Sunday Fellowship on Zoom

We know how much you miss seeing each other for Fellowship Dinners, so let's try getting together the third Sunday of January (the 17th) at noon on Zoom. You can choose to eat lunch while we visit, or just log-on to say hello. The Zoom link will be emailed with the worship bulletin on the 15th so watch for it in your email.

YouTube Channel

As we do more activities online, be sure to find and [subscribe to](#) the church YouTube channel for greater ease in finding our videos. Go to YouTube and type South Joplin Christian Church. Our church logo should be visible.

Sympathy—Tom Fortson's brother Wayne passed away on December 24, and KC Brockman lost both her aunt and her sister over the holidays. Please keep these friends in prayer for divine peace.

EVENTS/OTHER STUFF

December Board Action

Meeting via Zoom on December 8, the board received the report of mail-in ballots counted from the November election as follows: 37 household ballots received with 56 individual voters. Budget received 54 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 abstention. Leadership nominations received 56 yes votes and 0 no votes. Additionally, the board approved a motion to appoint a Tech Team to give oversight to our changing technological needs. The team will be appointed by the executive committee. The Property Ministry Team was given permission to hire Tyler Normand as custodian. Full reports and meeting minutes are available in the church office for anyone with interest.

A Thank You from Mrs. Nicodemus' Class!

Dear SJCC,

Thank you so much for the diversity books for our classroom libraries. We appreciate the creative and lasting ways you continue to support Irving though we can't be together. Our students are blessed with your generosity!

Love,

4th Grade Dream Team and Kathy Nicodemus

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tom and Carolyn Fortson on the birth of their first great-grandchild! Baby Isla Mae Fortson was born on November 24th, weighing 8 lbs, 13 oz. and is a healthy baby girl.



Starting February 7th, on the first Sunday of each month we plan to have in-person worship at our regular 10:45am time. The service will also be available online.

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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January 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3 Elders meeting @ 9:15am Online Worship @ 10:45am	4	5	6 Handbell Practice @6:30pm	7	8	9
10 Elders meeting @ 9:15am Online Worship @ 10:45am	11	12 Board Meeting online @ 6:30pm	13 Handbell Practice @6:30pm	14	15	16
17 Elders meeting @ 9:15am Online Worship @ 10:45am Fellowship on Zoom @ noon	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 Inauguration Day Handbell Practice @6:30pm	21	22	23
24 Elders meeting @ 9:15am Online Worship @ 10:45am	25 Kathryn's PRC @ 6:30pm	26 Colleen's PRC @ 6:30pm	27 Handbell Practice @6:30pm	28 Crosslines 9:45am-2:30pm	29	30
31 Elders meeting @ 9:15am Online Worship @ 10:45am						

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elder

January 3: Mike Fitterling
January 10: Darlene Coit
January 17: Jim Cullumber
January 24: Mark Millard
January 31: Margie Fitterling

Camera & Sound

January 3 - Sandy Meadows/Darryl Coit
January 10 - Judy Schneider/Donny Smith
January 17 - Jenn Reaves/Ken Moser
January 24 - Sandy Meadows/Raymond Reaves
January 31 - Judy Schneider/Darryl Coit

Weekly Scripture

January 3 - John 1: 14-18
January 10 - Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11
January 17 - John 1:43-51
January 24 - Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12
January 31—Psalm 111:10; 1 Corinthians 8:1-3



January Birthdays

5 James Fletcher-Fierro	19 Daniell Sanders
8 Donny Smith	20 Arlene Nash
11 Justin Lucietta	21 Courtney Wright
12 Lisa Wilcox	24 Betsy Wheeler
16 Jupiter Morgan	27 Charles Kemp
17 Teresa Cleaver	27 Joe Lewis
17 Darius Soderstrom	28 Zoey Gandy-Hall
18 George Gagle, Jr.	29 Samantha Gomez
18 Tim Prater	

January Anniversaries

11 Phil & Lisa Wise
15 James Roof & Raquel Sapien
25 Tom & Betsy Wheeler