



Disciples Care Newsletter

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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.

The Beauty of Easter for the Ashes of Lent

There will definitely be enriched beauty on Easter Sunday this year as we celebrate the risen Christ and the physical gathering of the church in worship! Please read this information carefully to understand the options and make the choice that's right for you and/or your family.



Maundy Thursday Worship will be online only at 6:30PM on April 1, on Facebook and YouTube. Since this is the observance of Jesus' Last Supper, if you join the livestream or watch at a later time you are encouraged to be prepared with your elements of bread and wine/juice. A bulletin will be posted on the church website and emailed on Wednesday, March 31.

Good Friday resources to conduct your own service of Tenebrae (Shadows) at home will be sent in the above mentioned email on Wednesday.

Easter Morning Worship will be offered online and in-person, with two options to choose from.

9:00 AM Abbreviated Service: There will be no congregational singing, and Communion will not include elements of bread and cup. The service will provide beautiful instrumental music, prayers, sermon, and other meaningful worship elements. This service will not be online.

10:45 AM Full Service: This service will include congregational hymns, special music by children and adult bell ringers, a children's story and activity packets, Communion either with hand-motions or with wafer/juice cups provided on entry, and other traditional parts of worship including prayers, sermon, etc.. The service will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube, barring complications. Printed bulletins will be available, along with a copy on our website.

PLEASE NOTE: Both in-person services will require mask wearing and socially distanced seating. Attendees are asked to arrive no earlier than fifteen minutes prior to the service, and exit the building immediately after service to visit outdoors if desired. Sadly, our elevator is still not in service, so entrance to the building is available only through the basement door off the parking lot, or up the main steps on Pearl Ave, or the steps on 19th Ave. leading to the church office. The sanctuary will be disinfected between services. We will not have a nursery or Children Worship and Wonder. We will provide activity packets for children, but parents are encouraged to bring coloring or writing utensils as these will not be included. Communion at the second service will consist of a single-serve sealed cup which includes a wafer (not gluten-free) and juice, and will be offered as you enter the sanctuary for worship. Due to limited seating, we ask you to attend only one service unless you have responsibilities at both.

Stewardship

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected each one of us differently. By now, if you qualify, you most likely have received your latest federal stimulus check. That certainly is a welcome gift for many, and a sudden windfall for others whose livelihood has not been so affected by the pandemic. God calls us to be good stewards and to care for our neighbors. This windfall in the form of a stimulus payment allows us to do both. Have you considered giving a portion of that to a charity to help others? Have you considered giving a portion to South Joplin Christian Church? As you might have heard, our elevator is now disabled. The manufacturers have not yet identified a solution. Whatever solution can be found will carry a price tag. Our SJCC mission is to welcome and accept all people along a journey of faith and service. Lack of accessibility to our facility either by elevator or ramp doesn't convey a sense of welcome to those who are differently abled. We will have to fund an accessibility solution if we are to live into our mission. If you are capable, and see your stimulus check as a windfall, would you consider giving a portion of it for God's work through SJCC? At least pray about it. As we learn more about the elevator situation and potential ways to resolve it, we will keep you informed. Gifts for elevator repair should be designated “elevator fund.” In the meantime, while we want to be welcoming, remember this obstacle prevents us from welcoming ALL.

Jim Cullumber,
Stewardship Chair



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

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. Visit the Disciples Health and Social Services Ministries online directory to find Disciples ministries working with children, youth and families across the country. See nbacares.org/directory.



2021 Easter Offering

This year's Easter Offering "deep and wide" challenges us to reach beyond ourselves and imagine what God can do when we share our gifts. This special offering which is received by our Disciples Mission Fund reaches beyond, providing support for the formation of new faith communities, developing disciples, connecting with ministry partners around the world and serving God's people in need. We will be receiving our Easter Offering Sunday March 28 through Easter Sunday April 4. May the lives of others be impacted through your generous donations. Checks maybe mailed directly to the church designated Easter Offering or through Givelify on our website.

SJCC Partners with One Joplin in Vaccine Outreach

In an effort to help promote the COVID-19 vaccinations, South Joplin Christian Church has entered into an agreement with One Joplin as have other organizations to work in partnership in conducting vaccine outreach, education and the promotion of access. As a partner SJCC will assist in coordinating vaccine outreach and education in vaccine hesitant populations and populations who face vaccine access barriers. Additionally, the partnership involves the distribution of educational materials, media opportunities to promote COVID-19 vaccinations, help developing innovative methods to educate and vaccinate vaccine hesitant populations and populations who face vaccine access barriers and vaccine access efforts in Joplin and the surrounding communities. Anyone interested in helping with these efforts please contact Pastor Kathryn.

Severe Weather Preparedness 101

This year the Springfield office of the National Weather Service is offering the webinar, "**Severe Weather Preparedness 101**" for the public to view on Tuesday, April 6 and the webinar is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Register for the webinar at the link below.

[https://www.weather.gov/media/sgf/Outreach SevereWeatherPreparedness101WebinarRegistration.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/sgf/Outreach%20SevereWeatherPreparedness101WebinarRegistration.pdf)

Crosslines Ministries, Inc. Celebrates 39 Years of Ministry

It is hard to believe that in March Crosslines Ministries turned 39 years old. Crosslines Churches of Joplin Area opened its doors as an outreach ministry March in 1982. The ministry began with the mission of "Concerned volunteers working together across denominational lines to meet human needs in the name of Jesus." It started with the support of 10 churches desiring to eliminate the duplication of services while providing a centralized location to operate a food pantry and clothing bank. It gives great joy in acknowledging that South Joplin Christian Church was one of those founding churches. The number of lives impacted by Crosslines may never be fully known but currently the ministry is serving approximately 1,000 per month.



CROSSLINES

SJCC's Volunteer Team serves the 4th Thursday of each month.

SJCC's next work day is Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Feel free to serve other days during the month when they 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> or contact Crosslines Operations Manager, Carrie Pence, at (417-782-8384).

Hours of Operation

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.

Crosslines will be hosting a **Financial Budgeting Video Conference** on **Facebook Live Thursday April 1st, 2021 at 3:00 PM..** Staff will be answering any questions you may have on budgeting and financial management during the one hour presentation. Visit the Crosslines Facebook page post highlighting this event in advance if you would like to leave a comment of if you have any specific questions you would like addressed within the live feed!

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: Mike Gandy (Dec);
Brenda Wright (Foster); Ruth Curtis

Medical: Kim Noll; Loren Garrison
and Gay McKinney (Garrison); Nancy
Bond (Wheeler); Judy Schneider;
Donna Fuller, Bernie Haldiman
(Fitterling); Merry Jaques (Carroll);
Carolyn Theil

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

COVID Recovery: Sean Nicodemus;
Robin & Dan Thies (Akeman)

Ongoing: John Asher; Judy Ballard;
Nancy & Chico Bond; Dani Bowen
(Meadows); Janet Burns; Veronica
Carnahan; Nic Castlebury; Samantha
Catey; Betty Coan; Rylee Davis
(Gagle); Lois Demaree; Rebecca
Doerflinger (Hall); Carolyn & Tom
Fortson; Marea Gagle; Mary
Gilmore; Alyxis Hefty; Sue Hess;
Jewell Holland; Jim Holland; Darius
Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett;
Roland Hughlett; Bethany James;
Fern Jensen; Kenneth Johnson; Betty
Kemp; Charlie Kemp; Virginia Long;
Sam Knudtson; Lamley Family;
Shirley Martin; Christopher McCall
(Wilson); 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 Sapien; 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)
April 4: Fiona Kendall, Italy

April 11: Kahala Cannon, eSwatini

April 18: Carlos Sediles, Mexico

April 25: Jeffery Mensendiek, Japan



Groups



Green Team News



April 18 is Earth Sunday!

Bring your lawn chairs to the
butterfly garden on the corner of 19th
and Wall Ave. at 9:30AM for a short
gathering. Plans are still tentative,
but we will give thanks for the
renewed life and commit to ongoing
stewardship of God's green earth. We
will finish in time for you to return
home for the 10:45 AM service online.
Watch your CareMail for further
updates.

Green Tip:

It's time to put out your hummingbird
feeders, but remember to use only
non-colored sugar water. Chemical
dyes are harmful and unnecessary. A
mixture of 3 parts water and one
part sugar is sufficient to attract and
feed the tiny birds.

Property Management Elevator Update:

On Friday, February 19th our
maintenance staff noticed that the
church elevator was making
unusual noises and was not
operating properly. On March 8
installers from Thyssen-Krupp
arrived to evaluate the situation and
quickly determined that the main
hydraulic jack, the part that pushes
the elevator upwards, was out of
alignment. The jack extends
approximately 20 feet into the
ground when the elevator car is at
its lowest position. They suggested
that the extreme cold weather we
experienced between February
10th and February 19th had caused
the problem. During that time-
period the temperature did not rise
above 10 degrees during the night
and on February 16 reached a low
of -14 degrees. This freezing and
thawing will sometimes move the
earth enough beneath the elevator
to push the jack out of alignment.
This is not a rare occurrence but
happens mainly in areas to the
north. Usually, the installers can
realign the jack but, in our situation,
they were unable to do that.
Apparently, there is more serious
damage to our jack. The only
solution they have at this point is to
replace the jack. This entails raising
the elevator car, pulling the jack
using a crane and reinstalling the
new jack assembly. Thyssen-Krupp
estimated that this work will cost
between \$40,000 and \$80,000. The
higher number would result if the
hole collapses when the jack is
removed, and a new hole had to be
dug.

EVENTS/OTHER

March Board Meeting

The church board met on March
9th via Zoom to receive reports and
consider the business of the
church.

We rejoiced to learn that the entire
PPP loan has been forgiven, with
special thanks to Kim Noll for her
diligence in filing all the necessary
paperwork. The Finance Committee
will schedule a meeting to make
recommendations on allocation of
the funds returned from the loan.

Additionally, Pastor Kathryn
reported our AmazonSmile
receipts have brought in \$351.35 to
date for Outreach.

Darryl Coit reported that the
elevator was damaged in the
recent cold weather, and to date a
solution for repair has not been
identified.

Full reports and meeting minutes
are available in the church office
for those with interest. The board
meets regularly on the second
Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM.

Looking for Volunteers:



In anticipation of the
return to regular, in-person
worship in the near future, Judy
Akeman is looking for additional
volunteers who are willing to be
scheduled on Sunday mornings to
disinfect the sanctuary and
upstairs restroom. Please contact
her at 417-389-7108 to volunteer or
ask questions.

There will be **NO Third Sunday**
Zoom in April. Why not schedule a
small outdoor lunch date with a
church friend you're missing, or
invite someone you'd like to get to
know better?

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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APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Online Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30pm	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Abbr. Worship 9am Full Worship 10:45am (Easter Offering)	5	6 Severe Weather Preparedness 101 6:30pm	7 Handbell Practice 6:30pm	8 Clergy Cluster Meeting 12pm	9	10
11 Elders 9:15am Online Worship 10:45am	12	13 Board Meeting Online 6:30pm	14 Handbell Practice 6:30pm	15	16	17
18 Earth Sunday Elders 9:15am Online Worship 10:45am	19	20	21 Handbell Practice 6:30pm	22 Crosslines 9:45am-2pm	23	24 Elder's Retreat 9am-12pm
25 Elders 9:15am Online Worship 10:45am	26	27	28 Handbell Practice 6:30pm	29	30	

<u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	
Elder	Camera & Sound
April 4: Betsy Wheeler	April 4: Jenn Reaves/Ken Moser
April 11: Mike Fitterling	April 11: Sandy Meadows/Don Smith
April 18: Darlene Coit	April 18: Judy Schneider/ Darryl Coit
April 25: Jim Cullumber	April 25: Jenn Reaves/Ray Reaves
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Weekly Scripture	Online Greeter
April 4: Mark 16:1-8 (9AM & 10:45AM)	Jeanie Morrison
April 11: John 20:19-31	Betsy Wheeler
April 18: (Earth Sunday) Genesis 1:29-31	Mike Fitterling
April 25: 1 John 3:16-24	Darlene Coit
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<u>April Birthdays</u>	
4 Judy Schneider	11 Lisa Wise
5 Lou Starks	15 Anita Frieze
6 Pat Wolfenbarger	19 Becky Martino
7 Kenan Booe	21 Stephanie
7 Keziah Curry	Castlebury
8 Rachel Eckhardt	23 Charlie Blair
9 Connie Abraham	24 Cyndi Cogbill
	25 Dia Curry
	30 Jeanie Morrison
<u>April Anniversaries</u>	
Tim & Carey Prater	