



# Disciples Care Newsletter

## May 2021

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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.

### Picking Up the Pace

May is the month when we begin the cautious but long-awaited resumption of worship in our building. The elders are in consensus that it is time to worship in-person on a weekly basis with only a few changes from what we traditionally have done.

#### **We will:**

- Attempt to socially distance people in the pews
- Sing, pray, light candles, and participate in Communion (without elements)
- Enjoy special music from handbells or soloists and ensembles
- Provide clip-board pages for elementary children
- Record the service and provide online options for viewing

#### **We will not:**

- Share refreshments or Sunday School before the service
- Require masks (although the CDC still recommends indoor use)
- Resume the choir, nursery, or Children Worship and Wonder (for the time being)
- Have Communion elements or pass the offering plates

**Here's what's coming up the Sundays in May** (see back page for scripture readings)

**May 2** – Homecoming Sunday; children's handbells; making posters for Irving after worship

**May 9** – Mothers' Day; special music by Shari Cullumber

**May 16** – Mental Health Sunday and 2011 Remembrance Day; Pentecost Offering

**May 23** – Pentecost Sunday and Membership Sunday; Pentecost Offering

Again, we deeply regret that the elevator is out-of-service and will prevent some of our members from easily accessing the building. Please be assured we are exploring options to remedy the hardship. We look forward to seeing all who are comfortably able returning in the coming weeks.



### 2011 Remembrance Day:

The Joplin tornado of 2011 changed life in many ways. If you have reflections on the last 10 years since the tornado, particularly regarding your faith journey, we will invite shared remembrances on May 16 during worship. Please contact Pastor Colleen if you would like to speak or share something helpful or meaningful to you.



### Membership Sunday:

It has been difficult to welcome new members during the last year, but we hope that's about to change. On Pentecost Sunday (May 23), we will celebrate the addition of three new members who have already joined our fellowship, and set aside time for additional persons who might be ready to make SJCC their new church home. If you are considering such a decision, feel free to contact Pastor Colleen with any questions.



New Members Are Joining





## REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS WITH REV. KATHRYN WILSON

### MINISTER OF MISSION & OUTREACH

*“Responding to God’s grace will keep us busy for the rest of our lives.”*

#### With Gratitude

South Joplin you are such a generous congregation in your response to our Special Day Offerings. Because of your gracious spirit-led generosity we received \$953.00 in our Easter Offering to support the Disciples Mission Fund. Our contribution to DMF enables SJCC the opportunity to serve God's people in need beyond our local congregation and the Mid-America Region. Many thanks to each of you from our Outreach Ministry Team.

#### Irving Elementary Staff Appreciation

We are all aware of and have attested to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on all our lives during the past year. Needless to say the impact that it has had on school personnel as they work diligently to ensure the education and nurture of their students has been immense. In an effort to show our appreciation to the 75 teachers and other staff at Irving Elementary the Outreach Ministry team is inviting the congregation to join us in a show of gratitude during the week of May 10, 2021. Having faced many uncertainties from day to day, we want to applaud the staff and uplift their spirits by showing how much we appreciate their dedication and commitment in serving the Irving students. On Sunday, May 2 immediately following worship members are invited to make posters in the Fellowship Hall expressing our appreciation and words of encouragement. All supplies will be provided. You are also invited to join Pastor Kathryn in Friendship Park to record a video message with or without a poster. Posters can also be made at home and brought to worship on Sunday, May 2 or dropped off at the church no later than Sunday, May 9. Posters are to be no larger than 11" x 17". Through our Outreach funds designated for Irving we will also provide lunch for the staff one day during that week.

#### Pentecost Offering

Our 2021 Pentecost Offering, will be received **Sundays, May 16 and May 23**. This year's theme is *Be the New Church*. Each year, half of the gifts made go to our own Region to support local new church development. The other half goes to New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders. Through programs such as Leadership Academy, New Church Hacks, and Water the Plants, our gifts make a difference across the life of the Church. Participating in this Special Day Offering, ensures the viability, vitality and sustainability of unique new church plants in our area and in states, provinces, and territories far away. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

#### Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, an observance instituted in the United States in 1949. This observance is an opportunity to raise awareness of psychological health concerns and conditions and promote increased access to care and treatment. It also encourages the importance of mental wellness for all and is a good reminder that we still need to stay focused on our mental health and resilience as we continue the battle to end the pandemic. Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During the month of May groups such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and others fight the stigma, misconceptions, prejudices and discriminations around mental health in our communities and provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. Don't hesitate to seek help or even talk about mental health with loved ones.

#### CROSSLINES



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

**SJCC's next work day is Thursday, May 27, 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.**

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



## Prayer Requests

**Sympathy:** Loren Garrison; Bernie Haldiman (Fitterling)

**Medical:** Darryl Coit; Timicia Curtis; Ray Gall; Tyrone Hughlett (Wilson); Fred Martino; Betty McKelvey (Wheeler); Pat Wilkins (Moser/Carrol); Kim Noll; Reese Prater; Carolyn Theil

**Joy:** Benjamin Dois Delehanty born to Megan Bever and William Delehanty on April 1; Quinn Berry Kelso is Judy Akeman's new grandson born on April 24

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

**Ongoing:** John Asher; Judy Ballard; Beth Bethards; Dani Bowen (Meadows); Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; Nic Castlebury; Samantha Catey; Betty Coan; Rylee Davis (Gagle); Lois Demaree; Rebecca Doerflinger (Hall); Amy (Stiles) Duell; Carolyn & Tom Fortson; 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 (preparing for return to US)

May 2: Karen Campbell—Nelson, Indonesia

May 9: Danielle Murry—Knowles, Lesotho

May 16: Eleazar Fernandez—Philippines

May 23: Elena Huegel, Mexico

May 30: Sean Amato—Egypt

## Groups

### Green Team News May 2021

Green Team captain Jessica Fletcher-Fierro has been hard at work calculating our congregational carbon footprint based on our utility usage and costs. At the April board meeting she introduced us to the calculator and provided some helpful online resources to begin thinking about ways we can invest in green energy which will offset the effect of our energy use. Please take some time to look at these sites, and familiarize yourself with the practice. We will be hearing more about this in the near future as we seek to follow through on the General Assembly Resolution to become carbon neutral by the year 2030.

[carbonfootprint.com](https://carbonfootprint.com) - Carbon Footprint Calculator

<https://www.cooleffect.org/projects-https://>

[offset.climateneutralnow.org/allprojects](https://offset.climateneutralnow.org/allprojects)

### April Board Meeting:

The church board met on April 13 via Zoom conference to receive reports and consider the business of the church. Motions were approved to change the internet and phone provider from AT&T to Sparklight to improve internet service, and to move \$26,535 from the General Fund to the Elevator Fund.

The Elders reported they are recommending resuming in-person worship on a weekly basis beginning May 2. The board also reached a consensus to resume meetings in person in May with a Zoom link available if needed.

Full reports and meeting minutes are available in the church office for those with interest. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for May 11 at 6:30PM.

## EVENTS/OTHER STUFF

### Summer Camp

2021 Outdoor Ministry Dates are posted online for all ages For information and registration go to:  
[www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer](http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer)  
SJCC has scholarship assistance available for our families so don't hesitate to consider attending any of the great camp offerings.



### Congratulations To

High school seniors Darby Skiles and Alexis Prater; Kami Gollhofer, for a Doctorate in Health Professions Education from Logan University!



SJCC friends are invited to Graduation Open House for Darby Skiles on May 22, 2-4pm at 1207 Meadow Ridge, Carl Junction.



For the marriage of Johelen Umphenour and Carolyn Theil! June 19th, 2021 at 4 pm in our sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Fellowship hall.  
**RSVP:** by text or call Carolyn's number (417) 434-1713.

### Admin Office Hours

Starting May 17th, Kimberly will be in the church office Monday-Friday 10am-3pm.

### 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Elder’s 9:15am Worship 10:45am	3	4 Worship Team Meeting 6:30pm	5 Handbell Practice 6:30pm (Emancipation Committee Mtg 6pm)	6 Cluster 3 Clergy	7	8
9 <b>Mother’s Day</b> Elders 9:15am Worship 10:45am	10	11 Board Meeting In-person 6:30pm	12 Handbell Practice 6:30pm	13	14	15
16 <b>2011 Remembrance Day</b> Elders 9:15am/ Worship 10:45am Pentecost Offering	17	18	19 Handbell Practice 6:30pm	20	21	22 Graduation Open House for Darby Skiles 2-4pm
23 <b>Pentecost Membership Day</b> Elders 9:15am Worship 10:45am Pentecost Offering	24	25	26 Handbell Practice 6:30pm	27 Crosslines 9:45am-2pm	28	29
30 Elders 9:15am Worship 10:45am	31 <b>Memorial Day (Office Closed)</b>		Pastor Kathryn	Vacation May 27-June 1		

### RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Elder

May 2: Mark Millard

May 9: Margie Fitterling

May 16: Jeanie Morrison

May 23: Betsy Wheeler

May 30: Mike Fitterling

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#### Camera & Sound

May 2: Sandy Meadows/Don Smith

May 9: Jenn Reaves/Ken Moser

May 16: Judy Schneider/Darryl Coit

May 23: Jenn Reaves/Ray Reaves

May 30: Sandy Meadows/Don Smith

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#### Weekly Scripture

May 2: 1 John 4:7-21

May 9: John 15:12-17

May 16: Psalm 46

May 23: Acts 2:36-42

May 30: Compilation of songs and scriptures

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### May Birthdays

9 Lilly Delehanty

12 Amy Carlyle

18 Liliana Soderstrom

19 Tom Hamm

26 Carly Garrison

26 Roger Traver

28 Monica Bailey

29 Evie Joy Carrol

### May Anniversaries

25 Rocky & Shawna Eckhardt

29 Bruce & Lisa Wilcox

30 Ben & Robin Blair