

Disciples Care Newsletter

October 2021



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



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.

What Shall We Bring?

Our God is a generous God – a God who has been revealed in Jesus as the One who deeply and passionately loves us. Our God is a God of invitation – who invites us on a faithful path of transformation that changes us, and through us, changes the world.

We have been invited to consider “What Shall We Bring” during this season as we study and discern how we can bring our best before God.

We acknowledge that we have been challenged, just as our church has been. But ministries continue to happen, and lives are touched by our welcome and inviting nature. Things may look and feel different, but the love of God endures.

Each of us is now challenged to take even bolder steps to invest our whole life into becoming the church God is urging and encouraging us to become. I want to invite you to join me in our decision to respond to this important invitation with an increase in the size of our financial gift in the coming year. It is a time of great possibility for our congregation and the future of its mission.

Thank you as you have responded with generosity this year. This congregation is grateful for you, and for the example you set for each of us on what it means to respond to God’s prompting to be a faithful steward. We join you in the hope of creating a culture of generosity that touches every person in our church. Giving is where we find the true meaning and purpose for our lives, a discovery you had already made.

Later this month you will receive a special mailing that will include an estimate of giving card for 2022, along with a copy of the proportional giving table that accompanies this. Your participation is important because the church seeks to be a faithful steward of the gifts given, and by providing your estimate, our leadership can make faithful planning decisions. The estimates you provide are simply that: They can be changed as the year progresses simply by notifying the church’s financial secretary. As you consider “What Shall We Bring,” I hope you will consider proportionate giving – setting aside whatever percent of your weekly, monthly or annual income for God’s work. As you grow in your faithfulness consider increasing that percentage in future years.

We hope you will join us in worship on Sunday, Oct. 31, as we bring our estimates of giving for 2022 and commit them to God’s service. Then we can answer the question of “What Shall We Bring” to support the ministries of Jesus Christ in Joplin and to the ends of the earth?

Jim Cullumber
Stewardship Chair

Proportional Giving Chart

ANNUAL INCOME	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%	15%
\$10,000	\$100	\$300	\$500	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,500
\$15,000	\$150	\$450	\$750	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$2,250
\$20,000	\$200	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$300	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$4,500
\$40,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$3,750	\$5,250	\$7,500	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$150,000	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$15,000	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
\$250,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000	\$37,500



REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS WITH REV. KATHRYN WILSON

MINISTER OF MISSION & OUTREACH

We can best serve others when we serve with hearts of compassion and love and with an open mind and listening ears as we walk alongside and stand with them in their time of need.



Festival of Sharing Thank You

The 2021 Festival of Sharing may have come and gone but the gifts you gave will live on. The Outreach Ministry expresses its many thanks to each of you who contributed through financial donations (\$445.00) or backpack items. We were able to deliver 40 Missouri "Backpacks of Love" and one beautiful hand crocheted baby blanket. These backpacks will be distributed to agencies across the state who work with children and families.

Reconciliation Offering

The theme adopted by our Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Ministry is "Revealing God's Justice: The Time is Always Ripe to Do What is Right." Now, in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd, violence against Asian and Pacific Islanders, and the deadly inequities of the Coronavirus Pandemic, is the time for our Church to strengthen its commitment to actively seek God's justice. We believe that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is uniquely equipped to encourage racial equity and justice in the communities where we worship and serve. Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry promote our mission of creating a just and loving society. If you were not able to give an offering on Sunday, September 26, we will again be receiving Reconciliation Offering donations on Sunday, October 3. You may also mail your offering to the church or give through Givelify on our SJCC website. Of the offerings received in the Mid-America Region, 50% will remain in the region to support the work and grants resources of our Mid-America Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Justice Ministries.

Call to Action

Often times many of us are at a loss as to what we can do to actively participate in the necessary work that must be done to address injustice and inequities and be a voice for change. It starts in our own community. Some of you may be aware that Resolution 2021-014 was presented to the Joplin City Council at its meeting on September 7 to create the City of Joplin Commission for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. After discussion of the resolution and hearing comments from citizens opposing the creation of this commission the matter was tabled and returned to the internal work group for additional review. This matter will return to the City Council agenda in the near future. As a welcoming congregation within this community, this is our opportunity to be an advocate and show our support for creation of a Commission for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion within the City of Joplin. On **Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 PM**, Pastor Kathryn will be hosting a Zoom Discussion and Work Group to strategize a plan of action for our church as well as individuals. We are inviting all who are interested to please join us. Timing for a response is critical. A copy of the resolution and other information will be included in the October 4th Care Mail or by contacting Pastor Kathryn directly in addition to the Zoom link. Hard copies of the information and Zoom link will be available also at the church.

CROP Walk

Join us for the Annual CROP Walk on Saturday, October 2 at the Webb City Farmers Market and King Jack Park. Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the Walk at 9:30 AM. If you're not walking but want to donate visit the SJCC Team page. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/joplinmo>, via mail or through Givelify on the SJCC website.



CROSSLINES

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

SJCC's next work day is Thursday, October 28, 2021.

Many thanks to the members of our Volunteer Team who serve faithfully each month.

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.

Your financial donations for Crosslines are very much appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution through the church, you can mail it directly to the church, **1901 S Pearl Ave, Joplin, MO 64804** or place in the offering plate. Please specify **CROSSLINES** 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: Betty Coan, Brad Courtney, Timicia Curtis, Ellen Traver, Kim Lambeth

Sympathy: Denny Frieze, Brenda Plagman, DeGee Brown (Coit), Fern Jensen, Jewell Holland (Millard), Terry Monoco (Kemp), Alice Hord (GMP Teri Hord-Owen's mother), Elizabeth St. John-Garrett (Cleaver/Smith),

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

Other: Evan Davis (Wilson)

Ongoing: John Asher; Judy Ballard; Beth Bethards; Dani Bowen (Meadows); Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; Nic Castlebury; Samantha Catey; Betty Coan; Lois Demaree; Rebecca Doerflinger (Hall); Amy (Stiles) Duell; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Carolyn & Tom Fortson; Mary Gilmore; Alyxis Hefty; Sue Hess; Jim Holland; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; Betty Kemp; Sam Knudtson; Lamley Family; Shirley Martin; Betty McKelvey; Tom Meadows; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Easton Murdock; Bethany Newman; Larry Nauser (Fitterling); Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Alexis Prater; Reese Prater; Todd Prater; Cameron Ransom; Sharon Reeve; Raquel Sapien; Kimmy Smith; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; 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.

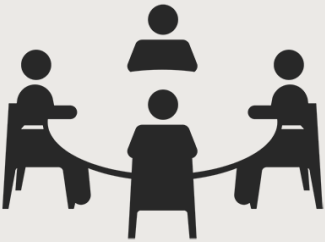
Global Ministry Partners:

Oct. 3 – Jeff Mensendiek, Japan
Oct. 10 – Victor Makari, Isreal/Palestine
Oct. 17 – Bryan Parrish, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Oct. 24 – Maria Bakalian, Lebanon
Oct. 31 – Fritz Gerald Joseph, Morocco



Groups

September Board Meeting



The church board met on September 14 to receive reports and conduct business. A motion was passed to establish a Facilities Task Force to gather information and complete tasks to evaluate the value and potential of our church property before making decisions about elevator repair. Board Chair Margie Fitterling named Jim Cullumber, Justin Coyne, Daniell Sanders, and Jenn Reaves to the committee.

Full reports and meeting minutes are available in the church office for those with interest. The next meeting of the board will be Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Adult Faith Formation

We've had fascinating discussions with the curriculum, "My Neighbor Is Muslim." Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall the first four weeks of October as we learn about basic beliefs in the Islamic faith. For copies of the material, contact Pastor Colleen.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Adult choir rehearsal:
Wednesdays at 6PM

Adult handbell rehearsal:
Wednesdays at 6:45PM

Children's bell choir rehearsal:
Second Sunday of the month at 10:15AM in the sanctuary



EVENTS/OTHER

October Scriptures

October 3 Galatians 3:26-29

World Communion Sunday

October 10 Mark 10:17-31

Kingdom Myths #1: Wealth

October 17 Mark 10: 35-45

Kingdom Myths #2: Power

October 24 Mark 10:46-52

Kingdom Myths #3: Wholeness

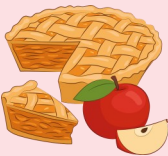
October 31 Celebration Sunday—
"What Shall We Bring?"

Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

Apple Pies are Ready!

After three days of hard work, the apple pies are finished and in our freezers awaiting your purchase for \$15 each.

To arrange a pick-up time, contact Darlene Coit at 417-540-2750.



No Fellowship Dinner this month.

Tentative plans are being made for a Thanksgiving dinner in November.

Power of Prayer

"Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20.

In difficult times when we struggle to know how to make a positive difference, FIRST we pray. You are invited to join in a time of silent prayer in the Chapel at 9:00 AM each Wednesday. If you are unable to pray in person, please add your prayers from your home.

Betsy Wheeler 434-0318.

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
					1	2 9AM Crop Walk
3 8AM Elders 9:30 Faith Form. 10:45AM Worship World Communion	4 6:30PM NA Meeting	5 6:30PM Committee Meetings	6 9AM Prayer Partners 9:30AM CWF 6PM Choir/Bells	7 EDI Call to Action (Zoom)	8	9
10 8AM Elders 9:30AM Faith Form. 10:45AM Worship/ CW&W 12PM Faith Formation Mtg	11 6:30PM NA Meeting	12 6:30PM Board Meeting	13 9AM Prayer Partners 6PM Choir/Bells 6PM Emancipation Mtg, 7PM Perm. Fund Mtg	14	15	16
17 8AM Elders 9:30AM Faith Form. 10:45AM Worship/ CW&W	18 6:30PM NA Meeting	19	20 9AM Prayer Partners 6PM Choir/Bells	21	22	23
				Pastor Kathryn on Vacation 22nd - 30th		
24 8AM Elders 9:30AM Faith Form. 10:45AM Worship/ CW&W	25 6:30PM NA Meeting	26 6:30 Colleen's PRC	27 9AM Prayer Partners 6PM Choir/Bells	28 9:45AM-2PM Crosslines	29 NA Halloween Party	30
		Pastor Kathryn on Vacation 22nd - 30th				
30 8AM Elders 9:30AM Faith Form. 10:45AM Worship/ CW&W Celebration Sunday						

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

Oct 3: Margie Fitterling

Oct 10: Jeanie Morrison

Oct 17: Betsy Wheeler

Oct 24: Mike Fitterling

Oct 31: Darlene Coit

Camera & Sounds

Oct 3: Judy Schneider & Darryl Coit

Oct 10: Jenn Reaves & Ray Reaves

Oct 17: Judy Schneider & Don Smith

Oct 24: Sandy Meadows & Ken Moser

Oct 31: Jenn Reaves & Ray Reaves

Diaconate

Oct 3: Communion - Karen Kemp & Carolyn Theil

Oct 10: Communion - Connie Abraham & Megan Bever, Homebound - Tom Hamm

Oct 17: Communion - Sherry Crumbliss & Amanda Hall, Homebound - Patt Hinds

Oct 24: Communion - Alicia Ratliff & Lisa Wilcox

Oct 31: Communion - James Roof & Raquel Sapien, Homebound - Don Smith

Children's Worship & Wonder

Oct 3: No Worship & Wonder

Oct 10: Storyteller - KC Brockman, Greeter - Jessica Fletcher-Fierro

Oct 17: Storyteller - Karen Fitterling, Greeter- Leanna Carrol

Oct 24: Storyteller - Karen Kemp, Greeter - Judy Schneider

Oct 31: TBD

Sunday School (K thru 5)

Oct 3: Teacher - Karen Kemp, Helper - Daniell Sanders


Oct 10: Teacher - Jessica Faucett, Helper - Carla Arnall

Oct 17: Teacher - Darlene Coit, Helper - K C Brockman

Oct 24: Teacher - Leanna Carrol, Helper - Karen Kemp

Oct 31: Teacher - Karen Kemp, Helper - Daniell Sanders

October Birthdays



3 Donna Fuller	14 Joyce Crumbliss
4 Lexi Evans	18 Keaton Simmons
8 Becci Godsey	22 Jim Cullumber
9 Landon Coyne	25 Megan Bever
12 Jessica Fletcher-Fierro	27 Justin Coyne
13 Mike Schneider	28 Sean Nicodemus
	28 Kittie Blankenship

October Anniversaries

5 Alecia & Daniell Sanders

13 George Jr. & Marea Gagle

22 Spenser & Dawn Cullumber

27 Brandy & Stephanie Castlebury