

# Disciples Care Newsletter

South Joplin  
Christian Church



## January 2022

Rev. Dr. Colleen 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.

### From Our Senior Pastor:

Happy New Year to my church siblings in Christ!



The coming year will no doubt be a year of significant change for our church, which can raise tensions and anxieties as almost all change naturally does. There are several things we know and other things we can only guess. We will celebrate the years we have shared ministry with Pastor Kathryn as our Minister of Mission and Outreach, and offer prayers of blessing as she retires to be closer to her family. We will continue to gather information about our facilities and possibilities for elevator repair or replacement in hopes of reaching a wise and faithful decision. We will be blessed with capable leadership and meaningful relationships. We will continue to offer ourselves to the community in partnership with others who work to improve the lives of all our citizens, especially those in need. On a personal note, I hope to entertain each of you in my new home when it's finished!

I am excited and hopeful about the book study which begins on January 6 and the scheduled Zoom discussion with author Dr. Lisa Davison. She is an ordained Disciples of Christ pastor as well as Hebrew scripture scholar, and it will certainly be an engaging discussion!

I'm also excited about working with the Joplin Chamber of Commerce Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility task force to craft some community events similar to our Tea and Conversations we held here on the topic of race reconciliation a few years ago. The current vision is to facilitate discussion on various topics throughout the year to begin building relationships and understanding. We have so much to offer from our experience as a church that welcomes all people!

I'm hopeful that we will continue a steady recovery from the pandemic and continue seeking new ways of being church together (including fewer board meetings and more fellowship opportunities!). After the Friendsgiving was so well received, I'm also hopeful we will follow that pattern in smaller dinner-church settings throughout the year.

I'd love to hear your hopes for the coming year as well. For now, let me remind you of some wise words from the book of Proverbs for us to live by in all the days we face.

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge God who will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

Grateful to be in ministry with each of you,  
Pastor Colleen

### Time to take down the decorations!

Please stay after worship on January 2 to help take down the Advent and Christmas decorations and store them safely for use next year. All helping hands and hearts are welcome and appreciated!

### Thank you:

Colleen, Kathryn, Kimberly, Chris and Tyler all express our thanks to the church for your generous Christmas gifts to the staff at year-end. It is a pleasure to work with and for you, and we look forward to more joyful and meaningful days in the coming year. With sincere thanks,

*Colleen Carroll, Kathryn Wilson, Chris Greninger, Tyler Normand, and Kimberly Ocampo*

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

### MINISTER OF MISSION & OUTREACH

*As the old year has come to an end and the new year is just beginning, imagine God's love revealed. "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9*



### 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Life's most persistent and urgent question is:



The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration is planned for Monday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the North End Zone Facility at Missouri Southern State University. **"Keep Dreaming, Believing and Moving Toward Social and Economic Justice"** will be the theme for the event, and will feature keynote speaker Nanda Nunnally, president of Joplin's Minnie Hackney Community Center, and a performance by marimba band Kufara. The event is free and open to the public. The event will also include the announcement of the annual Al Cade Beacon of Hope Awards for volunteer service.

### Souper Bowl of Caring 2022

Time is nearing for the 2022 Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."* Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country. Each year SJCC has participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring to support the pantry at Crosslines Ministries and they will be counting on us once again in 2022. This year's event will be celebrated on Sunday, February 13. Our Souper Bowl Kick-off will take place on Sunday, January 23. Stay tuned for more specifics about our "Tackle Hunger" campaign.

### Outreach Ministry 2022

As the old year ends and the new year begins what lies ahead for our Outreach Ministry as we respond to God's call to be present in the time of need? With the 2022 retirement of our Minister of Mission and Outreach the work of our Outreach Ministry must continue to plan ahead to avoid a disruption in the vital services and support that SJCC provides to the community and beyond. Over these past few years, SJCC has come to understand on a deeper/broader level what it means as a faith community to live outside of its four walls and to invest in the lives of others. However, that also means that we must continue to evolve, grow and explore which enables us to be a continuous beacon of light for others. In 2022, it is our hope to move our Outreach Ministry to a model that is more team oriented, with responsibilities and duties shared across the team, strengthening our engagement with the congregation and the community and building relationships. For the immediate, Pastor Kathryn is seeking individuals to be part of that team. Please give this request prayerful consideration and if your answer is "yes", contact her directly by phone or email to schedule a time to meet with her.

### CROSSLINES



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

**SJCC's next work day is Thursday, January 27, 2022.**

Many thanks to the members of our Volunteer Team who serve faithfully each month and also to the congregation for all 2021 financial donations and other tangible donations made throughout the year.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity in 2022? Consider joining the SJCC Team or 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).

**Crosslines will resume normal operating hours January 3, 2022.**

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

## Prayer Requests

**Medical:** Ray Crawford (Brockman), John Shoemaker (Theil), Charles Catey Jr., Nancy Righthouse (Cogbill); Roger Jones (Millard); Ken Luther (Coit)

**Sympathy:** Laken Murdock (Hinds), Clay Campbell (Nicodemus), Rogelio Sotelo (Ocampo)

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

**Other:** FCC Mayfield, KY

**Ongoing:** John Asher; Judy Ballard; Beth Bethards; Dani Bowen (Meadows); Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; Nic Castlebury; Samantha Catey; Betty Coan; Dayton and Daislee Cohen; 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; Arlene Nash; Larry Nauser; Bethany Newman; (Fitterling); Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Alexis Prater; Reese Prater; Todd Prater; Cameron Ransom; Sharon Reeve; Raquel Sapien; Brady, Baylee and Calvin Shafer; 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:

Jan 2 - Shelby Perez, Palestine

Jan 9 - Ricardo Mayol, Guatemala

Jan 16 - Andrew Larsen, Philippines

Jan 23 - Fritz Gerald Joseph, Morocco

Jan 30 - Kaaren Campbell-Nelson.

Indonesia

## Groups

### Board Meeting

The board meeting closed out 2021 on December 14 with the last of our monthly meetings. In addition to approving minutes and receiving reports, a description of stewardship Ministry Team was approved for our Policy Manual and Annual Letters of call were approved for both pastors.

The next board meeting will be on February 8 as we move to quarterly meetings in 2022.

### Green Tips

Make a New Year's Resolution to be more green this year! Need ideas? Consider a goal of not using plastic bags, starting to compost, buying second hand, or reducing your energy consumption!



### Adult Faith Formation

Not your typical Bible study! Using a book by Neil Douglas-Klotz entitled *Prayers of the Cosmos*, adults attending Sunday School will explore each stanza of the Lord's Prayer mindfully from the vantage point of Middle-Eastern mysticism and alternative translations provided by the author. Come prepared to think outside the box and have your eyes and ears opened! We will meet in room A-11 at 9:30AM weekly.

### Book Discussion

Discussion of Dr. Lisa Davison's book, *More Than a Womb: Childfree Women of the Hebrew Bible as Agents of the Holy* begins on Thursday, January 6 at 6:30PM at the church. Participants are asked to purchase their own book and read approximately one chapter a week. See Pastor Colleen for questions.

## EVENTS/OTHER

### Mission Co-Workers Presentation

Larry and Debbie Colvin will be speaking about their mission work with Global Ministries in Ghana on Sunday, January 23 at 3PM at Disciples Christian Church in Nevada. The address of the church is 123 N. Prewitt, Nevada.



Advice regarding recent tornadoes:

Stay home (rather than trying to go help in person) so as to keep the roads clear for first responders and keep other amenities available for locals who have been displaced. There may be need for volunteers at a later date once communities have had a chance to assess needs and organize. Pray for all whose lives have been affected irrevocably by this disaster; and pray for those who are working around the clock to respond to immediate needs, restore power, and care for survivors.

Give - Week of Compassion will work with local partners and church leaders to meet immediate needs and also support long-term recovery.

Give online; text WoC to 41444; or mail a check to:

Week of Compassion

P.O. Box 1986

Indianapolis, IN 46206

Designate gifts for "U.S. Storms and Fires," and 100% of your donation will go to local responses.

### Weather Policy:

If schools are closed in the area due to bad weather, all church activities are also canceled. Sunday weather cancelations will be posted on Facebook and through local news stations when possible. If in doubt, stay home and stay safe please.



### 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 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Epiphany Sunday 8AM Elders 9:30AM Faith Form. 10:45AM Worship Meeting 12PM Take Down Decor	3 6:30PM NA Meeting	4 6:30pm Comm. Mtgs.	5 9AM Prayer Partners CWF 6PM Choir/Bells	6 6:30PM Book Club	7	8
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23 8AM Elders 9:30AM Faith Form. 10:45AM Worship/ CW&W/Souper Bowl of Caring	24 6:30PM NA Meeting	25 6:30PM Pastor Colleen's PRC	26 9AM Prayer Partners 6PM Choir/Bells	27 9:45AM- 2:00PM Crosslines Workday/6:30PM Book Club	28	29
30 8AM Elders 9:30AM Faith Form. 10:45AM Worship	31 6:30PM NA Meeting					

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### Elders

Jan 2: Mike Fitterling  
Jan 9: Darlene Coit  
Jan 16: Jim Cullumber  
Jan 23: Leanna Carrol  
Jan 30: Margie Fitterling

### Camera & Sound

Jan 2: Judy Schneider & Don Smith  
Jan 9: Jenn & Ray Reaves  
Jan 16: Judy Schneider & Darryl Coit  
Jan 23: Jenn Reaves & Ken Moser  
Jan 30: Judy Schneider & Don Smith

### Diaconate

Jan 2: Communion - Kathy Nicodemus & Sean Nicodemus  
Homebound - Patt Hinds  
Jan 9: Communion - Megan Bever & Charlotte Quarles  
Homebound - Susan Wolfenbarger  
Jan 16: Communion - Sherry Crumbliss & Wendy Garrison  
Homebound - Tom Hamm  
Jan 23: Communion - Carolyn Theil & Sue Sterrett  
Homebound - Don Smith  
Jan 30: Communion - Connie Abraham & Carla Arnall  
Homebound: Tom Wheeler

### Children's Worship & Wonder

Jan 9: Storyteller - Leanna Carrol, Greeter - Taylor Reaves  
Jan 16: Storyteller - Karen Fitterling, Greeter - Jessica Fletcher-Fierro  
Jan 23: Storyteller - Karen Kemp Greeter - Judy Schneider

### Sunday School (K thru 5)

Jan 2: Teacher - Darlene Coit, Helper - Karen Kemp  
Jan 9: Teacher - Jessica Faucett, Helper - Carla Arnall  
Jan 16: Teacher - Karen Kemp, Helper - Daniell Sanders  
Jan 23: Teacher - Leanna Carrol, Helper - Karen Kemp  
Jan 30: Teacher - Darlene Coit, Helper - Karen Kemp

## January Birthdays



5 James Fletcher-Fierro	18 Tim Prater
8 Donny Smith	19 Daniell Sanders
9 Chris Grenninger	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

## January Anniversaries

11 Phil & Lisa Wise  
25 Tom & Betsy Wheeler