



## 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

With sincere thanks to our elders and the church board, and special thanks to Jim Cullumber for preaching, I will be taking a “mini-sabbatical” in August. Typically clergy sabbaticals are granted after a few years in a congregation for pastors to rest and renew their spirit. According to my Letter of Call, I am eligible for a sabbatical of three months after five years of ministry, but the timing hasn’t been convenient due to the pandemic and Pastor Kathryn’s retirement. Additionally, I hadn’t arrived at a particular area of study or exploration, so I’ve been putting it off until Jim offered to preach for the month of August and the elders agreed to handle other parts of worship so I can be gone. What a generous and caring gesture on the part of our leadership!

My plans for the month are simple. I will relax and enjoy our new home, but also use the time to give thought to some projects that I’ve wanted to tackle but haven’t found the time in the midst of regular weekly and monthly duties. At the top of the list is updating the church website (with the help of our website managers at KMGuru) and thinning out accumulated files and books in anticipation of moving my office to a new church facility. I hope to make a dent in my stack of books set aside to read and may visit a neighboring congregation in person or online. If family plans coincide, I’ll spend time with my grown children and grandkids.

I do plan to be present for the August board meeting and Relocation Task Force meetings if scheduled, but otherwise will not be in the office. Please inform the elders of your needs for prayer and contact our capable Administrative Office Assistant, Bonnie Powers for church-wide communication.

I leave you in good hands, giving thanks for you always in my heart.

Pastor Colleen

### New Sermon Series in August—Jim Cullumber

As Pastor Colleen will be on a mini-sabbatical during August, I will be preaching during our worship services. We will be exploring some of the theological implications behind some of the secular songs of the 1960s, 70s and 80s. It’s been said that music is the language of the spirit. And even in secular songs, there can be hidden gems of God’s spirit and love that need to be pulled back to be revealed.

This series is called “*Silly Love Songs*,” and we’ll start out Aug. 7 by exploring God’s love songs to human-kind—love songs we still may need to hear today. We’ll be exploring a different song or two on subsequent Sundays, looking how scripture might be reflected. We’ll have some fun listening to some familiar songs in different ways. And we just might hear God’s voice.

The elders will be leading other parts of each worship service, along with responding to any special or emergency needs.

The scripture selections for the August series are:	Aug. 7	Psalm 36:5-10
	Aug. 14	Luke 10:30-37
	Aug. 21	Luke 5:17-39
	Aug. 28	John 9:1-12

### Board Reminder:

The church board meets **in person** on August 9 at 6:30p.m. Written reports for the packet are due by Monday, August 8. Additionally, budget requests are due by September 1, so Ministry Teams should be meeting now to formulate requests and turn them in to Daniell Sanders, Financial Treasurer.

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Disciples Mission Fund makes it possible for us to do more together than we can alone. Because of DMF, lives are transformed and ministry happens across the church and around the world.

On August 4, 2022, we will celebrate the work we do together as church because of Disciples Mission Fund. Please make a gift on DMF Day in celebration of all we are able to do together. Go to [disciplemissionfund.org/dmfdays](https://disciplemissionfund.org/dmfdays) to contribute online.

We are participating in the Global Ministries Mission Dash this year as a church and invite you to join us by donating to my Mission Dash fundraiser! By giving toward the fundraiser, you will be joining global Ministries and our Green Team in walking alongside global partners working for justice, reconciliation, and peace.



All proceeds from Mission Dash fundraisers will be used to support the work of global partners addressing climate change. This includes building food security, addressing needs of climate refugees, and installing renewable energy technologies. Partners are doing so many inspiring things and it's exciting that we have the opportunity to share in this important work!

**Our congregational goal is \$250!** You are encouraged to walk, roll, run, jog, or spiritually sprint wherever you are! You may choose to do the 5K with neighbors, friends, family, church, or on your own. The cost is \$25 per person, and each registrant will receive a collapsible water bottle and magnet. Top individual and team fundraisers for Mission Dash will win prizes!

Registrants may do the 5K anytime between August 1 and August 31, 2022.

Thanks for your support!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/121787/Donate/SFB4tr54HcDR9uU7>

### Choir Practice Resumes:

Come to the church sanctuary at 6:00PM Wednesday evenings to add your musical gifts to the chancel choir and/or adult handbells.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### Elders

August 7: Mike Fitterling  
August 14: Margie Fitterling  
August 21: Betsy Wheeler  
August 28: Jeanie Morrison

### Camera & Sound

August 7: Judy Schneider & Darryl Coit  
August 14: Jenn Reaves & Ken Moser  
August 21: Sandy Meadows & Don Smith  
August 28: Judy Schneider & Ray Reaves

### Sunday School (K thru 5)

August 7: Leanna Carrol & Anita Frieze  
August 14: Jessica Faucett & Karen Kemp  
August 21: Karen Kemp & Daniell Sanders  
August 28: Darlene Coit & Karen Kemp

### Diaconate

August 7:  
Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Patt Hinds; Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger  
August 14:  
Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Charlotte Quarles; Homebound—Tom Hamm  
August 21:  
Communion Prep—Don Smith and Susan Wolfenbarger; Homebound—Tom Wheeler  
August 28:  
Communion Prep—Connie Abraham and Carolyn Theil; Homebound—Ray Gall

### Children's Worship & Wonder

August 7: No CW&W  
August 14: No CW&W  
August 21: Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider  
August 28: Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves

## Prayer Requests

### Medical:

Katy Schneider (Carrol); Madison Goswick (Meadows); Ray Gall; Kate Hogue; James Roof

**Sympathy:** John Shoemaker (Theil); Sue Ann (Gulick) Trimble

### 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; Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Lois Demaree; Rebecca Doerflinger (Hall); Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Mary Gilmore; Alyxis Hefty; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; Betty Kemp; Sam Knudtson; Lamley Family; Shirley Martin; Betty McKelvey; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Arlene Nash; Larry Nauser; Bethany Newman; (Fitterling); Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Alexis Prater; Reese Prater; Todd Prater; Cameron Ransom; Sharon Reeve; Nancy Righthouse (Cogbill); Raquel Sapien; Brady, Baylee and Calvin Shafer; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Mike Tesh; Michelle Vorhees; Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Charles Wilson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

### Other:

Student and school personnel returning to classes  
Those caring for aging parents

### Global Ministry Partners:

Aug. 7 – Rachel Pellett, Jamaica  
Aug. 14 – Bosela Eale, Kenya  
Aug. 21 – Maria Bakalian, Lebanon  
Aug. 28 – Martha Mensendiek, Japan

## EVENTS/OTHER

### Fellowship Dinners are Back!

We are resuming our monthly potluck fellowship meal after worship on the third Sunday of the month, starting August 21. Bring a dish to share according to the following distribution, if possible, but if not, come anyway! Dinnerware provided.

A-B Dessert  
C-E Side  
F-P Salad  
Q-Y Meat/main dish



### Adult Faith Formation

While Pastor Colleen is on sabbatical during August, there will be no adult classes on Sunday mornings. Feel free to arrive early for worship and visit with others in Fellowship Hall and share refreshments. Children's SS will continue as scheduled.

### Relocation Task Force

During the first week of August, the entire SJCC property will be listed for sale, with a price tag of \$1.5 million. The task force received a favorable appraisal, but wishes to keep that information private as we negotiate with potential buyers. Many members of the task force toured on July 28 another church that has expressed interest in partnering and sharing space. At first glance this may be too small, but discussions will continue as we seek to discern God's will for our congregation. A full report will be made at the August Board meeting. As a reminder, any recommendation from the task force first needs to be heard by the Board and then voted on by the entire congregation at a called congregational meeting. Please don't hesitate to ask us questions, but be mindful we may not be able to disclose potential locations or buyers due to pending negotiations. Thank you for your continued prayerful support,

Jim Cullumber, chair  
Jessica Fletcher-Fierro  
Sam Knudtson  
Mike Fitterling  
Daniell Sanders  
Darlene Coit, ex-officio  
Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll, ex-officio  
Jennifer Reaves, Realtor, ex-officio

### CROSSLINES

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

**SJCC's next work day is Thursday, August 25, 10AM—2PM.**

Thanks for helping us reach our July goal of 75 bottles of juice!

**The August challenge is 75 packages of instant ramen noodles sets.**

For questions about volunteering or connecting with Crosslines, see our Team Leader, Karen

A colorful graphic for "Park Days Freedom Festival '22" held from August 5th to 7th at Ewert Park in Joplin, MO. The graphic features a dark blue circular background with white and yellow text. It lists activities: "GAMES - FOOD - PRIZES - MUSIC - FAMILY FUN - FREE!" and provides contact information for Joplin Emancipation: "(417)438-4980 or JOPLINEMANCIPATION@GMAIL.COM". It also states "EVENT SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!".

# AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:30am CWF	4 DMF Giving Day	5 <b>Emancipation Park Days 5th-7th</b>	6 <b>Emancipation Park Days 5th-7th</b>
7 <b>Emancipation Park Days 5th-7th</b> 8am Elders 9:30am S.S. 10:20 Fellowship 10:45am Worship	8 <b>Board Reports Due</b>  6:30pm NA Mtg.	9  <b>6:30pm Board Mtg—In Person</b> 6:30pm NA Mtg.	10  6pm Choir/Bells	11	12	13
14 8am Elders 9:30am SS 10:20 Fellowship 10:45am Worship	15  6:30pm NA Mtg.	16  6:30pm NA Mtg.	17  6pm Choir/Bells	18	19	20
21 8am Elders 9:30am SS 10:45am Worship/ CW&W Noon—Fellowship Dinner	22  6:30pm NA Mtg.	23  6:30pm NA Mtg.	24  6pm Choir/Bells	25  9:45am—2pm Crosslines	26	27
28 8am Elders 9:30am S.S. 10:20 Fellowship 10:45am Worship/ CW&W	29  6:30pm NA Mtg.	30 4:30-6:30pm Sip 'n Sort (F.A.C.) 6:30pm NA Mtg.	31  6pm Choir/Bells			

## Birthdays

3 Sarah Coyne	22 Carolyn Fortson
3 Reese Prater	23 Banner Faucett
4 Liz Millard	23 Darby Skiles
5 Judy Akeman	24 Nathan Gandy
5 Colleen Carroll	24 Chad Peterson-Sloan
9 Darlene Coit	30 Mike Fitterling
10 Mark Millard	
15 Alice Fletcher-Fierro	
17 Patt Hinds	

## Anniversaries

7 Chris Greninger & Anthony Rabuano
14 Leroy Smith & Teresa Cleaver
18 Darryl & Darlene Coit
19 Nathan Gandy & Amanda Hall
30 Jim & Shari Cullumber