



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

I spoke to someone from our church that moved away and is looking for a church home in their new community. They visited a couple churches, but they’re still searching because they “haven’t met any Mary Lou’s.”

If you have come to SJCC in the last five years, you may not know Mary Lou York. She is now a resident at a memory care facility in Joplin, but for decades, she was the friendly face and out-stretched arms of the church to any and all visitors and members alike. Many, many people returned to worship with us because of her genuine welcome. She passed out bulletins, engaged in conversation, and offered the best hugs! She and her husband often extended invitations to lunch after worship and paid social calls throughout the week.

I knew immediately what our folk were looking for in their description of what was missing as they visited other churches. But truth-be-told Mary Lou isn’t able to be here at SJCC any longer, and no one stands at the doors to our sanctuary in her place. Bulletins are laid on the table in the narthex, and visitors are left to find their own seats and wonder if anyone notices their attendance.

We need some Mary Lou’s again!

I realize some of our practices had to be curtailed during the pandemic, but it’s time to be more diligent about greeting visitors and welcoming them with genuine hospitality and Christian fellowship. You don’t need to be appointed to a committee or elected office; just take a place at the doors to the sanctuary and introduce yourself. Hand visitors a bulletin and include one of our bookmarks with the church logo and welcome statement. Be sure to give them a card to leave their contact information so I can follow up. Help them locate a restroom if needed and introduce them to someone in the sanctuary who might sit with them. If they have children, show them the family corner on the south side of the sanctuary where we offer kids’ books and clipboards. If you can, invite them to lunch after the service. If not, tell them you look forward to seeing them next Sunday.

With your help, the spirit of Mary Lou will be alive and well, and more importantly, visitors will know they are truly welcome and appreciated.

Awaiting your help,
Pastor Colleen

Stewardship 2022

Commitment Sunday - October 23

SJCC is embarking on a stewardship campaign set to begin on Sunday, 9 October. The theme for this campaign emphasizes the relationship between a common table and generously sharing our resources with others. An introduction of the theme will be discussed in worship on Sunday, 9 October as well as a timeline of the campaign. Please contact William Delehanty (wdeleh@gmail.com) if you have any initial questions or concerns.



Welcome New Members

We rejoiced to receive three new members into our fellowship on Sunday, September 4. Les Davenport and husband Terry Plossl, along with Les’ brother Wes Davenport live at 722 Plaza Dr. in Joplin (64804). Please extend a friendly SJCC welcome if you have not already done so.



Family Connections



The first class of volunteers for Family connections was commissioned in worship on Sunday, September 25 with Romans 12:9-18 as the scripture text. We look forward to welcoming our first set of parents and foster children very soon on Sunday evenings from 4-6 pm.

Pictured above, from left to right: Sandy Meadows (at lectern); Leanna Carroll, Jim and Shari Cullumber, Mike and Margie Fitterling, Darlene Coit, Betsy Wheeler, Sherry Crumbliss. (Note pictured: Same Knudtson)

Relocation Task Force

The church has not yet received an offer for our property. We have had just a couple of showings. The most interested party has yet to make an offer. We continue to watch for space for purchase or lease, but none make financial sense at this time. Our appreciation goes out to everyone who helped organize and participate in our first rummage sale Sept. 24. The initial total from the sale is \$1,314.00.

Jim Cullumber, Chair
Sam Knudtson
Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll, Ex-officio

Jessica Fletcher-Fierro
Daniell Sanders
Jennifer Reaves, Realtor, Ex-officio

Mike Fitterling
Darlene Coit, Ex-officio

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

Oct. 2: Margie Fitterling
Oct. 9: Jeanie Morrison
Oct. 16: Betsy Wheeler
Oct. 23: Mike Fitterling
Oct. 30: Darlene Coit

Camera & Sound

Oct. 2: Judy Schneider and Darryl Coit
Oct. 9: Jenn Reaves and Ken Moser
Oct. 16: Sandy Meadows and Don Smith
Oct. 23: Judy Schneider and Ray Reaves
Oct. 30: Jen Reaves and Darryl Coit

Sunday School (K thru 5)

Oct. 2: Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
Oct. 9: Jessica Faucett and Karen Kemp
Oct. 16: Daniell Sanders and Anita Frieze
Oct. 23: Leanna Carroll and Karen Kemp
Oct. 30: Karen Kemp and Anita Frieze

Diaconate

Oct. 2:
Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Patt Hinds; Homebound—Tom Wheeler
Oct. 9:
Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Charlotte Quarles; Homebound—Tom Hamm
Oct. 16:
Communion Prep—Amanda Hall and Susan Wolfenbarger; Homebound—Tom Wheeler
Oct. 23:
Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Carolyn Theil; Homebound—Don Smith
Oct. 30:
Communion Prep—Patt Hinds and Don Smith; Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger

Children's Worship & Wonder

Oct. 2: Laney Reaves and Leanna Carroll
Oct. 9: Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
Oct. 16: No CW&W
Oct. 23: Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
Oct. 30: No CW&W

Prayer Requests

Medical:

Joey Catey; Kenny & Sara Foster; Sean Hogue

Sympathy: Chris Good (Powers); Cameron Robertson (Doenig)

Military:

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

Ongoing:

Connie Abraham; John Asher; Judy Ballard; Beth Bethards; Dani Bowen (Meadows); Ellen Broglio; Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; Nic Castlebury; Samantha Catey; Betty Coan; Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Wes Davenport; Lois Demaree; Rebecca Doerflinger (Hall); Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Mary Gilmore; Alyxis Hefty; Patt Hinds; 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.

Global Ministry Partners:

Oct. 2 – Anne Gregory, Thailand
Oct. 9 – Cory Driver, Egypt
Oct. 16 – Lydia Yang, Korea
Oct. 23 – Bryan Parrish, Democratic Republic of Congo
Oct. 30 – Ricardo Mayol, Guatemala

EVENTS/OTHER

Fellowship Dinners are Back!

Our monthly potluck fellowship meal after worship for October will be October 16. 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



Choir Invitation

“Words make you think. Music makes you feel.

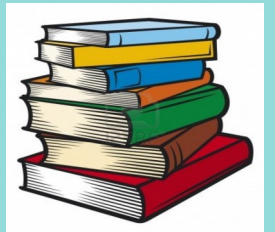
A song makes you feel a thought.” E.Y. Harburg

On Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. choir members and all those interested are invited to meet for a town hall type discussion in Fellowship Hall. There will be ICE CREAM and BROWNIES! We look forward to your thoughts on improving and enhancing our choir.



Book Club

Book Club meetings for October 13, 20, and 27 will be on Zoom. There will not be a Book Club meeting on October 6. We are reading *Julian of Norwich: The Showings: Uncovering the Face of the Feminine in Revelations of Divine Love* by Mirabai Starr.



CROSSLINES

SJCC's Volunteer Team serves the 4th Thursday of each month. SJCC's next work day is Thursday, October 27, 10AM—2PM.

The October challenge is 50 small bottles/boxes of laundry detergent. For questions about volunteering or connecting with Crosslines, see our Team Leader, Karen Kemp.

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 World Communion 8am Elders 9:30am S.S. 10:20 Fellowship 10:45am Worship/ CW&W Noon—Sunshine Group—Bookhouse Cinema	3 6:30pm NA Mtg.	4 6:30pm NA Mtg.	5 9:30am CWF 6pm Choir/Bells	6 Mid-America Regional Assembly (Lake Ozark CC)	7	8
9 8am Elders 9:30am SS 10:15am Children's Bells 10:20 Fellowship 10:45am Worship/ CW&W	10 Board Reports Due 6:30pm NA Mtg.	11 6:00pm Worship Mtg 6:30pm NA Mtg.	12 6pm Choir/Bells	13 7:00 Book Club (Zoom)	14	15
16 8am Elders 9:30am SS 10:45am Worship No CW&W Noon—Fellowship Dinner	17 6:30pm NA Mtg.	18 6:30pm NA Mtg.	19 6:00pm Emancipation Cmte. Mtg. 6pm Choir/Bells	20 7pm Book Club (Zoom)	21	22
23 Commitment Sunday 8am Elders 9:30am S.S. 10:20 Fellowship 10:45am Worship/ CW&W	24 6:30pm NA Mtg.	25 6:30 PRC Mtg. 6:30pm NA Mtg.	26 6pm Choir/Bells	27 9:45am—2pm Crosslines 7pm Book Club (Zoom)	28	29 6:00pm— 12:00am NA Halloween Party
30 8am Elders 9:30am SS 10:20 Fellowship 10:45am Worship/No CW&W	31 6:30pm NA Mtg.					

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

5	Alecia & Daniell Sanders	22	Spenser & Dawn Cullumber
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