



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.



Home Away From Home

With the congregational approval on October 23 to rent the facilities at Peace Lutheran Church for three months, we begin a new adventure as a congregation on November 9. The timing of this temporary move is designed to give us safer access to worship space especially during the winter months, however it is also significant as we enter the season of Advent (beginning Nov. 27) and remember one of our foundational stories as Christians.

Both birth stories from Matthew and Luke involve the displacement of the holy family at the time of Jesus’ arrival— one for taxation purposes and the other for safety. We can lean into these stories and listen with fresh perspective as we step away from our historical setting and experience the season with the gift of hospitality from our siblings in faith at PLC. We will have opportunities to create new relationships and make new memories, and perhaps form new traditions.

I invite us once more to resource the stories from our personal as well as congregational past when we have experienced the comforting and guiding presence of God in a different place. When and where have you worshiped away from home at Christmas, and what did you gain from the experience? Who were the others who showed you the way to Bethlehem? Whose voices bid you to “come and see,” or to “go tell it on the mountain?” What gifts can we bring from afar that will bless the ones we meet on the pathway?

I am excited to be a part of this ongoing journey with you, and with our new neighbors.

Pastor Colleen

P.S. THANK YOU for all your loving notes and gifts presented for Pastor Appreciation Month! It is a pleasure and an honor to be in ministry with such a gracious congregation.

Taylor Rae Reaves Baptism Oct 16, 2022

We rejoiced to celebrate the baptism into Christ of Taylor Reaves on Sunday, October 16 during our morning worship. Taylor has been part of this congregation since birth, and it is with deep joy that we covenant to follow and serve Christ together.

Grace and peace to you always,

Taylor.



November 6
(Fall back one hour)

EVENTS/OTHER

Nov. 20 Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner and Advent Decorating

Make plans to enjoy our first Fellowship Dinner in the comfort of our temporary location at Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 20. Turkey will be provided by the church (and our Kitchen Wizards).

Those whose last names start with "C" are asked to bring desserts (yum, yum) and the rest of us, bring sides and salads. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Because of the limited dishwasher capacity at Peace Lutheran Church, and in the spirit of keeping with our Green Chalice standing, SJCC members are encouraged to bring our own place settings to Fellowship Dinners. Disposable plates and silverware will be available.

Following the meal, we will help members of PLC to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season which begins November 27.



HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

As you make preparations for holiday gift giving, please remember several ways you can increase the blessing of your generosity beyond the gift itself.

- **Amazon Smile:** Use the SJCC link to make purchases through Amazon Smile and all your eligible purchases will benefit SJCC Outreach ministries. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/44-0574395>
- **Equal Exchange:** Although we no longer stock Equal Exchange products for sale at the church, you can order directly from <https://shop.equalexchange.coop> for chocolate, tea, coffee, and a range of other goods that make excellent gifts
- **Honorary donations** to places such as heifer.org, endhunger.org, and ozarksfoodharvest.org can be made and signified with specialized cards sent directly to the honorees. Why not involve children in choosing a special gift in honor of the Christ child this Christmas?
- **Green Gift Ideas:** Make an effort to purchase gifts that are better for planet earth and its inhabitants. Visit <https://www.getgreenbewell.com/best-eco-friendly-gifts-green-gift-guide>

CROSSLINES

There will be no workday in November at Crosslines but extra volunteers are appreciated on November 29, if available.

The November challenge is 75 pkgs of Ramen noodles

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

Congregational Meeting

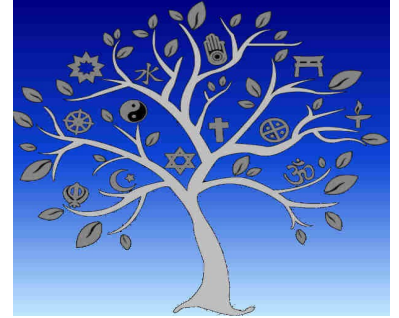
There will be a congregational meeting following service on December 5 for Budget and Nominations. Please mark your calendars for this important date.

Interfaith Multi-cultural Dinner Nov. 5, 6:30PM

South Joplin CC will be hosting the Joplin Interfaith Coalition's Multi-cultural Dinner, perhaps for the last time in this space. We welcome SJCC people to help host the event by coming early or staying late for the potluck meal.

At the event, representatives of different religions will recite a customary prayer before meals and perhaps a short reading or reflection on the importance of fellowship and community. For the dinner, everyone is asked to bring a dish from their cultural heritage or simply a favorite food. Please identify your contribution by name as well as basic ingredients (to alert people with allergies and to respect dietary laws of different faiths).

Come enjoy this time of sharing food and fellowship with neighbors of various faiths and cultural backgrounds.



FRIENDSGIVING Friday, Nov. 25



SWMO All For Love & Love For All is a community action-based group created to support inclusion and access to the area's marginalized youth and families. They are partnering with several agencies in the area to host a "Friendsgiving" meal on Friday, November 25 at the Unity Church of Joplin. There will be a free Thanksgiving meal, raffle of donated items, music, activities for kids and more. SJCC Outreach Ministry Team has contributed funds towards expenses, and encourage people to attend or spread the word to those who might appreciate the meal.

Thanksgiving Offering Collection Nov. 13 & 20

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses.

Relocation Task Force

We will begin holding all music practices at Peace Lutheran Church beginning November 9, and all Sunday activities—from Elders' meetings through worship and fellowship dinners—starting November 13. Church offices at 19th and Pearl will be open each day during the week, and activities scheduled there will continue.

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

Prayer Requests

Medical:

Connie Abraham; Bailee Evans;

Sympathy:

Adajia Gallipo (Clever)

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; 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:

Nov. 6 – Cindy Moraga, Mexico
Nov. 13 – Leda Zakarison, Lebanon
Nov. 20 – Mark Knowles, Lesotho
Nov. 27 – Sarah Driver, Egypt

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.

Board Action

The church board met in special session October 18 at Peace Lutheran Church to consider a 3 month rental agreement there. The motion passed unanimously, and rental will begin November 9, pending congregational approval.

A second motion to amend the Non-Clergy Employee policy to include holiday pay for all employees if the holiday falls on a normal week day, and the addition of two national holidays (Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth) was also approved.

The next scheduled board meeting is November 8 at SJCC.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

Nov. 6: Leanna Carrol
Nov. 13: Jim Cullumber
Nov. 20: Margie Fitterling
Nov. 27: Betsy Wheeler

Diaconate

Nov. 6: Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Charlotte Quarrels;
Homebound—Tom Hamm
Nov. 13: Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Carolyn Theil;
Homebound—Don Smith
Nov. 20: Communion Prep—Amanda Hall and Patt Hinds;
Homebound—Tom Wheeler
Nov. 27: Communion Prep—Don Smith and Susan Wolfenbarger;
Homebound—Tom Wheeler

Camera & Sound

Nov. 5: Sandy Meadows/Don Smith (SJCC)
Nov. 13: Jenn Reaves/Ray Reaves (PLC)
Nov. 20: Judy Schneider/Darryl Coit (PLC)
Nov. 27: Jenn Reaves/Ken Moser (PLC)

Sunday School (K thru 5)

Nov. 6: Leanna Carrol and Karen Kemp
Nov. 13: Jessica Faucett and Karen Kemp
Nov. 20: Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
Nov. 27: Karen Kemp and Daniell Sanders

Children's Worship & Wonder

Nov. 6: Laney Reave and Leanna Carrol
Nov. 13: Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
Nov. 20: Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
Nov. 27: No CW&W

November 2022

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| 6 Daylight Savings Ends (Fall Back) 8am Elders 9:30am S.S. 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/ CW&W Noon—Sunshine Group—HuHot | 7 Board Re- ports due 6:30pm NA Mtg. | 8 6:30pm In Person Board Mtg 6:30pm NA Mtg. | 9 7:00pm Choir (PLC) | 10 7:00pm Book Club (Zoom) | 11 | 12 |
| 13 AT PLC 8am Elders 9:30am SS 10:15am Children's Bells 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/ CW&W | 14 6:30pm NA Mtg | 15 6:30pm NA Mtg | 16 7:00pm Choir (PLC) | 17 7pm Book Club (Zoom) | 18 | 19 |
| 20 AT PLC 8am Elders 9:30am SS 10:45am Worship/ CW&W Noon—Fellowship Dinner/Decorating | 21 6:30pm NA Mtg. | 22 6:30pm NA Mtg. | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving | 25 Office Closed 12-6:00pm Friendsgiving (Unity Church) | 26 |
| 27 AT PLC Advent 1 8am Elders 9:30am S.S. 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/ No CW&W | 28 6:30pm NA Mtg. | 29 6:30pm NA Mtg. | 30 7:00pm Choir (PLC) | | | |

Birthdays

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| 1 | Laney Reaves | 13 | Dano Lash |
| 18 | Lily Cullumber | 18 | Lucas Cullumber |
| 18 | Tom Fortson | 23 | Xavier Faucett |
| 25 | Betty Coan | 28 | Carey Prater |

Anniversaries

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| 6 | Raquel Sapien and James Roof |
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