



## 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.

In July of 2013, the elders and pastors of SJCC introduced our congregational Welcome Statement and invited discussion around the implications of what it might mean for the church to live into this vision of acceptance and welcome. Since that time, the church has changed pastoral leadership, changed locations, and seen many faces come and go. Yet, the Welcome Statement remains one of the key identifiers of what we say is important to us not only in welcoming visitors but also in our words and work.

Our elders and I feel this is a good time to refresh our collective memory and understanding of what the full Statement says, especially as we continue forward on a new chapter of congregational life in a different space. We are not asking to change it; we are hoping to celebrate it!

In the coming weeks, culminating on Pentecost Sunday (May 28) we will focus on a different part of the Statement along with a corresponding scripture. I hope to invite various people from the congregation who might give a brief testimony or story about the impact our welcome has made in their life, so if you would like to share, please let me know in advance. It always helps to hear from people in the pews instead of always the pastor’s point of view!

This is a good time to invite friends or neighbors who might be curious about our church and how we differ from other congregations. We will print fresh copies of our welcome and mission statements along with our logo and share ways they help to identify and shape our ministry.

### Join us in the following schedule of Sundays:

April 30 – Part 1; Acts 10:1-23a “A Journey”

May 7 – Part 2; Galatians 3:23-29 “Companions”

May 14 – Part 3; John 3:1-8 “Questions”

May 21 Part 4; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17 “At Table”

May 28 Pentecost; Acts 2:14-21 “Deconstruction Zone”

See you Sunday, Pastor Colleen

### **Senior Sunday**



On Mother’s Day, May 14, we will recognize and celebrate Laney Reaves as a graduating senior of Joplin High School. Laney has remained faithful to attend worship at SJCC and has been a greeter and storyteller in Children Worship and Wonder even after obtaining her driver’s license and part-time job while staying committed to her extra-curricular activities. She has blessed us in so many ways, and we want to shower her with our love and gratitude. A basket will be available to receive cards and small tokens of love.

Also, all are invited to Laney’s graduation party at the Madison Suite, 918 E. 15th St, Webb City, MO 64870 on May 27, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm. This is a come-and-go event.

## EVENTS/OTHER



**Joplin Interfaith Coalition**

Spring Panel Discussion

Topic of Discussion:  
**Spring Holy Days**  
HOW WE CELEBRATE THEM,  
AND HOW THEY CAME TO BE

10 am - 12 pm  
Saturday  
May 6

Hosted By:  
First Presbyterian Church  
509 S Pearl Ave.

### Interfaith Coalition Panel Discussion

The Joplin Interfaith Coalition will hold a panel discussion on Spring Holy Days: How we celebrate them, how they came to be on Saturday, May 6, 10am to noon at Joplin's First Presbyterian Church, 509 S. Pearl Ave. Representatives from each religion will discuss feast and fast days recently ob-



**2023 PENTECOST OFFERING**  
MAY 21 AND 28

*God IS DOING A new THING*

ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON. THEY WOULD sell THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS AND distribute THE PROCEEDS TO ALL AS ANY HAD need. +ACTS 2:44-45

*Follow Me*

GOD SAW EVERYTHING THAT GOD HAD MADE AND INDEED IT WAS VERY GOOD. +GENESIS 1:31

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR neighbor AS YOUR SELF

DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU. +LUKE 6:31

JESUS SAID TO THEM GO INTO ALL THE world AND PROCLAIM THE good news TO THE WHOLE CREATION. +MARK 16:15

THE 2023 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

### Pentecost Special Offering May 21 and 28 "God Is Doing a New Thing"

for New Church Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

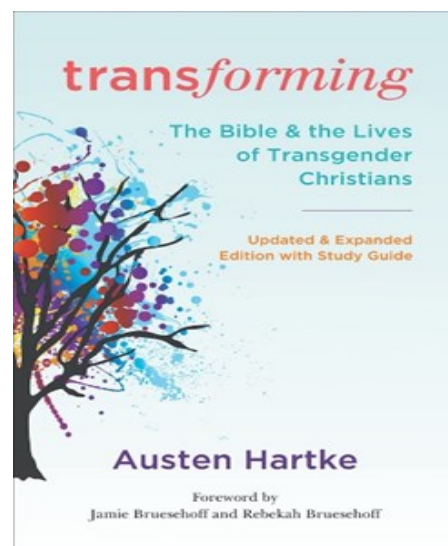
### Summer Church Camp Information

Church camp dates have been announced for children and youth of all ages, including a "Try-it Camp" for preschoolers, float camps and a Sons and Fathers retreat. To look at the full list and registration information, go to [www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer](http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer). The registration deadline for most camps is May 15th. SJCC has scholarship funds available for any of our children and youth who attend. See Pastor Colleen for more information.



### Book Discussion

It's not too late to join the weekly online discussion on Austen Hartke's book, [transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians](#). The first three chapters of the book are general information and vocabulary relating to what it means to be transgender, and why it is important for Christians to understand the unique challenges. The remaining chapters are focused on reading the scriptures with an ear for the ways they speak good news to transgender Christians. The zoom link will be emailed to you when you notify Pastor Colleen of your interest in participating. Discussions are on Thursday evenings at 7:00. [pastor@southjoplin-disciples.org](mailto:pastor@southjoplin-disciples.org)





## Sunday, May 21



Those with the last name starting with “C” please provide a main dish. “Q-W” are asked to bring desserts and the rest of us can get creative with sides and salads.

Hospitality is encouraging everyone to bring their own dinnerware setting in keeping with our Green Chalice designation for the congregation.

**See you there!**



We have received three new referrals for supervised visits for Family Connections, so it's time to make a schedule of volunteers to staff the Sunday afternoon sessions. Please contact Sandy Meadows if you are a trained volunteer, or if you are interested in joining this ministry which provides supervision of families who are permitted visits while children are placed in foster care. Visits are provided Sundays at Peace Lutheran Church from 4-6PM weekly. Light refreshments are also welcomed.

Sandy Meadows: 417-623-2146; skm6473@gmail.com

### **CROSSLINES MINISTRIES**

Our Crosslines challenge for May is:

75 cans of tomatoes or pasta—not pasta sauce.

Please bring your donations to PLC and put them on the cart by the welcome table by May 21st.

SJCC Workday: **May 25, 9:45am-2pm**

New volunteers always appreciated.

### **Sunday Morning**

#### **Adult Faith Formation**

We are watching and discussing the DVD series from Living the Questions featuring John Dominic Crossan entitled “Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible’s Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God.” All are welcome in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30AM



New offices address and fax number reminder:

#### **SJCC Offices:**

1910 S. Wall Ave.

Joplin, MO 64804

Phone: 417-624-2522

Fax: 417-553-4804

Prayer Requests

Medical:  
Phil and Lisa Wise; Kalon and David Fitterling; Terry Plossl

Sympathy:  
Rich Stiles (Traver)

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

Ongoing:  
Connie Abraham; John Asher; Carol Bach; Judy Ballard; Kittie Blankenship; Dani Bowen (Meadows); Gloria Brady (Abraham); Ellen Broglio; Janet Burns; Veronica Carnahan; Betty Coan; Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Timicia Curtis; Wes Davenport; Lois Demaree; Bailee Evans; 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; Nancy Nauser (Fitterling); Bethany Newman; Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Reese Prater; Todd Prater; Cameron Ransom; Nancy Righthouse; Raquel Sapien; Judy Schneider; Brady, Baylee and Calvin Shafer; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Richard Stiles; Connie Sullivan; Mike Tesh; Roger Traver; Michelle Vorhees; Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Charles Wilson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

Other:  
SJCC Relocation

Global Ministries Focus:  
May 7: Botswana  
May 14: Israel/Palestine  
May 21: Philippines  
May 28: Venezuela

<u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	
<u>Elders</u>	
May 7:	Mike Fitterling
May 14:	Darlene Coit
May 21:	Betsy Wheeler
May 28:	Margie Fitterling
<u>Diaconate</u>	
May 7:	Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Less Davenport Homebound—Joe Prater
May 14:	Communion Prep—James Roof and Raquel Sapien; Homebound—Tom Hamm
May 21:	Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Susan Wolfenbarger; Homebound—Tom Wheeler
May 28:	Communion Prep—Carolyn Theil and Patt Hinds Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger
<u>Camera &amp; Sound</u>	
May 7:	Sandy Meadows and Ken Moser
May 14:	Jenn Reaves and Don Smith
May 21:	Judy Schneider and Darryl Coit
May 28:	Jenn Reaves and Ray Reaves
<u>Sunday School (K thru 5)</u>	
May 7:	Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows
May 14:	Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
May 21:	Leanna Carrol and Anita Frieze
May 28:	Daniell Sanders and Karen Kemp
<u>Children Worship &amp; Wonder</u>	
May 7:	Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
May 14:	Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
May 21:	Laney Reaves and Leanna Carrol
May 28:	No CW&W



<u>Birthdays</u>	
9	Austin Delehanty
19	Tom Hamm
26	Carly Garrison
26	Roger Traver
28	Monica Bailey
<u>Anniversaries</u>	
None	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Amber—PLC—OUT					
		6:00 pm Wor- ship Team Mtg.	9:30 am— Noon—CWF  7:00 pm Choir	12:30 Clergy Cluster 3 (Marionville)  7:00 pm Book Discussion (Zoom)		10:00 am— Noon - Panel discussion— Interfaith Coali- tion
7  8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	8  <b>Board Reports Due</b>	9	10   7:00 pm Choir	11  <b>Bonnie OUT PM</b>  7:00 pm Book Discussion (Zoom)	12	13
14  <b>Mother's Day Senior Sunday— Laney Reaves</b> 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	15	16	17   7:00 pm Choir	18   7:00 pm Book Discussion (Zoom)	19	20
21  <b>Pentecost Offering 1</b> 9:30 am SS 10:45 Worship/CW&W Noon Fellowship Din- ner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	22  7:00 pm Out- reach Commit- tee Mtg. (Zoom)	23  5:30 pm Elders' Retreat	24   7:00 pm Choir	25  9:45 am— 2:00 pm Crosslines  7:00 pm Book Discussion (Zoom)	26	27  10:00 am- 12:00 pm— Graduation Come-and-Go Celebration for Laney Reaves
28  <b>Pentecost Offering 2</b> 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/ CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	29  <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b>	30	31   7:00 pm Choir			

All activities at Peace Lutheran Church  
unless specified otherwise.