



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.

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 • Louisville

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will take place in Louisville, Kentucky this July 29 through August 1. This will be the first time in four years the assembly will take place in person. Participants from the United States and Canada along with representatives from the wider church will gather to declare that the kingdom of God is within us and among us!

This four-day event will encourage Disciples who gather online and in person to celebrate the way that God’s expansive love connects each of us as “kin” and to part of the larger Kingdom of God. There will be plenty of engaging worship, workshops, Bible study, mission, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth and adults across the life of the church.

Pastor Colleen and husband Tom will attend on behalf of South Joplin Christian Church as voting delegates. Following the assembly, Pastor will provide a report on business conducted and news appropriate for our local congregation. Prayers for their safety, for the wellbeing of all in attendance, and most importantly, for the anointing of God’s Spirit over all that takes place are appreciated.

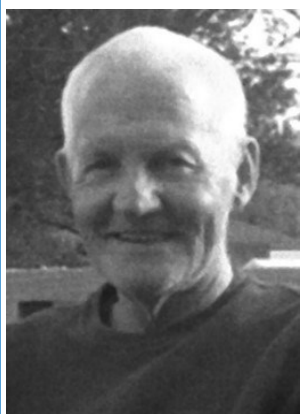
For up-to-date news, follow “General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)” on Facebook and Instagram.

SCRIPTURES FOR JULY

We will return to the weekly lectionary readings for Sundays in July, with the exception of July 30 when Pastor Colleen will be attending the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Louisville.

July 2	Matthew 10:40-42 “Rewards”
July 9	Matthew 11:28-30 “Weighed Down”
July 16	Matthew 13:18-23 “Not About the Seeds”
July 23	Matthew 13:24-30 “What About the Weeds?”

SYMPATHY



We express our deepest love and condolences to Les Davenport and husband, Terry Plossl, on the loss of Les’ brother, Wes. Graveside services will be June 30 at 10AM at Ozark Memorial Cemetery, with a meal for guests following the service at Peace Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the SJCC Memorial Fund. Grace and peace to all who were blessed to know Wes.

EVENTS/OTHER



 JOPLIN AREA
ORGANISTS
ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY JULY 1st, 2023

4th annual
hymn festival

TIME
3.00PM

First Baptist Church
4128 Connecticut
in Joplin, Missouri

**CELEBRATE THE CHRISTIAN HYMNS OF FAITH
WITH ORGAN, PIANO & VOICE
(bring your voice with you)**

free admission family friendly

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FIREWORKS!!!!

Come to the Fitterling and Eckhardt
Musical Firework Extravaganza & Celebration!!!

Everyone is welcome!!! Invite your family and friends!!!

Saturday, July 1st, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Fitterling's Backyard
4502 Cherry Road

Bring lawn chairs and your favorite picnic food/dessert!!!
(water and soda pop provided)

Limited parking at our house for those with mobility issues.
"Satellite Parking"
*****New Location*****

Drivers may drop off people ... food ... and lawn chairs.
You will then be directed to the "new" satellite parking area.
Transportation will be provided to/from the parking area.

Please RSVP: 417-825-5428 or m_fitterling@hotmail.com

Looking forward to celebrating with you!!!

Sunday, July 16



Those with the last name starting with "A-B" please provide a dessert. "D-P" are asked to bring the main dishes and the remaining "C and Q-W", please bring sides and salads. Hospitality is encouraging everyone to bring their own dinnerware setting in keeping with our Green Chalice designation for the congregation. It is good to see a few more attendees bringing their own dinnerware. Congratulations!

SJCC and PRIDE PARADE

We have registered as a congregation for the inaugural parade of Joplin's Pride celebration this September. The parade will take place downtown at 6:30PM on Friday, September 8. We are currently looking for people from SJCC who have ideas about how we might organize.

Will we do a float? Will we distribute swag or fliers? Will we dance, sing, chant, etc.? Please contact Pastor Colleen or sign up on the list in the narthex at PLC.



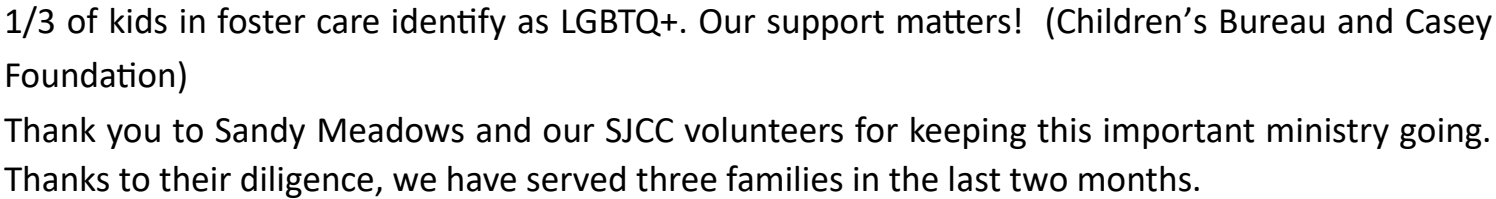
NEW ADDRESS:

John Asher has moved into an apartment. His new address is:
3101 N. Plumb St. Apt. 611,
Hutchinson, KS 67502; phone 620-888-5205.

Mid-Week Worship Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the Mid-Week Worship survey. We had a good response rate (24 people, which is about half of our weekly attendance). The responses indicated that, because of commitments to other church-related activities, our congregation does not have the time to commit to regular mid-week services. That being said, it is clear that there is interest in seasonal (perhaps quarterly) mid-week worship opportunities focused on congregational singing, prayer, and meditation. Please be on the look-out for these special worship opportunities.

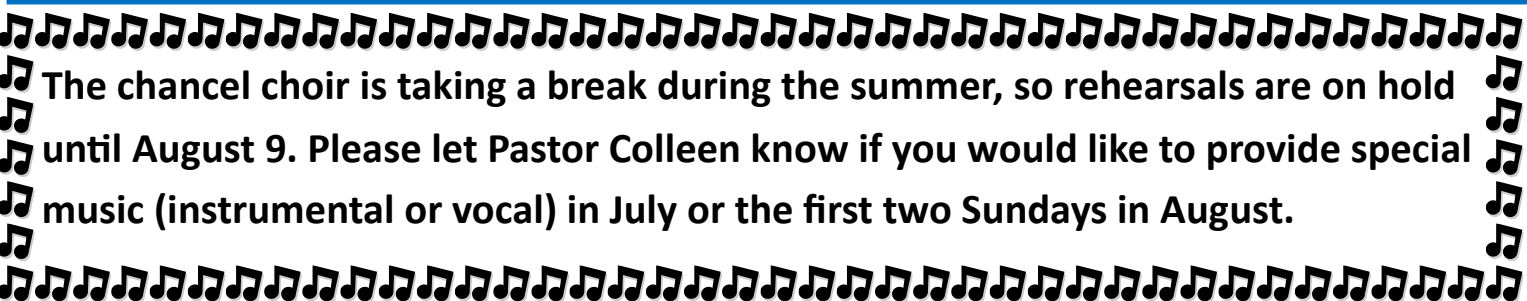
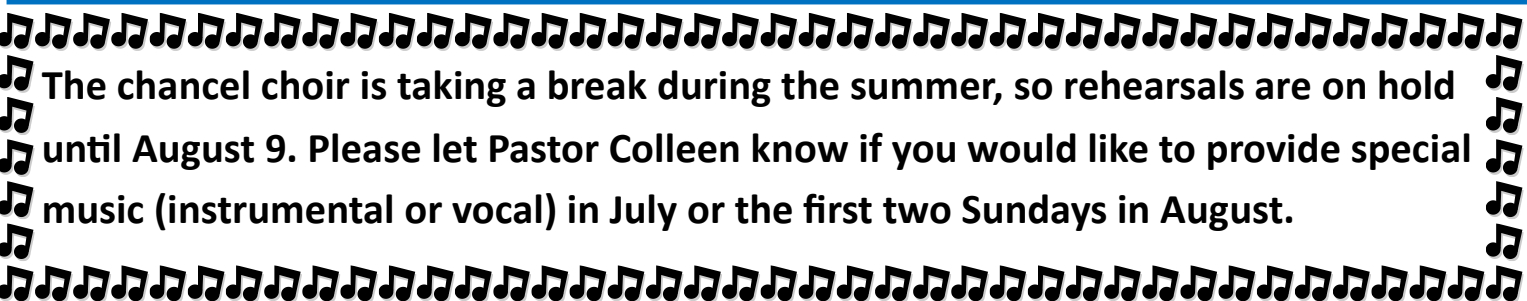
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AUDIO RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

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The chancel choir is taking a break during the summer, so rehearsals are on hold until August 9. Please let Pastor Colleen know if you would like to provide special music (instrumental or vocal) in July or the first two Sundays in August.

A few copies of recently discussed books, *Colors of Hope*, and *transforming* are available while supplies last. They are on the SJCC table in the narthex at Peace Lutheran Church.



Thank you SJCC for exceeding our June challenge for Crosslines (78 cans of tomato products collected)!

For the month of July we hope to help restock the supply of children's socks and undies in all sizes in advance of the back-to-school rush. Can we collect 100 pairs total?

SJCC workday is July 27, 9:45 AM – 1:30PM



We could really use a few more people to sign up to bring the tasty treats we all love before and after Worship Service. 3 dozen treats seems to be sufficient.

Prayer Requests

Medical:
Lexi Evans (Cogbill); Chris Perkins (Traver); Michael Wallace (Randall)

Sympathy:
Heather Briley; Wes Davenport; Sydney Diane Humphries (Meadows); Gloria Nix (Bever);

Military:
Michael Crofford; Corey Irwin; Josh Robb; 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; 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; 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:
July 2: Cambodia
July 9: South Africa
July 16: Hungary
July 23: Korea
July 30: Colombia

<u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	
<u>Elders</u>	
July 2:	Darlene Coit
July 9:	Leanna Carrol
July 16:	Margie Fitterling
July 23:	Jim Cullumber
July 30:	Mike Fitterling
<u>Diaconate</u>	
July 2:	Communion Prep—Connie Abraham and Judy Akeman; Homebound—Tom Wheeler
July 9:	Communion Prep—Charlotte Quarles and Sherry Crumbliss; Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger
July 16:	Communion Prep—Carolyn Theil and Patt Hinds; Homebound—Tom Hamm
July 23:	Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Susan Wolfenbarger; Homebound—Don Smith
July 30:	Communion Prep—Taylor Reaves and Judy Akeman; Homebound: Tom Wheeler
<u>Camera & Sound</u>	
July 2:	Sandy Meadows and Darryl Coit
July 9:	Jenn Reaves and Ken Moser
July 16:	Judy Schneider and Don Smith
July 23:	Sandy Meadows and Darryl Coit
July 30:	Jenn Reaves and Ray Reaves
<u>Sunday School (K thru 5)</u>	
July 2:	Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows
July 9:	Leanna Carrol and Anita Frieze
July 16:	Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
July 23:	Daniell Sanders and Leanna Carrol
July 30:	Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
<u>Children Worship & Wonder</u>	
July 2:	Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
July 9:	No CW&W
July 16:	Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
July 23:	Laney Reaves and Leanna Carrol
July 30:	No CW&W

<u>Birthdays</u>			
6	Margie Fitterling	14	Shari Cullumber
6	Jennifer Reaves	18	Wendy Garrison
8	Ken Moser	20	Carol Bach
12	Keegan Skiles	27	Buddy Carrol
14	Phil Wise		
<u>Anniversaries</u>			
	11	Connie Abraham and Carol Bach	
	22	Raymond and Jennifer Reaves	

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> All activities at Peace Lutheran Church unless specified otherwise. </div>						1 3:00 pm Hymn Festival (FBC) 7:00 pm Food, Fellowship & Fireworks (Fitterlings)
2 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	3 7:00 pm Final Colors of Hope (Zoom)	4 Office Closed—Independence Day	5 9:30 am—Noon—CWF	6 12:30 pm—Cluster 3 Ministers' Lunch (Joplin)	7	8
9 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/No CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	10 Board Reports Due	11	12	13 6:30 pm Worship Team Mtg. (Theil Home)	14	15
16 9:30 am SS 10:15 am Children's Bells 10:45 Worship/CW&W Noon Fellowship Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections (PLC)	17	18 5:30 pm—Courageous Conversations (Library)	19	20	21	22
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