



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

General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Representatives from across the spectrum of Disciples of Christ churches will gather in Louisville, Kentucky July 29 through August 1, including our Pastor Colleen and husband Tom. There will be speakers and workshops, business sessions, reports, meals, exhibits, and *always* inspiring and engaging worship!

Voters will be re-electing our General Minister and President, Rev. Teri Hord Owens for a second term of leadership. We will also be considering a significant change to our constitutional document, “The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),” moving the traditional in-person biennial gathering to every three years and approving three appointed delegates from every Disciple congregation in addition to clergy to serve as representatives to more frequently scheduled online gatherings. The desire is to increase connections between congregations, regions, and the general ministries of the church.

Other business items of special interest are resolutions regarding:

- Food Waste, Food Insecurity, and Environmental Justice;
- Compelled to Witness: Answering the Cry of our Palestinian Siblings;
- Calling the Church to Oppose Christian Nationalism;
- Recognition of a Truth and Healing Council to Honor Our Covenantal Relationship with Indigenous Peoples and to Discern Ways of Reparations for a Path to Reconciliation.

You can follow events during the GA on Facebook (General Assembly of the Christian Church) or www.gapod.org. You can also watch evening worship livestream by going to <https://disciples.org/galivestream/> nightly at 6PM CT (7PM ET).

Pastor Colleen will return with more news and information that pertains to our engagement as a covenant partner in the Christian Church and share in worship on August 6 as well as adult SS throughout August. Please be in special prayer during the assembly for safety, harmony, and the wellbeing of all participants and leadership.

Adult Faith Formation August 6, 20, 27

Utilizing scripture themes and study guides from the General Assembly in Louisville, we will consider Genesis 11:1-9, Luke 17:20-21 and 2 Peter 1:30 together on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. There will be no adult Sunday School on August 13.




Pastor Rich Gates to preach August 13


While Pastor Colleen takes vacation time to be with her family, Pastor Rich Gates has accepted the invitation to preach for SJCC on the morning of August 13. He will be preaching on the gospel lectionary text, Matthew 14:22-33. We welcome the opportunity to deepen our relationship with PLC and hear from our respected friend and colleague in ministry. Please make every effort to attend worship in person that morning.

EVENTS/OTHER

LEARN



INSPIRE



South Joplin Christian Church presents


KIDS FAITH ADVENTURE

Back to School 2023: Kindness

AUGUST 5TH

9:00-12:30

CRAFT



HTTPS://SOUTHJOPLINDISCIPLINES.ORG

Kids Faith Adventure – Saturday, August 5

In preparation for returning to school, SJCC is offering a Kids Faith Adventure experience on the theme of Kindness on Saturday, August 5 from 9AM to 12:30PM. Children pre-K through 5th grade will hear a Bible story, make crafts, play games, and enjoy a field trip to a local park to plant “kindness rocks” for others to find. Lunch and a light snack are provided. To register, go to the church website www.disciples.org and click on the Kids Faith Adventure link.

Sundays in Worship		
August 6	Luke 17:20-21	Kindom of God Within Us Among Us
August 13	Matthew 14:22-33	Pastor Rich Gates preaching
August 20	Matthew 15:21-28	Subverting the Norm Part 1
August 27	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Subverting the Norm Part 2

Will you help?

South Joplin is in negotiations with Peace Lutheran Church to purchase their building and property. In anticipation of that purchase, the elders are requesting **two task forces** to be appointed by Mike Fitterling (board chair). The **first** would determine the possibility of changing our name, and a **second** would research and make a recommendation for an exterior sign that would identify the presence of both SJCC and PLC at the location on N. St. Louis. Representatives from both congregations would serve on the sign (second) task force. If you are interested in being a member of either of these groups ... please contact Mike Fitterling at 417-434-3446.

Survey Results

We received responses from 30 individuals to the congregational survey regarding ministry priorities for our church. In summary, the results indicate that we currently value the impact of Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship most importantly, while prioritizing Families, Youth, and Children as well as Outreach in our immediate future. This information is extremely helpful to our elders as we continue to work at setting goals for the next few years.



“Where did you get that smile? From Dr. Michael Fitterling.”

Please join us as we celebrate
50 Years of Dentistry
For
Dr. Michael Fitterling!!!
University of MO Kansas City School of Dentistry—Class of 1973

Sunday, August 6, 2023
2:00 pm—4:00 pm
Twin Hills Country Club
2019 S. Country Club Drive—Joplin, MO
RSVP: 417-825-5428 or m_fitterling@hotmail.com by July 25th



SJCC is proud to sponsor the Joplin Emancipation Celebration, August 4th - August 6th at Ewert Park in Joplin, MO. **Joplin Emancipation "Park Days"** is a Joplin tradition, having been celebrated annually since *at least* 1914 (over 100 years).

The purpose of Emancipation "Park Days" Celebration is to provide a cultural event that educates on African American freedom and achievement. The event is intended to promote cultural diversity and respect for all cultures, as well as to support other Committee objectives which are to serve, educate and advocate in our community. Activities include: *live entertainment, 16th annual car show, resource booths, Kid's Market, Movie in the Park, historical re-enactments, kids crafts, and much more!* All activities are free to the public, everyone is

LGBTQIA+ Juried Art Exhibition at Spiva Center for the Arts August 12-September 30

JOMO EQ and Spiva Center for the Arts bring you “WHO I Am: A Queer Perspective,” the first-of-its-kind LGBTQIA+ juried art exhibition in the area. Open to LGBTQIA+ artists and their allies, we seek to celebrate our values, strengths, and love for each other. The work will be displayed in the Jo Mueller Reserve Gallery at Joplin's new Cornell Center from August 12-September 30, 2023. An opening reception will be held at 6:00 P.M. August 15th. Three cash prizes will be awarded that evening. \$250 First Place, \$150 Second Place, \$100 Third Place.

Sunday, August 20

Those with the last name starting with “A-C” and “F-P” please provide sides and salads. “Q-W” are asked to bring main dishes and “D-G” please provide desserts. Hospitality is encouraging everyone to bring their own dinnerware setting in keeping with our Green Chalice designation for the congregation. **See you there!**

CROSSLINES MINISTRIES

Our Crosslines challenge for August is:
74 Cans of Fruit.

Please bring your donations to PLC and put them on the cart by the welcome table by August 20th.

SJCC Workday: **August 24, 9:45am-2pm**

New volunteers always appreciated.

Relocation Task Force Update

We hope to formally close on the South Pearl property sometime in late August or early September after we wait 40 days from court approval of the title update. We’ve also worked on getting the titles corrected for the two rental properties on Wall Street.

In the meantime, 3 leaders from Peace Lutheran have met with Pastor Colleen, Mike Fitterling and Jim Cullumber to discuss further collaboration that could lead to the church property coming under SJCC ownership. We are NOT talking about merger as both congregations desire to keep their own identity.

Several proposals have been discussed and nothing has been agreed. If an agreement can be reached, it would first need to be vetted by the full SJCC Relocation Task Force, and then presented to the Board. If the Board is satisfied, the proposal will be brought to the congregation for discussion and a vote. Peace Lutheran also has its own procedures to follow.

We appreciate your patience during these past months as we’ve sorted out the property title issues. We are continuing to follow our Memorandum of Agreement and rental schedule until we have a more formal agreement.

In the meantime, you might see greater collaboration between ministry teams as we seek to be more efficient and create a stronger sense of shared community.

Jim Cullumber, Task Force chair

Prayer Requests

Medical:

Mary Gilmore; Betty Kemp; James Lee; Betty McKelvy (Wheeler); Betty Millard (Powers); Bill Roehling; Rev. Russell Willoughby

Sympathy:

Gerald Graham (Rev. Clem Graham's brother); Barbara Miller (Les Davenport's sister)

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); Alyxis Hefty; Patt Hinds; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; Betty Kemp; Sam Knudtson; Lamley Family; Shirley Martin; 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; Connie Sullivan; Mike Tesh; Roger Traver; Michelle Vorhees; Michael Wallace (Randall); Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Charles Wilson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

Other:

SJCC Relocation

Global Ministries Focus:

August 6—Bangladesh
August 13—Zimbabwe
August 20—Syria
August 27— Puerto Rico

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

August 6:	Darlene Coit
August 13:	Margie Fitterling
August 20:	Jim Cullumber
August 27:	Betsy Wheeler

Diaconate

August 6:	Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Less Davenport; Homebound—Tom Hamm
August 13:	Communion Prep—Connie Abraham and Susan Wolfenbarger; Homebound—Tom Wheeler
August 20:	Communion Prep—Judy Akeman and Charlotte Quarles; Homebound—Don Smith;
August 27:	Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Carolyn Theil; Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger

Camera & Sound

August 6:	Judy Schneider and Darryl Coit
August 13:	Sandy Meadows and Don Smith
August 20:	Jenn Reaves and Ken Moser
August 27:	Judy Schneider and Ray Reaves

Sunday School (K thru 5)

August 6:	Leanna Carrol and Karen Kemp
August 13:	Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows
August 20:	Daniell Sanders and Anita Frieze
August 27:	Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows

No Children Worship & Wonder in August

Congratulations: David and Kalon Fitterling gave birth to their first child on Sunday, July 9 in Denver, CO. Leo Edwin Fitterling was born at 4:14pm weighing 6lb, 5 oz.

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor—General Assembly	2 9:30 am— Noon—CWF	3 12:30 Clergy Cluster 3 (Republic)	4 Emancipation Days	5 9:00 am— 12:30—Kids Faith Advent- ture
6 Emancipation Days 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections	7	8	9 Pastor—VA	10 7	11	12
13 Pastor—VA 9:30 am SS (Children Only) 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections	14 Board Reports Due	15	16 7:00 pm Choir	17	18	19
20 9:30 am SS 10:45 Worship Noon Fellowship Din- ner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections	21	22	23 7:00 pm Choir	24 9:45 am— 2:00 pm Crosslines	25	26
27 8:00 Elders 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections	28	29	30 7:00 pm Choir	31		

All activities at Peace Lutheran Church
unless specified otherwise.