



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.

Joplin Pride Festival

South Joplin Christian Church has chosen to participate in the local Pride Festival in some way for about eight years. This year we have opted to support the festival financially as a sponsor, to participate in the Friday evening parade on Main Street, and share in leadership of the first-ever worship service at Landreth Park on Sunday at noon.

This is a big investment that will require our best foot forward. We want the community to see our loving church family and feel the genuine welcome. Rather than the voices of “christians” who only show up to protest the event, we want to show our love and welcome for all God’s children, so we need as many of our church family as possible to show up on Friday and Sunday especially.

Friday Sept 8: We will meet at the old SJCC church parking lot (1910 S. Wall) at 5:30pm to load up in the church shuttle and head to the staging area for the parade. We need people who will walk the three blocks of the parade next to the shuttle OR sit in the shuttle and wave/smile/be seen. If you prefer to meet us downtown, the staging area is on Virginia Avenue and Main Street. If you have extra time and can help decorate the shuttle in advance, please arrive no later than 4:30PM. The parade starts at 7pm. The shuttle will bring you back to the parking lot as soon as the parade is over. Our church coordinator for the parade is Don Smith: 417-476-5148.

Sunday Sept 10: We will have an abbreviated worship service at Peace Lutheran Church at 10:45am and dismiss early to go to Landreth Park for the worship service that precedes their afternoon schedule. The service is in the shelter at Landreth Park and seating is provided. Worship begins at noon and only lasts 30 minutes, so there will be ample time to get home for lunch. For added notoriety, if you have a SJCC t-shirt or hat, please wear it on Sunday. See the graphic for other participating congregations. If you have neighbors or friends who might enjoy the event, please spread the word!

A full schedule of the Joplin Pride festivities can be found on their website, jomopride.org or their Facebook page. Several of our members as well as Peace Lutheran Church will be active in booths on Saturday and Sunday, so look for them and support their efforts at inclusivity in our community.



Closing on 1901 S. Pearl

The final signing to close on the sale of 1910 S. Pearl took place on Wednesday, August 30 outside the front steps of the building. The Alliance hosted a press conference to announce the purchase and highlight their plans for programs.

We celebrate their expanded presence in the community and God's faithfulness in seeing us through this transition .

EVENTS/OTHER



Response to Fires on Maui—Week of Compassion

While our Disciples of Christ congregations (on the island of Oahu) are not directly impacted by this disaster, they are preparing and bracing to help possible evacuees from neighboring islands.

Week of Compassion is grateful for our network of partners responding to the wildfires in Hawaii and for the opportunity to support Children's Disaster Services as they prepare volunteer teams, including Disciples, to provide childcare for evacuees. *Teams of certified volunteers are being pulled together today for deployment soon. They will be working in the shelters on Maui.*

We invite those who are giving generously to designate gifts "Hawaii Fires," and 100% will go to assist affected communities. As always, we especially invite you to continue in prayer for our neighbors in Hawaii.

Use this QR code or go directly to **weekofcompassion.org** and click on the link **Hawai'i Fires**. You will be able to identify your affiliation with SJCC, and it will be much faster than going through our church accounts.

Scripture Readings in September

September 3 Matthew 16:21-28

September 10 Matthew 18:15-20

September 17 Matthew 18:21-35

September 24 Numbers 10:1-10 (Reconciliation Offering collection)

Adult Faith Formation

For the month of September we will be looking at some of the resolutions adopted at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) last month, including:

GA2337- 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

GA2338 - Concerning Food Waste, Food Insecurity, and Environmental Justice

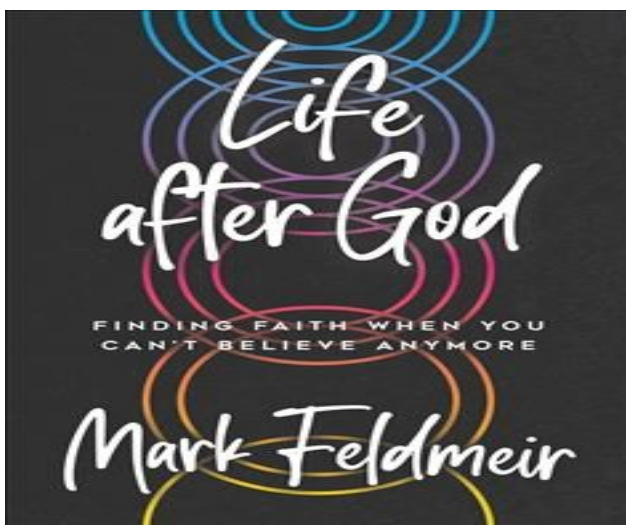
GA2341 Calling the Church to Oppose Christian Nationalism

GA-2352 Invitation to Oppose Anti-Trans Legislation and Affirm the Dignity of Transgender and Gender-Diverse People (emergency resolution)

Please join the discussion at 9:30am on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall at PLC.



Charlotte Quarels,
3319 Norman Drive, Joplin, MO



Book Club to Resume

After a long and active summer, we hope readers are ready to engage in discussion of a new book Pastor Colleen picked up at General Assembly by Mark Feldmeir entitled, *Life after God: Finding Faith When You Can't Believe Anymore*. We will have an in-person gathering at Colleen's home on Thursday, September 14 at 7PM (2952 Rock Creek Dr. in Loma Linda) with weekly online discussions on Zoom the following Thursdays at 7pm. Purchase your book from Westminster John Knox Press or Amazon.



Sunday, September 17

Those with the last name starting with “A-B”, please provide a main dish. “C-P” please provide sides and salads. “Q-W” are asked to bring desserts.

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

See you there!



REMINDER TO CHURCH BOARD: We are scheduled for an in-person board meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30PM at PLC. Please ensure committee reports are turned in to the church office no later than Monday, September 11, and designate a representative if you are not able to be in attendance.

Choir Resumes with

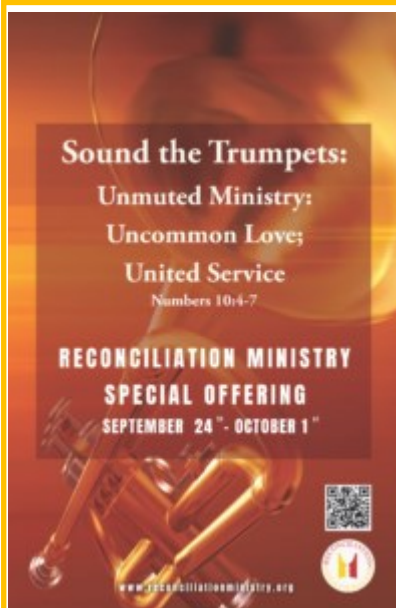
Ice Cream Social

Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Ice Cream will be provided.
Please bring toppings and any other treats that go with ice cream.



Becci Godsey is moving to California and needs help packing and preparing for a moving sale in October. If you can help, please call Sherry Crumbliss 417-437-5613.



Special Offering on September 24 and October 1 supporting Reconciliation Ministry and denominational efforts to eradicate racism and promote reconciliation. 2022 offering total was \$869.27. With your generous contributions, we can exceed that this year!

CROSSLINES MINISTRIES

Our Crosslines challenge for Sept. is:

Pasta sauce with meat or condiments.

Please bring your donations to PLC and put them on the cart by the welcome table by Sept. 24.

SJCC Workday: **Sept. 28, 9:45am-2pm**

New volunteers always appreciated.

In Sympathy

We are saddened to learn of the death of Judy Akeman's son-in-law, James Kelso, on August 15th, and express condolences also to her daughter, Suzanne, and their son, Quinn. Friends are invited to a memorial service on Saturday, September 30 at 1:14 pm at Neosho High School, Performing Arts Center in Neosho. Arrangements are under Cullen Funeral Home, Raymore.



PLC Car and Truck Show Saturday, September 30, 2023 9:00 am—2:00 pm 3100 N. St. Louis, Joplin, MO Proceeds to Benefit Crosslines

Door Prizes, Grilled Lunch Items, Fun for the Whole Family (No Alcohol)

Trophies will be awarded to the Top 30

First 40 Registered— Will Receive a Dash Plaque

Registration: \$100 Pre-Registration by September 22; \$15 Day of the Show



Prayer Requests

Beth Chao (Wheeler); Les Davenport; Ron Fitzgerald; Donna Fuller; Rev. Ruth Ann Jones (FCC Monett); Bruce and Jeannette McAlexander (FCC Monett); Ginny Reaves (Powers); Bill Roehling

Ray Chao's father (Wheeler);
Mary Gilmore (Coit); James
Kelso (Akeman)

Michael Crofford; Corey Irwin;
Josh Robb; Gary Wald

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; James 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 Kalvin 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.

Maui Fire Recovery SJCC Relocation

Sept. 3—Philippines
Sept. 10—India
Sept. 17—Kenya
Sept. 24—Germany

RESPONSIBILITIES

Sept. 3:	Leanna Carrol
Sept. 10:	Darlene Coit
Sept. 17:	Mike Fitterling
Sept. 24:	Betsy Wheeler

Sept. 3:	Communion Prep—Patt Hinds and Taylor Reaves; Homebound—Tom Hamm
Sept. 10:	Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss And Connie Abraham; Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger
Sept. 17:	Communion Prep—Susan Wolfenbarger and Les Davenport; Homebound—Don Smith;
Sept. 24	Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Charlotte Quarles; Homebound—Tom Wheeler

Sept. 3:	Jenn Reaves and Ken Moser
Sept. 10:	Sandy Meadows and Darryl Coit
Sept. 17:	Judy Schneider and Don Smith
Sept. 24:	Jenn Reaves and Ray Reaves

Sept. 3:	Leanna Carrol and Anita Frieze
Sept. 10:	Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
Sept. 17:	Daniell Sanders and Karen Kemp
Sept. 24:	Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows

Sept. 3:	Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
Sept. 10:	No CW&W
Sept. 17:	Karen Eckhardt and Taylor Reaves
Sept. 24:	Laney Reaves and Leanna Carrol



3	Tom Wheeler
12	Raymond Reaves
14	Mary Lou York
16	Benjamin Cullumber
18	Susie Moser
22	Ellen Traver

1	Les Davenport & Terry Plossl
4	Timicia Curtis & Malik Taylor
12	Roger & Ellen Traver
14	Donna Fuller & Shirley Martin
24	Sean & Kathy Nicodemus
25	Mike & Judy Schneider



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections	4 Labor Day— Office Closed	5 6:00 pm Wor- ship Cmte. Mtg (Theil)	6 9:30 am— Noon—CWF 7:00 pm Choir—Ice Cream Social	7	8 JoMo Pride Festival Pa- rade 7:00 pm	9 JoMo Pride Festival
10 Suicide Prevention Sunday 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS (Children Only) 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 12:00 pm JoMo Pride Worship Service (Landreth Park) 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections	11 Board Reports Due	12 6:30 pm Board Meeting	13 7:00 pm Choir	14 7:00 pm Book Club (Pastor's Home)	15	16
17 9:30 am SS 10:45 Worship Noon Fellowship Din- ner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections	18	19	20 7:00 pm Choir	21 7:00 pm Book Club (Zoom)	22	23
24 8:00 Elders 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connections	25	26	27 Pastor—Cont. Ed. (Spfd) 7:00 pm Choir	28 9:45 am— 2:00 pm Crosslines 7:00 pm Book Club (Zoom)	29	30 9 am—2 pm PLC Car & Truck Show 1:14 pm James Kelso Memorial Ser- vice (Neosho)

All activities at Peace Lutheran Church
unless specified otherwise.