



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every fall our church goes through a process for selecting leaders for the following year. Recent discussion in the Listening Circles revealed that many people are not familiar with the process, so here are some points to clarify.

None of our leadership positions require membership in the congregation. Active participation and gifts and talents for each role are taken into consideration, as well as availability and interest.

A nominating committee appointed by the officers consisting of two elders, two deacons, and three members at large is responsible for nominating our executive officers, elders, and diaconate. This year our committee consists of Leanna Carrol and Betsy Wheeler as elders, Sherry Crumbliss and Don Smith as diaconate, and Ellen Broglio and Ellen Traver members at large. The nominations must be approved by the board and congregation every year. The number of elders and diaconate fluctuates each year mostly due to availability of persons to fill the roles.

There is no requirement or expectation to serve in the diaconate prior to becoming an elder. Actually, the roles are significantly different in nature. Deacons are sanctuary stewards and servants while elders are spiritual leaders and shepherds.

While there are specified terms for elected positions, people may be re-elected without concern for term limits (with the exception of Permanent Fund Trustees, who must take a year off after six consecutive years as a Trustee).

Ministry Team chairs are appointed (not elected) by the officers annually. Currently our ministry teams include Hospitality, Worship, Outreach, Stewardship, Property, and Faith Formation. The Green Team is temporarily suspended.

If you have further questions or suggestions about our leadership selection, feel free to speak with our officers or elders, or request a copy of our bylaws for review.

November Scripture Readings

Inspiration for sermons in November come from requests made on the topics of Jacob and Esau's reunion, and Paul's prison letters. If you have particular sermon requests, feel free to contact Pastor Colleen.

November 5	Genesis 32:3-12 and 33:1-11	"Reunion"
November 12	1 Philippians 1:1-18	"Imprisoned for Christ"
November 19	1 Philippians 3:7-16	"Pressing On"
November 26	1 Philippians 4:1-9	"Allegiance to Gratitude"

Facilities Update:

Thanks to those who participated in the various Listening Circles last month. Based on what was heard, along with prayerful discussion by a group composed of elders, Board Executive Committee and the Relocation Task Force, talks are moving forward toward SJCC purchasing 3100 N. St. Louis Ave from Peace Lutheran Church, and how a future collaborative partnership might look.

If and when teams from SJCC and Peace reach an agreement, any formal agreement with terms will come to the Board/Council from both congregations for approval, and then the issue will be submitted to members of both congregations for a Yes or No vote.

There is no deadline for a decision as representatives from both congregations do their due diligence. We anticipate any final agreement will include the formation of a small team from both congregations that will help facilitate a smooth transfer of ownership and future collaborative ministries.

Jim Cullumber, RTF Chair

EVENTS/OTHER

Thank You!

for making a difference

Dear friends at South Joplin Christian Church,

Thank you so very much for collecting socks & underwear for our students in need. They are something we are always low on!

In gratitude,

Amanda Stone

Bright Futures Joplin

November 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Advent Decorating

November 26

PLC and SJCC will work together following worship on Sunday, November 26 to decorate the sanctuary and narthex for the Advent and Christmas season. Please plan in advance to stay and help. Children are encouraged and welcome to assist!

**NOV.
11TH
@
6 PM**

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MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

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509 S. PEARL AVE, JOPLIN MO 64801

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INGREDIENTS TO BE SENSITIVE OF OTHER'S
DIETARY RESTRICTIONS



You're invited to an Open House

at the Lion Co-Op!

Thursday, November 14

3-5 PM

MSSU Spiva Library, 3rd Floor

**Celebrate 5 years of the Lion Co-Op with us in
our new location.**

Thanksgiving Offering November 12 & 19

The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church.

Faith. Education.
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15 Colleges & Universities
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Divinity Houses

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Legacy of Educational Support





Our **Fellowship Dinner** for November will be a Thanksgiving Feast. The turkey/ham will be provided but please supplement as follows: D-G bring desserts and everyone else bring sides or salads. In keeping with our *Green Chalice* designation, please provide your own tableware. Thank you!

Everyone is Welcome—Hope To See You There!



The Interfaith Cooking Club for women got off to a great start on October 29 with approximately 25 women attending. The next cooking demonstration will be on Sunday, November 26 at the United Hebrew Congregation at 2PM. Feel free to invite other women even if not attending a faith community. There is no cost and the fellowship is wonderful! Contact Pastor Colleen to be added to the list for notification of future events.

Looking Ahead

We will be joining PLC in providing mittens, scarves, hats, and socks for their Christmas tree at Mercy Park for the holiday season. The tree will be decorated in late November, but feel free to start shopping for these items in all sizes. They are placed in plastic bags and hung on the tree where people can help themselves as needed.



Mark your calendars for Friendsgiving 2023

SWMO All for Love & Love For All is hosting their second Friendsgiving event on the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 24). The meal is especially geared toward the area’s marginalized youth and families. Place is to be determined, but we are all welcome to attend or to volunteer. More information is forthcoming

CROSSLINES MINISTRIES

Thanks to your generosity, we contributed 62 boxes of cereal to Crosslines in October, along with five pairs of much-appreciated socks. Our challenge for November is condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings, etc.) Can we exceed 62?

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we do not have a designated date in November to staff the pantry, however volunteers are welcome to serve on Thursday, November 30, if available.



Prayer Requests

Medical:
Anita Frieze; Don Powers

Sympathy:
Bill Roehling; James Smith (Cleaver)

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; 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; 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:
Peace in war-torn countries—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza; mass hooting in Lewiston, Maine;

Global Ministries Focus:
Nov. 5—Brazil
Nov. 12—Eswatini
Nov. 19—East Timor
Nov. 26—Fiji



- Elders**
Nov. 5: Leanna Carrol
Nov. 12: Betsy Wheeler
Nov. 19: Margie Fitterling
Nov. 26: Jim Cullumber
- Diaconate**
Nov. 5: Communion Prep—Judy Akeman and Carolyn Theil;
Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger
Nov. 12: Communion Prep—Patt Hinds and Les Davenport;
Homebound—Tom Wheeler
Nov. 19: Communion Prep—Megan Bever and Susan Wolfenbarger;
Homebound—Don Smith;
Nov. 26: Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and Connie Abraham
Homebound—Tom Hamm
- Camera & Sound**
Nov. 5: Sandy Meadows and Don Smith
Nov. 12: Jenn Reaves and Ken Moser
Nov. 19: Judy Schneider and Darryl Coit
Nov. 26: Jenn Reaves and Ray Reaves
- Sunday School (K thru 5)**
Nov. 5: Karen Kemp and Sandy Meadows
Nov. 12: Daniell Sanders and Karen Kemp
Nov. 19: Leanna Carrol and Karen Kemp
Nov. 26: Darlene Coit and Karen Kemp
- Children Worship & Wonder**
Nov. 5: Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider
Nov. 12: Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves
Nov. 19: Laney Reaves and Leanna Carrol
Nov. 26: No CW&W



Birthdays

- 1 - Laney Reaves
- 16 - Lois Nickols
- 18 - Lily Cullumber
- 18 - Lucas Cullumber
- 18 - Tom Fortson
- 22 - Xavier Faucett
- 25 - Betty Coan

Anniversaries

None



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All activities at Peace Lutheran Church unless specified otherwise.			1 9:30 am— Noon CWF	2 8:00 am Snack Pack (Bright Futures) 6:30 pm Inter- net Safety Event JHS PAC 7:00 pm Book Club (Zoom)	3	4
	5 Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints Sunday 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Con- nections	6 7:00 pm Wor- ship Team Mtg (Theil/ Umphenour Home)	7 6:30 pm Ex- ecutive Cmte. Mtg. (SJCC Office)	8 7:00 pm Choir	9 7:00 pm Book Club Ends (Zoom)	10 6:00 pm Inter- faith Coalition Multicultural Dinner (1st Presbyterian Church)
	12 Thanksgiving Offer- ing #1 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS 10:15 am Children's Bells 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Con- nections	13	14 3:00—5:00 pm Lion Co- op Open House (Spiva)	15 7:00 pm Choir	16	17
	19 Thanksgiving Offer- ing #2 9:30 am SS 10:45 Worship/CW&W Noon Fellowship Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Con- nections	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiv- ing—Office Closed	24 Office Closed Friendsgiving Event
	26 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am SS 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 Worship/CW&W Advent Decorating fol- lowing Worship 2:00 pm Interfaith Cooking Club (UHC)	27 Board Re- ports Due	28 6:30 pm Board Mtg.	29 7:00 pm Choir	30 9:45 am - 2:00 pm Crosslines	