



# Disciples Care Newsletter June 2024

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## 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.

### Ten Traits of Thriving Congregations

**#5 Thriving congregations are innovative.** “Churches who desire to thrive recognize innovation is a necessary part of the process. Thriving congregations seek to do things better and in new ways. They watch the changing world and seek to participate in it.”

Rev. Dr. Erin C. Cash, Lexington Theological Seminary

### Joint Worship Service with Peace Lutheran Church June 16



A celebration of our deepening relationship with our friends at Peace Lutheran Church since the purchase of the property at 3100 N. St. Louis Avenue is planned for Sunday, June 16 at **10:30AM**. Bishop Susan Candea from the ELCA will be preaching and Rev. Ron Rutledge of the Christian Church of Mid-America will lead us in a covenantal litany and preside at the Table. We plan special music with children’s bells and chancel choir and hope to have a full house for worship!

**A joint fellowship dinner** with both congregations will follow the service. For the fellowship dinner, please bring as follows: If your last name begins with C please bring a dessert, D-G bring a main dish, and H-P, Q-W, A-B, please bring sides or salad. Keeping with our Green Chalice designation, we encourage everyone to bring their own dinnerware. Thanks for all your generosity.

### Welcome, Rev. Teresa Spear!

During Pastor Colleen’s sabbatical, we are excited to welcome Rev. Teresa Spear as our Bridge Pastor. Teresa is a life-long Disciple and daughter of a Disciples of Christ minister. Throughout the years, she served in various church leadership positions. She taught church school and Godly Play (the predecessor to Children, Worship and Wonder). She led a creation care team and has written creation care curriculum. She also served as Education Chair, Deacon, and Elder. Prior to her ordination last February, she was a commissioned minister for 10 years. She is currently working bi-vocationally in the banking industry and serving the church in bridge/interim ministries. She also serves as an ambassador for the newly formed Rural Ministry Network in the Mid-American Region. This Fall, she will begin studies toward a Master of Theological Studies through Phillips Theological Seminary, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Having lived in several states and overseas, her perspective is informed and fostered by the places she visited and the people she met and lived among. Through those experiences, she came to value differing life viewpoints and the diversity in all God’s created. It heightened her understanding of what it means to be the church. She cares deeply about creation care, justice and mercy, church community, and recently helped with settling a refugee family in the Kansas City area.

Outside of church, she enjoys travel, music, gardening, reading, and genealogy. She is mother to two grown sons, Adam and Andrew. Her “bucket list” includes (among other things) learning to play the violin, visiting Iona, and participating in an archeology dig.

Teresa will be providing leadership for adult faith formation and worship on Sunday mornings and be in the church office on Mondays. When time permits, she may be available to consult with ministry teams and/or participate as ex-officio thought-partner in the relocation process, and other pastoral care as needed. We have contracted with Rev. Spear to provide ministry from June 26 through September 8. Her first Sunday with us will be June 30.

### Sundays in June

June 2	Mark 2:23-3:6 “Is It Legal?”
June 9	Leviticus 25:1-7 “Sabbath” with Sabbatical Litany
June 16	<u>Joint Worship Service at 10:30</u> John 17:6-19 Bishop Susan Candea Preaching
June 23	Daniell Sanders Preaching
June 30	Rev. Teresa Spear Preaching

## EVENTS/OTHER

### Let's Read Together



Members of the Sabbatical Committee are inviting the congregation to read and discuss a book together this summer while Pastor Colleen is away. The selected book is *Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know*, by Adam Grant. The book is available from most online platforms such as Amazon, but the church is making free copies available by request. Please contact Daniell Sanders at [dsanders0119@gmail.com](mailto:dsanders0119@gmail.com) or 417-3696-9519 to request a copy.

Additionally, Rev. Spear will be leading a discussion on the book during the Faith Formation hour on Sunday mornings beginning July 7, and Megan Bever and Daniell Sanders will lead an online option (dates/times tbd). Pastor Colleen will also read the book and likely follow up on her return, so let's embrace this opportunity to learn and grow together – while we're apart!

### Items for Sabbatical Auction

Starting Bids will be \$50 for these one-of-a-kind hand carved items from Charlie Kemp.

Santa stands 5" tall  
Cowboy stands 15" tall  
The wall hanging is 15" in diameter.



Online bidding will be open from June 1st at 10am until June 29th at 2pm. Highest bidder at that time will win. Bidding to be increased in whole dollar increments. For Example \$50 --> \$51, etc. Instructions to follow on Facebook and CareMail.

### Third Thursday, June 20 "You Belong Here"

The theme of the Joplin Downtown Alliance Third Thursday event in June is "You Belong Here." The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup is sponsoring the event as a celebration of all the ways we are beautifully diverse in our community.

We have rented booth space for our congregation to support EDI in the community and announce our new name and location. You can help by volunteering to staff our booth for one hour from 5PM to 9PM, and/or by joining us for the short walk at the opening ceremony 6PM. Contact Pastor Colleen or Megan Bever for more information.

**Adult Faith Formation** will continue our study of Mary Magdalene and the Gospel of Mary on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM in the classroom adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. No class on Sunday, June 16 due to the joint worship service.

### Regional Assembly Registration Open

The Mid-America Regional Assembly will take place August 8-10, 2024 at [First Christian Church in St. Joseph, MO](#). Guests include: General Minister & President Rev. Terri Hord Owens, Vice-President & Chief of staff Rev. Yvonne Gilmore, Counter Stories Consulting's Rev. Dr. David Anderson Hooker, and Georgia Interim Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Joan Bell Haynes.

**Registration fee** is \$95, which includes three boxed lunches. Single-day registration is available for \$40. All fees increase after July 1 so register early!

Optional dinner/programs on Thursday and Friday evenings will be available for an additional \$25 each.

Discounted rooms available until July 7 at [Stony Creek Inn](#) (\$120/night) and [Marriott Fairfield Inn](#) (\$150/night).

To register, go to [www.mid-america-disciples.org/regional-assembly-2024](http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/regional-assembly-2024)



### CROSSLINES MINISTRIES

**June Challenge is:**

**Diapers, Pull-ups, or Baby Wipes  
Crosslines day for June 27**

**9:45 am - 2:00 pm.**

**New volunteers are always welcome!**



**Christian Women's Fellowship**

will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 9:30AM. Blessing Box offerings will be collected so please come prepared to turn in your offering reflecting your many blessings this year. CWF will not meet in July and August.

### Self Portrait Class June 22, 9am - noon



Come beat the heat and put your art skills to the test! Learn to draw a self-portrait from one of our talented artists, Tom

Wheeler. By the

end of class you will have an 8x10 self-portrait. Light snacks will be served. All materials will be provided. Cost to attend \$15 for first person, \$10 for every additional person in your family. Text or call Daniell Sanders 417-396-9519 with your name and how many you have attending by June 19th. Payment will be due the day of the event. Proceeds for the Sabbatical Fund.

## Prayer Requests

### Medical:

Mia Coyne; Teresa Cleaver-Smith; Casey Russell (Powers); Gloria Brady (Abraham)

### Sympathy:

Bill Howell (Frieze)

### Military:

Michael Crofford; Corey Irwin; Josh Robb; Gary Wald

### Ongoing:

Connie Abraham; John Asher; Carol Bach; Judy Ballard; Kattie Blankenship; Kellie Blanton (Davenport/Plossl); Gloria Brady (Abraham); Janet Burns; 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; Jayne Sanders; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Connie Sullivan; Mike Tesh; Roger Traver; Michelle Vorhees; Michael Wallace (Randall); Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

### Other:

First Christian Church, Rogers, AR - tornado damage

### Global Ministries Focus:

June 2 India  
June 9 Ghana  
June 16 Germany  
June 23 Philippines



Thank you to all who responded to the Pentecost Offering Mission Challenge. The total collected was \$845, almost double our contribution last year.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### Elders

June 2 Mike Fitterling  
June 9 Betsy Wheeler  
June 16 Leanna Carrol  
June 23 Ellen Broglio  
June 30 Margie Fitterling

### Diaconate

June 2 Communion Prep—Jessica Fletcher-Fierro and Sherry Crumbliss  
Homebound—Don Smith  
June 9 Communion Prep—Les Davenport and Terry Plossl;  
Homebound—Tom Wheeler  
June 16 Communion Prep—Connie Abraham and Megan Bever;  
Homebound—Tom Hamm  
June 23 Communion Prep—Judy Akeman and Susan Wolfenbarger  
Homebound—Don Smith  
June 30 Communion Prep—Sherry Crumbliss and James Knudtson  
Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger

### Camera & Sound

June 2 Sandy Meadows and Darryl Coit  
June 9 Judy Schneider and Don Smith  
June 16 Jennifer Reaves and Ken Moser  
June 23 Judy Schneider and Ray Reaves  
June 30 Sandy Meadows and Darryl Coit

### Kid's Church 2nd thru 6th Grades

June 2 Abi Jones and Mike Fitterling  
June 9 Jessica Fletcher-Fierro and Karen Kemp  
June 16 Children in Family Worship  
June 23 Robb Jones and Darlene Coit  
June 30 James Knudtson and Margie Fitterling

### Children Worship & Wonder

June 2 Karen Kemp and Judy Schneider  
June 9 Karen Fitterling and Taylor Reaves  
June 16 Children in Family Worship  
June 23 Leanna Carrol and Alicia Ratliff  
June 30 Children in Family Worship

### Birthdays

10 Paula George  
14 James Knudtson  
20 JoHelen Umphenour  
21 Karen Kemp  
21 Robb Jones  
23 Taylor Reaves  
24 Dawn Cullumber  
25 Sue Sterrett  
26 Bonnie Powers

### Anniversaries

1 Megan Bever & Will Delehanty  
5 Tom & Carolyn Fortson  
9 Charles & Karen Kemp  
19 Carolyn Theil & JoHelen Umphenour  
27 Buddy & Leanna Carrol





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W/ Kid's Church 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	3 <div style="border: 2px solid black; width: 100%; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 6:30 pm Worship Team Mtg. (Umphenour/ Theil Home)	4	5 Bonnie - VA 9:30 am - Noon - CWF 6:30 pm Choir	6	7	8
9 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W/ Kid's Church 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	10 <b>Board Reports Due</b>	11 7:00 pm In- Person Bd. Mtg.	12 6:30 pm Choir	13	14	15 Juneteenth at Ewert Park
16 <b>Father's Day</b> <b>10:30 am Joint Service</b> (No SS or Kids' Church) Noon Fellowship Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	17 Pastor's Sabbatical Begins (through Sept. 10)	18	19 <b>Juneteenth</b> 6:30 pm Choir	20 5:30 - 8:30 pm Third Thursday (Downtown Joplin)	21	22 9:00 am - Noon - Self-Portrait Sab- batical Fundrais- er
23 8:00 am Elders 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W/ Kid's Church 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	24	25	26 <b>Interim Pastor Be- gins</b> 6:30 pm Choir	27 9:45 am - 2:00 pm Crosslines	28	29
30 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W/ Kid's Church 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p><b>July 6 - Fitterlings' Fireworks Extravaganza</b></p> <p><b>July 13 - Flirting with a Fan - Ladies' Afternoon Tea</b></p> </div> </div>					

**All activities at Peace Lutheran Church  
unless specified otherwise.**