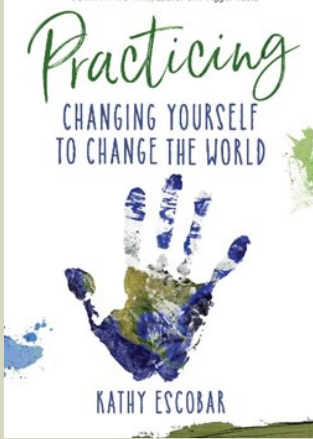




## WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING ALL PEOPLE ALONG A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.

“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.



### ***Sermon Series on Practicing***

February 2	Including	Acts 10:34-43
February 9	Equalizing	Acts 2:14-21
February 16	Advocating	Isaiah 58:6-7
February 23	Mourning	Job 2:11-3:1
March 2	Failing	Luke 22:54-62



## Celebrating Outreach

The year-end figures are totaled and we celebrate the generosity of Sojourners Christian Church in giving beyond our local congregation in the following ways in 2024:

**\$8137.91 to Disciples Mission Fund** (supporting denominational ministries)

**\$4,073.95 to Mid-America Region** of the Disciples of Christ (our denominational affiliation)

**\$1968.99 to Crosslines Ministries of Joplin**

**\$950 in local event sponsorships** (Pride, “Cured” movie screening, Emancipation Day, Interfaith Coalition)

**\$789.48 in personal assistance** (utilities, rent, fuel)

**\$569.31 Bright Futures**

Thank you, God’s Beloved, for your faithful giving!

Please note that as of mid-year in 2024 we are no longer responding to individual requests for personal assistance, but rather forwarding a portion of local outreach funds to charities in our area who are better equipped to manage those resources.

### **Hospitality Helpers Needed:**

We need helpers in the kitchen for our fellowship time at 10:20 am on Sundays and for our monthly potluck meals on the third Sunday. Helpers set up, serve, and clean-up for each event. Please contact Ellen Traver to offer your assistance: 417-439-3274.

### ***Fellowship Meal February 16th @ Noon***

Based on your last name, please consider the following suggestions to the meal:

Main Dish: S-Z

Sides and Salads: A-C, D-L

Desserts: M-R

Bring your own tableware if you are able.



Week of Compassion  
Special Offering Collection February 16 & 23

## EVENTS/OTHER

**The Interfaith Cooking Circle** ladies will meet at 2PM at the United Hebrew Congregation (702 S. Sergeant) for demonstration on baking Challah and other breads. RSVP to the WhatsApp group or to Pastor Colleen by February 3.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

**February 12 @ 5 PM**

We will be serving **tacos** for the February Wednesday night dinner! Please contact Daniell Sanders, phone number 417-396-9519, with any questions or concerns.

You Belong (formerly EDI Workgroup of Joplin Chamber) is sponsoring a **COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION** on Thursday, February 20 at Zinc Coffee Company from 5:30-7PM. The speakers are Misty White and Sara Berry who are both amputees. Listen, learn, and celebrate the diversity of our Joplin community. Admission is free; refreshments served.

### California Fire Response

Please go to [weekofcompassion.org/give](https://weekofcompassion.org/give) and designate "CA Storms and Fires" or mail checks to  
Week of Compassion  
P.O. Box 1986  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

### CROSSLINES MINISTRIES

#### **February Challenge: Canned Goods for Souper Bowl of Caring**

Super Bowl Sunday is February 9; vote for your favorite team with non-perishable foods placed in the bin in the church lobby.

**Crosslines day is February 20  
9:45am - 2pm**

### JOPLIN INTERFAITH COALITION



Delicious sweets and savories locally made from scratch!

**Saturday, February 22nd**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**1805 W. 32nd Street, Joplin**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:

**MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET  
OF JOPLIN**

PROVIDING DURABLE MEDICAL  
EQUIPMENT TO THOSE IN NEED!

RESERVE YOUR \$15 LUNCH TICKET:

Homemade Falafel or Turkey Sandwich  
with Lentil or Chicken Soup



To volunteer to help at the Bake Sale, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA5AF2DA4F8CF8-54278532-interfaith>

If you do not have internet access or need assistance, contact Leanna Carrol at 417-529-2787.

### GRATITUDE

*Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Bright Futures Joplin. The donation of socks and underwear by the Christian Women's Fellowship as well as the funds donated through your Outreach Fund go far in helping us support our kids who need us most. We're so grateful to those at Sojourners Christian Church for your kindness and generosity. In gratitude, Amanda Stone.*

### GREEN TIPS ARE BACK!

Feeding birds this winter? Save the large bags to use as a trash can liners for your recyclables. They are easy to pull and carry items to the recycling center. Also you can cut up the bags, then sew or duct tape them together for shopping bags.



Stay tuned—the Green Team is also coming back!

### Neighboring 101

This ongoing monthly program (started in 2020) is for anyone wanting to improve their neighborhood or community and their personal life and health. The monthly Zoom classes look at the science and art of neighboring by highlighting examples across the nation where it is being done well.

Being an active and engaged neighbor can help people, organizations, and communities to expand participation while respecting differences and embracing the diversity that makes communities vibrant.

Registration is required online. One-time enrollment fee of \$25. Visit [extension.missouri.edu](https://extension.missouri.edu) and register for Neighboring 101.

Prayer Requests

**Medical:** Norm and Idamary Hines (Akeman); Rick Kingsley (Davenport)

**Sympathy:** Michael Kellstadt (Abraham); Jim Petty (Moser/Carrol)

**Ongoing:**  
Connie Abraham; Dave Gilmore (Ratliff); Debi Lorenz; John Asher; Carol Bach; Judy Ballard; Kittie Blankenship; Gloria Brady (Abraham); 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; James Knudtson; Lamley Family; Shirley Martin; Brett McCreary; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Arlene Nash; Nancy Nauser (Fitterling); Bethany Newman; Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; 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.

Global Ministries Focus:

- 2/2 India
- 2/9 Hungary
- 2/16 Zambia
- 2/23 Marshall Islands



RESPONSIBILITIES	
<b>Elders</b>	
February 2	Jim Cullumber
February 9	Margie Fitterling
February 16	Patt Hinds
February 23	Mike Fitterling
<b>Diaconate</b>	
February 2	Communion Prep-Connie Abraham, Jessica Fletcher-Fierro Homebound—Susan Wolfenbarger
February 9	Communion Prep—Joyce Crumbliss, Sherry Crumbliss Homebound—Tom Hamm
February 16	Communion Prep—Megan Bever, Alecia Ratliff Homebound—Tom Wheeler
February 23	Communion Prep—Carolyn Theil, Susan Wolfenbarger Homebound—Donnie Smith
<b>Camera &amp; Sound</b>	
February 2	Terry Plossl & Darryl Coit
February 9	Judy Schneider & Don Smith
February 16	Jennifer Reaves & Ken Moser
February 23	Sandy Meadows & Ray Reaves
<b>Kid's Church Preschool thru 6th Grades</b>	
February 2	Robb Jones & Kayci Evans
February 9	Abi Jones & Mike Fitterling
February 16	Children in Family Worship
February 23	Karen McKenzie & Jessica Fletcher-Fierro
<b>Children Worship &amp; Wonder</b>	
February 2	Karen Kemp & Judy Schneider
February 9	Karen Fitterling & Leanna Carrol
February 16	Children in Family Worship
February 23	Laney Reaves & Taylor Reaves



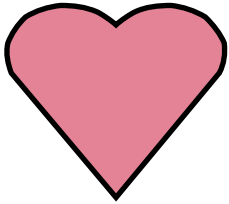
<b>Birthdays</b>	
1	Terry Plossl
4	Carolyn Thiel
6	Karen Fitterling
9	Julia Foster
18	Emma Eckhardt
19	Sherry Crumbliss
19	Kenton Foster
20	Darryl Coit
<b>Anniversaries</b>	

During the January **Life Together Task Force** meeting, representatives from Sojourners CC and Peace Lutheran discussed and learned:

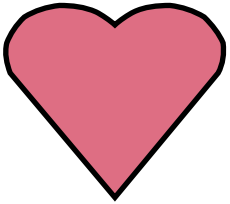
- Plans are underway to relocate the Sojourners chancel furniture from storage into the church before the start of Lent, moving the Peace furniture temporarily into the classroom off the sanctuary until a new home has been found;
- Using a section of the room off the sanctuary for pastors' offices;
- Led by Jeanie Morrison, efforts are underway to empty the Sojourners storage unit;
- To foster better coordination by ministry teams from both congregations, lists of members in leadership role have been shared so that counterparts have contact information when collaboration is useful;
- A representative of the Synod office will be meeting with Peace members on Feb. 23, with Sojourners adult Sunday school and Kid's Church classes being temporarily relocated to other space for that day.

The task force's next meeting will be 6 p.m. Feb. 25.





# FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:30am Adult Faith For- mation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/CW&W/ Kid's Church 4pm-6pm Family Connection	3	4  <i>(5:30pm WW)</i> 6:00pm Worship Ministry Team Mtg.	5 9:30am CWF  6pm Choir	6	7	8
9 <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> 8am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith For- mation 10:20am Fellowship 10:20am PLC WGS Mtg. 10:45am Worship/CW&W/ Kids Church 2pm Cooking Circle (UHC) 4pm-6pm Family Connection	10  Board Reports Due	11  <i>(5:30pm WW)</i> 6:30pm In- person Board Mtg.	12  5pm Fellowship Meal 6pm Choir	13	14  <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15
16 <b>Week of Compassion Offering #1</b> 9:30am Adult Faith For- mation 10:15am Kids Bells 10:20am Fellowship 10:20am PLC Council Mtg. 10:45am Worship 12pm Fellowship Potluck 4pm-6pm Family Connection	17  <b>President's Day</b>	18  <i>(9 am - 4 pm Quilters)</i>  <i>(5:30pm WW)</i>	19  6pm Choir	20  5:30-7pm Courageous Conversa- tions (Zinc Coffee)	21	22  10am-1pm Interfaith Bake Sale (Islamic Ctr)
23 <b>Week of Compassion Offering #2</b> 8am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith For- mation (10:20am PLC Congr. Mtg.) 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/CW&W/ Kids Church 4pm-6pm Family Connection	24  <i>(9 am - 4 pm Quilters)</i>	25  <i>(5:30pm WW)</i> 6PM Life Together Task Force	26  6pm Choir	27	28	

**All activities at Sojourners Christian Church unless specified otherwise.**  
*(Italicized entries are non-church related activities at the church facility.)*