



Disciples Care Newsletter Mar. 2025

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Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll, Senior Minister



On the Journey Toward Easter 2025

Every year when the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, it feels like Easter and spring are a long way off, and yet here we are only three weeks away from Easter morning! With the help of Kathy Escobar's devotional guide, we have been contemplating the ways we carry and exercise reconciling power, and also ways we can disrupt and challenge unhealthy power for the sake of God's kin-dom. Please make every effort to be in worship as we conclude the season this month and rejoice in the ongoing journey of faith that follows resurrection.

April 6, "Cultivate" Matthew 13:1-9

April 13, Palm Sunday – "Illuminate" John 12:12-15

April 17, Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm – "Forgive" Matthew 26:26-29
(worship in Fellowship Hall)

April 20, Easter Sunday

Easter **Brunch 9am** in Fellowship Hall (see page 2); No Adult Faith Formation on Easter
Worship–10:45am "Embody" Matthew 28:1-6

We will enjoy special music from the kids bell choir and the chancel choir, along with the transformation of the prayer cross with fresh and artificial flowers which you may bring from your garden or using what is provided.

Children will remain in worship with their families for worship, which will include a special children's moment. Note regarding Easter Lilies: Out of compassion for those with allergies that interrupt their ability to enjoy worship, we will not be placing live lilies in the sanctuary on Easter. Special thanks to Terry Plossl for his beautiful silk floral arrangements to enhance the beauty of Easter Sunday and beyond.

April 27—Earth Sunday—Praise for Creation

While Pastor Colleen takes a vacation, the choir will assist in leading songs of praise for creation during morning worship, accompanied by select scriptures and poetry. We will also be hosting a **"Giveaway"** of plants, seeds, bulbs, or planting supplies (pots, small tools, etc.) before and after the service. You may bring anything you want to give-away, but due to limited space, we ask that you take home any items you brought which were not adopted. Weather permitting, the Giveaway will take place outside in the parking lot.



Facilities Transition team to recommend remodeling to Church Board

The SCC Facilities Transition Task Force will take recommendations for remodeling portions of the church at 3100 N. St. Louis Ave. to a **special called Board meeting on Sunday, April 6 following worship**. Cost estimates are still being secured, and the task force in the weeks ahead will be exploring further issues in response to small-group meetings held with various ministry teams.

Priority is being given to moving SCC offices and then selling the two homes and property on Wall Ave. To move the SCC offices, remodeling will be needed for Peace Lutheran offices; the contract with Peace provides a minimum of 200 square feet of office space for administration.

1) An office area of about 275 square feet will be created for Peace Lutheran, using an 11-foot wide section in the large classroom off the fellowship hall.

2) Once the PLC space has been built, the current office space will be modified for use by SCC. This includes a thorough carpet cleaning or new carpet, and painting. No physical remodeling is anticipated.

3) The large room behind the sanctuary – currently used as temporary storage and pastors' space – will have a wall installed to create 2 spaces: About 2/3 of the space will be devoted for a conference room, and the rest will be designed for a smaller nursery. A door will be installed in the new wall to allow people to enter the conference room without going into the sanctuary.

4) The current nursery will be adapted to become the new space for Worship & Wonder.

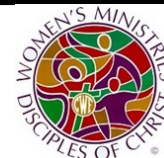
In the coming weeks the task force will consider sound and visual elements of the sanctuary, the need for more storage space, and moving the church bus to 3100 N. St. Louis Ave.

The Task Force also will recommend the hiring of an expert sound technician to help us develop a plan for audio-visual needs in the sanctuary.

The final component will be a preliminary study of what a building addition might be that would include several rooms, additional restrooms and a laundry area. When the addition is built, there may be some additional relocations. Before that project would be started, the property at 19th and Wall would be sold – providing additional capital funds for construction. (Mike Fitterling, Task Force Chair)

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Hostess: Ellen Traver Service Project: Webb City Farmer's Market (WIC)



Joplin Photo ID Project Needs Volunteers

Some of you may know about the Joplin Photo ID Project. For about 2 1/2 years, we have been helping residents of the Joplin area obtain Missouri Photo IDs. On most weeks, our core group of 3 volunteers can handle our Wednesday morning clinics [9:15 a.m.- noon] at The Salvation Army. However, it would be helpful to have a few more volunteers because some weeks, one of us may be ill or out of town. Also, having more people on site would allow others to accompany clients on trips to pay for birth certificates, notarization of documents, and the Joplin License Office. The work mostly involves filling out intake forms for new clients to learn what they have and what they lack for obtaining a Missouri Photo ID. It's the kind of thing that we can teach quickly and that you can pick up easily by observing other volunteers.

If you could volunteer for even one week per month, could you please contact Paul Teverow at joplinphoto@gmail.com; (417) 385-1426 Or connect with Jeanie Morrison or Sherry Crumbliss at Sojourners to ask questions.

EASTER BRUNCH

On April 20, we are planning an Easter morning brunch, starting at 9 am, followed by regular morning worship at 10:45. Based on last name; Suggested food items as follows--Fruit A-C, Savory D-L, M-R, Sweet S-Z. Hospitality served 51 hungry souls at the March 16 carry-in dinner!

Crosslines Ministries

Thank you to all who contributed to the March challenge for detergent and dish soap. We collected 44 items to deliver to Crosslines on March 27, along with several other miscellaneous items.

Our scheduled workday in April is Thursday, April 24. The suggested donation for April is canned or dried pasta.

Wednesday Night Dinner April 16

A baked potato bar is on the menu for the Wednesday night dinner on April 16 at 5PM.

Potatoes, toppings, drinks and desserts will be provided. Please contact Daniell Sanders if you'd like to help. 417-396-9519.



Come join the excitement, games, and faith exploration at one of our amazing Mid-America Summer Camps!

Registration opens the evening of March 17th !

<https://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer>

Scan here for registration and more info -> 



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Green Tip

Spring Days of April will give any of us “gardening fever.” Consider planting native flowers, bushes, and trees. Native plants help with water conservation, reduce chemical use, provide food and shelter for animals, and much more. Don’t have a yard? Just one pot or two of wildflowers supports our pollinators. Native plant vendors will be at Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center on *May 24 from 10am to 2pm.*



A WORKDAY AT CHURCH

Some manpower is needed to accomplish some grounds maintenance at Sojourners, on April 5 at 9am with rain date of April at the church. Trimming shrubs, moving a bench from S Wall, cleaning up the flower beds, a little ditch digging 😊 for drainage etc. is on the to-do list. Interior work is also needed, so chores for everyone! Hope to see you there. Jeanie Morrison

Book Discussion April 24

The book for reading and discussion on April 24 will be Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson’s *Abundance*. We will meet at Ellen Broglio’s home at 811 N. Byers Ave. at 6:30PM. Everyone welcome!

Prayer Requests

Medical: Ladonna Wolfe (Frieze)
Joe Prater

Ongoing:
Connie Abraham; John Asher; Carol Bach; Judy Ballard; Kittie Blankenship; Gloria Brady (Abraham); Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Timicia Curtis; Lois Demaree; Joan Fitterling; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Dave Gilmore (Ratliff); Chris Greninger; Alyxis Hefty; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; James Knudtson; Lamley Family; Debie Lorenz; Shirley Martin; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Arlene Nash; Bethany Newman; Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Chastity Perry (White); Josh Petty; Reese Prater; Willa Randall; Cameron Ransom; Jayne Sanders; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Sue Sterrett; Connie Sullivan; Mike Tesh; Roger Traver; Michelle Vorhees; Michael Wallace (Randall); Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Lisa Wise; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

Global Ministries Focus:
April 6 Argentina
April 13 Fiji
April 20 Middle East
April 27 South Africa

RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Elders</u>	
April 6	Patt Hinds
April 13	Mike Fitterling
April 20-Easter	Betsy Wheeler
April 27	Darlene Coit
<u>Diaconate</u>	
April 6	Communion Prep-Les Davenport and Terry Plossi
	Homebound-Tom Hamm
April 13	Communion Prep-Judy Akeman and Jessica Fletcher-Fierro
	Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger
April 20-Easter	Communion Prep-Joyce and Sherry Crumbliss
	Homebound-Tom Wheeler
April 27	Communion Prep-Carolyn Theil and Susan Wolfenbarger
	Homebound-Don Smith
<u>Camera & Sound</u>	
April 6	Sandy Meadows & Darryl Coit
April 13	Judy Schneider & Ray Reaves
April 20	(EASTER) Jen Reaves & Ken Moser
April 27	Terry Plossl & Don Smith

<u>Kid’s Church Preschool thru 6th Grades</u>	
April 6	Karen McKenzie & James Knudston
April 13	Darlene Coit & Sandy Meadows
April 20	Children in Family Worship-- Easter
April 27	Jessica Fletcher-Fierro & Margie Fitterling

<u>Children Worship & Wonder</u>	
April 6	Karen Kemp & Judy Schneider
April 13	Karen Fitterling & Taylor Reaves
April 20	Children in Family Worship-- Easter
April 27	Laney Reaves & Leanna Carrol



<u>Birthdays</u>	
1	Benjamin Delehanty
4	Judy Schneider
5	Lou Starks
6	Pat Wolfenbarger
8	Rachel Eckhardt
9	Connie Abraham
11	Lisa Wise
15	Anita Frieze
19	Becky Martino
23	Shelly White
24	Cyndi Cogbill
30	Jeanie Morrison

Earth Day April 22 is Earth Day, this day reminds us how precious our earth is. This day tells us there is still more needed to reduce our carbon footprint; preserve natural resources, recycle, and reduce carbon emissions to name a few! Let’s continue to do all we can to make our planet better for our future! Go to Earthday.org for more info.

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 LENT #4 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's Church 4pm-6pm Family Connection	31 Trans Day of Visibility	1 <i>April Fool's Day</i> (5:30pm WW) 6 pm Wor- ship Ministry Team Meet- ing (Theil home)	2 9:30 CWF 6pm Choir	3	4	5) 9:00am to 12:00pm Work Day (2:00pm to 4:00pm Private event)
6 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/CW&W/ Kids Church 12pm Called Board Meeting 4pm - 6pm Family Connection	7 Board Reports Due	8 (5:30pm WW)	9 6 pm Choir	10	11	12) 9am to 12pm Tentative work day Passover begins
13 8am Elders 9:30 Adult Faith Formation 10:20AM Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W/Kids Church 12pm Fellowship Potluck 4pm - 6pm Family Connection	14	15 (9 am - 4 pm Quilters) (5:30 pm WW)	16 5:00 pm Wed night dinner 6pm Choir	17 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Worship (PLC wor- ship 7pm)	18 Good Friday (PLC Worship 7pm)	19
20 EASTER 9:00 am <u><i>Easter Brunch</i></u> 10:15 am Kids Bells 10:45am Worship (Kids remain in Church) 4pm - 6pm Family Connection	21 Pastor on vacation	22 <i>EARTH Day</i> (5:30pm WW) Pastor on vacation	23 Pastor on vacation	24 Crosslines 9:45am to 2:00 pm 6:30pm Book Club (Broglio's)	25 Pastor on vaca- tion	26 Pastor on vacation
27 Earth Sunday 9am Elders Plant Giveaway 9am-12pm 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kids Church 4pm - 6pm Family Connection <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	28 <i>National Arbor Day</i>	29 (9am to 4pm Quilters) (5:30pm WW)	30 6pm Choir	1	2	3

Pastor will be on Vacation from April 21 through April 27.

All activities at Sojourners Christian Church unless specified otherwise.



PLEASE NOTE

Office hours for 1910 S. Wall

9am to 2pm

Mon-Thur

Our new website address is: www.sojournerschristianchurch.org

And find us on Facebook!