



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.



7 days of prayer beginning Sunday, July 6, 2025

The entire body of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) churches are invited to join together in seven days of prayer leading up to the General Assembly to be held in Memphis on July 12-15. Whether attending in person or in spirit, let us center ourselves in prayer — for the church, for our regional clusters, and for the world around us. May these days of prayer draw us closer to God and to one another, creating space for unity, renewal, and wholeness in our shared ministry.

Together we pray for:

Day 1 – July 6

Hope and wholeness in a fragmented and war-torn world
Join Rev. Terri Hord Owens in prayer live online at 7 pm EST.

Day 2 – July 7

Western Regions in Ministry (WRIM) – Northern Lights, Oregon/SW Idaho, Northern California/Nevada, Pacific Southwest, Arizona and Central Rocky Mountain regions

Day 3 – July 8

Regions of the Sun Equipping and Serving (ROSES) – Southwest, Great River and Oklahoma regions

Day 4 – July 9

Southeast Regional Fellowship (SERF) – North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Alabama/NW Florida, Tennessee and Virginia regions

Day 5 – July 10

Heartland – Illinois/Wisconsin, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Mid-America, Greater Kansas City and Upper Midwest regions

Day 6 – July 11

Northeast Inter- Regional Fellowship (NIRF) – Ohio, Pennsylvania, Northeast, West Virginia, Michigan, Canada and the Capital Area regions

Day 7 – July 12

General Assembly in the United States and Canada

Pastor Colleen and husband Tom Hamm, along with Sandy Meadows and Jim Cullumber will be attending and representing Sojourners Christian Church. Please hold them in prayer as well, especially for safe travels and for eyes and ears to receive what the Spirit says to the church!



Sundays in July

July 6 - Colossians 3:12-17 “Beyond Appearances”

July 13 (TBD; pastor gone)

July 20 - Luke 4:16-21 General Assembly recap “Beyond These Walls”

July 27 – Isaiah 55:8-9 – “Over My Head”



Courageous Conversations are sponsored by “You Belong in Joplin” – formerly the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Chamber Workgroup. Come hear Jamie Hammond and Tabatha Carter share their stories and meet someone new! July 17, 5:15-7:30pm at Royale Cinema Lounge, 715 Broadway St. in Joplin.

EVENTS/OTHER

Christian Women's Fellowship Will not meet in July and August, but will resume in September!

Current plans are to make apple pies in September. A limited number will be made, so please plan ahead and pre-order.



CWF will be taking inventory of their linens, lace and brocade tablecloths, plus other wedding and reception supplies, serving trays, candy & mint dishes, etc. Some items will be offered for sale (donation) in the future. There are also two punch bowls and lots of cups that will need new homes, but not the two antique punch bowls. Please contact Ellen Traver or Anita Freize if you have questions or are interested in something specific.

Life Together Task Force Report

At the June 2 Life Together Task Force meeting, the following was discussed:

Work on the remodeling should be complete by July 1, with PLC to move its offices to the remodeled area. PLC will select wall paint. SCC will help PLC move office furniture if requested; volunteers will be sought. The workroom will be shared space for treasury services/offering counting. PLC will remove the PLC mailboxes. PLC will share SCC's copier; PLC is researching the number of copies made per month so an equitable cost-sharing plan can be created.

After PLC has moved, SCC will install new carpet and new paint in the office space to prepare for SCC to locate its offices there. Worship & Wonder will be moved to the current nursery location, and the nursery relocated across the hall in the remodeled space that also will include a conference room. When painting is done and the room cleared, SCC will relocate furniture from Wall Street.

PLC will install its time capsule in the landscaped area outside the pastor's office where a tree recently fell.

The church will host an ELCA youth group that will stay overnight in the church July 11 & 18. PLC's Pastor Rich will be the group's contact person.

PLC member Judy Stiles was elected to a new 3-year term to represent PLC on the Life Together Task Force starting July 1.

The next meeting will be 6 pm Monday, Aug. 4

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK SUNDAY JULY 20th

Please bring a dish, suggested according to the first initial of your last name: Main Dish M-R, Side and Salad A-C & S-Z, Dessert D-L, enjoy a meal and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

GREEN TIP-Use matches instead of plastic lighters for candles, grills, and campfires



The Fitterling's Annual July Celebration will be on July 5th @ 7:00 pm in their backyard.

The address is 4502 Cherry Road. Please bring lawn chairs and your favorite picnic food/dessert! There is limited parking for those with mobility issues, there will be satellite parking with transportation to and from the parking area. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Margie Fitterling by phone 417-825-5428 or email m_fitterling@hotmail.com We look forward to celebrating with you!



Crosslines Ministries

Crosslines Donations for July: Socks and undies for school age children. *Sojourners Work-day is Thursday, July 24, 9:45am – 2pm.*

Save the Date

CROSSLINES MINISTRIES OPEN HOUSE Save the date July 30th Wed. 4pm to 6:30 pm COME SEE THEM!

320 South School Ave.

Come tour the building and the Master Gardener's area!

Free Dinner, Raffle \$1 or 6 for \$5, Great Prizes!

Sojourners is in need of help with items around the church! We need some muscle to help with moving furniture and cutting down small trees, please volunteer to assist! Contact Jeanie Morrison @ jeaniemarie@prodigy.net or call her at 417-434-7760, THANK YOU!



Prayer Requests

Medical: Mia Coyne; Sherry Elliott; Alyssa Poteet (Kemp); Roger Traver; Jo White

Sympathy: Melvin Bowman family

Ongoing:
Bill Burns (Randall); Chastity Perry (White); Chris Greninger; Connie Abraham; Dave Gilmore (Ratliff); Debi Lorenz; John Asher; Carol Bach; Joan Fitterling; Judy Ballard; Kittie Blankenship; Gloria Brady (Abraham); Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Timicia Curtis; Lois Demaree; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Alyxis Hefty; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; James Knudtson; Lamley Family; Lisa Wise; Sue Sterrett; Shirley Martin; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Arlene Nash; Bethany Newman; Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Reese Prater; Cameron Ransom; 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; Willa Randall and all unspoken requests.



Global Ministries Focus:

July 6 Zimbabwe
July 13 France
July 20 Sri Lanka
July 27 Mexico

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

July 6	Jim Cullumber
July 13	Patt Hinds
July 20	Mike Fitterling
July 27	Betsy Wheeler

Diaconate

July 6	Communion Prep- Connie Abraham and Berry
Judy	Homebound-Don Smith
July 13	Communion Prep-Joyce and Sherry
Crumbliss	Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger
July 20	Communion Prep-Megan Bever and Jones
Robb	Homebound-Tom Hamm
July 27	Communion Prep-Carolyn Theil and Susan Wolfenbarger
	Homebound-Tom Wheeler

Camera & Sound

July 6	Jenn Reaves & Ken Moser
July 13	Sandy Meadows & Ray Reaves
July 20	Judy Schneider & Darryl Coit
July 27	Terri Plossl and Don Smith

Kid's Church Preschool thru 6th Grades

July 6	Karen McKenzie & James Knudtson
July 13	Darlene Coit & Sandy Meadows
July 20	Children in Family Worship
July 27	Jessica Fletcher-Fierro & Margie Fitterling

Children Worship & Wonder

Returns in August! Look forward to seeing you there!



Birthdays

6 Margie Fitterling
6 Jennifer Reaves
8 Ken Moser
14 Phil Wise
14 Shari Cullumber
20 Carol Bach
23 Abigail Jones
27 Buddy Carroll

Anniversaries

6 Fred and Jessica Fletcher-Fierro
11 Connie Abraham and Carol Bach
22 Raymond and Jennifer Reaves



JULY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's Church NO CW&W	30	1 (5:30pm WW) 6:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg@Church Office	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 7:00pm Fitterlings/ Eckhards Fireworks 4502 Cherry Road
6 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church NO CW&W	7 <u>Board Re-ports Due</u>	8 (5:30pm WW)	9	10	11 ECLA Youth Group over-night @ Church	12 General Assembly 12th-15th Pastor @ GA till 7/16
13 8:00 am Elders No Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kids Church, NO CW&W Pastor @ General Assembly	14 Pastor @ General Assembly	15 (9 am - 4pm Quilters) (5:30 pm WW) Pastor @ General Assembly	16 Pastor @ General Assembly	17 5:15pm Courageous Conversations (Royale Cinema)	18 ECLA Youth Group over-night @ Church	19
20 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:15am Kids Bells 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Children in Worship 12pm Fellowship Potluck	21	22 (5:30pm WW)	23	24 Cross-lines Ministries 9:45am to 2:00pm	25	26
27 8:00am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's Church NO CW&W	28	29 (9 am - 4pm Quilters) (5:30pm WW)	30	31	1 Aug	2 Aug

Please Note: NO CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY



PLEASE NOTE
Office hours for 1910 Wall
9am to 2pm
Mon-Thurs



All activities at Sojourners Christian Church unless specified otherwise.

Our website address is: www.sojournerschristianchurch.org

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