



## 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.

### Pastor’s Corner

An advertisement for a digital book caught my attention last week which has turned into the focus of sermons for the month of August. The book is entitled *Believe Like Jesus: Rising from Faith in Jesus to the Faith of Jesus*, by Rebekah Simon-Peter. The point is to move away from believing in Jesus (theology) and engage in faithful practice like Jesus. It’s actually a Lenten devotional, and when I began reading I realized I’m not completely fond of the author’s choices for biblical examples, so I’m borrowing the idea and substituting the gospel lectionary passages for the month of August as the underlying scriptures. The outline is as follows:

August 3 Luke 12:13-21 “Generosity”

August 10 Luke 12:32-40 “Alert Expectation”

August 17 Luke 12:49-56 “Purpose”

August 24 Luke 13:10-17 “Liberation”

August 31 Luke 14:1, 7-14 “Hospitality”

I look forward to growing with you in reflecting on these scriptures in ways that inspire faithful actions.

Yours in faith and service,

Pastor Colleen



**Sojourners Offices are moving!** The long-awaited move of our church offices to the property on St. Louis Avenue has arrived. Our Office Manager, Shelly White will occupy the front office to the left of the lobby (formerly PLC office) and Pastor Colleen will occupy the former Children Worship and Wonder room (formerly the PLC Pastor’s office). Two new rooms for PLC staff have been secured adjacent to the fellowship hall.

Office hours will remain the same: Monday through Thursday 9AM to 2PM. The mailing address will now be the same as the church. There may be a slight disruption in phone service as we secure new equipment. Pastor Colleen may be reached on her cell phone.

Please discontinue bringing any recycling to the bins at the former rental houses on Wall Ave. as we will not have anyone there to move the bins to the curb and the houses will be listed for sale soon. You are encouraged to take your recycling items to the recycling center on A Street, with the exception of flattened cardboard that can still be dropped in the public bin on the parking lot of the Southwest Alliance property.

**Adult Faith Formation** On Sunday mornings at 9:30 in August the adults will be learning about and discussing various Sense of the Assembly Resolutions adopted at the General Assembly in July. Your participation in these matters of importance across our denomination is deeply valued. Topics include accessibility as justice; a call to end apartheid in Palestine/Israel; responses to federal policies on immigrants, migrant and refugees; a campaign to end sexual violence; and several others.



## EVENTS/OTHER

Christian Women's Fellowship Will not meet in 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. Ellen Traver is your contact for pies.



### **A HUGE THANK YOU!!**

To all the volunteers and staff that are working and have worked so hard to make our transition from the office to the church a success. We thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!! You are a blessing!

### **OUTREACH FUNDS DISTRIBUTED**

We celebrate the following distributions from our congregational outreach funds that were sent to the following organizations last month:

Quarterly check in the amount of \$4,556.00 to the OGMP Treasury Services (denominational HQ) for the following ministries:

- \$1724 Disciple Mission Fund (churchwide outreach)
- \$862 Christian Church of Mid-America (regional outreach)
- \$990 Easter Offering (General Ministries)
- \$980 Pentecost Offering (New Church Ministry)

Quarterly check to Crosslines for \$344.80

Special outreach of \$200 to Minnie Hackney Community Center for cooling station.

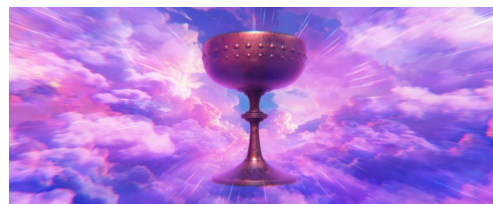
Thank you to all the faithful givers whose continued support through offerings enable our small congregation to have such a significant impact on ministries beyond our walls!

### ***FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK    SUNDAY AUGUST 17th***



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

GREEN TIP-Conserve Water by turning off the shower while soaping up, and fix any leaky faucets, toilets or taps as quickly as possible



*gratitude:*

### **IN PERSON BOARD MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 12TH @ 6:30PM**

If you are a board member, please have your reports in by Monday August 11th, Thank you for all you do for Sojourners!

### **Crosslines Ministries**

Sojourners and PLC contributed 180 items of kid's underwear to Crosslines in July: 28 pairs boys' socks; 54 pairs girls' socks; 24 boys' undies; 8 boys' undershirts; 54 girls' undies; 10 girls bras; 2 stocking caps. The suggested Donation For AUGUST is small containers of dishwashing or laundry detergent. The Next CROSSLINES WORKDAY will be August 21 9:45am to 12 Noon.

Prayer Requests

**Medical:** Nathaniel Carroll; Rachel Eckhardt; Micah Evans (Cogbill); Clem & Nancy Graham; James Knudston; Jones’ neighbor’s baby; Alyssa Poteet (Kemp); Nancy Righthouse (Cogbill); LaDonna Wolfe (Frieze);

**Sympathy:** Rev. Dr. John Bennett; Rev. Fran Schnaare

**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:**  
8/3 Republic of Congo  
8/10 Korea  
8/17 Greece  
8/24 India  
8/31 Chile

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

Aug 3	Darlene Coit
Aug 10	Ellen Broglio
Aug 17	Margie Fitterling
Aug 24	Jim Cullumber
Aug 31	Patt Hinds

Diaconate

Aug 3	Communion Prep- Joyce and Sherry Crumbliss Homebound-Tom Hamm
Aug 10	Communion Prep-Jessica Fletcher-Fierro and Susan Wolfenbarger Homebound-Don Smith
Aug 17	Communion Prep-Les Davenport and Terry Plossi Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger
Aug 24	Communion Prep-Megan Bever and Robb Jones Homebound-Tom Wheeler
Aug 31	Communion Prep-Joyce and Sherry Crumbliss Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger

Camera & Sound

Aug 3	Jenn Reaves & Ken Moser
Aug 10	Sandy Meadows & Darryl Coit
Aug 17	Judy Schneider & Don Smith
Aug 24	Terri Plossl & Ray Reaves
Aug 31	Sandy Meadows & Darryl Coit

Kid’s Church Preschool thru 6th Grades

Aug 3	Robb Jones & Anita Frieze
Aug 10	Abi Jones & Anita Frieze
Aug 17	Children in Family Worship
Aug 24	Danielle Sanders & Mike Fitterling
Aug 31	Karen McKenzie & James Knudtson

Children Worship & Wonder

Aug 3	no CW&W
Aug 10	Karen Kemp & Judy Schneider
Aug 17	no CW&W
Aug 24	Karen Fitterling & Taylor Reaves
Aug 31	no CW&W






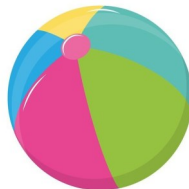


Birthdays	Anniversaries
4 Liz Millard	7 Chris Greninger & Anthony Rabuano
5 Judy Akeman	14 Leroy Smith & Teresa Cleaver
5 Colleen Carroll	18 Darryl & Darlene Coit
7 Ben Gibson	21 David & Lois Nickols
9 Darlene Coit	30 Jim & Shari Cullumber
15 Alice Fletcher-Fierro	
17 Patt Hinds	
22 Carolyn Fortson	
30 Mike Fitterling	





# AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29 (9 am - 4pm Quilters)  (5:30 pm WW)	30 	31 	1 Moving Day for Office	2
3 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church no CW&W	4)Life Together Task Force 6pm	5  (5:30pm WW)	6	7) 6PM Worship Ministry Team Mtg	8	9 
10 8:00 am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kids Church, CW&W	11 <b><u>Board Reports Due</u></b>	12 (5:30 pm WW) 6:30pm In Person Board Mtg	13 	14	15	16 
17 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:15am Kids Bells 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Children in Worship 12pm Fellowship Potluck	18 Webb City Schools Resume	19 (9 am - 4pm Quilters)  (5:30 pm WW)	20 Joplin School s Re- sume 6pm	21 Crosslines Ministries  9:45am to 2:00pm	22	23
24 8:00am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's Church CW&W	25	26 (9 am - 4pm Quilters) (5:30pm WW)	27 6pm Choir	28 	29	30
31 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church no CW&W	1 Sept Labor Day Of- fice Closed	2 Sept (5:30 pm WW)	3 Sept 9:30 am CWF  6pm Choir	4 Sept	5 Sept	6 Sept

## PLEASE NOTE

### Hours For

**Sojourners' Christian Church Office**

**3100 N. St. Louis Ave.**

**9am to 2pm**

**Mon-Thurs**



**All activities at Sojourners Christian Church unless  
specified otherwise.**

Our website address is: [www.sojournerschristianchurch.org](http://www.sojournerschristianchurch.org)

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