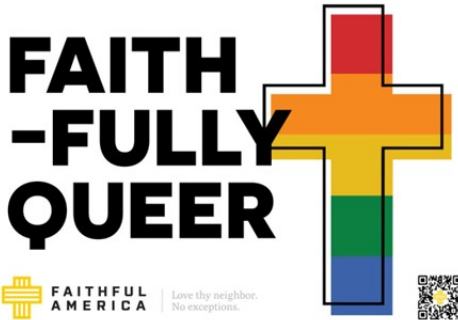




WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING ALL PEOPLE ALONG A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.

“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.



Sojourners at JOMO Pridefest September 5, 6, 7

Our congregation is one of several Silver Sponsors of the 2025 JOMO Pridefest. The **Friday** evening parade has been cancelled and instead we are invited to show our support at a rally at 7th and Main at 5:30PM that evening. Wear your Sojourners or SJCC shirt if you have one and bring posters or flags for the rally.

On **Saturday** we are invited to the opening ceremony at 12PM at Joplin Avenue, followed by a Pride March around the surrounding city blocks. Again, wear your Sojourners or SJCC shirt if you have one and bring posters or

flags for the march. The march will be followed by introduction of Pride sponsors at 1PM, so it would be great if a significant number of our folk are present for that.

On **Sunday** Sojourners is one of seven churches organizing a brief worship service at Landreth Park at 11:30AM. The order of worship at Sojourners Church that morning will be reversed somewhat to begin with the scripture and sermon, allowing Pastor Colleen to leave for the worship at Landreth Park.

We hope you will find time to show your love and support at one or more of these events during our local Pride festivities. Let's show our neighbors we love and value each and every one of God's beautiful people!



Sundays in September

September 7 Joplin Pride Sunday - *Galatians 3:25-29* "All Means ALL"

September 14 Luke 15:1-10 "Losing Sight"

September 21 Luke 16:1-13 "Shrewd Stewardship"

September 28 Reconciliation Sunday - *2 Corinthians 5:17-20*

"Beyond Brokenness – Building Beloved Community"



Life Together Task force will meet Monday October 6th at 6pm



Missouri Good Neighbor Week is created, organized and supported by two organizations: University of Missouri Extension and The Hopeful Neighborhood Project. It was established by legislative action in 2022 and signed into law by Missouri Governor Mike Parsons on July 1. The week is a time to honor and strengthen the bonds that make our Missouri neighborhoods and communities thrive. Everyone is encouraged to join in celebrating the spirit of neighborliness by taking actions that foster kindness, collaboration, and connection in neighborhoods across this state. Groups and neighborhoods are encouraged to organize events, block parties, volunteer clean-up days, or neighbor meetups to build lasting connections. Individuals can also participate by:

- Checking in on elderly or isolated neighbors.
- Offering to help with small tasks, like gardening or grocery shopping.
- Hosting a neighborhood potluck like Table Together (tabletogether.org).
- Sharing resources or skills to support one another.

Take pictures of your activities or acts of kindness and forward them to Pastor Colleen so we can post them to our Facebook Page!

EVENTS/OTHER

Looking for Recycling Volunteers

Since we do not have access as a business to curbside recycling in our new location, we are looking for four or more volunteers who will be willing to pick up our items for recycling at the church and take them with you to your own curbside recycling bins or to the recycling center. We'd like to schedule one person each week, so things don't become unmanageable. Currently we save paper, plastic and aluminum on site. If you are willing to help on a monthly basis, please email pastor@sojournerschristianchurch.org

"Raise the Bar" for Bright Futures: September is National Hunger Action Month. Do you know that over 40 million people in the United States today are still hungry or food insecure, including children? We are collecting granola bars for classrooms through Bright Futures in Joplin to help with student hunger this month. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the box in the narthex marked "Bright Futures Raise the Bar."



FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

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

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE ON SUICIDE

10 SEPTEMBER

 World Suicide
Prevention Day



www.iasp.info/wspd

World Suicide Prevention Day 2025 - Changing the Narrative on Suicide

Suicide is a major public health problem with far-reaching social, emotional and economic consequences. It is estimated that there are currently more than 720,000 suicides per year worldwide, and we know that each suicide profoundly affects many more people. Suicide remains a critical global issue, affecting individuals and communities worldwide.

Changing the narrative on suicide aims to inspire individuals, communities, organizations, and governments to engage in open and honest discussions about suicide and suicidal behavior. By initiating these vital conversations, we can break down barriers, raise awareness, and create better cultures of understanding and support. [source: International Association for Suicide Prevention]

Sunday, September 28th - Sunday, October 5th

2025 Reconciliation Ministry SPECIAL OFFERING



Beyond Brokenness - Building Beloved Community

Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church's Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity and celebrates our journey toward wholeness and imagining a world where racism is dismantled and all of

God's children can flourish. The offering is received on Sundays **September 28th and October 5th.**

Adult Book Club Resuming Anyone with interest in reading and discussion of agreed-upon books is welcome to Ellen Broglio's home on Thursday, September 4 at 6:30PM. We will decide on the book of the month and set the date for the next gathering. The address is 811 N. Byers Ave., Joplin.

GREEN TIP- Use reusable containers such as a thermos for your beverage with a reusable straw and cloth bags when you buy groceries. This helps keep 'throw away' plastic containers and bags out of landfills!



Board Reports and Budget requests are DUE MONDAY SEPT 8th, Please submit to Shelly by 2pm that day. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Will meet September 3rd at 9:30am. In the fellowship hall.



Catching up from a busy summer? If you've been coming and going all summer, you may have missed sending a contribution to the church. If you've lost track, feel free to contact our Financial Secretary, Leanna Carol who can confirm your giving records. Some who give through a financial institution may need to update our mailing address to 3100 N. St. Louis Ave. to ensure timely payments. Thank you!

Crosslines's Ministries, Sept 25th 945am to 2pm The donation this month to Crosslines is Macaroni and Cheese, thank you to all who gave dish soap and laundry detergent!

Prayer Requests

Medical: Darlene Coit; Renee Pope White (Meadows); Alyssa Poteet (Kemp)

Sympathy: LaDonna Wolfe (Frieze);

Ongoing:
Kittie Blankenship; Bill Burns (Randall); Rachel Eckhardt; Joan Fitterling; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Carolyn and Tom Fortson; Clem and Nancy Graham; Chris Greninger; Jones’ neighbor’s baby; James Knudtson; Sara Metts (Randall); Arlene Nash; Chastity Perry (White); Willa Randall; Jayne Sanders; Lou Starks; Sue Sterrett; Connie Sullivan; Roger Traver; Michael Wallace (Randall); Pat Wolfenbarger



Global Ministries Focus:
9/7 Mozambique
9/14 Tuvalu
9/21 Lebanon
9/28 Indonesia

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

Sept 7	Darlene Coit
Sept 14	Betsy Wheeler
Sept 21	Mike Fitterling
Sept 28	Ellen Broglio

Diaconate

Sept 7	Communion Prep-Connie Abraham and Judy Akeman Homebound-Tom Hamm
Sept 14	Communion Prep-Les Davenport and Terry Plossl Homebound-Tom Wheeler
Sept 21	Communion Prep-Carolyn Theil and Susan Wolfenbarger Homebound-Don Smith
Sept 28	Communion Prep-Megan Bever and Jessica Fletcher-Fierro Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger

Camera & Sound

Sept. 7	Terry Plossl and Darryl Coit
Sept. 14	Jennifer Reaves and Ken Moser
Sept. 21	Judy Schneider and Don Smith
Sept. 28	Sandy Meadows and Ray Reaves

Kid’s Church Preschool thru 6th Grades

Sept 7	Jessica Fletcher Fierro & Sandy Meadows
Sept 14	Robb Jones & Margie Fitterling
Sept 21	Children in Family Worship
Sept 28	Abi Jones & Anita Freize

Children Worship & Wonder

Sept 7	Karen Kemp & Judy Schneider
Sept 14	Karen Fitterling & Taylor Reaves
Sept 21	Children in Family Worship
Sept 28	Laney Reaves & TBD



Birthdays & Anniversaries



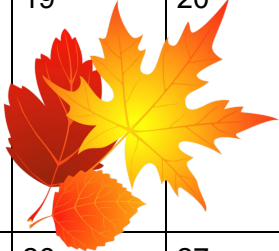


Birthdays

3 Tom Wheeler
4 David Nickols
12 Raymond Reaves
16 Benjamin Cullumber
22 Ellen Traver

Anniversaries

1 Less Davenport & Terry Plossl
4 Timicia Curtis & Malik Taylor
12 Roger & Ellen Traver
14 Donna Fuller & Shirley Martin
25 Mike & Judy Schneider

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church no CW&W	1 	2 (5:30 pm WW) 6pmWorship Team Mtg Theil Home	3 9:30am CWF 6pm Choir	4 6:30pm Book Club @ Ellen Broglio's Home	5 Pride Fest Sept 5-7 Rally 7th& Main 5:30pm	6 PRIDE MARCH 6th & Joplin Ave. 12:00pm
7 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kids Church, CW&W 11:30am Pride Worship	8) <u>Board Reports and budget requests due</u>	9 (5:30pm WW)	10 <i>World Suicide Prevention day</i> 6pm Choir	11 	12	13
14 8:00 am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church CW&W	15	16 (9 am - 4pm Quilters) (5:30 pm WW)	17 6pm Choir	18	19 	20
21 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:15am Kids Bells 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Children in Worship 12pm Fellowship Potluck	22 First day of Fall 	23 (5:30 pm WW)	24 6pm Choir	25 Crosslines Ministries Workday 9:45am to 2:00pm	26	27
28 8:00 am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's Church CW&W Reconciliation Offering	29	30 (5:30pm WW)	1 6pm Choir 	2	3 	4 Bonfire and sing-a-long (rain date 10-18) 

PLEASE NOTE
Office Hours For
Sojourners' Christian Church
3100 N. St. Louis Ave.
9am to 2pm
Mon-Thurs

All activities at Sojourners Christian Church
unless
specified otherwise.

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