



Disciples Care Newsletter Nov 2025

Office Hours are 9am to 2pm, M-Th

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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.

Sundays in November

November 2 Daylight Savings change: Set your clocks back one hour!

All Saints Sunday honoring those within our congregation who entered into eternity in 2025, along with recognition of Permanent Fund annual distribution and Memorial Funds. We will also receive new members into our fellowship, rounding out a celebration of fellowship in Christ. Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1-10 “Returning Thanks”

November 9 Scripture Reading: Luke 20:27-40 “God of the Living”

November 16 Kids Bells play; Scripture Reading: Luke 21:5-19 “By Your Endurance”

Thanksgiving Offering Collection #1

November 23 Thanksgiving Sunday; Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:11-20 “Cosmic Christ”; Thanksgiving Offering Collection #2

November 30 First Sunday of Advent - Hope; Isaiah 2:1-5 “Grounded in Hope”

Thanksgiving Special Offering November 16 and 23 supporting Higher Education

The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church.

Supporting our students is more important than ever. Scholarship requests are increasing yearly for all our higher education providers, and our generous financial support is urgently needed. For more information on our institutions and education programs, go to helmdiscipels.org.



Thank you, Sojourners!

I am beyond grateful to each of you for your kind words of appreciation expressed during Pastor Appreciation Month, and to all who contributed to planting olive trees in Palestine through Global Ministries in my honor. Together we provided at least 20 trees that I am aware of, and I couldn't be happier. I know the need is dire, and to me there is no greater expression of generosity than to show compassion for others in honor of the ministry we share. Thank you, thank you!

Pastor Colleen

Debbie Reed Artwork Sojourners' friend in Christ, Debbie Reed will be exhibiting her watercolor art at Urban Art Gallery November 1 and 2 as part of the Joplin Regional Artists Coalition Studio Tour 2025. Debbie creates through painting media of all kinds - watercolors, oils, and mixed media. She believes the point of creativity is to express and challenge one's self, to make meaning, to embrace one's life. Urban Art Gallery is located at 511 S. Main St., Joplin, MO. Times are November 1, 10am-3pm and November 2, 1-4pm.

Additionally, Debbie has provided three beautifully framed art pieces on loan to our church office for Shelly and our visitors to enjoy. Stop in and see them at your leisure on Sundays or during office hours. Thank you, Debbie!

Congregational Meeting November 23 following worship to approve nominations for elected leadership and suggested budget for 2026.

Board Reports are DUE MONDAY Nov 10th, Please submit to Shelly by 2pm that day. Thank you!

EVENTS/OTHER

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Will meet Nov 5th at 9:30am. In the fellowship hall. Service Project is Woodhaven. Hostess is Ellen Traver



FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK SUNDAY November 16

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. This is our Thanksgiving meal together! We look forward to seeing you there!

Life Together Task force

The next meeting of the Life Together Task Force will be 6 p.m. Monday, Jan 5, 2026



GREEN TIP- Leave the leaves and old flowering stalks, and establish a small brush pile for pollinators and critters like box turtles. Even a small portion of your yard makes a difference.



SAFETY TEAM We are looking for people who would like to be part of the Safety Team in 2026. We welcome your thoughts, suggestions and participation in the coming year. If you have thought about being part of a team that works together to make and keep our church a Safe Place, let Donny Smith or Susan Wolfenbarger know.

Free Songbooks

Peace Lutheran is retiring their "With One Voice" (blue) songbook and offering them to anyone who would like them. They are on the credenza to the left of the sanctuary doors. Please help yourself.

Crosslines: SCC and PLC donated 95 pounds of food to Crosslines in October. Thank you! We will not be staffing volunteers in November and December due to the holidays, but feel free to go and help out whenever you are available. Due to the government shut-down and other benefit cuts, we urge you to give extra food to Crosslines as you are able. Suggested items for November are boxed stuffing mix and/or baking mixes (muffins, bread, biscuit, etc.)

"Dark Sky" Workshop November 10 @ 6:30PM

At the invitation of our Green Team Ministries, please join our guest, Jesze Doleh, Park Superintendent at Thousand Hills State Park to discover how and why to limit light pollution. Learn about the impacts of artificial light on wildlife and people, and walk away with actions you can start taking to-

Thanksgiving Office Closure: The church office is closed on November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Book Club in November will meet on Thursday the 20th of November at 6:30pm at Ellen Broglio's home to discuss *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* by Richard Rohr. "Drawing on a century of biblical scholarship and written in the warm, pastoral voice that has endeared Rohr to millions, *The Tears of Things* breathes new life into ancient wisdom. It paves a path of enlightenment for anyone seeking a compassionate way of living in a hurting world."

Interfaith Potluck November 8, 6PM at First Presbyterian Church. 509 S Pearl Ave.

Please label all dishes with a list of ingredients for those with dietary restrictions.



Apple Pies are ready for purchase for \$20 each. Contact Sandy Meadows: 417-850-2348. A limited number of sugar-free pies are available. (2-3) Ellen Traver will stay after worship to sell what is left.



SOLD!

With thanks to our faithful realtor, Jennifer Reaves and the Facilities Task Force, the property on Wall Avenue has sold! We realized a profit of \$155,500.39 for the three lots with an additional cash gift of \$10,000 to the church. We take this opportunity to express thanks to Judy Schneider, Ken Moser, Darryl Coit and all others who managed the rental properties over the years. Your dedication is deeply appreciated; thank you and Thanks Be to God!

Advent Devotional Order

We have chosen a theme for our Advent worship this year and want to offer an opportunity to order daily worship booklets to accompany our weekly worship. The booklets include daily meditations as well as litanies for weekly Advent candle lighting. The author is Amanda Henderson, and the resource is published by Chalice Press. The cost is \$5 each, payable in advance to Sojourners CC designated "Advent Devotional." Please notify Pastor Colleen or add your name to the order sheet on the Sojourners bulletin board across from the office door.



Prayer Requests

Medical: Glenda Jones Wade (Cogbill)

Sympathy: Catherine Cullumber; John Berrey (Hinds)

Ongoing:

Kittie Blankenship; Bill Burns (Randall); Rachel Eckhardt; Joan Fitterling; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Carolyn and Tom Fortson; 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; Pat Tikkanen (PLC) Roger Traver; Michael Wallace (Randall); Pat Wolfenbarger



Global Ministries Focus:

11/2 Eswatini
11/9 Sri Lanka
11/16 Colombia
11/23 Lesotho
11/30 Egypt

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

Nov 2	Betsy Wheeler
Nov 9	Darlene Coit
Nov 16	Ellen Broglio
Nov 23	Betsy Wheeler
Nov 30	Jim Cullumber



Diaconate

Nov. 2	Communion Prep-Connie Abraham and Judy Akeman
	Homebound-Tom Wheeler
Nov. 9	Communion Prep-Carolyn Theil and Susan Wolfenbarger
	Homebound-Don Smith
Nov. 16	Communion Prep-Les Davenport and Terry Plossl
	Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger
Nov. 23	Communion Prep-Megan Bever and Robb Jones
	Homebound-Tom Hamm
Nov. 30	Communion Prep-Sherry and Joyce Crumbliss
	Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger

Camera & Sound

Nov. 2	Jennifer Reaves & Ken Moser
Nov. 9	Terry Plossl & Darryl Coit
Nov. 16	Judy Schneider & Don Smith
Nov. 23	Jennifer & Ray Reaves
Nov. 30	Sandy Meadows & Don Smith

Kid’s Church Preschool thru 6th Grades

Nov 2	Daniell Sanders & Anita Frieze
Nov 9	Darlene Coit & Margie Fitterling
Nov 16	Children in Family Worship
Nov 23	Robb Jones & Karen Kemp
Nov 30	Abi Jones & Mike Fitterling

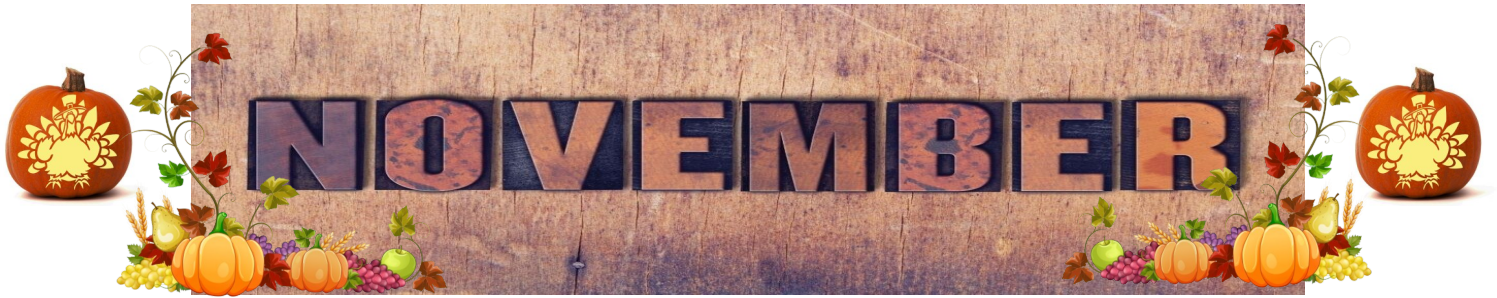
Children Worship & Wonder







Nov 2	Karen Kemp & Judy Schneider
Nov 9	Karen Fitterling & Taylor Reaves
Nov 16	Children in Family Worship
Nov 23	Laney Reaves & TBD
Nov 30	Children in Family Worship



Birthdays

1 Laney Reaves
4 Daryl Felkins
5 Malik Taylor
16 Lois Nickols
18 Lilly Cullumber
18 Lucas Cullumber
18 Tom Fortson
29 Agnes Jones
30 Sandy Hays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2) Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kids Church, CW&W <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	3	4) 6:00pm Worship Ministry Team (Theil Home) (5:30pm WW)	5) 9:30 am CWF	6 6:00pm <i>Budget Committee Meeting</i>	7 	8 6:00pm Multicultural Pot Luck @ 1st Presbyterian
9 8:00 am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church CW&W	10 <u>Board Reports DUE</u> 6:30 PM Dark Sky workshop	11 (5:30 pm WW) 6:30 PM Board Meeting	12 6pm Choir	13 	14	15 
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PLEASE NOTE
Office Hours For
Sojourners' Christian Church
3100 N. St. Louis Ave.
9am to 2pm
All activities at Sojourner's
Christian Church, unless otherwise
specified

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