



Disciples Care Newsletter Aug 2026

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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.

Please **mark your calendar today** to join us in a special day of worship and planning on Sunday, August 16th at 10:45 a.m., hosted by the church’s Pastoral Search Committee. This being our third Sunday of the month, we will be having lunch as well – but this month it will be provided by the search committee. No need to bring anything but yourself and your ideas.

When you get to church that day, you will have the opportunity to pick out a sack lunch, and then head to the fellowship hall. We will have worship there, with Rev. Tommy Goode, our interim area minister, providing the sermon.

We will worship together by singing and praying at the round tables. Communion will also be served at each table.

Following our sack lunch, the adults will remain at the round tables for what is commonly called a World Café. All children in grades 5 and younger will go to the sanctuary where supervised planned activities will be held for them.

The World Café is a discernment process that values each person in the room, focusing on re-imagining the church, including what inspires us, what unifies us, what improvements or changes should be considered, and what allows us to grow in faith.

The World Café, led by Rev. Goode and facilitated by the search committee, will work like this: A question about Sojourners will be posed at your table. After 8-10 minutes, you will be invited to go to a different table and join a new group of people for a different question. This move-to-a-different-table process will be repeated every 8-10 minutes until all have had a chance to reflect on the 5 questions being posed. It is recommended when moving to the next table that couples/partners move separately to different tables.

Results from these table discussions will be noted and tabulated, and then the information will be used by the search committee to identify key congregational traits that will be shared with potential senior minister candidates. This is just one step in the process to seek congregational input.

Be sure to join us on this important Sunday to share in worship, lunch and this unique World Café experience.

August 2 is Crosslines Sunday – “Ministering to Multitudes” - Matthew 14:13-21



Sojourners Christian Church will host Crosslines’ Executive Director Carrie Pence on August 2 for a conversation about

feeding the multitudes during our morning worship service. We will highlight our lengthy connection to Crosslines and celebrate ways we can further support their vital feeding ministries. We will thank our volunteers past and present for representing our congregation in the ministry as well.

Back to School Sunday – August 23

In anticipation of another school year, we will celebrate “Back to School Sunday” on August 23 during morning worship. Students and faculty/staff will receive a sticker reminding everyone that we are all made in God’s image. Whether the reminder is to bolster self-confidence or the image of another in our own eyes, everyone matters! Let’s send everyone off to school with a blessing and a smile on August 23!



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

EVENTS/OTHER



FELLOWSHIP MEAL, Potluck SUNDAY Aug 16th

Join us! Suggested items to bring are done by last initial,
Main Dish D-L, side and salad M-Z, dessert A-C



CROSSLINES:

SCC and PLC donations to Crosslines in August were 17.5 pounds of food, 159 pairs of undies, 12 T-shirts, and 127 pairs of socks. *Thank you!* The suggested donation for August is canned pasta. The scheduled work day is Thursday, August 27, 9:45AM-2PM.

Book Club Reading enthusiasts are invited to a discussion of James McBride's book, *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* on Thursday, August 27 at 6:30PM at the home of Ellen Broglio, 811 N. Byers Ave.

Choir resumes rehearsals – August 19

The chancel choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 19 at 6PM in the sanctuary. New and returning voices are deeply appreciated!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF does not meet in August. Next meeting will be Sept 2nd @ 9:30am



GREEN TIP– Avoid purchasing and using peat. Peat bogs are old and irreplaceable habitats. Make your own compost or look for soil mixes without peat.



Board Meeting August 11

The church board will meet in person on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30PM for our quarterly meeting. Written reports are due August 10, and encouraged to save time for important discussion and action. Heads of ministry teams who are not able to attend may send a designated representative to achieve a quorum.



Little Free Library: The Little Free Library on our premises could use some donations. Why not clear out your gently used reading material for the fall and pass along to someone else? Bring donations to the box in the church lobby or place directly in the LFL.



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER:

Joplin Pride begins on Friday, September 4 with a parade downtown at 7PM on Main Street. We would like to have a visible presence in the parade to show our unqualified support of all God's beloved humans. Mindful that this is also Labor Day weekend, we are asking whom we can anticipate to show up at the parade. Please let us know if we can count on you. A clip-board is available for your signature at the church, or call/email Pastor Colleen.

August Sunday Worship

- 2** Crosslines Sunday – Matthew 14:13-21
"Ministering to the "Multitudes"
- 9** Matthew 14:22-33 "Outside the Boat"
- 16** World Café
- 23** Back to School Sunday – Matthew 16:13-20
"Made in God's Image"
- 30** Exodus 3:1-15 "Where It All Began"



Prayer Requests

RESPONSIBILITIES

Sympathy: family of Lou Starks (July 4)

Medical: Bob Able (Starks), Ashley Benson, Bryar Bond (Wheeler), Martha Lou Frieze, Becky Martino, Susie Moser, Terry Plossl, Ellen Traver

Ongoing:
Kittie Blankenship; Bill Burns (Randall); Carol Bach; Cyndi Cogbill; Darlene Coit; Rachel Eckhardt; Micah Evans (Cogbill) Joan Fitterling; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Carolyn and Tom Fortson; Nancy Graham; Chris Greninger; Tom Hamm; Terry Hays; Holly Safe Family; Jack Passante (Schneider); James Knudtson; Nikki Fleetwood, (Fortson); Grace McIntire (Freize); Sandy Meadows; Sara Metts (Randall); Michael Miller (Cogbill); Arlene Nash; Harlow Pollard (White) ;Willa Randall; Jayne Sanders; Sue Sterrett; Tammy Adamson; Connie Sullivan; Pat Tikkanen (PLC) Michael Wallace (Randall); Pat Wolfenbarger

Other: Pastoral Search
Committee Fires in UK, Germany (violence @ Pride event)

- Elders**
Aug 2 Ellen Broglio
Aug 9 Sandy Meadows
Aug 16 Mike Fitterling
Aug 23 Jim Cullumber
Aug 30 Darlene Coit
- Diaconate**
Aug 2 Communion Prep-Judy Akeman and Connie Abraham
Homebound-Donnie Smith
Aug 9 Communion Prep-Les Davenport and Terry Plossl
Homebound-Tom Hamm
Aug 16 Communion Prep-Megan Bever and Jessica Fletcher-Fierro
Homebound-Pat Hines
Aug 23 Communion Prep-Susan Wolfenbarger and Sherry Crumbliss
Homebound-Tom Wheeler
Aug 30 Communion Prep-Joyce and Sherry Crumbliss
Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger
- Camera & Sound**
Aug 2 Sandy Meadows and Darryl Coit
Aug 9 Jennifer Reaves and Ken Moser
Aug 16 Terry Plossl and Ray Reaves
Aug 23 Judy Schneider and Don Smith
Aug 30 Sandy Meadows and Darryl Coit
- Kid's Church Preschool thru 6th Grades**
Aug 2 Laney Reaves & Darlene Coit
Aug 9 Daniell Sanders & Anita Freize'
Aug 16 children in family worship
Aug 23 Jessica Fletcher-Fierro & Sandy Meadows
Aug 30 Darlene Coit & Mike Fitterling



- 2 – Indonesia
- 9 – Korea
- 16 – Morocco
- 23 – Ecuador
- 30 – Angola



- Birthdays**
5 Judy Akeman
5 Colleen Carroll
9 Darlene Coit
15 Alice Fletcher-Fierro
17 Patt Hinds
20 Mary Webb
22 Carolyn Fortson
30 Mike Fitterling
- ANNIVERSARIES**
7 Chris Greninger & Anthony Rubuano
10 Sandy & Terry Hays
18 Darryl and Darlene Coit
21 David and Lois Nickols
30 Jim and Shari Cullumber



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 	27	28 (5:30 pm WW)	29	30	31 Office Closed Pastor's day off	1 AUGUST
2 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church	3	4 (5:30 pm WW)	5	6	7 Office Closed Pastor's day off	8
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All activities at Sojourner's
Christian Church, unless otherwise specified

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And find us on Facebook!