



## A Message from The Moderator

Candy Sprick

With the national Presidential election coming up, it may be a good time to examine our denomination and how it deals with the inevitable differences of attitudes. Healthy democracies foster many different perspectives and reactions from their citizens. And, as citizens of these great United States, we are individually entitled to our own opinions.

Sadly, we seem to be living in an era which challenges us to find real truth. As the election approaches some may ask if Disciples of Christ endorses a candidate. It does not. The Church strictly adheres to the separation of church and state, standing firmly on its principles, morals, and values as it pertains to the Kingdom of God. You may wish to learn what Disciples actually DO stand for, and I encourage every person calling themselves a Disciple to visit [Disciples.org](http://Disciples.org) for a complete understanding of what that means. Poke around on the site to learn more about this denomination of Believers. And if your curiosity leads you to the Resources tab, you will find the Justice Primer relevant to many of the questions you may have.

Probably the most important thing to remember this election season is tolerance of opposing opinion and respect for our freedom to disagree.

“In true community there is space for difference, as well as dissent, without a sense of defensiveness or being on guard.”

At Raytown Christian Church, we ARE a true community...a community of Believers driven by one common goal. That goal is to bring others to know Christ. Let's not be distracted by the noise of the day and the conflict of our differences. Let's stand together, in the unity of our Belief that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life and pray for the best for our country.



## A Note from RCC's Administrative Chair

Elaine Schulze

Dear Church Family,

I have been so touched by your incredible flexibility and understanding during the last few weeks. As you know, Suanne is out of commission for a while as she recovers from her fall. We've had to make some adjustments, and it is no easy job to fill in for Suanne. Even when "Casper", a substitute pianist, didn't show up, you sang unaccompanied for our first (*I think*) ever a cappella service.

Thank you for your patience, support, and unity as we work together to ensure our worship is meaningful and joyous. Praise be to God for sending us Willis to lead us so beautifully in song.

Please keep Suanne in your prayers. We look forward to her return.

**BYE-WEEK  
TAILGATE PARTY!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS PROVIDED  
BRING A SIDE OR A DESSERT  
FOOTBALL THEMED GAMES IN THE GREEN SPACE**

**IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS,  
CO-WORKERS & NEIGHBORS TO WORSHIP & THE TAILGATE - IT'S  
SURE TO BE A GOOD TIME!**



## Outreach Corner

Mindy McDaniel,  
Community Relations

### New Evangelism Ministry Director, Tracy Colin

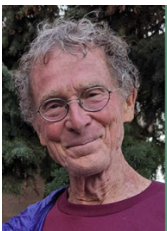


Community Relations announced a new Evangelism Ministry Director, Tracy Colin. Tracy has always had “reaching people for Jesus,” as her heart’s desire. Tracy is also working alongside a group of RCC members with a program called “Church Fuel.” These members are working with

Church Fuel to learn new ideas and skills to grow our church. It encompasses several of our ministries, including Outreach, Visitors, Spiritual Growth/Church Life and Evangelism. Wow! What an exciting challenge ahead of us! This is an exciting time for our Evangelism Ministry and our entire Outreach team!

### Chief’s Bye-Week Tailgate Party – October 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, is a Chiefs Bye week. Many of the RCC ministries together have planned an exciting Bye Week Cookout. Lots of good food, games, and a great time to spend together! This is the perfect time to invite your friends and neighbors to spend time with our RCC members. Our church family is filled with so much love and acceptance that we hope many visitors will come to join us for Sunday services the following week!



## Public Relations

BJ Taylor

Just as we all experience, seasons change, and 2024 feels it now. The night get cooler while it can still get warm during the day. As well, the we find exiting new places to be in Raytown and the surrounding. God lets us express ourselves with as many community activities as we wish, with many opportunities to join in with our community. Do it!

Looking for a pet to adopt? Check with Raytown Animal Services on Facebook or call 816-737-6014.

### Sep 12, Thu, 9:00am-2:00pm

*Hope Golf Tournament, Adams Pointe Gold Club, NE RD Mize Road, Blue Springs*

Tea up for an enjoyable day on a beautiful day of fun, while raising funds for the Hope Network’s Vehicle Repair Program. This helps folks in need of reliable transportation be able to afford the ability to get around.

### Sep 14, Sat, 10:00am-5:00pm

*Festival of the Trails, Rice-Tremonti house, 8801 E. 66<sup>th</sup>*

As one of, if not the only fully restored home on the three pioneer trails to the west coast, the landmark will host a full day of era activities. See Buffalo Soldiers re-enactment, Missouri Fur Trappers exhibit, old time music, along with lots of crafts for kids and adults. We celebrate our history. No entry fee.

### Sep 14, 7:00-9:00pm

*Raytown Live! Concert, in the Green Space, near 6200 Raytown Road*

Bring your chairs or blankets, eat from the food truck, and enjoy Lucidity play their dancing music. Free show.

### Sep 18, Wed, 10:00-11:00am

*Looking Towards 2026, at Chamber office*

What will we look like during ten2026 World Cup? Are you ready? What can we do? Join us to brainstorm: the show will happen just up the hill from our town.

### Sep 18, Wed, 2:00-3:00pm

*Podcast – Talk Raytown*

Join in the monthly discussion bout our status in the metro and steps to take to improve it. Go to YouTube @RaytownChamber>

### Sep 19, Thu, 4:30-5:30pm

*Networking – After Hours, at Chamber Office, 5909 Raytown Road*

Hosted by Jason Sneddon with Greater KC Homes, talking about real estate trends.

### Sep 21, Sat, 11:00-3:00pm

Raytown Police Dept

Annual Safety Fair, at Kenagy Park, 7834 Raytown Road. Both adults and kids come together for fun activities and for safety education.

### Sep 21, Sat, 6:00-10:00pm

*Toast to our Town Gala, at Sheraton Hotel, Crown Center, 2345*

McGee

The 29<sup>th</sup> honors local philanthropy of Eastern Jackson, Cass, and Lafayette county businesses. Proceeds support the Truman Heartland Community Foundation. Email [Events@THCF.org](mailto:Events@THCF.org) for info.

**Sep 25, Wed, 11:00-1:00pm**

*Monthly Membership Luncheon, Raytown Wellness Center,  
10301 E. 350 Hwy.*

Hear about "75 Years of Starlight Theater", by CEO Lindsey Rood-Clifford. Register at Chamber office.

**Sep 27, Fri, 11:00-6:00pm**

*The Police Fund for Public Benefit Gold Tournament,  
Shamrock Golf Course, 3161 SW 291 Hwy.*

Tee off at noon with a 4-man scramble, golf all day, end with awards and dinner. Register at 816-304-0702.

**Oct 8, Tue, 7:30-8:30am**

*A.M. Connections Networking, at Chamber office, 5909  
Raytown Road*

With coffee and meeting new people, it's a great way to enliven your day. Come on down!

**Oct 15, Tue, 11:30-12:30pm**

**Lunch & Learn – Raytown Workforce Update**

*Chamber office, 5909 Raytown Road*

Hear the mid-day talk with Matt Pezold of MU Extension, about area development.

Register at <Staff@RaytownChamber.com>.

Have fun, and check the calendar at <www.RaytownCC.org> for more listings of wholesome activities.