



The OPCC Scene

Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship — 8:30 a.m.

Christian Education — 9:30 a.m.

Worship — 10:45 a.m.

Nursery available at all hours

Sharing Christ's Love by Serving our Neighbors while Growing as Jesus' Disciples

Lavish Planting Challenge

The Lavish Planting Challenge is part of our Annual Stewardship Focus for 2010:

More Than Enough. It is an opportunity to put into practice what the scriptures teach us in 2 Corinthians 9:6-9: "A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop." As we invest our gifts and talents on behalf of God's Kingdom, we will experience God providing more than enough – more than enough to meet our needs, needs in our local community, and the needs in congregational ministry.



From Matthew 25:14-30 we have the Parable of the Talents. The **Lavish Planting Challenge** allows us to receive a few dollars in "seed" money to invest for the Kingdom to produce a dividend. As the parable implies, our lives are to be spent taking initiatives that are faithful and productive as we live into the Kingdom. We can be complacent and passive and non-productive toward Kingdom work. Or we can be actively responsible in Kingdom work by taking thoughtful risks that prepare us to live openly, fully, freely, productively, and joyfully while we await.

On June 27, twenty-four volunteers accepted the challenge to participate with us in the first Lavish Planting Challenge. \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills were given to these volunteers to try to creatively invest and multiply that gift to be shared with others in our missional work. The volume of funds is not necessarily the primary goal, but a creative initiative tending to demonstrate what a few "seeds" of activity can do to help produce a larger crop of purposeful living – and sharing – and giving is the goal. How we use our time and talents count!

These 24 volunteers will use their own creativity and see what their initiative can generate. Final production needs to be finished by October 17. All proceeds will go toward mission work of the church such as Interfaith Hospitality Network, OPCC Food Pantry, or Johnson County Family Shelters. When these Lavish Planting Challenges are complete, funds or productions need to be turned into Peggy Moore or Michelle Reiter along with a short explanation or description of how the "seeds" were multiplied. These are due to be completed by October 17 or earlier.

Thank you to the 24 volunteers who are busy planting! And for the rest of you, the challenge to receive a cash gift and multiply it will be offered again during our Fall Stewardship Focus as we seek to be a community faithful to God in body, mind, and spirit.



Vacation Bible School

July 12-16, 2010

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Donations needed:

Black lights	Strawberry Twizzlers
Moon-Pies	Oyster crackers
Toasted Oat Cereal	Ice cream toppings
\$\$ to buy supplies	

Please bring donations to the church
 Sunday, July 11 or Monday, July 12.
 Contact Lisa Setty at 913-677-4646 ext. 228 or
lisa@opccdoc.org if you have any questions.



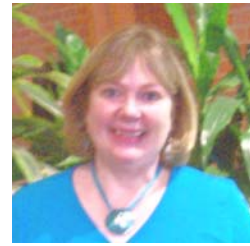
We have several babies and toddlers who are in need of playmates on Sunday mornings! If you would like to help them out by spending some time with them please contact Lisa Setty at 913-677-4646 ext. 228.

Care & Share*

The Care and Share Grief Support Group will meet Wednesday, July 14th for lunch at Cheddars at 11865 West 95th Street. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to car pool, or meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Peggy Moore at 913-677-4646, x234; 913-856-3833; or by e-mail at peggy@opccdoc.org

*The Care and Share Support Group is a grief support fellowship and is open to all persons.

Welcome to the Community!



We welcome **Cindy Drumright** to the Overland Park Christian Church community. Cindy's occupation is an Administration Assistant. She enjoys going to auctions and is currently learning to garden. Cindy lists her grandchildren as her interest, as well as reading, and she has a pet cat. We are happy you are here, Cindy!

Empty Nesters



The Empty Nesters are invited to help serve ice cream to our Vacation Bible School families on Friday night, July 16. Come join us for the fun and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. Following the serving and cleaning up (about 8:30 p.m.), we will adjourn to Judy and Roy Nickum's for snacks and a movie. The Nickums' address is 8330 Connell. Contact Judy or Roy at 913-648-7635 or rnickum@kc.rr.com to tell them that you are willing to help serve ice cream at the church and then join them for a movie.

Solo Sidekicks (50+) Singles Group

Friday evening, July 16, 6:00 p.m.
 Meet at "Sweet Tomatoes" at College & Antioch.
 Watch for coupons in the newspaper.
 Questions: Jean Sink 913-541-8837.

Men's Fellowship

All men are invited to join us the first Saturday of each month, 8:00-9:30 AM in the Fireside Room for breakfast, study, and fellowship.

For more information or to RSVP for a food count, contact Wayne Moore at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net.

Annual OPCC/CWU Food Drive

For several years, Overland Park Christian Church and Johnson County Church Women United have joined together in a food drive in the months of July and August to help restock the shelves at Catholic Charities of Kansas, 9750 West 87th Street. Catholic Charities dispenses food and household items to individuals and families needing emergency assistance. With the children out of school and not having access to breakfast and lunch at school, the request for food is especially high in the summer. On Sunday, July 11, grocery sacks will be distributed for your convenience to fill and bring back to church. A collection barrel will be located in the main hallway. Food items should be nonperishable.

Listed below are a few ideas of the types of food and products needed...

- Peanut butter
- Soup, vegetables
- Main dish meals
- Canned meats
- Baby food & formula
- Personal hygiene items
- Powdered or canned milk
- Soaps (kitchen, bath, laundry)
- Staples (flour, sugar, salt)
- Crackers, Jello, etc.
- Mixes (biscuit, cake, bread)
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Fruit, juice (canned)
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Cereal, rice, macaroni, noodles

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Contact Wanda Whitney, 913-888-5468, for more information.

Women's Fall Retreat September 10-11, 2010 Tall Oaks Conference Center

Dawn Weeks, Keynoter
Co-Pastor, Raytown Christian Church

THEME: SHARING YOUR FAITH

Check in: 4 PM Friday, September 10
(Service projects and crafts are available at 3 PM)
Horseback riding at 4 PM, weather permitting.
Retreat concludes around 2 PM September 11.

Registration Guidelines

Cabin or Lifelong Learning Center (New Facility):

Each person must have a separate registration form. To room with a specific person(s), mail your registrations and money in the same envelope. Call the Regional Office (913) 432-1414 to make sure there is an available room. No refunds after September 3, but registration can be transferred to another person. **If you have questions about registration call Karen Yount at 816-322-0576.**

Registration forms available on CWF bulletin board.

Early Bird (before August 10) for LLC \$70.00
After August 11 for LLC \$75.00

Early Bird (before August 10) for Cabins \$60.00
After August 11 for Cabins \$65.00

Make checks payable to:
Christian Church of Greater KC for Women's Retreat

Send registration forms and checks to:
Christian Church of Greater Kansas City
5700 Broadmoor, Suite 907, Mission, KS 66202



Shawnee Park Christian Church has group tickets to attend the Women of Faith Conference in Kansas City November 5-6 at \$89 each. Go to www.womenoffaith.com for more information. Contact Doris Hamilton or Lisa Setty if you are interested in attending!



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Contact Lisa Setty if you think you might be interested in an incredible mission trip experience. 913-677-4646 ext. 228 or lisa@opccdoc.org



Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network

*Empowering Homeless Families
by Engaging People of Faith*

Thank You from IHN

In June Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network contacted volunteers and congregations to let us know of a critical need for funds to help IHN survive the coming months. Many individuals and congregations, including OPCC, responded to this crisis. OPCC “paid it forward” by sending the entire amount of our June-December pledge in a lump sum to help meet the immediate need. IHN’s board is happy to report that IHN will be able to keep its doors open and continue to serve homeless families in Johnson County.

Fundraising events provide an important part of IHN’s income. Read on ...

GRILL-OUT AT SAM’S

What: Cookout at Sam’s Club, 135th & Antioch

When: Saturday, July 10, 11:00-3:00

Why: Benefit for IHN

Stop by for a burger or dog & support IHN

HUGE SALE: FURNITURE and MORE July 29-31

Sneak Preview for IHN Volunteers July 28

IHN is partnering with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church to host a 2-site rummage sale, with proceeds to benefit IHN!

We need your furniture and household items! Furniture and larger décor items will be held in warehouse space at 11227 Strang Line.

All other items may be dropped off at Grace Covenant Presbyterian.

Furniture and large items can be picked up on an appointment basis. Please email jocoihn-margaret@sbcglobal.net with contact info and a description of the items.

Volunteers with trucks to pick up items, volunteers who enjoy “staging” furniture, and helpers for the sale are needed.

Contact Margaret at the address above.
(Thanks, Barb Collins, for sharing your truck!)

OPCC’s next host week will be August 22-29

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Christian Living and Skills Series

Adult Christian Education Summer/Fall 2010 Class Schedule Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Prayer Class

A video and discussion study on prayer by Philip Yancey, it will help you explore and experience the very heartbeat—the most fundamental, challenging, and deeply rewarding aspect of our relationship with God: prayer.

All are welcome.

Room: #40

Leaders: Charlie & Mary Aelmore, 631-6328

The Bethel Bible Series

Bethel’s New Testament study will run through September 19. All are welcome to join us for an opportunity to learn our biblical heritage, grow closer to God, and to share our faith with one another as we serve our community and neighborhood.

Room: Northwest section of Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Peggy Moore

Bound/aries: When to Say Yes and How to Say No

October 10 – November 21, 2010

Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend have great insights and practical wisdom into the God-given gift of boundaries. This class offers discussion on how to take responsibility for and ownership of our lives. The series gives us hope that we cannot just survive—but we can thrive. This study is insightful and helpful. The healthy boundaries concept is an excellent tool that will help to mark your life in such a way that you multiply your love for others and minimize the problems we face.

Our culture has pretended it could violate boundaries in human relationships without serious consequences. This class will examine the damage caused by this flawed view and point the way back. Boundaries does not offer temporary relief, but points a person to God and God’s ways for the ultimate cure.

Room: Northwest section of Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Peggy Moore

Stewardship Green Moment

The average American household has close to 200 chemical cleaning products in the kitchen, bathroom, garage, etc. The companies that manufacture these products and those who market these products can take credit for that. We are made to believe that each product can only be used for very limited things. However, the truth is that a little acidic action, abrasive action, or microbial action can clean most things. Baking soda, vinegar, and essential oils can be used most of the time and they do not produce toxic fumes or drain poisons into the water supply.

I am sure that you have noticed how many cleaners are orange-scented and emphasize how citrus power makes for better cleaning. Why use the cleaners when you can use the fruit and their oils themselves? Many botanicals and the essential oils of the citrus fruits have the bactericidal posers—the same qualities from the plants they are derived from—against bacteria and other creatures. Many cleaners use the artificial fragrance of lemon, orange, grapefruit, lime, or pine oils to mask unpleasant odors. By using the essential oils in fruits, you can eliminate the odor causing bacteria without emitting toxic fumes.

You can obtain the essential oils of fruits at the health food store. Be sure the label says “Natural essential” and not “fragrance”. Dissolve a few drops of essential oils in vinegar, honey, or alcohol and dilute the mixture with hot water. Citrus oils are nice for cleaning, but if you are wanting to repel ants, use cedar wood oil which acts as fragrant repellent. To mop a tile floor, sprinkle a few drops of oil into the hot water bucket and you will have a sparkling and fragrant floor!

Essential oils offer other advantages. They are the basis for aromatherapy. The belief is that lavender has a calming effect, orange blossom and chamomile help to lift spirits, and rosemary works as a stimulant and relieves headaches, arthritis, and other aches and pains.

Baking soda has many valuable properties as a cleaning agent. Sodium bicarbonate is a naturally occurring mineral that has an abrasive quality that can be used as a scouring powder that is gentle enough that it won't scratch kitchen surfaces or tile. It has the added benefit of deodorizing and thus, it is a popular choice when cleaning the refrigerator. You can keep a small bowl of baking soda in the fridge to help combat odors—be sure to change it every few weeks. You can sprinkle baking soda on the carpet before vacuuming to absorb odors and/or add it to the laundry to help soften water and remove stains. If the drain has odors, wash some baking soda down the drain to neutralize the odors. If your drain is clogged, put half a cup of baking soda down the drain and chase it with half a cup of vinegar and that might clear the clog out of the drain.

Next article—more on easy alternative cleaning solutions.

Dave Ramsey's **Financial** *Peace* UNIVERSITY is coming back to OPCC!

A life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and live a more healthy and peaceful life.

This 13-week class will meet in the Fireside Room at OPCC on Tuesdays beginning September 14 and running through December 7, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Childcare will be provided by reservation only.

Contact Lisa Setty at 913-677-4646, ext. 228 or lisa@opccdoc.org to reserve childcare.

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$100.00 to cover all class materials. To register or for more information, please contact Emerson Hartzler at 913-422-1378 or ehartzler@kc.rr.com; or Penny Curry at 913-962-2072. Scholarships for FPU are available for OPCC members if needed. (Talk to Emerson Hartzler or Penny or Rob Curry regarding scholarships.)

Room Renovations

The Eleanor Haggard Hospitality Room is currently being redecorated as a sunroom off our beautiful large Courtyard Garden with new paint, laminate flooring, and wicker furniture. Work will begin soon to paint and re-carpet the Bride's Room and to renovate the Prayer Room. If you would like to help with these items, please make your donation to the church and mark it for "Room Renovations."

Gifts have been received for renovations from:

- Pat & Bob Owsley, in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary
- Joyce Brooker, in memory of Lori Ann Brooker and Larry Brooker
- Lee & Jan Sprinkle
- Carole Flagler
- Greg & Meg Wienberg
- Susan & William Fritz, in memory of Eleanor Haggard and in honor of Joyce Brooker
- Larry & Bernice Stouse

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Azariah Boling (Lisa Setty's friend)
- ♥ Bryan Byrd (Judy Nickum's son-in-law's father)
- ♥ Jody Cain
- ♥ Beryl Dean Campbell
- ♥ Charles Campbell
- ♥ Dave Ginter
- ♥ Gloria Knisely
- ♥ Norma Larbig (Fern Combs' sister)
- ♥ Jeanette McKim (Judy Snyder's mother)
- ♥ Tony & Florence Miele
- ♥ Tom Nelson
- ♥ Sandy Page (Fern Coombs' daughter)
- ♥ Lou Rardin
- ♥ Chuck Russell
- ♥ Michael Smock family (Elizabeth Smock's brother)
- ♥ Mike Smock (Elizabeth Smock's uncle)

Prayers for Continued Recovery

- ♥ Charlie Aelmore
- ♥ Jack Brown
- ♥ Betty Clark
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ John Dunshee
- ♥ Bud Eastwood
- ♥ Marge Foley
- ♥ Hazel Ginter
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Lucy Walker
- ♥ Freda White
- ♥ Greg White

June Gifts

- A gift has been received from Jack & Margo Brown to the JoAnn McLain memorial
- A gift has been received from Charlie & Mary Aelmore to the JoAnn McLain memorial
- A gift has been received from Wilma Townsend to the JoAnn McLain memorial
- A gift has been received from Harvey & Phyllis Cooke to the JoAnn McLain memorial
- A gift has been received from Wayne & Peggy Moore to the JoAnn McLain memorial
- A gift has been received from Maurica Campbell to the JoAnn McLain memorial
- A gift has been received from Carl & Martha Brockman to the JoAnn McLain memorial
- A gift has been received from Charlie & Mary Aelmore to the Marian Bush memorial
- A gift has been received from Wayne & Peggy Moore to the Marian Bush memorial
- A gift has been received from Carl & Martha Brockman to the Marian Bush memorial
- A gift has been received from Wayne & Peggy Moore in memory of Ron Bloome

Military Prayer List

- ✦ Tiffany Doree, (granddaughter of Betty Craney) Navy in Bunker Hill ship off the coast of Haiti
- ✦ Specialist John Green (son of Marijane Green), US Army Reserves, Kansas City
- ✦ Corporal Stephen James Green (son of Marijane Green), US Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune, NC
- ✦ Matt Morelan (grandson of Bev & Bill Barrett), US Army in Afghanistan
- ✦ SPC Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (son of Ed & Kathy Pinkelman), US Army
127th MP Co.
USMI-South Central/REO
Al-Hillah
APO AE 09316
- ✦ Major Patrick Smock, M.D.(brother of Elizabeth Smock), US Army, Fort Hood, Texas
- ✦ Josh Townsend (grandson of Wilma Townsend), US Marine Corps, Canine Corps
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To add persons to this list, please forward information to Michelle Reiter at michelle@opccdoc.org or 677-4646, x223.

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