

The OPCC Scene



OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ) 

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional Family Worship — 9:30 a.m.

Youth Christian Education — 9:30 a.m.

Relate Contemporary Worship — 11:00 a.m.

Adult and Children's Christian Education — 11:00 a.m.

Nursery available at all hours

Get Ready to Run!

The beginning of a new year marks a time for many to examine their lives, their accomplishments (or lack thereof) and look towards the future. We set personal goals with our finances, education, careers and relationships. Whether you make New Year's resolutions or not, you most likely have some kind of future plans which you hope to achieve. There is absolutely nothing wrong with goals and some aspects of our lives scream out for them. Even the apostle Paul spoke of his goal, "I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back." (Philippians 3:12-14, The Message)

Like Paul, none of us have it together, but if we can keep our eyes on the goal we can only get closer. Closer to where God is beckoning us. Where is God calling us? Where is God calling you? I ran across a quote by Frederick Buechner this past week that addresses this very question. "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." I encourage you this year to look for 'that place'. Study God's word, pray for his guidance and seek the crossroad where you are at peace and sharing God's love.

We invite you this year to join us in a community that knows no bounds, has no walls and sees no limits. Worship with us, learn with us and grow with us as disciples of our God and Savior. Together, as God's people, we can do much more than we have ever thought possible. Let's get our spiritual running shoes on and join Paul on this race. Will you join us?

Blessings,

Lisa Setty
OPCC Children's Pastor

Solo Sidekicks Singles Event

January Event for
Solo Sidekicks Singles Group
Soup Supper
January 20, 2012 at 6 PM
Fireside Room

Please check signup sheet at the Library Counter for what is needed and indicate what you will bring.

Questions: Jean @ 913-541-8837

Women's Ministries

Mary Martha CWF Circle will not meet in January or February. We will meet again in March, April, and May.

Church Women United Human Rights Forum and Election of Officers

January 27, 2012
9:30 a.m.
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
1110 College Blvd
All women are invited

Girlfriends Unlimited

Girlfriends Unlimited will resume our study of Richard Foster's book "Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home" on January 11 with Chapter 2 – Prayer of the Forsaken.

We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room — all women are invited and welcome to join us.

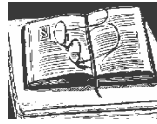
Questions? Email or phone Peggy Moore at peggy@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, ext 234.

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship meets on the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room for breakfast, study, and fellowship. All men are invited. For more information, contact Wayne Moore at 913-856-3833 or Emerson Hartzler at 913-422-1378.

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Christian Living and Skills Series



**Adult Christian Education
Class Schedule**
Sundays 11:00 a.m.-noon

When God's Spirit Moves

On January 8, the class in Room 40 will begin a new video and discussion series, "**Jesus in the Psalms**," by Paul Blackham. The book of Psalms is constructed and arranged in a brilliant way.

All are welcome. Room 40 at 11:00 a.m.

Mary Aelmore, leader

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The Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education Class that meets in the northwest section of Fellowship Hall at

11:00 will not meet on January 8, but will resume class on January 15, 2012, at 11 a.m. in the northwest section of Fellowship Hall with the study "**Adult Crossings: God's Journey with Us.**" This series explores what many Biblical scholars consider the eight core stories of the Bible. These stories, considered the "primal narrative," are the ones by which the truth or falseness of every other story is judged. Core stories include: God's Call; The Exodus; Sinai Covenant; Promised Land; Davidic Rule; Jesus' Life; The Cross; and Resurrection Life. Studying these ancient stories we see that these are also OUR stories. It is at the crossing points of our lives that we encounter God and neighbor.

Join us for discussion and opportunities to explore and deepen our faith together. This series lasts eleven weeks. Study books are available for this class for \$13.95.

To order the study guide or for more information, contact Peggy Moore at 913 677-4646, ext. 234, or peggy@opccdoc.org. We hope to see you there!

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Our next IHN host week is January 29-February 5. IHN currently has a full house, with 14 guests! If you've thought of helping with this vital ministry to homeless families, make it your New Year's resolution to become a trained volunteer. One training session qualifies YOU to help families regain their independence. Greatest needs: evening hosts to eat dinner and spend early evening hours with guests; drivers for IHN van—no special license required.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Volunteer Training

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Overland Park Church of Christ
13400 W. 119th St. (119th & Pflumm)
For information: contact Lois Wimpey,
Steve Glasscock, or www.jocoihn.org

Food Stamp Challenge Week

The idea of people in our day, in our town, being hungry really is hard to understand. "They" get government assistance including food stamps (now called SNAP) so why do they wait in line for up to two hours to get food pantry handouts? For a better understanding of how hard it is to be poor, try taking this Food Stamp Challenge for 1 week.

Rules:

- * all food purchased and eaten during the week, including fast food and dining out, must be included in our food expenses
- * eat only food that you purchase during the week, no food already in your pantry, refrigerator, or freezer (not including spices or condiments)
- * find your food dollars in the chart below, this represents the maximum you would be allotted, the actual average is \$20/individual/week

# of participants in the household	food budget for 1 week
1	\$50.00
2	\$91.75
3	\$131.50
4	\$167.00
5	\$198.25
6	\$238.00

Thanks for Giving in 2011

OPCC members and friends responded to needs in the Kansas City area and around the world through your 2011 outreach giving. These ministries received monthly gifts from the Unified Budget (in descending order by dollar amount):

Disciples Mission Fund—more than 75 agencies serving beyond the local church

Johnson County IHN—nineteen adults and 32 children received shelter and help to achieve stable employment and housing

Johnson County Family Lodge—more homeless families received help through the Salvation Army

Together Center—assisted the urban poor in Kansas City, MO

Cross-Lines Cooperative Council—provided multiple services for Wyandotte County residents

Sack lunches—OPCC prepared 50 lunches monthly to be carried to work

CLIK (Cross-Lines Food Kitchen)—OPCC volunteers prepared monthly meals, serving about 2200 people

CWF—helped to fund many outreach projects

OPCC Food Pantry—served 5600 people

Tall Oaks Conference Center—The Disciples' regional retreat, conference and camping center

World Convention of Christian Churches—the 2012 quadrennial gathering will be held in Brazil

In addition to Unified Budget gifts, you gave to disaster relief and development projects worldwide through the Week of Compassion offering. You aided the Regional and wider churches through giving to special day offerings. You helped Team Costa Rica carry out a mission trip. You helped by providing food, hats and mittens, clothing, Christmas gifts, Heifer Project animals, and thousands of hours of volunteer service. THANK YOU!!



Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

There are high concentrations of VOCs (Volatile Organic Chemicals are harmful chemicals) in paints that can be harmful if they become airborne and can also cause serious threats to the developing lungs of infants and children. Paints can cause allergies and asthma and they are a noxious pollutant that one should not be subjected to.

Many manufacturers offer no- or low-VOC paints, but you may have to ask for them. For example, Sherwin Williams offers a no-VOC paint. The cost of painting a 1200 square foot area with this paint increased the cost by only 10% and decreased the odor by 90%. If you cannot find the low- or no-VOC paint at a local building supply store, check stores that specialize in paints. When you go to buy paint, do not confuse the low- or no-odor paints with the low- or no-VOC paints. The low- or no-odor paints may be as toxic or more toxic than other paints because they have additional chemicals added to mask the offensive odors. Be aware that just because a paint, solvent, adhesive, or other product is VOC-free, it may still have toxic chemicals in it. Always check labels for ammonia, formaldehyde, and other chemicals that could be toxic, even if they don't qualify as a volatile organic compound.

When you paint, always have doors and windows wide open—whether you use VOC paint, low- or no-VOC paint, the room needs to be aerated frequently. Even after the paint is dry, the room needs to be aerated frequently for years to come due to the chemicals in the paint.

Be aware that paint fumes can persist for years and can irritate respiratory systems. Paint fumes can trigger asthma and other reactions in people who are chemically sensitive. American Formulary Manufacturing, makers of SafeCoat paints, makes products that are pollutant free—not just low/no VOC. For more information on healthy paints, sealants, caulks, and other building finishes, check www.afmsafecoat.com — this will be a very helpful resource.

A new paint has been developed to keep homes cooler in the summer by reducing the surface temperature of the house by as much as 40 degrees. Textured Coatings of America uses U.S. military technology to produce a thicker paint that is mixed with reflective pigments that help modify the temperature by redirecting sunrays when they hit the house. This paint is also stronger and more durable than conventional exterior paints. This paint, according to the company, can last up to 40 years—thus you save money with reduced repainting and energy costs.

Next month, we will discuss retrofitting an older home.

OPCC Book Club

Due to schedule conflicts, we have rescheduled January's Book Club for the THIRD Thursday instead of the second. So plan on meeting on Thursday, January 19th, at 6:30 p.m. at Monica Gfoeller McCarthy's home, 7331 West 69th Street, Overland Park. Let us know if you need directions.



We will be reading [Sarah's Key](#) by Tatiana de Rosnay. The reviewer says:

"De Rosnay's U.S. debut fictionalizes the 1942 Paris roundups and deportations, in which thousands of Jewish families were arrested, held at the Vélodrome d'Hiver outside the city, then transported to Auschwitz. Forty-five-year-old Julia Jarmond, American by birth, moved to Paris when she was 20 and is married to the arrogant, unfaithful Bertrand Tézac, with whom she has an 11-year-old daughter. Julia writes for an American magazine and her editor assigns her to cover the 60th anniversary of the Vél' d'Hiv' roundups. Julia soon learns that the apartment she and Bertrand plan to move into was acquired by Bertrand's family when its Jewish occupants were dispossessed and deported 60 years before. She resolves to find out what happened to the former occupants: Wladyslaw and Rywka Starzynski, parents of 10-year-old Sarah and four-year-old Michel. The more Julia discovers—especially about Sarah, the only member of the Starzynski family to survive—the more she uncovers about Bertrand's family, about France and, finally, herself."

For more information, contact Chris Crowe at chriscrowe1153@att.net

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Abby Anderson (Eric & Laura Sprinkle's niece)
- ♥ Nita Anderson
- ♥ Tonya Booker (Shirley McGee's daughter)
- ♥ Vernon Bryant (Lydia Bryant's husband)
- ♥ Betty Burton
- ♥ Bryan Byrd (Judy Nickum's son-in-law's father)
- ♥ Owen Clayton (David Hobbs' brother-in-law)
- ♥ Grace Crispin
- ♥ Glenn (Bud) Eastwood
- ♥ Robert Grant (Teresa McGee's uncle)
- ♥ Bill Irvin (Nita Anderson's son-in-law)
- ♥ Norma Larbig (Fern Combs' sister)
- ♥ Ann Martin
- ♥ Connie Owsley (Pat & Bob Owsley's daughter-in-law)
- ♥ Sandy Page (Fern Coombs' daughter)
- ♥ Mike Smock (Elizabeth Smock's uncle)
- ♥ Michael, Noah, & Andrew Smock (Elizabeth Smock's brother and nephews)
- ♥ Miriam Warren

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Jack Brown
- ♥ Frances Bruning
- ♥ Lydia Bryant
- ♥ Ed Burton
- ♥ Beryl Dean Campbell
- ♥ Charles Campbell
- ♥ Harvey Cooke
- ♥ Marge Foley
- ♥ Dave Ginter
- ♥ Doris Hamilton
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Sue Jenkins
- ♥ Gloria Knisely
- ♥ Tony & Florene Miele
- ♥ Bob Owsley
- ♥ Mary Rayburn
- ♥ Rex Rexroat
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Belva Snell

Condolences

- ♥ to Sue Russell and family upon the death of Chuck Russell on December 22
- ♥ to Kent & Lisa Setty and family upon the death of Kent's sister, Kim Norton, on January 4

Praises

Our nephew, Mike Morris, has arrived safely home from Iraq. Thank you for the payers!!
Doreen & Terry Zahner

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your expressions of love and support during this past few weeks following the death of my step-mother, Janet Rose Edminister. My dad is doing reasonably well and we are thankful for that. We are humbled by all of the support from Bo, the staff and all of you, our friends in this faith community.

Love to all of you,
Wayne and Peggy Moore

December Gifts

- A gift has been received from Betty Clark to the Chuck Russell Memorial
- A gift has been received from Wayne & Peggy Moore to the Chuck Russell Memorial
- A gift has been received from Bruce & Marjory McNaghten to the Chuck Russell Memorial
- A gift has been received from Hazel & Dave Ginter to the Chuck Russell Memorial
- A gift has been received from Laurel Elliott to the Chuck Russell Memorial
- A gift has been received from Taylor & Gerry Spillers to the Chuck Russell Memorial
- A gift has been received from Duane & Wanda Whitney to the Chuck Russell Memorial
- A gift has been received from Virgil & Frances Bruning to the Prayer Room Renovation in memory of Chuck Russell
- A gift has been received from Gordon & Marlene Harkness to the Food Pantry in memory of Chuck Russell
- A gift has been received from Marijane Green to the Food Pantry in honor of Sgt. Stephen Green, USMC
- A gift has been received from Joyce Brooker to the Youth Mission Trip in memory of Lori Brooker
- A gift has been received from Joyce Brooker to Children's Ministries in honor of Drew, Charlie, and Brynn Wienberg

Military Prayer List

- ✦ Dustin Doree (grandson of Betty Craney), US Army, Seattle, WA
- ✦ Tiffany Doree (granddaughter of Betty Craney), US Navy, out at sea
- ✦ LT Scot Engman (nephew of Monica Gfoeller McCarthy and Lawrence McCarthy), USAF, Elmendorf, Alaska
- ✦ SGT Stephen James Green (son of Marijane Green), US Marine Corps, Marine Security Guard (MSG) protecting US Embassies overseas
- ✦ Sgt. Jeff Morris, Army, Afghanistan
- ✦ SPC Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (son of Ed & Kathy Pinkelman), US Army, Italy
- ✦ CPT Rodney Richardson (subordinate and colleague of LTC Monica Gfoeller), US Army, Afghanistan
- ✦ Major Patrick Smock, M.D. (brother of Elizabeth Smock), US Army, Ft. Hood, TX

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