

The OPCC Scene



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SUNDAY SERVICES

Coffee and Fellowship in the Fireside Room — 8:45 a.m.

Communion and Meditation in the Prayer Chapel — 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education Classes — 9:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary — 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care available between 8:45 a.m. and noon

Baby SweetP

Can you believe that Baby SweetP will arrive in less than 10 weeks? John and I can hardly believe it ourselves! SweetP's due date is March 18, though we know that babies don't always care about schedules, so we're going to be as best prepared as possible.

The Board and I are working on plans to cover the pulpit, worship, and pastoral care duties from the time the baby arrives through the duration of the parental leave. I'm working with staff to have worship plans prepared for late February, onward, just to be prepared. As we continue to work these details out, know that the full plan will be shared in the February newsletter.

While we are working on these plans, there is something YOU can do...

Participate in this faith community! Don't miss a beat in worship, Christian Education, special groups, or events. Whether it's in these next 10 weeks, or during the weeks of parental leave, remember to participate, look out for others, and let the office or the Board know when there is a special concern of any type. Though this experience will certainly be life-changing, we also

know that it doesn't have to be life-changing for the life of the congregation. Look for more details come February, but in the meantime — we look forward to seeing you as part of OPCC!

Sincerely, Laura & John



February 3, 2018

10:00 a.m.

**Fellowship Hall
at OPCC**

Women and Girls of OPCC —

Please join us on February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate the upcoming birth of Laura Phillips and John Peter's baby!

Suggested options to join us in celebrating this birth by either:

- ♥ offering prayers for a healthy baby and safe delivery
- ♥ a card of congratulations
- ♥ joining us in a community gift by giving a donation to Michelle Reiter in the church office before January 31
- ♥ a personal gift — Laura and John are registered at: [Buy Buy Baby](#) (119th & Metcalf or online), [Target](#), & [Amazon](#) (click on the links above to shop online now, or the registries are listed under their names, Laura Phillips & John Peter, with an arrival date of March 2018)

If you plan to attend Baby SweetP's shower, please RSVP to Eileen at the church receptionist desk by phone at 913-677-4646 or by email at office@opccdoc.org before February 1.

MORE²

www.more2.org

As part of our Outreach-Mission efforts at Overland Park Christian Church, we are a partner organization with Metropolitan Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE²). However, we are more than just a pastor-led partner, and invite you to join in our efforts. Please join in one of the following events to find out how you can be involved:

- MLK Jr. Interfaith Service
 - Sunday, January 7, 3:30 pm
 - Community Christian Church
 - 4601 Main Street
 - Kansas City, MO 64112
- Kansas Issues Night – this is where we decide the work that is important to us, where we discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity in Kansas.
 - Monday, January 15 (MLK Jr. Day)
 - 6:30 – 8:00pm
 - Grandview Park Presbyterian Church
 - 1613 Wilson Blvd
 - Kansas City, KS 66102
- Save the Date for our Public Meeting: There's No Place Like Home
 - Thursday, February 8
 - 7:00 – 8:30pm
 - All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
 - 4501 Walnut
 - Kansas City, MO 64111

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Just last month we were writing about Advent worship themes and now we are writing to remind you about Lenten Worship! 2018 is one of those years in which Lent begins early because Easter is on the early side (April 1). We will begin the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with a worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. We *will* offer a small group and/or Bible Study throughout Lent, but more specific details will come soon. Know that the OPCC staff is busy working to make sure that Lent is a meaningful and fruitful season for all who are a part of OPCC, and details will come soon!

Volunteers for Worship Leading

Several of you have reached out that you are interested in reading and helping during worship – great! Thank you! If you are still interested in serving during worship, but have not yet contacted us, please let us know. Would you be willing to serve as a liturgist and read either scripture or a call to worship provided for you? No age requirement – anyone willing to read is welcome! Please contact Eileen in the front office if you would be interested and we will keep your name on a list. We will arrange mutually agreeable days for you to serve so that it works with everyone's schedule. You may contact Eileen by email (office@opccdoc.org), phone (913-677-4646, ext. 221), or in person during regular church office hours. Thank You!



Please Note—
 In observance of the
 Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Day holiday, the
 church offices will
 be closed on Monday,
 January 15.

Christian Caregivers Support Group

If you have the responsibility of caring for another person, or if you are the primary person of caring for yourself, you are welcome to join our Christian Caregivers Support Group.

The OPCC Christian Caregivers meet each Monday 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Join us for support and encouragement and words of wisdom from our caregiving community. For more information, contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-856-3833.

Girlfriends Unlimited

You are invited to Girlfriends Unlimited on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We are currently discussing the book “50 Women Every Christian Should Know” written by Michelle DeRusha. Join us for fellowship, support, and an opportunity to learn about how countless women have boldly stepped out in faith and courage, leaving their indelible mark on those around them and on the kingdom of God. These engaging stories are potent reminders that we are not alone, the battles we face today are not new, and God is always with us in the midst of struggle. Questions? Call Peggy Moore, 913-856-3833.

Christian Women’s Fellowship

Our next meeting will be **Monday, January 8** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.
 All women are welcome!

Men’s Fellowship Group

The Men’s Fellowship Group meets on the first Saturday of each month from 9–11 am in the Fireside Room for coffee, study, and fellowship.
 All men are invited to join us.

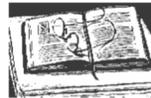
Contacts: Wayne Moore, 913-856-3833
 or Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

Your 2018 Giving Envelopes

are now available on the Narthex counter. If you do not have a box of giving envelopes there with your name on it and you would like one, contact Michelle Reiter in the church office at 913-677-4646, x223, or michelle@opccdoc.org.

C . L . A . S . S .
 Christian Living and Skills Series

Adult Christian Education



Class Schedule
Sundays 9:00-10:15 a.m.

“We teach everyone we can that we know about Him, so that, if possible, we may bring all to their full maturity in Jesus Christ.”
 — Colossians 1:28

Middler’s Sunday Morning Class Northwest Section of Fellowship Hall

OPCC offers a Bible study class for adults on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. in the Northwest Section of Fellowship Hall. This class follows the Living Word Series and studies from the scriptures that we have in worship. Come and join us in this discussion to pursue God, build community, and embrace compassion as we study from scripture to discern God’s provision for us. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, contact Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or at church.

Meditation and Communion Prayer Chapel

All are welcome to join us each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Prayer Chapel for an intimate gathering of meditation and worship through community, scripture, music, prayer, conversation with one another, communion, and more prayer! We trust that God has good things in store for us as a church as we do all in our power to invite others into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ!

Leader, Rev. Laura

Family Ministry

Children Worship & Wonder



The season of Advent is always a fun experience in Children Worship & Wonder. We 'wondered' our way through the season by following those who were important in the Christmas story to Bethlehem.

Advent is a time that offers rich insights into the importance of the birth of our Savior, insights which the children enjoy digging into.

JP Youth Group

Junior Youth Group (4th-6th graders) learned about the role of John the Baptist and what it means to share the Good News of Jesus. We will spend January through March digging into the book of John and learning about the life of Jesus as portrayed by its author.

Youth Group

Our Youth ended 2017 with a party a few days before Christmas. We spent the evening eating dinner, joining RAV in worship, opening fun and silly gifts in our White Elephant gift exchange, playing games, and finally playing some late night hide and seek tag. The kids always enjoy the time they spend together! They have begun 2018 exploring the concept of Works vs Grace through the passage in Ephesians 2:1-10. We will spend time in the book of John for the next couple of months as we follow the Narrative Lectionary and attempt to understand John's unique approach to the life of Jesus.



Any child, youth, or adult who is interested in baptism this Easter season is encouraged to contact Pastor Lisa who will help guide you in your preparation for this special sacrament.

If you have questions or would like more information about our Children's, Youth, or Family Ministries, please contact Lisa Setty, Children & Youth Pastor, at lisa@opccd.org or x228.

Youth Mission Trip Bingo Fundraiser

January 20, 2018
6:30-8:00 pm

Join us for a fun night of Bingo and help support our youth mission trip at the same time!

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

- *\$7 for first cards and \$1 for additional cards.
- *Snacks provided.
- *Donations of prizes are welcome.
- *Questions? Contact Lisa Setty

Rummage Sale to benefit Youth Mission Trip

Mark your calendars and start saving your donations! Our annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, April 21. More details to come.

Costa Rica Mission Trip



It has been quite some time since we traveled to Costa Rica to join our sister church Iglesia Discipulos de Cristo in San Jose. While we keep in contact with the church members through social media, it is not the same as being present with one another. We are looking for team members, ages 16+, who would be interested in a mission trip in late December 2018. Contact Pastor Lisa with any questions or interest.

Garden Terrace

Overland Park Christian Church has a long tradition of leading worship services for the residents and family members at Garden Terrace Care Center, located at 7541 Switzer. This ministry is currently in desperate need for more volunteers who can serve just one Sunday a month, from 10:30-11:00 a.m. A love of people is all that is required to participate in this special ministry that is greatly appreciated by the residents. If you can help serve in this way, or if you need more information, please contact Lisa Setty or Doris Hamilton.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Francis Beattie
- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Joyce Brooker
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Darla Campain (Jane Fletcher's cousin)
- ♥ Grace Crispin
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Jeanne Gilbert (Chuck Warner's sister)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Marlene & Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Myra Hettic
- ♥ Bill Horton (Lee Horton's husband)
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock's sister)
- ♥ Melody Jerden (Judy Snyder's sister)
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Barbara Killion
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Marjory McNaghten
- ♥ Allison McVicker (Cassy & Bob Evans' daughter)
- ♥ Cole Merrill (Myron Merrill's son)
- ♥ Florene & Tony Miele
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Shari Prince (Bonnie & Bob Prince's daughter)
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Taylor & Gerry Spillers
- ♥ Gordon & Iline Toms
- ♥ Billie Warden
- ♥ Marge White
- ♥ Wanda Whitney
- ♥ Alan Wimpey
- ♥ Charlotte Withrow (Evelyn Eastwood's friend)
- ♥ Evan Yoder (Cassy and Bob Evans' grandson)
- ♥ Joe & Jean Zacher

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Nita Anderson
- ♥ Bruce Cochran
- ♥ Phyllis Cooke
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Kathryn Hays
- ♥ Rowena Hutchinson
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Jim & Diana Leonard
- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Nola McKee (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Wilma Nickum
- ♥ Bonnie Prince
- ♥ Karen Rowe (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Lloyd & Belva Snell
- ♥ Sandy Teeple

Condolences

- ♥ to Jane Fletcher and family upon the death of Jane's father, Doin "Mac" Mackey, on December 20.

Military Prayer List

- ✦ Stephan Aelmore (Mary Aelmore's grandson), US Navy, Pearl Harbor, HI
- ✦ Dustin Doree (Betty Craney's grandson), US Army
- ✦ Patrick Kauer (Terry and Meyra Redmon's grandson), US Army, deployed to Tal afar, Iraq
- ✦ Cameron McDonough (Cathy Wilson's son), US Navy, stationed on the USS Gonzalez DDG 66
- ✦ SSG Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (Ed & Kathy Pinkelman's son), US Army, stationed at Camp Buehring in Kuwait

Thank You

Thank you to my church family for your prayers and loving support during my Dad's illness. Also, your care for my family during our grief is just the support we need. Additionally, thanks to those that prepared the food and room for his Celebration of Life. My grandchildren were especially happy about the delicious choices. And of course, I am grateful to Laura for her tender and compassionate ministry.

Jane Fletcher

As most of you probably know, John's Space Age Donuts closed in December. John's is where our Sunday morning donuts came from for the last several years. At the bottom of their last statement to OPCC was this note:

Our best wishes to your congregation. Special thanks to Jean Sink for picking up donuts the past few years, and the nice gentleman before her. Thanks to everyone who helped make our business successful these past 50 years!

Congregational Care

One of the strongest ministries we have here at OPCC is our Congregational Care ministry. We are blessed with many dedicated volunteers who make sure that any of our care and/or grief needs are addressed, reminding us that we are all a community! Let this serve as a reminder that if you are going through something difficult, perhaps in the hospital, or at home and needing care, please don't hesitate to contact our Congregational Care team. Between the Congregational Care team and our pastors, we hope you know how loved and important you are! You can contact the Congregational Care team by calling the church office (913) 677-4646. If after hours, the team will receive an email of your voicemail message and get in touch with you as soon as possible. You may also call any of our pastors. Many thanks for all the ways that each of you care for one another!

Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

Tips for your car and driving – going green in the winter:

1. Slow down when driving and maintain speeds appropriate with existing road conditions. It will help prevent accidents and will improve fuel economy and gas mileage.
2. Check air pressure in your tires in the winter, especially when there is a big temperature drop.
3. Conduct routine vehicle maintenance. This can save money, time, and unexpected problems.
4. Those who opt for a proven liquid fuel catalyst green plus will have cleaner motors, their vehicles will run more smoothly, fuel efficiency will improve, and emissions will drop.
5. Accelerating or braking too fast will lower fuel economy. Adhere to the speed limit signs! It will not only help your fuel economy, but will help prevent costly speeding tickets.
6. Steer clear of standing water. Going through large amounts of standing water can cause you to get stuck or can cause a large amount of damage to your car.
7. Carry emergency supplies in your vehicle all the time. A roadside kit and a first aid kit can be very helpful in an emergency. In the winter it is suggested that you carry a blanket, and snacks as well.
8. Limit trips to save gas. Plan your errands so that you can accomplish them in one or two trips rather than multiple ones.
9. Wipe down your car windows with a natural window glass cleaner to prevent them from fogging up. You can use a mixture of salt water and vinegar as a non-fogging window cleaner solution.
10. Use kitty litter or coffee grounds to help improve traction. Kitty litter can not only improve traction, it can help melt ice. This way, you do not have to use the toxic road salt. You can also find organic salt-free de-icers if you prefer.

I hope these tips help you to have a safer and more economical winter driving experience.
Have a Happy (green) New Year!

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