



Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

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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

A Movement for Wholeness, a Welcome Table

Often we Disciples tend to describe ourselves in the negative, by what we are not:
we're not hierarchical, like the Catholics; though we honor all previous baptisms,
we don't baptize infants, like the Methodists;

we don't require acceptance of any formal creed for membership in the church, like the Presbyterians.

We are sure of what we aren't – but do we know what and who we are?

A church's identity must be firmly rooted in scripture and yet flexible enough to adapt to changes in culture and the shifting demands of mission. Early Christians in Jerusalem had to learn what it meant to be faithful in Antioch and Rome. The forebears of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as they moved from the frontier to the city, had to rethink such matters as congregational autonomy and the goal of "restoring" the New Testament church. Today, we wrestle with what it means to be disciples of our Lord in a world that is increasingly pluralistic, globally connected, and yet so often violently divided.

And so, we live by our succinct statement of identity:

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Throughout the next four weeks, we will focus on who we are as Disciples of Christ and how to convey that to those inside and outside our church. Through experience in worship, Christian Education, and additional studies, we will reconnect with who we are as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

In Worship:

- February 10 – Movement (Rev. Setty preaching)
 - Isaiah 43:14-21 and Matthew 28:16-20
- February 17 – Wholeness (Marcus Winn preaching)
 - Luke 6:17-26 and John 17:20-23
- February 24 – Welcome (Rev. Phillips preaching)
 - Genesis 18:1-8
- March 3 – Table (Rev. Phillips preaching)
 - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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Opportunities for Study:

- **Evening Study Opportunity:** Over the next four Mondays (2/11, 2/18, 2/25, and 3/4) Revs. Setty and Phillips will lead a group video study in the evenings 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room on who we are as Disciples of Christ. If you are unable to come on Sunday mornings, we especially hope this provides you an opportunity to attend and connect with this community!
- **Christian Education:** The Middler's Christian Education class, led by Peggy Moore at 9:00am each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, will follow the same schedule of study as worship, (2/10 – Movement, 2/17 – Wholeness, etc.) Whether you have been a long-time member of The Middler's Class or never attended, this would be a great opportunity to learn more about OPCC – all are invited!
- **Children's Christian Education:** The children's Christian Education hour, led by Rev. Setty, will also follow this same schedule of study, but with activities and discussions that are age appropriate. Even if your child has never attended this 9:00am Christian Education hour – we'd love to see you here!
- **Youth:** Our Youth and Junior Youth groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. They will spend time on Movement and Wholeness on the 1st Wednesday, and Welcome and Table on the 3rd Wednesday. Contact Rev. Setty for more information.
- **Online:** On Monday evenings following the study, on our website (www.opccdoc.org) we will post the video watched along with some questions for discussion. We do hope you are able to participate on Sunday mornings, or on Monday evenings, but this also provides us a great opportunity for connection, especially if your schedule does not!



Welcome Jeff Stegner

For a short time while our Director of Music, Christopher Elliott, is on a short-term medical leave, we will welcome Jeff Stegner to our community. Jeff is on loan to us from one of our sister congregations: Living Water Christian Church in Parkville, MO. He holds degrees in Church Music and Counseling, and has directed worship since the 1990's. Jeff currently serves as a Chaplain with Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care in Kansas City, MO, and is under care for ordination in Christian Church (DOC) of Greater KC. Jeff and his husband, Richard, are volunteer leaders with Q Christian Fellowship, which provides resources and support for LGBTQ+ Christians both in the U.S. and around the globe. We look forward to welcoming Chris back to OPCC soon, but are thankful that Jeff can guide our Bell and Chancel Choirs in the interim!

Ash Wednesday

Join us as we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship. On Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m., we will offer a traditional Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary. Join us for scripture, prayer, song, communion, and the imposition of ashes as we worship together as a community. This worship opportunity is FAMILY FRIENDLY including an opportunity for children and youth to learn more about Ash Wednesday, as well as presentations by our Reverberations Bell Choir.

Regardless of where you begin your Lenten season, we hope you will join us for this meaningful time of year.

Jamaica Partners Mission Trip

February 9 – 18 I will have the joy of visiting a place that I know is near and dear to many of you, and to join over 55 medical professionals as their chaplain in continuing the good work of Jamaica Partners! I know that Jamaica Partners was a key mission of Overland Park Christian Church for many years and I am excited to see how this mission has continued! Miss Ella Perry will “show me the ropes” as she will be going on this her 8th trip to Jamaica! While we are away, I know that you will be in good hands of Rev. Setty, your elders, congregational care ministries, and our wonderful staff. I so look forward to bringing back some updates on the Oberlin community and the Forrest and Eleanor Haggard Medical Clinic! As we are away, we would welcome your prayers for safe travels, for the partnership with the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI), and for the ways that we can continue to share the love of God around the world. If you are interested in continuing to support Jamaica Partners, you can still give to OPCC with Jamaica in the memo line – all support and prayers are so appreciated!

Jana



Costa Rica team members are asked to join us for a short planning meeting in the Fireside Room following 10:30 worship on Sunday, February 10.

Scholarship Help Needed

In 2008, we began gathering a team of people together in an attempt to bridge our church with the people of Costa Rica. That first trip we partnered with a Presbyterian church and made some lasting friendships and memories. A team returned to Costa Rica in June 2010, but we intentionally sought out a Disciples of Christ congregation with the hopes of building a partnership. In 2014, we returned to Iglesia Discipulos de Cristo in San Jose, Costa Rica, and built upon the relationships we had established four years prior.

In June of this year, we plan to return to this same congregation, helping with whatever tasks where they need assistance, as well as deepening our relationships with our sister congregation. We have gathered a team of mostly young and eager people who are excited to learn more about the people of Costa Rica. While the trip is relatively inexpensive, we need to raise funds. If you are able to help us get our team to Costa Rica by making a donation to a specific individual, or to the Costa Rica Mission Trip Team 2019 as a whole, we would greatly appreciate it. If you have any questions regarding our trip or funds, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Setty at ext. 228 or lisa@opccdoc.org.



14th Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner

Dialogue Institute of Kansas City and UMKC Office of Diversity and Inclusion are cordially inviting you to the 14th Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner on March 28th, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at UMKC Student Union, 401. OPCC has enjoyed a strong connection with the Dialogue Institute of Kansas City welcoming them to OPCC for fast breaking Ramadan dinners and interfaith dialogues in recent years. Our very own Ed Eilert, and Rev. Bill Rose-Heim of the Greater Kansas City Christian Church (DOC) are both serving on the Host Committee. If you would like to join us in supporting this partnership we'd love to have you at this dinner. You can purchase tickets by visiting our website at <http://www.opccdoc.org/local-outreach.html> and following the links.

Week of Compassion

www.weekofcompassion.org



Whether we are talking about a hurricane from many years ago, the 2018 hurricane season, or wild-fires that rage in all parts of our country, we know many have begun the process of re-building. We also know that many have received help, yet still need even more support. Furthermore we know that Week of Compassion support, becomes more than a house, more than homes--they become places of refuge in the storms. Your gifts to Week of Compassion do more than just build houses, they help families create homes, strengthen their communities, and have peace of mind. Your gifts do **More Than We Can Imagine!**

We will celebrate the ways that our gifts do **More Than We Can Imagine!** when we receive our special offering on February 24 during worship. Watch your mailbox for an additional letter to share more about this special ministry.

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:

- Kansas Issues Night – this is where we decide the work that is important to us, and where we discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity in Kansas.
 - Monday, February 18, 6:30–8:00pm
First Baptist Church of KCK
500 Nebraska Ave., KCKS 66101
- MORE2 Board Meeting – the leaders of MORE2 determine the direction of the organization and implement strategic planning to see this important work to fruition. OPCC has two spots available on the MORE2 board – won't you take part in directing this important work?
 - Tuesday, February 26, 6:00–7:30pm
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
4501 Walnut St, KCMO 64111

Family Ministry

JP Youth Group

Junior Youth Group (4th—6th graders) will begin learning about our disciples heritage. Who are we? Where did the name Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) come from? What makes us different (or the same) from other denominations? How do we fit?

We'll use our natural curiosity to explore these questions and more. Find us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the Youth Room from 6–7 pm.

Youth Group

Our OPCC Youth volunteer trip to Harvesters in January was cancelled due to the wintry weather. The kids were excited to go so we will attempt to reschedule. Coming up on February 17 is our annual lock in at Emerald City—a night of exhilaration and exhaustion all wrapped up together!

Our youth will be exploring our disciples heritage these weeks leading up to Lent. We will ask questions about our roots, our founders, and the basic tenets of our denomination. We will also ask ourselves: Why are we here? And, why do we stay?



President's Day, February 17
9:30pm to 7:00am
4th graders through High School
\$25 per person
@ Emerald City, 9063 Bond, OPKS
RSVP to Lisa Setty by February 13



Saturday, April 6, 7 am - 1 pm

As you prepare to do some spring cleaning in the months ahead, save your unwanted "treasures" for our annual rummage sale. We cannot accept any donations until the week of the sale, but ask you to store them at your home. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the Costa Rica summer mission trip. If you have any questions about items we are able to accept, please contact Lisa Setty.

Any child, youth, or adult who is interested in becoming baptized this Easter season is



encouraged to contact Pastor Lisa who will help guide you in your preparation for this special sacrament.



Children Worship & Wonder

Ever *wonder* what makes our CW&W unique? Our room and storytelling technique are based on a Montessori model of education. Each Sunday, our children are led through a story and then into a time of '*wondering*' about that story — we *wonder* how the people felt, *wonder* what it might have been like to be a part of the story, and we *wonder* how we fit into the story.

Our kids experience the stories of the Bible by processing the story together.

If you would like to be a part of the team that encourages our children to *wonder*, we are in need of storytellers and greeters. It's a small time commitment that makes a lasting impact on our children. Want to learn more? Contact Lisa Setty at lisa@opccdoc.org or ext. 228.

Chi Rho Midwinter 2019 (grades 6-8)

Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center
12778 189th Street Linwood, KS 66052
www.talloaks.org

Friday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. to
Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

COST: \$75 before Feb.12 / \$80 after Feb. 12

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Payment should be BROUGHT TO REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. Checks to "Christian Church of Greater KC." Exact cash accepted as payment, but no change will be available. No printed form needed. Check in at Delaware Cabin on Friday at 7 PM. Eat before you come.

Check out on Saturday at 7 PM in the cabins. Campers should bring bedding, towels, toiletries, warm clothing, coats and outerwear, and offering.

Send any questions to Rev. Kristin Dow at kristin@newsongkc.org



Boy Scout Troop 283 will hold their annual Pancake Day in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 16 from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. A donation of \$6.00 is asked, children under 6 are free.

We thank all who purchased tickets at church last Sunday and hope to see you on the 16th!

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 913-592-0179 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!

Margi & Bob Colerick, leaders

Solo Sidekicks Singles

Friday, February 22, at 5:00 pm

Meet at Pizza Shoppe, 8915 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park. Menu includes pizza, pasta, salad, and sandwiches.

Please RSVP by signing up at the front counter or contact Jean Sink, 913-541-8837.

Bring a friend!

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 913-592-0179.

Girlfriends Unlimited

Women of OPCC, join us for study, fellowship, and fun! Girlfriends Unlimited is a mid-week offering for women who are looking for ways to deepen their relationship with God by practicing their faith in everyday life. Please join us on Wednesday evenings, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179 or wpmoore@wildblue.net.

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. Our new study book is "Breathing Under Water."

All men are invited to join us.

Contacts: Wayne Moore, 913-592-0179 or Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

will take a break for the winter. Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome!

Property Commission

Property never has a loss for something to do or fix around our facilities. Here are a few things accomplished the last two months:

- a. Two new bright blue recycling bins have been purchased. One has been placed in the Fireside Room and one just outside the main kitchen. Everyone should feel free to use them...reminder to only place clean cans/plastics, paper, cardboard, paper containers that do not have grease or oils absorbed in it.
- b. Dean replaced a sink water line in room 32.
- c. Lee replaced 24 fluorescent bulbs plus exchanged out 13 spotlights with LED spots, adjusted thermostats, and sealed a crack in the youth room basement wall.

A reminder to all groups that use our building — please straighten up and clean up your room(s) after each activity so the next group will be able to use and not have to clean before starting their activity...thank you in advance.

In addition to the monthly normal property activities, here is a list of major projects handled by Property over the last 9 years:

June 2010 Painted the Fellowship Hall, main kitchen, and north hallway
Aug 2010 New cooling tower
Sept 2010 New steel roof on all raised room areas
Oct 2010 Redecorated the Bride's Room
Oct 2010 Started working with Temperature Maintenance for HVAC
Feb-Mar 2011 Converted Unit 6 into Suite 6 for occupancy by DOC Regional Office
June 2011 Flat roof repair over SE corner of Fellowship Hall
Aug 2011 Redecorated classrooms 40, 41, and 42 (paint and carpet)
Oct-Dec 2011 Capital Campaign Feasibility completed
May 2012 Capital Campaign Commitment
June 2012 Z-Best painted all exterior trim and did brick tuck pointing
Mar-Apr 2013 Redecorated offices for Bo and Laura, plus the reception area
Oct-Dec 2013 Sanctuary Renovation
Dec 2013 New underground electrical service installed
Nov 2014 Removed and repaired 2 sanctuary stained glass windows
Oct 2015 Prayer Chapel constructed
Jan 2018 Right Sizing of west wing
Mar 2018 Congregational Care/Memorial Hospitality room installed
July 2018 Parking lot repaved and sidewalk repair

Yes, this is a long list, but necessary to keep OPCC viable and allow OPCC to carry on all of its ministries. WE truly THANK YOU for your past and future support.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair



Help With Our New Directory!

Our new pictorial church directory is in its final stages! Thank you to all who helped prepare by having your photos taken in November. If you have any snapshots of community life at OPCC that can be shared, please do so — we would love to include them in our directory!

You may give snapshots of the community to Rev. Laura or email them to laura@opccdoc.org

Keep In Touch!

OPCC is switching providers that facilitates our group Phone Tree messages. This company, One Call Now, will provide the same great service, with some awesome additions!

If you would be interested in receiving occasional text messages from OPCC regarding winter weather closures or reminders of potluck dinners and the like, we kindly ask that you text the word **Alert** to 22300 from your desired cell phone number. This gives One Call Now permission to send you text messages at OPCC's direction.

OPCC promises to not overuse this reminder system! To update your communication preferences please contact the OPCC office to make sure we have all the correct information for you and your family members.



Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Nita Anderson
- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Bob Carter (mentor of Larry Swanson, Sharon McBride's son)
- ♥ Harper Claar (Roger & Vicki Claar's granddaughter)
- ♥ Mark Conner (Lorraine Hartnett's grandson)
- ♥ Duane Crane (Sharon & Cal McBride's neighbor)
- ♥ Grace Crispin
- ♥ Cheryl Delmont (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Christopher Elliott
- ♥ Sally Faune
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock's sister)
- ♥ Melody Jerden (Judy Snyder's sister)
- ♥ Kathy Lewis
- ♥ Sharon McBride
- ♥ Barbara McGee (Jody Cash's friend)
- ♥ Ada Phillips (Teresa Phillips' mother)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Taylor & Gerry Spillers
- ♥ Wilma Townsend
- ♥ Billie Warden
- ♥ Hayes Kendall Whitney (Wanda Whitney's great-grandson)

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Atlas Blase (Lindsey Elliott Blase's son and Chuck & Mary Elliott's grandson)
- ♥ Joyce Brooker
- ♥ Frances Bruning
- ♥ Nancy Coffman
- ♥ Phyllis Cooke
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Pat Frisbie (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Bill Horton (Lee Horton's husband)
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Rowena Hutchinson
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Barbara Killion

- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Florene & Tony Miele
- ♥ Wilma Nickum
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Bill Sloan
- ♥ Lloyd Snell
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Gordon & Iline Toms
- ♥ Marge White
- ♥ Wanda Whitney
- ♥ Charlotte Withrow (Evelyn Eastwood's friend)
- ♥ Evan Yoder (Cassy and Bob Evans' grandson)
- ♥ Joe & Jean Zacher
- ♥ Judy Zeman

Military Prayer List

- ✪ Dustin Doree (Betty Craney's grandson), US Army Ranger, 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

To add or remove persons from the prayer list, please contact Michelle Reiter at ext. 223 or michelle@opccdoc.org

OPCC Congregational Care Ministry

One of the strongest ministries we have going at Overland Park Christian Church, 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. The team will receive an email of your message and get in touch with you as soon as possible. You can also call any one of our pastors. Many thanks for all the ways that each of you care for one another!

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