



The OPCC Scene

Overland Park Christian Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Coffee and Fellowship in the Fireside Room — 8:45 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



Sometimes wilderness is personal, sometimes it is corporate and we're all in the midst of it together. Whether it's the wilderness of discerning a major life change, the wilderness of starting anew under the shroud of grief, the wilderness of seeking connection in a deeply polarized culture, the wilderness of finding your way through a difficult season, the wilderness of listening for God in the swirl of questions and doubt, the wilderness of self-discovery and personal growth, or the wilderness of getting lost over and over again, we are all in it together. We are all in it together because even if we aren't there now, we have been, maybe we're guiding someone else through it, and maybe they're guiding us. No matter where we are – this theme of wilderness resonates so well because we've all been there, including Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11).

The Good News of the wilderness is that nothing is static or still, and new life persists in unexpected places. There is something about the wilderness that is foundational to our faith, and so we're going to spend some time in the wilderness as we together make our way to the cross. Join us in a multitude of ways as we make our way through that place where our faith is born, nurtured, challenged, and in the end... resurrected.

Bread and Broth Lenten Study

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a soup & bread supper followed by conversations and storytelling as we look closer at The Faces of Easter. Join us in wonder and amazement at the many faces that help us find our way to the cross each Lenten season.

Supper begins at 6:30 pm.
Conversation starts around 6:50.
We'll be done by 7:30.

This schedule allows all of our regularly scheduled Wednesday night groups to continue meeting with some minor alterations.

You can sign-up to bring soup at the church in the hallway to the Sanctuary, or by contacting Eileen in the front office. We'll need 4-5 soups each week, so we can all take a turn in sharing!

Prayer During Lent: Two Options!

OPCC has two interactive Lenten devotionals for all of us to "dig deeper" into this Wilderness in which we find ourselves, as we make our way toward the cross:

- The physical, daily, devotional is available on our entry-way counter, and provides scripture, poetry prayers, visual art, reflections, and meditative prompts for this season of preparation. Take one for yourself and your family, we have plenty and can print more!
- The TEXT MESSAGE devotion comes each day in Lent at 10:00am (9:00am on Sundays) to your cell phone by way of our messaging system. Our text message devotions also follow the wilderness theme, and provide a short scripture for you to read, followed by a prayer. To start receiving these devotional prompts, text @OPCCDOC (yes, use the @symbol before the letters) to 22300 to join. You can also email your name and cell phone number to Eileen in the front office (office@opccdoc.org) to be added to the list. Standard message and data rates may apply, and you can reply STOP at any time to discontinue.

No matter how you pray with us, we look forward to praying together as we journey through the wilderness together.

Lenten Worship

This year, our scripture offerings for each Sunday in Lent offer us images and stories that remind us of different parts of the wilderness and how we feel when we're there. To bring our theme together, and to give it life each week, we will focus our Sunday 10:30am worship on this wilderness experience with God. As we discern the ways God is leading us through the wilderness into a fuller life in God, won't you join us?

- * March 8th – John 3:1-17 (Nicodemus)
- * March 15th – John 4:5-42 (Samaritan Woman at the Well)
- * March 22nd – John 9:1-41 (Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind)
- * March 29th – John 11:1-45 (Lazarus)
- * April 5th – Matthew 21:1-11 (Palm/Passion Sunday)
- * April 10th – John 13 & John 18 (Good Friday Observance)

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 10th at 6:30pm
John 13:1-17, 31b-35
& John 18:1-19:42

Join us at 6:30pm for Good Friday Worship Service in the sanctuary.

Trudging through the wilderness, songs give us strength and courage to keep moving. This Good Friday service will interweave song and poetry within the Passion narrative to keep us singing on the journey to the cross.

Worship & Arts will again be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter with flowering plants. If you would like to purchase one of these plants in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it along with your check made out to OPCC to the church office, or contact Michelle at 913-677-4646, x223, or michelle@opccdoc.org. Cost is \$15.00 per plant.

A list of all those honored will be printed in the bulletin on Easter.



Your name _____
In memory of _____
In honor of _____
Number of plants _____ Paid \$ _____



Don't be late to church this week — Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8!



Week of Compassion

The recent tornadoes in Nashville remind us that whether we are talking about a hurricane from many years ago, or wild-fires that rage now in our country or abroad, 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 — it becomes 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 invest in the future of our sisters and brothers in Christ.

If you are looking for a way to support relief from the tornado damage in Nashville, or any of the various ways that Week of Compassion invests in futures, you can do so by giving to OPCC with “Week of Compassion” in the memo line (check and online), and 100% of what you give will go toward this important work.

MORE²
www.more2.o

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, where we discuss how we can work towards racial and economic equity in Kansas.
 - Monday, March 16, 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, March 31 6:00 – 7:30pm
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
4501 Walnut St., KCMO 64111

Johnson County IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network)



IHN Volunteers —
our next host week at OPCC is March 29-April 5.
Please mark your calendars!

More families are arriving and graduating weekly.
Our church is looking forward to a busy week!

IHN Training
Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 pm
OPCC Fireside Room
No RSVP needed

OPCC is holding an IHN training on Tuesday, March 10th. If you would like to find out more about this vital program, know of someone who is interested, or just want to receive a refresher, please plan to attend. There are many volunteers needed for a host week, and if each of us does a little it makes it an easy week. The guests are grateful, and we get more out of it than they do. Our host week is 4 times a year. Surely you have a couple of hours that you can give just 4 times a year! For further information, please contact Barb Collins at barbcollins919@gmail.com or call 816-807-8520.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



15th Annual Dialogue & Friendship Dinner

Dialogue Institute of Kansas City and UMKC Office of Diversity and Inclusion are cordially inviting you to the 15th Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner on April 20th, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at UMKC Student Union, 401. This year’s theme is “Hope, Responsibility, and Resilience: The Case of a Muslim Cleric in America,” and will feature the keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Jon Pahl, author of *Fetullah Gulen: A Life of Hizmet*. 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 Rev. Bill Rose-Heim, Regional Minister and President of the Greater Kansas City Christian Church (DOC) is 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.

Middler's Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

Northwest Section of Fellowship Hall

OPCC offers a Bible study class for adults on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Northwest Section of Fellowship Hall.

This class follows the Feasting on the Word curriculum. 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.

Questions? Contact Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179 or wpmoore63@gmail.com.

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 "If the Church were Christian". All men are invited to join us.

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

Girlfriends Unlimited

Girlfriends Unlimited is a mid-week offering on Wednesday evenings for women who are looking for ways to deepen their relationship with God by practicing their faith in everyday life.

During Lent, Girlfriends will meet at 7:30.

This will give us the opportunity to attend the Lenten Series from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

All women are invited and welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Fireside Room for Bible study, fellowship, and fun.

Questions? Contact Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179 or wpmoore63@gmail.com.

*Care and Share**

The Care and Share Support Group will go to lunch at Red Lobster, 9475 Metcalf Ave, OPKS, on Wednesday, March 18. Meet at the church at 11:00am to carpool, or meet at the restaurant at 11:30. RSVP to Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179 or wpmoore@wildblue.net or by March 15.

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

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

CWF will resume meeting on the 2nd Mondays of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, on March 9, 2020. All women are welcome!

Empty Nesters

Saturday, March 14

Union Station — Genghis Khan Exhibit

Meet at Union Station, 30 W. Pershing Road, at 10am by the ticket area on the lower level.

Everyone to buy their own tickets at the door.

Cost: \$19.20 Lunch to be determined.

To carpool, meet at OPCC at 9:15 a.m. **RSVP to Peggy Moore**, wpmoore63@gmail.com or 913-592-0179. (information is needed in case an event is cancelled due to weather or some other interruption and we need to know whom to notify.)

Solo Sidekicks

Friday, March 20 at 5PM

Lenten Fish Dinner at

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

12800 West 75th Street

Senior tickets: \$9.00

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

Grief and Loss Support Group

Loss is a fact of being alive in our world and no one is immune from the experience. It is at this time where we can use some extra support and community to move through these losses while maintaining as balanced a life as possible. Meeting with others who have experienced loss in a safe and compassionate setting helps us to move toward a more healthy response to loss.

The OPCC Grief and Loss Support Group will begin meeting once a month on the 1st Monday of the month, **March 2, April 6, and May 4, 1:00 – 2:30pm in the Fireside Room.**

Questions? Call Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179.

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 will begin meeting once a month on the 2nd Monday of the month, **March 9, April 13, and May 11, 1:00 – 2:30pm 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 wpmoore63@gmail.com or 913-592-0179.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Ron Brown (John Peter's uncle)
- ♥ Harper Claar (Roger & Vicki Claar's granddaughter)
- ♥ Phyllis Cooke
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Carol Huffman (Peggy Fach's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Melody Jerden (Judy Snyder's sister)
- ♥ Barbara Killion
- ♥ Audrey Lavelly
- ♥ John Phelps (Sharon McBride's cousin)
- ♥ Rhonda Phelps (Roger Claar's sister)
- ♥ Ada Phillips (Teresa Phillips' mother)
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Gerry Spillers
- ♥ Billie Warden
- ♥ Arlene Wiler
- ♥ Lois Wimpey

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Frances Bruning
- ♥ Bob Carter (mentor of Larry Swanson, Sharon McBride's son)
- ♥ Nancy Coffman
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Barb Collins
- ♥ Mark Conner (Lorraine Hartnett's grandson)
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Jan Eilert
- ♥ Christopher Elliott
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Pat Frisbie (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Alex Horton
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Rowena Hutchinson
- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Florene & Tony Miele
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Teresa Phillips
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Gordon & Iline Toms
- ♥ Wilma Townsend
- ♥ Doris Watts
- ♥ Wanda Whitney
- ♥ Evan Yoder (Cassy and Bob Evans' grandson)
- ♥ Joe & Jean Zacher

Condolences

- ♥ to Margo Brown and family on the death of her sister, Nedra Randolph, on February 16.
- ♥ to Maurica Campbell on the death of her friend, Bob Gentry, on February 17.

Congratulations

- ♥ to Barb & Earl Sheldon on the birth of a new great-granddaughter, Luna Taylor Trimble, born to Becca & Gavin Trimble on February 21 at 8 lbs and 1 oz. Proud grandparents are Mark & Cynthia Sheldon, and great-great-grandmother is Nadine Sheldon.
- ♥ to Lisa Engelken on the birth of a new granddaughter, Josie Rose Beck, born to Jenna & David Beck on February 25.

Military Prayer List

- ✦ Jamie Crowe (Bo & Chris Crowe's son), US Marines
- ✦ Dustin Doree (Betty Craney's grandson), US Army Ranger trainer
- ✦ Cameron McDonough (Cathy Wilson's son), US Navy, stationed on the USS Gonzalez DDG 66
- ✦ MAJ Amber R. Phipps (daughter of Dale & Nancy), US Army stationed on the Special Forces Compound - Camp Brown in Kandahar, Afghanistan
- ✦ SSG Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (Ed & Kathy Pinkelman's son), US Army, stationed at Camp Buehring in Kuwait

Thank You!

Thank you to our board for hosting such a lovely Volunteer Reception, as our OPCC leadership says thank you to all of you – our OPCC volunteers! Thank you for all that you do to make the ministries of OPCC happen. It was a wonderful occasion for everyone to honor and celebrate together the work of OPCC!

Congregational Care Ministry

One of the strongest ministries we have 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 by calling the church office at 913-677-4646. The team will receive an email of your message and get in touch with you as soon as possible. Many thanks for all the ways that each of you care for one another!

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, March 21, 7 am - 1 pm

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be on March 21st — be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to come buy some treasures and help support our OPCC Youth Summer 2020 Mission Trip to Ft. Worth, TX!

Do you have some extra “stuff” that you are looking to get rid of? We need it for the Rummage Sale!

Help us with donations by telling your friends and neighbors that we will gladly accept their donation as well!



We will accept all items, including clothes, **EXCEPT—NO computers and monitors, tube tvs, infant products such as car seats and cribs (prohibited by law), or broken furniture.**

Items may be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall during these dates/times:

- Tuesday, March 17, 9:30am–4pm and 6–8:30pm
- Wednesday, March 18, 9:30am–4pm and 6–8:30pm
- Thursday, March 19, 9:30am–4pm and 6–8:30pm
- Friday, March 20, 9:30am–3pm and 6–8:30pm

Please also let us know if you are able to provide any soft drinks/water and baked goods to sell on that day, as well as cardboard boxes, plastic grocery bags, and white or black trash bags which will help us to set up the Rummage Sale and to box-up any donations left over at the end. Help support our mission team and clean out your closets at the same time! Please contact Rev. Laura if you have questions.

Family Ministry

Join us for **Junior Youth** (4th – 6th graders) and **Youth Group** (7th – 12th graders)!

Both Groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, in the OPCC Basement.

Jr Youth: 6-7pm and Youth: 7-8:30pm.



Summer Camp at Tall Oaks

Registration is now open for **Tall Oaks** for this summer.

Camps are available for a wide variety of ages from Grandparents Camp and Day Camp for the younger members, to CYF camps for our high schoolers.

Remember that OPCC has scholarships available for EVERY CHILD who wants to go to camp! We believe strongly in the power of reconnecting with God in such an amazing space and want everyone who desires, to be able to experience camp at Tall Oaks!

Go to www.talloaks.org for all the information about camp and to register.

Tall Oaks Spring Carnival

Also at Tall Oaks Campground this year will be a new Spring Carnival Event.

Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 2-6 p.m.

This will be an opportunity to participate in a family-friendly, affordable event that showcases Tall Oaks and brings the community together!

Go to www.talloaks.org for all the info.

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