

# The OPCC Scene



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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship — 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adult Christian Education — 9:00 a.m.

Children's Christian Education — 9:30 a.m.

Nursery care available between 8:15 a.m. and noon

## The Word now Living

In a few days, we will gather as a faith community to celebrate Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and the beginning of faith. It's always a joyous and moving event, one could even say transforming, because from the time we rise early on that third day, we have a very real sense that something awe inspiring and totally unique has occurred. So, we rush to church, as to a garden tomb, to see what has come to pass.

To see what has come to pass. This was not an infrequent pursuit during the life and ministry of Jesus. Years before the dramatic conclusion of his ministry in Jerusalem, shepherds abiding in the fields made their way to Bethlehem to see the new born prince of peace, and to see what had come to pass. Time and again during his ministry in Galilee, and on the journey south; the poor, the ill, the diseased, and the humble in spirit sought Jesus out... to see what had come to pass. And, oh the throngs of Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. They thought they knew what had come to pass, and were not pleased; yet they would have benefited from the attitude of Nicodemus, who came to Jesus to inquire into this *life from above* he talked about so much.

Finally, the women who were close disciples of Jesus made their way at dawn to that unmarked garden tomb, to see what had come to pass. They were met, as you know, by messengers from God announcing the resurrection, and instructing them to celebrate with joy and tell others the good news. There follows in the gospels story after story of the disciples moved by appearances of the Risen Lord. And after some doubting... they finally recognized what had come to pass.

In a few days we will celebrate Easter, probably with some misgiving that we can't know the resurrection as did the disciples, luxuriating in the Lord's glorious appearance. Our experience is and always will be second hand, celebrating only on the basis of what we have been told. But such is not the case. Read closely the resurrection narratives, and you will find that the first witness to the resurrection was delivered through the *words* of God's messengers, announcing what had come to pass. Then and only then did words come to life; come to life and make present the reality of the Risen Lord!

There will be nothing second hand about our celebration of Easter when we gather in a few days. Rather, we will hear the word of resurrection proclaimed, prayed, sung, and lived through fellowship; and we, too, will know in a very real sense what has come to pass. I pray you will join us to hear the word of resurrection now living!

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# HOLY WEEK AT OPCC

The prayers, praise, and reflections all along our Lenten journey will come to an end as we make our way toward Holy Week, April 9 – 16. Take note of the continued and new opportunities we have during Holy Week. We hope you will make every effort to be a part of our family of faith during this special time in the church year.

## Sunday, April 9 – Sunday, April 16

### Holy Week Prayer Stations

Uniquely focused Prayer Stations will be set up in the Overflow Room, Sanctuary, and Courtyard, providing a time and space for you to experience God in your life. Prayer Stations offer a simple approach to prayer and spiritual reflection where you can participate at your own pace. These stations are especially family friendly and a great way to help your entire family travel through Holy Week. Utilize as many or as few as you choose, and please plan to come back more than once.

## Sunday, April 9

### Palm Sunday & Processional

We will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with celebrative shouts of Hosanna! Youth, children, and children-at-heart ALL have the opportunity to join us in our Palm Sunday Processional on Sunday morning at 10:30am.

## Wednesday, April 12

### Final Study of the Lenten Bible Study "On the Road to the Cross"

*Easter is the turning point of human history and the turning point of our lives... Within that one great story are the stories of men and women who lived through those incredible days and witness a truth that is both unbelievable and undeniable... The story of Easter is often told in the voices of its major characters: Christ, Peter, Herod, Pilate, and a few others. But the Gospel writers tell the stories of others who were in Jerusalem that week. Those lives are the subject of "On the Road to the Cross", the book we have been using for our weekly study throughout Lent. You are still welcome to join us as we finish the study of this book. Each chapter is stand alone, so no need to have read it in advance, or any previous chapters. We would love to have you join us at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room.*

## Thursday, April 13

### Maundy Thursday

Join us at 7:00pm for a "Living Last Supper." On this special night we will commemorate the Last Supper and the betrayal of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The stories of Jesus' disciples, as well as that of Jesus, will be shared through prayer, drama, communion, and singing. Our Chalice Chancel Choir will add special music to enhance the beauty and power of this presentation. To conclude the worship gathering, we will introduce the theme of Holy Friday (Good Friday) to prepare our hearts for that which will happen in the last three days of Jesus' life.

## Sunday, April 16

### Easter Sunday – He is Risen!

Join us at 8:30am or 10:30am as we celebrate the resurrection of the Christ on the morning of the third day! Baptism will enhance our experience during the 10:30am Sunday Worship. We will also host a Baptism reception following worship. Christian Education classes will not be held on Easter Sunday, but will resume on Sunday, April 23.

# **Sunday Worship to Combine into One Service at 10:30 AM beginning April 23 “coffee and donuts will still be served!”**

When I make my way down to the Fireside Room of a Sunday morning to roust out our early worshippers, it is often said in jest that since we are so few, we should worship in the Fireside Room and stay close to the donuts! While it is true that we could easily fit into the Fireside Room, it turns out that the best adjustment we could make would be to rejoin the rest of our faith community in worship at 10:30 AM.

This adjustment will please many people; particularly those who often comment that it would be nice to have our whole family in worship at one time, and to see friends they so often miss.

In addition to the benefits mentioned above, this new schedule will ease the heavy demands on our worship leaders' time, and allow our pastors to participate in small group studies and other opportunities during the Church School hour.

We will continue our 8:30 AM worship on both Palm Sunday and Easter, and will make the transition to one worship gathering at 10:30 AM on Sunday, April 23.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to speak to one of our pastors. Laura, Lisa, and I would be happy to talk more about this.

*Bo*

## **Crazy Activity Sunday – Worship through Service April 30, 2017**

**1 Peter 4:10-11 — God has given each of you a gift from his variety of spiritual gifts.  
Use them well to serve one another.**

Please plan on joining us for an all-church, intergenerational day of worshiping through service.

Instead of worshiping God *in our sanctuary* on this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April, we will worship God out in, and with, our community through service to the family of God! That means we will NOT have traditional worship services in our sanctuary on Sunday morning, April 30th.

Instead, we will worship and fellowship together as we take God's love out into our community in service to others. The schedule for the day is as follows:

**8:30am - 12:30pm – Communion, worship stations, and meditative space available in the OPCC prayer chapel. No regular 8:30 service.**

**9:00am - 1:00pm – Teams 1, 2, & 3 – Worship through Service projects**

**1:00pm - Lunch & Informal Worship at OPCC Fellowship Hall – Lunch provided by our youth as a fund-raising project for their summer mission trip**

**2:00pm - 5:00pm Teams 4, 5, & 6 – Worship through Service projects**

*Make sure to sign up for the team of your choice at the table in the front OPCC hallway*

**Team 1 – Making lap blankets for area nursing homes**

**Team 2 – Area park clean-up project / Church clean-up project**

**Team 3 – Animal shelter volunteers (must be at least 15 years of age)**

**Team 4 – Church clean-up project**

**Team 5 – Clean-up and repair projects at congregant's homes**

**Team 6 – Nursing home visit to read and play games with residents**

We are looking forward to this day of worship through service!  
Come with an open mind and a willingness to share your gifts and talents!

# MUSIC NOTES



The Chalice Chancel Choir has been hard at work preparing special music for the exciting Living Last Supper dramatic presentation for Maundy Thursday. Many thanks to the choir members for all the extra work and rehearsal time. The Reverberations Bell Choir will join with the Chalice Chancel Choir on Palm Sunday to present a special anthem about the significance of the palm branches. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us during Holy Week!

## Upcoming Worship Notes:

- April 9 – Palm Sunday:  
Reverberations Bell Choir in worship
- April 13 – Maundy Thursday:  
Living Last Supper dramatic presentation
- April 16 – Easter:  
Festive hymns and anthem by the Chancel Choir
- April 30 – Crazy Activity Sunday:  
Worship Through Service Sunday — sign up for your volunteer team soon!

## Upcoming Community Events:

- UMKC Jazz Night. April 13, 7:30 pm @ The Folly Theater, KCMO.
- East Hill Singers, an inmate and community choir. April 23, 3:00 pm @ Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village.
- Rezound! Handbell Ensemble in Concert:  
Music of Time and Space. April 29, 7pm @ OPCC.

Would you be interested in joining Chancel Choir, Reverberations Bell Choir, singing a solo or playing an instrument? Do you have feedback or suggestions for our music programming? Please leave a message with the church office or send email to [chris@opccdoc.org](mailto:chris@opccdoc.org).

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Christopher Elliott  
Director of Music

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 (MORE<sup>2</sup>). However, we are more than just a pastor-led partner, and hope you will join in our efforts. Please join in one of the following events to find out how you can be involved:

- Kansas Issues Assembly
  - Monday April 10, 2017 6:30pm-8:00pm at Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, 1613 Wilson Avenue, KCKS. We will continue work on Immigration and explore other issues and structural work in Kansas
- Be MORE<sup>2</sup> — A Call for Action in a time Such as This
  - Thursday May 4, 7:00pm – 8:30pm at Bethel AME Church, 2329 Flora, KCMO
- MORE<sup>2</sup> Training – May 7, Details TBA
- MORE<sup>2</sup> Annual Transformation Banquet: Change Yourself Change Your World
  - Thursday June 8, 5:30pm – 9:00pm
  - Marriott Muehlebach Tower, 1213 Wyandotte St., KCMO
  - Keynote: Rev. DeNeice and Dr. John Welch
  - Music: Undercurrent
  - Honorees: Kinda & Ajamu Webster and Mayor Mark Holland
  - This will be our biggest event ever and we have a wonderful fun evening of dinner and celebration planned!
  - A donor from OPCC has already subsidized a portion of a table for OPCC to represent! You can join us for the subsidized cost of \$50/ticket – speak to one of our pastors for more information or if you would like to join but are finding it cost prohibitive.

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](mailto: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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Kansas City's auditioned community Handbell Ensemble presents a unique musical experience

## Music of Time and Space

Saturday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.  
Overland Park Christian Church  
Free Admission—Donations Welcome  
more details: [www.rezound.org](http://www.rezound.org)  
or 816-866-RING (7464)

# Family Ministry

## Chips and Cookies?

Our youth have been preparing sack lunches once a month for quite a while now. These sack lunches are distributed by Crosslines in Kansas City, KS, to people who come in for breakfast and then need a lunch to take to work. We are looking for some

help in supplies for these lunches.

Are you able to help provide baggies of individual servings of chips, cookies, or other snacks? Contact Lisa Setty if you can help with this ongoing project.



## OPCC Vacation Bible School

June 11—June 15

6:30—8:30 pm

4 yrs old (PreK) through 5th grade

It's almost that time! Sign up for VBS today!  
Children and volunteers may register now at

<http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/opcc>

## Tall Oaks Camp Dates

Information about Tall Oaks summer camps has been released. Fliers are located on bulletin boards around the church with information. You may also go to [www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org) for information. Registration is offered online. If you have any questions about camp, ask Lisa Setty or Laura Phillips.



Thank you to our congregation who were so generous in their donations to our annual youth Rummage Sale, as well as to those who came and bought treasures. So far we have raised \$1,700 to help with our transportation costs to Baton Rouge this summer, which is incredible! Thank you for your support and generosity toward our youth.

Please hold **Jack Perry** in your prayers as he prepares for his baptism on Easter Sunday. He has been learning more about his faith in the recent weeks and



is excited in this next step of his spiritual journey. To celebrate his baptism, Jack would like to invite his faith community to a reception following the 10:30 worship hour. Cake will be served in honor of Jack.

## Tall Oaks Campalooza Brinner and Beer...Awesome!

**Reserve May 6, 4-8pm, on your calendar now!**

Join us as the pavilion for our first spring fundraiser.

Online registration:

Individual: \$10; Couple: \$15; Family: \$20

Or pay at the gate:

Individual: \$15; Couple: \$20; Family: \$25

Admission includes Wagon Ride, Inflatables, Camp Tours, and Live Music.

Tickets available for more fun:

Face Painting, Breakfast for Dinner, Balloon Animals, Bingo, Caricature Drawings, and more.

Register at [www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org)



### NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk

I will be participating in the NAMI Kansas Walk at Topeka on May 13. I would greatly appreciate it if you would consider donating to the Walk.

**No donation is too small; every dollar counts.**

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness and their families. **NAMI provides support, education, and advocacy at no cost to/for participants.** NAMI also participates in **training law enforcement officers**, CIT Officers, to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness and how to relate to those in mental illness crisis.

**There are 2 ways to donate:**

1. Write a check written to **NAMI Kansas**.

You can send it to my home:

**8348 England, Overland Park, KS 66212**

or

2. Donate online. at [www.namileaks.org/kansas](http://www.namileaks.org/kansas)

Please indicate that you're donating in my name.

Thank you, and God bless you,  
Doris Hamilton

## **Need Some Help?**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Special Worship April 30th – As part of our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special worship we want work together and to help folks in our congregation. Do you have small things around your house that you need help with? Raking leaves, changing light bulbs, moving furniture, planting new flowers, etc? If so, please let the church office know so that we can fellowship together and help each other!

Contact Eileen in the church office at 913-677-4646 or by email at [office@opccdoc.org](mailto:office@opccdoc.org).

## **All-Church Meeting**

Sunday, May 7, 9:30 a.m.

The Elders are sponsoring an all congregation meeting on May 7th between worship services. Rev. Laura will be our special guest as she tells us about this years' upcoming General Assembly. We will also spend 5-10 minutes going over the money counting procedure for Deacons and Elders. The entire congregation is invited but we especially look forward to seeing all of you Elders there.

## **Christian Women's Fellowship**

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.  
All women are welcome!

## **Girlfriends Unlimited**

The Girlfriends Bible study group will resume regular Wednesday meetings on April 19 and invites all women to join us from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room for Bible study, fellowship, and fun. We are currently studying the book "Embracing Your Strengths".

For more information, call or email Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net)

## **Empty Nesters Event**

**National World War 1 Memorial  
2 Memorial Drive, KCMO 64108  
Saturday, April 22, 2017**

Meet at the Memorial at 10:00 am, or meet at OPCC at 9:30 am if you want to carpool. For a group of 15 or more, the Senior rate is \$10.00,

Adult rate is \$12.00. For smaller groups, the rate is \$12.00 for Senior and \$14.00 for Adult. RSVP to Judy or Roy Nickum by April 17<sup>th</sup> if you want them to get you a ticket with the group rate.

913-648-7635 or [jnickum@gmail.com](mailto:jnickum@gmail.com) or [rnickum@gmail.com](mailto:rnickum@gmail.com). After the tour, we will eat at the Museum Cafeteria and get real soldier food!

## **God in Nature Hike**

### **Olathe Prairie Center**

Saturday, April 29, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Come join us to explore the tallgrass prairie and spring wildflowers at the Olathe Prairie Center on Saturday, April 29. Our path may even take us across a creek and into some woodlands. The group will decide where and how far we will walk.

Signup sheet will be on the Narthex counter.

Directions and details will be emailed to those who sign up.

Contact: Kathy Lewis, [kklewiss@everestkc.net](mailto:kklewiss@everestkc.net)

## **Solo Sidekicks**

will meet at The Olive Garden on Metcalf on Friday, April 21st @ 5:00 pm.

Sign up at the Narthex counter or call Jean at 913-541-8837.

## **Christian Caregivers Support Group**

The Christian Caregiver Support Ministry is a safe place to receive helpful guidance and accept your calling to be a caregiver. We are open to all those who are caring or who have cared for a loved one. We invite you to join us in the Fireside Room on Monday afternoons, from 1:00–2:30 as we seek to support one another in our sometimes challenging and difficult tasks.

For more information, contact Peggy Moore at [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net) or 913-856-3833.

## **Care and Share**

will go to lunch on Wednesday, April 26, at Caenen Castles, 12401 Johnson Drive.

Meet at the church at 11:00 to carpool or at the restaurant at 11:30. RSVP to Peggy Moore, 913-856-3833 or [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net).

## **Adult Christian Education**

Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.  
Northwest Section of Fellowship Hall

### **"Feasting on the Word"**

Please join us on Sunday mornings for discussion and study exploring scriptural passages in ways that are suitable for all participants, and utilizes our personal experiences to live out our faith.

Questions? Contact Peggy Moore at [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net) or 913-856-3833.

# Prayer List

## Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Darla Campain (Jane Fletcher's cousin)
- ♥ Charles Campbell (Maurica Campbell's brother)
- ♥ Maxine Davis
- ♥ Emmett Ditzler (Bruce McNaghten's friend)
- ♥ Jan Eilert
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Ruth Farmer (Jan Sprinkle's sister)
- ♥ Jeanne Gilbert (Chuck Warner's sister)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Nathan Greene (Celia Greene's (CWS) son)
- ♥ Myra Hettic
- ♥ Don Horine (friend of Laura Phillips' family)
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock's sister)
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Mark Landwehr (friend of Laura Phillips' family)
- ♥ Francine Lavenbarg (Evelyn Eastwood's niece)
- ♥ Marie Lear
- ♥ Roger Lear (Marie Lear's son)
- ♥ Allison McVicker (Cassy & Bob Evans' daughter)
- ♥ Cole Merrill (Myron Merrill's son)
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Eugene Penka (Mary Elliott's friend)
- ♥ Duane Peter (John Peter's father)
- ♥ Shari Prince (Bonnie & Bob Prince's daughter)
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Jane Vogt (Marjory McNaghten's sister)
- ♥ Stacy Walker (Ken & Raelene Berry's granddaughter)
- ♥ Wanda Whitney
- ♥ Joe & Jean Zacher

## Continued Prayers

- ♥ Nita Anderson
- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Phyllis Cooke
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Kathryn Hays
- ♥ Rowena Hutchinson
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Barbara Killion
- ♥ Diana Leonard
- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Nola McKee (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Marjory McNaghten
- ♥ Florene & Tony Miele
- ♥ Fern Palmer (Kim Glover's mother)
- ♥ Bonnie Prince
- ♥ Karen Rowe (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Belva Snell
- ♥ Taylor & Gerry Spillers
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Alan Wimpey

## Condolences

- ♥ to Mike & Helen McLain on the death of Jack McLain on March 11
- ♥ to Laurie White on the death of Michael Rhyne on April 3
- ♥ to Peggy Fach and family on the death of her mother, Wilma Huffman, on April 6

## Military Prayer List

- ✿ Stephan Aelmore (grandson of Mary Aelmore), US Navy, Pearl Harbor, HI
- ✿ Dustin Doree (grandson of Betty Craney), US Army, Special Forces Training
- ✿ Patrick Kauer (grandson of Terry and Meyra Redmon), US Army stationed at Ft. Polk, LA
- ✿ Cameron McDonough (son of Cathy Wilson), US Navy, stationed on the USS Battleship Gonzalez
- ✿ SSG Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (son of Ed & Kathy Pinkelman), US Army, stationed at Camp Buehring in Kuwait

## Thank You

The family of Jack McLain would like to thank the staff and church members who were involved in his memorial service on March 20th, including pastors Bo Crowe, Laura Phillips, and Peggy Moore; soloist Christina Crowe; and accompanist Christopher Elliott. Thank you, too, to greeters Bernice & Larry Stouse. Thank you to the following ladies who prepared a delicious meal for us after the service: Barb Sheldon, Nancy Corbin, Vickie Claar, Arlene Wiler, Sharon McBride, Toni Cattelino, Judy Nickum, Jody Cash, and Joyce Brooker. Lastly, many thanks also to Katherine Ann Haggard for speaking at Jack's service. Jack's OPCC family meant so much to him. Thank you for a beautiful tribute.

Wanda Whitney and family would like to thank all their church family who donated to Duane's memorial fund, helped with his funeral, and provided the lunch afterward. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

## March Gifts

The following have given to the  
Lylia Bryant memorial fund:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| ✿ Bill & JoLynn Sloan | ✿ Carol Cochran        |
| ✿ Ina Fern McBride    | ✿ Roger & Vickie Claar |
| ✿ Wilma Townsend      | ✿ Doris Hamilton       |
| ✿ Betty Lockridge     | ✿ Sharon Colbert       |

The following have given to the  
Jack McLain memorial fund:

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| ✿ John & Sandra Teeple                     | ✿ Doris Hamilton &<br>Harlan Wendell |
| ✿ Marian Bilyea                            | ✿ Joyce Minor                        |
| ✿ Evelyn Eastwood                          | ✿ Pat Owsley                         |
| ✿ Sharon Colbert                           | ✿ Jim & Sally Withers                |
| ✿ Jody Cash                                | ✿ Ed & Jan Eilert                    |
| ✿ The NOW Group                            | ✿ Mary Aelmore                       |
| ✿ Don & Marilyn Hamner                     | ✿ Bruce & Marjorie<br>McNaghten      |
| ✿ Joyce Brooker                            | ✿ Kim, Kristen, &<br>Kathryn Glover  |
| ✿ Carl Brockman                            | ✿ Marlene & Gordon<br>Harkness       |
| ✿ Larry & Bernice Stouse                   | ✿ Maurica Campbell                   |
| ✿ Wilma Townsend                           | ✿ Frances Beattie                    |
| ✿ Margo Brown                              | ✿ Aletha Horton                      |
| ✿ Toni Cattelino                           |                                      |
| ✿ Peter & Jennifer Lee                     |                                      |
| ✿ Don & Sheila Cohenour<br>& Billie Warden |                                      |

## **Stewardship Green Moment**

by Jody Cash

Tips for going green at Easter:

1. Do not buy Easter egg coloring kits because they might contain harmful chemicals. Color eggs with natural ingredients – you can make dyes from common kitchen ingredients. You can use plant based dyes like spinach, beets, turmeric, paprika, red cabbage, and blueberries. You can find recipes for these dyes on Pinterest or in a magazine like *Better Homes and Gardens*.
2. Decorate your Easter dinner table with radishes and carrots with the tops on them. Use flowers out of your yard instead of buying flowers. Do not use plastic items or ‘store bought’ paper items to decorate the table.
3. Have kids make decorations and Easter cards out of recycled paper. If you send cards, send them via the computer rather than snail mail.
4. Recycle old Easter baskets or buy them at a thrift store or garage sale. You can also use a paper sack with handles and cut off the top corners to make a basket. You can decorate the sack.
5. Do NOT use Easter grass – use real grasses or shredded paper to line the bottom of the basket. You can shred a scented perfume ad to make the basket smell nice.
6. Buy candy that doesn’t have excessive cardboard or plastic packaging. Consider buying candy in bulk packages or wrapped in a thin layer of foil. You could make treats for the Easter basket like homemade cookies or Rice Krispy treats.
7. If you eat out, eat locally or buy food that is grown locally for your Easter meal.

I hope you have a Happy and Green Easter!

### **Your OPCC Staff**

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## **Property Commission**

**Reminder:** This Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Spring Clean-up day. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am and go until tasks are completed...hopefully by 2:00pm.

Thank goodness this has been a slow month as far as Property goes:

- a. Two paper towel dispensers had to be replaced in the men's main restroom
- b. New garbage disposal had to be installed in the Fireside Room kitchenette

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle  
Property Chair

## **Landscaping**

Your landscaping volunteers have been busy cleaning out all the flower beds and courtyards. Several spirea bushes had to be removed and new plants will be put in their locations. The rose bushes out at the sign were deceased and had to be removed with some new grasses put in their place.

Next time you see our volunteers out in the gardens, be sure to thank them for their hard work and beautiful creativity.

Submitted by Jan Sprinkle  
Landscaping Lead

### **Your 2016-17 OPCC Board of Directors**

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Peter Lee ..... Leader Development Liaison

Roy Nickum ..... Commission Liaison

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