At+ONE with God

The word atonement comes from sixteenth-century English and literally means at-one-ment. Atonement is the process of reconciliation between God and human beings (either on a communal or individual basis) with the goal of righting a wrong or injury, i.e. sin. Atonement brings humanity AT ONE with God.

As Christians we contend that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is intimately related to this process. But not all Christians agree on when this act of atonement happened. Did Jesus bring us AT ONE with God when he was born? Did he bring us AT ONE with God through his life and teachings? Did he bring us AT ONE with God through his crucifixion? Did he ultimately bring us AT ONE with God when he rose from the grave? What part of Jesus’ life was most important in redeeming humanity?

In the end, no one understanding of atonement is “right” or “wrong.” No one atonement theory may be sufficient to understand the acts of God through Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to God’s self. Yet in the studying of different theories and areas of focus, we are invited to confront exactly what we believe about Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection, and deepen our relationship with God in Christ.

Sundays, May 5 – June 2, we will spend 5 weeks discussing how we understand Jesus’ atonement, or redemption of the world, in worship. Join us for this instructive opportunity to worship Christ in new ways, perhaps illuminating a stronger understanding of your relationship to God.
**Ramadan Fast-Breaking Dinner**
**Tuesday, May 7**
**OPCC Fellowship Hall**

Join OPCC and the Dialogue Institute over dinner after the sun sets in observance of Ramadan. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our Turkish neighbors in Kansas City and learn more about their Muslim faith. A fast-breaking meal will be provided by the Dialogue Institute, along with a presentation about the holy season of Ramadan. A love offering will be received to support the work of the Dialogue Institute whose mission is to promote mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation among people of diverse faiths and cultures.

We will meet at 7:30pm in the OPCC Fellowship Hall. Please use the north parking lot and northeast doors near Marty Pool. The dinner will be served at sunset, around 8:20pm.

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**Notice** — There will be a Congregational Meeting following Worship on May 19 for the purpose of voting on nominations for incoming Board of Directors positions and Deacons as follows:

Board Members: Terri Bookless and Theresa Krebs
Deacons: NaCole Agard, Richard Owens, Courtney Setty, and Piper Shields

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**Please Note:** In light of the last Saturday in May being on Memorial Day weekend and several of our volunteers being unavailable that day, the May 25 Food Pantry has been moved to **Saturday June 1**.

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**Transplant Fundraiser Event**
**Saturday, May 11, 9am – 2pm**

Join us #onfarmhandon and purchase your summer veggie starts! 75% of your total purchase benefits AFTER THE HARVEST when you present coupon (found at the OPCC front counter). KC Farm School, 4223 Gibbs Road, KCKS

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**Pentecost Special Offering:**
*From tiny seeds grow mighty trees.*

It’s a miracle, really . . . a small seed, sown on the wind, tentatively puts down roots. With proper nurturing, it grows, branching out in all directions, blossoming in time, providing sustenance, shelter and shade. A place of harvest and home.

Through the 2020 Vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the new church movement has already helped our Disciples family grow by nearly 1,000 new and affiliated faith communities. These communities, in turn, bear the fruit of God’s work: caring for the needy, welcoming the homeless, feeding the hungry, teaching the young, and taking part in their neighborhoods’ revitalization through transformational mission and ministry. Such is the sustenance, shelter and shade that blooms when the new church movement takes root.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God’s call . . . to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make Disciples. They are supported in these efforts by New Church Ministry. Won’t you help nurture them . . . and take part in this miracle? On **Sundays, June 2 and 9**, we will have the opportunity take part in this miracle by contributing to the **2019 Pentecost Offering**. Additionally we have a special opportunity to hear more about this important ministry as our Regional Minister for New and Transforming Churches, Rev. Dr. Delesslyn Kennebrew, will preach in worship on Sunday, June 9.

Each year, half of this offering stays in our local Region to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada to support the recruiting, assessing, training, and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy. Thank you in advance for helping our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit, and grow more Disciples every day.
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, May 20, 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, May 28, 6:00–7:30pm
    All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
    4501 Walnut St, KCMO 64111

- **MORE2 Annual Banquet** –
  - Thursday, June 13th in the evening.
    Other details are still TBD, but mark your calendar!

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the OPCC offices will be closed on Monday, May 27.

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**Sunday, May 5, (Cinco de Mayo!) Fellowship Hall following Worship**

Join us for a Central American Fiesta at our final fundraiser for our Costa Rica mission trip. Just bring your previously purchased tickets, or you may pay at the meal.

**Adults $8 — Kids 12 & under $5**

We appreciate your help with fundraising for our trip!

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www.more2.org

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**NAMIWalks**

**IS IN LENEXA, KANSAS THIS YEAR!**

National Alliance on Mental Illness is a national organization that helps support, educate and advocate for people affected with mental illness. As you know, I am very involved with NAMI as we go through the journey to achieve mental wellness. I will Walk on May 4, 2019, at Sar Ko Par Trails this year as well. I would appreciate any donation you could give to support this Walk. No amount is too small.

Here are two ways you can donate to my team:

Write a check to **NAMI Walks** and send it to:

Doris Hamilton
8348 England
Overland Park, KS 66212

OR
go to [www.namiwalks.org](http://www.namiwalks.org)

click on “FIND A WALK” and search by state or for “NAMIWalks Johnson County, KS, Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park - Lenexa, KS” click on “DONATE TO THIS EVENT” find “Doris Hamilton” and “DONATE NOW”

God bless you and thank you very much for helping NAMI.  ~ Doris Hamilton

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**Congratulations!**

**Doris Hamilton** was recently named “Volunteer of the Year” at Garden Terrace! She received the volunteer of the year award, as well as a pencil drawing made by one of the residents, at Garden Terrace’s Appreciation Banquet on April 20th.

A big THANK YOU to Doris and ALL of our volunteers for providing a worship service every Sunday for GT residents and their families.

If YOU are interested in helping or you have questions about this ministry, please contact Doris.

Garden Terrace Care Center is located at 7541 Switzer in Overland Park.
Congratulations and Best Wishes to each of these Graduates in our Faith Family! You are invited to join us for a reception in the Fireside Room to recognize our Graduates on Sunday, May 19, following Worship.

Also on Sunday, May 19, our graduates will be recognized during worship. If you have someone who you would like to be included who is not listed here, please send their information to Lisa Setty.

Rachel Herron, daughter of Michael & Carolyn Herron and granddaughter of Bruce & Marjorie McNaughten, will graduate from Blue Valley Northwest High School on May 11. Rachel plans to attend California Polytechnic State University and major in Architecture.

William Herron, son of Michael & Carolyn Herron and grandson of Bruce & Marjorie McNaughten, will graduate from Blue Valley Northwest High School on May 11. William plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas and major in Computer Engineering.

Catherine Goforth, daughter of Cynthia & Mark Sheldon and granddaughter of Barbara & Earl Sheldon, will graduate from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee with an Associate of Science in Nursing degree.

Jenna Hultgren, daughter of Brian & Nancy Hultgren and granddaughter of Norma Hultgren, graduates from Blue Valley West High School in May 2019. Jenna plans to attend William Jewel College in the fall. She is currently undecided on her major. Jenna’s interests include music and journalism.

Taylor Lee Walker, great-grandson of Ken & Raelene Berry, will graduate from Olathe East High School in May. In the fall, Taylor will attend the University of Kansas where he will major in Business/Marketing.

Brooke Fritz, daughter of Willie & Susan Fritz and granddaughter of Joyce Brooker, is graduating from the University of Georgia with a BBA in Accounting with a minor in Spanish. This summer Brooke will be an intern for Deloitte Tax in Houston, TX. Brooke plans to return to the University of Georgia in the fall of 2019 to begin earning a Master’s Degree in Accounting while taking the CPA exam.
Empty Nesters
Please Note: The May 11 Empty Nester event to Carousel Museum and Pullman Diner has been postponed. Watch your email and publications for info on a reschedule date.

Middler’s Sunday Class
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
Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
in the Prayer Chapel
All are welcome to join us each Sunday at 9am 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

Books for Leaders, Elders, and Deacons
As part of our Lenten discipline Rev. Laura led a study on our calling as Christians, Leaders, Elders, and Deacons. As you continue to discern and grow in your roles as a Christian, a Leader in this church or other faith based organizations, as deacons and as elders, we invite you to do so through the books: Your Calling as a Christian, Your Calling as a Spirit Leader, Your Calling as an Elder, or Your Calling as a Deacon. Our OPCC staff and 2019-2020 Board will engage on a study of Your Calling as a Leader beginning in June. If you are interested in any of the books and have not received one or misplaced yours and would like to review it, please contact the church office and we will make one available to you. You can even call one of the pastors, and we would love to chat about it with you too!

Care and Share
You are cordially invited to enjoy a Spring Tea on Wednesday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Details and sign-up sheets are on the front counter.

Questions? Contact Arlene Wiler at 913-825-3395 or Nancy Corbin at 913-980-0717. All are Welcome!

CWF (Christian Women’s Fellowship)
Our next meeting will be Monday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

All women are welcome!

Christian Caregivers Support Group
Caregivers not meet on Monday, May 6, as Peggy will be unavailable. We will meet for our last session on May 13, then will break for the summer, resuming regular meetings on Monday, September 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Questions? See or call Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-592-0179.

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 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

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.
The April OPCC Board Meeting Minutes and the April Financial Reports were not available at the time of printing this issue, but will be provided in the June issue of the OPCC Scene.

Property Commission

Here is a listing of activities for the past month:

a. The annual boiler inspection has been completed by Hartford Boiler Inspection and everything checked out just fine. Hartford will send their report in to the State which in turn will send OPCC an inspection certificate.

b. Temperature Maintenance has completed the HVAC changeover from heat to air conditioning. As a reminder, our HVAC system is a closed circulating water system which carries either hot water or cold water. Once the system is changed over, we cannot switch back and forth on a daily bases like we can at home. To reroute the water from hot to cold, there are 24 sets of water valves throughout the building which have to be turned on or off...not an easy task. Therefore, we ask you to dress appropriately for yourself during the Spring and Fall change-overs. Thank you for your cooperation.

c. Temperature Maintenance had to replace the fan motor to the air handler for the offices and front hallway at a cost of $686.00.

d. Landscaping:
   1. Jan Sprinkle and her small group of gardeners have been very busy putting in new plants around the sign, in front of the sanctuary, on both sides of the front entry, the Trinity Garden and the large courtyard, plus on the west side of the building. We should enjoy the splash of color soon!!!
   2. Three doublefile viburnums have been planted in front of the sanctuary...where the tall fir trees had to be removed. The viburnums will grow to 8-10’ tall and 8-10’ wide at full growth with pretty white blossoms. Hope you enjoy watching them grow from year to year.
   3. Good news/Bad news about the Dogwood in the Trinity Garden;
      i. Good news: Dogwood is in full bloom & very pretty.
      ii. Bad news: Dogwood has fewer blossoms each year, plus 30-40% of the branches had to be removed.
      Question: Does anyone know when the Dogwood was planted? If you do, please let Jan or Lee Sprinkle know, or anyone on the staff. Thanks!

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair
Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

° Rachel Bartel & family (Lisa Setty’s friend)
° Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
° Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell’s friend)
° Bob Carter (mentor of Larry Swanson, Sharon McBride’s son)
° Harper Claar (Roger & Vicki Claar’s granddaughter)
° Sally Faune
° Carol Huffman (Peggy Fach’s sister-in-law)
° Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock’s sister)
° Melody Jerden (Judy Snyder’s sister)
° Kathy Lewis
° Ada Phillips (Teresa Phillips’ mother)
° Earl Sheldon
° Nadine Sheldon
° Billie Warden
° Hayes Kendall Whitney (Wanda Whitney’s great-grandson)

Continued Prayers

° Mary Aelmore
° Nita Anderson
° Atlas Blase (Lindsey Elliott Blase’s son and Chuck & Mary Elliott’s grandson)
° Margo Brown
° Frances Bruning
° Maurica Campbell
° Nancy Coffman
° Mark Conner (Lorraine Hartnett’s grandson)
° Phyllis Cooke
° Grace Crispin
° Lawana Degraffenreid
° Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert’s son)
° Christopher Elliott
° Corwin Elliott
° June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman’s sister)
° Pat Frisbie (Maurica Campbell’s friend)
° Pat Gilling
° Pat Gray
° Gordon Harkness
° Lorraine Hartnett
° Bill Horton (Lee Horton’s husband)
° Donna & Marshall Howard
° Rowena Hutchinson
° Carole Ingram
° Mary Johnson
° Barbara Killion
° Betty King
° Jim Leonard
° Ina Fern McBride
° Shirley McGee
° Florene & Tony Miele
° Max Norton (Marge White’s son-in-law)
° Teresa Phillips
° Ann Sandler
° Sharon Shankel
° Lloyd Snell
° Gerry Spillers
° Sandy Teeple
° Gordon & Iline Toms
° Wilma Townsend
° Marge White
° Wanda Whitney
° Evan Yoder (Cassy and Bob Evans’ grandson)
° Joe & Jean Zacher
° Judy Zeman

Well Wishes

° Sally Faune will be returning to her homeland of the Philippines this month. We wish her all the best and are so glad she has been a part of our OPCC community for the last several years!

Condolences

° to Meghan Helser on the death of her grandmother on April 7
° to the family of Charlotte Withrow upon her death on April 23
° to Roy & Judy Nickum and family on the death of Wilma Nickum on April 27. A memorial service will be held at OPCC on Saturday, May 11, at 1:00pm.

Military Prayer List

° Jamie Crowe (Bo & Chris Crowe’s son), US Marines
  Recruit Crowe, Jamie L
  3rd BN Kilo Co. Plt 3230
  38990 Midway Ave
  San Diego, CA 92140-3230
° Dustin Doree (Betty Craney’s grandson), has returned from serving as a Ranger in the US Army and is now a Ranger trainer
° 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

Thank You

I want to thank those who sent cards and for the phone calls on the death of my sister Marge. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

~ Betty King
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