

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

No Longer Strangers

The keys to living as a community of faith, shown by the letter to the Ephesians

The identity statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) states: “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.”

But what does that mean? What does it truly mean to be a movement for wholeness? How do we accomplish this in the ways that we “do church,” and “be church,” both within these walls, and outside these walls? I hope you will join us in the month of July as we begin to discern what that means, with a new sermon series beginning July 15. Together in worship we will walk through the church at Ephesus, and discern our identity, together.

This walk through the letter to the Ephesians teaches the church how to be a community worthy of the gospel. In the midst of familiar interpersonal conflicts, the writer of Ephesians reminds them that they are “now in Christ Jesus,” no longer strangers to God and, importantly, no longer alienated from each other. Because of this new life in Christ they are experiencing a radical transformation of their identity – as individuals and as a community. What does it look like to live rooted in reconciliation – vertical and horizontal – with God and with neighbor? How do we practice it in radical ways?

More specifically, as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), what does it look like to live rooted in this movement for wholeness? How is that movement for wholeness rooted in both vertical and horizontal reconciliation?

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Summer Preaching Schedule

- July 15 – Ephesians 1:3-14 – The Family
- July 22 – Ephesians 2:11-11 – Aliens Brought Near
- July 29 – Ephesians 3:14-21 – God’s Powerful Love
- August 5 – Ephesians 4:1-16 – Bound Together
- August 12 – Ephesians 4:25-5:3 – Making Peace
- August 19 – Ephesians 5:15-20 – Overflow

Won't you join us?

It simply is never the same without you – and we need you as part of the conversation! All are welcome and ALL means ALL.

Kansas City Men’s Ensemble

One of the highlights of our summer worship for the last several years has been to welcome the Kansas City Men’s Ensemble as they offer some musical selections. Join us this year on July 1st at 10:30 a.m. as we welcome our guests and worship God through Word and song! We will not have the 9:00 a.m. Meditation and Communion on July 1st so that we can all worship together on this Sunday.

SUMMER Schedules

Summer is a busy time for the church.

From church camp and Continuing Education conferences, to mission trips and Vacation Bible School, the church staff is busy! And we haven’t even gotten to holidays, summer vacations or your busy schedules! Between all of these important aspects of church life, know that we will continue to provide the very best care and ministry to the church. If you have questions, or especially pastoral emergencies, please remember to call the church office. If one of our ministry staff are unavailable, arrangements will always be made to provide that care, and communicate necessary contact information.



In observance of Independence Day, the OPCC offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

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

will take a break for the summer resuming on Sunday, September 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the NW section of Fellowship Hall.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Meditation and Communion continues through the summer (except for July 1 — see “Kansas City Men’s Ensemble”)

Throughout the summer the 9:00 a.m. Christian Education opportunities go through some changes as different groups choose to take a break for the summer. Regardless of what group you “normally” attend, or what you “normally” do on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., we hope you will consider joining us in the prayer chapel for an intimate gathering of meditation, community, scripture, music, prayer, conversation, communion, and more! We study the scripture each Sunday, sing songs with a guitar, and share communion. Many folks attend both this 9:00 a.m. gathering and the 10:30 a.m. worship each Sunday.

Bob & Margi Colerick lead the Meditation and Communion group and would love to welcome you!

Garden Terrace

OPCC 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 need of more volunteers who can serve for a Sunday a month, from 10:30 to 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.

Family Ministry

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Vacation Bible School
June 10-14
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Children and Volunteers
can register online now at
www.cokesburyvbs.com/opcc



family MOVIE NIGHT



Movie Night in the Courtyard!
Friday, June 29 — 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Join us for fun and fellowship as we watch "Coco"! Popcorn and soda will be provided. Bring a blanket to lie on or chairs to sit on and a snack to share if you'd like.

School Supply Drive

School may have just gotten out for the summer, but the new school year will be here before we know it. As school supply sales begin in July, keep your eyes open for the following supplies to be donated to students at Shawnee Mission North High School:

- Pens
- Pencils
- 3 Ring Binders
- Loose leaf filler paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders
- Dividers



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@opccdoc.org or x228

PIANO QUEST Group Piano Program

NOW ENROLLING!
Classes begin Summer 2018
3 Programs available:



- **KiddyKeys**
Preschoolers ages 3-5
30 minute classes
3-7 students per class
Music, movement, piano discovery
- **Piano Safari**
Grades 1-5
60 minute classes
3-5 students per class
Music reading, piano technique, improvisation, ensemble playing
- **Piano Express**
Grades 6-8
60 minute classes
3-5 students per class
Accelerated learning, piano skills, improvisation, ensemble playing

Offered by our OPCC accompanist:

Julie Dean, NCTM
1900 S. Lennox Dr.
Olathe, KS 66062
913-205-7047

missjupes@gmail.com
www.juliedeanpiano.com

Costa Rica 2019



Mission Trip

- * Are you interested in an International Mission Trip?
- * Want to immerse yourself in a different culture for a week?
- * Want to get to know folks from other member churches of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Central America?

Join us following worship on Sunday, July 8, in the Fireside Room for a short Q & A gathering regarding a mission trip to Costa Rica in 2019. If you can't join us on July 8 but want more information, contact Lisa Setty at 913-677-4646, ext. 228 or lisa@opccdoc.org.

Please join us to celebrate the
50th Wedding Anniversary
of
Barbara & Earl Sheldon
on
Saturday, July 7, 2018
2:00—4:00 p.m.
OPCC Fellowship Hall
*No gifts please — your presence
is the only present we desire!*

Care and Share

The Care and Share Support Group will go out to lunch to Ginger Sue's, 14178 W. 119th Street in Olathe on Wednesday, June 27. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the restaurant at 11:30. RSVP to Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-592-0179 by June 24.

Looking forward...the Care and Share Support Group will go to Freezing Moo Ice Cream, 11885 W. 95th Street (close to Oak Park Mall-north side of parking) on Wednesday, July 11. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the restaurant at 11:30. RSVP to Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-592-0179 by July 8.

Solo Sidekicks

Friday, June 22, 5:00 pm

Meet at Jean Sink's home for Pizza, Salad, & Dessert
Everything will be furnished —
cost will be shared by those attending.

7234 Mastin Street, Merriam, KS
(Switzer & 75th Street — turn right on 72nd Terr.)

Please respond on the sign up sheet at the entryway counter so that we can know how much food to purchase.

Jean Sink, 913-541-8837

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.

Outreach Update

In May, OPCC donated \$2,173.33 to local and global outreach efforts, including Disciples Mission Fund, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Salvation Army Family Lodge, the OPCC Food Pantry, Tall Oaks, Cross-Lines Sack Lunches, and MORE2. Additionally, we received \$1,023.00 in our Pentecost Offering that will support the New and Transforming Churches both here in our Region and also around the country. Way to go OPCC! What a wonderful way to make a difference in our world and in our church!

We recently received a thank you note from our General Minister and President in thanks for our giving to Disciples Mission Fund that we wanted to share with you.

Dear Church:

As I reflect on the past year, I celebrate the many ways that we have served God together. Though we Disciples are spread out across the United States and Canada, one of the ways we stay connected as one body is through our gifts to Disciples Mission Fund (DMF).

I thank your congregation for supporting our Church's work. By contributing to DMF, you are sustaining 72 ministries of wholeness from your region to partners around the world.

Today, I celebrate your generosity and your love. Thank you for being there when the Church needs you most. Thank you for supporting Disciples Mission Fund.

With deep gratitude for your generosity, Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens
General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Regional "Save-the-Dates"

Save the date for these two Regional events — we would love to have you join!

- ⇒ Saturday, October 6, 2018 —
Regional Assembly Mission Fair
- ⇒ Friday, November 9, 2018 —
Tall Oaks Gala/Masquerade Ball
(Fundraiser for Tall Oaks)

Through our Global Outreach Commission, OPCC supports the ministries and witness of both IHN and MORE². In celebration of our partnerships, we have purchased tables at each of the events below – for the **SAME DATE AND TIME!** We hope to be able to show our continued support with a full table at each of these banquets. **Won't you join us?** Contact Rev. Laura if you would like to attend either of these events.



**Johnson County
Interfaith Hospitality
Network (IHN)**

*Empowering Homeless Families
by Engaging People of Faith*

**IHN's 7th Annual
Charity Dinner and Auction**

Thursday, June 14, 2018

**Overland Park Convention Center
Ballroom A
6000 College Blvd
Overland Park, KS 66211**

5:00 p.m. – Registration
5:30 p.m. – Reception and Silent Auction
6:30 p.m. – Dinner Buffet Served
7:30 p.m. – Program and Live Auction

Tickets include:

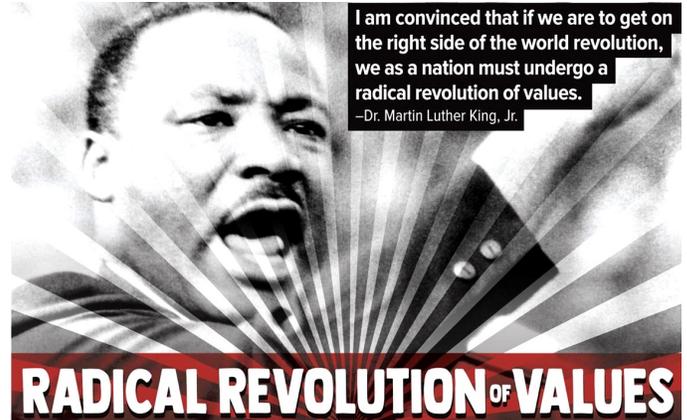
- * Dinner from one of Kansas City's premier catering companies
- * Drink tickets, games, silent and live auctions
- * Joe Lauria, Fox 4 Meteorologist, Master of Ceremonies
- * Nigro Brothers, Auctioneers

You can also support IHN's Auction by donating a basket of \$100.00 value or more; the theme is up to you. Sports themes seem to attract good bidding by attendees, as do baskets focused on family recreation, wine, and/or a unique, colorful idea.

If a basket is out of the question for your church family, please consider an auction item with a minimum value of \$100.00. Please contact Barb Collins if you are able to contribute an auction basket or item.

Life Takes Us to
Unexpected Places,
Love Brings Us Home

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MORE²
METRO ORGANIZATION FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY
**13TH ANNUAL
TRANSFORMATION
BANQUET**

THURSDAY / JUNE 14 / 2018

**5:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR
6:30 P.M. DINNER & PROGRAM**

UNION STATION KANSAS CITY

30 W PERSHING ROAD / 64108

Keynote Speaker — Rev. Dr. Stacy Spencer

- Senior Pastor, New Direction Christian Church, Memphis, TN
- Published Author
- President of MICAHA, Gamaliel's Memphis Affiliate
- Chairman of Board, Power Center Community Development Corp.
- Board of Directors, Civil Rights Museum



Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity has much to celebrate from this past year:

We hosted and trained 150 women leaders from across the nation (including 35 local women); we hired a Kansas organizer and launched a three year integrated voter engagement program; and we won one of the nation's most progressive city ordinances for Ban the Box in KCMO! We hope you will come and celebrate our accomplishments with us.

Thank you for your support!



Food Pantry Needs

Volunteers are always needed to help run our Food Pantry that is held on one Tuesday evening and one Saturday morning each month. All skill levels, time availabilities, and physical abilities are accepted. Contact Jane Fletcher for more information.

Sanctuary Flower Fund

Do you have a special occasion or event you would like celebrated at church? If you would like to sponsor flowers in the chancel on any Sunday (in honor or memory of a loved one, a special event, etc.), please contact Pat Warner for all the details.



Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

Green tips for the Summer:

1. Find things to do that have a low environmental impact. Take a trip to the park, a ballgame, the zoo, or having fun with friends and family. Read a book or go to the movies.
2. Look for eco-friendly clothes, towels, swimsuits, sandals, and skin care products. Google “how to green your wardrobe”.
3. Use a non-toxic sunscreen. This type of sunscreen is better for you and the environment.
4. Pick up a solar device backpack, free loader, or the Solio to take with you on day trips. That way, you can charge many devices using solar energy to avoid needing to use electricity. Amazon sells solar chargers.
5. Use your grill. Propane burns cleaner than wood or charcoal briquettes. Use natural cleaning products such as Soy clean organic grill cleaner. This cleaner does not leave behind chemical residue.
6. Buy foods locally. Farmer’s markets provide fresher and cheaper food. The cost of trucking in food continues to grow due to a shortage of truck drivers, plus the trucks pollute the environment.
7. Grow a garden with fruits and vegetables because it will save on your food bill. You will have them readily available to you.
8. Get away from processed foods and eat at home as much as possible. It is cheaper to do this and better for you, too. (Especially if you are eating fruits and vegetables from your garden.)
9. Use reusable dishes and silverware. I know you get tired of hearing this, but plastic and Styrofoam are not environmentally friendly. You can use disposable dishes that are compostable if you cannot use reusable dishes.
10. To cut your energy bill, cook, do laundry, vacuum, and wash dishes at “off-peak” hours such as early in the morning or later in the evening.
11. Use water sparingly in the summer. Do not water unless necessary and then only use enough water to accomplish the task. So, do not waste water by leaving sprinklers on an excessive amount of time, taking long showers, etc.
12. Turn up your thermostat a few degrees. You can still be comfortable, and you will save money on your electric bill.
13. Rosemary will help keep mosquitos out of your yard. Planting this is much better for the environment than spraying chemicals on your yard. Lavender helps to keep flies out of your home. Basil is also a plant that repels bugs. Lemon grass repels mosquitos. Fennel repels aphids, bugs, and snails. To find out more about plants that repel bugs, use google and you can make decisions about what plants you may wish to have in your house and yard.
14. Indoor plants help fight indoor air pollution. They are also pretty décor!
15. If you take a long trip this summer, use your car or take the train instead of flying. This will be better for the environment.
16. Get outside during the summer. Turn off the tv, get away from your computer and phone, and go enjoy the out of door time. Try to do this for a little while each and every day. This will be good for you and good for the environment.

Have a happy summer and do your part to go green!

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Roger Ayers (Sharon McBride's son's [Larry Swanson] father-in-law)
- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Grace Crispin
- ♥ Cheryl Delmont (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Jane Fletcher & family
- ♥ Pat Frisbie (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Marlene & Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Myra Hettic
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock's sister)
- ♥ Melody Jerden (Judy Snyder's sister)
- ♥ Sandy Jewers (Kellie Bivens' mother)
- ♥ Barbara Killion
- ♥ Kathleen Mais (John Peter & Laura Phillips' friend)
- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Allison McVicker (Cassy & Bob Evans' daughter)
- ♥ Cole Merrill (Myron Merrill's son)
- ♥ Florene & Tony Miele
- ♥ Vicki Moyer's family
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Wayne Phillips (Teresa Phillips' father)
- ♥ Shari Prince (Bonnie & Bob Prince's daughter)
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Taylor & Gerry Spillers
- ♥ Gordon & Iline Toms
- ♥ Wilma Townsend
- ♥ Billie Warden
- ♥ Marge White
- ♥ Hayes Kendall Whitney (Wanda Whitney's great-grandson)
- ♥ Alan Wimpey
- ♥ Charlotte Withrow (Evelyn Eastwood's friend)
- ♥ Evan Yoder (Cassy and Bob Evans' grandson)
- ♥ Joe & Jean Zacher

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Nita Anderson
- ♥ Joyce Brooker
- ♥ Bruce Cochran
- ♥ Phyllis Cooke
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Sally Faune
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Bill Horton (Lee Horton's husband)
- ♥ Rowena Hutchinson
- ♥ Carole Ingram

- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Wanda Whitney
- ♥ Judy Zeman

Military Prayer List

- ✪ Stephan Aelmore (Mary Aelmore's grandson), US Navy, Pearl Harbor, HI
- ✪ Dustin Doree (Betty Craney's grandson), US Army Ranger, recently deployed to Iraq
- ✪ Patrick Kauer (Terry & Meyra Redmon's grandson), US Army, 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

To Lisa and the OPCC Family,

Thanks to all who were involved in making our "big day" so super special. All of the kindness and well wishes are very much appreciated! The OPCC decorations were a huge help in making the sanctuary wedding day ready. The bride's room was fixed up nicely. Thank you!!! We look forward to many years at OPCC and even more memories.

With love,
Mr. & Mrs. Agard

Thank you to all of the elders and deacons who came by to give me communion, read a scripture, offered a prayer and sat and talked. I feel I know each of you a little now. Also, a big thank you to the many people who have sent me notes and/or cards wishing me good health and to all of you for offering prayers for me these last several months. I really feel as though I've been blessed to be a part of a community who cares for one another regardless if they know the person to whom they're writing!

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

~Ann Sandler

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