

The OPCC Scene



OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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 – A Family in Love

Since July 15 we have been looking at the book of Ephesians, focusing on the keys to living as a community of faith. What are those keys to existing as the church? Through the month of August we will continue this walk through the letter to the Ephesians as it 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, and us, 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.¹ Their identity is no longer separated from one another, but rather they are a new family created by the love of God.

The author of Ephesians asserts that Christians are created to live in community with one another. This requires a certain level of spiritual maturity that we can reach only when we act toward one another in the spirit of Christian love. As we continue with this series of texts there are concrete actions that the author suggests, and they all have their foundation in the love of God.

- ♥ August 5 – Ephesians 4:1-16 – Build Up *in love*
- ♥ August 12 – Ephesians 4:25-5:3 – Live *in love*
- ♥ August 19 – Ephesians 5:15-20 – Give Thanks *in love*
- ♥ August 26 – Ephesians 6:10-20 – Move *in love*

Won't you join us as we continue to look at this important guidance from Ephesians?
It simply is never the same without you – and we need you as part of the conversation!
All are welcome, and ALL means ALL.

Jana

¹A Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series: Thematic Plans for Years A, B, and C (Kindle Location 2968 - 3168). Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition.

Baby DEDICATION

Sunday, August 12

Please join us as we dedicate *ourselves* to the continued growth of our faith community! Tobias Phillips Peter will be dedicated to the family of families that we call the church on Sunday, August 12th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome, and invited, to be a part of this special day!



CW&W Training

On August 17th & 18th, OPCC will host a training for the Children's Worship & Wonder program.

We are so blessed by this unique way of worshiping with children, and our ability to offer this each Sunday throughout the school year. We also would welcome volunteers who are feeling led to work with our children here at OPCC. If you are interested in this program, or this training, please speak with Rev. Lisa at your earliest convenience (lisa@opccdoc.org) so that we can get you registered for this training!

September Wednesdays Kick-Off

On Wednesday, September 5th, Reverberations Bell Choir, Chalice Chancel Choir, Girlfriends, Youth Group, and Junior Youth Group will all begin! Join us that evening for a fall kick-off event to celebrate the return of Wednesday night activities. Check out the bulletin, weekly emails, and Sunday morning announcement slides for more information — but in the meantime, save the date!

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 (Lunch, Mission Fair, Worship with new RMNTC Installation) at Community Christian Church, Main Street in KCMO
- ⇒ Friday, November 9, 2018 — Tall Oaks Gala/Masquerade Ball (Fundraiser for Tall Oaks)

Volunteers Needed at Garden Terrace Church Ministry

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 to help serve communion, as well as piano players. Services are from 10:30-11:00 on Sunday mornings.

If you also deacon at OPCC, you will have time to serve communion at Garden Terrace and will return in time for Communion at OPCC. If you are interested in helping or if you have questions, please contact Doris Hamilton.

Church Beyond Our Walls

We know that church is not just about a building; it's about a community and the ways that also live and move within our communities. To that end, we have a special weekend coming up at the end of September. Save the dates September 29-30 and look for more information soon so that we can be "church beyond the walls" together!

We have been blessed with many people who are interested in our **Costa Rica mission trip** — so many people in fact, that dividing into two groups is a necessity! Many of you responded with your preference of either a December 2018 or a June 2019 **Mission Trip** trip. If you are interested but have not yet responded, or are still wanting information, please contact Lisa Setty at lisa@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646 ext. 228. We will be reaching out soon with more information.



Mission Trip

FYI —

The OPCC Board is going to have a new meeting night. Beginning in August we will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, still at 6:30pm. The August board meeting will be on Thursday, August 9, at 6:30.



In observance of Labor Day, the OPCC offices will be closed on Monday, September 3.

Family Ministry



Our next **Family Life Commission** meeting will be Tuesday, August 7, 7-8pm in the Conference Room. Come help us plan our fall/winter children, youth, and family activities — a heart for children is all that is needed to be part of this group!

School Supply Drive

Please help us collect school supplies for Shawnee Mission North. School begins in just a couple of weeks and our neighborhood high school students are in need of supplies to get their school year off to a good start. Helpful supplies include:

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



Supplies will be collected through August 19. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Setty.



Sunday, August 19 at 10:30 worship

All kids are encouraged to bring their school backpack to worship on August 19. We will take some time to pray for our children returning to school and for our educators as they make their way back into the classroom.

A new school year can be exciting and anxiety provoking at the same time. We wish the best for our kids and educators this coming school year!

Children Worship & Wonder AND Children's Sunday School

will resume on September 9.

Children 4 years and older are invited to participate in both activities on Sunday mornings.

- * Sunday School in Room 42 from 9am –10:15am
- * Children Worship & Wonder follows the children's moment in worship. After worship, parents or guardians pick their children up in the CW&W room located just inside the church front entry.



JR Youth Group

Junior Youth Group is for all children 4th - 6th grade and meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6-7 pm, September through May. Our first meeting for the 2018-2019 school year will be on September 5. In Junior Youth we tackle age appropriate issues and dive into bible stories at a deeper level. Junior Youth meets in the youth room (basement).

Youth Group

Kids 7th to 12th grade are invited to participate in our OPCC Youth Group. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm from September to May. Our first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year will be on September 5. We combine fun and games with deep theological reflection. Being a teen is difficult these days, and in youth group we work at living out our faith in our everyday lives.

Youth LOCK in

8pm August 10 — 8am August 11

Lisa will send out more details by email and the group chat.



Did You Know?

Our OPCC Youth pack 50 sack lunches each month for distribution at Crosslines in Kansas City, KS. These lunches provide a nutritious lunch for people who are headed off to their daily jobs. If you would like to help with this ministry by donating funds to buy supplies, our youth would greatly appreciate it. Each month we use sandwich baggies, peanut butter, jelly, bread, individual bags of chips, applesauce, and a treat of some kind. Contact Lisa Setty at lisa@opccdoc.org or ext. 228. for information about this ministry.

Crosslines mission: Provide people in the Kansas City area affected by poverty with services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence, meet the needs of today, and provide the tools for future self-sufficiency.

Solo Sidekicks

Friday, August 17, 5:00 pm

We will gather at Cozy's Café,
7649 West 75th Street.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign up sheet at the entryway counter so I can call Cozy's with a count.

Jean Sink, 913-541-8837

Christian Caregivers Support Group

Resumes Monday, September 10

The Christian Caregiver Support Ministry is a safe place to receive helpful guidance and accept your calling to be a caregiver. We invite you to join us in the Fireside Room on Monday afternoons, beginning September 10, 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 or 913-592-0179.

Christian Women's Fellowship

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

Girlfriends Unlimited

Resumes Wednesday, September 5

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 beginning September 5, 7–8:30 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

Care and Share

The Care and Share Support Group will go out to lunch to K-Macho's, 11741 Metcalf Ave. on Wednesday, September 19.

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 September 16.

Empty Nesters

Saturday, September 22

Join the OPCC Empty Nester Fellowship Group for a picnic in the park at Black Hoof Park, Stone Wall Shelter, 9053 Monticello Road in Lenexa. More information to come.

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

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

Middler's Sunday Morning Class Resumes September 9, 2018 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.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Kourtney Leibman's friend Morgan
- ♥ Kathleen Mais (John Peter & Laura Phillips' friend)
- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Eileen McIntyre
- ♥ 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)
- ♥ Ada Phillips (Teresa Phillips' mother)
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Frances Bruning
- ♥ 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

Condolences

- ♥ to Frances Bruning and family on the death of Virgil Bruning on June 11.
- ♥ to Teresa Phillips and family on the death of her father, Wayne Phillips, on June 12.
- ♥ to the family of Roger Ayers (Sharon McBride's son's [Larry Swanson] father-in-law) on his death on June 28.

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
- ✪ 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

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and help surrounding my surgery on May 22. Thanks for Sharon McBride coming to the hospital and praying for me before surgery. Thanks for all of Beverly Barrett's help. Thanks for Arlene Wiler and Kathy Kinder bringing me communion at home. Thank you for Jake Reiter mowing my lawn. I am very thankful for such a caring church. God's blessings to all.

Mary Aelmore

Thanks to all who were praying for Roger Ayers and our family. Roger passed away (June 28) and the whole family has benefited from your prayers of compassion.

Sharon McBride

Our grandson, Patrick Kauer, has arrived home safely from Iraq and is finished with his Army enlistment. Thank you for your prayers during his time in the military.

Meyra & Terry Redmon

Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

Tips for staying cool in the summer:

1. Buy insulated curtains. They will help keep your house cool in the summer and warmer in the winter.
2. Early in the morning, open windows on opposite sides of the house to create cross-ventilation. You do not need to open the window very wide. Leave the windows open 1-2 hours.
3. If you need to buy or replace a window unit air conditioner (AC), remember the higher the EER rating, the more energy efficient the unit is. Be sure to seal cracks around window unit AC's.
4. Seal up cracks around doors and windows. This will help to insulate your home. Consider buying energy efficient doors and windows.
5. If you have an attic, be sure that it is properly insulated. You can buy energy efficient insulation.
6. Eat and drink cold things in the summer. Eat foods that are served chilled (like fruit, smoothies, and frozen yogurt). Avoid beverages with caffeine and/or alcohol as they will dehydrate you.
7. Run cold water on your wrists at the pulse points off and on throughout the day. If you are resting, you can put a chilled towel on your neck and/or forehead.
8. Place a frozen bottle of water behind your knees when you go to bed to keep cool. I would place it in a plastic bag and wrap a tea towel around it.
9. Go to a library, museum, friend's house, or even church and enjoy their air conditioning!
10. Use hot appliances sparingly. After running the dishwasher, wait a half hour or so before opening the door. Opening the door immediately releases hot air into the kitchen. Line dry clothes, if possible. Use the stove, hair dryer, and curling iron early in the morning or in the evening.

Parking Lot Update

Work is COMPLETED — HURRAY!! It looks GREAT and is very smooth.

Next time you see Greg Wienberg, be sure to THANK him for his project managing on this project.



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