



## Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

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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

### *Lines from Laura*

About 20 years ago I attended an event called YME – Youth Ministry Event. Youth leaders from Disciples’ churches around the country gathered at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA (a Disciples affiliated college) to learn about leadership while deepening our relationship with God through community. Randomly I was paired to room with a woman named Kelley, and we hit it off. We quickly bonded and could hardly be separated throughout that week.

Once the week was over we struggled. To be honest, I cried. We both cried. She lived in Kentucky, which at the time felt like worlds away, and we couldn’t understand why God would bring us together only to pull us apart and change our worlds. Our worlds felt turned upside down because we had bonded that quickly, and couldn’t imagine how to maintain our relationship from so far away. Fast forward a few years, we have together attended several Disciples related events for youth and young adults, stayed in contact over the years, and ended up attending the same seminary in Lexington, KY. Now we are both alumni of Lexington Seminary, and the Bethany Fellowship Program, and maintain regular contact as friends and colleagues in ministry, most recently having coffee while we were both at General Assembly (see GA update on page 7)!

Just like that transition with an unknown future, our pastoral transition here at OPCC has the potential to feel uncomfortable and sad, unpleasant and difficult. Bittersweet grief, with all its stages, will certainly be a part of things as we celebrate Lisa and her transition into the ministry of hospice care. That is as it should be, and I encourage you to make space for that grief. If you’re sad, feel sad. If you’re angry, feel angry. If you allow yourself to feel what you feel, there is less chance that sadness will burrow into despair and anger will fester into bitterness. But also know that grief is not the only thing that will come from transition. We also have great opportunity in this moment — even as we grieve the departure of a good and faithful minister and friend, we also have the chance to experience the strength of our own beloved community.

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Church life will continue. Church life with youth and children will still continue. Youth Group and Junior Youth Group will still meet, Children Worship & Wonder will still take place on Sunday mornings, youth mission trips will still be planned, you'll still have a chance to bring some treasures for bingo nights and rummage sales, and we will still join our hearts and voices in worship each Sunday. While our Board, Elders, and Regional Minister help to guide us through the transition process, we will also focus on strengthening our relationships within the church. We will continue to live out the story of God's love – both with one another, and with our community.

Though there will certainly be some growing pains, I'm looking forward to seeing how God continues to call us into ministry and service during this time of transition. God continues to work in us and through us, so be prayerful and watchful. Have eyes to see and ears to hear, so that when God points out our next direction, we will see it and follow God's guidance. And in all things, beloved community, let us love God and one another.

## Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 11, at 10:30 worship

All kids are encouraged to bring their school backpack to worship on August 11. 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. We wish the best for our kids and educators this school year!



## Backpack & School Supply Drive

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

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



Donations brought by Sunday, August 11, will be blessed along with our backpack blessing.

Questions? Contact Lisa Setty.

## September Wednesdays Kick-Off

On Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Bell Choir, 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!



In observance of Labor Day,  
the OPCC offices will be closed  
on Monday, September 2.



You're invited to help  
*Lisa Setty*  
train for the next leg of her race!

Join us on **Sunday, August 25**, as we celebrate Lisa's ministry at OPCC, and cheer her on to the next leg of her ministry race with Ascend Hospice. Lisa will be honored during 10:30 Worship followed by a "Carbo-Load" Luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

The luncheon will be catered by Hy-Vee with a freewill offering taken (suggested donation \$10). Menu will consist of fettucine, penne, alfredo sauce, marinara sauce, chicken pieces, Caesar salad, breadsticks and/or garlic bread, and cookies.

Deadline for luncheon reservations is August 21. Sign up with Eileen in the church reception office at [office@opccdoc.org](mailto:office@opccdoc.org) or 913-677-4646, x 221, or at the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter.

### Optional Participatory Events:

Contribute to a Scrapbook — write a card or letter telling Lisa how her ministry has impacted you or your family. Cards and letters should be one-sided and turned in to the church office by August 18.

Contribute to a Community Love Gift — send cash or a check made out to OPCC to the church office, or make a donation online through [www.opccdoc.org](http://www.opccdoc.org) by August 21.

### Questions?

Contact Eileen at OPCC at 913-677-4646  
or Theresa Krebs at 913-648-4965

*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

*Middler's Sunday  
Morning Class*

**Resumes September 8, 2019**

**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 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 [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net).

*CWF (Christian  
Women's Fellowship)*

Our next meeting will be **Monday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.

All women are welcome!

*Girlfriends Unlimited*

**Resumes Wednesday, September 4**

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 4, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Questions?

Contact Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179 or [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net).

*Solo Sidekicks Singles*

**Friday, August 16 at 5 PM  
Olive Garden on 95th Street**

If you plan on going, please sign up at the front counter or contact Jean Sink, 913-541-8837 or [jsink7234@yahoo.com](mailto:jsink7234@yahoo.com)

*Care and Share*

The Care and Share Support Group will go out to lunch at Noodles and Company, 11339 West 95th Street, OPKS, (Oak Park Mall) on Wednesday, August 21.

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](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net) or 913-592-0179 by August 18.

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

*Christian Caregivers  
Support Group*

**Resumes Monday, September 9**

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 the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, beginning September 9, 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 913-592-0179.

*NEW – Christian Grief  
Support Group*

**New Group** will begin on September 16 and meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month thereafter, 1:00–2:30pm in the Fireside Room.

For more info, contact Peggy Moore.

*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 "Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life" by Harold Kushner.

All men are invited to join us.

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



# Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

*Empowering Homeless Families by Engaging People of Faith*

IHN had an auction in June. Final totals are yet to come in, but it is the biggest fundraiser for the program and was a huge success! Hopefully, you caught a glimpse of the Fox 4 News at 5:15 and 6:15 to see Joe Loria brag on the program and give us a hand up!

IHN had a busy week July 14-21 with our guests. Some ups and downs and flexibility with schedules made the week interesting. We started with six guests, but one of our families was asked to leave... IHN is a demanding program, but the results speak for themselves when the guest works hard and follows the guidelines. Vicki shared this story of previous guests:

*Many of you will remember Desarae, Alexis, and Laila. They were in the network in 2013 and have gone on to be great ambassadors for IHN, speaking at our auction two years ago. Last Friday afternoon they pulled up in front of my window and appeared at the front door to share exciting news. In addition to my having the opportunity to meet the Desarae's new bundle of love, Brooklyn (5 months), Alexis announced she has joined the Navy and will head to boot camp on 8-07. Alexis is eager to begin this next phase of her life. She has grown up to be a beautiful young woman with a great future ahead. Desarae is doing well. She reported that Brooklyn is a very happy baby and Laila is a good big sister. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers as they begin a new phase of their lives.*

Please pray for all of our guests, both the ones who struggle and the ones who are strong. Our volunteers are crucial to our mission. You are not told often enough how grateful and appreciative IHN is for all of your time, talents, and energy you give us. THANK YOU!!!

Our next host week is the October 13-20. Please mark your calendars. When school starts and the weather chills, we usually have more guests. Looking forward to working with you in October!

For more information about IHN or to volunteer, contact Barb Collins at [barbcollins919@gmail.com](mailto:barbcollins919@gmail.com).



**Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events!**

**MORE<sup>2</sup>**  
[www.more2.or](http://www.more2.or)

## Overland Park Fall Festival Saturday, September 28

Join your neighbors for a true community celebration! The Overland Park Fall Festival features a hometown parade, the county's best arts and crafts fair (more than a hundred artisans), the state's best farmers' market, three stages of concerts, fantastic food, and much more!  
<https://www.opkansas.org/events/overland-park-fall-festival/>

## Tall Oaks Gala

...Turning a celebration into a time for giving...  
...Raising awareness and supporting a good cause...  
...Connecting with your community...

"It's not just about coming and contributing to something, it's coming and celebrating something. The spirit of celebration is key."

Join us on **October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** for an *Enchanting Evening* with an unforgettable atmosphere of friendship, inspiration, music, auction fun, sipping wine, and incredible food!

As part of our Outreach-Mission efforts, 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 invite you to join in our efforts:

- Kansas Issues Night – where we decide the work that is important to us, and discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity.
  - Monday, August 19, 6:30–8:00pm  
First Baptist Church of KCK  
500 Nebraska Ave., KCKS 66101
- MORE2 Board Meeting – 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, August 27, 6:00–7:30pm  
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church  
4501 Walnut St, KCMO 64111
- MORE2 Local Training – More info TBD
- The MORE2 Annual Public Meeting
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> – More info TBD

# Prayer List

## Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Harper Claar (Roger & Vicki Claar's granddaughter)
- ♥ Carol Huffman (Peggy Fach's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock's sister)
- ♥ Melody Jerden (Judy Snyder's sister)
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Ada Phillips (Teresa Phillips' mother)
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Billie Warden

## Continued Prayers

- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Nita Anderson
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Frances Bruning
- ♥ Bob Carter (mentor of Larry Swanson, Sharon McBride's son)
- ♥ Nancy Coffman
- ♥ Mark Conner (Lorraine Hartnett's grandson)
- ♥ Phyllis Cooke
- ♥ Grace Crispin
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Christopher Elliott
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Pat Frisbie (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Bill Horton
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Rowena Hutchinson
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Barbara Killion
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Kathy Lewis
- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Florene & Tony Miele
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ 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

## Condolences

- ♥ to Roger & Carol Lear and family on the death of Marie Lear on July 11
- ♥ to Dan Horton and family on the death of Aletha (Lee) Horton on August 3

## Congratulations

- \* to NaCole & Josh Agard on the birth of their new daughter, Alice Eve Agard, on July 23, at 4 lbs 15 oz, and 19½ inches long! Proud Grandpa is Richard Owens.

## 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

*To add or remove persons from the prayer list, please contact Michelle Reiter at ext. 223 or [michelle@opccdoc.org](mailto:michelle@opccdoc.org)*

## All-Church Picnic in the Park

**Saturday, September 14, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Black Hoof Park, Oak Shelter,**  
**9053 Monticello Rd, Lenexa, Kansas 66220**

Hot dogs/brauts, drinks, table service, and S'Mores will be provided.  
Please bring a side dish to share.

RSVP to Peggy Moore at [pmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:pmoore@wildblue.net) or 913 592-0179 by September 11.

This event is hosted by the Empty Nesters for all OPCC community. For directions and map, go to [www.Lenexa.com](http://www.Lenexa.com) — Black Hoof Park-Lake Lenexa, or click here: [Black Hoof Park](#)

## Blessing of the Animals



On Sunday, October 6, you will be invited to bring your pets to OPCC as we celebrate God's creatures with a Blessing of the Animals. Watch for more details!

# Report on General Assembly



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada (a.k.a. Disciples) held its biennial General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, July 20-24, 2019. OPCC sent Rev. Laura Phillips and Jan & Lee Sprinkle as representatives to the assembly. Each Disciples church has the opportunity to send at least two voting delegates, and each ordained Disciples minister is also a voting delegate. A brief report has been provided by Jan & Lee Sprinkle:

The Assembly, under the title of “Abide in Me,” was attended by 3-4 thousand Disciples from the United States and Canada, plus a few International Disciples supporting reports from the Division of Overseas Ministries and The Pension Fund. Over three mornings of business sessions, 19 reports were presented, and 16 resolutions were reviewed, discussed, and voted upon, by all voting members. All resolutions were approved/affirmed...too long to discuss here, but we encourage you to read these reports and resolutions by going to <http://ga.disciples.org/business>.

We didn’t really know what to expect but came home with the following takeaways:

- a. Wonderful feeling of joy and love as we worshipped with so many Disciples.
- b. Enjoyed seeing Rev. Laura on the large screens as she presented a Children Worship & Wonder story in Spanish during one of the worship services.
- c. Coming to the realization as to how diverse Disciples leadership is in gender and ethnicity.
- d. Seeing the compassion shown by resolution presenters and supporters.
- e. Impressed by the General Youth Council resolution on Spirit of Active Listening. (Resolution 1926)
- f. Understanding just how strong Disciples are in affirming to be an ALL INCLUSIVE CHURCH. (see Resolutions 1923, 1928, 1929, & 1930)
- g. Disciples striving to be a “Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World”.

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