



Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Coffee and Fellowship in the Fireside Room — 8:45 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



FALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES

What happens when our world falls apart?

What does it look like to search for God in the gray area of our lives?

How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads?

What do we become when our identity — or the path we're on — comes undone?

What if all of this is not the end we fear it will be?

In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope — with a new beginning we couldn't have imagined.

Sometimes we need to be unraveled — from shame, fear, patterns, or identities that cause harm.

To unravel is to acknowledge and grieve what has fallen apart to allow God's newness to unfurl.

This worship series explores stories of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations.

These are stories where God meets us in the spiraling, unraveling our plans — and us — into something new. These stories, and our worship experiences around them, provide opportunities for deep reflection, meaningful connection, and perhaps a bit of clarity.

Won't you join us in becoming unraveled?

Join us in our unraveling on Sunday mornings at 10:30am worship!

Welcome

we're glad you're here!

Mary Beth Boucher

For the next six months while our Director of Music, Christopher Elliott, is on a short-term medical leave we welcome Mary Beth Boucher to our community. Mary Beth received both her BME and MME from KU. She taught elementary music and middle school choir for 24 years for Olathe USD. She was also the music minister for Lake Quivira Community Ministries and on the worship team for Church of the Resurrection West. Through the years, Mary Beth has composed music for school and church. Mary Beth also spends her time as a private vocal coach, and co-directing an amateur chorus of senior singers called EncoreKC! We are so thankful that Mary Beth will be guiding our Bell and Chancel Choirs in this interim!



Lisa Engelken

This September, Lisa Engelken will begin serving OPCC as our Interim Director of Children's Ministries, namely working with Children Worship & Wonder on Sunday mornings.

"Life is all about Plan B."

This is Lisa's life motto. When you think have everything planned, organized, and ready to go—

God calls us elsewhere. How true that is!

Lisa is a commissioned minister in the Christian Church (DOC) serving in the Greater Kansas City Region. In 2003 Lisa was called into ministry through the New Church Ministry and Dick Hamm's 2020 Vision: 2000 new churches 2000 new ways. In addition to serving with OPCC, Lisa also serves the greater church as the Coordinator of Children Worship & Wonder at Disciples Home Missions. Lisa combined her passion for Children and Family ministry with the new church initiatives and she has been leading families to explore their

faith together through the house church model and intergenerational worships for several years.

These new members joined OPCC on September 1!

We celebrate with **Lindsey Dempsay** as she joined by baptism; and **Phil, Casey, Viola, and Lillian Sigmon** joined by transfer of membership.

Welcome to the OPCC Community Mary Beth, Lisa, Lindsey, Phil, Casey, Viola, and Lillian!

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.



Sign up at the narthex counter,
or RSVP to Eileen at the OPCC reception desk
at office@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, ext. 221,
or to Peggy Moore at pmoore@wildblue.net
or 913 592-0179 by September 11.

This event is hosted by the Empty Nesters for all OPCC community. It will be held at Black Hoof Park, located at 9053 Monticello Road.

You can get to Black Hoof by going south on Monticello just off of 87th Street (going west which becomes 83) – out by the 3&2 baseball fields.

Go south on Monticello to 9053 Monticello. The Oak Shelter is the first shelter. Restrooms are close and this is a beautiful park. You might want to come early and enjoy the park setting.

For online directions and map, go to www.Lenexa.com — Black Hoof Park-Lake Lenexa, or click here: [Black Hoof Park](#)

Hope you will join us and be part of the fun!



P.S. Would anyone be willing to help grill the dogs and brauts? If so, let Peggy know!

HELP WANTED

Garden Terrace Volunteers Needed

OPCC provides a worship service for the residents, their family members, and the staff at Garden Terrace Care Center, 7541 Switzer Road. This ministry is currently in need of more volunteers to serve communion — no experience necessary! Services are 10:30-11:00 on Sunday mornings.

To volunteer or find out more information about volunteering at Garden Terrace, contact Doris Hamilton at 913-648-5155.

Middler's Sunday Morning Christian Education 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.

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.

All women are welcome!

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 Wednesdays 7:00–8:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

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

Solo Sidekicks Singles

Friday, September 20 at 5 PM
Ambrosia Café, 7933 Marty
(Downtown Overland Park)

If you plan on going, please sign up at the front counter at church, or contact Jean Sink, 913-541-8837 or jsink7234@yahoo.com

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

*Care and Share**

The Care and Share Support Group will go to Johnson County Community College for lunch at Café Tempo, 12345 College Blvd, OP KS (west side of campus) on **Wednesday, September 18**.

After lunch we will visit the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art. Meet at the church at 11:00am to carpool, or meet at the restaurant at 11:30. RSVP to Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-592-0179 by September 15.

*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 1:00–2:30pm 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.

NEW—Grief Support Group

Loss is a fact of being alive in our world and no one is immune from the experience, so it's normal for people to need some extra support after experiencing a major loss. There are many losses besides the obvious ones such as death or divorce. Major changes in our lives such as moving, family conflict, job loss, loss of health, injury, financial loss, or separation from loved ones are all times when change can require in our lives a need to find a "new normal." It is at this time where we can use some extra support and community to move through these losses while maintaining as balanced a life as possible. The experts tell us healthy grief is not a passive experience. The loss is what happens to us – grief is the normal, appropriate response to loss. There is much more for you to do in response to any loss than just wait and suffer. Meeting with others who have experienced loss in a safe and compassionate setting helps us to move toward a more healthy response to loss.

Join us as we begin our new Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month (starting September 16) 1 – 2:30pm in the Fireside Room.

Questions? Call Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179.

Jr. Youth & Youth Groups

Junior Youth Group meets twice a month on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6-7pm**, in the basement youth room and is open to all children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

Youth Group meets twice a month on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm**, in the youth room and is for all kids in 7th-12th grades.

Both **JYG** and **YG** focus on making the teachings of Jesus relevant to our lives in an age-appropriate way. Questions are encouraged as we attempt to find answers together. We also have tons of fun! Won't you join us?! For more information, contact Rev. Laura at laura@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, ext. 222.



Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join Global Ministries for a weekend of learning, fun, and worship! Go here to see what it's about: <https://vimeo.com/338072057?ref=fb-share>

Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13
Check in/arrival @ 4:30-6:00 pm on October 11
Departure @ 11:00 am on October 13
Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center
12778 189th Street, Linwood, Kansas 66052
\$50/person

For all the details and to register, go to <https://www.globalministries.org/youthmission>

Adult sponsors are also needed for this exciting event! If you are interested in attending as an adult sponsor, contact Bethany Guy.

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 25th** at **6:00pm** for an **Enchanting Evening** with an unforgettable atmosphere of friendship, inspiration, music, auction fun, sipping wine, and incredible food!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6, 2:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi was known to believe that nature itself, all parts of it, was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters," and even preached to the birds. For this reason, many churches, including OPCC, offer a celebration of all of God's creatures, a time to bless the animals in our lives, close to Francis' birthday. We are discovering more and more the benefits of pets in our lives and society, so blessing them at church is not just a fun thing to do; it is acknowledging their importance both to us and to God.

Join us on Sunday, October 6, at 2:00pm in the OPCC main courtyard to bless whatever animals you would like to bring!

All are welcome — wherever you come from, whoever you are, whatever kind of animal you have, we will bless them!

Come found out about "My Dog Jesus" and so much more! (Please make sure all animals are either on leashes or in appropriate carriers.)

Service of Heartbreak and Hope

Have you or someone you love experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death? Whether this has occurred recently or many years ago, we know the grief of such an event continues well past any specific date.

We also know that you are not alone.

In honor of the families we once hoped we would become, and in a desire to help one another in our journey of healing, Overland Park Christian Church is offering a time to recognize our dreams, our hopes.

Special guest Rev. Tabatha Johnson, editor and contributor of Still A Mother: journeys through perinatal bereavement, along with the OPCC Worship and Arts Team, invite you to a service recognizing our shared experience of miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

Please join us in the evening on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 for a special service consecrating these experiences shared by so many of God's children.



Join us for
World Communion Sunday
on October 6, 2019.
On October 6th, we will
celebrate everyone!

MORE²
www.more2.org

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 discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity.
 - Monday, September 16, 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, September 24, 6:00–7:30pm All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church 4501 Walnut St, KCMO 64111
- MORE² Local Training – Every fall MORE² hosts a training for community leaders in the Gamaliel methods and philosophy of organizing. It's free for MORE² members (OPCC is a MORE² member). Space is limited, so make sure you pre-register. Our focus this year is on building core teams and facilitating effective meetings, so invite some others and let's build power together.
 - Saturday, September 21, 8:30am–1:00pm Trinity United Methodist Church 620 E. Armour Blvd, KCMO 64109
- The MORE² Annual Public Meeting – Every year we gather together from across the Kansas City Metro region to celebrate our victories and build momentum for the upcoming year.
 - Monday, November 4, 6:00–8:00pm First Baptist Church of KCK 500 Nebraska Ave., KCKS 66101



Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating from the 1960s of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society, and the racism within our own church. We have called this process the Reconciliation Ministry.

We receive this offering each fall and use the funds throughout the year to give grants to the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism initiative to organize to dismantle systems and structures that perpetuate this sin of division within the Church.

The 2020 Vision adopted by our denomination (wider church) names this work as one of the four priorities of our mission together as a whole church. This voluntary annual offering is the only source of funding for this ministry.

As the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) lives into its identity as a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world," contributions to this offering facilitate camp and conference and leadership development opportunities, as well as programs for dialogue across difference that promotes life-giving community within our beloved church and among the whole family of God. Won't you join us in supporting this important ministry? Join us on September 29th and October 6th as we receive this special offering for Reconciliations Ministries within the Christian Church.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Lisa Townsend Adair (Wilma Townsend's daughter)
- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Harper Claar (Roger & Vicki Claar's granddaughter)
- ♥ Alex Horton
- ♥ Carol Huffman (Peggy Fach's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock's sister)
- ♥ Melody Jerden (Judy Snyder's sister)
- ♥ Sandy Jewers (Kellie Bivens' mother)
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Ada Phillips (Teresa Phillips' mother)
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Billie Warden
- ♥ Doris Watts

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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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

Condolences

- ♥ to Susan Worrel and family on the death of Rick Worrel on August 28
https://www.opchamber.org/clientuploads/Richard_A_Worrel_Obituary.pdf

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

Thank You

I cannot describe how much you all mean to me and how life changing my time at Overland Park Christian Church has been. Gordon Harkness once introduced me as his "home grown pastor" and I hold that title with utmost regard. Through all of the changes at OPCC, the people who have come through the doors, and the kids who have grown up, I have become who I am today. You have always supported me and encouraged me to continue to explore ministry and to follow God's calling in my life. Thank you for the grand farewell on August 25 and for your generous gifts. I give thanks to God for such a special day and for such amazing people. Continue to listen to God's special plan for OPCC and to be the welcoming, loving, and accepting people you have always been. You have great leadership with Rev. Laura Phillips and together you all will continue to be a light in this world.

Blessings,
Rev. Lisa Setty

Property Commission

Property had fewer issues to work on this past month but we had has kept us very busy.
See list below:

- a. Had a major sewer line plug (affected two toilets) in the toddler rooms in the West classrooms. Since there wasn't any cleanout, we had to dig through the concrete floor and add one so the plumbers could get a camera and snake through the pipes. Finally, got the line open and everything put back together. We are expecting the plumbing bill to be around \$4,500 to \$5,000. We had flooring and base cove materials available so it only cost us \$375.00 for laying the vinyl and all the base cove.
- b. We have a second foundation company coming this week to look at the water leakage in the youth room and get plans for course of action needed to stop the basement wall from leaking. More on this later.
- c. NOTICE: NO PARKING on the East side of Conser along the street from just in front of crosswalk and all alongside the fire station, clear to 75th street. The City of Overland Park has put up these signs recently and we want all of you to be aware of this NO PARKING ZONE.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle,
Property Chair

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