

The OPCC Scene



OVERLAND PARK
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ) 

7600 West 75th Street
Overland Park, KS 66204
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship — 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Adults Christian Education — 9:00 a.m.
Children's Christian Education — 9:30 a.m.
Nursery care available between 8:20 a.m. and noon

For more about the current events and opportunities at OPCC, please see our online calendar at www.calendarwiz.com/opcccalendar or visit these social media avenues: www.opccdoc.org • [@opccdoc](https://twitter.com/opccdoc) (Twitter) • www.facebook.com/opccdoc

Save the Date for Lisa's Ordination!

Lisa Setty is about to complete a long and arduous journey from a nervous, first year seminary student, to an ordained pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In case you're interested – and who in our congregation isn't? – her ordination service is scheduled for Saturday, October 8th, at 3:00 pm. I have the date highlighted on my calendar, and I'm sure you will as well, as we gather to honor this awesome lady, recognize her accomplishments, and bestow on her the status of ordination.

Getting to this point has not been easy, and that's an understatement. To earn an M.Div. (Master of Divinity), one has to complete a course of study almost three times the length of any normal master's degree. Lisa has persevered, completed her course work, and has now graduated from Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Moreover, she accomplished this feat while fulfilling her roles as wife, mother of three, pastor of children and youth here at OPCC, scout leader... you get the point. Finally, Lisa has stuck to her dream even while facing several family crises that would overwhelm many, and cause them to abandon their heart's desire. But not Lisa. Through it all she never missed a beat; and that is amazing. I feel more pride in Lisa's accomplishment than any with which I have ever been involved!

One last question - perhaps the most crucial - requires a response from seminary, region, and sponsoring congregation; "Is Lisa ready for ordination?" More times than not, this question is answered by an examination of grades and awards received along the way. I haven't inquired into Lisa's grades and honors; although I'm sure they are impressive. Nevertheless, I can respond to this question without hesitation. Lisa is ready for ordination because she recognizes that ordination is not so much about her as about the children, women, and men whom she will touch through her ministry year after year.

I encourage you to extend your congratulations to Lisa, and plan to attend her ordination, here at OPCC, on Saturday, October 8th, at 3:00 pm.

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Lines from Laura

Whether it's our friends and family here at OPCC, or it's been some close personal friends of mine who have recently lost their parents, I have been reminded a lot lately that *Planning Isn't Just for Weddings*. To that end, I am also reminded that OPCC wants to equip our members and friends to handle anything that life throws at you, and that includes the end of life. We are committed to being supportive to you and your family to the very end.

This includes planning.

On the first Saturday in November, OPCC will host a "Funeral Fair: Planning Isn't Just for Weddings" It may sound a little different, but we hope it will be helpful and hopeful at the same time. This event will include businesses and individuals that represent all facets of the end of life: hospice care, advanced directives, medical professionals, lawyers, financial planners, funeral homes, real estate agents, and more. We will also include time with the pastors to discuss how OPCC is involved at the end of life, and how you would like to be remembered. We hope you can connect with some of these professionals so that you can feel confident about a time in which so much can happen.

We will continue to brainstorm and *make a plan* for this hopeful and helpful event. If you have any questions, or ideas, or are interested in helping, please don't hesitate to call or email Laura.

Volunteers for Worship Leading

Several of you have reached out that you are interested in reading and helping during worship – great! Thank you! If you are still interested in serving during worship, but have not yet contacted us, please let us know. Would you be willing to serve as a liturgist and read either scripture or a call to worship provided for you? No age requirement – anyone willing to read is welcome! Please contact Eileen in the front office if you would be interested and we will keep your name on a list. We will arrange mutually agreeable days for you to serve so that it works with everyone's schedule.

Please contact Eileen by email (office@opccdoc.org) or phone (ext. 221).

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Joyfully invites you to the
Ordination Service
of

Lisa Setty

on

Saturday, October 8, 2016, 3:00 pm
at

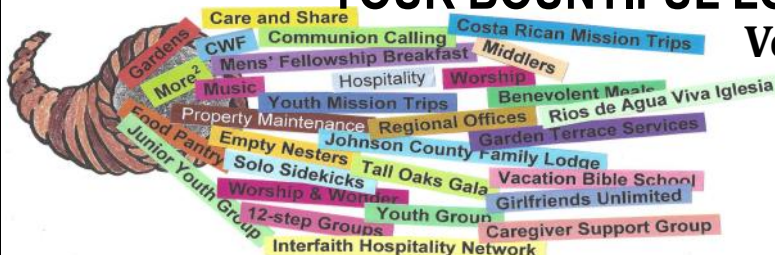
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7600 W. 75th St.
Overland Park, KS 66204

Reception following the service
in the Fellowship Hall

Worship and Preaching

Beginning on September 11th, we will start a new series of worship and sermon themes based on a different schedule, a new schedule called the Narrative Lectionary. The Narrative Lectionary reminds us how our Christian story works within the greater story of God's people. We will begin with stories of creation, both that of the world, and of the faithful families in our Old Testament. We will move through the greatest stories in the Bible up to the beginning of our Christian story. We are looking forward to sharing these themes of worship with you, as we are reminded of our own stories, and the way they are part of God's great story. If you have any questions, or would like to learn more please contact one of the pastors. We would love to share more!

YOUR BOUNTIFUL LOVE OVERFLOWS



Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Join us for Hors d'Oeuvres
September 30th, 6-8 pm, Fireside Room

Stay and play Bingo
in Fellowship Hall, 7-9 pm
to support Youth Mission Trips

MUSIC NOTES



I am honored and humbled for the opportunity to lead the musical life of Overland Park Christian Church. As I enter my 14th year in church music ministry, I have never been so excited and energized about sharing my passion for music and worship! I am so thankful to the OPCC board, members, and staff for their support of the music ministries of this congregation.

Many thanks to Sue & Corwin Elliott for volunteering countless hours over the past month with our music library. OPCC was generously gifted approximately 15 large boxes of choral and instrumental music following the closure of Cherokee Christian Church. The new music has been sorted and integrated into our existing print music collection.

Would you be interested in joining Chancel Choir, Reverberations Bell Choir, singing a solo or playing an instrument? Do you have feedback or suggestions for our music programming? Please leave a message with the church office or send email to chris@opccdoc.org.

Upcoming Worship Notes:

- Chancel Choir will return for the fall to lead us in worship on September 11.
- Reverberations Bell Choir will offer special music on September 25.
- insideOut has been busy rehearsing and will return in early October.

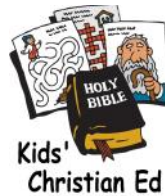
Upcoming Community Events:

- The Friends of Chamber Music present Escher String Quartet with Jason Vieaux, guitar. September 23, 8:00 pm @ Folly Theater, KCMO.
- Kantorei Choral Ensemble: Prayers of the People. September 25, 4:00 pm @ Central United Methodist Church, KCMO.
- KC Symphony opening weekend! September 30 – Oct 2. Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony and guest violinist Stefan Jackiw.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Christopher Elliott
Director of Music

Family Ministry

If you have questions or would like more information about any of our Children's or Youth Ministries, please contact Lisa Setty, Children & Youth Pastor, at lisa@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, ext. 228.



Kids' Christian Ed

Christian Education for elementary school aged children will resume on September 11 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall. This fall we will be following the Narrative Lectionary for our lesson plans. This will tie our Children's Education, Worship, and Children's Worship & Wonder Biblical teachings together. We will use a variety of teaching modes including storytelling, cooking, arts and crafts, science, technology, puppetry, and more.

Children Worship & Wonder will resume on September 11. Children 4 years old through 6th grade will join their families in the sanctuary for the 10:30 worship gathering. Following the Children's Moment, the children will be invited to leave with a Children's Ministry volunteer to participate in CW&W. In CW&W, children will experience Bible stories told in an interactive format and will be invited to respond in a variety of hands-on opportunities. This fall we will be following the Narrative Lectionary to help tie our lessons in with the sermon focus as in the Worship gathering.



Junior YOUTH GROUP

Junior Youth Group resumes on September 7 from 6-7 p.m. in the Youth Room (basement). We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays through the school year. Junior Youth Group is for all children 4th through 6th grade. We will spend time playing games, laughing, studying scripture, and having fun.

Youth Group, for youth 7th through 12th grades, resumes on Wednesday, September 7, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room (basement). In Youth Group, we tackle topics particular to teens while addressing Biblical teachings relating to these issues. We love to play, laugh, eat, and talk. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays throughout the school year.



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 breakfast, study, and fellowship. The book for study is "Be Mature: Growing Up In Christ" by Warren Wiersbe. All men are invited to join us.

For more information, contact Wayne Moore, 913-856-3833 or Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378.

Christian Caregivers Support Group

Resumes Monday, September 12

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 12, 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 913-856-3833.

Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF evening circle will meet on **Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome!

Girlfriends Unlimited

Resumes Wednesday, September 14

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 14 7–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net.

Empty Nesters

Save the date of Saturday, October 22, for an Empty Nester event at Kansas City Classic Antique Car Museum and lunch at Zarda BBQ!

We will meet at the Museum, 10101 Lackman Road in Lenexa, at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$1.00.

Lunch will follow at Zarda BBQ, 87th & Quivira, at noon. We have the back room reserved there.

God in Nature Hiking Group Sunday, September 18

Where: Ernie Miller Nature Park
909 N. Highway 7
Olathe, Ks 66061
913-764-7759

When: September 18, Sunday afternoon

Time: 2 PM to approx. 4 PM

Meet in North Parking Lot

Wear good shoes, socks; Bring water, bug spray; Always assume poison ivy

Trail will be mulch covered with vegetation on sides, irregular surface, may have some water crossings.

Length approx. 2 miles

Dogs are not allowed at Ernie Miller Nature Park — Willa is sad.

Please contact Kathy Kinder 913-908-2554 or kathykinder@kc.rr.com if questions.

Care & Share Support Group

Our October Care and Share Group will be going to lunch on **Wednesday, October 19**, to Rozelle Court at the Nelson Art Gallery. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. if you want to carpool. Call or email Peggy Moore with your reservation before October 17. 913 856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net.

Solo Sidekicks

will go out to dinner **Thursday, September 15**. Meet at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 10586 Metcalf, at 5:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet on Library Counter Questions? Contact Jean at 913-541-8837

Adult Christian Education Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

"Feasting on the Word"

Resumes Sunday, September 11

Please join us on Sunday mornings for discussion and study exploring scriptural passages in ways that are suitable for all participants, and utilizes our personal experiences to live out our faith.

If you have any questions, contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-856-3833.

Have you ever wanted to be a part of an international mission team?

We are looking for members to add to our mission team now.

**Our sister congregation in San Jose, Costa Rica
is looking forward to our next visit anticipated in June 2017.**

**Please contact Lisa Setty at 913-677-4646 or lisa@opccdoc.org
if you have any interest or questions.**



Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

September Green Moment

Tips for growing a fall vegetable garden and some tips for autumn:

A good family activity is growing a fall vegetable garden.

This will give you fresh vegetables and save on the grocery bill!

1. The best time to plant a fall vegetable garden is when the daytime temperatures are between 60-80 degrees and the nighttime temperatures are around 40 degrees. The vegetables will grow better when the daytime temperatures are not so hot!
2. There should be at least 6 hours of sunshine per day.
3. The soil should be rich and well-draining.
4. The garden will need at least one inch of water per week.
5. Plant beets, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, kale, lettuce, and spinach.
6. The best time to plant this garden is late August or in September.
7. It is very important to know the "freeze date" for this area. You can consult the Farmers' Almanac or an agricultural site for this area, or even consult with Johnson County Master Gardeners. Once you know the freeze date, you need to consult the label on the seed packet and it should give a "plant maturity date" (the number of days it takes the plant to grow to maturity). Count backwards from the freeze date to the number of days it takes the plant to mature (ie. if it takes the plant 30 days to mature, you want to plant it at least 30 days prior to the freeze date).
8. You can buy "transplants"—plants that are already growing—and the vegetables that mature faster will allow you to harvest them sooner.
9. If you plant seeds, plant them a bit deeper and water them more often than you do a "transplant".
10. If you had a summer garden, clean out all plants and debris before planting your fall vegetable garden.
11. The soil should be light weight, well-aerated, and able to drain well.
12. Fertilize with fresh compost or soil conditioner.
13. Use mulch to keep the soil cooler and moister if you plant your garden in late August or early September. Use "floating row covers" in warm weather so the plants do not get over-heated.
14. In the cooler weather, use the row covers to keep the plants warmer. The mulch will help keep the low-growing leafy vegetables cleaner.

A few quick tips for autumn:

1. Instead of sending your child's lunch in a brown paper bag, use a reusable lunchbox and reusable containers for their food.
2. Buy recycled paper for your child to use at school.
3. Instead of buying fall decorations, use the ones that nature supplies—like squash, pumpkins, colorful leaves, and pinecones.
4. Prepare your home for winter—seal leaks such as in roof or windows that are drafty. Insulate pipes that may freeze.
5. With the shorter days, use alternative light sources—such as flameless candles. Turn lights off when not in use and if leaving a room for a long while.
6. With milder weather, walk or ride a bike to run some of your errands!



Our Community CAN Food Drive

Our Community CAN is a community-wide food drive that unites everyone in the fight against hunger and promotes volunteer service and community engagement. The food drive takes place every year in September during Hunger Action Month.

This year, Harvesters invites our partnering agencies to participate in this food drive. In the spirit of partnership and to emphasize the scope of our full network, Harvesters will provide bags for the food drive as well as customizable flyers. All food collected by your agency remains at your agency to distribute directly. Simply report the pounds received to Harvesters.

Agencies can support Our Community CAN in the following ways:

- Request bags from Harvesters, which can be available for you at the time of your regular pick-up or delivery (please specify the date). Harvesters will also provide a customizable flyer for your bags.
- Hand out bags to your agency's supporters beginning September 17*.
- On Saturday, September 24*, collect all the bags and report the poundage you received to Harvesters. Your agency keeps all the food donated.

*If these dates don't work for your agency, please let us know what dates will be better for you.

How to sign up:

To sign up, please visit www.harvesters.org/occagency. You will also find helpful resources on this website, such as sample social media messages, an agency info flyer, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs also attached here).

We look forward to partnering with you in this way!

Jessica Kejr
Director of Program Services
Harvesters—The Community Food Network
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Kansas City, MO 64129
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T: 816.929.3000 (main)
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F: 816.929.3123
jkejr@harvesters.org

Be a hunger champion and adopt your neighborhood for the Our Community CAN food drive. Find out more [here](#).

Thank You

Dear friends in faith,
Thank you so much for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and communion for Bob Prince. Your concern and love was appreciated and we felt very comforted and loved.

Blessings,
Bonnie Prince & family

Just want to thank you for the weekly services you hold at Garden Terrace. Meeting the spiritual needs of the residents is an important ministry.

Many thanks to all of you,
Family of Resident
Nissie Brown

Thank you to the many members of the church who have visited mom (Nita Anderson) following her stroke, and continue to support her. Your friendship and caring is much appreciated.

Gary Anderson

Your thoughts, prayers and cards were greatly appreciated during and after my cryoablation procedure. I continue to get more strength every day. Jan and I have truly felt the love and support from our OPCC family.

God bless all of you,
Lee Sprinkle

How grateful I am to be part of such a wonderful church community. Thank you for your love, service, and caring support, which has strengthened me through such a difficult time.

Ina Fern McBride

August Gifts

- * A gift has been given from Jody Cash to the Benevolence Meals Fund in memory of Ben & Marge Cash
- * A gift has been given from Joe & Jean Zacher in celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary

The following have given gifts in memory of Bob Prince:

- * Jody Cash
- * Gerry & Taylor Spillers
- * Bill & JoLynn Sloan
- * Dale & Nancy Phipps

The following have given gifts in memory of Perry Maynard:

- * Evelyn Eastwood
- * Gordon & Marlene Harkness (Food Pantry)

The following have given gifts in memory of
Everett McBride:

- * Evelyn Eastwood
- * Larry & Bernice Stouse
- * Pat Owsley
- * Joyce Brooker
- * Duane & Wanda Whitney
- * Jim & Sally Withers
- * Aletha Horton
- * Marilyn & Don Hamner
- * Marian Bilyea
- * JoAnn Altschul
- * Gordon & Marlene Harkness

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Nita Anderson
- ♥ Raelene Berry
- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Cassie Brockman (Carl Brockman's granddaughter)
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Lylia Bryant
- ♥ Darla Campain (Jane Fletcher's cousin)
- ♥ Charles Campbell (Maurica Campbell's brother)
- ♥ Phyllis Cooke
- ♥ Maxine Davis
- ♥ Emmett Ditzler (Bruce McNaghten's friend)
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Jan Eilert
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Nathan Greene (Celia Greene's (CWS) son)
- ♥ Marlene & Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Edie Helleson
- ♥ Myra Hettic
- ♥ Don Horine (friend of Laura Phillips' family)
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock's sister)
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Mark Landwehr (friend of Laura Phillips' family)
- ♥ Nola McKee (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Allison McVicker (Cassy & Bob Evans' daughter)
- ♥ Cole Merrill (Myron Merrill's son)
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Fern Palmer (Kim Glover's mother)
- ♥ Shari Prince (Bonnie & Bob Prince's daughter)
- ♥ Pat Raney (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Steve Rouff (JoAnn Altschul's friend)
- ♥ Karen Rowe (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Jacob Sprinkle (Lee & Jan Sprinkle's grandson)
- ♥ Jane Vogt (Marjory McNaghten's sister)
- ♥ Alan Wimpey
- ♥ Joe & Jean Zacher

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Carl Brockman
- ♥ Bryan Byrd (friend of Roy & Judy Nickum)
- ♥ Diana Carlburg
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Bob Jenkins
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Barbara Killion
- ♥ Marie Lear
- ♥ Diana Leonard
- ♥ Ralph Lyles
- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Jack McLain
- ♥ Marjory McNaghten
- ♥ Florene & Tony Miele
- ♥ Bonnie Prince
- ♥ Belva Snell
- ♥ Taylor & Gerry Spillers
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Josh Townsend (Wilma Townsend's grandson)
- ♥ Wilma Townsend
- ♥ Duane & Wanda Whitney

Condolences

- ♥ to Bonnie Prince and family on the death of Bob Prince on August 12.
- ♥ to JoAnn Altschul on the death of her friend, Scott Denbow, on August 11.
- ♥ to the family of Perry Maynard on her death on August 17.
- ♥ to Ina Fern McBride and family on the death of Everett McBride on August 25.
- ♥ to Fern Palmer and Kim, Kristen, & Kathryn Glover and family on the death of Wayne Palmer, Kim's father, on August 31.

Military Prayer List

- ✪ Stephan Aelmore (grandson of Mary Aelmore), US Navy, Pearl Harbor, HI
- ✪ Dustin Doree (grandson of Betty Craney), US Army, Special Forces Training
- ✪ Patrick Kauer (grandson of Terry and Meyra Redmon), US Army stationed at Ft. Polk, LA
- ✪ SSG Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (son of Ed & Kathy Pinkelman), US Army, stationed at Camp Buehring in Kuwait

To add persons to this list, please forward information to Michelle Reiter at michelle@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, x223.

Property Commission

August was a slower month as far as property goes:

1. Sorry to say we had to remove our red maple tree just South of our front entry. The tree has been strangling itself the past several years until the center died out. We are replacing the tree with a Wildfire Black Gum which will turn orange to bright red in the fall.
2. The water fountain in the fellowship hall had a bad compressor and started leaking so it was decided to just remove it versus repairing it. There are two water fountains in the North hallway just outside the hall so should not be too much of an imposition for anyone.
3. Superior Floor Care has completed the following:
 - a. Stripping and waxing the West entry, the West two bathrooms, and the hallway to the Great Hall.
 - b. Stripping and waxing the entry to the Regional Office and the hallways to choir rooms and sacristy.
 - c. Stripping and waxing the men's bathroom (sorry, ladies you'll just have to take our word for that).
 - d. Cleaning the floor in the women's bathroom.
 - e. Buffing all the North hallways and the entire fellowship hall.
4. K.C. Cleaning cleaned the carpeting in the foyer and hall to offices and fireside room.
5. We are waiting on another bid for the chimney tuck-pointing.
6. Landscaping has planted two viburnum and an althea bush in the South lawn along the playground fencing. As these grow, they will hide the playground from 75th Street. While you look for these bushes, notice how well the Magnolia tree is growing in that corner of the South lawn.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

P.S. from an e-mail from Lee —

“Maria (from RAV Church that meets in our building) said a friend was giving away her refrigerator. Maria felt the church needed one to replace the old IHN fridge in the storage room.

Long story short: RAV moved the fridge to OPCC, cleaned it up & put it in place.

Bottom line: We now have a working refrigerator...Hurray!!”

Thank you Maria and RAV!!!

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