



The OPCC Scene

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



According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the World's Largest Potluck took place just a few years ago on November 20, 2016. It was attended by 3,264 people in Ahmedabad, India, and put together by Anand Niketan Maninagar Campus. Louisville, Kentucky is hoping to break that world record with an annual event called The Big Table, held each year in September. In this, its third year, The Big Table welcomed close to 2,000 people; not quite record breaking, but they are on their way!

Numerous food history resources date the word "potluck" to the 1500s, a time when an unannounced visitor or traveler might be invited into a home to share the luck of the pot — that is, whatever was cooking on the hearth. Sharing a meal that a resident family would be eating, without them putting on airs and fancy fixings for company, came to be known as taking potluck.

One can assume that the practice of the potluck — either the original meaning, or the modern meaning in which all participants contribute something — has an ancient history that far predates recorded custom. After all, what could be more natural than sharing food with others?

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When Abraham entertained those three strangers, was that considered a potluck? Could the Last Supper have been a potluck? Did the Apostle Paul ever engage in “pot luck” asking for a meal when he was traveling to each of those cities? We see in Acts 2:43-47 that early followers of Christ shared all things in common, spending time together in the temple and breaking bread at home — perhaps potluck style?

When we talk about “what we bring to the table,” I want to reclaim the idea of a potluck. Because we’re not just talking about food here. When we talk about what we bring to the table, we’re also talking about the communion table and the fellowship we hold with one another as followers of Christ. When we’re talking about the communion we hold with one another, the “luck” refers less to what might be in the pot, and more about the blessing we experience in community with one another.

Whether we call it luck, a godsend, a windfall, a blessing, or providence — we know the goodness of God’s grace that is experienced when we commune together, and when we share with one another what we are able.

Join us for two Sundays in October and two Sundays in November as we engage in this conversation about what each of us might bring to the table, to commune with God and with one another.

The meal just won’t be the same without you!

- Appetizers – Matthew 19:19-24
- Salads/Soups – Mark 12:41-44
- Main Course – Acts 20:32-35
- Dessert – Deuteronomy 15:7-11

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The first two Sundays in October we will conclude our “Unraveled” worship series. We will continue to explore stories of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. We have visited, and will continue to see, stories where God meets us in the spiraling, unraveling our plans — and us — into something new, providing opportunities for deep reflection, meaningful connection, and perhaps a bit of clarity.

Won’t you join us at 10:30am on October 6 and 13 as we conclude our unraveling before God?

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 find 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 Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30

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 8, 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!

Tall Oaks Gala

Friday, October 25, 6:00 pm
Tower Club at Arrowhead Stadium
1 Arrowhead Dr, Kansas City, MO 64129

Featuring: Celia Albon, Harpist

...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** for an *Enchanting Evening* with an unforgettable atmosphere of friendship, inspiration, music, auction fun, sipping wine, and incredible food! Help us celebrate the mission, ministry, and future of Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center! **FREE** Childcare available for ages 3yrs – 5th grade (reservations due by October 18th)

Stadium Tours (\$10 per person)	5:45 pm
Silent Auction & Fellowship	6:00 pm
Buffet Dinner & Live Auction	7:30 pm

Individual Dinner Ticket - \$100
 Sponsor Table of 8 - \$1,000

Tickets include the Harvest Buffet Dinner:
 Mixed Greens Salad with Ranch Dressing
 Rolls and Butter

Entree: Lemon & Herb Roasted Chicken;
 Beef Roast with Au Jus; or Vegetarian Lasagna
 Scalloped Potatoes and Bistro Vegetables
 Dessert: Warm Apple Cobbler with Whip Cream
 Coffee, Tea, and Water Service

There will also be a cash bar

<https://www.talloaks.org/2019-gala>

The Tower Club at Arrowhead Stadium is located along the south side of the Community America Club Level with a spectacular view of the playing field and floor to ceiling windows overlooking the horizon to the south.

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 to Action Night – this is where we decide the work that is important to us, where we discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity in Kansas.
 - Monday, October 21, 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, October 29, 6:00–7:30pm
 All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
 4501 Walnut St, KCMO 64111
- 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

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.

All women are welcome!

Care and Share*

The Care and Share Support Group will go to lunch at Ponak's, 2856 Southwest Blvd, KCMO, on **Wednesday, October 16.**

Meet at the church at 11:00am to carpool, or meet at the restaurant at 11:30.

RSVP to Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179 or wpmoore@wildblue.net or by October 13.

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

Solo Sidekicks Singles

Friday, October 18 at 5 PM

meet at **Cozy's Café**
6740 West 75th Street

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

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.

Empty Nesters

Join the Empty Nesters on Saturday, November 9, for fellowship and food!

We will enjoy soups, salads, and desserts and play the card game, Hearts.

Where: OPCC Fireside Room (Room 45)

When: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on November 9

What to bring: Soup or Salad

RSVP to: The Nickums, jnickum@gmail.com or 913-648-7635

Hope to see you there!

Please note: the *Empty Nester Octoberfest* scheduled for October 19 has been postponed and will be rescheduled in 2020.

Contact Peggy Moore with any questions.

Middler's Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

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.

Christian Caregivers Support Group

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 on the **2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 1:00–2:30pm in the Fireside Room** 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.

Grief and Loss 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 on the **1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 1:00 – 2:30pm in the Fireside Room.**

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

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
- ♥ Erin Vancil (Eileen McIntyre's sister)
- ♥ Billie Warden
- ♥ Doris Watts
- ♥ Harlan Wendell

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 the family of Alice Hall who passed away on September 12.

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

Garden Terrace Volunteers Needed

OPCC has a long tradition of leading worship services for the residents and family members at Garden Terrace Care Center.

This ministry is currently in need of more volunteers to help greet and to serve communion — no experience necessary!

Garden Terrace is located at 7541 Switzer, Overland Park. Services are from 10:30-11:00 on Sunday mornings. Even if you serve as a deacon at OPCC, you will have time to serve communion at Garden Terrace and return in time for communion at OPCC.

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

welcome
new members

Angla Young and Rebecca Wenner recently joined Overland Park Christian Church by transfer of membership.

we're glad you're here!

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.

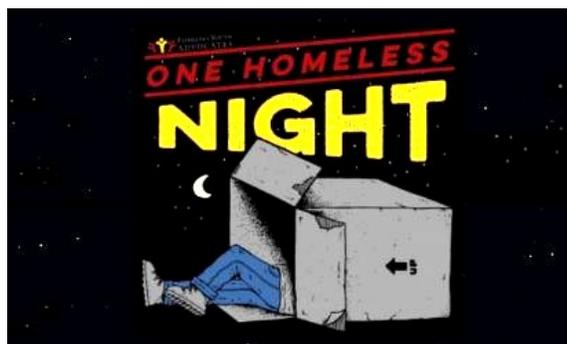
Youth Group meets twice a month on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm**, in the youth room and is for all kids in 7th-12th grades.

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.

Special Youth Event



One Homeless Night is an overnight, simulated poverty experience in which our youth are invited to sleep in self made cardboard/tarp "houses" (along with the adult sponsors). On Saturday night we'll eat dinner, build our "homes" for the night, play games, sit around a fire and ponder life without necessities. On Sunday morning we'll eat breakfast and "panhandle" outside the church to raise funds for Interfaith Hospitality Network.

When:

5:30 pm on October 19 to
after church (noon) on October 20

Where:

Saint Andrew Christian Church
13890 West 127th Street
Olathe KS, 66062

Who:

CYF Youth (grades 9-12)

What we need:

Cardboard boxes (bigger is better)
Tarps

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