

The OPCC Scene



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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

Called to Generosity

We may not like to admit it, but we are surrounded by a culture that values “me first.” Even when we have decided to grow as a good steward, we will be tempted to think, “But I earned the money — it’s mine to do with what I want,” or “Enough is enough — I need more time for myself!” And such thoughts or comments will find plenty of reinforcement from the world around us. Yet, when we really give this thought, we realize that each of us has a need to give selflessly, and is called by God to a life of generosity. It is in such giving that we find meaning, purpose, and holiness.

The calling to a generous spirit is not something that happens overnight. Unlike some of the “call stories” that we will hear in worship over the next few weeks, it is much more likely that our call to generosity from God takes place one step, one decision to share after another.

Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live. Just as generosity is tied to gratitude, it is also tied to trusting God in all things. This is part of our calling. Growing in trust is an intersecting point where faith and life meet. We learn to trust that God who has given us every good gift will be with us in all things. We grow in our calling to desires to give generously in response to such great blessings. This life of calling, trust, gratitude, and generosity is a way of living as a follower of Jesus. Jesus, who gave attention to those who were sick and suffering, the lonely, and those in need of spiritual companionship; Jesus, who even when tired and in need of time for himself, “stopped everything” to teach those who came seeking him; Jesus, whose very life was poured out in sacrifice for our sake and for that of the whole world. How can we not respond to God’s call by giving of ourselves, our time and attention, our talents and resources? Hearing and listening to the call to generosity is to see ourselves as a reflection of Christ, called to share Christ’s presence with others, as we surely are!

Join us as we hear more of God’s call in our lives as we hear “call stories” of God’s faithful in the weeks to come in worship and in our Christian Education classes. We know we are each called by God, and seek to follow that call with one another in new and fresh ways, each and every time we gather. May it be so...

Jana

Join us on Sunday Mornings for Meditation and Communion

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!

Adult Christian Education

"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

Middler's Sunday Morning Class

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 will be following the Living Word Series and studying from the scriptures that we will 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 913-856-3833 or at church.

Empty Nesters Event

Saturday, October 21, 2017
KC Trans World Airlines Museum
10 Richards Road #110
Kansas City, MO 64116
816-234-1011

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum or meet at OPCC at 9:30 if you want to carpool. Cost is \$7.00 for Seniors. RSVP to Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome!

Solo Sidekicks Singles Group

Friday, October 20, 5:00 p.m.

O'Neill's Restaurant
9417 Mission Road, Leawood, KS

Sign up on the sheet at the front entryway counter or contact JoAnn Altschul for more info.

Christian Caregivers Support Group

Note: No Caregivers Support Group Oct. 9

If you have the responsibility of caring for another person, or if you are the primary person of caring for yourself, you are welcome to join our Christian Caregivers Support Group.

The OPCC Christian Caregivers meet each Monday 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Join us for support and encouragement and words of wisdom from our caregiving community. For more information, contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-856-3833.

Girlfriends Unlimited

You are invited to Girlfriends Unlimited on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We are currently discussing the book "50 Women Every Christian Should Know" written by Michelle DeRusha. Join us for fellowship, support, and an opportunity to learn about how countless women have boldly stepped out in faith and courage, leaving their indelible mark on those around them and on the kingdom of God. These engaging stories are potent reminders that we are not alone, the battles we face today are not new, and God is always with us in the midst of struggle. Questions? Call Peggy Moore, 913 856-3833.

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. All men are invited to join us.

Contacts: Wayne Moore, 913-856-3833 or Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378.

Care and Share

will go to lunch next on Wednesday, October 25, at Paulo and Bill's, 16501 Midland Drive in Shawnee. Feel free to bring a friend!

Meet at the church at 11:00 to carpool or at the restaurant at 11:30. RSVP to Peggy Moore, 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net.

Family Ministry

Children Worship & Wonder



The children are back to worshipping in their own space after spending the summer worshipping with the entire OPCC family of faith. The stories in CW&W are following the same narrative lectionary schedule as the adults. After hearing the Bible story, the children are able to respond as they spend time on individual projects. In this format, the children spend time with God and in God's word through their creative imagination and by 'wondering' through the story elements.

Each week the children participate in a time of offering. They are able to watch their offering grow as we convert their dollars to quarters and collect them in a specially designed tube. The past few years, the children have purchased animals through Heifer International. Recently, they have decided to support a ministry of OPCC, Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), with the purchase of new sheets for the mattresses.

These kids have compassionate hearts and they love to help all of God's people. Your guidance and participation in the lives of our OPCC kids is making a difference!

JR Youth Group

Our Junior Youth Group is off to a good start with discussions about creation stories from different religions. We will dig deep into the book of Jonah in October as we seek to learn more about this odd story and what it might mean for our own lives today.

Junior Youth Group is open to all children 4th grade to 6th grade, and meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 6 -7 pm in the Youth Room.

Youth Group

Youth are back into their busy school schedules and fall sports, but even in their hectic lives you will see them walking down the hallways on Sunday mornings and hanging out in the youth room on Wednesday evenings. We are currently watching a movie called "The Investigator" and discussing how our doubts can play a positive role in our faith lives.



Sunday, October 29, is a 5th Sunday and our day to help out at the worship service at Garden Terrace. If you would like to help, contact Lisa Setty. If you are an older youth who is going and can drive another child, let Lisa know that as well.

Sunday, November 12, youth will be helping set up for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) following the 10:30 worship hour. After we set up, we'll have lunch and hang out with some games, or even maybe do some painting in the youth room.

Wednesday, December 20, will be our annual Christmas party with our normal and crazy White Elephant Gift Exchange. Think about what you might like to bring that will create lots of laughter. We'll probably turn this into a longer gathering to celebrate the beginning of winter break.



Your school supply donations for Shawnee Mission North were very much appreciated!

We were able to donate many boxes of needed supplies, as well as a few pairs of earbuds for their students. Besides providing supplies for kids who needed them, this project has opened doors of partnered ministry with the North students.

As part of a Thank You, OPCC was honored with a large wooden nickel which will be hung in the youth room. Thank you for your support of the young people in our community!

Shawnee Mission North High School is currently collecting

Halloween costumes for elementary children who are



not able to purchase their own. If you have old costumes lying around that are simply catching dust, we would love to take them off your hands. Or if you see costumes at good, affordable prices while you are out and about and are willing to purchase them to donate, we will make sure they get to the kids. Contact Lisa for more info.

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.

Green Moment for October

Preparing for autumn:

1. Turn your thermostat down to 68 degrees. This may be 'chilly' for you, but you can wear a sweater, sweatpants, a hoodie, etc. to keep warm. Also, you can use an afghan or blanket to keep warm while reading or watching tv.
2. Rake your leaves. This is better for the environment than using an electric or gas-powered leaf blower. You can use your leaves as mulch for your yard and/or garden or add the leaves to your compost pile.
3. Visit your local farmer's market to buy fresh vegetables. Go to places where you can pick your own apples or pumpkins. This can be a fun family activity.
4. Donate your old clothes to charity. This will help people in need and will keep your closets more manageable. It also keeps usable clothes out of landfills.
5. If you need to have clothes dry cleaned, take them to a cleaner that uses 'green' cleaning products. Google to find a 'green' cleaner near you.
6. Pack your children's lunches in a lunchbox with reusable containers. Buy school supplies made of recycled materials whenever possible.
7. Use things like pumpkins, squash, pinecones, and autumn leaves for fall decorations rather than going out and buying decorations.
8. Take advantage of the fall weather and walk or bike places – leave the car at home whenever possible.
9. Use alternative lighting sources such as candles, flameless candles, or energy efficient light bulbs.

Tips for a Green Halloween:

1. Use Halloween costumes made from natural fabrics and materials. The costumes you buy are often made of harmful chemicals and materials that are bad for the environment and for your child.
2. Use face paints made from organic materials. Face painting kits that you buy often contain lead or other metals that are harmful to your child.
3. Make your own 'fake' blood. Use natural products like cream cheese and cherry juice, or corn starch and natural food coloring.
4. Shop green Halloween markets. They should advertise that they are 'green.'
5. Do not use plastic orange pumpkins for your child to collect candy in. Use a paper bag, canvas bag, or a decorated pillowcase. The orange plastic pumpkins take a very long time to decompose in a landfill.
6. Arrange costume swaps among neighbors or at a school. Recycling costumes keeps them out of landfills.
7. Buy Halloween treats that do not use unnecessary packaging. Excessive packaging just adds to landfills and serves no real purpose. Buy candy in bulk. You can give the child non-candy items such as books, pencils, toothbrushes, etc. You can buy lollipops at Whole Foods, Toys R Us, and Sprouts that are made by Certified Organic.
8. Buy organic pumpkins. Roast the seeds with a little oil and light salt. Use the pulp to make pies and muffins.
9. Compost pumpkins rather than putting them in the trash to go to a landfill.
10. Have the kids make their own Halloween decorations rather than buying decorations. The manufacturing and transporting of Halloween decorations is harmful to the environment.

Have a good Autumn and a Happy Halloween. Remember to GO GREEN!

A Whole Flock of Turkeys!

We would like to provide a turkey for each family that comes to the November 18th Food Pantry. Would you provide the money for a 10-12 pound turkey, approximately \$15? (If the price of turkeys is less than \$15, we will use the extra money for other traditional Thanksgiving foods). Because of limited freezer space – money is better than donating turkeys.

**Please designate your donation for the OPCC Food Pantry and put in the Sunday offering plate or take to the church office.
Thank you for your support of our church ministry.**



Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Darla Campain (Jane Fletcher's cousin)
- ♥ Grace Crispin
- ♥ Maxine Davis
- ♥ Jan Eilert
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Ruth Farmer (Jan Sprinkle's sister)
- ♥ Jeanne Gilbert (Chuck Warner's sister)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Marlene & Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Myra Hettic
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Kathryn Hume (Tracie Glasscock's sister)
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Barbara Killion
- ♥ Mark Landwehr (friend of Laura Phillips' family)
- ♥ Diana Howard McClain (Marshall & Donna Howard's daughter)
- ♥ Allison McVicker (Cassy & Bob Evans' daughter)
- ♥ Cole Merrill (Myron Merrill's son)
- ♥ Florene & Tony Miele
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Shari Prince (Bonnie & Bob Prince's daughter)
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Taylor & Gerry Spillers
- ♥ Wanda Whitney
- ♥ Charlotte Withrow (Evelyn Eastwood's friend)
- ♥ Evan Yoder (Cassy and Bob Evans' grandson)
- ♥ Joe & Jean Zacher

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Nita Anderson
- ♥ Marian Bilyea & Rick Everist
- ♥ Phyllis Cooke
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Bo Crowe and family
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Kathryn Hays
- ♥ Rowena Hutchinson
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Jim & Diana Leonard
- ♥ Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Nola McKee (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Marjory McNaghten
- ♥ Wilma Nickum
- ♥ Fern Palmer (Kim Glover's mother)
- ♥ Bonnie Prince
- ♥ Karen Rowe (Sharon McBride's friend)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Lloyd & Belva Snell
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Iline Toms (Vickie Claar's mother)
- ♥ Alan Wimpey

Congratulations

- ♥ to Nacole Owens and Josh Agard on their recent engagement!

Military Prayer List

- ✦ Stephan Aelmore (Mary Aelmore's grandson), US Navy, Pearl Harbor, HI
- ✦ Dustin Doree (Betty Craney's grandson), US Army, Special Forces Training
- ✦ Patrick Kauer (Terry and Meyra Redmon's grandson), US Army, deployed to Tal afar, Iraq
- ✦ Cameron McDonough (Cathy Wilson's son), US Navy, stationed on the USS Battleship Gonzalez
- ✦ SSG Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (Ed & Kathy Pinkelman's son), US Army, stationed at Camp Buehring in Kuwait

September Gifts

- A gift has been given to Congregational Care from Ken & Raelene Berry in memory of their granddaughter, Stacy Walker. Thank you so much for all your cards and prayers.
- A gift has been given from Jody Cash to the Charles Campbell memorial
- A gift has been given from Mary Aelmore to the Charles Campbell memorial

Thank You

Thank you so much to all those who participated in, and came to be a part of the installation service on September 17th. It was truly a special day to begin our ministries together, and a new season at OPCC, in a new way. Thank you so much to Michelle Reiter, Lisa Setty, Sue Elliott, and all those involved with organizing and hosting the reception following the installation service. Guests that came for the service were so appreciative of such wonderful hospitality, and I simply cannot say thank you enough!
~ Laura

For Free

Pat Gilling has some items to give away to anyone who will come and pick them up.

- 2 file cabinets, black metal, two drawer, 29 H x 18 W X 37 D
- small wooden dresser, painted white, 36 H X 40 W X 13 D

Contact Pat at pgilling@kc.rr.com or 913-642-0605

Two Loving Cats

Due to some extreme allergic reactions with their family, Laura and John sadly need to re-home their two dearly-loved kitties so Laura's mom will be able to babysit her new grandbaby! Joey (9 years) and Foxx (7 1/2 years) are both male, litter box-trained, indoor-outdoor cats that need to find a new home, together. They've done fine with dogs, but would also welcome the attention of a cat only home. If you or anyone you know are looking for two cuddly kitties, please contact Laura.

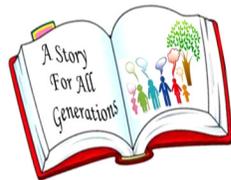


**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
RECEPTION**

Please join your OPCC Board
in honoring all Volunteers
who have worked so tirelessly
to support the Community of
Overland Park Christian Church

Friday, October 6
5:30-7:00 p.m.
in the Fireside Room

Following the reception,
join the OPCC Youth
in the Fellowship Hall
for **BINGO** to benefit
Youth Mission Trips



2017 Tall Oaks Gala – A Story for All Generations

Won't you join us in celebrating the mission and ministry of Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center? The 2017 Tall Oaks Gala will again take place at Arrowhead Stadium as we benefit the ministry of our amazing camp & conference center.

You can find logistical information below, and contact Rev. Laura if you would like to join at this important fundraiser. She and John will attend as long time supporters of the camp and conference program of our regional church.

**Friday, October 13, 2017
Arrowhead Stadium – North Club**

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

Individual Dinner Ticket - \$90
Individual Patron Ticket - \$125

Tickets include non-alcoholic drinks,
dessert and the buffet dinner, with beef,
chicken, fish, and vegetarian entrée options.

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