

The OPCC Scene



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Sharing Christ's Love by
Serving our Neighbors while
Growing as Jesus' Disciples

SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional Family Worship — 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education for Children and Adults — immediately following Worship

Nursery available at both hours

Abrahamic Traditions Dinner Tuesday, July 1 @ OPCC

The world doesn't need people who staunchly defend truth (as they see it), but rather people who stand *in* truth and view others in its light. Now more than ever, the world needs people who can be passionately committed to their own faith without rebuking or ridiculing the faith of others.

— “Bo” James R. Crowe

Some months ago, a quiet spoken lady – mother, wife, sister, friend – waited in line at OPCC's Harvesters Food Pantry. When noticed, she was harassed by several folk and even told in no uncertain terms by one individual that there was no place for her here, and that she should leave. She was targeted from among the many folk waiting in line because she was wearing a hijab, or headscarf. She is, you see, a Muslim.

Our volunteers immediately quieted the turmoil, pointing out that her family was hungry like all the others, her family struggled to make ends meet just like all the others, and that there is a welcome place here for her. The response of our volunteers was quite gratifying to me. And it was, by the way, right in line with the example and teaching of Jesus. In Luke 10 he refuses to answer the question, “Who is my neighbor?” on the grounds that it is obvious; anyone in need is my neighbor. The only question one should answer is, “Will I be a neighbor?”

Our response to this question will impact the effectiveness of our reach into the surrounding community. The incident at our Food Pantry is a perfect illustration of how the need for folk of different faiths to understand each other has come so close to home. It is nigh on to impossible to reach out in our larger community without some sense of understanding and cooperation among folk of a different spiritual stripe.

This understanding of neighbor and community needs has motivated me to reach out to the interfaith community and begin conversations. (Actually I have done this for years, based on my training in world religions, on which I teach courses at Central Seminary). The result is that we have agreed to host an Abrahamic Traditions Dinner on Tuesday, July 1, here at OPCC. Invitations will go out to Christian, Muslim, and Jewish congregations and families, and all will share a meal and simply visit... allowing acquaintance with people of flesh and blood to replace abstract ideas of who they are. The meal will be followed by a panel discussion of some aspect of faith (e.g. scripture, ethics, life after death, the notion of God, etc.) from each of the three Abrahamic faiths. Look for more information soon, and save the date for a wonderful opportunity to share witness to your faith while growing to understand the faith of others.

"Summertime and the Living Is Easy" ...and our experimental summer schedule will prove it!

Many of you have heard by now that we are going to experiment with our Sunday schedule during the summer months. This will give us an opportunity to respond to folks' request for a later worship time, see if the experts are right who claim that a later start time attracts new people more effectively, and evaluate how our Sunday schedule will match up with the new vision and mission we are now discerning. By the end of summer we should have a good idea of what works best in our situation.

Beginning on JUNE 22, our schedule will be as follows:

- 8:30 AM WORSHIP GATHERING. A relaxed, intimate, traditional worship featuring long-time favorite hymns, meeting when possible in the courtyard.
- 9:15 AM ABBREVIATED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE. Mary Aelmore's class is the only one meeting through the summer. They may, however, choose another time to meet. When they decide we'll let you know.
- 10:30 AM WORSHIP GATHERING. This is our primary worship gathering, which intentionally focuses outward, trying to meet the worship needs of a wide swath of folk, including new additions to our faith community. This worship includes both traditional and contemporary elements, woven into a progressive and unique worship style.

And, of course, coffee fellowship will begin at 8:00 AM and remain available through the morning hours. We will remind you frequently during the next few weeks of the new start times, but mark your calendar for our summer schedule beginning on June 22.



Pentecost Sunday is June 8

Join us in worship at 9:30 a.m. on this special Sunday as we celebrate the birthday of the church and the re-birth of our church!

Our mission team is headed to Costa Rica the week of June 8-June 15, and we are so excited to represent Overland Park Christian Church as we work for the kin-dom of God! We are so thankful for all those who have supported us thus far, and continue to covet your prayers as we are away on our trip! We ask for your prayers for safe travel, for the relationships we will nurture with our sisters and brothers in Christ in Costa Rica, and also for the Costa Rican church and the ministry they are sharing there. You can check out on our website, www.opccdoc.org for some updates and photos, in addition to checking out the Facebook page where we will do our best to update as much as possible! We also look forward to sharing our experience with you when we return. Thank you!



Pentecost Offering

How often have you remarked about the importance of Overland Park Christian Church in your life? Some of us remember when OPCC was a new church. What would our community and our lives be like if no one had planted the seeds that grew into this congregation? The Pentecost special day offering supports the planting of new churches in communities that may not have a Disciples witness. Since 2001, 830 new Disciples congregations have been planted and nurtured. As we at OPCC engage in the visioning and renewal process for this church, let's show our gratitude by helping to plant new churches for future generations!

p.s. Do you know the actual date that OPCC was "new"? Tell Lois Wimpey if you do!





It's right around the corner!
Vacation Bible School
June 22-26
6—8:30 pm

OPCC invites all children 4 years old through entering 5th graders to gear up at Workshop of Wonders. Explore and experience how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God!

The adventure includes music that will wow your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games, and more! Be a part of this excitement and sign up today!

A small \$10 donation is requested to help with VBS costs.

Kids and volunteers should sign up at:
<http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/opcc>

- Donations needed:
- Rice Krispy Treats
 - Oreos
 - vanilla pudding
 - Gummy worms
 - Goldfish
 - Honey Graham Cereal
 - Dried cranberries/raisins
 - oyster crackers
 - butter crackers (like Hi Ho's)
 - plastic straws
 - faux gemstones
 - Mod Podge
 - Model Magic
 - white shoe laces
 - clear plastic cups
 - \$ for other supplies



Our youth will be joining a group of 400 DOC youth during the week of June 30—July 4 in Oklahoma City. We will be busy painting as part of the tornado recovery efforts in the area.

The youth traveling to OKC are:

- Alex Horton
- Graham Lee
- Abbie McGee
- Brendan Schulte
- Kira Setty

Our youth sponsors are:

- Layne Reiter
- Lisa Setty

Please pray for our group as well as the entire group of 400 youth as we gather to work, worship, and fellowship together in Oklahoma City.



Join us for a fun, family movie night under the stars in the courtyard at OPCC.

July 18
8:30 pm

Movie is yet to be determined, but it is sure to be a fun activity for the entire family! Bring a blanket/pillow/chair and a snack to share with the group.



...in Worship

Through the month of July and two weeks into August, look forward to some Reel Theology happening in worship! Each of these 6 weeks during the summer the

sermon will focus on a particular movie that has theological themes and religious topics which we will bring into our worship experience. We will also make sure that there are different opportunities for you to view these movies, publishing a list prior, so that you can participate! If available we will have a couple copies of the movies to "check-out" from the church, and even sponsor a "movie night" or two in which you are invited to come watch the movie and discuss as a faith community. We are always looking for ways our faith community intersects with life outside these walls, and we look forward to the discussion that will happen as a result.

Scrip

Did you know that Scrip cards are not just for gifts & other special occasions? They can be used for everyday expenses, like food, fuel, and prescriptions. Stop by the Library counter and get yours next Sunday. What better way to help out OPCC on a regular basis?



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- Support OPCC by doing your online shopping at smile.amazon.com

Your Help is Needed!

Our Sunday morning projection team needs more helpers! Only a basic knowledge of computers is required — training will be provided. If you are interested in helping this vital ministry, please contact Doris Hamilton at 913-648-5155 or djham@everestkc.net

Stephen Ministers:

We will be meeting this coming Monday, June 9, at 11:00 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. We will be done by 12:15.

Also, on our July 7 meeting, we will be meeting at 11:00 a.m. instead of 10:30.

Elder/Deacon Meeting

Saturday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.
in the Fireside Room

Calling all elders and deacons to a joint event! Bo Crowe will be our guest speaker as we focus on being a welcoming community... i.e. how we can use worship, studies, small groups to attract new people. Join us Saturday morning, August 9th at 9:00!

Care & Share

The Care and Share Grief Support Group will go to Kauffman Gardens, 4800 Rockhill Road, KCMO, on Wednesday, June 11.

Meet at OPCC at 10:30 a.m. to carpool.

Following the tour, we will eat at Cheesecake Factory, 4701 Wyandotte on the Plaza. Please make your reservation with Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net by June 6.

Christian Caregivers*

The Christian Care Givers Support Group will meet through the summer on the first and third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

We will resume regular schedule on September 8 for every Monday sessions.

Questions, please call Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833.

*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 from 1:00–2:30 as we seek to support one another in our sometimes challenging and difficult tasks.

Food Pantry

Wanted – Cans of Food!

Our guests at OPCC Food Pantry say that one of the things they appreciate most about our pantries is that they can pick out their own canned goods. Unfortunately, that won't be true for the summer pantries unless....

– Harvesters does have some limited choices available of canned vegetables – at co-op prices. Co-op prices are equivalent to grocers sale prices (around \$.043 per can).

– We serve approximately 180 households per month. Even if we only gave them 4 cans per family (yes, I know, that is a ridiculous statement) that will cost us \$309.60 or 31% of our budget!

Please consider donating canned spinach, green beans, pork and beans, corn, hominy, any canned vegetable EXCEPT corn or tomatoes. Remember, we are supplementing the dining tables for 180 families.



Thank you for your support!

—Food Pantry Volunteers

Harvesters BackSnacks

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped with our BackSnacks this school year. You are truly amazing! Sixty children have had a better school year because of your caring compassion!

The Third Annual IHN Auction "Carnival of Dreams"

Thursday, June 19, 2014
6:00-9:30 p.m.

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
14201 Nall Avenue, Leawood, KS

The **Nigro Brothers**, one of Kansas City's best known charity auctioneer teams, will once again conduct our live auction. They are very entertaining and extremely persuasive.

Joe Lauria, FOX4 Meteorologist will be the **Master of Ceremonies**.

Admission includes dinner by **Brancato's Catering**, drink tickets, special music, silent and live auctions.

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group meets on the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room for breakfast, study, and fellowship. All men are invited to join us. For more information, contact Wayne Moore at 913-856-3833 or Emerson Hartzler at 913-422-1378.

Mary Martha CWF Circle

will not meet in June, July, or August.

Girlfriends Unlimited

Girlfriends Unlimited has concluded for the Spring/Summer session. We will resume our weekly study in the Fireside Room on Wednesday evenings on September 10. Questions? Contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-856-3833.

NOW Group

The NOW board has decided that we will take a summer break from NOW group meetings to let all of you rest and relax. Our next get together will be September 14 and we have a special program planned. I think you will all enjoy it very much. In fact, you may wish to invite friends to join you. To find out what the special program is, watch the OPCC Scene and the bulletin for information. We hope to see you September 14 and we'll have a toe-tapping, time with lots of good food, fellowship and "the program"!

New Theatre

Last show of the 2013-2014 Season!

"Smokey Joe's Cafe," our last show of this season at New Theatre, is July 2nd. If you are one of the 30 people signed up to go, you can send or give your \$34 check to Billie Warden or Michelle Reiter at the church. Please call Billie to check if you signed up for a ticket.

2014-2015 New Theatre season:

Sept. 3, 2014	"Murder Among Friends"	\$33
Dec. 3, 2014	"Shear Madness"	\$33
April 1, 2015	"Forever Plaid"	\$33
July 1, 2015	"Hairspray"	\$34
Sept. 2, 2015	"The Addams Family"	\$34

Contact Billie Warden for information regarding tickets for next season.

Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

Going Green — June

When going on vacation in the summer, here are some things to consider:

1. Before leaving on vacation, unplug as many things as you can. Things that are plugged in use electricity even if they are not turned on. If you use power strips, just turn off the power strip which saves you from having to unplug so many things. Things like your phone/ipod charger, microwave, toaster, computer, TV, radio all use electricity even when not in use.
2. Before leaving, reset the temperature for your refrigerator and freezer on the lowest setting, turn down your water heater, and set your air conditioner to at least 80 degrees.
3. Take reusable bags on vacation. They do not take up much space and they will help the environment. Put smaller bags in purse or backpack so they will be readily accessible when you wish to use them.
4. Pack enough reusable bottles for every member of the family. Since you cannot take liquid through security, pack them empty and then begin using them at your destination. Do not buy plastic bottled water in the airport as they will end up in a landfill eventually. If you are traveling by car, fill up a reusable bottle of water for every member of the family and use them for the duration of the trip.
5. When traveling, if your hotel/motel room doesn't have a recycling program, designate one of the trash baskets as a "recycle basket. Ask the hotel staff if there is a recycling area close by where you can drop off items to be recycled.
6. Choose hotels and motels with environmentally friendly policies that include purchasing green products, conserving water and energy, and investing in the local community. Many hotels and motels have a card for you to put out if you do not want your sheets and towels laundered every day. Thus, you can help save water and energy by using these cards.
7. Stay close to home on your vacation—this saves on fuel and money! By not traveling far, you are not polluting the air as much as on a long trip. You may wish to have a "staycation" where you stay home and explore local parks, restaurants, museums, etc. This is the most economical and better for the environment.
8. If you want to take a long trip, use a means of transportation that will minimize your carbon footprint (greenhouse gas emissions). Buses and trains require less fuel per person and many are electric or hybrid. By taking a train rather than an airplane, you can cut greenhouse emissions by up to 75%.
9. Bug spray and sunscreen can contain toxic chemicals. Use DEET-free bug repellent and cover up when out in the sun or check out the Environment Working Group's Guide to Sunscreens.
10. When possible, use locally owned hotels, restaurants, shops, and tours to help the community where you are staying.

From Your Property Commission

What a beautiful Spring this has been—just look at all the lovely flowers and grounds around our building!! Next time you see one of our Landscape Committee people, please give them a great big THANK YOU for all their hard work and dedication to OPCC. Their efforts are truly showing. Yes, the Winter was very hard on especially the roses and crepe myrtles, but after a good trimming, they are coming back...just give them a few weeks and their beauty will be blossoming.

Next time you see Dr. Wayne Moore, give him a THANK YOU for re-gluing and polishing OPCC's original communion table. It looks wonderful and is much sturdier. Thank you, Wayne, from Property.

Gentle reminder, OPCC does not have a full time maintenance person, so if your group rearranges furniture, please put it back. Also, if your group spills something, please clean it up right away...the longer it sits the harder for somebody else to clean up. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle, Property chair

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Abby Anderson (Eric & Laura Sprinkle's niece)
- ♥ Betty Burton
- ♥ Ed Burton
- ♥ Brodie Gilcrist
- ♥ Dave Ginter
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Susie Jackson (friend of Laura Phillips)
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Bob Marangelli (Wilma Townsend's son-in-law)
- ♥ Ann Martin
- ♥ Everett & Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Wayne Phillips (Teresa Phillips' father)
- ♥ William Pittman and his sister Delene (friends of Billie Warden)
- ♥ Shelly (Ben Nickum's mother-in-law)
- ♥ Taylor Spillers
- ♥ Josh Townsend (Wilma Townsend's grandson)
- ♥ Kendall Whitney (Wanda & Duane Whitney's grandson)
- ♥ Elizabeth Withers
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Linda Anthony
- ♥ Frances Beattie
- ♥ Martha Brockman
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Lylia Bryant
- ♥ Brenna Cobb
- ♥ Phyllis & Harvey Cooke
- ♥ Glenn (Bud) Eastwood
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Haley Elliott
- ♥ Jim Foley
- ♥ Marlene Harkness
- ♥ Wilma Huffman
- ♥ Bob & Sue Jenkins
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Judy Knox (Mary Aelmore's sister)
- ♥ Audrey & Lloyd Lavelly
- ♥ Marie Lear
- ♥ Hazel McCullough
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Jack McLain
- ♥ Tony & Florene Miele
- ♥ Wilma Nickum
- ♥ Mary Rayburn
- ♥ Chuck Reese
- ♥ Belva Snell
- ♥ Dale Warden
- ♥ Miriam Warren
- ♥ Esther West

Condolences

- ♥ to the family of Tom Nelson who died on May 12

May Gifts

The following have given gifts to the Margaret Bogle Memorial Fund

- * Mary Aelmore
- * Evelyn Eastwood
- * Joyce Brooker
- * Billie & Dale Warden (to the Prayer Room Reno)
- * Wayne & Peggy Moore
- * Martha & Carl Brockman
- * Jody Cash
- * Taylor & Gerry Spillers

The following have given gifts to the Tom Nelson Memorial Fund

- * Taylor & Gerry Spillers
- * Evelyn Eastwood
- * Jean Sink
- * Wilma Townsend
- * Dale & Nancy Phipps (to the Food Pantry)
- * Betty Lockridge
- * Jody Cash
- * Wilma Nickum
- * Toni Cattelino
- * Doris Hamilton & Harlan Wendell (to the Food Pantry)
- * Marie Lear
- * Alan & Lois Wimpey (to the Food Pantry)
- * Betty King
- * JoAnn Altschul
- * Mary Alice Geise
- * Nita Anderson
- * Frances Beattie
- * Mary Johnson
- * Joyce Brooker
- * Lloyd & Audrey Lavelly
- * Lisa Metcalf
- * Lee Horton
- * Lee & Jan Sprinkle (to the Food Pantry)
- * Ann Sandler
- * Bernice & Larry Stouse
- * Betty King
- * Gordon & Marlene Harkness (to the Food Pantry)
- * Bill & JoLynn Sloan
- * Virgil & Frances Bruning (to the Prayer Room)
- * Roy & Judy Nickum (to the Food Pantry)
- * Ed & Jan Eilert (to the Food Pantry)

Military Prayer List

- ♣ Stephan Aelmore (grandson of Mary Aelmore), US Navy, New York
- ♣ Dustin Doree (grandson of Betty Craney), US Army, Seattle, WA
- ♣ Tiffany Doree (granddaughter of Betty Craney), US Navy, San Diego, CA
- ♣ SGT Stephen James Green (son of Marijane Green), US Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- ♣ SPC Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (son of Ed & Kathy Pinkelman), US Army, Italy

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