

The OPCC Scene



OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ) 

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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



HOLY WEEK



The prayers, praise, and reflections all along our Lenten journey are rapidly coming to an end as we make our way toward Holy Week. Please take note of the many continued and new opportunities we have during Holy Week. We hope you will make every effort to be a part of our family of faith during this special time in the church year.

Sunday, April 13 – Sunday, April 20

Worship Stations – Stations of the Cross will be located in the Overflow Room. You are invited to visit and use these worship stations at your leisure.

Wednesday, April 16

Final Evensong Worship – You are invited to join us for our final evensong Taize style worship at **7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday & Processional

Children have the opportunity to join us in our Palm Sunday Processional on Sunday morning at **9:30am**. Talk with Lisa Setty for more information!

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

1:00pm Service in the Sanctuary, or
7:00pm Service in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 15

Final Study of John – You are still welcome to join us as we finish our study of the Gospel of John **7:00pm**.

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

9:30am Choir Cantata and Baptisms will be included during Sunday Worship. Christian Education classes will not be held on Easter Sunday, but will resume on Sunday, April 27.

Lenten Opportunities at OPCC

Prayer During Lent

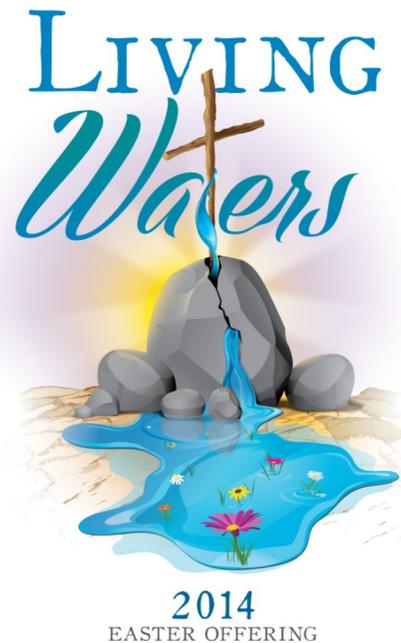
OPCC has provided a Lenten daily devotional, "Fellowship of Prayer" for anyone interested, as we all pray together through this season of Lent. The devotional booklets are available by the Library counter. Whether as a family or on your own, we invite everyone to read the devotion each day and pray the prayer for that day, continuing through each day of Lent until we reach Easter morning!

Lenten Bible Study

The Gospel lesson each week during Lent is from the Fourth Gospel, the Gospel of John. We will offer an in-depth introduction to the Gospel of John that will be both timely and beneficial. John is a unique gospel with a unique voice, a voice we strive to hear as we study together. The Bible study will be led by both Bo and Laura, and will meet Tuesdays (3/11-4/15) at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday Night Worship

Join us for a mid-week Evensong worship on Wednesdays through Lent, March 6 – April 16 (Holy Week), at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary as we continue through the season of introspection and renewal.



Easter Special Offering received at OPCC on April 6 and 13

"Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands which He is to bless us now."

— Saint Teresa of Avila

The annual Easter special offering helps support the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). **Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation** is one of these ministries. We at OPCC are using Hope's MissionPathways resources to guide us as we discern God's future for our congregation. Last weekend's Visioning retreat, led by Matt Rosine of Hope Partnership, is just one exciting part of those resources. Your gift to the Easter offering enables ministries that serve as the *acequias* (Spanish for irrigation ditches) and pipelines to carry the living waters of Christ love to a thirsty world. Please give generously.



Easter Flowers

Worship & Arts will again be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter with flowering plants. If you would like to purchase one of these plants in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it along with your check made out to OPCC to the church office, or contact Michelle Reiter at 913-677-4646, x223, or michelle@opccdoc.org. Cost is \$12.00 per plant.

A list of all those honored will be printed in the bulletin on Easter morning.

Your name _____

In memory/honor of _____

Number of plants _____ Paid \$ _____

Meet our Baptism Candidates!

Please keep the following young people in your prayers. They are currently participating in Baptism Class and are planning to be baptized on Easter Sunday morning.



Charlie is the son of Greg & Meg (and brother of Drew). He is in the 4th grade and enjoys the subjects of math and reading. His favorite activities include lots of sports, especially basketball, baseball, and soccer. Video games are also high on Charlie's list of fun things to do!

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Dayton is the son of Misty & Kyle. He is in the 5th grade and enjoys studying math. In his free time, he enjoys drawing and playing soccer.



Drew is the son of Greg & Meg (and brother of Charlie). He is in the 5th grade and he especially likes reading, math, and band. For fun, Drew enjoys reading, playing sports, and playing video games.



If you are excited about a graduate in your family please contact Lisa Setty with the following information: their name, what school they are graduating from and their future plans. We will look forward to honoring all of our graduates in our May newsletter.

Scrip

Are you planning to be the Easter Bunny for someone special this April?



Why not use Scrip cards to help out and you will be helping OPCC as well. By the way, Scrip cards can be used for every day expenses as well, so pick one up after church next Sunday—you'll be glad you did and so will we!

Join us for our Bingo!

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

**Saturday, April 5
4-6 pm**

Fellowship Hall

please note the time as it is different than past events)
\$7 for first Bingo card and \$1 for additional cards

Proceeds benefit the Costa Rica Mission Team.

Elders' Prayer Circle

We hope you will be able to meet with us at 8:30 am this Sunday, April 6th, in room 40. A special focus will be given to the visioning we are doing at OPCC.

NOW Group's Spring Fling Sunday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale NOW for our annual Spring Fling! Everyone is invited to come for a catered dinner and entertainment by the **Senior Barn Players**.

Tickets are just \$12.00 and may be purchased at the library counter on Sunday mornings, or at the receptionist desk during the week. If you want to come, but prefer to pay for your tickets April 13, please be sure and stop by the library counter or call the church office so that we can include you in the head count for the caterer. We hope to see you at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th!

Empty Nesters

The Empty Nesters are going on a guided tour of the 1950's All-electric House and self tour of the Johnson County Museum the morning of Saturday, April 12th. Meet at the Museum, 6305 Lackman, Shawnee, KS 66217, at 9:45 with the Electric House tour commencing at 10:00. Cost is \$2.00 each. The self tour of the museum will follow.

RSVP directly to Peggy at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net by April 7th.

Depending on the time, some may want to go to lunch together. Peggy suggests Moe's at Shawnee Mission Parkway and Monticello.

Solo Sidekicks Singles Group

Friday, April 25th, 5:30 PM

Meet at Cascone's at 6863 West 91st Street. We need reservations - you may sign up at the library counter or call JoAnn Altschul.

Please arrive at 5:30 as we are ordering from the early menu and it will not be available at 6 PM and after. See you at Cascone's!

Care & Share

The Care and Share Grief Support Group will go to Paulo and Bills, 16501 Midland Drive in Shawnee, on Wednesday, April 30. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m., or meet at OPCC at 11:00 to carpool. Please make your reservation with Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net by April 25.

Mary Martha CWF Circle

will meet on Thursday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. After our business meeting, worship, and Bible study, we will go to Mimi's at 95th & Quivira for lunch. Please join us.

CWF Circle 2

will meet on Monday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Alice Geise's home, 7318 W 54th. We will be studying "Balancing Wants and Needs." Everyone is welcome to join us.

Disciples Women's Fellowship Seminar

At Tall Oaks Campground

Saturday, April 26
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

\$7.50/person

Send reservations and money to:
Christian Church of Greater Kansas City
7600 W 75th Street, Suite 6
Overland Park, KS 66204

For more information, call 913-432-1414
or Karen Yount at 816-322-0576

Girlfriends Unlimited

All women are invited to join us Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be studying and discussing Sarah Young's "Jesus Calling." If you do not have a book, please get in touch with Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-856-3833.

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.

IHN Volunteer Training

Wednesday, May 14, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Cure of Ars Catholic Church, 9405 Mission Road

For more information, contact Barb Collins at barbcollins@kc.rr.com or 816-807-8520.

Stephen Ministries Training

Next session will be Wednesday, May 7,
10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon in the Choir Room.

Christian Caregivers

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.

(We will not meet whenever Shawnee Mission Schools are closed due to inclement weather.)

For more information, contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-856-3833.

Spring Dig IX 2014

The *FRIENDS* of Cross-Lines annual Spring Dig plant sale will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 1 & 2, 8am—7pm and Saturday, May 3, 8 am—1pm** at Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 6837 Nieman Road in Shawnee.

If you would like to pre-order your plants, brochures are available at the library counter. Pre-ordering will allow you to start planning the layout and design of your yards, patios and decks. Pre-ordering also ensures that you get first choice among the various selections.

Pre-orders are due by April 14.

If you order at least \$250 by April 14, your plants will be delivered free of charge. You may combine several orders (gather your friends, family & neighbors) to equal \$250, as long as the delivery point is one address. Orders less than \$250 will be available on Thursday, May 1, 8 am - 7 pm at Shawnee Presbyterian Church.

This annual benefit raises funds to support Cross-Lines programs. It's a win-win partnership. You receive beautiful flowers and your generous purchases enable us to provide the basic needs to families, seniors and individuals such as food, clothing, rent & utility assistance, life skills training and hope.

Tall Oaks

• CONFERENCE CENTER •

12797 189th St. Linwood, KS 66052

Special opportunities to refocus, refresh, and rejoice at Tall Oaks Conference Center:



**5th Annual
Acorn Dash
Sunday May 4**



10K Bike Ride

(1:15pm for participants 13 years and older)
&

5K Walk/Run

(2:00pm and open to all ages)

Bucket List Retreat

to focus on your MIND, BODY and SPIRIT

Tuesday, May 6, 10am — Wednesday, May 7, 3:30pm

Who: Adults ages 55+ Price: \$98 a person

More information and registration for both at
www.talloaks.org or 913-301-3004

SUMMER CAMP 2014 at Tall Oaks



Sign up for camp before the price increases!

Camps options are offered for children just completing Kindergarten through 12th grade and even a Grandparent's camp. The Tall Oaks informational fliers are up on the bulletin boards at OPCC. You may also get information at <http://talloaks.org/WP/summer-camp/>.

Early bird registration (prior to April 30) will give you a \$25 discount. OPCC does have a limited amount of scholarship money. Please see Lisa Setty for more information.

Kids LOVE Tall Oaks camp!



Family Life
Commission

Please join us for our **Family Life Commission Meeting**

Monday, April 14, at 7pm
Fireside Room

It's almost summer and there's lots of fun summer activities to plan for including VBS and the youth mission trip to OKC.

C . L . A . S . S .
Christian Living and Skills Series

"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



Adult Christian Education
Class Schedule
Sundays 11:00 a.m.-noon

"Battlefield of the Mind"

The class in Room 40 is doing a new video/discussion study by best-selling author and speaker Joyce Meyer. God wants us to experience the fullness of life. This study will show us how. Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon. All are welcome—please join us!

For more information,
call Mary Aelmore, 913-631-6328.

"Feasting on the Word"

This Adult Bible Study continues Sunday mornings at 11 in Fellowship Hall Northwest, and follows the lectionary used in our worship service. All are welcome to join us!

Leader: Peggy Moore

"Faith in the Chaos of Home"

This new discussion group meets in room 41. It honors a variety of topics, so some days it might feel like "Sunday School," while many days it won't. We will focus on how we engage spirituality, and keep our faith in the home. Church isn't the only place we can be spiritually fed – and we want to help you with resources. If you are looking for a group that discusses a variety of topics and how our faith, religion & spirituality intersects with those topics, from a variety of view-points, then this is the group for you! We will use books, news clippings & stories, movies, the Bible, and your opinions to facilitate this group.

Leader: Rev. Laura Phillips

Our Harvesters' BackSnack Program Makes a Difference

Weekend meals for hungry children

EVALUATION RESULTS FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Since its inception in 2004, Harvesters' BackSnack program has grown from 30 students to 18,210 students in 2012-2013. For the 2013-2014 school year, Harvesters will provide backpacks filled with nutritious, child-friendly food to 19,255 children every week. As the program expands, it is imperative that we verify that its objectives are being achieved.

Harvesters hired the UMKC Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership to evaluate the impact of the program. Two groups of stakeholders – children and school personnel – were surveyed to determine whether nutritious food impacts program participants in seven key areas: grades, school attendance, behavior, self esteem, responsibility, social skills and health. Results from this evaluation and three previous ones consistently show Harvesters' BackSnack program is achieving its intended objectives, and has a significant positive impact on children who participate.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- Absences by children for medical reasons were reduced.
- Participants also had 9 percent fewer tardies.

SELF ESTEEM

- Children report an increase in trying new things, meeting new people and making choices.
- Survey results also indicate a decrease in children getting their feelings hurt.
- Schools report children are friendlier.

RESPONSIBILITY

- According to schools, students demonstrate a significant increase in a sense of responsibility over the course of the BackSnack program.

BEHAVIOR

- Schools report discipline issues among BackSnack participants were reduced by 54 percent.
- Improvements in behavior are statistically significant for those surveyed. Children report getting "in trouble" less.

GRADES

- Grades improved in all four subject areas studied—math, science, social studies and English. Increases ranged from 12 percent in science to 22 percent in English.
- Children report it is easier to work without help, to understand their teachers and to understand their homework after participating in BackSnack. Results from schools confirm this.

HEALTH

- Schools report visits to the school nurse were reduced by 10 percent.
- Visits to the school counselor or social worker were reduced by 19 percent.
- Children say they enjoy eating the food in their BackSnacks because it is healthy.

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Teachers say students' social skills significantly improve after the BackSnack program. They are friendlier, respectful, responsible, well behaved and participate more in class.

The full executive report of the study can be found at www.harvesters.org.

OPCC volunteers add fresh items to the Harvesters BackSnacks and deliver them to East Antioch and Tomahawk Elementary Schools every week.

Our Food Pantry, which is stocked mainly by food purchased from Harvesters, is held at OPCC the second Tuesday evening and the last Saturday morning of each month.

For more information on our BackSnack delivery program or Food Pantry at OPCC and how you can help, call Jane Fletcher at 913-449-5785.



Holy Land Trip

OPCC has been invited to partner with Liberty Christian Church in a Holy Lands trip in early 2015. The Holy Land via Jordan is a 10 day trip; we are looking to leave on January 13, 2015. It is a great way to experience the Holy Lands in addition to Petra, Jordan.

If you have ever considered (even slightly) a trip to the “Holy Lands,” please contact Rev. Laura and we can explore this opportunity together! We will be traveling with a reputable, well-known company called Educational Opportunities tours, but talk to Laura about more information!

Host an Exchange Student!

HOST FAMILIES are needed for high school exchange students for the 2014-2015 school year. The students will arrive from Europe, Asia, and South America in mid-August 2014 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience.

The host family provides a bed, meals, friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a student from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Approved families can view online student applications and select the student that best matches their own family. For more information, please call Wilma Fast at 316-681-1236.



Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

Green Moment for April

Using commercial cleaning materials can produce harmful fumes, can be toxic (even fatal if ingested by a child or a pet), and can often leave a residue that can get in the body through the skin. It is really safer and more environmentally friendly to concoct your own cleaning solutions. These cleaners are called DIY (Do It Yourself) cleaning products. This article will explain how to do this.

1. Diaper Pail Deodorizer: use 1 cup of baking soda and add 1 teaspoon of your favorite essential oil and mix well. This mixture should be sprinkled in the bottom of the pail, then put in the liner. When needed, repeat this procedure.
2. Bathroom Air Freshener: Buy a one pound box of baking soda and add 20 drops of essential oil then place it under or very close to the toilet. Refresh when necessary with more essential oil drops. Once every 3 months, replace the baking soda with a new box of baking soda and add the essential oil (20 drops). Use the old box of baking soda to make other DIY cleaning products.
3. Mold and Mildew: Mix equal parts of white vinegar and water and put into a spray bottle. Add drops of your favorite essential oil to the spray bottle in order to leave a fresh smell. Another “recipe” for mold and mildew is to combine ½ cup of hydrogen peroxide and a cup of water—place in a spray bottle and spray the problem area. Wait an hour and then wipe down the surface with a rag. To clean grout, make a paste of equal parts of distilled white vinegar and Borax. Apply to areas that are moldy or mildewed and let stand an hour before wiping the areas down.
4. Wood Furniture Polish: Mix ¼ cup vinegar, ¼ cup olive oil, and 10 drops of lemon essential oil. Pour into a spray bottle.
5. Window Cleanser: Mix 1 cup water, 1/8 cup vinegar, and 10 drops of lemon essential oil. Place in a spray bottle.
6. All Purpose Cleanser: Mix together 2 cups of hot water, 2 tablespoons of vinegar, 1 teaspoon of Arm & Hammer washing soda, ¼ cup liquid dish soap, and 20 drops of your favorite essential oil. Place the mixture into a spray bottle.
7. Drain Cleaner: Pour ½ cup baking soda down a stopped-up drain, then pour 1 cup distilled vinegar down the drain. Wait 15 minutes and then pour 4 cups of hot (not boiling) water down the drain.
8. Toilet Bowl Cleaner: Mix ¼ cup baking soda and 1 cup distilled white vinegar. Pour mixture around the bowl and let it sit for 15 minutes, then scrub and flush.
9. Carpet Cleaner: For carpet odors, sprinkle the carpet with baking soda and wait an hour, then vacuum. For fresh grease spots on carpeting, dust generously with corn starch, wait 15 minutes and then vacuum. For carpet stains, mix equal parts of vinegar and water. Pour mixture into a spray bottle and spray it on the stained area and then wait 15 minutes. Use a brush and soapy water on the stained area.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Abby Anderson (Eric & Laura Sprinkle's niece)
- ♥ Margaret Bogle
- ♥ Betty Burton
- ♥ Bryan Byrd (Judy Nickum's son-in-law's father)
- ♥ Brody Gilcrist (Tom Nelson's great-grandson)
- ♥ Dave Ginter
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Marlene Harkness
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Bob Marangelli (Wilma Townsend's son-in-law)
- ♥ Ann Martin
- ♥ Everett & Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Audrey Newton (Pat Gilling's father)
- ♥ Wayne Phillips (Teresa Phillips' father)
- ♥ William Pittman and his sister Delene (friends of Billie Warden)
- ♥ Kelsey Poston (Tom Nelson's granddaughter)
- ♥ Josh Townsend (Wilma Townsend's grandson)
- ♥ Kendall Whitney (Wanda & Duane Whitney's grandson)
- ♥ Alan Wimpey
- ♥ Elizabeth Withers
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Linda Anthony
- ♥ Frances Beattie
- ♥ Margaret Bogle
- ♥ Martha Brockman
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Lylia Bryant
- ♥ Brenna Cobb
- ♥ Phyllis & Harvey Cooke
- ♥ Glenn (Bud) Eastwood
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Haley Elliott
- ♥ Jim Foley
- ♥ Wilma Huffman
- ♥ Bob & Sue Jenkins
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Judy Knox (Mary Aelmore's sister)
- ♥ Theresa Krebs
- ♥ 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 Pattie Beller upon her death on March 25.
- ♥ to the family of Tony and Florene Miele on the unexpected death of their daughter.
- ♥ to Amber Espinosa (our nursery staff) on the death of her father on April 1.

Thank You

This is to thank you for the cards, prayers, calls, and other expressions of caring during our health challenges. What a wonderful church family we have!
— Virgil & Frances Bruning

My family and I want to thank everyone for your kind words, thoughts and prayers, and cards when my husband, John Cobb, passed away. It was so comforting to have so many friends from our family at church to help me through this time. Thank you again.
Forever Thankful,
Brenna Cobb & family

Tony & Florene Miele wish to thank everyone for the cards and prayers that they have received. They appreciate their church family.

Thank you again to all who helped with our rummage sale to benefit Team Costa Rica! Whether you donated items, baked goods, your time helping us sort and organize, or your time on Saturday morning, we are so thankful! Our rummage sale helped us raise \$2600 to support our mission trip to Costa Rica. We could not have done it without all the help we received. A huge thank you and "well done!" to our mission team as well. What a huge difference we can make in all coming together for this event!

March Gifts

- A gift has been given to the Food Pantry from Marijane Green in honor of her son, Iraq War veteran John Green's, birthday on March 31; and son Sgt. Stephen Green's military service in the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Embassy-Santiago, Chile.
- A gift has been given to the Food Pantry from Marie Lear in honor of Betty Lockridge's birthday

Military Prayer List

- ✦ Stephan Aelmore (grandson of Mary Aelmore), US Navy, South Carolina
- ✦ 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
- ✦ SPC Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (son of Ed & Kathy Pinkelman), US Army, Italy

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