



Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Services

Adult Christian Education Class — 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

In-Person Worship — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Nursery care available for children through 3 years old

Sunday Worship is Live-Streamed on our Website and Facebook Page

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Lines from Laura

It's fall, so that must mean campaigns, right? If you haven't noticed them yet, it doesn't take a lot of searching to see lots of campaign signs all around our communities. Election day – even though it's not a national election – is right around the corner at the beginning of November. In all these campaigns, individuals are trying to sway you to listen to them, that their vision for our community is the best, and they are after your vote!

But what if it happened in the reverse? What if our leaders – civic or otherwise – utilized their campaigns to listen, rather than to speak?

I recently heard about a church near the Plaza that held a “conversation campaign.” They had a “challenge” asking everyone in their congregation to speak to at least one person about faith. They kept count and put up a tote board in their sanctuary recording every faith conversation that was reported. They shared with each other what they learned in those conversations and that shaped their ministry for the next few years. While that church focused on having conversations outside the church, it's important that we focus on having some conversations *WITHIN* the church.

One of our greatest assets, and the thing in which I most find our hope, is the community we build at OPCC. Study after study has shown that people come to church, and stay at church, because someone asked them, and because they formed good relationships. While many of you have relationships forged over decades of membership at OPCC, we know that is not the case for everyone, and the strength of our community only increases as we build more community.

As we engage in a “conversation campaign” of our own, please be on the look-out for some important moments for conversation coming up in the next couple of months. Both Rev. Chuck and I will be scheduling “one-on-one” conversations with you and your families. Our goal of these conversations is not to get you more involved, our goal is not to fix every grievance you have about the church, our goal is not to fill another position at the church. *Our goal is to pay attention, to create community, and to listen to the Body of Christ here at OPCC.*

I really look forward to hearing more about how the Spirit is moving in your life, and know that God is with us!

Laura



The next four weeks in our worship will remind us that no matter what we've experienced in the last year, our future remains filled with hope as we have God's presence with us. Looking at some of the ways God continues to prepare us for our future, I hope that you will join us as we ponder together what our "future with hope" looks like for Overland Park Christian Church.

- **October 10th – Jeremiah 29:1-14**
- **October 17th – Mark 6:1-13**
- **October 24th – Luke 15:11b-32**
- **October 31st – Romans 8:18-25**

Outreach Update

In September, OPCC continued its regular donations to local and global outreach efforts, including, Disciples Mission Fund, IHN, Salvation Army Family Lodge, OPCC Food Pantry, Tall Oaks, and MORE2. Additionally you have donated \$425.00 to Reconciliation Ministries and their ongoing work as we strive to be an anti-racist / pro-reconciling church in this world! Way to go OPCC! What a wonderful way to make a difference in our world!

God's Plan for a Contented Life

The Biblical text states very clearly that we have three primary tasks in our life if we are to have a full and meaningful experience: To pursue God, to build community and to embrace compassion. We are given multiple opportunities here at Overland Park Christian Church to take part in these missions. In our numerous small groups, we have a chance to discover tangible purposes for our lives, a community in which to connect and some things to look forward to as we initiate plans for our ministries. If this pandemic has left you foggy or in a rut, consider jumping in and enjoying some experiences that will add meaning to your life.

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering that was recently received is a church wide mission fund which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. We believe that the Christian Church (DOC) is uniquely equipped to encourage racial equity and justice in our communities. We support these compassion and reconciliation issues around the world and right here at 75th and Conser.

The OPCC Global Outreach Commission and its Social Justice component have several occasions coming up locally that would welcome your interest and participation. We have read several books to begin to approach the unawareness of our experiences in injustice and systemic anti-racism. Several of these books are on the library counter for you to read. To date we have seen the movie "The Best of Enemies". In the near future, we will observe the "Just Mercy" movie. On October 21, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m – 8:30 p.m, we will have the chance to hear from a speaker from the FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reforms) that will allow us to learn: a theological perspective on immigration, legal perspective and personal testimony, plus basic information on how to obtain a visa through work and family, and how long it takes. We can learn the difference between an asylum seeker, a refugee and an undocumented immigrant.

There is much to learn and become aware of in this complicated and enormous issue. Balancing rights and responsibilities being a primary factor. We will have on hand a hard copy of the "Immigration 101: A Primer on Immigration and the Need for Reform" Or you can go online and obtain a copy of this from the website of The Federation for American Immigration Reforms. This is certainly not all we need to know about immigration, but it is a start. We can begin to appreciate the complexity of the effects of immigration on our state and city as well as people from all over the world.

Please join us in the events from which we can learn. These opportunities will be published in the months ahead in the OPCC Scene.

Peggy and Wayne Moore
Global Outreach/Social Justice Interest Group

Some big things have been happening in Johnson County, and MORE² has played a significant role.

Come find out what this means! As part of our Outreach-Mission efforts at OPCC, 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 the efforts. Join in one of the following events to find out how you can be involved:

- Kansas Issues to Action Night – this is where MORE² decides the work that is important to us, where we discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity in Kansas.
 - Monday, October 11, 6:00 – 7:30pm
Currently planned for online by way of Zoom ([Click Here to register](#)) Check out the [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to be sure!
- MORE² Board Meeting – the leaders of MORE² determine the direction of the organization and implement strategic planning to see this important work to fruition. Judy Snyder and Barb Collins serve as OPCC's two representatives on the MORE² board, but the meeting is open if you want to join us in this important work.
 - Tuesday, October 26, 6:00 – 7:30pm
Online by way of Zoom ([Email Rev. Laura to find out more!](#))
- MORE² Annual Transformation Event: Souls Reunited & Reignited – This annual event to celebrate the success of MORE² over the last year is going to be pretty great! With options to attend in-person or virtually, we have the opportunity to hear from Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, renowned preacher and senior pastor at Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ, and recently recognized as one of the "12 Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World." This event is sure to be inspiring!
 - Thursday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m.
 - In-person, individual tickets can be purchased for \$80, or \$75 when purchasing 10 or more. Remote / virtual tickets can be purchased for \$35.
 - Tickets can be purchased through Rev. Laura, or are available at <https://event.more2.org>
 - If the cost of the event is a hindrance to your participation, please contact Rev. Laura as we have options to make sure everyone can go!

It's Getting Close to Turkey Time!



We would like to provide a turkey for every family that visits our November Food Pantry. Would you provide \$15 for a turkey?

Donations should be marked for the OPCC Food Pantry and may be put in the offering box at church, mailed to the church office, or donated online. Thank You!

What Does the Food Pantry Need This Month?

October – \$15 for a Turkey
or Boxed Stuffing Mix or Potato Flakes

Please place your donations in the blue barrel by the Receptionist's Desk. Thank you!

Family Life Ministries

ONE HOMELESS NIGHT

On Saturday, October 23rd, Overland Park and Saint Andrew Youth will be spending the night sleeping in the courtyard at OPCC and learning about homelessness. Sunday morning the youth will panhandle outside the church before worship to raise money for IHN. Bring cash because they'll have their sad faces on!



Saturday, November 6th

8am-1pm in the Fellowship Hall

The long-awaited Youth Rummage sale is HAPPENING and we need your stuff!

Donations may be brought to OPCC Tuesday-Friday, November 2nd-5th, during church office hours, 9:30am-4pm, and also evenings 6:30-8:30pm. I'll be at the church each day to receive them and help unload.

All of the proceeds will go toward OPCC Youth Mission Trips and Summer Camps.

Blessings,
Rev. Chuck

Middlers Sunday CE Class

The Middlers Sunday Christian Education Class has resumed in-person face-to-face classes, 9:00 - 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to this Bible study following the Feasting on the Word Series and being together on Sunday mornings before worship, though we will still wear masks and be socially distanced.

For more information, contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore63@gmail.com or 913-592-0179.

Girlfriends Unlimited

Girlfriends has resumed meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. We are studying Amy-Jill Levine's book *Short Stories by Jesus: The Engimatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*.

You are welcome to join this Wednesday evening Women's Bible Study.

For more information, contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore63@gmail.com or 913-592-0179.

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room for coffee, study, and fellowship. Our current study book is "Mere Christianity." All men are invited to join us.

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

Music Department Update

Reverberations Bell Choir (RBC) and Chalice Chancel Choir (CCC) are back in full swing on Wednesday evenings. We are excited to welcome Carol Wiswell to the Chancel Choir! (Remember, it's never too late to join us.)

- o RBC: 6:00-6:55 pm in the Bell Room
- o CCC: 7:00-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Here's what everyone can look forward to hearing in October during worship services:
October 10 — Reverberations Bell Choir
October 17 — Emily Boedeker
October 24 & 31 — Chalice Chancel Choir

Feel free to contact Mary Beth Boucher (music director) with any questions at marybeth@opccd.org or 913.488.7796.

Disciples Women

October Regional Evening DWM Meeting

Independence First Christian Church
125 South Pleasant
Independence, MO 64050
Thursday, October 28

Reservations (deadline September 20):
Martha Schmidt, 816-358-4522 or bottlemrs@aol.com

6:00 pm – Registration
6:30pm – Meal (\$6.00)
7:15 pm – Meeting

Speaker: Rev. Terry Diehl
"Christians Working on the Border"

Masks required • Men are always welcome!

Zoom will be available. To join:
<https://rockhurst.zoom.us/j/91013431129?pwd=V0ZXcTk1L1dLNWZLTU5vbW5xTU83UT09>

Fall Craft Fair!



Saturday, October 16
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



St. Joseph's Catholic Church
11311 Johnson Drive
Shawnee, KS 66203

The frost may not yet be on the pumpkin, but it's a great time of year to go to craft sales in search of Christmas gifts for family and friends!

The **Countryside Christian Church (DOC) Prayer Quilters** in Mission, KS have made hundreds of prayer quilts over the past ten years for anyone in need of prayers due to serious health or other concerns. We are taking part in an upcoming craft fair in Shawnee, KS on **Saturday, October 16th** to increase awareness of our prayer quilt ministry within the greater Kansas City community and to help fund future prayer quilts.

We invite you, our fellow Disciples of Christ, to come see our wares at the craft fair. You can learn more about our prayer quilt ministry and maybe find just the perfect quilt, dish towel, potholder, or table runner to give to family members or friends this Christmas! Just look for our sign: **Countryside Christian Prayer Quilters**, and expect smiles and friendly conversation, as well as awesome quilts and other craft goods for sale.

To read about our ministry and see examples of prayer quilts given over the years, visit: <https://www.csidechristian.org/prayer-quilt-ministry.html>

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Jessica & Jaylon Anderson (family of Judy Snyder)
- ♥ Marian Bilyea
- ♥ Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Barbara Cash (Jody Cash's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Harper Claar (Roger & Vicki Claar's granddaughter)
- ♥ Roger Collins (Monica Fuentes' son-in-law's cousin)
- ♥ Jan Conner (Lorraine Hartnett's daughter)
- ♥ Brianna Dean (Julie Dean's daughter)
- ♥ Julie Dean
- ♥ Evelyn Eastwood
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Tom Fletcher, Sr.
- ♥ David Garner (son of Floyd & Marcille Garner, friend of Jody Cash)
- ♥ Audrey Lavelly
- ♥ Kourtney Leibman
- ♥ Eric McIntyre (Eileen McIntyre's brother, Carla Labunski's and Laura Edgington's cousin)
- ♥ Rhonda Phelps (Roger Claar's sister)
- ♥ Randy Phillips (Laura Phillips' father)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Barbara Sheldon
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ David Shields (Piper, Bella, & Maddie Shields' father)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Leslie Smith (Calvin McBride's friend)
- ♥ Steve Snyder (Judy Snyder's husband)
- ♥ Joe Zacher

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Nancy Coffman
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Jan Eilert
- ♥ Laurel Elliott
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Ellen Horseman (daughter-in-law of Dr. Bob & Fran Horseman, friend of Jody Cash)
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Norma Hultgren
- ♥ Kenneth McBride (Calvin McBride's brother)
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Florene Miele
- ♥ Teresa Phillips
- ♥ J.D. Price (Pat Warner's son)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Gordon & Iline Toms
- ♥ Doris Watts

Military Prayer List

- ♥ PV2 Rachael Dawson (Fran Dawson's granddaughter), Ft. Campbell, KY
- ♥ Cameron McDonough (Cathy Wilson's son)
- ♥ SSG Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (Ed & Kathy Pinkelman's son)

Condolences

- ♥ to the family of Pauline Selves upon her death on September 11.
<https://www.amosfamily.com/obituaries/Pauline-J-Selves?obId=22323362#/obituaryInfo>
- ♥ to Dale & Nancy Phipps upon the death of Dale's sister, Wanda Knight, on September 27.
<https://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Wanda-Phipps-Knight/#!/Obituary>

All Saints Sunday

In commemoration of All Saints Day, we will remember loved ones we've lost in the last year in a special way on Sunday, November 7th at 10:30am. All Saints Sunday is a service of memory and hope that we look forward to every year as we honor the saints of this faith community who joined the church triumphant during the last year. Knowing this last year has been particularly heavy, we hope that you will make a plan to join us in worship on this special Sunday.

Prayer Shawls

For years, Francis and Virgil Bruning touched our lives through their prayer shawl ministry. They lovingly created and prayed over each shawl before gifting it. They are no longer with us but their ministry can continue. If you have a prayer shawl that is no longer being used, please bring it to the church where it can be prayed over and blessed again and gifted to someone new in need of our prayers, support and love.

Communion

While many of us have returned to in-person worship we recognize that some are still worshipping from home on a regular basis. If you need more communion elements for at-home worship experiences, please contact the church office, or fill out an order form on our website.
<http://www.opccdoc.org/communion.html>
You will be contacted when the communion packets are ready for you to pick up.. We will continue to utilize these individual communion cups for as long as necessary, to continue welcoming all to the table, and keeping us safe while communing with God and with one another.

Hi OPCC Family and Friends

This month I wanted to share something out of the book "Liberating Love" that we are using in the Girlfriends group. I thought that it tied in nicely with a children's moment Laura presented recently.

Titus 3:3-5 — For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Salvation is a word with many meanings Look today at what my children were saved from. My Son saved my children from foolishness and disobedience, lack of self-control, malice, envy and hatred of one another. If you seek rebirth, know that my Son wants a world for you of wisdom and obedience, self-control, compassion, contentment, and love of each other. What a world that would be! And I long for you to get to live in it.

Theresa Krebs, OPCC Board Chair on behalf of the Board

Announcement

A Congregational meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, November 14, 2021 for the purpose of voting on the 2022 proposed church budget.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available to you before the vote.

If you have questions about the proposed budget or voting process, please contact any member of the OPCC Board (listed on the back page of this and every Scene newsletter).

Property Commission

Thank goodness, September was a slower month than August as far as activities/projects within the Property area. Here are activities that took place this last month:

1. VanBooven tree service removed of the oak tree branches brought down by high winds.
2. Dick Ray Plumbing replaced the 50 gallon water heater in the north mechanical room.
3. Temperature Maintenance cleaned out a drain line in the wall HVAC unit in Monarch teacher lounge.
4. Overland Lock & Key repaired 2 northeast door locks.
5. Lee re-glued floor tiles in the custodial closet.
6. Augustine Exterminators did the quarterly pest control treatment.
7. New air purifiers have been purchased, assembled, and placed in Room 43 and Conference Room.
8. Jan Sprinkle put together a wonderful fall display in the Trinity Garden so be sure to take a look at it the next time you are at OPCC.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

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