



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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The 500-Year Rummage Sale

On October 31 not only did Americans all over celebrate Halloween, but many, especially in their churches, celebrated Reformation Sunday. Five hundred four years ago a Catholic priest named Martin Luther was concerned about problems within the Catholic church (the only church around), so he nailed 95 ideas for discussion (called theses) to the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany to foster conversation about ways to improve the church he loved. Thus began the Protestant Reformation of which we as The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are a product.

The Reformation didn't happen in a day. Although we remember Luther's posting the 95 theses as a focal point, it was in fact part of a far larger movement of change, not only in the church but also politically, societally, and intellectually. It was a time much like today. As church and society, are we due for another Reformation?

In her book *The Great Emergence*, author and religion professor Phyllis Tickle uses the analogy of "The 500-Year Rummage Sale" to describe religious change over the years. Tickle said that historically, the church "cleans house" roughly every 500 years, holding what she calls a "giant rummage sale," deciding of what to dispose and what to keep, making room for new things, the new life that God is creating in our faith communities. Roughly 500 years after the birth of God-with-Us, Emmanuel, the world saw the collapse of the Roman Empire and the beginning of the Dark Ages. The church entered an era of preservation with monks and nuns practicing monastic traditions in abbeys, convents, and priories. Roughly 500 years later came The Great Schism when the Christian Church split into the Eastern and Western branches that we still see today with the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches. Then in the 1500s, "The Reformation" resulted in new branches of Christian tradition, and ways of experiencing God.

So, it's been 500+ years since the Reformation. Like our literal rummage sale this weekend, is the church universal – the wider church, bigger than OPCC, the church universal – ready for its next giant rummage sale? Are we already holding it? Has it already started and we're in the middle of it?

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Sunday mornings in October we focused on our “Future with Hope,” remembering that no matter what gets donated or thrown out in this proverbial rummage sale, no matter what is kept, no matter what new life is bubbling up, remembering that God has plans for us, plans for a future with hope (Jeremiah 29:14).

I mentioned in one of those sermons that I don’t know what the church will look like, or where the church is headed. I know that we are in the midst of intense change *throughout all of society*, and I know that God will never leave us. I know that God has plans for us, and I am excited to be among those plans with you here at Overland Park Christian.

The most basic message of Christianity is one of resurrection and renewal. So, as we settle into new rhythms of life, returning to the building more regularly, celebrating more widely available vaccines and (prayerfully) a more settled Advent and Christmas, I am excited to remember with you, and to live into our future with you, living through resurrection and renewal. I have faith in God, faith in OPCC, and look forward to our future with hope, where we go boldly and faithfully, where God is leading us.

Jana



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

10:30 a.m. 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.



Join us in regular worship on Sunday morning, November 21st at 10:30 a.m. for a worship service honoring the ways that we prepare our homes and sanctuaries for the coming Christ. We’ll have a chance to

sing some Christmas hymns and learn more about these various traditions as we all ready our hearts and minds to receiving the Christ-child!

Mitten Tree

Make the holidays warmer by donating gloves, mittens, scarves and hats — just put them on the OPCC Mitten Tree! The tree will be in the front hallway from November 21 until January 6. All donations will go to food pantry clients and/or refugee service organizations.



Don’t forget to Fall Back this weekend!

Daylight Saving Time ends November 7.

Order Your Poinsettias!

Remember a loved one or honor a special friend at Christmas by purchasing a live poinsettia to help decorate the church for the Advent season. Cost is \$15.00.



Your name(s) _____

I/we would like to purchase _____ poinsettias, in **memory** of: _____

I/we would like to purchase _____ poinsettias, in **honor** of: _____

Please make checks payable to OPCC and return with this form to the church office, or put in the collection box on Sunday morning.

Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve worship service.

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).

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?

November – \$15 for a Turkey

Soups, especially with pop tops

Hats, Gloves, Scarves (men, women, boys, girls)

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



Beginning Sunday, November 28th, at 9:00 a.m., our pastors will hold a baptism preparation class for all who seek to be baptized into the faith. We will learn more about our individual faith journeys, the placement of our own stories within the wider context of the life of the church, and ready candidates for that important promise they will make to God. With the intention of baptizing candidates sometime in January, we will meet on Sundays in December during the Christian Education hour (room to be determined).

This class will be for people of any age. If you or someone you know would benefit from this class, please contact Rev. Laura for more information, or to let her know of your interest. (laura@opccdoc.org)

MORE²

METRO ORGANIZATION FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

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, November 8, 6:00 – 7:30pm
Currently planned for online by way of Zoom ([Click Here to register](#)) (<https://bit.ly/opccMORE2>) 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, November 30, 6:00 – 7:30pm
Online by way of Zoom ([Email Rev. Laura to find out more!](#))

Middlers Sunday CE Class Sundays, 9:00–10:10 am, Fellowship Hall

All are invited 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 Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room.

All are welcome to join as we study Amy-Jill Levine's book *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*.

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

Family Life Commission

Our One Homeless Night was a GREAT success! The youth learned a lot and had some good fellowship as well. The total collected between Overland Park and Saint Andrew was \$1,234.54! That money will go directly to IHN to help further the fantastic work they do. Thank you all so much for your generosity and positive spirit toward the youth.

Barb Collins kindly shared some info on the work that IHN has done:

Total people supported: 784	Single women: 80
Adults: 453	Total meals: 155,313
Children: 483	Bed nights: 51,771

There are 35 churches in the program with 11 host churches (which we are one as well as St. Andrew). It is only with the support of churches like ours and people like you that all of that is made possible!

Also — many thanks to everyone who donated to our youth rummage sale, and to all of the volunteers who helped set up, pick up donations, and sort. We'll share the total as soon as we have it. The youth of OPCC thank you!!!

Hi OPCC Family and Friends

In this season of Thanksgiving may we take time to truly be thankful for our many blessings. I want to share a poem with you to reflect this season and hope you enjoy!

Untitled

by Lizelia Augusta Jenkins Moorer

Thankful for all things let us be,
Though there be woes and misery;
Lessons they bring us for our good
Later 'twill all be understood.

Thankful for peace o'er land and sea,
Thankful for signs of liberty,
Thankful for homes, for life, for health
Pleasure and plenty, fame and wealth.

Thankful for friends and loved ones too,
Thankful for all things, good and true
Thankful for harvest in the fall,
Thankful to Him who gave it all.

Theresa Krebs

OPCC Board Chair on behalf of the Board

Music Department

We are still welcoming people to our ensembles. If you are pondering giving us a trial run, here are some benefits of participating in a music ensemble that have been scientifically proven:

1. Strengthened feeling of togetherness
2. Better regulated heart
3. Reduced stress levels and depression
4. Improved feeling of social well-being
5. Increased life expectancy

If you would like to read more about the studies that support these claims, you can find them at: <https://www.thetabernaclechoir.org/articles/6-emotional-and-physical-benefits-of-choral-singing.html>. Or contact Mary Beth to start with the above mentioned benefits.

In the meantime, here's what you can look forward to hearing in November worship services: Nov. 7—Reverberations Bell Choir
Nov. 14—Emily Boedeker
Nov. 21 & 28—Chalice Chancel Choir

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

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ 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)
- ♥ Penny Curry
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ David Shields (Piper, Bella, & Maddie Shields' father)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Leslie Smith (Calvin McBride's friend)
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Florene Miele
- ♥ Teresa Phillips
- ♥ J.D. Price (Pat Warner's son)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Tamara Strange
- ♥ 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 Carrie Niernberger upon the death of her father, Floyd Niernberger, on October 5.
https://themercury.com/obituaries/floyd-niernberger/article_fa7bb9d3-35bd-5423-843c-cbad299e25be.html
- ♥ to Mary Aelmore and family upon the death of her granddaughter, Bethany (Aelmore) Conant, on October 11.
<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/22731935/bethany-april-conant>
- ♥ to the Townsend family upon the death of Wilma Townsend's daughter, Lisa Townsend Adair, on October 20. Lisa is survived by her brothers Kent Townsend and Alan Townsend, husband John Adair, and daughter Jordan Adair. If you would like to send condolences, please contact Eileen in the church office for mailing addresses.
- ♥ to Alan Townsend (Wilma Townsend's son) upon the death of his son, Josh Townsend, on November 2.

Congratulations!

- ♥ to Kourtney & Max Leibman on the birth of a new son, Oliver Dale Leibman, born October 7 at 7 lbs, 15 oz.
- ♥ to NaCole & Josh Agard on the birth of a new son, Gabriel Eugene Agard born October 14 at 6 lbs, 13 oz. Proud Grandpa is Richard Owens.
- ♥ to Harrison May and Nikki Blackburn on their marriage on October 23 in Topeka, KS.

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.

Property Commission

Sure hope everyone made it through Halloween without any scary events. October proved to be another busy month, see activities below:

- a. Regal Plumbing (David Hutchinson) replaced two flush valves in the men's restroom and replaced the sink faucet in the fireside room kitchenette.
- b. Luke Kush Painting power washed, scraped, primed, and painted the Sanctuary West and East exterior beams, plus replaced dry rot and painted the fascia boards over the front entrance. We have delayed replacing some dry rot above the Fireside Room exterior doors and painting all the peeling courtyard trim until the first quarter next year.
- c. Biswanger Glass replaced four cracked windows (2 large in Fellowship Hall, 1 at Northeast entrance and 1 in West vestibule).
- d. All Nations Flag came out to determine why we could not lower the flag. Ends up new parts are needed at the top of the pole. Parts have been ordered and once the parts are in, they will be back out to install the new parts.
- e. Temperature Maintenance repaired the self-contained HVAC unit for the Choir and Bell Choir rooms so they can have heat.
- f. Lee replaced a door threshold at the hallway entrance to the Monarch School.
- g. Lee made a spacer to fit between the new freezer and wall so the freezer could get good air flow.
- h. We are experiencing wall settling in room 43. We had a mud jacking company out and they referred us to a pier company. In process of seeking cost estimates for the pier work.
- i. Hope you had an opportunity to experience the beautiful gardens this past year. Winter clean up will soon be in process by our Landscaping personnel.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

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