



Overland Park Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) 

7600 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204
913-677-4646

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
www.opccdoc.org • [@opccdoc](https://twitter.com/opccdoc) (Twitter) • www.facebook.com/opccdoc

Hear Worship by Phone (available after 2pm on Sunday): call **913-299-9002**

Lines from Laura

Northern Irish author, philosopher, and theologian Peter Rollins tells us about an ancient Jewish parable in which two rabbis are arguing over a portion of the Torah, and they have been arguing about this passage for over twenty years, never finding agreement: TWENTY YEARS! The story goes that God is so annoyed by the endless argument that God decides to just reveal to the rabbis what it means, so frustrated by the never-ending discussion. So, God approaches the two rabbis and says, “Dear friends, “I’ve been listening to you argue about what this passage means for too long, and so I’m just going to tell you.” However, in a rare moment of unity, at that moment the two rabbis respond by saying “What right do you have to tell us what it means? You gave us the words, now leave us in peace to wrestle with them.”

In this parable the rabbis do not want a God’s-eye view because, even if that were possible, is that the point of faith? Once we get it “right,” is it over? Have we “won”? What would we do with such power if we were to know exactly what every piece of scripture meant?

A life of faith seeks to transform reality rather than merely describe it or overpower it. In a life of faith, it’s important that we wrestle with scripture so that we too are transformed by it, not over-powered or controlled by it. In Genesis 32 God gives Jacob the name Israel, a name later gifted to all the people of God, a name that means “God contends, or one who struggles with God.” As people who follow the Christ, the anointed one of the people of God, we too seek to wrestle with the Word of God, given to the world.

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What's important in this parable is that the two rabbis meet everyday, they are friends. Moreover, they are both rabbis, so they share the same traditions and the same rituals, yet they have diversity of belief and interpretation, celebrating the diversity of God's creation. They belong to one another and share ritual with one another, as they seek to experience and be transformed by the Divine.

For the last two weeks we've been wrestling with some of the parables of Jesus, and the remaining weeks in February we will do the same. Still more, when we enter March we will begin the season of Lent and continue to wrestle with the scripture as we travel closer and closer to the cross that transforms our faith and lives even more. Whether you join the Sunday morning Middler's Christian Education class, the children's "Growing in God's Love" Wednesday evening Zoom gathering, or our Sunday morning worship that are all focusing on Jesus' parables, we are grateful to have you join in this time of growth, expectation, and sharing as we together continue to be the hands, feet, and Body of Christ here on earth.

- February 6 – The Pearl of Great Price
- February 13 – The Mustard Seed
- February 20 – The Laborers in the Vineyard
- February 27 – The Widow and the Judge

Full to the Brim

An expansive lent

Lent Begins

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Stay tuned for Lenten updates that will include study, devotional, worship, and Holy Week opportunities. Information about the broader season of Lent will come out soon!

Ash Wednesday

Join us as we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship.

On Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. we will offer a traditional Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary. Join us for scripture, prayer, song, communion and the imposition of ashes as we worship together as a community.

This worship opportunity will be FAMILY FRIENDLY including an opportunity for children and youth to learn more about Ash Wednesday, as well as a special music offering. Regardless of where you begin your Lenten season, we hope you will join us for this meaningful time of year.

Prayer During Lent: Three Options!

OPCC has THREE interactive prayer practices for all of us to lean into as we journey toward the cross and resurrection of Easter Sunday.

- A physical, daily, devotional book will soon be available on the entry-way counter. Titled *Grace Unbounded*, this devotional will provide scripture, reflections, prayers, visual art, reflections, and meditative prompts focusing on the expansive grace of God. You can also purchase an E-version of *Grace Unbounded* as a [Kindle](#), [Nook](#), or [Google](#) book.
 - Additionally, grab a guide for how to use this devotional including songs you might like to sing along with the devotion.
 - Families, grab the drawing prompts and bingo cards for additional ways of using this devotion at home.
 - An additional option comes as daily devotional cards. Draw one for each day and spend a few minutes in daily prayer with prompts and scriptures suggestions, as journal or reflection prompts. Take one for yourself and your family, we have plenty and can print more.
 - A TEXT MESSAGE devotion from this same resource will come each day in Lent at 9:00am on Sundays to your phone by way of our messaging system. Each provide a short scripture for you to read, followed by a prayer. To start receiving these devotional prompts text @OPCCDOC (yes, use the @symbol before the letters) to 22300 to join. You can also email your name and cell phone number to the front office (office@opccdoc.org) to be added to the list. Standard message and data rates may apply, and you can reply STOP at any time to discontinue.
 - Though the details are still coming together we will also have a communal place of prayer that reminds us of God's expansive love, grace, and mercy, that *fills us to the brim*.
- No matter how you engage in prayer, we look forward to praying together as we overflow with God's love, mercy, and grace!

COVID Updates

Whether it's Epiphany, Lent, or any other season of the year, we continue to be the church, share Christ's love with the world, and live as the Body of Christ here in God's creation. Acting as church still requires we pay attention to what's happening in the world and the public health issues that are ever changing, no matter where we are in the calendar.

We remain committed to offering worship services in-person and virtually (online and over-the-phone). This commitment includes following the guidance of community and health professionals, encouraging vaccination and boosters for all who are able, and continuing to require masks when you are in the church building.

If you are scheduled to lead worship in some way (liturgist, choir, deacon, elder, etc.) and your comfort level has changed, or you have had a COVID exposure, please contact that particular organizer (e.g. deacon chair if you are a deacon) to let us know.

Many factors come into play as we seek to improve our online worship experience. Thank you for your patience and input as we do our best with this new technology!

Music Department

If you've ever wanted to sing in a cantata, now's your chance! The Chalice Chancel Choir is preparing The Passion and the Promise cantata for Easter Sunday. The music is written by Lloyd Larson with some arrangements by local composer Mark Hayes. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the sanctuary. We also have rehearsal recordings for singers who desire individual practice.

The Reverberations Bell Choir is always seeking new bell ringers; however, we are also needing substitute musicians at times. If you read music well and would like to ring bells without a continuous commitment, please consider being one of our substitute bell ringers.

If you are curious about either of these ensembles, please contact our music director, Mary Beth Boucher, marybeth@opccdoc.org.

Middlers Sunday CE Class

Sundays, 9:00– 10:00 am
NW Section Fellowship Hall

The Sunday Morning Middel's Adult Bible Study is studying the book, "The Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a controversial Rabbi". All are welcome to join this informative series study written by Amy-Jill Levine, a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. This study explains how original audiences understood Jesus' parables. These parables still challenge and provoke contemporary readers 2000 years later.

If you do not have the "Short Stories by Jesus" book yet, let Peggy know and she will get you one.

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

Girlfriends Unlimited

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room

The Girlfriends Bible Study has resumed meetings on Wednesday evenings. We will continue/finish our study on "The Characters of Christmas: The Unlikely People Caught Up in the Story of Jesus."

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.

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

Grief & Loss Support Group

The OPCC Grief/Loss Support Group will be changing our meeting dates and times for 2022. We will meet on the first TUESDAY of every other month starting in March. We will be meeting for lunch at Cozy's Café, 6740 W. 75th Street (just east of Price Chopper at the corner of 75th and Metcalf) at 11:30 a.m. for support and discussion.

Our meeting dates for 2022 are:
March 1, May 3, July 5, September 6, November 1.

Contact: Peggy Moore at 913-592-0179.



On Memorial Day 2019, tornadoes swept through the Miami Valley of Ohio, destroying thousands of homes and apartments and leaving a trail of downed trees and power lines in their wake. Many of the tornado-affected families have had to relocate multiple times since the tornadoes due to substandard housing conditions and inflated rent.

Two years after the storm, the Stephens family were still unable to find adequate living quarters. The family of ten was forced to live apart. In addition to dealing with unscrupulous contractors, the family had to haggle with insurance companies as they tried to rebuild their home. The Stephenses, like so many other families, remained in temporary housing and separated, pending the completion of repairs.

Yet, all was not lost. The Stephens family connected with the Miami Valley Long-Term Recovery Operations Group, and volunteer teams finished the repairs. Alongside these traditional home repair projects, and with support from Week of Compassion, the MVLTRG helped launch the Tornado Survivors' Pathways to Homeownership Project to help alleviate the housing crunch in the Dayton area. Volunteers and local nonprofits work together to transition "nuisance" properties and vacant lots into affordable, single-family housing options for tornado survivors who were displaced from rental housing, stabilizing both families and the community. First-time homeowners receive the support they need to build for their futures.

Sammy Deacon, Brethren Disaster Ministries Long-Term Project Leader, says "When you reach out to help someone else, the blessing comes back to you as well. An important aspect of the recovery effort is listening to people's stories and knowing you have the opportunity to help them—physically and spiritually."

With support for long-term recovery, including innovative programs like the Pathways to Homeownership project, Week of Compassion helps create opportunities for families to thrive after disasters.

Because love remains.

www.weekofcompassion.org



Week of Compassion Special Offering

to be collected February 20th and 27th

Would you like to put your love for others into action? Would you like to help women in Myanmar establish sustainable incomes, or communities in Indonesia develop sustainable farming operations as the climate changes?

Would you like to help support refugees around the world, while also responding to disasters in our own local communities?

You have the opportunity to do just that in the coming weeks, as we receive a special offering for Week of Compassion — the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Your generous gifts to Week of Compassion enable our church and our partners to make a difference in lives and communities around the world. The Apostle Paul reminds us, just as he did the Corinthians so long ago, that the greatest expression of our connection to others is the way we love them.

We receive this offering with joy, believing that, in all things — *love remains*.

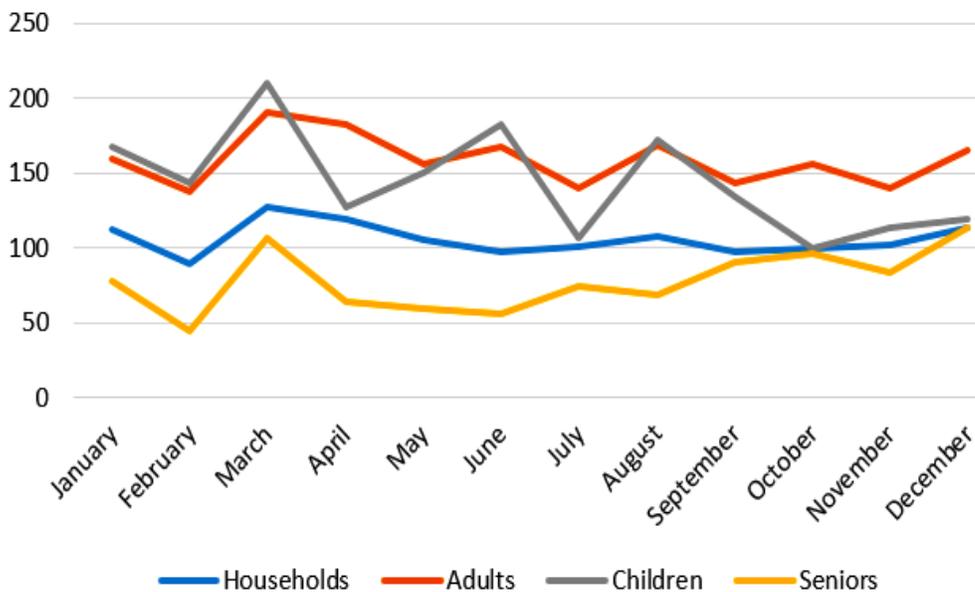
Disciples of Christ SOUPer Bowl

In a friendly competition with [Crestwood Christian Church](#), YOU, Overland Park Christian Church, brought your "A" game! Even though The Kansas City Chiefs were unable to beat the Cincinnati Bengals, OPCC definitely brought Kansas City a WIN with this competition! Each church collected non-perishable food items for their respective ministries. Congratulations OPCC - you ROCKED IT by bringing over 375 non-perishable food items AND raising \$615.00! The OPCC donations will go to our OPCC Food Pantry, and Crestwood CC will give their donations to their Blessing Box and local food pantry. No matter what, the real winners today are the food insecure who benefit from this friendly competition!



OPCC Food Pantry Stats 2021

	<u>Households</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>People</u>
January	112	160	168	78	406
February	89	138	144	45	327
March	127	191	210	107	508
April	119	182	127	64	373
May	105	156	150	59	365
June	98	168	182	56	406
July	101	140	107	75	322
August	108	169	172	69	410
September	98	143	134	90	367
October	100	156	100	96	352
November	102	140	113	84	337
December	113	165	119	114	398
Total	1272	1908	1726	937	4571
Avg/month	106	159	143.8	78.1	380.9



2022 — What Does the Food Pantry Need This Month?

- February** –
canned vegetables
canned meat
 - March** –
canned fruit
macaroni & cheese
 - April** –
cold cereal
paper towels
 - May** –
hand lotion, lip balm
rice, dried beans
 - June** –
soups, napkins
 - July** –
toilet paper
shampoo, hand soap
 - August** –
canned beef stew
small packages dried fruit
 - September** –
canned vegetables
peanut butter
 - October** –
crackers, condiments
 - November** –
buy a turkey
 - December** –
buy another turkey
- Please place your donations in the blue barrel by the Receptionist's Desk.
Thank you!

Outreach Update

In January, OPCC continued its regular donations to local and global outreach efforts, including, Disciples Mission Fund, Interfaith Homeless Network, Salvation Army Family Lodge, the OPCC Food Pantry, Tall Oaks, and MORE2.

Additionally we supported one of our church families with many physical and financial donations after they suffered a fire. Way to go OPCC! What a wonderful way to make a difference in our world!

MORE² METRO ORGANIZATION FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

As part of our Outreach-Mission efforts at OPCC, we are a partner organization with Metropolitan Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE2). Please join in one of the following events to find out how you can be involved:

- **Issues2Action 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, February 7, 6:00 – 7:30pm by way of Zoom ([Click Here to register](#)) (<https://bit.ly/opccMORE2>) Check out the [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to be sure!
- **MORE² Public Meeting** – This annual meeting celebrates the important work that has taken place since the previous year and is always a wonderful opportunity to reignite your commitment to equity in Kansas City and beyond. Join faith and community leaders, elected officials and concerned metro area voters at this important meeting to lift up the most pressing issues of racial justice! On **February 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm** you have two ways of participating, registration required: www.more2.org/publicmeeting
 - In person attendance at St. James Methodist Church, 5540 Wayne Ave, KCMO
 - Registration required for in-person attendance
 - Proof of COVID vaccination required, along with masking and social-distancing that will keep our communities safe.
 - Online attendance by way of Zoom, link available after registration
 - You can register and participate from your home over Zoom, or
 - You can join us at OPCC in the sanctuary to watch / join on our projection screen.

Afghan Aid Opportunity

You've seen the dramatic pictures. With our exit from Afghanistan, tens of thousands have fled for their lives. Many of those who worked directly with our government are being offered Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) to enter the US.

Many others fled for safety and humanitarian reasons but don't qualify for SIVs. However, Humanitarian Parole is a class of temporary entry, somewhat like a visa, that is available to them. If their application is successful, they can apply for asylum after they are here.

OPCC has a long history of helping refugees and this tragic event has given us a chance to help our neighbors again. There are many possibilities available to us, from funding application filing fees, to full sponsorship of one or more individuals.

We are trying to organize the Region's Disciples churches and other churches in the area for a bigger impact but we need to start with ourselves. Our recently passed budget did not anticipate this opportunity, however, if you would like to help you can contribute to OPCC specifically for Afghan aid, by check or at opccdoc.org/online-giving.html

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FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
A METRO-WIDE PUBLIC MEETING

REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND 6-8PM
LIVE AT ST JAMES METHODIST CHURCH,
5540 WAYNE AVE, KCMO
OR REMOTELY VIA ZOOM AT
MORE2.ORG / PUBLICMEETING

JOIN FAITH AND COMMUNITY
LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS,
AND 1,000 CONCERNED METRO AREA
VOTERS AT THIS IMPORTANT
MEETING TO LIFT UP THE
MOST PRESSING ISSUES OF
RACIAL JUSTICE.

TO REGISTER BY PHONE
CALL 913.535.6604

MORE²

Social Justice Opportunities at OPCC

Please join us in these opportunities to participate in Social Justice Work at OPCC.

Questions? Contact Peggy Moore.

“Racial Disparities in Health Care” — Thursday, February 24, 7:00-8:15 pm, OPCC Fireside Room
Join the Social Justice Interest Group for a presentation on the Racial Disparities in Health Care presented on DVD by Dr. Harriet A. Washington, author of *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*. Dr. Washington is a professor of Bioethics at Columbia University. Her research shows how American history contributes to current disparities in health care. This was a presentation at Children's Mercy Hospital's at Grand Rounds and was listed as one of the UMKC Diversity Inclusion Conversations. Following watching the presentation, Dr. Wayne Moore will facilitate a discussion. All are welcome to attend. Our goal is to raise our awareness and recognize the social injustices and work toward bringing the dial toward justice in the world.

“Earth Democracy” — Thursday, March 24, 7:00-8:15 pm, OPCC Fireside Room
This presentation shows the need for the care of the earth preservation and was first shown as a UMKC Diversity Training Program. The presenter is Vandana Shiva, a leading voice in the struggles for global justice. Shiva is a renowned environmental activist and physicist in Earth Democracy.

“Just Mercy” — Thursday, April 28, 7:00-9:00 pm, OPCC Fireside Room
Movie based on the life work of civil rights attorney Bryan Stevenson, offered to those who are interested in learning more about the systemic racism that plagues our society. www.justmercyfilm.com
Questions and discussion session to follow the viewing of this movie.

Also, there are several books on the entryway counter near the front door of the church available for your reading on issues of current social injustice issues. We are adding two new books for your opportunity to learn about the inequity for so many of our neighbors who experience food scarcity. The two new books are “Food Town USA: Seven Unlikely Cities That Are Changing the Way We Eat” by Mark Winne, and “Reinventing Food Banks and Pantries: New Tools to End Hunger” by Katie S. Martin. Please use these reading opportunities to help us learn and know how to live and move in the world as Jesus would call us to do.

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LECTURE SERIES



FEBRUARY 15, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
THIS IS A VIRTUAL EVENT

A discussion featuring Yamiche Alcindor
hosted by Glenn Rice

[Register Here](#)

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Johnson County Museum opens new exhibit on the History of Redlining —
The history and lasting legacy of redlining is the subject of a new exhibit now open at the [Johnson County Museum](http://www.jcprd.com/Blog.aspx?IID=330#item), 8788 Metcalf Avenue <http://www.jcprd.com/Blog.aspx?IID=330#item>

Family Life Ministries

Overland Park Christian Church, like most churches right now, actually has a golden opportunity to try out new things, do old things in new ways, and imagine what we want to do next. I'm speaking mostly where the youth are concerned. Last year a large portion of our group graduated. Just like those young adults have now started a new chapter in their lives, our youth group can start a new chapter in our ministry. We now have a younger group, who can grow and build new traditions while honoring those already in place. If you have a child in 5th-8th grade, please let me know days of the week and times that work best for your family for your child to meet. This age group will begin meeting separately from our older group in grades 9-12. I just need to know the best possible meeting time for everyone involved. I'll also be reaching out to individual families.

In addition to opening up more programming for younger youth, we can (and should) do more with our young adults. We have a fantastic group of 18-25 year olds who could benefit from dedicated programs at OPCC. I'm working on what this will look like and how we can best keep these vibrant young adults in the church. If you have ideas, or would like to be part of this, please reach out to me and let me know!

This pandemic is no fun, but it HAS given us an opportunity to start fresh and think in new ways, and utilize the new technology it has necessitated. I'm excited about the future and I hope you are as well.

You are loved and valued beyond measure!

Blessings,

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

chuck@opccdoc.org

Hello OPCC Family & Friends,

We have made it to another February where the world spends more time focusing on love. This month, in a perfect world, we would have hosted a gathering to personally thank all of our volunteers. However, please accept our apologies and our thanks this way instead — we want to take a moment to say thank you to all of our volunteers in any capacity, whether it be that you pray for someone, send cards, help with IHN or food pantry, or sit at the front desk. WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE AND ALL THAT YOU DO TO BE COMMUNITY TO CHURCH MEMBERS AND OTHERS! We would also like to share the following article from Our Daily Bread that I found appropriate as well. We hope you enjoy!

I AM HIS HANDS by Sheridan Voysey, December 15, 2021

Jia Haixia lost his sight in the year 2000. His friend Jia Wenqi lost his arms as a child. But they've found a way around their disabilities. "I am his hands and he is my eyes." Haixia says. Together, they're transforming their village in China.

Since 2002 the friends have been on a mission to regenerate a wasteland near their home. Each day Haixia climbs on Wenqi's back to cross a river to the site. Wenqi then "hands" Haixia a shovel with his foot, before Haixia places a pail on a pole between Wenqi's cheek and shoulder. And as one digs and the other waters, the two plant trees - more than 10,000 so far. "Working together, we don't feel disabled at all," Haixia says. "We're a team".

The apostle Paul likens the church to a body, each part needing the other to function. If the church were all eyes, there'd be no hearing; if the ears, there'd be no sense of smell (I Corinthians 12:14-17). "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' " Paul says. (v. 21).

Each of us plays a role in the church based on our spiritual gifts. (vv 7-11, 18). Like Jia Haixia and Jia Wenqi, when we combine our strengths, we can bring change to the world. Two men combining their abilities to regenerate a wasteland. What a picture of the church in action! Holy Spirit, thank you for giving me spiritual gifts and arranging me in a body where I'm needed.

Theresa Krebs

OPCC Board Chair on behalf of the Board

Prayer List Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ David Carlburg
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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)
- ♥ Christina, Jeff, Scott, & Jenny Packard (Sharon & Bob Shankel's daughter & family)
- ♥ Rhonda Phelps (Roger Claar's sister)
- ♥ Randy Phillips (Laura Phillips' father)
- ♥ Linda Peter (John Peter's mother)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ David Shields (Piper, Bella, & Maddie Shields' father)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Leslie Smith (Calvin McBride's friend)
- ♥ Jim Withers
- ♥ Joe Zacher

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Marian Bilyea
- ♥ Nancy Coffman
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Evelyn Eastwood
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Florene Miele
- ♥ J.D. Price (Pat Warner's son)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Tamara Strange
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Doris Watts
- ♥ Sally Withers

Military Prayer List

- ☛ Rct. Luke Dagit (Mary Beth Boucher's son)
- ☛ 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)

Thank You

I would like to thank those who called and sent cards due to my recent surgery. Would especially like to thank Nancy Phipps for her visits, communion and food, and also Jo Ann Altschul for being there for my little Zoey. Your concern was much appreciated.

Betty King

On behalf of the Gordon and Iline Toms Family, we would like to thank the Church and the Congregation, for your support and thoughtful cards, following their deaths in December. We would especially like to thank Pastor Laura, for her thorough, loving and excellent ministry on their behalf, both in their home and at their Celebrations of Life.

Yours in Christ,
Roger & Vickie Claar

Thanks to all for your prayers and expressions of love and sympathy during the illness and passing of our family member Chandis Pendleton. You are the hands, feet and voice of Jesus in times of need.

Lois Wimpey
Kathy & Maurice Pendleton

To add persons to prayer lists or to submit items for the newsletter, please forward information to Michelle Reiter at michelle@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, x223.

Worship Liturgists

We continue to need volunteers who will share some of the elements of worship, and are especially open to you doing so virtually! If you are willing to read scripture, or share in the Invitation to Worship, or other elements, in-person OR *by recording a video in advance to be included in the worship*, please let Rev. Laura know. She can guide you through how to do this, and would love to welcome you into worship no matter how you join!

Property Commission

WOW, we are headed into February already. Here are activities which took place this past month:

1. Work has been done to separate Suite 6 into two office spaces—one for our existing tenant Case Management Services/Action in Motion which are downsizing into half the original space, and the other half will be occupied shortly by Honey Bee Community Services LLC.
2. Temperature Maintenance completed the quarterly service on all our HVAC/Heating equipment, plus cleaned all the cooling tubes within the large chiller.
3. Lee hung the cork board and dairy food pantry sign on the wall next to receptionist front window.
4. Foundation King finished installing the 5 piers under the North wall of room 43. Additional work will be needed in this area as the hall floor and exit door pad were not attached to the wall. Therefore, the floor and pad could not be raised with the wall. Also the exit door stub wall was not connected to the north wall of room 43 so is hanging loose. Developing a plan on how to fix the floor and doorway and will be talking to contractors for this work.

Submitted by
Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

Winter Weather Closings

Any changes about having in person worship, or not, holding things virtually or otherwise, will all be communicated to you by way of email, phone tree, OPCC Facebook, OPCC website, and if it is a significant change to the planned manner of worship we will use the updates through all four local TV news channels.

Snow removal is contracted out to a company that shovels and clears the parking lot and sidewalks for us, but only if the snowfall is above 3/8 of an inch. Please use your own judgment in choosing to come to the OPCC building as winter weather arrives. We certainly do not want you to put yourself in danger and you know your own abilities and limitations best. If these last two years have taught us anything it's that we will still remain community and still "be the church" no matter where we worship!

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