



## 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

**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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## *OPCC Vacation Bible School*

Compassion Camp VBS is happening at Overland Park Christian Church!

We're changing the world with loving kindness

**Sunday, July 31st - Wednesday, August 3rd!**

We'll kick off VBS on Sunday, July 31st with a picnic after worship.

Join us for lunch, songs and an introduction to Compassion Camp.

Monday through Wednesday programming will be from 6 - 8pm and include:  
songs, Bible stories, science activities, crafts, and snack time.

Registration is now open on our church website at <https://www.opccdoc.org/vbs.html>

Children 4 years through rising 5th graders are invited to be a part of our Compassion Camp VBS and parents are welcome to join in the fun. Participants are asked to make a suggested donation of \$10, though it is not required if it is a burden on the family, or a hindrance to the child's participation.

This is a fun, laid back VBS that will be rewarding for children and volunteers alike!

Volunteers are needed in the following roles — contact Rev. Chuck Pickrel if you can help out.

♥ Song Leader ♥ Bible Story "actors" ♥ Science Station ♥ Craft Station ♥ Snack Station ♥



## *Church Camp at Tall Oaks*

If you haven't registered for camp at Tall Oaks yet, there may still be time!

Check out the schedule and registration at [www.talloaks.org/2022-gkc-summer-camps](http://www.talloaks.org/2022-gkc-summer-camps)

I have been attending summer camps since I was a camper over 25 years ago. I have seen and experienced the joy and life changing affirmation that happens at places like Tall Oaks first hand.

I hope to see your children and youth at Tall Oaks this summer! — Rev. Chuck

Please consider purchasing items from the following Amazon wish list for the CYF (high schoolers) camp at Tall Oaks. Any contributions are appreciated to make camp the best we can for all campers! Contact Courtney Setty for more information.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QE8WDZDR5HOL?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QE8WDZDR5HOL?ref=wl_share)



## 2022 Graduates

**Congratulations and Best Wishes  
to each of these Graduates in our Faith Family!**



**Zachary Larson,** son of Brett & Kari Larson and grandson of Wayne & Peggy Moore, recently graduated from Christ Preparatory Academy and will be attending Kansas University in the Fall.



**Graham Lee,** son of Jennifer & Peter Lee, and grandson of the late Margo & Jack Brown, graduated on May 14 from Kansas State University with a Degree in Business Administration, majoring in Finance with a minor in Spanish. He will begin a job in June with Shamrock Trading Corporation in Overland Park as a Financial Account Representative.



**William (Will) Thomas Maxon,** son of Stephanie Manning & Tom Maxon and grandson of Jim & Sally Withers, graduated from Lee's Summit West High School in May. Will plans to begin training as a Residential and Commercial Electrician with Electrical Connections.



**Emily Christine Maxon,** daughter of Stephanie Manning & Tom Maxon, and granddaughter of Jim & Sally Withers, graduated from Missouri State University with a BS in Psychology and minor in Criminology. Emily will be working at Harmony House (a domestic violence center), and plans to return to school in the fall of 2023 for a Masters degree in Mental Health Counseling.



**Jacob Sprinkle,** son of Eric & Laura Sprinkle and grandson of Lee & Jan Sprinkle, graduated from Blue Valley Northwest High School on May 22nd. Jacob plans to attend the Fire Fighting Academy at Johnson County Community College this fall.



**Kira Setty,** daughter of Lisa & Kent Setty, graduated on May 14th from St Luke's College of Nursing (Rockhurst University) with a BSN. She has accepted a position at St. Luke's North Hospital in the telemetry unit.



**Charlie Wienberg,** grandson of Joyce Brooker and son of Greg & Meg Wienberg, graduated on May 21st from Mill Valley High School. He will attend the University of Kansas this coming fall on an academic scholarship with plans to become a high school history teacher.



**Connor Wayne Weltmer,** son of Kirsten & Todd Weltmer and grandson of Peggy & Wayne Moore, graduated from the University of Arkansas in May with a BA in Finance with emphasis in real estate.

# God Shows Up

Throughout the months of June and July we will celebrate that God shows up in the world in a variety, and in a multitude of ways. No matter which day that we worship, we will celebrate the Divine at work in the world in a multitude of fashions, that help the multitudes to know God more fully.

Like on that day of Pentecost, we give thanks that God continues to speak to humanity in ways that we can know the Divine more fully.

On June 12 we will celebrate Trinity Sunday, a time in the universal church to celebrate that God is three-persons in one, wholly separate, as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, yet wholly One as the One True God.

Then, on Sunday, June 19, we will begin a worship series called “Holy Ground” in which we celebrate the many different ways God shows up for us in the diversity of creation.

However it is that YOU show up to be a part of the church family in these coming months, know that we are simply not the same without you.

The Body of Christ is stronger, more resilient, more loving, and simply more – greater than a sum of our whole parts – because you are here.

*Laura*



- **Sunday, June 19 – Holy Gift: God Creates, We Steward**
  - Psalm 8 The Message: All of Creation glorifies God
  - Genesis 1:26-31 CEB: God creates humanity and puts us in charge of caring for the world
- **Sunday, June 26 – Holy Ground: Finding the Sacred in the Ordinary**
  - Isaiah 52:6-7 CEB: “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of a messenger”
  - Exodus 3:1-6 CEB: Moses encounters God in the burning bush
- **Sunday, July 3 – Holy Water: How We Relate to Creation is How We Relate to the Creator**
  - Proverbs 8:1-3, 22-31 The Message: Lady Wisdom’s account of creation
  - Mark 1:4-12 The Message: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River
- **Sunday, July 10 – Holy Creatures: Loving Our Wild Neighbors**
  - Romans 1:20-21 CEB: God’s nature can be clearly seen through Creation
  - Job 12:7-10 The Message: Job’s instructions to listen to the animals to learn about God
  - Luke 10:25-29 CEB: Jesus tells us to love our neighbors
- **Sunday, July 17 – Holy Order: Every Species has a Sacred Role**
  - Romans 12:4-6 The Message: We’re all parts of the Body of Christ
  - Matthew 6:27-34 CEB: Jesus’ teachings on worry and our basic needs
- **Sunday, July 24 – Holy Responsibility: Claiming Our Call to Tend the Earth**
  - Isaiah 24:4-6 CEB: Isaiah’s warning for the destruction of the Earth
  - Romans 8:12-19 CEB: Paul’s reminder that all of Creation is depending on us
  - John 6:3-13 CEB: Jesus’ feeding of the 5,000+

## Digital Worship Woes

We continue to learn more and more every day about what it means to worship together, even when we are not physically together, and as we worship in a variety of ways. As one of my mentors has reminded me, in some ways we are building this “digital worship” plane, as we are flying it,” and so I am grateful for all the ways you communicate how you experience worship if you are not in-person in the sanctuary. We simply can’t know what the experience of digital worship is like if we don’t know about it from those who experience it first-hand.

As of late, our latest learnings is about copyright issues with music and technology. We have been hearing that you are frustrated the sound that sometimes exists, on some videos and not others, on some devices and not others, that works on some weeks, but not the very next. We also know that there are frustrations with the use (or inability to use) the Sermon by Phone Number, 913-299-9002. *We are also frustrated with you.* We are working to the best of our ability to rectify these situations, but are also running into many problems.

The easiest explanation that we can offer is that the video and audio of our worship services are often silenced without our knowledge, and without notification, while the hosting services like Facebook and YouTube can verify that we have all the necessary copyrights to use the worship songs that we play in our services. While *we do in fact have all those necessary copyrights*, and share that information with these hosting sites every week, these sites like Facebook and YouTube are working with thousands upon thousands of faith communities, of which we are just one.

Unfortunately, I do not have any specific answers for you, other than we continue to do the work of trying to figure out these problems. We will not continue to pay for services which we are not able to use, but we also are working to do everything we can to bring worship to you, however you are able to join us.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact *the church office* that can try to clarify any questions you may have. We are happy to answer questions, but sometimes we also don’t always have the answers ourselves. No matter how you worship, online, over the phone, on your own, or in-person, no amount of time or distance will make this less true: You are beloved by God and by your church. If you need anything at all, please don’t hesitate to contact me at 913.800.8566 so that I can send help your direction. You are beloved and in our prayers!

Rev. Laura

## Music Department Update

With the Reverberations Bell Choir and Chalice Chancel Choir on hiatus for the summer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the music department since last fall. The dedication and care shown by everyone makes it truly a blessing to work with such a wonderful group of people. I also want to thank Julie Dean for her wonderful contributions each week to both RBC and CCC. We would definitely be at a loss without her. We also want to thank Emily Boedeker for her music gifts she brings us each month. Thank you all!

If you are someone who is seeking an enjoyable group of people to fellowship with, I suggest you give us a whirl in September. Either ensemble is welcoming and loving, as well as just plain fun to be around.

Over the summer, we will have many guest performers to enhance your worship experience. Some of Julie’s advanced students will be providing preludes and postludes for us, Courtney Setty will be sharing a flute solo with us, and many others. If you have a request, be sure to contact me via the church phone number at extension 229, or email [marybeth@opccdoc.org](mailto:marybeth@opccdoc.org).

In Him,  
Mary Beth Boucher  
Director of Music

## Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

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

Middler's Adult Bible Study Class will meet now through July 10, then take a summer break from July 17 through August 7. We will resume our regular Sunday morning studies on August 14.

All are welcome to join this fellowship, study scripture with the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum, grow in your faith, and make new friends.

## Empty Nesters

**Empty Nesters will visit the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art** (on campus of Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd in Overland Park) **on Friday, July 8.**

Enter campus using the entrance on Quivira immediately south of College Blvd. There is a parking garage close to the gallery in the Regnier Center garage on the east side of campus.

Meet in the first floor gallery of the Art Museum about 9:45 am. Guided tour will start at 10:00 am. Tours are free. RSVP to Peggy Moore by email or 913-592-0179 if you will be attending.

Empty Nesters will host a **Picnic in the Park for the all in the OPCC community on Friday, September 17th, at 6:00 p.m.** at Shelter #4 at Antioch Park, 6501 Antioch Rd, Merriam, KS.

We will have prepared box lunches so RSVPs will be necessary. Please reply to Peggy Moore by email or 913-592-0179 with your reservations before September 11. Please bring your own drinks and a dessert to share. (Click on this link [Jo. Co. Park and Rec. website](#) to find the location of shelter #4 at Antioch Park.)

## Social Justice Opportunities at OPCC

The Social Justice Group will meet Thursday, September 15, at 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

Our focus will be a video presentation by Dr. Harriet Washington, author of *Medical Apartheid* and Professor of Bioethics at Columbia University.

Her research shows how American history contributes to current disparities in health care. Q and A to follow facilitated by Dr. Wayne Moore.

## Care & Share

This group meets approximately once a month at a designated restaurant at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, laughter, good food, fellowship, and support.

We will resume monthly meetings on Wednesday, August 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Dos Reales, located at 8841 West 75th Street (close to 75th & Antioch). RSVP to Peggy Moore at [wpmoore63@gmail.com](mailto:wpmoore63@gmail.com) or 913-592-0179 at least 3 days ahead of the luncheon if you plan to attend. Even if you have not been part of this group before, you are cordially invited to join us, and feel free to bring a friend or guest.

## Grief & Loss Support Group

The OPCC Grief/Loss Support Group will be will meet on the first TUESDAY of every other month. 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 remaining meeting dates for 2022 are:  
September 6 and November 1

In this support group, we will: Explore your Feelings of Loss, Recognize You Are Not Alone, Understand the Needs of Mourning, and Appreciate Your Transformation and Seek Reconciliation. RSVP to Peggy Moore by email or 913-592-0179 if you plan to attend.

## Girlfriends

will resume regular meetings on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room on August 24. Hope to see all the Girlfriends then. Feel free to invite a friend. For more information, contact Peggy Moore at [wpmoore63@gmail.com](mailto: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

## Elders Continuing Gatherings

- When:** Sunday, June 26, noon -1:45 p.m.  
**Where:** Fireside Room  
**What:** A Covenant Conversation for Disciples, Part 2, with prayer, food, & Elder business  
**Who:** All OPCC Elders (even if you can't attend every session)  
**Why:** To add fuel to the fire of the Holy Spirit burning at OPCC  
**Sign Up:** Contact Jaime, OPCC receptionist at (913)677-4646 or [office@opccdoc.org](mailto:office@opccdoc.org)  
**Questions:** Contact Jody Cash or Lois Wimpey

## MORE<sup>2</sup> 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 to find out how you can be involved:

- **Issues2Action Night** – this is where we decide the work that is important to us, where we discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity in Kansas.
  - Monday, June 13, 6:00 – 7:30pm by way of Zoom ([Click Here to register](#))



### Our next IHN host week is June 26 — July 3.

Look for information soon to sign up for an opportunity to volunteer for set-up, food donations, take-down, and laundry. Contact Barb Collins with any questions or to volunteer ([barbcollins919@gmail.com](mailto:barbcollins919@gmail.com)).

## What Does the Food Pantry Need This Month?

**June** – soups, napkins

**July** – toilet paper, shampoo, hand soap

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



In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the OPCC offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th

## Property Commission

I pray you have been enjoying the Spring weather along with all the rains. We continue to be challenged with different tasks/events each month and May was no exception...see below:

- a. Landscaping has been very busy cleaning the gardens of weeds, planting new flowers, and had 7 cubic yards of mulch blown in the gardens out front and on the west side. Lee and Jan put down 30 bags of mulch in the Memorial garden. Many flowers/plants are blooming and sure hope you have noticed plus enjoyed the beauty. During one of the last storms, the furthest north big Oak tree on the east side of our building was stuck by lightning. Besides the bark being split, there doesn't seem to be any other damage so it is a "wait and see" if the tree will be okay in the long run.
- b. Regal Plumbing replaced a sink faucet in one of Monarch's classrooms and opened up the drain in the pit under the baptistry.
- c. Basement bathrooms redecorating (after the horrible sewage backup) has been completed. New vinyl flooring and base cove was installed last week. Richard Owens painted both bathrooms. THANK YOU, RICHARD.
- d. Temperature Maintenance (TM) completed the quarterly maintenance on all HVAC equipment. TM had to come back to put more refrigerant in the large chiller at a cost of \$240.00. TM found a major issue with the air conditioning coil inside the air handler that services all the offices. Yes, the offices have been without air conditioning for almost 3 weeks now!! TM has finally found a reliable supply who can build a custom air conditioning coil for OPCC. However, expected arrival is 4 weeks away. Please be patient with the staff during the upcoming HOT days.
- e. Freedom Electric changed out 8 fluorescent ceiling lights to LEDs (4 in Honey Bee's work room and 4 in a classroom for Monarch).

Submitted by  
Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

## Prayer List

### Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Scott Burton
- ♥ Maurica Campbell
- ♥ Harper Claar (Roger & Vicki Claar's granddaughter)
- ♥ Jan Conner (Lorraine Hartnett's daughter)
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Tom Fletcher, Sr.
- ♥ David Garner (son of Floyd & Marcille Garner, friend of Jody Cash)
- ♥ Audrey Lavelly
- ♥ Kourtney Leibman
- ♥ Rod McBride (Calvin McBride's son)
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Rhonda Phelps (Roger Claar's sister)
- ♥ Randy Phillips (Laura Phillips' father)
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Leslie Smith (Calvin McBride's friend)
- ♥ Tamara Strange
- ♥ Michelle Swanson (Sharon McBride's daughter-in-law)
- ♥ Laina Willoughby (Pat Owsley's granddaughter)
- ♥ Jim Withers
- ♥ Joe Zacher

### Continued Prayers

- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Marian Bilyea
- ♥ Barbara Cash (Jody Cash's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Nancy Coffman
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Evelyn Eastwood
- ♥ Jan Eilert
- ♥ Laurel Elliott
- ♥ June Faltermeier (Nancy Coffman's sister)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Florene Miele
- ♥ Christina, Jeff, Scott, & Jenny Packard (Sharon & Bob Shankel's daughter & family)
- ♥ J.D. Price (Pat Warner's son)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Doris Watts
- ♥ Sally Withers

## Military Prayer List

- ☪ PV2 Rachael Dawson (Fran Dawson's granddaughter), Ft. Campbell, KY
- ☪ Cameron McDonough (Cathy Wilson's son)

## Condolences

- ♥ to Nancy Coffman and her daughter, Cathy Murphy, on the death of their friend, John Stakeley.

## Thank You

Thank you to OPCC leadership, staff, members and friends for all the grace, love, and support you've shown to our family as we grieved the loss of my Aunt Mabel (April 17), and John's grandpa Carrol (April 25). It was a significant loss to experience both deaths so close together, but your support and favor have carried us through!

Laura, John, and T-man

## Congratulations!

- ♥ to Marijane Green on the birth of her new granddaughter, Victoria Elizabeth Green, on May 20. Parents are Stephen & Cristina Green of Iowa.

## Volunteers for Worship Leading

Would you be willing to serve as a liturgist and read either scripture or a call to worship provided for you? No age requirement – anyone willing to read is welcome! Please contact Jaime in the church reception office if you would be interested and we will keep your name on a list. We will arrange mutually agreeable days for you to serve so that it works with everyone's schedule. Please email [office@opccdoc.org](mailto:office@opccdoc.org) or call the main church number and leave a message on ext. 221.

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

This postcard was received by OPCC regarding the proposed construction of a new Fire Station across the street from OPCC. Anyone interested in attending the public hearing is welcome.

**OVERLAND PARK**  
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## PROPOSAL PENDING

### Dear Land Owner:

This is to inform you that the following application has been filed for consideration by the Planning Commission.

### Plan Description:

Special use permit requested for an indefinite period of time to allow construction of a new Overland Park Fire Station.

**Staff Contact:** Zach Nelson, zach.nelson@opkansas.org, 913-895-6199

**Applicant Contact:** Tony Rome, tony.rome@opkansas.org, 913-894-6001

**This proposal requires the applicant to hold a meeting to provide information to neighbors. The applicant will provide details.**

**Public Hearing:** Planning Commission

**Date:** June 13th, 2022 @ 1:30 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** City Hall, 8500 Santa Fe Drive

for more information, email pod@opkansas.org, call 913-895-6217, or enter the plan number at: <https://energov.opkansas.org/CSS/SelfService#/search>



### Site Location:

7550 W. 75th Street

### Plan Name:

Overland Park Fire Station

### Plan Number:

SUP2022-00011

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