



## 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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## *A Prayer for the Church*

Every week we say the Lord's Prayer and pray to God as one voice, as one church. Though, how many times have we all prayed this prayer more out of memorization and less as a result of a prayerful moment? That is not a "dig", rather a genuine invitation into discussion about Our Lord's Prayer and our Church. We pray our Lord's Prayer both as individuals and as a church community, as a family of faith – but how did we get here?

Beginning last Sunday, September 4, Rev. Chuck helped us embark on a worship series looking at Our Lord's Prayer within the foundations of our church. If we want to know what the church is called to be, then we need to look no further than the Lord's Prayer! We hope you will join us for worship on Sundays at 10:30am, in-person or online, but also hope that you will join us in some activities, outlined below, that will enhance our worship experiences. We will spend 5 weeks on the Lord's Prayer and who we that pray this prayer are called to be, in our Sunday morning worship gatherings, leading up to our celebration of World Communion on Sunday, October 2.

## *Enhanced Worship Experiences*

### *Coloring as Prayer*

We work with words, a lot. We work with words when we write emails, when we speak to our family members, when we read a book, and when we pray to God. As helpful as words are, sometimes we need to visit the other side of our brains. We need to leave the rational, logical, word-y part of our souls and rest awhile in a place full of images and colors and symbols, sounds and silence. In the same way, we know that prayers are not built only out of words, but built out of an experience of God. We are not simply minds living in bodies, rather we are whole persons that experience God in a variety of ways. Using only words to pray can reduce God to the limits of our finite vocabularies.

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With that in mind we invite you to use coloring as a way to pray through these next few weeks. Each week we will provide a drawing that captures a portion of the prayer, and the foundation of who we are as Church. You can meditate on this drawing without coloring, you can color while you pray for individuals, you can let loose and see where your prayer takes you, where God might inspire you to new life. We hope this will serve as an enhanced way to pray for the foundation of the Church as we experience the Spirit of God in new ways!

## Questions

What questions do you have about Our Lord's Prayer? What statements have you heard over time that increase your awareness of The Lord's Prayer, or that mystify it more? What intrigues you about our connecting Our Lord's Prayer to the foundations of the church? Please email the pastors, [laura@opccdoc.org](mailto:laura@opccdoc.org) AND [chuck@opccdoc.org](mailto:chuck@opccdoc.org) so that we can incorporate some of these thoughts and questions into our sermons, and perhaps a worship/prayer station. We will keep the questions and/or statements anonymous if you wish, but overall we hope to integrate your curiosity into our preparations and worship experiences!

## Stories

As a child, I remember memorizing Our Lord's Prayer in the bedroom of my childhood home. I remember pulling at the strands of the blue shag carpet as I tried to recall the big words and the next sentence I was supposed to say. I remember reciting the prayer in front of the church and receiving my very first Bible as a celebration of that achievement. I also remember the feeling of my grandfather's hand reciting the words with him as a child, and listening to my dad pray in church when I was a youth.

For a prayer that millions of people pray each day, in many different languages, in a variety of settings, it brings us together in a powerful way. Each of us may have significant stories or memories of the Lord's Prayer and the role it played in that part of our life. Perhaps it's a funny story of memorizing the wrong words, or perhaps it is a moving testament to the power of this prayer during a time of mourning. Whatever the case, we hope that you will share that story with us. You can write down your memories and put them in our mailboxes at the church office, or you can email them to us, or tell them to us in person. Regardless, we hope to hear more about how this prayer has shaped your life, or a distinct portion of your life, and how that might elaborate the experiences we have now. Won't you share your story with us? ([laura@opccdoc.org](mailto:laura@opccdoc.org) AND [chuck@opccdoc.org](mailto:chuck@opccdoc.org))

*Laura*

Empty Nesters will host an  
**All-Church Picnic in the Park**  
**Saturday, September 17**  
**6:00 pm, Antioch Park Shelter #4**  
6501 Antioch Road, Merriam, KS  
(north side of South Lake)

Prepared box lunches will be provided so **RSVPs will be necessary**. If you will be attending, **contact Peggy Moore at [wpmoore63@gmail.com](mailto:wpmoore63@gmail.com) or 913-592-0179 by September 11** with your choice of a turkey or beef sandwich. Please bring your own drinks and a dessert to share. You may also want to bring a lawn chair.

Everyone is invited to this fun event!

(go to [Jo. Co. Park and Rec. website](#) to find the location of shelter #4 at Antioch Park.)

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PEACE**  
*University*

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-lesson class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you. Join my Financial Peace University class, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future together!

Interested? Join me at OPCC's Fireside Room starting Monday, September 12, 6:30 p.m. You can sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at [fpu.com/1151375](http://fpu.com/1151375).

Emerson Hartzler  
913-302-7612, [jehmph41@gmail.com](mailto:jehmph41@gmail.com)

## Music Department Update

The Reverberations Bell Choir and Chalice Chancel Choir have begun rehearsals for the fall. If you or someone you know would like to join us, it is NOT too late. Everyone (regardless of age or experience) is always welcome to join us. It's a great way to connect with other people in the congregation, serve the church, and just have fun!

- Bell Choir: rehearses every Wednesday at 6:00 - 6:55 p.m. in the bell room
- Chancel Choir: rehearses every Wednesday at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the choir room

If you are interested in joining us or know someone we should invite, please contact Mary Beth Boucher, our Director of Music, by email at [marybeth@opccdoc.org](mailto:marybeth@opccdoc.org) or phone, 913-677-4646, extension 229 to let her know.

## Elders Monthly Gathering

**Sunday, September 18**  
**11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**Fireside Room**

All OPCC Elders are encouraged to join as we continue "A Covenant Conversation for Disciples," enjoy lunch, and discuss plans for 2022-2023.

RSVP to Jaime, OPCC receptionist, at (913) 677-4646 or [office@opccdoc.org](mailto:office@opccdoc.org)

## Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

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

The Middler's Adult Bible Study Class has resumed our regular Sunday morning class. All are invited to join with this class in our new study entitled "Reflections on the Lord's Prayer". This study will coincide with the worship themes for September and October. Materials will be handed out in class.

We hope you will join us on Sunday mornings for fellowship, study scripture, grow in your faith, and make new friends. Contact Peggy Moore at [wpmoore63@gmail.com](mailto:wpmoore63@gmail.com) or 913-592-0179 for more information.

## Girlfriends

The Girlfriends Bible Study has resumed meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Our study will be from the book of Philippians. We will be working from Tom Are, Jr.'s book "Joy: Even on your Worst Days". (Contact Peggy to get your book.) All women are invited — and to bring 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 Conference 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 will meet next on Tuesday, November 1 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.

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.

## Care & Share

Will NOT meet in September. All are invited to our next luncheon meeting on Thursday, October 13, at 11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden, 6750 W. 95th Street, in Overland Park for lunch, laughter, good food, fellowship, and support.

If you plan to attend, please contact Peggy Moore by October 10.

## Social Justice Group

The Social Justice program scheduled for September 15 has been postponed. Watch your email, Sunday announcements, and the Scene for updates on the next meeting of this group.

## Family Life

"Growing in God's Love," our weekly gathering for families that has been meeting via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, is transitioning to a new day and time. Starting **Sunday, September 18, GiGL will be happening in-person during the Sunday School hour (9:00-10:15) in room 42.**

This class will be for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade and will include Bible-centered lessons, crafts, and fellowship time (JOKES!!!). In addition, parents are invited to gather in the Fireside Room at the same time for coffee and fellowship, which will transition to a more formal class in October.

We are so excited to offer GiGL in person again. We hope you'll join in the fun! If anyone would like more information about our children, youth, or family ministries, please contact me at [chuck@opccdoc.org](mailto:chuck@opccdoc.org) or extension 228.

Blessings,  
Rev. Chuck



Some of our OPCC kids celebrating VBS Sunday!

## Summer 2023 Church Camp

No matter what happens in the coming months, we are already prepared and excited to host Summer Camp at Tall Oaks in June and July 2023, "**Fruit-full Faith: A Spirit Filled Life**" and we hope you will join us! Save these date(s) on your calendar.

If you have any questions about which age group / camp is best for you / your children, please ask Rev. Chuck or Rev. Laura.

DOC brings you

TALL OAKS  
CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

**SUMMER CAMP**  
- 2023 -

- Day Camp 1 - June 21st
- Day Camp 2 - July 8th
- Primary Camp - July 10th - 12th
- Junior Camp - June 26th - 29th
- Chi Rho Camp - July 16th - 20th
- Eighters Camp - July 7th - 13th
- CYF Camp - June 20th - June 25th
- Grandparent's Camp 1 - June 9th - 11th
- Grandparent's Camp 2 - July 14th - 16th
- Sequenti Capite - Adult Camp - June 1st - 4th
- Mental Health Retreat - October 5th - 8th

## Future of Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center

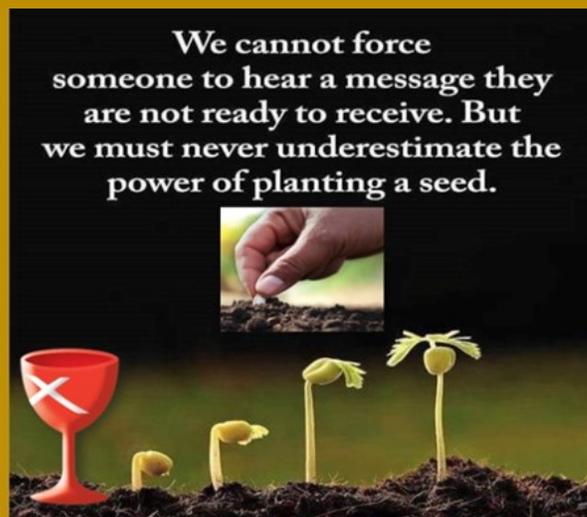
The Executive Committee of our Regional Board has spent the summer discerning the future of our Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center, including seeking your input at 5 in-person listening sessions during July and August. This was an important time for Greater Kansas City Disciples to help discern the will of God concerning our stewardship of this 61-year-old gift from our predecessors. If you missed one of these listening sessions, all the information can be found here, on the regional website:

<https://www.kcdisciples.org/todr.html>

With profound disappointment we also want to share that the *recommendation* of the Executive Committee is to sell Tall Oaks on the open market (including the possibility of development) even in the face of overwhelming support for improving, maintaining, and operating Tall Oaks as a Camp and Conference Center in more efficient and profitable manner, including a solid business plan. The good news, however, is that the Executive Committee recommendation is not binding. After reviewing the information provided, and participating in the listening sessions, the entirety of the Regional Board will have the opportunity to vote on this motion at the Quarterly Regional Board meeting on September 26, 6:30pm at Merriam Christian Church in the Sanctuary. The agenda has been limited to the most essential business to allow adequate time for this discussion. Before the motion is discussed by members of the Regional Board, a period of thirty (30) minutes will be open for input by *any others* in attendance. The entire Regional Board will vote following this open comment session, *and* discussion by Regional Board members.



Seed Planter for God



"Seeds to Empower God's People..."

Scripture: Matthew 9:38

## Greater Kansas City Disciples Regional Assembly

Join Disciples of Christ from all over Kansas City, right here in our OPCC building and sanctuary, for our biennial Regional Assembly on October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

On the evening of Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Regional Planning Team invites you to participate in the Red Friday Praise and Gratitude Concert Night, lifting praises to the Lord for the many blessings received over these last two years. Doors open at 5:30pm and the concert and praise will begin at 7:00pm. There is also the opportunity to participate in the Regional Assembly choir on Friday night.

On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to participate between 9:00am – 3:00pm in worship, workshops, a meal, and fellowship to be renewed, affirmed, and better equipped for the ministries to which we are all called. There will be workshops designed to meet priority needs expressed by congregations, youth and children's activities, childcare for those 3 years and under, T-shirts available, and spirited worship and celebration.

No matter how you plan to participate, please register today! [www.kcdisciples.org/ra2022](http://www.kcdisciples.org/ra2022)

## Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering

Sundays, September 25 and October 2

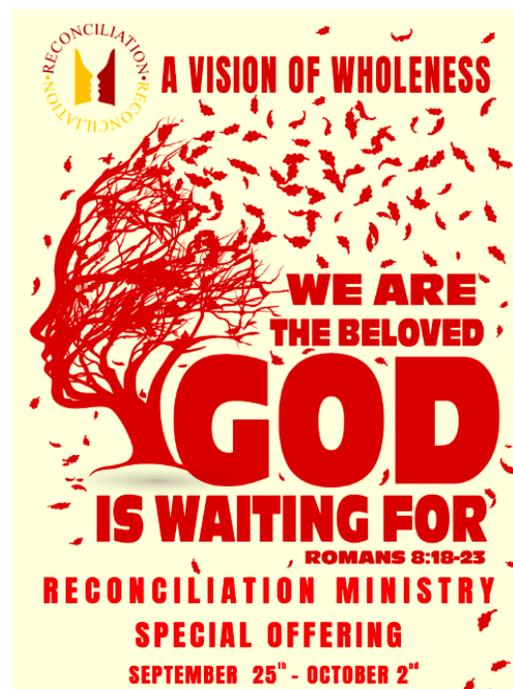
*Imagine a World with More Love,  
More Friendship, More Justice*

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as a community is being challenged by our leadership to imagine a world with MORE.

The annual Reconciliation special offering is one of the ways we can work together to achieve those dreams. Your gifts help to support pro-reconciliation/anti-racism programs through education, camp and conference, and relationship-building throughout the year. Here at OPCC, the Social Justice Group is actively engaged in building awareness and seeking solutions. Our congregation works with MORE2 for racial and economic equity.

Thank you for your support of these ministries, and for your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry. Help us be the church we say we are!

[www.reconciliationministry.org](http://www.reconciliationministry.org)



## What Does the Food Pantry Need This Month?

**September –**

canned vegetables and peanut butter

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

Thank you!

# 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 to be involved:

• **Issues2Action Night** – this is where we discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity.

◦ Monday, September 12, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Online by way of Zoom ([Click Here to register](#))

## COMMUNITY WINTER CLOTHING\* & BLOOD DRIVE!



NATIONAL  
**FAITH & BLUE**  
WEEKEND (Oct. 7-9, 2022)



HOSTED BY

Overland Park Police Chaplains & Overland Park Police Department

### CLOTHING DRIVE

**DONATIONS TO  
CITY UNION MISSION**

**DROP OFF DATES &  
LOCATIONS:**



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

**KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**

10501 Conser Street  
Overland Park, KS 66212

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

**HILLCREST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

11411 Quivira Road  
Overland Park, KS 66210

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

**ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

11800 West 151st Street  
Olathe, KS 66062

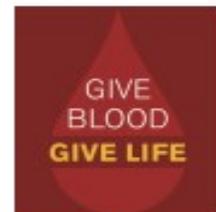
\* Gently used coats, hoodies, beanies and gloves.

If you would like to collect items at your church or business, please do! Simply contact Chaplain Ward Jenkins to arrange pick up after October 9 2022.

### BLOOD DRIVE

**AMERICAN  
RED CROSS**

**BLOOD DRIVE DATES  
& LOCATIONS:**



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

11am - 4pm

**KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**

10501 Conser Street  
Overland Park, KS 66212

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

9am - 1pm

**HILLCREST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

11411 Quivira Road  
Overland Park, KS 66210

**\*For Appointment (recommended),  
please call 1-800-RED CROSS**

**(1-800-733-2767) or visit**

**RedCrossBlood.org**

**and enter**

**"faithandblue" to**

**schedule an**

**appointment.**



\*For further information, please contact Chaplain Ward L. Jenkins, Overland Park Police Department [wardjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:wardjenkins@gmail.com)

## Prayer List

### Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Pat Brennan (Maurica Campbell's friend)
- ♥ Maurica Campbell
- ♥ Jan Conner (Lorraine Hartnett's daughter)
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Fran Dawson
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Tom Fletcher, Sr.
- ♥ David Garner (son of Floyd & Marcille Garner, friend of Jody Cash)
- ♥ Loretta Garza (Calvin McBride's sister)
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Lorraine Hartnett
- ♥ Perri Kolars
- ♥ Audrey Lavelly
- ♥ Kourtney Leibman
- ♥ Calvin McBride
- ♥ Sharon McBride
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Rhonda Phelps (Roger Claar's sister)
- ♥ Randy Phillips (Laura Phillips' father)
- ♥ Teresa Phillips
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Laina Willoughby (Pat Owsley's granddaughter)
- ♥ Jim Withers

### Continued Prayers

- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Marian Bilyea
- ♥ Barbara Cash (Jody Cash's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Nancy Coffman
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Evelyn Eastwood
- ♥ Jan Eilert
- ♥ Laurel Elliott
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Rod McBride (Calvin McBride's son)
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Tamara Strange
- ♥ Michelle Swanson (Sharon McBride's daughter-in-law)
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Sally Withers

## Military Prayer List

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

## Condolences

- ♥ to the family of Doris Watts on her passing on August 8.  
[www.charterfunerals.com/obituary/doris-watts](http://www.charterfunerals.com/obituary/doris-watts)
- ♥ to Carol Cochran and family on the passing of Bruce Cochran on August 22. If you would like Carol's address to send a card, please contact Jaime in the church reception office.  
[www.facebook.com/edward.b.cochran](http://www.facebook.com/edward.b.cochran)

## Thank You

I would like to thank my church family for their help in getting me ready for my move, for Richard Owens in directing the move on July 1, and the rest of the move by my church family on Sunday, July 3. I could not have done it without everybody's help.

God bless,  
Nancy Corbin

Jan and I say "thank you" our OPCC community for all the prayers and cards during our recent non-Covid virus illness which also caused Lee to have pneumonia. Happy to say that both of us are doing just fine. OPCC community is the BEST.

Lee & Jan Sprinkle

Sending a warm thank you to everyone in Mom's (Audrey Lavelly's) circle. Your consistent and loving cards are always appreciated. She enjoys each and every one. A special thank you to Nancy Phipps for visiting every other Monday and lifting Mom's spirits with Hymns and Bible verses. Such a comfort to see a note or card that Nancy visited again. Again, we are so thankful for your continued prayers and support through all these years.

Lovingly,  
Audrey's entire family

Thank you for all of your work in helping host a successful blood drive at your location! I am delighted to share with you that we collected 28 units of blood — enough to save a potential 84 lives! Because of partners like you, we are able to provide life-saving blood to patients that are in need. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to work with us in holding this blood drive.

Jamie Chapman  
Account Representative ORC  
American Red Cross Blood Services

# Property Commission

Activities have slowed down a little within the Property arena!! See items below:

- a. Freedom Electric found and repaired two short circuited outlets within one of Monarch's classrooms.
- b. Ratliff Enterprises installed gutter screen across the East and North sides of the church, plus in the Memorial Garden area and around the Fireside Room. This will eliminate the need of our gentlemen climbing ladders twice a year to clean out the gutters.
- c. K.C. Cleaning scrubbed and waxed the floor in the entire Fellowship Hall.
- d. Lee replaced 8 fluorescent light bulbs plus installed wiring conduit in the Choir Room to hide communication wiring hanging from the ceiling down the wall to the desk area.
- e. The Property Committee wishes to give a big THANK YOU to all of you who continue to donate to our designated HVAC and Capital funds. These funds are over and above the budget items you see on a monthly bases for Property. The funds are used to cover the cost of emergency work on HVAC equipment and building issues. So far this year these funds (which are running low) have covered costs for:
  - a) new A/C for the offices
  - b) piers under the north wall of classroom #43
  - c) hallway mud jacking
  - d) gutter screens;
  - e) additional plumbing needs in the basement
  - f) new ramp and stair hand railings along the west side of our building

Submitted by,  
Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

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