



Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

7600 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

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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

“Middlers” Adult Christian Education Class — 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
“Growing In God’s Love” Children’s Sunday School — 9:30 a.m. in Room 32
“The Broader Way” Worship — 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room
Traditional/Blended 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

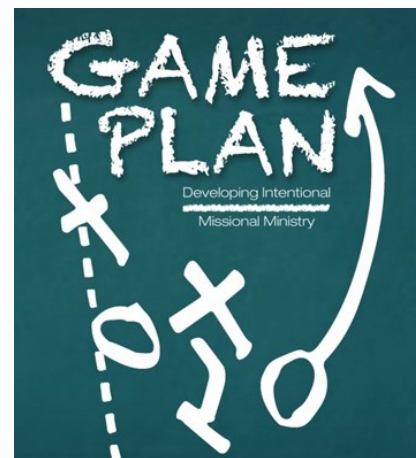
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Missional Planning Update

In 2014, one Patrick Mahomes was beginning his career at Texas Tech University, to then make his way to the Kansas City Chiefs in 2017.

In 2014 OPCC went through a visioning process to identify the vision we have for "being church" in the world, and to identify the core values by which we will follow our mission to be God's love in Christ in this world. From this process in 2014 we discerned our vision to be a church that:

- Authentically lives in hopeful expectation
- Serves with Heart
- Intentionally values and accepts everyone
- Lovingly embraces social, spiritual, and cultural diversity
- Focuses on that which unites us



In the same way that our Kansas City Chiefs continue to adapt their game plan for success to go to the Super Bowl in 2023 and 2024, we too continue work on our “game plan” for intentional missional ministry. To that end, in 2023 all members and friends of OPCC were invited to participate in “Missional Planning” gatherings to identify the priorities of how we will live-out the core values of who we are. Through these gatherings that took place in February, March, May, and July of 2023, we identified the following four priorities, to focus our ministry through the end of 2024. These **four priorities** were identified by your participation, and with guidance from our elders, as the ways we will live out our **five core values**.

- Exploring worship opportunities that speak to a broader audience
- Exploring the relationship and partnership with Broadway Church (DOC)
- Growth of our community, both individual growth, and growing our community of faith, through invitation and opportunities
- Maintaining a Social Justice focus that moves from education to ACTION!

Your OPCC leadership continues to discern the best ways that this can and will guide our actions this year, and we continue to seek your input. Please continue to stay up to date on our “Missional Planning” page on our website, and be on the look out for more ways you can play an integral part in the “game plan” of our mission to be Christ’s love in the world, here at Overland Park Christian Church!

Wandering Heart

Figuring out faith with Peter

The scriptures and stories from this year's Lenten season offer us narratives of the apostle Peter, a very normal human being, trying to figure out what it means to follow Jesus – just like us. Faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows.

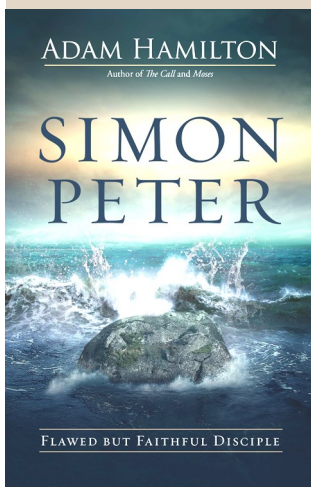
In Peter, we see a disciple who keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people – with a *wandering heart* – in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

We hope you will join us following Peter's *wandering heart*, as we too bind our own *wandering hearts* to God, this Lenten season. Whether in prayer practice, book study, Sunday worship, or more – YOU are welcome, and invited to this journey of faith!

Lenten Book Study

As members of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), when we approach scripture, "we are called to study and read scripture for ourselves. Rather than having tests of faith and creedal statements, we critically and thoughtfully study scripture, taking into account the history and background - the context - in which it was written."

(From the Identity Statement on the disciples.org website)



This Lent, you are invited to study and read scripture with one another, specifically as we look at the life and ministry of Simon Peter.

This season we will use the book *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton in a weekly study with your pastors. It is NOT required that you obtain the book in order to participate in our conversation.

Yet, if you would like a copy of the book, you can find digital versions on [Kindle](#), [Nook](#), as well as through the library. You can also let the church office know if you would like a book and we will have copies available (regular or large print versions).

Join the study and discussions on **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room beginning February 20, OR virtually on **Thursdays at Noon via Zoom**, beginning February 22.

Ash Wednesday

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

Wednesday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. we will offer a "Bread & Broth"

Ash Wednesday gathering in the OPCC Fireside Room. Join in breaking bread, while also sharing scripture, prayer, song, and the imposition of ashes, together as a community. This worship and fellowship meal opportunity is **FAMILY FRIENDLY** including an opportunity for children and youth to learn more about Ash Wednesday.

Regardless of how you begin your Lenten season, we hope you will join us for this meaningful time of year.

Family Faith Boxes for our OPCC Families

Each of our families with young children will be given a Lenten Faith Box – or the materials to add to the one you already have – to help you follow our "Wandering Hearts" at home.

On Sunday morning in Children Worship & Wonder and Growing in God's Love we will work with the children with stories, wonder, and work around the stories of Peter offered each week during Lent.

Children will be able to share those experience with their families as we all share the Sacred together.

Lenten 2024 Sunday Worship

To bring our theme together, and to give it life, each week of Sunday worship will focus on these Lenten phrases and scriptures:

-  Sunday, February 18 | **Jesus sought me** | Luke 5:1-11 & Psalm 25:1-10
-  Sunday, February 25 | **Rescue me from danger** | Matthew 14:22-33 & Psalm 22:23-31
-  Sunday, March 3 | **Praise the mount** | Matthew 16:13-20 & Psalm 19
-  Sunday, March 10 | **I'm fixed upon it** | Matthew 16:21-23 & Psalm 1-7:1-3, 17-22
-  Sunday, March 17 | **Teach me** | Matthew 18:15-22 & Psalm 119:9-16
-  Palm Sunday, March 24 | **Songs of loudest praise** | John 12:12-16
-  Easter Sunday, March 31 | **And I hope** | Luke 24:1-12

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, weekly, devotional book will soon be available on the entry-way counter. Following the theme of *Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter*, this devotional will provide scripture, reflections, prayers, and meditative prompts for each week as we remember the ways that God has used the full humanity of the apostle Peter in amazing ways, and the ways God can and will use our gifts as well. You can take a large print version, a booklet version, You can take a large print version, a booklet version, or you can [contact the church office](#) for a digital Flipbook version of the devotional.
- ♥ Beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through the first few days of Easter, use daily devotional cards to expand and deepen your spiritual walk through Lent. Stacks of cards for each family or individual will be available next to the devotional books on the entry-way counter. Each card has a daily question and a prayer. You might place the stack of cards by your bed to read first thing in the morning or right before you sleep at night. Perhaps use the cards as prompts to journal and reflect. Day by day, these prayers can help us remember that Peter was a very normal human being trying to figure out what it means to follow Jesus – just like us. 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 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](#) to be added to the list, or to make sure you are on the list from years before. Standard message and data rates may apply, and you can reply STOP at any time to discontinue.
- ♥ Prayer Chapel — Each week OPCC will have a reflection center in the Prayer Chapel to reflect on Peter's journey in following Jesus. You are invited to spend a few minutes each week during Lent as your time allows in prayer, meditation, and reflection. We hope that you find time to dwell with the Spirit of the Holy no matter when you are at church.

No matter how you engage in prayer, we look forward to praying together. As faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows, we can take inspiration from Peter who remains

I KanCare Kan U Care 2? from Roy Nickum

In Kansas, a mother with two children making over \$800 per month does not qualify for healthcare through Medicaid!

Kansas calls it KanCare and it only provides coverage for those that qualify with incomes up to approximately one third of the federal poverty level.

But it gets even worse. Even this far below the poverty level the default in Kansas “you do not qualify”! Those that do generally are:

- Disabled
- Pregnant or new mothers (up to 1 year after birth)
- Or are caring for children under 19 or some others.

Under the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid can be expanded to include those with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level. Kansas is one of only 10 states that has not expanded Medicaid.

I’m not talking about lazy people. Most hold jobs, just not jobs that pay enough or provide affordable healthcare. Expanding Medicaid to provide coverage to these approximately 150,000 Kansans would be an economic boost to Kansas, improve public health and is our moral responsibility.

1. Economic Boost:

- Federal Funding:
 - The federal government would cover 90% of the expansion costs, leaving Kansas with a relatively modest financial burden.
 - Medicaid expansion would return nearly \$700 million in Kansans' federal tax dollars to the state each year. We have already missed out on almost \$7 billion of our taxes that have not come back to Kansas. These funds would ripple through the state and local economies, creating millions of dollars of economic growth.
- Job Creation:
 - Expanded healthcare access would lead to more jobs in the healthcare sector, further stimulating the economy.
 - Expanding Medicaid would help stabilize the childcare and service workforce by providing affordable healthcare coverage to those workers. You may not be in that workforce but you use their services!
- Reducing costs for businesses and individuals
 - Medicaid expansion would lead to a healthier workforce, which would result in lower costs for businesses, making them more competitive.
 - The costs of uncompensated care provided to the uninsured are passed on to all of us. Medicaid expansion should lower our healthcare costs.

2. Public Health:

- Reduced Public Health Risks:
 - Uninsured individuals are more prone to delaying or foregoing medical care, leading to the spread of infections and preventable complications. Expanding Medicaid would improve public health by ensuring more people receive timely and appropriate care.
- Strengthened Rural Hospitals:
 - Rural hospitals in Kansas are facing financial challenges and many are at risk of closure. Eight have closed while we have waited for expansion. Expanding Medicaid would provide these hospitals with a stable source of income and eliminate some of the uncompensated care they provide to uninsured patients, helping them stay open and continue serving their communities.

3. Moral Responsibility:

- Universal Access to Quality Healthcare:

- Every Kansan deserves access to quality healthcare regardless of income, and Medicaid expansion would make that possible.
- Compassion and Shared Well-being:
 - Expanding Medicaid is a compassionate policy that would improve the lives of thousands of Kansans, aligning with Kansas' values of community and shared responsibility.

There are sheets listing some of the local effects expansion would have for our surrounding counties on the table outside the sanctuary. Please pick one or more up.

This is not a partisan issue. Over 70% of Kansans – regardless of party – support Medicaid expansion.

Five times Kansans have tried to get Medicaid expansion passed. It was passed once but was vetoed by then Governor Sam Brownback. The sixth bill was recently presented to the legislature.

Committees need to hold hearings and the legislature needs to debate and vote on the issue but a few powerful extremists in the leadership stand in the way of expansion by threatening removal of committee assignments and election support.

I'm asking you to contact your legislators and demand action. The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas has made it easy. You can fill out an online form and they will figure out who your legislators are and forward your message to them. The Alliance information and links are on our OPCC website www.opccdoc.org or [you may click here to go to The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas](#).


If you want to be more personal, you may go to this [Plural Policy website](#) where you can find out who your legislators are, and to the [Kansas Legislature website](#) where you can get your legislators' email and phone numbers for a more direct message. (Our website also has these links.)

Your legislators may not support expansion and even if they do, they may fear the leadership's threats so in addition to reminding them of the economic, public health and moral reasons to support legislative action, remind them that it is their duty to support the democratic process. They and their colleges need to stand up to the leadership to deal with this issue. The majority of Kansans want this and they claim to represent us. All of them are up for election this year and this is the year for action.

As part of our Outreach-Mission efforts here at Overland Park Christian Church, we are a partner organization with Metropolitan Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE²). Will you consider joining the "Love Thy Neighbor" day at the Kansas capitol as part of our witness with MORE²? Scan the QR code below for more information and to register. You may also sign a Digital Postcard Campaign at this link and it will be delivered to your legislator at the Kansas Statehouse.


LOVE THY NEIGHBOR


DAY AT THE KANSAS STATEHOUSE



February 14, 2024

Kansans deserve access to affordable health care. Let's work together to expand Medicaid in Kansas.





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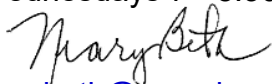
Music Department Update

Last Sunday, you heard me ask if there were any alto singers (the part below soprano) in our congregation. Naturally, we would gladly welcome any part you could offer, but we are sending out an all-call for any possible altos. When I ask people if they would like to sing in the choir, I often get the response, "Oh, I can't sing" or "You don't want me." Well, yes we do!

Often when people think they "can't sing," it is because someone (such as a sibling) told them that when growing up. However, out of the hundreds of singers I have worked with, only a couple truly couldn't carry a tune. Another thing that keeps people from singing in the choir is feeling like they have to be the caliber of singer who could win America's Got Talent; however, that is not what choir is about. Choral music is about putting many voices together and blending as one, not having any one singer to stand out above the others.

A funny thing happens when people give choir a chance. Not only do they improve their singing skills and learn aspects of singing that they never knew, but they also develop friendships with people who love God and have a heart for service. I am constantly moved by the devotion of all the musicians in the OPCC music program towards the music and each other.

If you would like to give us a try, we would love to have you. You may find that it's not for you, but I have a hunch you will not only enjoy it, but grow deeper in your faith. Our rehearsals are on Wednesdays 7 - 8:30 pm. Hope to see you then!



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Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class


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

The Middlers' Adult Bible Study meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Northwest section of Fellowship Hall. Middlers is open for all persons to join in fellowship and grow in faith as we study scripture utilizing the Feasting on the Word curriculum.

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

SOUPer Bowl Saturday



All are invited to join the Empty Nesters as we celebrate our KC Chiefs at a SOUPER BOWL Gathering on **Saturday, February 10 at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room.** Bring a crock pot of soup, a dish to go along with soup, or a dessert. Also bring paper products to donate to our Food Pantry — items needed are toilet paper, paper towels, children's diapers (sizes 3 or 4). Please **contact Peggy Moore** at 913-592-0179 or wpmoore63@gmail.com **with your RSVP** and to let her know what food you will be bringing, or with any questions.  **GO CHIEFS!**

Care & Share

All are invited to join for lunch, laughter, good food, fellowship, and support once a month with our Care And Share Support Group.

For our February luncheon we will meet again in the Fireside Room at church at 11:30am on Thursday, February 29. Bring your own sack lunch and drink. We can visit then about where we would enjoy doing our lunches for the rest of the year. RSVP to Peggy Moore by email or phone several days before the gathering so she can contact you if there are any changes.

Girlfriends

Women of OPCC, join us for study, fellowship, and fun! Our Girlfriends Bible Study and Support Group is a mid-week offering for women who are looking for ways to deepen their relationship with God by practicing their faith in everyday life.

We meet on Wednesdays 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We are currently reading and discussing the book "Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life." We would be delighted for you to join us — and bring a friend!

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

Men's Fellowship Group

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship Group on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room for coffee, study, and fellowship. The Men's group is currently reviewing "The Chosen" video series.

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

Thank You Rev. Chuck!

Join OPCC on **Sunday, March 17th at 11:45am** to say "Thank You" to Rev. Chuck Pickrel for his ministry with OPCC since September 2020! Given that this will be St. Patrick's Day *and* one of Rev. Chuck's favorite meals, we will join together for a baked potato bar. OPCC will provide baked potatoes and dessert, but needs assistance in bringing "fixings" for a baked potato bar. So, be on the look-out for the two sign-up sheets coming soon. Check the entry-way counter for both of these, and **please sign-up by March 10th** so we can get prepared.

- Attendance: Help us get an estimate of how many will attend this Fellowship Meal. Reservations NOT required, but help us to estimate how many potatoes to buy and bake
- Potato Bar "Fixings": Can you help supply some "fixings" that we'll need for sharing? Sign-up for an idea already provided, or write in your own idea!



Baptism Possibilities



Lent is almost here, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. While it is not the only time, Lent is often the season in the Christian tradition when individuals who would like to be baptized will participate in a baptism preparation class.

In this class, those who are interested learn more about individual faith journeys, the placement of our own stories within the wider context of the life of the church, and prepare for that important promise they will make to God.

Though not always, this type of preparation has often occurred during Lent in those Sundays leading up to Easter. If you or someone you know would be interested in baptism and would benefit from this class, please [email Rev. Laura](#) or call her at 913-677-4646, extension 222 for more information, or to let her know of your interest. We can schedule class sessions around your availability, and get ready to welcome you into the faith community in this important way!

Worship Participation for Everyone!

We continue to need volunteers who will share some of the elements of worship, and are excited to include those who worship in-person, or 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 Cody in the front office know. Cody will get you on the schedule to participate in worship in this way, and Rev. Laura can guide you through how to do this virtually.

We would love to welcome you into worship no matter how you join!

Setting the Scene: Two friends sharing coffee at church...



Bob: How about those Chiefs! The family and I are really looking forward to the Super Bowl!

Pete: I know. It's almost surreal to have them back in the Super Bowl. Do you really think they can win two in a row?

Bob: Well, I know this, nothing succeeds like success. If the Chiefs win the turnover battle, they control their *destiny*, is the way I see it. Go Chiefs!

Pete: Speaking of *destiny*, we are still writing our story here at OPCC. Did you know that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people who join a church do so after being invited by someone they know?

Bob: That is almost everybody. I did not know that, but it makes sense. There are several friends and neighbors and people I would like to know better, that I could invite. I wonder if they would say yes?

Pete: So do I and there is only one way to find out. Let's do it!

Bob: Yes, let's do it, and let's invite some Chiefs families too. Go Chiefs!!

To the OPCC Congregation,

The Great Commission challenges each of us to know God and to make God known, and in so doing, bring others to Christ. Let's make every Sunday, bring a friend Sunday and grow the Church.

Thank-you,
Your OPCC Board

What Does the Food Pantry Need This Month?



February – canned soups, stews, chilis, or any other canned fruits and vegetables

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



Now through March 3rd

Please Donate Your Used/Gently Worn and New Shoes for adults and children in need.

Donation boxes available near the Reception Office at OPCC — contact Barb Collins for more info!

Church Camp 2024

Start planning now for Summer Camp at Tall Oaks!
Register and find more information at:
www.kcdisciplescamps.org/



CAMP DATES

DAY CAMP 1	JUNE 26
DAY CAMP 2	JULY 13
PRIMARY CAMP	JULY 8 - 10
JUNIOR CAMP	JUNE 24-27
CHI RHO CAMP	JULY 14-18
EIGHTERS CAMP	JULY 6 - 12
CYF CAMP	JUNE 18 - 23
GRANDPARENTS 1 CAMP	JUNE 7 - 9
GRANDPARENTS 2 CAMP	JULY 12-14
FAMILY CAMP	JUNE 28 - 30
ADULT CAMP	MAY 30 - 2

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SPECIAL OFFERING 2024 FEBRUARY 18-25



As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.

In the early 1940's, as World War II created humanitarian crises around the globe, the International Convention (now the General Assembly) of the Christian Church made recommendations for multiple aid and relief projects. Partnering with ecumenical colleagues, the church designated a Day of Compassion special offering. Soon after, the Wartime Service Fund was approved and churches designated a Week of Compassion, a focused time for prayer and giving to support the ongoing war response. Expanded to include humanitarian aid as well as disaster response and refugee resettlement, a new ministry took shape. Then and now, Disciples have been clear: When needs arise, we need to respond we need to be moved, we need to be generous, we need to be faithful, we need to be transformed. February 18-25, congregations across the United States and Canada collect a special offering for Week of Compassion.

Funds received through this special offering provides grants for urgent needs like emergency supplies, water and food when disaster occurs. When you give to Week of Compassion Special Offering, you deploy resources to people in need domestically and all around the world. Thank you.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Alan Felton
- ♥ Pam Felton
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars' sister)
- ♥ Laura Krebs (Dennis Krebs' mother)
- ♥ Audrey Lavelly
- ♥ Kathy Lewis
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Mike McLain
- ♥ Bryce Moore
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Barbara Sheldon
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Amanda Sprinkle (Lee & Jan Sprinkle's granddaughter)
- ♥ Mary Sprinkle (Lee Sprinkle's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Larry Stouse
- ♥ Mike Williams (Coleen Thigpen's friend)
- ♥ Mike Wilmore (Sally Roberts' and Bob Shankel's friend)
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Maurica Campbell
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Laurel Elliott
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Calvin McBride
- ♥ Randy & Pat Phillips (Laura Phillips' parents)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Sally Withers

Condolences

- ♥ to Marshall Howard and family on the passing of Donna Howard on December 12. www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/kansas-city-mo/donna-howard-11580480
- ♥ to the family of Fran Dawson upon her death on January 16. www.amosfamily.com/obituary/Frances-Dawson
- ♥ to Rev. Chuck Pickrel and family on the death of his uncle, Charles Pickrel, on January 21.
- ♥ to Rev. Chuck Pickrel and family on the death of his grandmother, Bette Pickrel, on January 23. <https://everloved.com/life-of/bette-pickrel/obituary/>
- ♥ to the family of Marian Bilyea on her passing on February 9.

Congratulations!

- ♥ to Jan & Lee Sprinkle on their 50th wedding anniversary on January 9!

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

Easter Flowers



Worship & Arts will again be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter with flowering plants. If you would like to purchase one of these plants in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it, along with your check made out to OPCC, to the church office, drop it in the offering box at church, or contact Michelle Reiter at 913-677-4646, x223, or michelle@opccdoc.org. Cost is \$15.00 per plant. A list of all those honored will be printed in the bulletin on Easter.

Your name _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Number of plants _____ Paid \$ _____

Property Commission

The Property commission wishes to give a big THANK YOU to the congregation for your generous financial giving this past year to OPCC's General Funds, plus to Capital and Property Designated Funds. Here are some detail facts that demonstrate why your support is so important.

A. Property expenses covered the following:

- a. Budgeted 2023 expenses of \$192,959
 - This is the area which covers all day-to-day, week-to-week planned budgeted expenses
- b. Designated Funds (in addition to budgeted funds) covered
 - These designated funds cover unexpected expenses and help with cashflow issues
 1. West side landscaping - \$5,365.50
 2. Icemakers - \$3,815.75
 3. HVAC (above budgeted plans) - \$21,825.00
 4. Building Improvements - \$1,288.17
 5. Capital - \$5,380.00

Total expenses for 2023: \$230,633.42

B. HVAC includes cost of servicing/repairing of all the equipment that heats and cools the entire building (37,217sq.ft.):

- a. Boiler
- b. 12 large air handlers
- c. 28 wall air handlers
- d. 3 large air conditioning chillers
- e. Water tower
- f. Larger condenser

C. Utility costs increase for OPCC (goes up just like our homes)

- a. Increase for 2023 was +4.8%
- b. Increase for last 4 years +32.7%
 1. To help cover these rising costs, we are adjusting the monthly lease amount of all the organizations leasing space at OPCC
 - Each leasee increase is based on their % of space used

We know this is a lot to absorb, so if you have any questions you can contact Lee, Property Chair

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Help us reduce paper and postage costs!

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