



Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Services

“The Middlers” Adult Christian Education Class — 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Worship — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Children Worship & Wonder — 11:00 a.m. in the Children Worship & Wonder Room

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Sunday Worship is Live-Streamed on our YouTube and Facebook Pages



There are seasons in life when beginning again feels exciting, and there are seasons when it feels hard, costly, uncertain, and even a little frightening. Most of us like the idea of new beginnings when they come wrapped in clarity and confidence, when the path is obvious, when the outcome feels secure, and when the next step makes perfect sense. But that is not usually how new beginnings arrive in real life.

More often, they meet us in places where something has ended. A chapter closes. A routine changes. A loss reshapes us. A future we expected gives way to one we did not plan.

And still, God calls us forward.

That is what makes courage so important. Courage is not pretending everything is easy. It is not denying grief. It is not rushing past uncertainty. **Courage is the willingness to trust God enough to take the next faithful step.**

Again and again in scripture, God meets people at the edge of a new season. Abraham is called to go without knowing the whole map. Ruth walks into an uncertain future after deep loss. Peter is given a new chance after failure. The disciples wait and pray before the Spirit sends them into something new. **In each case, the beginning is not built on certainty. It is built on trust.**

That matters for us. As a congregation, we are living in a season that asks something of us. Not just patience. Not just endurance. But faith. The kind of faith that believes God is still at work. **The kind of faith that makes room for new life. The kind of faith that says the story is not over yet.**

Perhaps that is the invitation before us now: to release what we cannot hold forever, to honor what has been, and to trust God with what is next.

So I invite you to reflect this month: **Where might God be calling you to begin again?**

Maybe it is in your prayer life. Maybe it is in your willingness to serve. Maybe it is in healing a relationship. Maybe it is in showing up with fresh openness to what God is doing in this church.

Wherever that invitation meets you, do not be afraid of small steps. Sometimes holy beginnings do not look dramatic at all. Sometimes they look like prayer, like showing up, like saying yes, like trusting God one day at a time.

May we be a people who do not cling so tightly to the past that we miss the future God is opening before us. And may God give us the courage to begin again.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Terrell L. McTyer

Core Values of Overland Park Christian Church



Generosity



Hospitality



Community

Pastoral Search Committee update

The search committee is pleased to share an update on the process of calling a new Senior Minister for OPCC. After completing second interviews with three candidates, we entered a period of prayer and discernment. Through this process, we have identified a top candidate and have begun negotiations.

The next step will be for the candidate to meet with the board, which will then vote on whether to move forward. If approved, we will schedule a meet-and-greet with the congregation, followed by a congregational vote at a later date.

While we are not able to share the candidate's name or additional details at this time, we look forward to providing more information as soon as possible. We are encouraged by this progress, feel hopeful about what lies ahead, and believe the future of OPCC is bright.

Lisa Setty, Pastoral Search Committee Chair

Broader Way Worship

2nd Sundays in the Fireside Room, 12:30pm

Sunday, April 12, will be Broader Way's last service before a Spring/Summer break.

Come join this casual, interactive, family-friendly worship led by Amy Shoemaker, that includes singing, praying, discussion, traditional communion, and a shared meal (lunch) based upon the meal shared by Jesus and the disciples that we commonly call The Last Supper.

We will resume this worship service in the fall — watch for more info to be forthcoming!

Mission Trip Prayers

Please pray for Lee Sprinkle and daughter (Becky Chaulopecky) as they join with 19 other workers from West Des Moines Christian Church. They will be traveling and working from 4/18-4/25 in San Angelo, Texas on a Week of Compassion Mission Trip to help restore flooded homes.

Thank You

Dear OPCC —

Tiny Pantry Times is incredibly grateful to receive your financial donations. This time of the year the food and hygiene donations slow down. We use funds received to replenish the shelves to serve those less fortunate than ourselves. Every day we realize the blessing of the use of the church for the pantry. We never want to take that for granted. Thank you for use of the building!

Sincerely,
Laura Fitzsimmons
Secretary
Tiny Pantry Times

from the Music Department

Happy Easter season, friends!

I grew up in an evangelical home, and remained in that church environment for over 40 years. It wasn't until I left the evangelical church about 8 years ago that I experienced the liturgical calendar, and I have found myself drawn to its cycles. Just as winter causes me to appreciate spring that much more, my awareness of the new life of the Easter season is heightened by my acknowledgement of human fragility during the Lenten season.

To be human is to experience some really beautiful things; Sunsets... Music... Love... But as we all know, life cannot be lived without also encountering disappointment, grief, and injustice. The triumph of Easter only comes after the devastation of Good Friday. Acknowledging these cycles helps, somehow. I have a deeper gratitude for my blessings when I view them in juxtaposition to the struggles I've faced. Even more crucially, I've learned that difficult circumstances are almost always temporary.

No matter the season you find yourself in today, I hope that you feel surrounded by the love, support and strength of the beloved community. We need each other desperately, in every season.

Much love,
Becki Bayless, OPCC Music Director

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. We usually meet at a local restaurant at 11:30am and are done around 1 or 1:15pm. Extra friends are welcome!

* Wednesday, May 6 – Stroud's,
8301 W. 135th Street, Overland Park, KS

RSVP to Peggy Moore by phone or email at least 3 days before the luncheon if you plan to attend so she can contact you if there are any changes.

Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

Sundays, 9:00 – 10:00 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 for more information.

Men's Fellowship Group

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship Group on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room for coffee, study, and fellowship.

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

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 studying Richard Foster's book Celebration of Discipline.

For more information, contact Peggy Moore.

Empty Nesters

Please watch your email and future issues of the OPCC Scene for updates on 2026 gatherings.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Raelene & Ken Berry
- ♥ Tarron Burris (Terrell McTyer's brother)
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Jon Cash (Jody Cash's brother)
- ♥ Denny & Marcia (Lois Wimpey's friends)
- ♥ Gary Eilert (Jan & Ed Eilert's son)
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Pamela Felton
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Loretta Garza (Calvin McBride's sister)
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars' sister)
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Calvin McBride
- ♥ Rodric McBride (Calvin McBride and Mary McBride's son)
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Devan James Owens (Betty King's great-great-nephew)
- ♥ Mary Owens (Richard Owens' niece)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Ivan & Melissa [Krebs] Salazar (Theresa & Dennis Krebs' son-in-law & daughter)
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Jami Schmideskamp (Jan & Ed Eilert's daughter)
- ♥ Scott & Marie (Roy & Judy Nickum's friends)
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Carla Stouse (Bernice & Larry Stouse's daughter)
- ♥ Larry & Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Jim & Sally Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Bo Crowe
- ♥ Carole Flagler
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Calvin & Sharon McBride
- ♥ Nathaniel Naylor (Jody Cash's cousin)
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Kristina Owen
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Chuck Warner
- ♥ Emily Weatherford (Barb & David Collins' daughter)

Tall Oaks Church Camp 2026

REGISTER ONLINE AT KCDISCIPLINES.ORG/YOUTH

IN THE WILDERNESS

2026 GREATER KANSAS CITY DISCIPLES CAMPS

DAY CAMP 1	Pre-K - 3 rd grade	JUNE 24TH
DAY CAMP 2	Pre-K - 3 rd grade	JULY 18
PRIMARY	2 nd & 3 rd grade	JULY 20 -22
JUNIOR	4 th & 5 th grade	JULY 7 - 10
CHI RHO	6 th & 7 th grade	JULY 19 - 23
EIGHTERS	8 th grade only	JULY 6 - 12
CYF	9 th - 12 th grade	JUNE 22 - 27
ADULT	19 and older	MAY 28 - 31
GRANDPARENTS 1	Grandparents & grandchildren	JUNE 19 - 21
GRANDPARENTS 2	Grandparents & grandchildren	JULY 10 -12

Summer Camp Curriculum:

For Summer 2026, we will be using InsideOut's "Into the Wilderness" curriculum.

"Wilderness is a time or place where we encounter what is new, strange, scary, lonely, unknown or mysterious. The wilderness is a wild and beautiful time and place where we can discover the sacred within each person and all creation. The wilderness can inspire us and guide us, assuring us of God's constant presence. As the Spirit guides us through the wilderness, we find what we need to face our fears and the very real challenges that impact our world.

The wilderness teaches us the importance of community and the ways we navigate challenges together. The wilderness reveals our strengths, growing edges, and potential as God equips us for the unknown still to come. The wilderness awaits us all, and God meets us there."

Scholarships

All of the Greater Kansas City Christian Church Disciples of Christ Summer Camps are meant to be accessible to **all** members of the Region.

Scholarships are available through Region, and from OPCC. Also note that OPCC pays part of all camp registration fees for our members.

If you have any questions or need more info, contact Lisa Engelken at lisa4women@gmail.com

Hygiene Kit Success

After the worship service on March 15, OPCC congregants embodied our core values of **hospitality, generosity** and **community** when they strode down the corridor to Fellowship Hall.

There they assembled hygiene kits consisting of toiletries and personal care products to benefit our immigrant neighbors. This effort, spearheaded by the Global Outreach commission, was initiated with a grant from the Week of Compassion mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A total of 48 kits were assembled – 18 purchased with grant money and 30 more added through contributions from the congregation. The organization KC for Refugees will distribute these kits to people who can really use them through their Welcome Closet.

This project will be repeated quarterly using part of the grant each time, so our next opportunity comes in June.

Thanks to everyone who donated to or participated in successfully completing this worthwhile service. Well done, OPCC!



OPCC is Invited to the National Faith + Climate Forum 2026!

The Future We Choose: Faith in Action for a Thriving Tomorrow, invites attendees to imagine and build the world that becomes possible when people of faith lead with courage, care, and conviction.

Join faith leaders and community members for a live watch party of the National Faith + Climate Forum 2026. Experience a day of powerful discussions, engaging workshops, and community building as we explore the intersection of faith and environmental action.

Saturday, April 25, 2026
11:00- 4:30 (lunch included)
St. Andrew Christian Church
13890 W. 127th Street, Olathe, KS

Register and learn more today by scanning the QR code below:



VOTE FOR US

THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

KANSAS CITY FAVORITES

SCAN THE CODE TO VOTE DAILY THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 17!



Tiny Pantry Times has been nominated as one of Kansas City's favorites and needs your votes!

Scan the QR code to go to the site. Look for **Tiny Pantry Times** listed under **Services — Nonprofit Organizations**

MORE²

A FAITH BASED ACTION FOR FAIR MAPS

DON'T COUNT US OUT!

APRIL 20, 2026

NOON TO 1:00PM

TROOST AVE & CLEAVER II BLVD
 KANSAS CITY

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:
 MCDONALD@MORE2.ORG



Join faith and community leaders at the intersection of Troost Ave, a historic racial dividing line, and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. This community is fighting a racially charged political plan from D.C. to Jefferson City that would split Congressional districts along that racial dividing line. We'll stand together in faith and demand fair and just representation.

INTERSECT KC Presents:

FILMS FOR A CAUSE

GAZA IS OUR HOME

Sunday April 26th at 2:30pm

Followed by a Panel Discussion with director Monear Shaer until 5pm



This film uncovers first-hand the true scale of suffering endured by the film-maker's own family trapped within the Gaza Strip. It is more than just a film, it is a behind-the-headlines look into the lives of those currently suffering.

\$10 Suggested Donation
 Please RSVP:

Sign Up to Volunteer:



Concessions will be available for Purchase

606 Gladstone Ave. Kansas City MO 64124



Property Commission

It's a beautiful day in April as we continue to take care of our awesome church and property.

A lot going on the life of the church:

- New mechanical parts to be installed in our ADA doors (Edelman & Lyon)
- Fire suppression system being tested today (April 9) so we can be up and running
- New LED lighting throughout the church (Three Co.) \$2,000 cost, \$8,000 grant provided through Evergy
- ADA sink w/ hand rails due to be installed by David Hutchinson
- New company to inspect our small roof leaks (JR & Co)

We will continue to show support, generosity, and hospitality throughout our community.

Richard Owens,
Property Manager

the following is an excerpt from a letter received by OPCC from the city of Overland Park

This letter is to notify you that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at Overland Park City Hall, 8500 Santa Fe Drive, City Council Chamber, to consider **PLT2026-00003** on the following tract of land:

MILBURN FIELDS LOT A (PARK PROPERTY)
OPC 513A BTAO 1493 82 TX

This tract of land can be more generally described as:
7405 CONSER St, Overland Park, KS, 66204

A public hearing to consider this request ... has been scheduled before the Planning Commission on:

Monday, April 13, 2026, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the request is to allow:

Proposed use of the property will continue to be a park (Marty Park)

More information available at www.opkansas.org

Please note: we have a new phone system at OPCC, and some extensions have changed.

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