



## 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

**Sanctuary Worship** — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**“The Broader Way” Worship** — 4:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Fall Dates — September 14, October 12, and November 9, 2025

**Sunday Worship is Live-Streamed on our Website and Facebook Page**

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

## From the Pastor’s Pen

### **“He Restores My Soul: Rested, Realigned, Ready”**

*Psalm 23:3: “He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name’s sake.”*

Beloved OPCC Family,

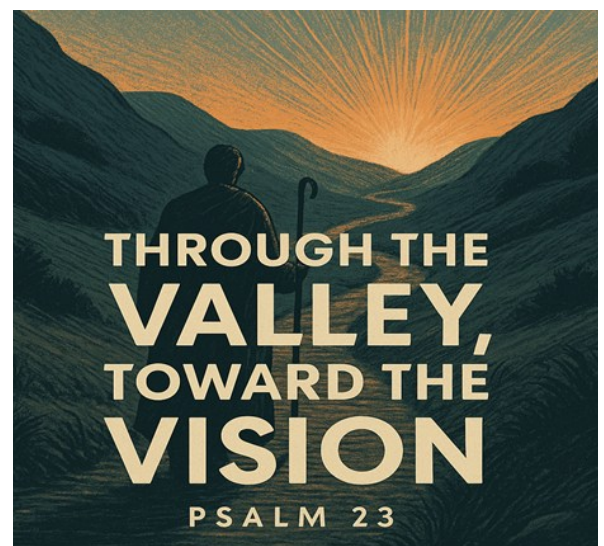
As we journey through our summer worship series, *Through the Valley, Toward the Vision*, our focus has shifted from simply surviving the valley to being restored within it.

This part of the journey invites us to pause — not as a retreat from the valley, but to catch our breath, recharge our spirits, and let God do the deeper work of renewal. This is the work of restoration. This is the invitation to realignment. This is the call to readiness.

#### **The Rhythms of Restoration: Rested. Realigned. Ready.**

God doesn’t lead us forward until He restores us inward. Before we chase vision, we must carry wholeness. That kind of wholeness comes not from overactivity, but from intentionally receiving God’s gift of rest: Sabbath, stillness, prayer, grace.

To be *rested* is more than physical recovery. It’s spiritual and emotional renewal. Our strength is renewed not by doing more, but by surrendering more. Letting go is sometimes the most faithful step forward.



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To be *realigned* is to check our footing. Are we still walking the path God has set before us? Where have we drifted? What needs to be recalibrated — personally, relationally, missionally?

The goal is to move toward readiness. Not hurried or scattered. Grounded, intentional, and spiritually equipped for what God has next.

This is not the end of the journey. This is the part where we get our bearings, refuel, and realign so we can walk with confidence into God's next chapter.

If you've been feeling exhausted or unsure of your next step, know this: it's okay to pause. It's okay to rest. God meets us there. And God restores the soul so we can walk the right paths again.

As your Transitional Minister, I am called to walk this journey with you — to offer presence, guidance, and care as we listen for what God is birthing in and through this church. My heart is fully invested in this sacred work of helping OPCC move from transition to transformation.

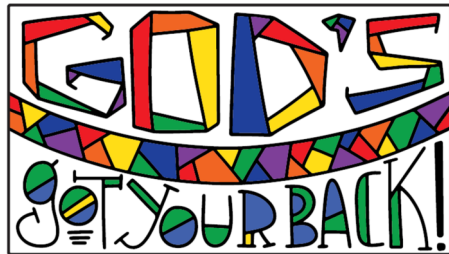
Let's keep showing up. Keep trusting. Keep resting. Keep realigning. God's not done yet.

**With gratitude,  
Pastor Terrell L**

## **Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 10**

All Students, Teachers, School Administrators, etc. are invited to bring their backpacks, planners, computers, or anything else pertaining to the new school year to worship this **Sunday, August 10th** for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks.

We hope you'll join with us to receive the blessings and backpack tags for a fantastic start to the school year!



## **You're Invited: Visioning Conversation Sunday, August 17**

Over the past several weeks, we've been reflecting on the theme "Through the Valley, Toward the Vision." Now it's time to begin imagining what that vision might look like for Overland Park Christian Church.

Join us in the Sanctuary after worship on **Sunday, August 17th** for a short but meaningful congregational meeting to kick off the visioning process. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our church by sharing your input and prayers. Let's explore the possibilities — together.

## **Music Department Update**

***Becki Bayless, who has been our Broader Way Music Director for the last year and a half, is now our Director of Choral Music!***

One of the images of church that I love the most is that of the "body". The body only exists because each part matters, each part contributes, and each part is aided by the others. As members of the body of Christ, each of us must find the contribution that is ours to make.

Overland Park Christian Church offers many opportunities to contribute through music. Vocalists and Instrumentalists are welcome to perform during our "Special Music" section, Song Leaders help to lead congregational worship, and our Chancel and Bell Choirs perform as ensembles about once a month.

The Reverberations Bell Choir (under Julie Dean's direction) and the Chalice Chancel Choir (under my direction) will both begin rehearsing on **Wednesday, September 3rd**, — Bells at 6:00pm and Choir at 7:00pm. We'd love to have you join us, and no prior experience is necessary! If you are interested in joining us or want more information, just reach out to me by email at [BeckiBayless@gmail.com](mailto:BeckiBayless@gmail.com). I look forward to continuing to make music with you all!

~ Becki Bayless



In observance of Labor Day, the OPCC offices will be closed on Monday, September 1.

## Care & Share

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

We meet at the designated restaurants at 11:30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.

- \* Wednesday, August 13 – The Bar, 5316 W. 95th St., Prairie Village, KS
- \* Wednesday, September 17 – Jumpin' Catfish, 1861 S. Ridgeview, Olathe, 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 will resume our regular Sunday morning class on September 7 at 9 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

Our Wednesday night Girlfriends Bible Study will resume on Wednesday evening, September 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Whether you are an "already in" Girlfriend, or a new Girlfriend, you are welcome to join us — and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Peggy Moore.

## Pastor Search Committee Update Sunday, September 14

Thank you to everyone who took the time out to complete the congregational survey.

We have compiled your responses and are working on completing our congregational profile which will be used to help match OPCC with potential candidates. This profile is very detailed and includes recent historical data, our strengths and weaknesses, as well as our hopes and dreams for our faith community. **Please plan to attend a gathering planned for Sunday, September 14** following worship which will allow another opportunity to share your thoughts.

This gathering will be facilitated by our Interim Regional Minister, Ron Rutledge. We encourage your participation as we believe *all voices* are important in this process.

~ Lisa Setty, Chair  
Search Committee

## KC Disciples at General Assembly

Last month about 60 Disciples from the Greater Kansas City Region attended the Disciples of Christ General Assembly in Memphis Tennessee for worship, fellowship, and inspiration!



# **Empty Nesters and Friends**

**Sunday, August 24, 11:30a.m.**

Empty Nesters extend an invitation to anyone in our community who would like to join us for pizza in the Fellowship Hall after worship on August 24th, then at 2:00 pm we will walk across the street to the NEW Fire Station 41 for a tour with Fire Chief Alan Long.

So we know how many to prepare for, please contact Peggy Moore if you plan to join for lunch this day.

## **Property Commission**

Property has been very busy since the last communication (June/July Scene). See activities below:

1. Ordered, received and installed the new America Flag from All Nations Flag Co.
2. Landscaping purchased and planted annuals/perennials.
3. Augustine Exterminators performed their quarterly spraying.
4. Smallwood Lock and Supply replaced the push bar door release on the South exterior entry to Case Management Services offices.
5. The mini split system installed in classroom 32 plus electrical hookup is working great. Classroom now stays cool in this HOT weather.
6. Shades of Green has been selected to do the tuck-pointing on the Fireside Room chimney and West entrance.
7. Cintas has been selected to install the fire suppression system over the stove in the main kitchen. O.P. Fire Department will not approve any cooking on the top of the stove until system is installed. Donations from the Kitchenaide evening will almost cover expenses. Thank you to Tiny Pantry Times for the evening and fun.
8. Burge Fence removed the 4' fence around the playground area and replaced it with a 5' chain link fence. The State would not pass the 4' fence as dirt and mulch continued to build up along the fence enough that clearance of 4' could not be sustained. Playground is very important to the school activities.
9. VanBooven Tree Service trimmed all 4 trees within the playground plus the large pine tree next to the playground.
10. Huttinger Construction and Roofing is resurfacing the flat roof over the Northeast side of Fellowship Hall plus all the flat roofing around the Trinity Garden area. Unfortunately, the July 17th heavy rains got under the new surface before it was completely fastened down. Therefore, the church has received water damage in following areas:
  - a. Main hallway and ceiling to Sanctuary
  - b. Hallway and ceiling outside Terrell's office
  - c. Michelle's office and workroom ceiling
  - d. Prayer Chapel ceiling
  - e. Congregational Care office ceiling
  - f. Sacristy ceiling
  - g. Overflow ceilingHuttinger will cover all damages. Currently, waiting on testing of ceiling and attic materials for asbestos before any replacement work can begin.
11. Knowler Consulting replace a security camera in hallway just outside of receptionist office.
12. Small conference table and 3 chairs were purchased for Terrell's office.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle,  
Property Chair



## Would you like to purchase a copy of the 75th Anniversary Photo?

Photos may be ordered directly from:  
**Bedford Camera & Video**  
 8701 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS 66212  
 hours: Monday - Saturday | 10am - 6pm  
 phone: 913-648-5950  
 email: [overlandpark@bedfords.com](mailto:overlandpark@bedfords.com)  
 website: [www.bedfords.com](http://www.bedfords.com)

### photo sizes available

4x12 print - \$1.00  
 8x24 print - \$12.97  
 12x30 on foam board - \$46.00  
 16x40 on foam board - \$60.00  
 16x48 on foam board - \$75.00

## OPCC Prayer Chain Group

In June our congregational focus was "Pentecost and Prayer: Fuel for the Journey".

We reminded ourselves that prayer is the very foundation of our life as the church.

The need for prayer with and for each other is *constant, not confined to one season or month.*

"What a friend we have in Jesus," the old favorite hymn reminds us. "Take it to the Lord in prayer."

The OPCC Prayer Chain is an email group that exists for just that reason: to pray for the joys and concerns shared with us. Only information that you authorize will be shared.

There are several ways to request prayer:

- Write your request on the tear-off attendance slip in your Sunday worship bulletin, and place it in the glass-paneled box in the hallway on your way out of worship.
- Call or email the church office and ask to have your prayer needs put on the chain.
- Go to [www.opccdoc.org](http://www.opccdoc.org), the church Website, and click the prayer request button at the bottom of the home page.
- Contact Lois Wimpey with your request.

Do you want to join the prayer chain to pray for others?  
 Let Lois or Jody Cash know.

**DAYTIME**  
**COOLING CENTER**

OPCC is host to three one-day cooling centers this summer for our neighbors in need on holidays when other buildings are closed.

The final one is on Labor Day,  
**Monday, September 1,  
 10:00am-7:00pm.**

If you would like to volunteer to help by being at OPCC and interacting with our guests, or providing a snack, go to this link to sign up:  
[www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ADAC29A3FDC61-57219939-opcc](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ADAC29A3FDC61-57219939-opcc)

Shifts are 3 hours long.  
 Thank you for your continued support of those experiencing homelessness.

# Prayer List

## Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Shelli Brown (Sharon McBride's niece)
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Pamela Felton
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Loretta Garza (Calvin McBride's sister)
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars' sister)
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Calvin & Sharon McBride
- ♥ Bryce Moore
- ♥ Nathaniel Naylor (Jody Cash's cousin)
- ♥ Eddie Niemann (Lee Sprinkle's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Barbara Richards (Jody Cash's friend)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Ralph Sprinkle (Lee Sprinkle's brother)
- ♥ Carla Stouse (Bernice & Larry Stouse's daughter)
- ♥ Larry & Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Van Swanson (Sharon McBride's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Jim & Sally Withers

## Continued Prayers

- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Carole Flagler
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Chuck Warner

## Military Prayer List

- ☪ Lieutenant Colonel Michael Worsley (Amber Phipps' husband) stationed in Poland

## Condolences

- ♥ to Tom & Karen Frommer and family on the passing of their son, Micah Frommer, on May 21. A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 14, from 2:00-3:00pm at the Amos Family Funeral Home in Shawnee, Kansas, with a memorial service at 3:00pm.  
[www.amosfamily.com/obituaries/micah-frommer](http://www.amosfamily.com/obituaries/micah-frommer)
- ♥ to Bette Scafe and family on the death of her son, Brad Scafe, on August 5. Services are pending at this time. If you would like Bette's address to send condolences, please contact the church office.

## Thank You

THANK YOU for supporting Tall Oaks. In May and June we had great camp attendance, and this month we have five more church camps on the schedule, as well as some other groups! We have also had extra helpers come out to trim trees and take care of other needs. We couldn't do this without YOU and such a great, supportive community.

Thank you again!  
Tall Oaks Board and Staff

A huge thanks to everyone that participated in the Kitchenaide fundraiser on June 26th. The total (so far) is **\$6,739.01!** I would like to send out a special thank you to Richard Owens, Dorris Kissec, Cheryl Graan, Caryl Green, Girl Scout troop 3057, The Basement Boyz, Overland Park Masonic Lodge, and RAV. All of these hard working individuals and groups pulled this off without a hitch while Adam and I were not able to attend. We are all truly blessed to have such extraordinary people coming together to make our community better.

Jennifer Parker  
Founder and Director  
Tiny Pantry Times

I live near OPCC and just wanted to thank you for opening your doors to serve as a cooling center during the recent heat wave. Since we're only in June, I'm sure there will be hotter days to come. Your action serves provides an example of what it means to be a good Samaritan. Thank you again for looking out for those in need.

Peace be with you,  
Janet Casida

INSPIRED SENIOR CARE

# Supporting those Living with Dementia

A monthly series led by Leslie Fuller LMSW, CDP, CMDCP  
Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month; 6-7 pm  
at Hillcrest Christian Church

Monthly Topics:

✓ 2025:

- June - A Historical Look
- July - Meaningful Engagement
- August - Communication
- September - Damaging Social Interactions
- October - Positive Social Interactions
- November - Be Wildly Curious
- December - Strengths Based Perspective



✓ 2026:

- January - Genuine Relationships
- February - Brain Change
- March - What If...?
- April - Creating a Supportive Environment
- May - Word Choice Matters
- June - Well-Being



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# SUPPLIES NEEDED

for our:

## Intergenerational Day of Service

August 16th - 10 am to 3:30 pm



Bring/Collect Items for Our Service Projects:

Kansas Region: peanut butter, travel soaps (bar or liquid)

Nebraska Region: toilet paper, zipper bags (quart)

Greater KC Region: jelly, clean/empty pill bottles



Event Will Take Place At:  
Hillcrest Christian Church  
11411 Quivira Rd  
Overland Park, KS 66210

Scan this QR Code to register for the event!



## THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

Invites you to celebrate the  
Installation of our new  
Associate Regional Minister  
for New Church

*Rev. Amy Diane Shoemaker*

Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm  
Shawnee Community Christian Church



THE BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT

12:30-5:30PM

INTERSECT KC  
606 GLADSTONE AVE  
KCMO 64124

### WORKSHOPS:

- ✦ CHALLENGING POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS
- ✦ SELF-CARE IN THE TRENCHES
- ✦ HOUSING JUSTICE
- ✦ REPARATIONS
- ✦ ECONOMIC JUSTICE
- ✦ GOOD TROUBLE
- ✦ FREEDOM OF SPEECH
- ✦ LITERACY JUSTICE
- ✦ IMMIGRATION JUSTICE
- ✦ WORKERS' RIGHTS

# SAVE THE DATE



GUEST SPEAKER  
REV. WILLIAM LAMAR IV

# THE DATE

# NOV 1

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