



## 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

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

**“The Broader Way” Worship** — 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room, 2nd Sunday of the month

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

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## Living What We Value

Over the past few months, we’ve been doing more than talking about the future of our church. We’ve been clarifying who we are and how we choose to live together. That work has led us to name three core values that will guide us in this season and beyond: **Generosity. Hospitality. Community.**

These are not aspirational buzzwords. They are commitments. They describe the kind of church we are called to be, not someday, but now.



Generosity

**Generosity** is about more than what we give. It’s a posture of openness. It’s choosing abundance over scarcity, trust over fear, and shared responsibility over individualism. A generous church assumes there is enough grace, enough love, and enough possibility to go around. We give our time, our resources, our attention, and our compassion because God has already been generous with us.



Hospitality

**Hospitality** is how generosity becomes visible. It’s not just being friendly. It’s making room. Room for questions. Room for differences. Room for people to arrive as they are and discover they belong before they believe or behave. True hospitality doesn’t ask, “Do you fit here?” It asks, “How can we shape our life together so you can flourish here?”



Community

**Community** reminds us that faith is not a solo endeavor. We are formed in relationship. We grow by walking alongside one another, carrying burdens together, celebrating joys together, and staying connected even when it’s uncomfortable or inconvenient. Community is built when we show up, tell the truth, listen well, and refuse to give up on one another.

Here’s the honest truth. These values will challenge us. They will ask something of us. They will stretch our habits, our preferences, and sometimes our comfort. That’s a good thing. Values that cost nothing change nothing.

But they will also ground us. They give us a shared language and a shared direction. When decisions get hard or the path feels unclear, we can return to these questions:

**Are we being generous? Are we practicing real hospitality? Are we strengthening community?**

This season is not about rushing toward quick answers. It’s about aligning our life together with what matters most. I’m grateful for the ways I already see these values showing up among you. And I’m excited for what becomes possible as we keep living into them, together.

With gratitude and hope,  
Pastor McTyer

## Pastoral Search Committee

Your pastoral search committee continues to work toward connecting our congregation with a new senior pastor. We have been reviewing pastoral profiles and have been impressed with the interest in our search. We will begin the interview process this month and are hopeful we can narrow down our choices soon. Please continue to not only keep our committee in your prayers, but also the applicants, so that we might find a good fit for the future of Overland Park Christian Church and our community.

Lisa Setty,  
Pastoral Search Committee Chair

## Property Commission

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

2026 is starting off with a bang. Hope you had great Holidays and wonderful time with family and friends.

Property is busy with many projects...see below:

1. We are still working with the roofing company to find the small water leak in the Overflow Room. Hopefully, we find it soon and can get a few new ceiling tiles replaced.
2. The fire suppression system is on the schedule for week of the 18th. Again, thanks to everyone who has donated to this project, including Tiny Pantry Times.
3. Richard has sanded and painted all the door frames in the West wing for the Montessori School.
4. Richard has done some touch-up painting in the front entry plus replaced some dry rot in the hallway to the sanctuary.
5. Landscaping (Jan and Lee) have cleaned out all the flower beds for the winter months. Winter is still coming!!

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle,  
Property Commission Chair

## Music Department

December is such a busy time for musicians! I had music performances here at OPCC, music programs at the school where I teach, singing at Christmas tree lightings, Christmas caroling with friends, the Christmas Eve service... it's a very hard time of year for a musician to be contemplative!

January is different. We're in the calm season now, for a little while. In fact, I'm currently reading a book called "Sabbath as Resistance" by Walter Bruggemann. It's reminding me that in the midst of our "hustle" culture, we are called to be \*counter\* cultural, to intentionally resist the pull of faster and harder and bigger. To find, as the song says, "the quiet center". It's a lesson I'm still learning, to be honest.

That's one of the things I appreciate about our Sunday morning service (and my much-loved Broader Way service, too!). We purposefully set aside a portion of time and gather with what Dr. King called "the beloved community". We set an intention to quiet our own hearts and to try to hear the voice of the divine.

That's a really beautiful exercise of resistance to our culture. I hope you'll join us in this exercise. In fact, we'd love for you to join the musicians who help create this atmosphere at OPCC.

You're always welcome.

Becki Bayless,  
OPCC Music Director

## What is Broader Way Worship?

- Do you ever wish you could ask a question about something that was said during "regular" Sunday morning worship?
- Do you enjoy making new church friends — of a variety of ages?
- Do you like the idea of sharing lunch with friends?
- Could you use another group of people who will care for you and pray for you and your joys as well as your concerns?

### **Good News! That is what the Broader Way Worship service is all about!**

We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month, about 30-45 minutes after the end of the morning worship service and last for a little over an hour, including lunch. The "sermon" is led by a Pastor, Becki Bayless is our amazing Music Leader, and prayers are offered by one of the worship participants. The worship style is more casual, interactive, and very family friendly. Interactive means it's ok to talk, ask questions and of course pray and sing. Our communion is a shared meal (lunch) based upon the meal shared by Jesus and the disciples that we commonly call The Last Supper. Additionally, we add our traditional communion cup and loaf as well. Songs are projected on the screen so we can all join our voices.

### **We can't wait to have you join us!**

Our worship dates in 2026 are:

Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar 8, Apr. 12, May 10, Jun. 14, Jul. 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13



# Church Camp 2026

Start planning now for Summer Camp at Tall Oaks!  
Register and find more information at: [www.talloaks.org/doc-camps](http://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps)

2026 CAMP DATES	
CYF MID-WINTER	JAN. 2 - 4
CHI RHO MID-WINTER	FEB. 13 - 15
DAY CAMP 1	JUNE 24
DAY CAMP 2	JULY 18
PRIMARY CAMP	JULY 20 - 22
JUNIOR CAMP	JULY 7 - 10
CHI RHO CAMP	JULY 19 - 23
EIGHTERS CAMP	JULY 6 - 12
CYF CAMP	JUNE 22 - 27
ADULT CAMP	MAY 28 - 31
GRANDPARENTS CAMP 1	JUNE 19 - 21
GRANDPARENTS CAMP 2	JULY 10 - 12

*Iftar*  
**RAMADAN 2026**  
**KANSAS CITY**

The Dialogue Institute of Kansas City  
Cordially Invites You to an Iftar Gathering

Multiple locations and dates are available throughout Ramadan (February 17th - March 19th)

[Check the list and RSVP here:](#)

Additional Opportunities to see  
**NO OTHER LAND**

The Social Justice Commission of Overland Park Christian Church (OPCC), along with others, sponsored a screening of the Academy Award-winning documentary "No Other Land" that provides an account of how the people of Masafer Yatta in the West Bank are being violently forced out because of Israel's occupation. If you missed the screening and the discussion that followed, it was very recently made available on several streaming services including YouTube, Apple TV, Fandango at Home, and Amazon Prime Video.

**Live Loud, Love Louder**  
FEBRUARY 13 - 15

CHI RHO MID-WINTER

**Chi Rho Mid-Winter for 6th — 8th Graders February 13-15, 2026**

Our 2026 Middle School Mid-Retreat theme is "Live Loud, Love Louder!" We will be exploring radical love, inclusion, and justice in the teachings of Jesus — and what that means for middle schoolers today.

Registration Cost: \$195.00 (scholarships are available)

Registration is [OPEN-click here](#)

Region Scholarships are available [here](#)

Contact [Michelle Reiter](#) about Scholarships from OPCC

(Registration will close at midnight on January 27)

received February 15 & 22

**A NEW WAY**

**SPECIAL OFFERING 2026**

Week of **Compassion**

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

## Care & Share

Our next two meetings will be on Wednesdays January 21 and February 11 at 11:30 am at OPCC in the Fireside Room. Bring your own sack lunch and your ideas of where we can meet for lunch on other days at other restaurants. Please contact Peggy Moore with any questions and your RSVP.

## Empty Nesters

You are invited to join the Empty Nesters for a fun and enjoyable evening, **Saturday, January 24, 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at OPCC.**

Bring some snacks to share and as we watch the movie "I Heard the Bells" together and give thanks again for this miraculous baby that we celebrated during the Advent season.

Questions? Contact Peggy Moore through the church office at 913-677-4646.

## 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.

## Prayer List

### Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Raelene & Ken Berry
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Jon Cash (Jody Cash's brother)
- ♥ 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)
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars' sister)
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Eddie Niemann (Lee Sprinkle's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Mary Owens (Richard Owens' niece)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Alan Peyton
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Jami Schmideskamp (Jan & Ed Eilert's daughter)
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Jim Withers

### Continued Prayers

- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Bo Crowe
- ♥ Ed Eilert
- ♥ Carole Flagler
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Calvin & Sharon McBride
- ♥ Nathaniel Naylor (Jody Cash's cousin)
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Chuck Warner

### Condolences

- ♥ to Suzi Boehm on the passing of her brother, Conard Goering, on November 14, 2025  
[www.mountainviewtacoma.com/obituaries/conard-goering](http://www.mountainviewtacoma.com/obituaries/conard-goering)

## OPCC is Seeking a Caring and Reliable Person for Our Nursery on Sunday Mornings

Are you a caring and experienced nanny looking for a part-time job? We are seeking a nurturing and reliable nanny to provide exceptional care for children 0-4 years old on Sunday Mornings.

### About Us:

Overland Park Christian Church is a friendly, mission-oriented community. OPCC strives to provide a nurturing, stimulating, spiritually engaging environment for our children.

### Job Responsibilities:

- Providing care for the children in a safe and supportive manner.
- Engaging the children in age-appropriate activities that promote learning, creativity, and social development.
- Assisting with light housekeeping tasks related to the children, such as tidying up the play areas and changing diapers.

### Requirements:

- Prior experience as a nanny or in a similar role with excellent references.
- Ability to create a stimulating and engaging environment for the children.
- Be willing to update parents with information about their time in the nursery.
- First Aid and CPR certification preferred but not required.
- OPCC will be doing a back ground check before hiring.

### Compensation and Benefits:

- We will provide a written work agreement
- Pay is \$15/hr
- Paid professional development opportunities such as First Aid or CPR certification.

**Schedule:** This is a 2-3 hour/week position on Sundays 10:00am-noon. Additional hours during the week may be needed for special events or meetings at OPCC.

If interested, contact the church office @ 913-677-4646 and Pastor Lisa Engelken will be in contact.

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

### Your OPCC Staff

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