



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

Summer Dates — June 22, July 13, and August 17, 2025

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

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From the Pastor’s Pen

“Pentecost & Prayer: Fuel for the Journey”


Referencing Acts 1:14: “All of them were constantly devoting themselves to prayer.”



Dear OPCC Family,

It is a sacred honor to begin this transitional season with you, and I do not take it lightly. As we step into June, I invite you to adopt a posture of expectation, rooted in the power of Pentecost and sustained through prayer.

Pentecost isn’t just a day on the liturgical calendar. It’s when the Church discovered its fire, its voice, and its purpose. It’s when the Holy Spirit empowered ordinary people for extraordinary impact. That same Spirit is alive in us now, ready to move, ready to heal, ready to guide.



PENTECOST & PRAYER
FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY
“All of them were constantly devoting themselves to prayer...”
— Acts 1:14

June marks a pivotal moment in our spiritual rhythm. With Pentecost as our launching point, this entire month will be dedicated to one foundational practice: **prayer**. We’re calling the church — all of us — back to our core identity as a house of prayer.

Before the Church was anything else, it was a praying people. Pentecost didn’t happen in a boardroom. It occurred in a prayer room. Just as the early believers gathered with one mind and one Spirit, we too are being called to reengage our passion, identity, and purpose through prayer.

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To help us live into this calling, **we're inviting the entire congregation to a simple, ten-minute prayer gathering each Sunday morning in June at 10:10 a.m. in the Chapel.** We're calling it **"10 at 10:10"** — a focused moment of unity and spiritual preparation before worship. Come as you are, whether seasoned in prayer or just beginning.

This month, we'll explore and embody prayer in fresh ways through communal prayer gatherings and personal devotion, contemplative silence and bold intercession, prayer walks, prayer lists, and prayer in action. We will lean into prayer not as a last resort, but as our first language. It will guide our discernment, deepen our relationships, and anchor our next steps.

As we commit to deepening our identity as a house of prayer, I'd love to hear from you. What prayer practices have strengthened your faith? **How might we — individually and collectively — be more rooted, bold, or creative in our prayer life?** Whether it's ideas for prayer gatherings, journaling, intercession teams, or new spiritual rhythms, your voice matters. Let's shape this movement together.

As your Transitional Minister, my work with you is to sojourn as a "captain" of a **SHIP**, a four-part framework that anchors this sacred work of transition:

- **Stability** – Offering steady leadership and presence in this season of change
- **Healing** – Naming grief, celebrating what has been, and creating space for renewal
- **Inspiration** – Sparking fresh vision and spiritual passion as we seek God's movement
- **Preparation** – Ready hearts, systems, and structures for the next faithful chapter

Even the most thoughtful plan cannot carry us through transition on its own. **Prayer is the most appropriate, most powerful, and most faithful way to move through this season.** It centers us. It steadies us. It reminds us that the Church belongs first to God, and that our next chapter begins not with a program, but with a posture — on our knees, with open hands and listening hearts.

Together, we'll move intentionally and prayerfully because without prayer, there is no Pentecost, no fire, no transformation.

If we haven't met yet, here's a quick word about me. I'm **Rev. Terrell L. McTyer**, a Kansas City-based pastor, strategist, business executive, and father of four. I've served as the Minister of New Church Strategies for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and planted multiple churches built on the foundation of prayer, discipleship, and outreach.

I live by this mantra: *"It's a sin to be good when God has called you to be GREAT."* I believe OPCC is called to greatness—not just in structure or size, but in spirit, hospitality, and impact.

So let's pray. Pray like we believe God still speaks, still moves, and still breathes new life. Let's remember who we are. Let's be the Church. Let's be a house of prayer.

**Expectantly,
Pastor Terrell L**

**Open Forum with Pastor Terrell
Sunday, June 8
11:30 a.m.
OPCC Fireside Room**

Rev. Terrell L. McTyer, Transitional Minister to OPCC, wants to get to know you! All are welcome to gather in the Fireside Room after Worship to connect, listen, and engage openly, together.

Note sheets will be available to leave any questions or comments if you cannot stay, or if you would like to remain anonymous. You may also text or call Pastor Terrell at 913-800-8566 or email terrell@opccdoc.org

**"10 at 10:10"
Sundays in June
10:10 a.m.
OPCC Prayer Chapel**

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GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

2025 PENTECOST OFFERING

SUNDAYS JUNE 8 & JUNE 15



IMAGINATION FREEDOM INNOVATION UNITY CREATIVITY

COMMUNITY SPIRITUALITY JUSTICE TRAIN EQUIP ASSIST



THE 2025 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

OPCC Needs YOU!

We're looking for 2–3 **Assistant Content Creators** to help share our story online. If you enjoy taking photos, recording short videos, or brainstorming fun and inspiring content for Facebook and Instagram, we'd love to have you on our social media team!

No professional experience needed — just a good eye and a heart for the church. Interested? Talk to Pastor Terrell or contact the church office to learn more.

Sunday Worship Liturgists — Would you be willing to serve as a liturgist and read either scripture or a call to worship provided for you?

Sign up on the Volunteer Board near the front doors of the church, or contact Jaime in the church reception office at office@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646 ext. 221 to get your name added to the volunteer list.

OPCC Senior Pastor Search / Congregational Survey

Your Pastoral Search Committee has begun the work towards the search for a new Senior Pastor at Overland Park Christian Church. The search committee members were appointed through our Board of Directors and include: Teresa Phillips, Mike McLain, Lee Sprinkle, Mollie Blackburn, Mary Poggie, John Peter, and Lisa Setty, chair. We have met with Ron Routledge, our Interim Regional Minister, for guidance on this process. Please know that our task begins with a foundation of prayer as we seek God's guidance throughout this process.

Our first step is to seek your input on the qualities our congregation finds important in our new pastor.

We will assess our needs through a Congregational Survey which is available in paper form at the church, and via a Google Form via this link: <https://forms.gle/9bLxrYLD1HZ4hJX99>.

The data we collect through the information you submit will be used to create a congregational profile that will then be used to match Overland Park Christian Church with potential candidates.

We ask that you submit your answers to the Congregational Survey by June 22, 2025, in order for our committee to complete our profile and begin the search process. Paper surveys may be returned to the church reception office in person, or mailed to 7600 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204.

We will be transparent throughout this process and ask for your continued prayers of discernment.

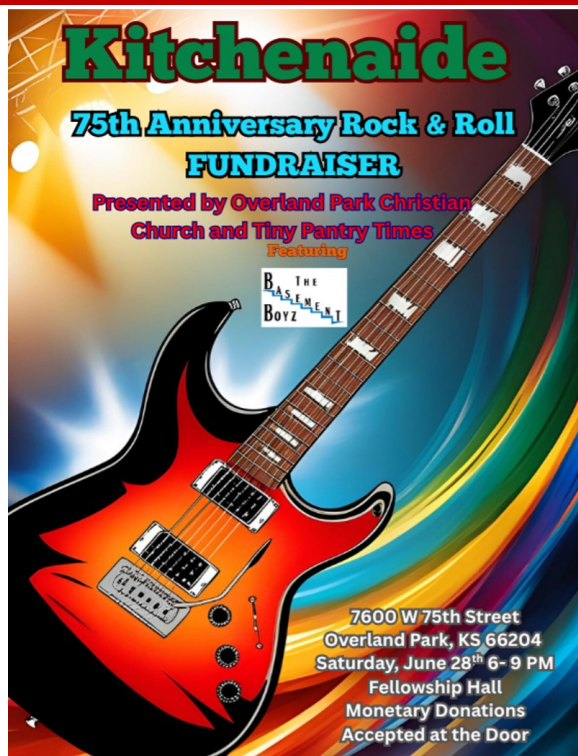
OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATING OUR FIRST 75 YEARS



JUNE 28 and 29, 2025



SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 6-9PM

Invite your neighbors, friends, parents, and kids as we officially kick off the 75th Anniversary weekend with a Fundraiser to benefit upgrading the OPCC Kitchen Fire Suppression System!

Some highlights of the evening will be:

- ◆ **The Basement Boyz**, a local classic rock 'n' roll cover band
- ◆ **Grilled Hot Dog Dinner** provided by our sister congregation, Rios de Agua Viva
- ◆ **Kids' Waterslide**
- ◆ **Raffle** including a new, stocked, 18-bay wine refrigerator and much more!

Raffle item donations are needed, including wine for the wine refrigerator.

Please deliver items for the Raffle to Tiny Pantry Times (at OPCC) by **June 15!**

Contact Roger Claar if you can volunteer with providing ice; set up, staffing, and take down of the water slide; and afterwards (~ 9pm) set-up for the Sunday luncheon.

Thank you to Tiny Pantry Times for organizing this evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 WORSHIP and CELEBRATION

June 29 will be a time to give thanks for our past, celebrate the present, and anticipate what God has in store for our future.

This is a great time to invite former OPCC participants to come home for the celebration.

Postcards with information about the Anniversary weekend are available at the church for you to take and distribute, or to address with friends' names, return to the church, and we will mail.

June 29 Schedule of Events (that we know so far!)



9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. — Welcome

Come join others in the Fireside Room prior to worship for coffee and sweet treats.



10:30 a.m. — Worship

Worship in our beautiful Sanctuary as our choirs "raise a joyful noise to the Lord" including a special alumni choir; former Associate Pastor/ Youth & Children Pastor Lisa Setty offers the sermon; and other former pastors, staff, and members lead us in celebrating our 75th year!



11:45 a.m. — Group Photo

All attendees are encouraged to gather outside the front doors of the building for a group photo.



12:30 p.m. — Luncheon

Enjoy a catered luncheon with servers, as well as a special program as we celebrate our first 75 years, and look forward to the next 75!

So that we know how many to prepare for, kindly RSVP to Jaime at office@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, ext. 223 with your name(s) and how many folks will be attending, and with any special dietary needs.

A free-will donation will be accepted for the meal.

Do you have pictures, photo directories, church histories, or any other OPCC memorabilia that you could share? We would love to display these on the anniversary weekend, and possibly at other times during the year. Photos may be emailed to michelle@opccdoc.org or brought to the church office to be scanned. Other items will also be collected at the church office. Please mark with your name and if you would like your items returned to you.



Vacation Bible School at OPCC

Mark Your Calendars Now for July 20-24!

At this year's VBS, kids 4 years through 5th grade will be taking a "Road Trip: on the Go with God", and parents and older children/youth are invited to join the fun as volunteers who will be needed to lead groups, outdoor activities, and help with food items for the meal.

A donation of \$10 is suggested if you are able, though it is not required — we don't want to prevent anyone from participating in the fun! Registration will be open soon on our church website at www.opccdoc.org/vbs.html

If you would like to help during VBS or provide supplies, please let us know by contacting Lisa Engelken at lisa4women@gmail.com



**Preparing to go Beyond:
A Virtual Learning Experience
Before General Assembly**

Two Days of Virtual Learning

Join us for a transformative virtual learning experience as we prepare to go beyond together.

This two-day event will feature impactful workshops designed to inspire, equip, and connect fellow participants before GA.

Event Dates and Times:

Wednesday, June 11 | 7:30 - 9:00 PM ET

Saturday, June 14 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM ET

One-Day Pass — \$10

Access to either
Wednesday's or
Saturday's session.

Two-Day Pass — \$20

Access to both days,
Wednesday and Saturday,
and two workshops.

**Reserve your spot now and
get ready to go Beyond!**

<https://web.cvent.com/event/e0bb68bc-72bf-4624-bacb-246f2d230556/summary>

**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, June 26th @ 7 pm
Shawnee Community Christian Church



INSPIRED SENIOR CARE

**Supporting those Living
with Dementia**

A monthly series led by Leslie Fuller LMSW, CDP, CMDCP
Held on the 1st 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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The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will gather in person July 12-15, 2025, in Memphis, TN.

This year's General Assembly theme:
"BEYOND" based on **Ephesians 3:20-21**.

Now to the one who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to them be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!

Visit the [General Assembly website](#) for registration and housing information.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Joyce Brooker
- ♥ Shelli Brown (Sharon McBride's niece)
- ♥ Marvin Byas IV
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Pamela Felton
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Jane Fletcher
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars' sister)
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Calvin & Sharon McBride
- ♥ Bryce Moore
- ♥ Eddie Niemann (Lee Sprinkle's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Pat Phillips (Laura Phillips' mother)
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Ralph Sprinkle (Lee Sprinkle's brother)
- ♥ Larry & Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Van Swanson (Sharon McBride's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Jim & Sally Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ 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 Dennis & Theresa Krebs and family on the passing of Dennis' mother, Laura Krebs, on May 12. www.fortscott.biz/news/obituary-of-laura-krebs
- ♥ to Tom & Karen Frommer and family on the passing of their son, Micah Frommer, on May 21. To send notes or cards, their address is 10760 Eliot Circle #103, Westminster, CO 80234 www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/micah-frommer-obituary?id=58465439

Thank You

Dear Staff of OPCC,

We just want to thank you for allowing us to hold my mom's service at your church. Your love & kindness gave us the opportunity to give her a beautiful send-off.

Thank you so much!

The family of Marie Dinsmore
Don & Stacie Gorham
Steve & Kelli Dinsmore

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Marjorie & Bruce McNaghten on their 70th Wedding Anniversary on June 11!

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, June 11 – Cheesecake Factory, 6675 W. 119th Street, Overland Park, KS

* Wednesday, July 2 – Fazoli's Restaurant, 6345 Quivira Road, Shawnee, 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.

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

The Girlfriends group will take a break from meeting over the summer, resuming our regular meetings in the Fireside Room on Wednesday evenings on September 10. All women are invited to join us — and bring a friend!

Midders Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

The Middlers Adult Bible Study class will not meet over the summer. We will resume meeting on Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Northwest section of Fellowship Hall.

Property Commission

May was very busy in the Property area as you will see from list of activities below:

1. Huttinger Construction will be delivering all the roofing materials to resurface our flat roofs over the hallway to the Sanctuary, Overflow Room, Sacristy, Congregational Care office, Prayer Chapel, and Michelle's office, plus the Northeast section of Fellowship Hall. Materials will be placed on the roof and construction will begin shortly...depending on weather!! Again, THANK YOU for your support on using funds from designated Capital fund which will cover this project.
2. Lawn and Sprinkler Guys started up our main flower beds' sprinkler system in late April. Mid-May they repaired and added two sprinkler head risers. Please notice the gardens and two courtyards on how nice they look. New plants are blooming beautifully.
3. Temperature Maintenance (HVAC) performed the following;
 - a. Quarterly maintenance (greasing all air handlers, changing belts and air filters, checking all mechanical parts)
 - b. Replaced cracked water connections to large chiller on Unit 6 roof
 - c. Replaced fill valve, rod and flap to tank of cooling tower on Unit 6 roof
4. Waiting on second tuck pointer estimate for repair of Fireside Room chimney. Property Commission will choose which company (between 2 chimney companies and 2 masonry companies) will do the work.
5. Smallwood Lock and Supply had to replace the door lock assembly and the inside push bar to the outside door to Case Management Services entrance.
6. Currently in a holding pattern on the fire suppression system needed for over the kitchen stove until after the fundraiser being held on Saturday, 6/28/25.
7. Next time you see one of the following gentlemen, please thank them for taking turns in mowing and trimming the large courtyard — Roger Claar, David Collins, Richard Owens, Emerson Hartzler, Dean Hutchinson, and Lee Sprinkle.

Submitted by

Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

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