



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

www.facebook.com/opccdoc • www.youtube.com/@opccdoc

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Everywhere we look lately, the world seems eager to tell us bad news.

Turn on the television.

Scroll through social media.

Listen to the conversations around us.

It can begin to feel like despair is the dominant language of our time.

That is precisely why this Lenten season we are asking a different question:

“Where is the good news?”

Not the shallow kind of optimism that pretends everything is fine.

Not the kind that ignores grief, injustice, or struggle.

But the deeper good news that the gospel keeps revealing — sometimes in the most unexpected places.

Throughout this season we are discovering that the good news often appears where we least expect it.

We see it when scarcity turns into abundance, like the loaves and fishes feeding a hungry crowd.

We see it when the vulnerable are protected and lifted up,

as Jesus welcomed children others tried to dismiss.

We see it when mercy interrupts judgment,

like the woman in John’s gospel who encountered compassion instead of condemnation.

The good news shows up when people choose justice over convenience, love over retaliation, and courage over fear.

And perhaps most surprisingly, the good news is not just something we hear.

It is something we **become part of**.

Where might God be calling *us* to embody good news in our community?

Maybe it looks like generosity that meets a neighbor’s need.

Maybe it looks like hospitality that makes someone feel seen.

Maybe it looks like choosing mercy when judgment would be easier.



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So as we continue this journey through Lent, I invite you to pay attention.

Look for signs of grace. Notice small acts of kindness. Watch for places where love refuses to give up.

You may discover that the good news is closer than you think.

And when you see it — share it.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Terrell L. McTyer



the good news is...

Lenten Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

You can still join! Pastor Terrell is leading a Lenten Bible study in the Fireside Room which you may attend in person or join via Zoom. (Contact Michelle Reiter for the Zoom link.)

Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday Morning
April 5, 10:00 a.m.**

All are welcome to OPCC's courtyard to hunt for fun and treats! Invite your friends and neighbors!



Good Friday Worship

April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Gather for a special Good Friday Worship as we encounter Jesus' final hours. This service will feature special music from our OPCC Chalice Chancel Choir.

Easter Sunday Worship

April 5, 10:30 a.m.

Worship in song, scripture, communion, and a special Easter message from Pastor Terrell as we celebrate the resurrection of the Christ on the morning of the third day!

| 3rd Sunday in Lent March 8 | 4th Sunday in Lent March 15 | 5th Sunday in Lent March 22 | Palm Sunday March 29 | Good Friday April 3 | Easter Sunday April 5 |
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| The good news is... together, the impossible is possible | The good news is... protection and care for the vulnerable | The good news is... rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness | The good news is... inspiring us to act | The good news is... revealed through nonviolence | The good news is... alive in the world |
| Mark 6:32-44 <i>(feeding of the 5,000)</i> | Matt. 19:13-15 <i>(Jesus blesses the children)</i> | John 8:2-11 <i>(Jesus refuses to condemn a woman caught in adultery)</i> | Mark 11:1-11 <i>(triumphant entry into Jerusalem)</i> | Luke 22:47-53 Luke 23:33-38, 44-46 <i>(Judas' betrayal; Jesus heals the servant's ear after his disciples draw swords; Jesus forgives those crucifying him)</i> | Matt. 28:1-10 <i>("Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.")</i> |
| Eph. 3:20-21 <i>("By the power at work within us [God] is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine")</i> | Deut. 24:17-22 <i>(care for the alien, the orphan, and the widow)</i> | Matt. 23:23 <i>("You have neglected the more important matters of the law — justice, mercy, and faithfulness")</i> | | | |

FAMILY



Faith Adventures

All families of young children are invited to join in monthly gatherings focusing on fellowship, families, and meeting God in Nature.

Our next gathering will be **Monday, March 16 @ 6pm** in OPCC's Fireside Room and Courtyard. For more info, contact Lisa Engelken at lisa4women@gmail.com

Easter Egg fillings

Your donations of candy and small toys to fill eggs for our Easter morning Easter Egg Hunt are requested! Donations may be placed in the designated tub in the Narthex. (No peanuts please)

Sponsor a Child for Camp

Almost everyone here at OPCC has been blessed by Tall Oaks. Would you consider sponsoring a child for camp? You can reach out to lisa4women@gmail.com for more details.



Church Camp 2026

Register and find more information at: www.talloaks.org/doc-camps

| 2026 CAMP DATES | |
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| 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 |

GKCC DISCIPLES

Music Department

March has come in like a lion for me! Between getting ready for Easter with the OPCC Music department, presenting our Spring Music Program at the elementary school where I teach, creating our school yearbook and working on an important professional certification, I'm finding myself a bit overwhelmed, to say the least. And that's before I even factor in the news!

While driving a couple of days ago, I pulled my emergency cord. I turned on my Spotify playlist entitled "Gonna Be Alright". I listened to House Gospel Choir as they reassured me, "you have got the strength". Blessing Ofor reminded me that "the sun's gonna rise in the morning, yes it will." Madison Ryann Ward told me to "hold on tight while the wind blows through and trust the God who loves you."

It's amazing how music can change the atmosphere inside us and around us. 1 Samuel 16 shows us that when King Saul was burdened, he called on young David to play his harp and drive away Saul's anxiety. It worked 3,000 years ago, and it still works now. Give it a try!

And if you'd like to be a part of creating the music here at OPCC, reach out to me. We'd love to have you join us.

Becki Bayless,
OPCC Music Director



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:

www.eventbrite.com/o/dialogue-institute-kansas-city-9466218912



Hygiene Kits for Refugees

OPCC has received a grant from Week of Compassion to purchase hygiene kits for refugees living in our area. These items will really help them stretch their budget. The grant will purchase approximately 30 kits per quarter, but let's live our values of **hospitality, generosity, and community** and multiply this effort! We will collect supplies throughout each quarter and have an assembly party after service near the end of the quarter and then the kits will be delivered to the KC for Refugees Welcome Closet.

For our 1st quarter collection, please bring your hygiene kit supplies or donation for supplies to the church by March 15th so they can be assembled into kits after worship that day. You are also invited to help with the kit assembly — snacks will be provided.

A full hygiene kit for KC for Refugees costs about \$17 at the dollar stores, but any portion is welcome. A complete kit includes:

- 1 bottle of shampoo
- 2 tubes of toothpaste
- 2-4 toothbrushes
- 3-4 bars of soap
- 1 bottle or tube of lotion
- 4-5 disposable razors
- 4-6 large rolls of toilet paper
- 1 deodorant



Thank you for helping!



Rally for Health Care
March 12, 2026, 12:00pm–1:00pm
Kansas Statehouse, 2nd floor rotunda

Join the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas and other advocates for the 2026 Rally for Health Care at the Kansas Statehouse. We'll gather together to hear from advocates about why protecting and expanding access to health care is so critical, and you can set up time to meet with your legislators.

For more information and to RSVP, go to:
www.healthykansas.org/event/2026-rally/

KC/Lawrence Bus RSVP –
www.healthykansas.org/event/2026-kc-bus/
(The bus is free and a boxed lunch is provided.)

We're pushing for folks to join us especially with what's going on with SB 363. This bill increases red tape for those already eligible for Medicaid, including low-income children, working adults with disabilities, and individuals living with serious physical and mental illnesses. If it becomes law, SB 363 will make it harder for Kansans to get and keep Medicaid coverage.

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, March 4 – Olive Garden, 6750 W. 95th Street, Overland Park, KS
- * Wednesday, April 1 – Cheesecake Factory, 6675 W. 119th 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.

Midders 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.

Welcome to the Community!

Welcome (back) to OPCC, **Jim & Judy Sutherlin**, who come to us by way of transfer from Westlake Christian Church, Laurie, MO.

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)
- ♥ 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)
- ♥ Eddie Niemann (Lee Sprinkle's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Kristina Owen
- ♥ Devan James Owens (Betty King's great-great-nephew)
- ♥ Mary Owens (Richard Owens' niece)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Ralph Sprinkle (Lee Sprinkle's brother)
- ♥ Carla Stouse (Bernice & Larry Stouse's daughter)
- ♥ Larry & Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Chuck Warner
- ♥ Jim & Sally Withers

Continued Prayers

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

Condolences

- ♥ to the family of Aleta Johnson on December 21st
www.penwellgabelkc.com/obituaries/aleta-johnson

Property Commission

Greetings to all. I'm grateful for the ability to continue the work here at OPCC. Many projects are going on this month as it was last month. Clearing up several issues with our building and property:

- Hooray — getting closer on completing the fire suppression system. Several updates are needed to comply with the city codes. Shunt trip breaker and subpanel will be installed on March 16th by Freedom Electric. By then everything would be completed and waiting on the city's inspection.
- The parking lot potholes are finally finished after four different applications.
- Roofers still can't find the two small tiny leaks so that's an ongoing investigation.
- The new cleaners continue to do a very good job.
- More painting and repairs of the property to be determined.

Have a wonderful and safe March.
God bless everyone.

Richard Owens, Property Manager

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