



## 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** — 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

October 12, November 9, and December 14, 2025

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

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## From the Pastor’s Pen

Dear Church Family,

As we move into this new season together, I’m excited to share our next worship theme:

### **Passion & Purpose.**

When we look at Jesus, we see someone who lived with both. His passion was unshakable — rooted in love for God and for people. His purpose was clear — “I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Jesus didn’t drift through life; He lived with intention. He gave everything so that we might discover who we are, why we’re here, and how to live fully alive in the Divine.

Over the next several weeks — leading us right up to Advent — we’ll explore what it means to design our lives around the intersection of passion and purpose. Together we’ll ask:

What has God placed in me that makes my heart burn?

What is my unique calling and contribution to the world?

How do I live with intention, not accident — abundance, not scarcity?

This is more than a sermon series. It’s an invitation. An invitation to stop drifting and start designing — our time, our energy, our gifts, our relationships, our community — around the life God dreams for us.

I believe that when we live with passion and on purpose, the world takes notice.

As Jesus said, “By their fruit you will recognize them” (Matt. 7:16). That’s my prayer for OPCC: that people will see the fruit of a church alive with passion and purpose.

I can’t wait to journey through this with you. Let’s find our “why” in Christ and walk boldly into the abundant life He offers.

With hope & expectancy,

Pastor Terrell



# FAMILY

## Faith Adventures

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

We will meet at local parks close to OPCC and learn to connect nature with our faith.

Our next gathering will be October 20th @ 6pm. Details of where we will be meeting are coming soon. For more info, contact Lisa Engleken at [lisa4women@gmail.com](mailto:lisa4women@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Care & Share

Please take note — the Care & Share group will not meet in October nor November.

## Prayer List

### Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Raelene & Ken Berry
- ♥ Shelli Brown (Sharon McBride's niece)
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Bo Crowe
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Eddie Niemann (Lee Sprinkle's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Mary Owens (Richard Owens' niece)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Van Swanson (Sharon McBride's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Jim & Sally Withers

### Continued Prayers

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

### Congratulations!

- ♥ to Rev. Terrell McTyer on the birth of his first grandchild, Ezekiel King Smith, on September 17

Join us for a fun night of silent auctions, raffles, great food, and fantastic people as we work to raise money for Tiny Pantry Times.



**Saturday, October 11, 2025, 4-8 PM**  
 American Legion Post 370  
 7500 W 75th Street  
 Overland Park, KS 66204

## 75 and MORE for our 75th



The **Micah Ministry** is the urban, ecumenical outreach mission of Independence Boulevard Christian Church to



unhoused and food insecure people of the historic Northeast area of Kansas City, MO. OPCC, along with many other churches and community partners, has participated in this ministry from time to time.

Among its many services, Micah Ministry operates a clothing closet, which currently provides 250-300 clothing items **each week** to those it serves!

Some of the most urgent needs:

**Men's new underwear, especially:**

- Boxers, all sizes except small
- Men's socks
- Undershirts

From now through October 26, you are invited to bring these items to the box in the OPCC entry area. Let's collect at least **75 items of men's underwear!**

You may also bring other articles of gently used clothing. Men's jeans are especially needed.

The donations will be delivered to Micah Ministry on October 27.

For more information about Micah Ministry, go to: [www.ibcckc.org/themicahministry](http://www.ibcckc.org/themicahministry)

## PLUS ONE +1 SUNDAY



### The first Sunday of the month is "Plus One Sunday" at OPCC

This is a special invitation Sunday designed to celebrate community, friendship, and faith.

Each of us is encouraged to bring a "plus one" — a friend, neighbor, coworker, family member — to Sunday worship with us.

It's a simple but powerful way to share the love of Christ, widen our circle of welcome, and let others experience the warmth of OPCC.

Who will be your Plus One?

Join us as we gather in worship, lift our voices together, and take one step closer toward the vision God has for us.

## CWS KITS

If you or your group have been looking for a meaningful, hands-on mission opportunity, now is the perfect time to pack CWS Kits for Church World Service. From Hygiene Kits and Period Packs to Kids Kits and Emergency Cleanup Buckets, these simple items make a big difference for families and individuals recovering from disasters or struggling with daily challenges.

Short on time? Don't worry! You can order ready-made CWS Party Packs online. This is a wonderful way for your community group, friends, or other organization to come together, put faith into action, and share God's love in a tangible way.

For all the details about packing CWS Kits, go to: <https://cwskits.org/>

p.s. a new CWS Kit Drop Off location has just opened at Merriam Christian Church, 9401 Johnson Dr, Merriam, KS 66203



Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center is made up of 200 beautiful woodland acres, with year-round facilities and spaces for groups to host meetings, camps, conferences, and other events for all ages in a setting that welcomes all people and celebrates the bounty of the earth in a beautiful retreat setting.

Tall Oaks strives to keep the cost to those served at a minimum, however costs of operations exceed fees, so we rely on the generosity of our donors to help offset some of the costs. The **Tall Oaks Gala** returns as a major fundraiser to help revive, operate, and improve the Tall Oaks grounds and services.

Listed below are opportunities for YOU to help make the Gala a success.

Go to <https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025> or contact Nora Engelken, Gala Chairperson, at (913) 940-9719 or [engelkennora@gmail.com](mailto:engelkennora@gmail.com) for information on any of the items listed.

We are grateful for your continued support and for being a part of the Tall Oaks community.

**Volunteer!**

Volunteers are needed for:

- Greeter/Registrar
- Auction Set-Up
- Cashier
- Redemption
- Auction Take Down
- Runner

Contact Nora Engelken with your preferred position and dates you are available.

**Donate Auction Items**

Due November 1st, 2025

Some Suggestions:

- Sports Themed Items - tickets, memorabilia, signed items
- Tickets to Events
- Travel Packages
- Weekend Getaways
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Art of Well-Known or Local Artists
- Collectibles
- Themed Baskets

All Donations are Tax Deductible. Cash Donations are Accepted.

**Be a Sponsor**

Sponsorship Packages range from \$100-\$5,000 and offer you valuable brand visibility among a diverse and engaged audience through social media, email campaigns, event signage, and printed/digital materials.



**Scan QR Code**

or go to [givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025](https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025)

**to Purchase Tickets or Donate**

**Thank you!**

**A Concert**




**featuring**  
**The Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus**

Noel Fulkerson  
 Asst. Directors: Mark Boothe & Tim Crosson


**October 19, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.**  
 First Christian Church of Blue Springs  
 701 NW 15th Street  
 Blue Springs, MO  
 To Benefit  
**Micah Ministries**

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dialogue & Friendship Dinner  
**PEACE BEGINS WITH A MEAL**

Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
 06:00 - 08:30<sup>PM</sup>



Keynote Speaker  
**Dr. Scott C. Alexander**  
 Professor of Islamic Studies and  
 Christian-Muslim Relations Director,  
 Doctor of Ministry Program  
 Catholic Theological Union



UMKC Student Union, Multipurpose Room  
 5100 Cherry St, Kansas City, MO, 64110  
 Dress Code: Business Attire

**DIALOGUE INSTITUTE KANSAS CITY**  
**RAINDROP FOUNDATION**

for more details and to register, go to:  
<https://form.jotform.com/kcdialogue/friendship-dinner>

Health Forward Foundation | NTDF | KC Disciples Becoming Beloved Community Team's



**RACIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT**

Guest Speaker Rev. William Lamar IV

**NOV 1ST 2025** 12:30PM - 5:30PM  
 INTERSECT KC/IBCC  
 606 GLADSTONE AVE  
 KCMO 64124  
 OFFICE@INTERSECTKC.ORG

**ABOUT THE EVENT**  
 Get involved by choosing two workshops (1 of the first 2, and 1 of the last 8) with local organizations who leverage racial justice in our community.

Orientation and closing worship feature Rev. William Lamar IV, a dynamic preacher, scholar, and social justice advocate from Washington, DC

**\$15 SUGGESTED DONATION**  
**FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

SCAN ME!  



**WORKSHOPS LED BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

- CHALLENGING POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS
- SELF-CARE IN THE TRENCHES
- HOUSING JUSTICE
- REPARATIONS
- ECONOMIC JUSTICE
- GOOD TROUBLE
- PROPHETIC WITNESS
- LITERACY JUSTICE
- IMMIGRATION JUSTICE
- WORKERS RIGHTS

**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

**Hillcrest Christian Church**  
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 913.663.2822 office@hcckc.org  
 www.hcckc.org

**INSPIRED SENIOR CARE**

# HELP WANTED / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Below you will find several opportunities for YOU to serve or help out at OPCC!**

Many of these items have a sign-up sheet on the “Volunteer Board” in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Or, if you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to call or email our receptionist, Jaime Cranford, at [office@opccdoc.org](mailto:office@opccdoc.org) or 913-677-4646, ext. 221.

**\* Sunday Coffee Fellowship Ministers —**

ONE MORE person is needed to fill out our Sunday morning hospitality team. Needed is a person to make coffee and organize the “fixings” on the fourth Sunday of each month. Instructions are available, and an email will be sent to remind you each week that you are scheduled.

**\* Sunday Worship Liturgists and Announcers —**

relay announcements, read the scripture, call to worship, invocation, and/or other readings during Sunday worship. No age or experience requirement – anyone willing to read is welcome. Readings are written and provided to you before your assigned Sunday.

**\* Pew Supplies Stocker —** Straighten and restock the pew racks with pencils, hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes each week. This can be an individual or a team effort, and is best done on Fridays or Saturdays.

**\* ALL CHURCH CLEANING DAY —**

- Put on your grubby clothes and join others on Saturday, November 8, 2025, for an all-day cleaning. It will be a day of fun and work as you join others to help clean and organize areas within the church.
- We will meet at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall, gather up cleaning supplies and team up with others to take on an area of the building.
- Beverages will be provided along with LUNCH, yes LUNCH!!
- Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on 11/8/25 @ 9am.
- Contact: Lee Sprinkle

## Property Commission

Once again Property was consumed with projects related to the roof leak. A couple of other activities are listed after the roof repair update.

### Roof Update:

- a. New installation of attic insulation, sheetrock, ceiling tiles and ceiling painting have been completed by JP Company. This means that the Sacristy, Congregational Care office, and Prayer Chapel furniture can be re-install after a thorough cleaning by Richard Owens and Lee.
- b. New LED light fixtures (replacing old fluorescent fixtures) have been installed by Freedom Electric. Still waiting for final bill.
- c. Sheet vinyl for Michelle’s office and work room has been purchased and will be installed 10/8/25-10/9/25. Once this is completed and rooms cleaned, all furniture and supplies will be placed back into their spaces.
- d. Accent Carpet Cleaning finished deep cleaning carpets in main entry, three front hallways and the Overflow Room on Saturday, 10/4/25. Still waiting for final bill.
- e. Now we are in the state of filing all expenses to Insurance and wait for approval of reimbursement.

### Other activities:

- a. Regal Plumbing unjammed the commercial disposal in the main kitchen.
- b. Cintas has been selected to install the new Ansul fire suppression system over the stove in the main kitchen. Cost will be covered by the moneys raised from the Kitchenaide program and gifts received. HURRAY!

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle,  
Property Chair



**“To Pray Marvelously Well:**

**The Spiritual Friendship of St. Edith Stein and St. Teresa of Avila”**

comes to Kansas City! Written by acclaimed Chicago playwright Jenny Magnus and directed by Virginia Smith, this one-woman show is brought to life by actress Lisa Wagner-Carollo, who has toured the world in “Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day.”

This inspiring new production from Still Point Theatre Collective explores the journeys of two remarkable women in a one-of-a-kind spiritual dialogue across the centuries.

**Saturday, November 22**  
**3:00 pm**  
 O’Shea Conference Room  
 Marillac Center  
 4200 S. 4th St.  
 Leavenworth, KS

**Sunday, November 23**  
**3:00 pm**  
 Precious Blood  
 Renewal Center  
 2120 St. Gaspar Way  
 Liberty, MO

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

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