

## The OPCC Scene



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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship — 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education for Children, Youth, and Adults — 9:15 a.m.

Nursery care available between 8:20 a.m. and noon

## Reinventing Church? This Is No Radical Idea

Last Sunday (September 28) we took a bold step in our commitment to God's vision for our future as a faith community. We voted (96 for, 10 against) to sell the north property to our neighbors, the First Assembly of God, thus helping to provide for the transition time ahead of us, and (importantly) keeping the property in service to God through God's church.

When the decision was made decades ago to purchase the entire property from 74<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> street, it was envisioned as a general investment in the future of OPCC and its ministry, an investment that would prove invaluable when the time was right. It might have become the foundation for a gym or family center at some point; it didn't. It might have become the home of OPCC's unique drive-in worship service as Forrest (Haggard) dreamed; it didn't. Instead, it was available at this moment in our history, when its support of our ministry will truly be invaluable. Those on whose shoulders we stand did not specifically envision this use of the property, but I am convinced that this is the right time to put it to use (Paul would say that the time is ripe or full; nurtured by God for this precise moment).

That confidence doesn't make the decision any easier, however, and I know many of you feel a strong connection to that parcel of land. It feels integral to our identity as a community of faith. For your courage to make the decision we are grateful; and that gratitude will guide us as we determine how best to employ this blessing from God.

It will of course benefit our efforts to live into God's vision of our faith community, and the steps through which we will reinvent church; at least this one faith community. To reinvent church in this instance, however, does not mean to start over from scratch. Nor does it mean that we will sever the bonds with our history. I have mentioned before that I struggled for some time to recognize what was new in this vision as I read over the core values that have guided us, and will continue to guide us into the future. My eureka moment came when I recognized that what is new in this vision is our *intention to cast off any limits* on these values, and to learn in spades what it means, for example, to embrace diversity, and welcome all in God's love.

In addition, we live in a radically changed cultural situation in which those outside the faith community do not readily embrace our tried and true methods from the past. Recognizing this doesn't imply a criticism of what we have been and done as a faith community – far from it – it simply means that we must *look for new ways, effective in this moment, to share the good news*, and to offer these marvelous core values to our larger community. To reinvent church in this sense is not a unique and radical idea; rather it is the approach to our vision and mission we are called to live day-by-day, month-by-month, and year-by-year. God's Church will remain viable and effective only as it continually reinvents itself to reach the broader community in each unique historical moment. This is our moment, and I pray we will prove faithful to the task.

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## Welcome to the Community!



### Lindsay Pusateri & Ryan Culver

have recently joined the faith community at Overland Park Christian Church. They enjoy hockey, volleyball, and watching the Chiefs and Royals. They also have a puppy, Sophie, a Corgi. Another interest for Ryan is writing and for Lindsay it is cooking. Ryan is a Consultant at Coronado Group and Lindsay is a Customer Service Coordinator at Marsh-McLennan Agency. We are glad to have you both at OPCC!

## Children's Sabbath

Don't forget that you can still participate in the 40 Day Prayer Vigil leading up to Children's Sabbath which we will celebrate on Sunday, October 19. It began September 14<sup>th</sup> but it will go through October 19<sup>th</sup> – so don't miss out! You can find more information, and/or read the daily devotions by following one of these steps:

- Visit the web each day at <http://lightacandle.blogspot.com>
- Receive the devotions via email by signing up on the right-hand side of the website, <http://lightacandle.blogspot.com> ("Follow by Email")
- In printable booklet format – click on the "Download 2014 Book" tab at the website <http://lightacandle.blogspot.com>
  - This will open a PDF that you can then save to your computer and print out.
- On Facebook at the Disciples Care for Children group page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126316780781679/>
- Be notified via Twitter by "following" the meditations at @Pray4Children
- Pick up one of the printed copies on the library counter at church

## CROP Walk

Join 160,000 walkers around the country to help end hunger. The Kansas City Crop Walk is on Sunday, October 12 at 2pm. The event begins at Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak, KCMO



If you cannot walk you can still help by financially supporting one of our walkers. Registration packets and more information are available from Lisa Setty, [lisa@opccdoc.org](mailto:lisa@opccdoc.org) or ext. 228.

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Christian Living and Skills Series

## Adult Christian Education Classes

*"We teach everyone we can that we know about Him, so that, if possible, we may bring all to their full maturity in Jesus Christ." —Colossians 1:28*

### "Feasting on the Word"

If you are looking for an occasion to explore scriptural passages in ways that are suitable for all participants, please join us on Sunday mornings for discussion and study with *Feasting on the Word*. The fall session will talk about scriptures that frequently follow the scriptural texts in worship on Sunday mornings. This invites learners deeper and deeper into the rhythm of the church year and utilizes our personal experiences to live out our faith.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Northwest section of Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, contact Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net)

### "The Wired Word"

#### New Sunday Morning Discussion Group!

On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am we will begin a new discussion group in Room #41 during the Sunday School hour. Using a guide called The Wired Word, we will focus on current events and how the Word speaks to us through our everyday lives. Each week the topic will change, so you are invited to check it out any time! We will honor a variety of topics in this discussion group, so some days it might feel like "Sunday School," while many days it won't. If you are looking for a group that discusses a variety of topics and how our faith, religion & spirituality intersects with those topics, from a variety of view-points, then this is the group for you! We will use books, news clippings & stories, movies, the Bible, and your opinions to facilitate this group.

Contact Rev. Laura with questions!

## Make a Difference!

Our children and teens need people who care and wish to learn with them. Please consider teaching during the Christian Education hour (9:30-10:15) on Sunday mornings. Lessons will be supplied. Contact Lisa Setty if you can help in this vital ministry.

## Care & Share

The Care and Share Grief Support Group will go to lunch at K & M BBQ, 603 North Webster Street, Spring Hill, KS 66083, on Wednesday, October 29. Meet at OPCC at 11:00 a.m. to carpool or meet at the restaurant at 11:30. Please make your reservation with Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net) by October 24.

## Christian Women's Fellowship

**Mary Martha CWF Circle** will meet Thursday, October 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. After worship, Bible study, and a business meeting, we will eat lunch at Cozy's Café at 6740 West 75th. All are welcome.

**CWF Circle 2** The girls will be meeting Monday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Alice Geise's home, 7318 West 54th Street. We are on Chapter 11 of our study "Balancing Our Wishes and God's Will". See you there.

## Mitten Tree Hats - Mittens - Gloves

These are the items that all of us take for granted to keep us warm in winter. The Hat and Mitten tree is now up near the Fellowship Hall waiting to be filled by you with new hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for men, women, teenagers, and children. These items will be donated to The Clothing Center of the Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA the first week in December.



## Girlfriends Unlimited

Women of OPCC join us for study, fellowship and fun! Girlfriends Unlimited 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 will study with a book entitled "Practicing our Faith," written by Dorothy Bass.

The study will help us to explore Christian practices that address our fundamental human needs and that, when woven together, form a way of life. Please join us on Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room through November 19. Questions? Contact Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net).

## Christian Caregivers

The Christian Caregiver Support Ministry is a safe place to receive helpful guidance and accept your calling to be a caregiver. We invite you to join us in the Fireside Room on Monday afternoons from 1:00–2:30 as we seek to support one another in our sometimes challenging and difficult tasks. (We will not meet whenever Shawnee Mission Schools are closed due to inclement weather.)

For more information, contact Peggy Moore at [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net) or 913-856-3833.

## Empty Nesters

**October 18, 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a Barn Party, Weiner Roast and Bonfire at the Moores', 20520 Waverly Road, Edgerton, KS 66021. RSVP to Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or [wpmoore@wildblue.net](mailto:wpmoore@wildblue.net).

## Solo Sidekicks Events for October

**Saturday, October 18th at 6 PM**

Join in with the Empty Nesters at a Barn Party at Peggy and Wayne Moore's house.

Provide a side dish of your choice. You can email or phone Peggy to let her know you can attend. It will be a fun event! Check with each other and maybe you can share transportation.

**Friday, October 24th at 6PM**

Solo Sidekicks will again have dinner at Cozy's Café, 6740 W 75th. We will need a count on this, so please sign up at the front counter.

## Stephen Ministers

We will meet for training on Wednesdays, October 8 and November 5, 10:30 AM - noon in the Fireside Room.

## Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group meets on the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room for breakfast, study, and fellowship. All men are invited to join us.

For more information, contact Wayne Moore at 913-856-3833 or Emerson Hartzler at 913-422-1378.

*The Board Members would like to say thank you for all of the time and energy you give to our church.*

*Please join us for an Open House on Friday evening October 10, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:30 in the Fireside Room at OPCC.*



## Scrip

Halloween is just around the corner, but don't be afraid of the ghosts and goblins, because Scrip Cards can help take care of all of their special needs—just like they do for all of your everyday needs. Just ask Jody Cash or Michelle Reiter or Chuck Warner to help you get the cards you need.

**Parents**—Please watch your email for information about an opportunity for children and youth to participate in worship through drama during the Advent season.

We will be doing something new this year in place of the yearly Christmas play. We can't wait to share our plans although they are a work in progress!

**Children's  
Christmas  
Drama**

## Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

### October Green Moment

Here are some ideas for going green at Halloween:

1. Instead of handing out candy, consider handing out things like pens, pencils, small toys, or homemade treats. If you truly want to hand out candy, check [www.naturemoms.com](http://www.naturemoms.com) as this site offers links to many organic candies, lollipops, and other healthy treats.
2. Offer your kids a candy buyback. Have them pick out their very favorite treats to keep and buy the rest back from them. For example, you can give them ten cents a piece for each piece of candy they "sell back" to you.
3. Start a "costume swap" with family and friends. Offer to trade costumes you and/or your kids wore the previous year that are still in good condition for costumes your friends and/or their kids have worn. You can host the swap of costumes in your home, or by an e-mail chain, or by using social media sites to offer what you have and to browse for what you want. This saves you money as well as keeps the costumes out of the landfills.
4. Shop for costumes and accessories at thrift stores, flea markets, or garage sales. You can repurpose old items into something new and different and this not only gives you a "new" costume, it also saves you money.
5. If you do purchase decorations, buy just a few things that you really like that are sturdy and well-made—things that can be used more than one year. Purchasing cheap items that fall apart quickly is wasteful. For outdoor decorations that can only be used for one season (like pumpkins, hay bales, gourds, and mums)—visit a farmers' market or pumpkin patch. If you want to make ghosts, cut an old white sheet into 6-8 pieces and use cotton, material scraps, or rags in the top and string or twine around the neck—then hang the ghosts close to your front door or in trees in your yard.
6. Have the kids use a sturdy reusable shopping bag or a pillow case to collect treats in—these can be used for more than one year and thus prevent waste. If you want to buy a "special" Halloween bag to collect treats, buy it AFTER Halloween (if possible) and you can get it for 50%-75% off. Make sure it is sturdy so that it will last for more than one year.
7. Save costumes, accessories, bags, and decorations from year to year. Keep them in a clearly marked box or storage container and they will be ready to use each Halloween season.

By following these ideas, you will be able to save financially and environmentally.

Have a Happy Halloween!

# Prayer List

## Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Abby Anderson (Eric & Laura Sprinkle's niece)
- ♥ Ed & Betty Burton
- ♥ Bryan Byrd (friend of Roy & Judy Nickum)
- ♥ Glenn (Bud) Eastwood
- ♥ Brodie Gilcrist
- ♥ Nancy Greenwood (friend of Sharon McBride)
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Susie Jackson (friend of Laura Phillips)
- ♥ Lloyd Lavelly
- ♥ Bob Marangelli (Wilma Townsend's son-in-law)
- ♥ Ann Martin
- ♥ Everett & Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Gail McCarty (friend of Roy & Judy Nickum)
- ♥ Shelly (Ben Nickum's mother-in-law)
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Jacob Sprinkle (Lee & Jan Sprinkle's grandson)
- ♥ Josh Townsend (Wilma Townsend's grandson)
- ♥ Kendall Whitney (Wanda & Duane Whitney's grandson)
- ♥ Charlene Wiles
- ♥ Elizabeth Withers

## Condolences

- ♥ to the family of Ben Starks upon his death on September 29

## Thank You

The NOW group would like to extend a big thanks to Bill and Linda Anthony and the Fellowship Commission for their help with the September 14th all-church dinner. They made the dinner a wonderful experience (as did the Dixieland band!). We also extend a big thank you to Martha Brockman for the table decorations. Thanks Martha and Fellowship Commission for all of your hard work!

## September Gifts

- \* a gift has been given to the Sowing Seeds campaign from Marilyn & Don Hamner in honor of Mary Aelmore for her dedication to serve.
- \* a special gift has been given toward the Prayer Chapel renovation from Joe & Jean Zacher to celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary.

## Continued Prayers

- ♥ Bill Barrett
- ♥ Frances Beattie
- ♥ Martha Brockman
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Lylia Bryant
- ♥ Phyllis & Harvey Cooke
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Haley Elliott
- ♥ Jim Foley
- ♥ Ruth Freeman
- ♥ Dave Ginter
- ♥ Gordon & Marlene Harkness
- ♥ Wilma Huffman
- ♥ Bob & Sue Jenkins
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Audrey Lavelly
- ♥ Marie Lear
- ♥ Barbara McCoy
- ♥ Hazel McCullough
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Jack McLain
- ♥ Tony & Florene Miele
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Wilma Nickum
- ♥ Wayne Phillips (Teresa Phillips' father)
- ♥ Mary Rayburn
- ♥ Chuck Reese
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Belva Snell
- ♥ Laura Starks
- ♥ Dale Warden
- ♥ Miriam & Buck Warren
- ♥ Esther West
- ♥ Jim Withers

## Military Prayer List

- ✪ Stephan Aelmore (grandson of Mary Aelmore), US Navy, New York
- ✪ Dustin Doree (grandson of Betty Craney), US Army, Seattle, WA
- ✪ Tiffany Doree (granddaughter of Betty Craney), US Navy, San Diego, CA
- ✪ SSG Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (son of Ed & Kathy Pinkelman), US Army, stationed at Camp Buehring in Kuwait

To add persons to this list, please forward information to Michelle Reiter at [michelle@opccdoc.org](mailto:michelle@opccdoc.org) or 913-677-4646, x223.

## Wanted:

Person or persons to oversee Crosslines Food Kitchen once a month in Kansas City, KS. This includes menu planning, buying groceries, preparing the food, and serving, and light clean-up. We have done this for 30 years and they still need our help. We feed 150-200 people the third Thursday of every month. It is a worthwhile project and very rewarding. If interested, contact Nita Anderson or Helen McLain. Thank you.



## The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City 2014 Regional Assembly

**November 1, 2014**

**9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

### Worship, Workshops, Ministry Fair

Park Hill Christian Church  
6601 NW 72nd Street  
Kansas City, MO 64151

#### Schedule:

8:45-9:30 Registration  
9:30-10:15 Worship  
10:30-11:30 Workshops  
11:30-12:45 Lunch & Ministry Fair  
1:00-2:15 Workshops  
2:30-3:00 Communion Service

See registration forms on the  
OPCC Library counter or  
contact Peggy Moore  
for more information.

## *Fall Into* **Tall Oaks** *gala 2014*

**Friday, October 10  
Arrowhead Stadium**

6:00 pm — Silent Auction

7:45 pm — Dinner followed by Live Auction

Gala Guests can enjoy Silent and Live Auctions, Dinner, Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Chiefs Hall of Honor, Press Box, Locker Room, and more!

For more information about the Gala:  
Lyle Bracken, 913-301-3004

For Reservations:  
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