

The OPCC Scene



OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ) 

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Sharing Christ's Love by
Serving our Neighbors while
Growing as Jesus' Disciples

SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional Family Worship — 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education for Children and Adults — immediately following Worship

Nursery available at both hours

All the Difference

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

— Robert Frost

In his much beloved poem – *The Road Not Taken* – Robert Frost envisions himself a traveler standing at the divergence of two roads, reflecting on his options, and seeking to discern the appropriate choice. He peers into the distance... he scours the landscape for clues until the road is lost to the undergrowth and ultimately the horizon. The road does not, however, reveal its destination – he can't see that far – and yet a decision is required. So he chooses the road less traveled, recognizing that the journey itself is significant, and stands no chance of completion without concerted effort and some degree of sacrifice.

I was reminded of this poem while reflecting on the choices that lie ahead of our faith community as we seek to discern God's vision and mission for our ministry. We stand at a similar divergence of roads, and with no more certainty of our choice than Frost. Yet a decision is required. It would be easy for us to take the well-traveled road; you know, the one that avoids any and all obstacles that might complicate the journey, the one that counts on the choices of others who have passed this way before. We can surely benefit from their efforts.

Here's the rub; the road well traveled is usually chosen for its ease. It is chosen for its lack of obstructions, and thus its assurance of a smooth ride. It is chosen precisely because it requires no concerted effort to complete. And while we don't know where it leads, we can at least assure ourselves that the journey will be comfortable.

We are approaching the conclusion of our visioning process, and will soon embrace through consensus the mission we discern as God's vision for us. We can take the well-traveled road;

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we can satisfy ourselves with a nicely worded slogan that will represent if not our reality, at least our dreams. We can frame this slogan, hang it on the wall, print it in the bulletin, upload it to the web site... and let it begin to gather dust. Or, we can take the road less traveled; we can commit ourselves to the effort, faith, and courage that will be required to arrive at our destination. And while we cannot see that destination it's okay; because God sees it; God favors it; and God will accompany us every step of the way. In short, we can trust God's leadership.

Please keep our visioning process in your heart, and pray for the courage in our faith community to breathe life into the vision God has for us. That will make all the difference.

In peace,

Bo

Graduates 2014

On Sunday, May 18, our graduates will be recognized in worship and honored with a reception in the Fireside Room following worship.



Congratulations and Best Wishes to each of you!



Jamie Crowe, son of Bo & Chris Crowe, will be a 2014 graduate of Blue Valley High School. He plans to attend Johnson County Community College where he hopes to play soccer.



Lindsey Elliott, daughter of Chuck & Mary Elliott, will be graduating from Johnson County Community College with an Associate of Science Degree. She will be a dental assistant for the near future.



Kathryn Glover, daughter of Kim Glover, will graduate from DeSoto High School on May 17. She plans to attend Kansas State University to major in Apparel Marketing and minor in Leadership Studies.



Elaine Fritz, granddaughter of Joyce Brooker, will graduate on May 10 from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, with a BA in Mass Communication/Broadcast Journalism.



Brendan Schulte, son of Mary & Darrell Schulte, will graduate from Bonner Springs High School on May 15. He plans on joining the Marine Corps and then attending college to study theology.



Cory Standridge, our previous youth pastor, will be graduating from Nazarene Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree on May 10.



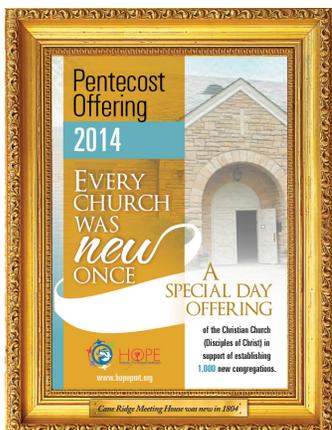
Keenan White, grandson of Marge White, will be graduating from Shawnee Mission North High School on May 13. He plans to work and study a technical trade in the future.

If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this year and would like to be acknowledged during Worship on May 18 and/or in the June issue of the Scene, please forward information to Michelle Reiter at michelle@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, extension 223.

Pentecost Sunday

is June 8

Join us in worship on this special Sunday as we celebrate the birthday of the church and the re-birth of our church!



Pentecost Offering June 1 and 8

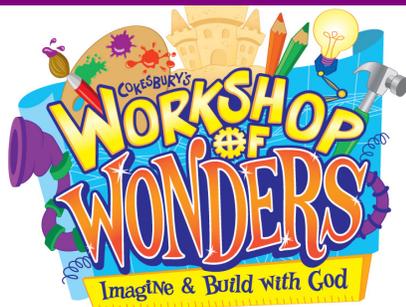
How often have you remarked about the importance of Overland Park Christian Church in your life? Some of us remember when OPCC was a new church. What would our community

and our lives be like if no one had planted the seeds that grew into this congregation?

The Pentecost special day offering supports the planting of new churches in communities that may not have a Disciples witness. Since 2001, 830 new Disciples congregations have been planted and nurtured. As we at OPCC engage in the visioning and renewal process for this church, let's show our gratitude by helping to plant new churches for future generations!

Week of Compassion at Work = \$934.00

Week of Compassion is at work responding to tornadoes, flooding and other natural disasters about every other day. The tornado outbreak at the end of April destroyed First Christian Church of Tupelo, Mississippi. FCC of Washington, NC lost its historic sanctuary to fire, as well as suffering damage to the homes of several members. Week of Compassion reaches out to offer both immediate and long term assistance. OPCC has given \$934.00 so far in 2014. You can make gifts at any time, by check to OPCC marked "Week of Compassion", or online at www.weekofcompassion.org. Gifts may be designated for "Storm Response".



We're getting ready for Vacation Bible School June 22-26

We need kids and volunteers! Sign up at <http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/opcc>

Donations needed:

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| Empty 12 oz or 1 liter bottles w/lids | Oreos |
| Butter cracker (like Hi Ho's) | Raisins |
| Dried cranberries | Rice Krispy Treats |
| Vanilla pudding | Gummy worms |
| Honey Graham Cereal | Oyster Crackers |
| Goldfish | Clear plastic cups |
| Plastic straws | White shoe laces |
| Model Magic | Mod Podge |
| Faux gemstones | \$ for other supplies |

The Christian Church of Greater Kansas City Ministry of Leadership Development invites you to spend a morning with

The Rev. Donna Rose-Heim "Listening for God Together"

Saturday, May 31, 2014
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)

First Christian Church
148 N. Nettleton
Bonner Springs, KS

Cost: \$10.00 per Person

Registration Deadline: May 15, 2014

- Come ready to consider ways we can ALL seek to discern God's Will in our congregations and our Region.
- Come prepared to experience God together; to listen, to share and to learn.
- Come to Grow in unity and love.

Donna Rose-Heim is our Interim Regional Minister and President. She has served as an Area Minister (Mid America), Intentional Interim Pastor, and is a published author. A knowledgeable Boundary Trainer, she is a highly sought after speaker and seminar facilitator on a variety of topics. A graduate of St. Paul's School of Theology, she and her husband Bill have 5 children and 5 grandchildren.

Prayer Team

One of the most vital ministries in which we share at OPCC is that we pray for one another. We pray for one another in worship, in our Bible Studies, during staff meetings, board meetings, at home, in the hospitals: we pray for one another. We continue to have a team of individuals who offer prayers when need arises and also continue to pray for all those individuals on our prayer list that is published monthly in the Scene. If you are not currently part of this team of "pray-ers" but would like to be, you are invited to call the church office and be added to this list. The power of prayer is so much more than we can comprehend, and we are grateful for all those that pray for each other, no matter where we are in our community!

Christian Caregivers

The Christian Care Givers Support Group will meet through the summer on the first and third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. No sessions on Memorial Day week or Labor Day week.

We will resume regular schedule on September 8 for every Monday sessions.

Questions, please call Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833.

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.

Empty Nesters

The Empty Nesters' next event is June 6 at the Kauffman Memorial Gardens 6:00 p.m. located at 4800 Rockhill Road Kansas City, MO 64110. A tour guide will meet us at the gate at 6:00 p.m. (This tour is free!) Supper to follow at Winstead's on Plaza (remember the 50's?) at 101 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64112. If you want to carpool, plan to meet at OPCC at 5:30 p.m.

Questions? Call Peggy Moore.

Solo Sidekicks Singles Group May Taco Night

Friday, May 23rd at 6 PM in the Fireside Room
Signup sheet is at Library Counter showing items needed for tacos Please sign up!

Care & Share

The Care and Share Grief Support Group will go to Spin Pizza, 9474 Renner Blvd in Lenexa, on Wednesday, May 21. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m., or meet at OPCC at 11:00 to carpool. Please make your reservation with Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net by April 25.

Mary Martha CWF Circle

will not meet in June, July, or August.

Girlfriends Unlimited

Girlfriends Unlimited has concluded for the Spring/Summer session. We will resume our weekly study in the Fireside Room on Wednesday evenings on September 10.

Questions? Contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore@wildblue.net or 913-856-3833.

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.

Homeschool Christian Academy Helps Cross Lines

OPCC provides 50 lunches each month to CrossLines for use by low income working people who can't come to the CrossLines Kitchen. Homeschool Christian Academy students, who meet in the OPCC building on Wednesdays during the school year, recently held a contest to see which class could contribute the most food to the CrossLines sack lunch program. Students brought nonperishable lunch items for 4 Wednesdays in April and their generosity created a "mountain" in the Bride's Room. The winning class, Mrs. Heather Whalen's third grade, received a pizza party. More importantly, on May 14 the kids will help assemble the lunches, which will be delivered to CrossLines the following day.

Thank you, HCA!!!



Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network

*Empowering Homeless Families
by Engaging People of Faith*

Next IHN Host Week at OPCC: May 11-18

Sign up sheets are in the front hall. Please find a time that will work for you to help our families. At this time we have two families that include three adults and eight children. We also have two single females. We still have plenty of opportunities to volunteer!

IHN Welcomes New Family

OPCC's next IHN host week begins on Mother's Day. It is especially appropriate that we are able to welcome a new guest family which includes a mom and 5 children. We also celebrate the recent graduation of another family of 6 who have moved into stable housing, and were able to save several thousand dollars while IHN guests.

IHN Volunteer Training

The next Volunteer Training will be **Wednesday, May 14, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** The host site will be Curé of Ars Catholic Church, located at 9401 Mission Rd, in Leawood. The church phone is (913) 649-1337. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Barb Collins barbcollins@kc.rr.com or call 816-807-8520.

The IHN Family Center is moving!

Ground has broken and work is underway. Updates will be forthcoming.

The Third Annual IHN Auction "Carnival of Dreams"

Thursday, June 19, 2014
6:00-9:30 p.m.

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
14201 Nall Avenue, Leawood, KS

The **Nigro Brothers**, one of Kansas City's best known charity auctioneer teams, will once again conduct our live auction. They are very entertaining and extremely persuasive.

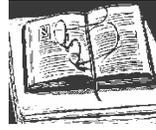
Joe Lauria, FOX4 Meteorologist will be the **Master of Ceremonies**.

Admission includes dinner by **Brancato's Catering**, drink tickets, special music, silent and live auctions.

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Christian Living and Skills Series

"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



Adult Christian Education
Class Schedule
Sundays 11:00 a.m.-noon

"Battlefield of the Mind"

The class in Room 40 is doing a new video/discussion study by best-selling author and speaker Joyce Meyer. God wants us to experience the fullness of life. This study will show us how. Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon. All are welcome—please join us!

Leader: Mary Aelmore
Room: classroom #40

"Feasting on the Word"

This Adult Bible Study follows the lectionary used in our worship service. We will continue to meet Sunday mornings at 11:00 in Fellowship Hall Northwest through May 18, break for the summer, and resume on September 7.

All are welcome to join us!

Leader: Peggy Moore
Room: Fellowship Hall

"Faith in the Chaos of Home"

This new discussion group meets in room 41. It honors a variety of topics, so some days it might feel like "Sunday School," while many days it won't. We will focus on how we engage spirituality, and keep our faith in the home.

Church isn't the only place we can be spiritually fed – and we want to help you with resources. 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.

Leader: Rev. Laura Phillips
Room: classroom #41

Thank You

To the congregation of Overland Park Christian Church—

I am writing this note to thank all of you for your continued prayers for my grandson, Brodie Gilcrist. On March 31st, at the age of 20 months, Brodie had a portion of both of his legs amputated—one above the ankle and one above the knee—due to birth defects in both legs. It was a very difficult decision, but was his only chance of ever walking as neither leg would support him.

The prayers of not only OPCC, but several churches in Omaha, have helped our family get through this difficult time, especially Brodie's mom and dad. Handing over your baby even to the most skilled orthopedic surgeon at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis was gut-wrenching. Brodie has recovered well and has been measured for prosthetics which will take approximately 2 weeks to construct.

Even while in the body cast from the waist down, Brodie was able to army crawl and get around the house. His upper body strength is amazing. We have no doubt that with his "new legs" he will reach new levels of getting into things. He knows that other people wear shoes and will be so excited to have his very first pair. The generosity of people is amazing. One of my son's co-workers found out that Brodie has never been able to wear shoes and his two children pooled their allowance to buy Brodie his first pair of Nike shoes.

As God continues to watch over our family, we know there are many children with worse problems and feel blessed that Brodie is such a happy little boy. Hopefully, I can sometime bring him to KC when I visit my dad and let you meet him.

Sincerely,
Janet Gilcrist (daughter
of Tom Nelson)

Thanks to all our OPCC friends for your prayers, cards and phone calls during Dave's latest bout with pneumonia. They were very much appreciated. He is once again on the road to recovery. We hope to make it to church some Sunday morning.

— Dave & Hazel Ginter

To our friends at OPCC,

Thank you for your kindness, prayers, and calls following my brother-in-law, Owen Clayton's, recent illness and death.

— David Hobbs

Thanks to OPCC for all the cards, care packages, and especially prayers for my son, US Marine Sgt. Stephen Green as he has been deployed the better part of the last 8 years, to places such as Okinawa, Japan, and Afghanistan, where he earned the Presidential Unit Citation, and as a Marine Security Guard at US Embassies, including Jakarta, Indonesia he met President and Mrs. Obama, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan where he was chosen for a VIP security detail guarding Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Helsinki, Finland, and most recently earthquake prone Chile, here he served at the US Embassy in Santiago. He will now be returning to the US to Camp Lejeune, NC and will be leaving the active duty Marine Corps in the next few months and returning to college. He will be in the Marine IRR the next three years, which is the Marine Reserve component. Please continue to keep our troops and veterans, our wounded, and military families, and families of the fallen in your prayers.

— Marijane Green

To our Friends in Christ at OPCC—

Florene and I cannot thank you enough for your many prayers, cards, and telephone calls through our health issues and the recent loss of our daughter, Linda Martin. Without your support, we would probably have withered away. With your support we hope to see you in the not too distant future.

— Tony & Florene Miele

Host an Exchange Student!

Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2014-2015 school year. The students will arrive from Europe, Asia, and South America in mid-August 2014 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family provides a bed, meals, friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a student from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses.

Approved families can view online student applications and select the student that best matches their own family. For more information, please call Wilma Fast at 316-681-1236.

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Abby Anderson (Eric & Laura Sprinkle's niece)
- ♥ Betty Burton
- ♥ Brodie Gilcrist (Tom Nelson's great-grandson)
- ♥ Dave Ginter
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Susie Jackson (friend of Laura Phillips)
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Bob Marangelli (Wilma Townsend's son-in-law)
- ♥ Ann Martin
- ♥ Everett & Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Wayne Phillips (Teresa Phillips' father)
- ♥ William Pittman and his sister Delene (friends of Billie Warden)
- ♥ Shelly (Ben Nickum's mother-in-law)
- ♥ Taylor Spillers
- ♥ Josh Townsend (Wilma Townsend's grandson)
- ♥ Kendall Whitney (Wanda & Duane Whitney's grandson)
- ♥ Elizabeth Withers
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Linda Anthony
- ♥ Frances Beattie
- ♥ Martha Brockman
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Lylia Bryant
- ♥ Brenna Cobb
- ♥ Phyllis & Harvey Cooke
- ♥ Glenn (Bud) Eastwood
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Haley Elliott
- ♥ Jim Foley
- ♥ Marlene Harkness
- ♥ Wilma Huffman
- ♥ Bob & Sue Jenkins
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Judy Knox (Mary Aelmore's sister)
- ♥ Theresa Krebs
- ♥ Audrey & Lloyd Lavelly
- ♥ Marie Lear
- ♥ Hazel McCullough
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Jack McLain
- ♥ Tony & Florene Miele
- ♥ Wilma Nickum
- ♥ Mary Rayburn
- ♥ Chuck Reese
- ♥ Belva Snell
- ♥ Dale Warden
- ♥ Miriam Warren
- ♥ Esther West

Condolences

- ♥ to Pat Gilling and family on the death of her father, Aubrey Newton, on April 8.
- ♥ to Ann Martin and family on the death of her grandson, Eric Paul Martin, on April 15.
- ♥ to Dave & Liz Hobbs and family on the death of Dave's brother-in-law, Owen Clayton, on April 26.
- ♥ to the family of Margaret Bogle upon her death on April 27.

April Gifts

- * A gift has been given to the Food Pantry from Marijane Green in honor of her son, Sgt. Stephen Green, USMC, who has returned to the U.S. at Camp Lejeune, N.C., after 3 years deployed guarding U.S. embassies in Indonesia, Turkmenistan, and Chile.
- * A gift has been given to the Food Pantry from Marie Lear in honor of Wayne & Peggy Moore's 50th wedding anniversary
- * A gift has been given to the Youth Mission Trip from Joyce Brooker and family in memory of Lori Brooker.
- * A gift has been given for the new prayer chapel from Dr. Joe Zacher in celebration of Jean Zacher's 90th birthday. God has been good!!!

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
- ✦ SGT Stephen James Green (son of Marijane Green), US Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- ✦ SPC Edward Pinkelman, Jr. (son of Ed & Kathy Pinkelman), US Army, Italy

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

Sanctuary Flower Fund

Do you have a special occasion or event you would like celebrated at church? If you would like to sponsor flowers in the chancel on any Sunday (in honor or memory of a loved one, a special event, etc.), contact Pat Warner at 913-631-6525 or plw533@kc.rr.com





Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

Green Moment for May “Going Green — Gardening”

1. Compost kitchen scraps inside and later transfer them outside and combine them with yard waste you are composting.
2. Water sparingly by using drip systems, soaker hoses; use sprinklers that have multiple settings so that you don't water sidewalks, side of the house, driveways, etc..
3. In order to avoid water evaporation, water in the early morning or late evening so that the water has time to soak in better.
4. Use terracotta pots to make a container garden. The clay absorbs water and keeps the soil damp longer. Using pots also helps to confine plants to a smaller space which makes watering more direct to the roots.
5. If possible, collect water with a rain barrel and then reuse the water sparingly to keep the plants hydrated.
6. In your garden, plant flowers that attract birds, butterflies, or bumblebees. This helps to keep insects away and/or helps pollinate and propagate the garden.
7. To remove salt deposits on clay pots, combine equal parts of white vinegar, water, and rubbing alcohol in a spray bottle. Apply to the pot and scrub with a plastic brush. Let pot dry thoroughly before planting anything in it.
8. You can use little clay pots as cloches for protecting young plants from overnight frosts and freezes.
9. When you boil or steam vegetables, save the water and use it to water your potted patio plants. It is very good for them.
10. If you need to dry herbs, use a single sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car and place the herbs in a single layer on the paper. Roll up the windows and close the doors. The herbs will quickly dry and your car will smell very good!

Please let me know about any topic you want to know more about on “going green”.

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