

The OPCC Scene



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SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship — 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Vision Discernment 2014 *Next Steps*

It was both exciting and inspiring to read the blessings, prayers, and personal sentiments offered as an act of commitment to our updated vision and mission in worship on July 27. Their content was wide ranging – especially considering the prayerful request from one of our OPCC kids for a good time at an upcoming visit to Worlds of Fun! – nevertheless, they shared a common theme; humbly seeking wisdom, courage, and the strength to live into this vision ...with God's help. I am confident that God will continue to work in and through our decisions and actions as we move forward day by day. Speaking of moving forward, I would like to share with you a sketch of the next steps involved in giving life to this vision; steps that will result in the church that reinvented itself described in our future story.

- (1) We have a small group of *scribes* working through our notes and conclusions to formulate, summarize, and organize the values, goals, and dreams that are woven into our vision. This work will be completed within the next few days.
- (2) This summary will be shared with the vision discernment team at a working meal on Sunday, August 24, following the 10:30 worship gathering (don't worry gang; lunch will be on our nickel). The purpose will be to prioritize projects, and form small groups to work on their design and implementation. For example, there is a clear conviction that we should create a *Family Resource Center* at OPCC that will partner with service organizations from the surrounding community to provide training, fellowship, guidance, and/or connection with potential service providers to our neighbors. What will this look like? How will it be funded? Who will supervise it? How will we identify potential partners? Obviously this will be a multi-phased and ongoing ministry project; yet it needs some shape in its beginning. This will be the task of a small working group made up of individuals with a sense passion for this ministry opportunity. Similar groups will work on other ministries, such as small groups, study and spiritual nurture, fellowship, promoting OPCC in the community, expanding the membership in our faith community, and more.
- (3) All this necessary work aside, we have a (justifiable) wide spread sense that it's time to act. We can talk all we want, but we need to do something... now! Our vision discernment team, therefore, will designate three projects for immediate implementation. We will see them realized within the calendar year. They will afford us a sense of accomplishment, an insight into what our reinvented church will look like, and motivation to continue God's work of ministry and mission.

Are you ready? Are you excited about the possibilities that lie before us? I hope so. Because your participation and support will be needed if we are to become the church of God's vision, the church that reinvented itself!

Bo

Elder-Hosted Congregational Meeting

Saturday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.
Fireside Room

You are invited as we continue to envision our future at OPCC. Bo Crowe will be our guest speaker as we focus on being a welcoming community... i.e. how we can use worship, studies, small groups to attract new people, or "From Stranger to Neighbor. Nurturing Diversity in the Church"

Join us Saturday morning at 9:00!

Special Invitation

The vision discernment team is invited to meet for food, fellowship, and important vision work on Sunday, August 24, following our 10:30am worship gathering. This group includes the vision steering committee, and anyone who participated in one or both of our vision retreats.

If you don't fall into one of these groups but have a passion for this vision, by all means, join us! Look for more information soon.

Do you have an extra hour or two per month?

- Wednesday morning – 1 time/month – receive BackSnack boxes and store in closet
- Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning or Thursday afternoon – 2 times/month – pack BackSnacks for students
- Friday morning – 2 times/month – deliver BackSnack boxes to our two elementary schools partners

BackSnacks is a program sponsored by Harvesters Community Food Network that provides extra food to children the school personnel have identified as economically challenged. We partner with Harvesters, Tomahawk Elementary and East Antioch Elementary schools as the arms, legs, and sometimes cars to receive the food from Harvesters and deliver it to the schools.

Last school year we served 60 children approximately 1980 sacks of food.

Join us!

None of the tasks are difficult and the impact is huge. Call Jane Fletcher at 913-449-5785 to volunteer or find out more.



Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network

*Empowering Homeless Families
by Engaging People of Faith*

Our next IHN Host Week is August 10-18

Volunteers are still needed for evening hosting, overnight, and meals. Call Barb Collins at 816-807-8520 or email barbcollins@kc.rr.com for questions or to fill a slot.

Volunteer Training Sessions are held odd numbered months, usually Saturday mornings from 9:30am – noon, at an IHN host church. RSVPs are not necessary. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Next Volunteer Training:

Saturday, September 27, from 1:00-3:30pm
(note time change).

The host site will be New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8714 Antioch, Overland Park. The church phone is (913) 642-5617.

The **IHN Family Center** is ready for completion. The space is twice the size of the former site and is located 6315 W. 110th St., Overland Park. During the move, our family numbers will be down so that the items can be moved and the families are not inconvenienced in any major way. Please lift up prayers for a smooth finish and that all families have good care.

8th Annual IHN Golf Tournament Saturday, October 4, 2014



Calling all golfers!

Join other IHN supporters at Falcon Ridge Golf Course in Lenexa for the 8th Annual IHN Golf Tournament. It promises to be a day filled with golf, prizes, lunch and fun.

This event raises over \$30,000 for IHN each year.

There are Golfer, Sponsorship, Silent Auction Donations, and Volunteer Opportunities, so **THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!**

Golfer Entry Fee is \$125 per golfer, or \$500 per foursome, and includes green fee, practice balls and lunch. There will be a raffle, silent auction and "on course" games. We are looking for new Sponsors this year! Is this something you or your company (or your neighbor's company) would like to do to empower our guests to get into their own home? Sponsorship information is printed on the brochure, and ranges from \$1,000 - \$5,000.

Go to www.jocoihn.org and click on "Fundraising" to view and print the brochure.

See you at Falcon Ridge on Saturday, October 4!

Empty Nesters

Looking for some fun and relaxation with food and friends?

Join the Empty Nesters on Friday evening, September 19 at 6:30pm at Kill Creek Park shelter #2 for a picnic and fellowship. There is also an area for a short walk around the park if you are so inclined. Kill Creek Park is located at 12300 South Homestead Lane in Olathe, KS (corner of 117th Street and Homestead Lane). You may want to Google directions when it gets closer to the event as the map from Park Services is not accurate.

Make your reservation with Peggy Moore by September 15 at 913 856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net.

Solo Sidekicks

August 22nd

in the Fireside Room at 6 PM

Meal will be provided and cost divided.
Brisket with potato salad and baked beans.
Please sign up on the sheet at the library counter.

Mary Martha CWF Circle

will not meet in August.

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 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room starting September 10th and running through November 19th. Questions?

Contact Peggy Moore after August 25 at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net.

Stephen Ministers:

Will meet 10:30am—noon
in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays,
September 10, October 8, and November 5.

NOW Group

The NOW Group is inviting the congregation to an all church potluck dinner on Sunday, September 14, immediately following worship. Entertainment will be provided by the famous **Kansas City Dixieland Band!**

The NOW Group will provide the meat. Those who attend are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert dish to share. We would also appreciate it if you would sign up at the library counter if you are attending so that we may have a head count—this is very important so that we may provide the best experience possible. Please come for fun, food, and entertainment. Hope to see you there!

Care & Share

The Care and Share Grief Support Group will go to Jack Stack Barbecue at 95th & Metcalf on Wednesday, August 27. 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 by August 25.

Christian Caregivers*

The Christian Care Givers Support Group will meet on the first and third Monday of August at 1:00 p.m. and then 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.

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.



Kid's Worship will resume September 7 during the 10:30am worship service. Children will be dismissed after the Children's Moment and may be picked up in The Great Hall following worship. This fall we will be focusing on many different Old Testament stories. (There will be no Kid's Worship during the 8:30 worship service.)



Worship & Wonder is a Montessori influenced program that incorporates a sensorimotor style of learning which allows children to experience and encounter God. We have been blessed with the use of a

complete set of storytelling supplies which normally cost quite a sum to acquire. OPCC will begin teaching Worship & Wonder on Sunday mornings beginning in October, but first we must have some trained leaders...

Please consider becoming a leader for Worship & Wonder and attend the training:

- Friday, Sept. 12 (6-9)**
- Saturday, Sept. 13 (9-5)**
- Sunday, Sept. 14 (1-4)**
- All training at OPCC**

Questions? Please ask Lisa Setty or Laura Phillips. You may also attend our Family Life Commission meeting on August 11 at 7pm to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

We will need to register and pay for the training by August 29. We hope to have 5 or 6 trained leaders. Thank you!



Family Life Commission

Family Life Commission Meeting
Monday, August 11
7-8 pm in the Fireside Room

Our OPCC kids and youth need YOU! Join us as we discuss a new Sunday morning curriculum, Junior Youth Group, Youth Group, "sprucing up" of our west entryway and more! Not only do we enrich our children's faith when help them engage with Christ but our own faith grows and deepens as well.



Junior Youth Group will resume on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8 pm beginning September 4. This group is for all children in grades 4-6.

Youth Group (for grades 7-12) will resume in September, but the days and times will be announced later. Watch your email and the OPCC Youth Facebook page for more information.



Youth²
(Youth Squared)

Youth Squared events are periodic activities that we plan with youth from other DOC churches in the area. These activities are open to all children and youth in grades 4-12.

Our first event this year will be Sunday, September 14 from 1-6 pm at Tall Oaks. It includes worship, a bonfire with hotdogs, and the ropes course. All for \$17. We need final counts 2 weeks prior, August 31.

I also need a parent or two to help with this activity. Please contact Lisa Setty at lisa@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646 x 228 with any questions or to reserve your spot!

**Pro-Reconciliation
Anti-Racism Training
Workshop for Youth
in Grades 9-12**



Sunday, September 21, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

This is a regional event to be held at OPCC. The training will address racism and how the church and individuals can overcome racism in our lives and communities. Stay after church, Lisa will bring in pizza for lunch and learn about ways you can make a difference.

NEEDED: School Kits

for Church World Service

Join the Family Life Commission in gathering supplies for much needed School Kits for Church World Service. These kits will be delivered to children in impoverished school, refuge camps and other difficult settings. The current back-to-school sales make this an easy and affordable way to help others. Supplies needed include:



- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)
- \$2 per bag to pay for shipping and processing



OPCC Fantasy Football league forming NOW!

The league will be organized by Greg and Harrison May. If you would like to be a part of the league contact Greg May at gfmay7@gmail.com or Lisa Setty at lisa@opccdoc.org. We need to do our draft between August 30 and September 2. May the best team win!



Scrip

Fall is just around the corner.

Can you believe it? Are you, your kids or grandkids going back to school? What about a fall project before the weather turns? Scrip cards are an excellent way to help out yourself and OPCC at the same time.

C . L . A . S . S .

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 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

"Battlefield of the Mind"

The class in Room 40 is doing a 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 at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome—please join us!

Leader: Mary Aelmore
Room: classroom #40

"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, starting on September 7th, during the Christian Education hour at 9:15 in the northwest section of Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please call Peggy Moore after August 24 at 913-856-3833 or email wpmoore@wildblue.net

"Rev. Laura's Class"

Rev. Laura Phillips plans to offer a new class this fall as an 8 week course, 3 different times.

The class will be held during the Christian Education hour in room 41. More details to follow!

"Creating the Covenant" (8 weeks)
"Living the Covenant" (8 weeks)
"Trusting the Covenant" (8 weeks)

Sowing Seeds for the Future

Can you believe it??...our 3-year Sowing Seeds campaign process is coming to a close at year end!!!

OPCC has a lot to celebrate, Laura's addition to the staff (what a delight), the Sanctuary renovations which have brightened and updated our worship space, and now embarking on a new Vision. All of this has been made possible because of YOUR commitment to God and the ministry of OPCC.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle, Sowing Seeds Chair

Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

Green Moment for August

The following tips will explain ways for you to save energy.

This not only helps the environment, but will help you save money on electric and gas bills.

1. Be sure to keep the lint filter on your dryer clean. Also, be sure the dryer is in an area where there is good air circulation as this will help the clothes dry faster, plus save on electricity. The best way to save energy, though, is to line dry clothes whenever possible.
2. Washing machines use a great deal of electricity. With the various detergents available today, washing clothes in cold water is the best way to save energy. You seldom need to use anything other than cold water in your washing machine. You may wish to experiment with various cycles on your washing machine to see if you can find a shorter cycle that is just as efficient as the one you are currently using.
3. If you have an electric stove, use a pan that fits the burner (hot plate) size. If you need to boil water, use a microwave oven or a tea kettle as it uses less energy than a pan on the burner. Heat only the amount of water you need as it is also saves energy more than heating excess water. When cooking, use a microwave as often as possible as it uses much less energy than an electric stove.
4. Be sure your oven light works and your "inspection" panel is clean—significant heat is lost if the oven door is opened while the food is cooking. Also, shortly before the food is fully cooking, you may shut off the heat (to the oven or burners) because this will save energy and the heat will last long enough to finish cooking the food.
5. Be sure your refrigerator seal is in good condition as even small gaps can significantly affect performance. Keep the refrigerator out of direct sunlight and be sure it is placed where it gets good air circulation, particularly at the back. If you have an older model fridge with coils, be sure and dust the coils regularly.
6. Defrosting your refrigerator and freezer on a regular basis will help to conserve energy. Also, adjust the refrigerator and freezer temperature settings according to the season. You can put them on a higher (warmer) setting in the winter.
7. Unplug kitchen appliances when they are not in use as many these consume "stand by" power.
8. Seal up gaps around your home by using earth friendly insulation and blackout curtains. These help dramatically reduce the electricity used to heat and cool your home. Ceiling fans and roof turbines can also be used to help heat and cool your home in the winter and summer.
9. Dress in warmer clothes while at home in the winter and with lighter clothing in the summer. By doing this, you can keep your thermostat higher in the summer and lower in the winter. Even adjusting the thermostat by a few degrees can save energy and lower your electric and gas bills.
10. Have your heater and air conditioner regularly serviced so they can operate at maximum efficiency.
11. Put a heater blanket on your electric water heater. These are cheap to buy, but greatly help to conserve electricity. Limiting time in the shower helps to conserve water and electricity.
12. Only leave lights on when you need them. Use LED or CFL bulbs—even though they are more expensive, they last much longer than incandescent bulbs and use much less electricity.

I hope you have found these tips to be useful. Have a good month and GO GREEN!

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Abby Anderson (Eric & Laura Sprinkle's niece)
- ♥ Bill Barrett
- ♥ Ed & Betty Burton
- ♥ Bryan Byrd (friend of Roy & Judy Nickum)
- ♥ Glenn (Bud) Eastwood
- ♥ Brodie Gilcrist
- ♥ Dave Ginter
- ♥ Nancy Greenwood (friend of Sharon McBride)
- ♥ Carole Ingram
- ♥ Susie Jackson (friend of Laura Phillips)
- ♥ Bob Marangelli (Wilma Townsend's son-in-law)
- ♥ Ann Martin
- ♥ Everett & Ina Fern McBride
- ♥ Gail McCarty (friend of Roy & Judy Nickum)
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ William Pittman and his sister Delene (friends of Billie Warden)
- ♥ Shelly (Ben Nickum's mother-in-law)
- ♥ Taylor Spillers
- ♥ Ben Starks
- ♥ Josh Townsend (Wilma Townsend's grandson)
- ♥ Kendall Whitney (Wanda & Duane Whitney's grandson)
- ♥ Elizabeth Withers
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Frances Beattie
- ♥ Martha Brockman
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Lylia Bryant
- ♥ Brenna Cobb
- ♥ Phyllis & Harvey Cooke
- ♥ Nancy Crossfield (Mary Aelmore's sister)
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Haley Elliott
- ♥ Jim Foley
- ♥ Ruth Freeman
- ♥ Marlene Harkness
- ♥ Wilma Huffman
- ♥ Bob & Sue Jenkins
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ Judy Knox (Mary Aelmore's sister)
- ♥ Audrey & Lloyd 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
- ♥ Belva Snell
- ♥ Dale Warden
- ♥ Miriam Warren
- ♥ Esther West

Condolences

- ♥ to the family of Veda Price who died on July 30.

Thank You

Thanks to women from CWF Circle 2 for greeting, hosting, and setting up for the Abrahamic Traditions dinner in on July 1. It was a real success! Also, thank you to the ladies who cleaned the silver in the Fireside Room. We appreciate your service!

June & July Gifts

- * a gift has been received from Marian Bilyea to the Tom Nelson Memorial
- * a gift has been received from Mary Aelmore to the Tom Nelson Memorial
- * a gift has been received from Aleta Johnson to the Tom Nelson Memorial
- * a gift has been received from Chuck Warner to the Tom Nelson Memorial
- * a gift has been received from Wayne & Peggy Moore to the Tom Nelson Memorial
- * a gift has been given to the Prayer Room Renovation Fund from Dale & Billie Warden in memory of Tom Nelson
- * a gift has been given to the Food Pantry from Bette Scafe in memory of Tom Nelson
- * a gift has been given to the Food Pantry from Earl & Barbara Sheldon in memory of Tom Nelson
- * a gift has been received from Jody Cash to the Veda Price Memorial
- * a gift has been given to the Food Pantry from Taylor & Gerry Spillers in memory of Nina Molleson
- * a gift has been given to the Food Pantry from Taylor & Gerry Spillers in honor of Linda & Allen Peyton's 50th wedding anniversary
- * a gift has been given to purchase a wind sculpture for the courtyard from Don & Marilyn Hamner in memory of their parents, E.H. & Mary Alice Hamner and Jim & Nadine Gutridge

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 or 913-677-4646, x223.

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