

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

Children Worship and Wonder

Plans for bringing Children Worship & Wonder, a new format for Kid's Worship, to OPCC are well underway! We could not be more excited about this new format for Kid's Worship, and hope that the *entire congregation* (even if you don't have kids in the program!) will feel the excitement as well!

This Montessori based program centers on teaching our children the biblical stories and allowing them to individually develop and deepen their relationship with God based on their own personal experiences with those stories. OPCC has received an amazing gift from the Greater KC Region, in that they have gifted OPCC all the supplies and manipulatives that are utilized in telling these stories to help deepen the children's relationship with God. Nevertheless, it is an art to tell each of these stories, and requires training to do so.

For that reason and more, we are also thrilled to be offering training for "Storytellers" and "Greeters" that will help to lead the Children Worship & Wonder program. The training will take place in our new Children Worship & Wonder room (#33 in the west hallway) September 12-14. We are so grateful to already have a few individuals who have shown interest in becoming trained, but we definitely welcome more to this unique style of worshiping *with* the children while we worship God *together*. If you are at all interested, you can still sign up for this training session by contacting Lisa Setty, ext. 228 or lisa@opccdoc.org.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions about the program, about the progress in bringing this program to OPCC, or about the ways we will partner with the Region. We welcome any support and inquiries as we are confident we will bear much fruit after supporting this program for our children! Please keep up to date in the newsletter and the website for more information.



Children Worship & Wonder training at OPCC:

Friday, September 12, 6:00-9:00pm

Saturday, September 13, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, September 14, 1:00-4:00pm

Laura

Welcome to the Community!

Join us in welcoming the following folks who have recently joined our OPCC family!



Jim & Bobbie Arnold

Jim and Bobbie have recently transferred their membership from Cherokee Christian Church. Family members include their sons, Tim, Greg, and Robb. Jim and Bobbie enjoy family, bowling and sports teams. They currently are bowling in a Cherokee Christian bowling team. They are both retired. We welcome them to our faith community.



Misty Moody, Dayton and Donovn

Misty and her two sons recently joined us at OPCC. Dayton was baptized here on Easter Sunday. Misty is employed at Touchnet and the brothers are in school. Dayton says that he likes skateboarding and soccer, and Donovn likes bicycles and soccer. We are so happy to have them join our OPCC community.



Nancy Coffman

Nancy joined OPCC after being a member at Cherokee Christian and Roanoke Christian. Her husband is Larry. They have a daughter, Kathy, and 3 wonderful grandchildren. Nancy also has a sister, June, who is 90, and many nieces and nephews. Pets include Daisey, their Basset Hound, and their cat, Little One. Nancy loves to cook, bake, and sew. She takes long walks with Little One and also does some reading. Nancy has been an accountant and an office manager but is now retired.



Robert & Sharon Shankel

Robert and Sharon transferred recently from Cherokee Christian Church. Family members include Tony and Carol, Mike, Leann, Christina and Scott, and Jennifer. Snowflake is the family pet, an Alaskan Husky-Malamute. Their hobbies include gardening and cooking. Sharon is retired and Robert owns his own business. We welcome them to OPCC!



Charlene Wiles

Charlene has transferred from Cherokee Christian Church where she served as church secretary from 1969 to 1985. She found her pet on a Missouri highway on a 105 degree July day. His name is Cricket and is a Border Collie mix. Charlene like reading, birds, flowers, and Outreach and Christian Education. She is retired after serving as church secretary for 31 years and serving 3 churches. Welcome to OPCC, Charlene.



Don & Barbara Killion

Don and Barbara transferred recently from Cherokee Christian Church. They have one son and three daughters, eight grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Hobbies include reading and crossword puzzles. They are both retired and Don does taxes for H&R Block during tax season. We are pleased that they have joined us.



Who Doesn't Love a Parade?

WHAT? We are going to have a float in the Overland Park Parade!
WHEN? Saturday, September 27 at 10:00 am.
WHO? You and Me - Us
WHY? Because we are one of the best kept secrets in town and we don't want to be a secret anymore.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Do you have a vehicle we can use in the parade?
- Do you want to help decorate the float?
- Do you want to ride in the float and wave?
- Do you want to walk along, greet people on the sidelines and pass out fliers. (Adults we need you. Remember, many of our amazing youth and children will already be in the parade with their bands, scouts, etc.)
- Of course you do!!

Contact Kourtney Leibman in the church office to sign up. And hurry, we don't have much time!

Congregational Meeting

On August 20, 2014, Bo sent out a letter regarding the potential sale of the undeveloped north lot that has been on the market for several years, along with a call for a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, August 31, 2014, following both worship gatherings. The congregational meeting held just this past Sunday resulted in a postponing of the vote on the sale to allow for further informational gatherings, and to allow more time for questions and discussion. The Board and Financial Advisory Committee continues to strongly recommend the sale of this north lot, but recognizes the importance of allowing the congregation to process the information, and to ask questions as needed. At this time, the informational meetings have not yet been set on the calendar. However, we invite all who are interested to stay diligent in watching email, phone calls, and our website, so that you can come to one of the informational meetings as soon as they are set. We will then again set a congregational meeting to vote on the sale of this property. Many thanks for your continued care and stewardship of this congregation and this church!

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Next IHN Volunteer Training:

Saturday, September 27, 1:00-3:30pm
New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church
8714 Antioch, Overland Park
913-642-5617

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.

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!

NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a 12 week course for families and friends of adults living with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, anxiety disorders, borderline disorder, OCD, and PTSD. Course participants gain vital information, insight and understanding of their loved one that many describe as life-changing.

Family-to-Family provides caregivers with communication and problem-solving techniques, coping mechanisms, and the self-care skills needed to deal with their loved one's mental illness as well as its impact on family.

Please contact **Doris** at (913) 648-5155 for more information and/or to enroll in the class. We start September 11 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Nall Avenue Church of the Nazarene, 6301 Nall Avenue.

For more information about the NAMI program, go to www.nami.org/familytofamily.

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.

Care & Share

The Care and Share Grief Support Group will go to lunch at Old 56 Highway Family Diner, 912 S. Chestnut in Olathe on Wednesday, September 24. 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 September 19.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Mary Martha CWF Circle will meet Thursday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. After worship, Bible study, and our meeting, we will eat lunch at Olive Garden. All are welcome.

CWF Circle 2 will meet Monday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Alice Geise's, 7318 West 54th Street. We will be welcoming several new member and you are welcome too!

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? Call Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or email wpmoore@wildblue.net.

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!

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 or 913-856-3833.

Stephen Ministers & Congregational Care Team

Stephen Ministers/Congregational Care Team will meet together on Wednesday, September 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will do a brief update on our Congregational Care concerns and give opportunity for questions on our new restructure. Then let's discuss what we do when an emergency comes up. What do we do as faithful community of believers do with and for each other. Be sure to change your calendar for our meeting to September 17th at 10:30.

We will also plan to meet on October 8 and November 5, both 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

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.

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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

"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, beginning September 7th, during the Christian Education hour at 9:30 in the northwest section of Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, contact Peggy Moore at 913-856-3833 or wpmoore@wildblue.net

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.



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.)

(The kids' area in the Overflow Room will still be available for those who stay in "Big Church" but may get restless during the service!)



Junior YOUTH GROUP

Junior Youth Group begins on Thursday, September 18 7-8pm and every 1st and 3rd Thursdays during the school year. Jr. Youth is for kids from 4th—6th grade.

Our meeting room may change. Meet on the 18th by the West doors and we'll discuss our options.

Contact Lisa Setty with any questions

2 Chances for teens to gather!

- Sundays 9:30-10:15am beginning September 7
- Wednesdays 7-8pm beginning September 10



Youth Group is open to teens 7th-12th grade. Hope to see you there!

Contact Lisa Setty with any questions.



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. Please send your RSVP to Lisa Setty ASAP.

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.

We must preregister! Please let Lisa know if you are able to attend as soon as possible!

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, also 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.

Save the Date(s)...

Fall Into Tall Oaks Gala 2014

Friday, October 10, at Arrowhead Stadium

6:00 pm — Silent Auction

7:45 pm — Dinner followed by Live Auction

Greater Kansas City Regional Assembly

Saturday, November 1, at Park Hill Christian Church

6601 NW 72nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64151

8:45 - 9:30 am — Registration

9:30 am - 3:00 pm — Worship, Workshops, Ministry Fair



Stewardship Green Moment

by Jody Cash

It is time to prepare for fall, so here are some helpful tips for you:

1. Check the air pressure in your tires and make sure they are properly inflated.
2. Clean your furnace (check your furnace manual for instructions) or have it professionally inspected. A gas furnace needs to be professionally inspected once a year. Have it inspected soon before it gets cold!
3. Move obstacles (such as furniture) away from the vents for better air circulation. If you have a radiator, place a reflective panel (can be purchased at a home store) behind it or make your own panel by using plywood and aluminum foil.
4. If possible, remove window air conditioners. If this is not possible, seal them in the window with caulk or tape and cover them with an insulated, air-tight jacket.
5. Keep the refrigerator coils clean so that the compressor can run more efficiently. Make sure the refrigerator is level (the door should shut automatically—not stay open). To see if the seal is good, shut the refrigerator door on a dollar bill. If you can pull the dollar bill out when the door is shut, you need to replace the gaskets. Don't overfill the refrigerator—allow room for the cool air to circulate around the items inside so that they can be kept at the proper temperature.
6. On your dryer, clean the lint filter after every use. Also, wash the lint filter with dish soap now and then. Also keep the ducts and the area behind the dryer clean.
7. Keep your windows properly caulked. If you have single-pane windows, use storm windows or, at the very least, put a plastic film (available at hardware stores) on the inside of the windows in the winter to reduce the heat loss.
8. Be sure and check the window stripping on doors and replace when necessary. If exterior doors have a draft under them, replace the threshold or use rolled up towels to block the draft. You can also buy draft blockers at home stores.
9. Check the roof for any damaged shingles or tiles and replace them.
10. Check the gutters and keep them cleaned out. Check that the downspouts are pointing away from the house. This is also a good time to consider installing a rain barrel so that you can direct the water in it to where it is most needed.
11. Cold tends to leak in through electrical outlets (especially those on the outside walls) and light fixtures. Add foam gaskets (remember to cut off power to the fuse box or circuit panel before adding the foam gaskets) behind covers and switch plates, and use safety plugs in unused outlets.
12. It is a good idea to install foam covers over outdoor water spigots to prevent them from freezing.
13. Check for water leaks both inside and outside.
14. Put an insulation blanket on the water heater.
15. For those with ceiling fans, reverse the direction (there should be a switch to do so). Stand under the fan and if you feel a breeze, reverse the direction so that the air is being drawn upwards. This pushes the air against the ceiling and down the walls which gently recirculates the warm air without creating a cold breeze.
16. For those with a fireplace, get your chimney cleaned and have the vent systems checked.
17. If you do not have sidewall insulation, place heavy furniture like sofas or bookshelves along exterior walls, and use decorative quilts as wall hangings as this will help block cold air.
18. Bring in the houseplants that you took outside for the summer. They will help clean the air.
19. Rake leaves instead of using a blower. Use them as mulch to protect plants throughout the winter or add them to a compost pile.
20. Go through your summer clothes before storing them for the winter. Decide which ones to keep, which to repurpose (use for cleaning rags, craft projects, etc.), and which to donate.

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)
- ♥ Gordon & Marlene Harkness
- ♥ 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)
- ♥ Shelly (Ben Nickum's mother-in-law)
- ♥ Max Norton (Marge White's son-in-law)
- ♥ Taylor Spillers
- ♥ Jacob Sprinkle (Lee & Jan Sprinkle's grandson)
- ♥ Ben Starks
- ♥ Josh Townsend (Wilma Townsend's grandson)
- ♥ Kendall Whitney (Wanda & Duane Whitney's grandson)
- ♥ Charlene Wiles
- ♥ Elizabeth Withers

Thank You

To my OPCC community,
Thank you all for the prayers, visits, calls and cards after my accident. You are a wonderful community and your offers of concern and help and even humor have supported both Judy & I immensely. Again, thank you.
— Roy Nickum

A very special thank you to Sharon McBride for planning and organizing my retirement party from teaching adult classes at OPCC held on Sunday, August 31. Thank you to all who came, and thanks for all the cards and gifts and flower bouquet. Also, thank you for honoring me in the church service with Kent Setty blowing the shofar and all the kind words from Pastor Bo. I love to hear the shofar and I love to sing praise songs. I was so blessed by everything.
God bless you,
Mary Aelmore

August Gifts

- * a gift has been given toward the Prayer Room renovation from Virgil & Frances Bruning in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary on September 2.

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Frances Beattie
- ♥ Martha Brockman
- ♥ Margo Brown
- ♥ Virgil & Frances Bruning
- ♥ Lylia Bryant
- ♥ Brenna Cobb
- ♥ Phyllis & Harvey Cooke
- ♥ Corwin Elliott
- ♥ Haley Elliott
- ♥ Jim Foley
- ♥ Ruth Freeman
- ♥ Wilma Huffman
- ♥ Bob & Sue Jenkins
- ♥ Dan Jenkins
- ♥ Dorothy Jimerson
- ♥ Mary Johnson
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Nadine Sheldon
- ♥ Belva Snell
- ♥ 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 or 913-677-4646, x223.

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