



# The OPCC Scene

## Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

7600 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204  
913-677-4646

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Sunday Services

**Worship** — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Nursery care available for children through 3 years old

**Children Worship and Wonder** —

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

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**KINDOM  
OF GOD  
WITHIN US  
AMONG US**

Sometimes it's easy to forget that as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Overland Park Christian Church is part of a much larger covenant of congregations that work, serve, and worship, together, all over the United States and Canada, as well as in partnership with congregations all over the world. We are a small, but mighty, part of a movement of Christians that began in the frontier days of the United States, reminding Christians that we can disagree on a variety of things, but we can still continue to come together around the Lord's table, each and every time we worship.

As we maintain that covenant with our denomination, we will begin a six-week focus on the "Kindom of God, Within Us, Among Us," focusing on who we are as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Not only is it good to regularly center ourselves within our faith tradition, these six weeks will help us worship in-step with other Disciples of Christ congregations around the U.S. and Canada in preparation for our biennial meeting of the whole church called the General Assembly.

When the General Assembly meets in Louisville, KY, July 29-August 1, 2023, it will be the first time in four years the church as a whole has gathered in person. The theme for the 2023 General Assembly gathering is "Kindom of God, Within Us, Among Us." As an act of worship and unity in celebration of the way God's expansive love connects each of us as "kin" and to each part of the larger kindom of God, Disciples of Christ churches from all over will share in this worship focus prior to gathering in Louisville.

I hope you will join us in worship on Sundays throughout June and July as we focus on who we are as Disciples of Christ, and how we participate in the Kindom of God, within us, and among us!

*Jana*

- June 18 – Looking for Signs of the Kindom: Luke 17:20-21
- June 25 – Individuals and Community in the Kindom: Isaiah 58:1-12
- July 2 – Babel of the Kindom: Genesis 11:1-9
- July 9 – The Kindom found in a Mustard Seed: Mark 4:30-32
- July 16 – Power of the Kindom: Psalm 33:13-19
- July 23 – Images of God's Kindom: 2 Peter 1:3

## Join All the Disciples Church For Prayer

In addition to the whole church focusing on the “Kindom of God, Within Us, Among Us” in worship, leaders from regional clusters of the Disciples of Christ of will also share in a month of spiritual preparation and intercessory prayer during the month leading up to our worshipful work in Louisville. Please join THE WHOLE CHURCH on Thursdays at 6:00pm to 6:15pm (Central Time), beginning June 22, streaming live on the denomination’s [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels.

## 2023 Missional Planning

Thank you for your flexibility in the rescheduled *DREAMING* gatherings that were to take place in May, but were rescheduled after the invitation from Broadway Church to worship together.

Several of you already came to ONE of the gatherings that we offered for OPCC members to prayerfully consider and prioritize the dreams that are emerging, bearing in mind what we have been hearing about our community, and our church. We have considered what God is calling us to prioritize in the coming 12-18 months. This was, and is, NOT about adding lots more things to everyone’s to-do list; it is about deciding what specific things we will do well as Overland Park Christian Church.

We already had two of these gatherings on May 30, and June 4, AND wanted to make sure that everyone had a chance to join in this portion of the conversation. If you were unable to make it to the May 30, or June 4 gathering, please join on Sunday morning at 9:00am on Sunday, June 25 in the Fireside Room for this final session of dreaming, and prioritizing our dreams, together!

## OPCC Congregational Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our Congregational Meeting on May 21st, in the confirmation of new OPCC leaders for the coming year. Your new board and their positions are listed below, and are also on the back of this and every OPCC Scene newsletter.

Chair – Roger Claar

Secretary – Teresa Phillips

Vice Chair – Katherine Ann Haggard

Commission Liaison – Alan Felton

Treasurer – Richard Owens

Leadership Development – Jody Cash

## Music Department Update

With the Reverberations Bell Choir and Chalice Chancel Choir on hiatus for the summer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the music department since last fall. The dedication and care shown by everyone makes it truly a blessing to work with such a wonderful group of people. I also want to thank Julie Dean for her wonderful contributions each week to both RBC and CCC. We would definitely be at a loss without her. We also want to thank Emily Boedeker for her music gifts she brings us each month. Thank you all!

Over the summer, we will have many guest performers to enhance your worship experience. In June, some of Julie’s advanced students will be providing special music for us, and we will also have some music from Vacation Bible School on VBS Sunday. In July, we are hoping to schedule some music from the Setty family, in addition to Cody from our reception office.

If you have a musical talent to offer in worship or know of someone we should invite, or if you have a request, be sure to contact me via phone or email.

Blessings,  
Mary Beth Boucher, Director of Music  
[marybeth@opccdoc.org](mailto:marybeth@opccdoc.org)  
913-677-4646, ext. 229

## VBS at OPCC

OPCC's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the evenings of June 28-30, 5:30-8:30pm!

We'll dive into "Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs"

Children 4 years through rising 5th graders are invited to be a part of our Compassion Camp VBS and parents are welcome to join in the fun. A donation of \$10 is suggested, though it is not required if it is a burden on the family, or a hindrance to the child's participation.



Registration is now open on our church website at <https://www.opccdoc.org/vbs.html>

For more information about Children's or Youth Ministries, contact Rev. Chuck Pickrel at [chuck@opccdoc.org](mailto:chuck@opccdoc.org) or x228.



**Sunday, August 13, 5-7pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

OPCC welcomes **EVERYONE** to an evening of trivia fun for all ages. Saint Andrew and Hillcrest Christian Churches will join us as well!

- Bring a homemade dessert to share and be voted on for #1 dessert maker.
- Bring a trivia team or join one when you arrive. (Theme shirts or costumes are encouraged!)
- This is a fellowship event so come prepared to have lots of fun!

Watch for more information to come in the following weeks, or contact Rev. Chuck at [chuck@opccdoc.org](mailto:chuck@opccdoc.org) or x228

## Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room for coffee, study, and fellowship. Our current study book is "Joy."  
All men are invited.

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

## Empty Nesters and Girlfriends

Empty Nesters and Girlfriends are invited to Peggy & Wayne Moore's for a hot dog cookout on Saturday, July 1, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. Dress casual and cool. Bring a couple of lawn chairs if they are easy to carry. Be prepared for some fun conversations and a possible bit of relaxation. RSVP to Peggy by email at [wpmoore63@gmail.com](mailto:wpmoore63@gmail.com) or call 913-592-0179 soon. When you RSVP I will email you back directions to our house. We are about 30 minutes away from the church. Hope you will join us!

## Care & Share

All are invited to join for lunch, laughter, good food, fellowship, and support on the following dates with our Care And Share Support Group. We meet at the designated restaurants on the at 11:30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Please let Peggy Moore know at least 3 days ahead of the luncheon by phone or email if you plan to attend. [wpmoore63@gmail.com](mailto:wpmoore63@gmail.com) or 913-592-0179. Don't miss out on the fun!

- \* Thursday, July 6 — Minsky's Pizza  
13400 College Blvd, Lenexa, KS 66210
- \* Wednesday, August 23 — McLain's Market,  
5833 Nieman Rd, Shawnee, KS 66203

## Girlfriends

The Girlfriends group will be taking a break from meeting over the summer, resuming our regular meetings in the Fireside Room on Wednesday evenings on September 7. All women are invited to join us — and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Peggy Moore.

## Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

**Sundays, 9:00 – 10:10 am**  
**NW Section Fellowship Hall**

The Middlers Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study class will be taking a break over the summer. We will resume meeting on September 10 at 9am in the Northwest section of Fellowship Hall.

## HELP WANTED / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Some things are just a one-time service, and some are on a weekly or monthly basis. Many of these items have a sign-up sheet on the new "Volunteer Board" in the hallway just outside the Sanctuary. Or, if you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to call or email our receptionist, Cody, at [office@opccdoc.org](mailto:office@opccdoc.org) or 913-677-4646, ext. 221.

- \* **Reception Desk** — Cody will be working as a Teaching Artist with JCPRD for some of their theatre camps this summer, so folks are needed to fill in at the receptionist desk on those days. Some responsibilities include receiving people who come in the door, serving clients at the Dairy Pantry, and answering the phone. Contact: Cody Kreutzer
- \* **Dossal Candles & Lighters** — The seven candles at the front of the Sanctuary that are lit during our worship services need regular maintenance. Generally, they need refilling with oil once a month. Also, every few years the tall barrels of the candles must be cleaned and repainted, and their anchors adjusted from time to time. The lighters need checking before each service. The learning curve isn't steep, but I'll show you how to keep the candles shining brightly for each service or special occasion. Contact: Calvin McBride, 913-387-9634
- \* **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. Contact: Rev. Chuck Pickrel
- \* **VBS Donations** — The following items are needed for the Science Unit of VBS. They may be dropped off at the reception desk by June 25.
  - Letter type paper or computer recycled paper
  - Packages of Herb seeds:
    - cilantro, basil, chive, thyme
  - Wax paper
  - Twine
  - 1 box #4 cone coffee filters
  - Plastic straws
  - Balloons
  - Roll of masking Tape
  - Cheap paper plates
  - Toilet paper or paper towel cardboard tubes
  - Popsicle sticksContact: Judy & Roy Nickum
- \* **Sunday Worship Liturgists** — read the scripture, call to worship, invitation to stewardship, or invitation to discipleship during worship. No age requirement – anyone willing to read is welcome. Readings are written and provided to you before your assigned Sunday. Or, if you prefer, you are welcome to write your own invitations to stewardship and/or discipleship. Contact: Cody Kreutzer or Rev. Laura Phillips
- \* **Sunday Greeters** — People needed at the West and North doors from 10:10am – 10:40am on Sunday mornings to greet folks into the building and direct them to the Sanctuary as needed. Contact: Cody Kreutzer
- \* **Sunday Coffee Fellowship Ministers** — More and more of us are gathering for coffee in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings, and so we need help organizing the coffee "fixings" each Sunday morning. Instructions and guidelines will be provided, and an email will be sent to remind you each week that you are scheduled. Also, if there is interest, donuts and/or bagels could be served with the coffee again, but volunteers would be needed order and/or pick up the items for Sundays. If you have a heart for this, please coordinate with Cody. Contact: Cody Kreutzer
- \* **Sunday Projectionists** — Much-needed additional projectionists are needed to run the PowerPoint slides on Sunday morning. No age requirement and no experience necessary. If you can click a button on the computer, we would love for you to join our rotation of people in the booth. On the job training will be provided. Contact: Barb Collins
- \* **Sunday Sound Technicians** — Help set up mics, monitor the sound board, and manage recording of the worship service on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary – no age requirement – will receive on the job training. Contact: Kent Setty or Teresa Phillips



# OPCC All-Church Work Days

It has been years since OPCC has held an all-church work day, so it's high time we did!  
You are invited to join other OPCC participants and friends on one or all of the following dates:

**Saturday, July 15, 9:00am - 4:00pm**      **Saturday, August 12, 9:00am - 4:00pm**  
(Back-up date — Saturday, September 9)

A sign-up sheet will be on the "Volunteer Bulletin Board" soon for you to choose a date and activity that fits your calendar and talent. You may also contact Lee Sprinkle with any questions or suggestions.

## General Cleaning

- ♦ Clean entire main kitchen
- ♦ Polish all door knobs
- ♦ Clean base cove in restrooms
- ♦ Wash exterior windows on East and West sides
- ♦ Wash sanctuary South exterior windows
- ♦ Clean spots on sanctuary pews/chairs
- ♦ Power-wash white Fellowship Hall tables
- ♦ Anywhere/anything else you'd like to clean!



## Painting and Carpentry

- ♦ Scrape/paint West exterior doors
- ♦ Scrape/paint roof fascia boards on Unit 1
- ♦ Scrape/caulk/paint West exterior windows
- ♦ Repair overhang/soffit at Northwest entry
- ♦ Add new hinges to exterior fireplace cover
- ♦ Stain fireplace cover
- ♦ Add front board to podium
- ♦ Sand/stain courtyard table, bench, podium



### Your OPCC Staff

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