



Overland Park Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 

7600 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204
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Church Office Hours

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

Sunday Services

“Middlers” Adult Christian Education Class — 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
“Growing In God’s Love” Children’s Sunday School — 9:30 a.m. in Room 32
Worship — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Nursery care available for children through 3 years old

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

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Welcoming New Friends on Pentecost

On Sunday, May 28, Overland Park Christian Church will have the chance to welcome some new friends into worship in a couple of ways:

- First, mark your calendars to join worship on that Sunday at 10:30 a.m. either virtually or in-person, to hear the Rev. Dr. Jose Martinez bring a good word to those gathered for worship. Rev. Martinez has preached for OPCC before, lives locally here in KC, while also serving our entire denomination as the Minister for New Church Strategies with Disciples Church Extension Fund.
- Secondly, you’ll want to mark your calendars to join worship on Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 a.m. as OPCC welcomes Broadway Church (Disciples of Christ) into the sanctuary. The members and leadership of Broadway Church have had a chance to experience OPCC hospitality on a few other occasions over the last several years, and have felt such welcome into this space that they have approached OPCC about the possibility of renting space in the OPCC building and continuing their ministry here in Overland Park at 75th & Conser. Like many churches (including OPCC!) Broadway Church has experienced significant transition and adaptation in the last couple years, and made the decision to sell *their* building on 29th Street in KCMO. While that process will still take time, and the leadership from both OPCC and Broadway still have much to discern about this possibility, what better way to honor the Spirit’s movement in both of these congregations than to worship together on Pentecost, when we remember God’s gift of the Holy Spirit. Again, there is still much to discern about this possibility, and no final decisions have been made, yet we have faith that with God’s help, the most fruitful path forward will be made clear. So, for now, we welcome the opportunity to worship together, as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to all of God’s people, on Pentecost!



Jana

Celebrate OPCC on May 21

Sunday, May 21, we will have a lot to celebrate!

- We will honor and say thanks to our musicians, celebrating "Music Sunday," in worship.
- We will have a short congregational meeting following worship to elect our congregational leaders for June 2023 – May 2024.
- We will round out the day with a congregational pot-luck following that meeting – so gather in the Fellowship Hall for this shared meal!

May 21 Potluck Information

Continuing to celebrate OPCC and all its members, we will have cupcakes to celebrate our musicians on this Music Sunday. We would ask that others also bring a dish based on the first

letter of your last name:

- A-F: Fruit or dessert
- G-P: Main dishes
- Q-Z: Side dishes

A note from Theresa Krebs:

Please RSVP to the church office if you are planning to attend on May 21. While it is not mandatory that you RSVP, it will help us to plan the number of tables and plates as we set-up. If you are not a musician and could offer your help that Sunday morning, I could use some people to be in the kitchen to accept dishes and either place them in the refrigerator or oven as needed. Also, I plan on setting up tables in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday May 20th at 5PM. If you are available for either of these two jobs, please let me know. I would welcome any help offered! Thank you, and see you after Sunday service for our celebration luncheon!

MORE² METRO ORGANIZATION FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

As part of our Outreach-Mission efforts here at OPCC, we are a partner organization with MORE². Please join in one of the following events to find out how you can be involved:

- **Issues2Action Night** – this is where we decide the work that is important to us, and discuss how we can work toward racial and economic equity.
 - Monday, May 8, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Online by way of Zoom
 - Email marcus@more2.org to register

TALL OAKS

EARLYBIRD DEADLINE

**EXTENDED TO
MAY 21ST !!!**

Register at:

<https://www.talloaks.org/2023-gkc-summer-camps>



VBS at OPCC

OPCC's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the evenings of June 28-30, 5:30-7:30pm!

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 or x228.



2023 Graduates



**Congratulations and Best Wishes
to each of these Graduates in our Faith Family!**

Our graduates will be honored during worship on Sunday, May 14.



Catherine Goforth, daughter of Mark & Cynthia Sheldon and granddaughter of Earl & Barbara Sheldon, will graduate from Chamberlain University with a Master of Science in Nursing, with Specialty of APRN, FNP-C Nurse Practitioner



Vaughn Ricker, son of Justin & Melissa Ricker and grandson of Earl & Barbara Sheldon, will graduate from Christian Life High School this spring and plans on attending Southern Methodist University this fall.



William Herron, son of Michael & Carolyn Herron, and grandson of Bruce & Marjory McNaghten, will graduate from University of Texas-Dallas with a BS degree in computer engineering. William plans to move to Silicon Valley in California and work with embedded systems.



Courtney Jeane Setty, daughter of Kent & Lisa Setty and sibling to Cameron and Kira Setty, will graduate on May 16 from Shawnee Mission South High School. Courtney plans to attend Kansas State University where she will major in Elementary Education with a minor in Music. Courtney has especially enjoyed her participation symphonic band playing flute and piccolo and being a part of track and field as a thrower.



Ella Perry, daughter of Katherine Ann Haggard and granddaughter of Forrest & Eleanor Haggard, will graduate from Lincoln College Preparatory Academy ranked #1 in her class. She will also be graduating from Metropolitan Community College with an Associates Degree. Ella is pre-med and plans on attending Southeastern University majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry.



Amy Renee Sheldon, daughter of Earl & Barbara Sheldon, graduated in December 2022 from Wichita State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education.



Maddie Rose Phipps, granddaughter of Dale & Nancy Phipps, will be graduating from Bishop LeBlond High School and will be attending Missouri State University in the fall majoring in Sonography.



Piper Shields, great-granddaughter of Kathy Lewis, will graduate from Shawnee Mission West High School on May 17. Piper plans on attending Johnson County Community College this fall.

Music Department Update:

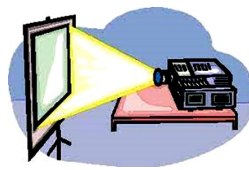
Music Sunday is set for May 21. We hope you can attend worship that day as both the Reverberations Bell Choir and the Chalice Chancel Choir will sing. Following the service, we will have special cupcakes celebrating our musicians at our church potluck. Please thank as many of our musicians as you can for all of their continued service and dedication to our program. We pray you are uplifted by our music each week.

Wednesday evening rehearsals end after Music Sunday. so with that in mind, we are scheduling special music artists throughout the summer. If you or someone you know would be willing to offer your music gifts for a Sunday during the summer, please contact our music director Mary Beth today.

Do you attend our Sunday worship services?

Are you also looking for an opportunity to become more involved in the church while you're here?
Have we got an opportunity for you!

We are seeking much-needed additional projectionists to run the PowerPoint slides on Sunday morning. If you can click a button on the computer, we would love for you to join our rotation of people in the A/V booth. Please either speak with Barb Collins or contact the church office to set up a brief training session with you.



Thank you,
Mary Beth Boucher, Director of Music
marybeth@opccdoc.org
913-677-4646, ext. 229

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 meet on May 7 and 14 and then break.

We will resume meeting on September 10 at 9am in the Northwest section of Fellowship Hall.

Middlers is open to all persons who are wanting to study scripture and deepen their faith. Contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore63@gmail.com or 913-592-0179, for more information.

Care & Share Support Group

Please join us for lunch, laughter, good food, fellowship, and support on the following dates with our Care And Share Support Group.

Even if you have not been part of this group before, you are cordially invited to join us. 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 or 913-592-0179. Don't miss out on the fun!

* Thursday, June 8 — Jumpin' Catfish,
1861 S Ridgeview, Olathe, KS 66062

* Thursday, July 6 — Minsky's Pizza
13400 College Blvd, Lenexa, KS 66210

Girlfriends

Women of OPCC, join us for study, fellowship, and fun! Our Girlfriends Bible Study and Support Group 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 meet on Wednesdays 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We are currently reading and discussing Tom Are, Jr.'s book "Joy: Even on Your Worst Days". We would be delighted for you to join us — and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Peggy Moore at wpmoore63@gmail.com or 913-592-0179.

Empty Nesters

Our next Empty Nesters event will be July 1st with a hot dog cookout at the Moores'.
Watch for more info to come later!

Men's Fellowship Group

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

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Theresa Adams (Monica Fuentes' daughter)
- ♥ Mary Aelmore
- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Ruby Ballard (Food Pantry guest)
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Julie Dean
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Perri Kolars
- ♥ Audrey Lavelly
- ♥ Kathy Lewis
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Eileen McIntyre
- ♥ Bryce Moore
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Barbara Sheldon
- ♥ Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Mary Sprinkle (Lee Sprinkle's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Larry Stouse
- ♥ Chuck Warner
- ♥ Mike Williams (Coleen Thigpen's friend)
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Marian Bilyea
- ♥ Maurica Campbell
- ♥ Lawana Degraffenreid
- ♥ Evelyn Eastwood
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Laurel Elliott
- ♥ David Garner (son of Floyd & Marcille Garner, friend of Jody Cash)
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Donna & Marshall Howard
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Calvin McBride
- ♥ Sharon McBride
- ♥ Christina, Jeff, Scott, & Jenny Packard (Sharon & Bob Shankel's daughter & family)
- ♥ Randy Phillips (Laura Phillips' father)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Michelle Swanson (Sharon McBride's daughter-in-law)
- ♥ Sandy Teeple
- ♥ Sally Withers

Military Prayer List

- ✪ PV2 Rachael Dawson (Fran Dawson's granddaughter), Ft. Campbell, KY
- ✪ Cameron McDonough (Cathy Wilson's son)
- ✪ Major Amber Phipps (Nancy & Dale Phipps' daughter), Saipan

Condolences

- ♥ to Marian Bilyea and her daughter, Terry Hudson, and their family upon the death of Terry's husband, Bob Hudson, on March 27.
- ♥ to Cassy & Bob Evans and family upon the death of John Mallery, the husband of Cassy's sister, Sue Mallery, on April 8.
- ♥ to Norma Hultgren and family upon the death of Tiffini Lynn Hultgren, the wife of Norma's grandson, Brett Hultgren, on April 26.

Thank You

Our oldest son Gary and his family wish to send many thanks for all the prayers and cards on behalf of his healing and recovery. We are so blessed to have had the love and support to carry him to his better health. Gary has happily returned to his group home.

Ed & Jan Eilert

Property Commission

Most of this report is a follow-up to last month's:

1. Regal Plumbing installed both ice makers (Fireside Room kitchenette and main kitchen). Main kitchen ice maker needed to have the old water valve replaced.
2. Regal Plumbing opened up the drain to the water fountain at the North end of the West hallway. Reminder to all, do not put anything but water down a drinking fountain drain and yes that includes coffee!!
3. We have purchased a new pump for the fountain in the Trinity Garden. Fountain will be cleaned out again and running by next Sunday.
4. Fire house construction update:
 - a. Foundations for all walls have been poured.
 - b. They have started pouring the concrete for the house flooring.
 - c. Sorry that some days during last week all the parking spaces in front of the church were filled by construction workers. I have talked with the Project Manager about leaving the 3 signed parking spaces open. The workers can park in our North lot.

Submitted by,
Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

2023 Missional Planning

Beginning in February we've been taking some steps to organize our missional activities to match the OPCC vision (clarified in 2014), and make specific plans for the next 12-18 months about how we will live-out these core values in all that we do. To that end we have had several activities, attended by many of you, as you are an important part of this "game plan" in the life of our congregation. Yet there is more!

Given the request from Broadway Church (see front page of this newsletter), we felt it was prudent to include more of the church on this news before we continued ahead with our Mission Planning. Thank you for your flexibility in the rescheduled *DREAMING* gatherings that will take place in June.

You are invited to choose ONE of two gatherings that will be 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 will consider what God is calling us to prioritize in the coming 12-18 months. This 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.

- Tuesday, May 30 @ 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, June 4 @ 9:00 am, Fireside Room

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