



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

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

“The Broader Way” Worship — 4:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Fall Dates — September 14, October 12, and November 9, 2025

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

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From the Pastor’s Pen

We See: Vision for What’s Next

Beloved OPCC Family,

This September, we’ve shifted from surviving the valley to **seeing the vision**.

Our new sermon series, *We See*, is a bold declaration of faith — not just about where we’ve been, but where we’re headed. Rooted in scriptures like **Proverbs 29:18** (“*Where there is no vision, the people perish*”), this season invites us to open our spiritual eyes to what God is revealing for OPCC.

Each Sunday, we’ll explore how **vision is more than sight** — it’s divine direction.

Not nostalgia. Not guesswork. Not comfort zones.

It’s about becoming a church that boldly says:

We see God’s movement.

We see the Spirit shaping us.

We see the path forward — even when it’s unfamiliar.

And here’s why it matters:

Without vision, churches drift.

We start reacting instead of responding.

We shrink to maintenance instead of mission.

We confuse survival with faithfulness.

But **with vision, we move with purpose.**

We become more unified, more focused, and more alive to what God is doing — right here, right now.

A clear vision gives us something to pray over, build toward, and rally behind.

It’s not about preserving what was. It’s about stepping into what *could* be.



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This series is also setting the table for our **Visioning Workshop** (more details coming soon). We'll come together as a congregation to discern and declare the new mission, vision, and values that will guide our next chapter.

As your Transitional Minister, I've been praying deeply for clarity and courage — for all of us. God has already given glimpses of what's possible. Our job now is to lean in, listen, and look forward.

We're not just holding on. We're heading somewhere. And we'll get there together.

With hope and holy imagination,

Rev. Terrell L. McTyer

Transitional Minister

Do you love: dining out, Taylor Swift, home remodeling, sports, and more!?

Then join us for a fun night of silent auctions, raffles, great food, and fantastic people as we work to raise money for Tiny Pantry Times.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11, 4-8 PM, at the American Legion Post 370 (a block east of OPCC) and we will hope to see you soon!



**Saturday, October 11, 2025
4-8 PM**

American Legion Post 370
7500 W 75th Street
Overland Park, KS 66204

Property Commission

Property was totally consumed the entire month dealing with the roof leak, except for a couple of other activities listed later.

Here is what is meant by “consumed”:

- Update to the list of rooms in last month's Scene — the floor in Michelle's office needs to be replaced.
- Working closely with the mitigation company to identify all damages from the leak
- Calling insurance agents
- Taking insurance adjusters (our adjuster and roofing company's adjuster) to all areas of damage
- Hiring a construction company to follow right behind the mitigated areas to start putting main hallway ceilings repaired. Now installing installation, new sheet rock and paint or install ceiling tile in 5 other rooms which will take another 3 – 5 days.
- Arranging for electricians to install ceiling lights as soon as the contractor finishes new ceilings. Still have 5 areas to go as soon as new ceilings are up. We are replacing fluorescent lights with LED fixtures.
- Ordering new flooring for Michelle's office. Sheet vinyl is ordered and waiting for delivery. Will schedule installer once we get expected delivery date.

Other activities:

- One of the classroom toilets had to have the flange and part of cast iron drain line replaced. Dick Ray had to jack-hammer out the concrete floor and dig out part of the sewer line.
- Augustine Exterminators completed their quarterly spraying and rodent trap replacements.

Submitted by Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

FAMILY

Faith Adventures

All families of young children are invited to join in monthly gatherings focusing on fellowship, families, and meeting God in Nature. We will meet at local parks close to OPCC and learn to connect nature with our faith.

See some photos below of our first get-together — details for October's gathering coming soon!

Contact Lisa Engleken at lisa4women@gmail.com for more info.



The Tall Oaks Gala is Back this November 14th, 2025, at 5pm. After four years, the magic returns! We are excited to bring back the Gala and are looking forward to reconnecting with all of you!

[Get your Tickets Now!](#)

We are grateful for your continued support and for being a part of the Tall Oaks community. Listed below are opportunities for YOU to help make the Gala a success. Go to <https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025> or contact Nora Engelken, Gala Chairperson, at (913) 940-9719 or engelkennora@gmail.com for information on any of the items listed:

Volunteer!

Volunteers are needed for:

- Greeter/Registrar
- Auction Set-Up
- Cashier
- Redemption
- Auction Take Down
- Runner

Contact Nora Engelken with your preferred position and dates you are available.

Donate Auction Items

Due November 1st, 2025

Some Suggestions:

- Sports Themed Items - tickets, memorabilia, signed items
- Tickets to Events
- Travel Packages
- Weekend Getaways
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Art of Well-Known or Local Artists
- Collectibles
- Themed Baskets

All Donations are Tax Deductible. Cash Donations are Accepted.

Be a Sponsor

Sponsorship Packages range from \$100-\$5,000 and offer you valuable brand visibility among a diverse and engaged audience through social media, email campaigns, event signage, and printed/digital materials.

Care & Share

All are invited to join for lunch, laughter, good food, fellowship, and support once a month with our Care & Share Support Group.

We meet at the designated restaurants at 11:30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.

- * Wednesday, September 17— Jumpin' Catfish, 1861 S. Ridgeview, Olathe, KS
- * Wednesday, October 8 — Mitch Meats BBQ, 3620 W. 95th Street, Leawood, KS

RSVP to Peggy Moore by phone or email at least 3 days before the luncheon if you plan to attend so she can contact you if there are any changes.

Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

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

The Middlers' Adult Bible Study meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Northwest section of Fellowship Hall. Middlers is open for all persons to join in fellowship and grow in faith as we study scripture utilizing the Feasting on the Word curriculum.

Contact Peggy Moore for more information.

Men's Fellowship Group

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship Group on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room for coffee, study, and fellowship.

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

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 studying Richard Foster's book Celebration of Discipline.

We would be delighted
for you to join us — and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Peggy Moore.

Pastor Search Committee Update Sunday, September 14

Thank you to everyone who took the time out to complete the congregational survey. We have compiled your responses and are working on completing our congregational profile which will be used to help match OPCC with potential candidates. This profile is very detailed and includes recent historical data, our strengths and weaknesses, as well as our hopes and dreams for our faith community.

Please plan to attend a gathering planned for Sunday, September 14 following worship that will allow another opportunity to share your thoughts.

This gathering will be facilitated by our Interim Regional Minister, Ron Rutledge. We encourage your participation as we believe *all voices* are important in this process.

~ Lisa Setty, Chair
Search Committee

Music Department Update

Thank you all so much for your very kind welcome to OPCC!

As I began preparing for rehearsals, I reached out to the members of the music department with a questionnaire. One of the questions that I asked was, "What is the best thing about OPCC"? Every single person who responded told me that the best thing about OPCC is the people or the community. Every single person.

That's a really wonderful thing. That's also the beauty of being in a choir. There's a real joy that comes from making music together.

Spending time in shared company, laughing with each other, creating something beautiful with friends...

These are experiences that feed our souls.

If you'd like to see what our OPCC Choirs are all about, come on in to one of our rehearsals! The bell choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 6pm, and the chancel choir rehearses at 7pm.

We'd love to have you!

~ Becki Bayless
BeckiBayless@gmail.com

Coffee Fellowship Help

ONE MORE person is needed to fill out our Sunday morning hospitality team. Needed is a person to make coffee and organize the “fixings” on the fourth Sunday of each month. Instructions are available, and an email will be sent to remind you each week that you are scheduled. If you would like to be part of this hospitality team, contact Michelle in the church office to get added to the rotation!

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Shelli Brown (Sharon McBride’s niece)
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner’s daughter)
- ♥ Bo Crowe
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Pamela Felton
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers’ niece)
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Loretta Garza (Calvin McBride’s sister)
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars’ sister)
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans’ sister)
- ♥ Calvin & Sharon McBride
- ♥ Bryce Moore
- ♥ Eddie Niemann (Lee Sprinkle’s brother-in-law)
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken’s sister-in-law)
- ♥ Mary Owens (Richard Owens’ niece)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Barbara Richards (Jody Cash’s friend)
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel’s son)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Ralph Sprinkle (Lee Sprinkle’s brother)
- ♥ Carla Stouse (Bernice & Larry Stouse’s daughter)
- ♥ Larry & Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Van Swanson (Sharon McBride’s brother-in-law)
- ♥ Jim & Sally Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Carole Flagler
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Nathaniel Naylor (Jody Cash’s cousin)
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel’s son)
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Chuck Warner

Military Prayer List

- ⊙ Lieutenant Colonel Michael Worsley (Amber Phipps’ husband) stationed in Poland

INSPIRED SENIOR CARE

Supporting those Living with Dementia

A monthly series led by Leslie Fuller LMSW, CDP, CMDCP
Held on the 1st Tuesday of the month; 6-7 pm
at Hillcrest Christian Church



Monthly Topics:

- ✓ 2025:
 - June - A Historical Look
 - July - Meaningful Engagement
 - August - Communication
 - September - Damaging Social Interactions
 - October - Positive Social Interactions
 - November - Be Wildly Curious
 - December - Strengths Based Perspective
- ✓ 2026:
 - January - Genuine Relationships
 - February - Brain Change
 - March - What If...?
 - April - Creating a Supportive Environment
 - May - Word Choice Matters
 - June - Well-Being



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THE
BECOMING
BELOVED
COMMUNITY
TEAM

RACIAL
JUSTICE
SUMMIT

12:30-5:30PM

INTERSECT KC
606 GLADSTONE AVE
KCMO 64124

WORKSHOPS:

- ✦ CHALLENGING POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS
- ✦ SELF-CARE IN THE TRENCHES
- ✦ HOUSING JUSTICE
- ✦ REPARATIONS
- ✦ ECONOMIC JUSTICE
- ✦ GOOD TROUBLE
- ✦ FREEDOM OF SPEECH
- ✦ LITERACY JUSTICE
- ✦ IMMIGRATION JUSTICE
- ✦ WORKERS' RIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE

GUEST
SPEAKER
REV. WILLIAM
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2025 Reconciliation Ministry - Special Offering



Beyond Brokenness - Building Beloved Community

Sunday, September 28th - Sunday, October 5th



"The time is always ripe to do what is right." Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to Reconciliation Ministry support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. Giving to this special offering is a way of saying, "Yes! I want to be a part of the solution. I believe that the church **can help bring wholeness** to this fragmented world." Half of this offering funds work in our Kansas City region, and half goes to General Ministries working across the whole church.

Thank you for your support in building God's beloved community.

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