



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

Sanctuary Worship — 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

“The Broader Way” Worship — 11:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room

(One Combined Worship on 5th Sundays — 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary)

Nursery care available for children through 3 years old beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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

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Our world seems to be consumed with division – often typified in the colors red and blue. Rather than stay in our monochromatic silos, the verses in scripture often referred to as “the golden rule” challenge us to engage in conversation and seek to create whatever common good we can with our relatives, friends, and neighbors who we might consider to be on the “other side” politically and ideologically.

As we attempt to come together, the idea is not that we are obliterating either one or trying to change each other, but rather we discover the beauty that can be created when we work together to make the world a better place. The “purple space” is where we cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter what.

Throughout the month of September, we’ll have a variety of voices from the pulpit, to remind us of the variety of siblings in Christ that we find together in these “purple spaces.”



- September 1 | **kindness** | Luke 6:31-36
- September 8 | **compassion** | Isaiah 11:6-9
- September 15 | **humility** | Ephesians 4:1-6
- September 22 | **respect** | 1 Corinthians 12:1-26
- September 29 | **love** | Matthew 22:34-30

5th Sunday Joint Worship Reminder

We've had some great turn-out for our new worship schedule with 9:30am Sanctuary Worship, and 11:00am Broader Way Worship in the Fireside Room. Yet, so we can maintain our commitment to one another, and the entire community, we will worship *together* at 10:30am in the sanctuary on the 5th Sundays of the months, and "high holy days." For the rest of 2024 that means September 29 and December 29. Don't forget to mark your calendars for these two 5th Sundays remaining so we can worship together, and also share a fellowship pot-luck together!

Celebrating Mary Beth

As you read in the August newsletter, our Music Directory, Mary Beth Boucher, has submitted her resignation to OPCC, and looks forward to enjoying *full* retirement from school and church music. We hope that you will join in our ONE joint worship service on September 29 at 10:30 a.m., followed by a potluck that will also include a celebration of Mary Beth and her ministry with OPCC. Pay attention to announcements and our social media for more details to come!



This past summer, as a member organization of MORE² (Metropolitan Organization for Racial and Economic Equity), several members of Overland Park Christian participated in the July Rally Against White Christian Nationalism, sponsored by The Call of the Beloved Community.

If you are interested in the remaining rallies happening around the metropolitan area, or in additional opportunities to learn more about why MORE² and its members are speaking out against White Christian Nationalism, please check out these opportunities below.

- September 12 @ 12noon – South KC Metro Rally
 - North end of Trolley Trail (65th & Wornall)
- October 17 @ TBD – Eastern Jackson County
 - Independence Square

Care & Share

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

- * **11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11** – Cheesecake Factory, 6675 West 119th St., Overland Park, KS
- * **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23** – Meat Mitch BBQ, 3620 West 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.

Men's Fellowship Group

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship Group on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room for coffee, study, and fellowship. The Men's group is currently reviewing "The Chosen" video series.

Contact: Emerson Hartzler, 913-422-1378

Girlfriends

Our Wednesday night Girlfriends Bible Study will resume on Wednesday evening, September 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Whether you are an "already in" Girlfriend, or a new Girlfriend, you are welcome to join us — and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Peggy Moore.

Middlers Sunday Morning Christian Education Class

Sundays, 11:00 – 12:00 am
NW Section Fellowship Hall

The Middlers' Adult Bible Study will resume our regular Sunday morning class on September 8 at 11am 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.

Empty Nesters

Watch your email and the October OPCC Scene for information about our next event!

Prayer List

Prayers of Concern

- ♥ Bill Anthony
- ♥ Beverly Barrett
- ♥ Shelli Brown (Sharon McBride's niece)
- ♥ Jolynn Carlton (Pat Warner's daughter)
- ♥ Nancy Corbin
- ♥ Chuck Elliott
- ♥ Cassy & Bob Evans
- ♥ Pamela Felton
- ♥ Nicole Finley (Sally Withers' niece)
- ♥ Carole Flagler
- ♥ Ruth Fletcher
- ♥ Pat Gilling
- ♥ Victoria Elizabeth Green (Marijane Green's granddaughter)
- ♥ Gordon Harkness
- ♥ Collette Jones (Perri Kolars' sister)
- ♥ Joan Kawa (Theresa Krebs' mother)
- ♥ Laura Krebs (Dennis Krebs' mother)
- ♥ Sue Mallery and family (Cassy Evans' sister)
- ♥ Calvin & Sharon McBride
- ♥ Shirley McGee
- ♥ Bryce Moore
- ♥ Roy Nickum
- ♥ Julie Norman (Lisa Engelken's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Pat Owsley
- ♥ Cheryl Peters & Donna Reiss
- ♥ Pat Phillips (Laura Phillips' mother)
- ♥ Jimmy Reynolds
- ♥ Bette Scafe
- ♥ Mike Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Sharon Shankel
- ♥ Tony Shankel (Sharon & Bob Shankel's son)
- ♥ Barbara & Earl Sheldon
- ♥ Mary Sprinkle (Lee Sprinkle's sister-in-law)
- ♥ Larry & Bernice Stouse
- ♥ Van Swanson (Sharon McBride's brother-in-law)
- ♥ Pastor Josue Torres (Rios de Agua Viva pastor)
- ♥ Chuck Warner
- ♥ Mike Williams (Coleen Thigpen's friend)
- ♥ Mike Wilmore (Sally Roberts' and Bob Shankel's friend)
- ♥ Jim Withers

Continued Prayers

- ♥ Maurica Campbell
- ♥ Laurel Elliott
- ♥ Pat Gray
- ♥ Betty King
- ♥ Ann Sandler
- ♥ JoLynn Sloan
- ♥ Sandy Teeple

Condolences

- ♥ to Rev. Laura Phillips and family on the passing of her father, Randy Phillips, on August 17.
www.amosfamily.com/obituaries/randall-phillips
- ♥ to Sherry (King) Goering and family on the passing of her mother, Gerry King, on August 17.
www.kevinbrennanfamily.com/obituaries/Gerry-King-2/#!/Obituary

Thank You

I feel like I could fill an entire newsletter, just myself, trying to say thank you to all of you who have supported my family over the last several months. Lots of ups and downs, big changes full of devastation, and excitement, happening all at the same time. Thank you for supporting us through a move, starting at a new school (for T!), and the health challenges, death, and funeral of my father. My family was so impressed by the outpouring of support coming from OPCC, and equally as grateful. I see the grace, support, love, and encouragement from this community throughout the year, but I've especially felt it all more fully in these last three months.

Thank you for caring for me, for pastoring me when I needed, and for letting me be "a daughter" in these weeks and months. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Laura

Overland Park Christian Church,

Thank you for your generosity in allowing our SA group to meet here. You are giving us a space to find the freedom that He has planned for us. I'm so encouraged by how generous you are in helping those in need. Prayers for your ministry!

Sincerely,

The Friday Morning SA Group

Missing Tablecloths

6 new round, white tablecloths went missing from the Fireside Room tables a few weeks ago.

Do you know where they might be?

Please contact Michelle in the church office if you have information about them!

To add persons to prayer lists or to submit items for the newsletter, please forward information to Michelle Reiter at michelle@opccdoc.org or 913-677-4646, x223.

Volunteer Board Sign-up

The life of the church takes support from each and every one of us! We also know that we have a lot of different schedules to juggle as we hope to include you. To facilitate sign-up for each of our needs, we've been utilizing a **Volunteer Bulletin Board** near the front entrance of the church.

Please take a look the next time you are here and sign-up for assisting OPCC in making this a welcoming, inviting, place! You can also check out our needs here in the newsletter, and contact our receptionist office (913-677-4646 ext.221) to put your name on the schedule for the coming weeks.

* **In-Person and Virtual Liturgists**

We need volunteers who will share some of the elements of worship, and are excited to include those who worship in-person, or virtually! If you are willing to read scripture, or share in the Invitation to Worship, or other elements, in-person OR *by recording a video in advance to be included in the worship*, we can get you scheduled. Rev. Laura can guide you through how to do this virtually, or you will receive the information by email on the Friday prior to your schedule. We would love to welcome you into worship no matter how you join!

* **Coffee Fellowship Help**

As we settle into our new Sunday schedules, more and more of us are gathering for coffee in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings and so we need your help organizing the coffee "fixings" each week. We DO have instructions and guidelines to help you on Sunday mornings, and an email will be sent to remind you each week that you are scheduled.

* **Greeters at OPCC Doors**

Our building can seem daunting if you've never been here. Where to park? Which door to come in? Where's the coffee? Where's the nursery? Where's the bathroom? There's two courtyards? As we continue to welcome new friends into the life and worship of OPCC we need volunteers (that our receptionist will organize) to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings from 9:00am – 9:30am and 10:30am – 11:00am to help folks into the building, *especially* if they are arriving on the West or North sides of the building. Thank you for helping us to welcome ALL to OPCC on Sunday mornings.

* **Deacons and Communion Preparation**

OPCC deacons are elected to this position, and tasked with preparing and serving communion each week. In our new COVID-informed manner, our deacons serve communion by way of making sure that folks pick up a communion cup and bulletin on their way into the sanctuary to be used in worship.

Other Areas of Volunteer Need

Chancel Candles Tender

If you enjoy the candles in our services, please consider helping keep them and the lighters in good shape. Unless we have weddings, funerals, or extra events, about 30 minutes to an hour each month does the trick. I am not thinking of retiring from the job, but my recent sojourn in the hospital shows I need backup. I will train you well, and you can shadow me while you decide whether candle tending could be part of your stewardship to OPCC.

Calvin McBride,
913-387-9634 or ctmcbride1936@outlook.com

Pew Supplies Stocker

Volunteers needed to 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. For more details, contact Michelle Reiter in the church office at extension 223 or michelle@opccdoc.org.

Worship Projectionist

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 booth. Please contact Barb Collins for more info or to set up a brief training session with you.

Sound Technician

Help with sound and recording during worship on Sunday mornings. No age requirement. No experience necessary — will receive on the job training. If interested, contact Kent Setty or Teresa Phillips.

75th Anniversary of OPCC

The 75th Anniversary of our founding is coming up in July 2025, and we are excited to celebrate together! We are already brainstorming some ideas about how we can celebrate SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS of mission and ministry in Overland Park, and would love your in-put. If you are interested in participating in the planning of our 75th anniversary celebrations, please contact Rev. Laura and let her know!



What Does the Food Pantry Need This Month?



September - Peanut Butter, small jars of jelly or jam, bottles of honey (not larger than 8oz), almond butter, hazelnut spread

Please place your donations in the blue barrel by the Receptionist's Desk. Thank you!

Property Commission

Another busy month for Property Commission. Please read below:

1. The ADA/Unisex restroom (next to the Bride's room) has been completed. Waiting for the restroom signs to arrive. In the meantime, the restroom is useable.
 2. Richard Owens cleaned, patched walls, and painted two restrooms (ADA and Men's). Richard will finish cleaning and painting the North Men's restroom.
 3. JP Company is building 4 lockable storage closets in the Northwest hallway near closet #38. Expect job to be completed by Friday, 9/6/2024.
 4. Our security cameras and equipment have been going on the fritz!! We have replaced the 8 port NVR with a 16 port NVR, plus added a new IPO support box, which included labor. Still testing all the existing 16 cameras and will need to replace some of the 2 megabit cameras with 4 megabit cameras.
 5. Grass Roots guys have done an excellent job of trimming and mowing the large courtyard. THANK YOU goes to each of them.
 6. Jan and Lee continue to weed and trim the plants out front, in the Trinity Garden, and the Memorial Garden.
 7. Lee replaced 6 lightbulbs in the Men's restrooms and 2 florescent bulbs in the North Ladies' restroom.
 8. Lee and his grandson cleaned out and trimmed half of the shrubs along the South side of the Sanctuary.
- Submitted by, Lee Sprinkle, Property Chair

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