THE DOVE NOVEMBER 2026

Come and Join Our Church Family For a Time of Celebration and Giving Thanks At a Thanksgiving Service and Feast

Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

6 PM in the Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 24, 2026

A Thanksgiving Feast

Immediately following our
Thanksgiving Service
In the Family Life Center

Prime Rib Dinner

with Seasoned Chicken, Corn,
Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole,
Italian Green Beans, Glazed Carrots,
Lima Beans, Salad, Roll and Pie
$15.00 per adult
$8.00 per child (3 - 12 years old)
(2 and under are free)

Reservation and Prepayment Required

RSVP by November 15th
by filling out a RSVP envelope with your payment.
RSVP envelopes will be in the pews.

Children's Ministry

Weekly Events

Children's Sunday School Classes

- Held during the 9:30 AM Worship Service
- Nursery & Toddlers: Room 6105 in the Family Life Center
- 3 & 4 year olds: Room 4110 in the Education Building
- K - 3rd Grade: Fellowship Hall
- 4th- 6th Grade: Room 6204 in the Family Life Center

Children's Gathering: 10:15 AM to 11:00 AM

In between Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship, children can gather in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy food, drinks, and fellowship while listening to some of their favorite worship songs!

Children's Worship

- Held during the 11:00 AM Worship Service
- Grades K-6
- Located in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday Morning Nursery

- Open 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Ages 0-2: Room 6105 in the Family Life Center
- Ages 2-4: Room 4110 in the Education Building

Sunday Night Children's Programs 4:30 - 7:30 PM

- All 1st- 6th graders are welcome to a night full of Faith, Food and FUN!
- The night will include Bible Discovery, Choirs, Games, Activities, and more!
- Dinner: $5

Club 456/JAM Choir (4th - 6th graders)

- **4:30 PM:** Drop off in the Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- **7:30 PM:** Pick up in the Music Center (Building #2)

Kids Club/ Carol Choir (1st - 3rd graders)

- **4:30 PM:** Drop off in Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- **7:30 PM:** Pick up in the Fellowship Hall (Building #7)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 15th: Christmas Eve Processional Sign Ups and Costume Pick-Up

Every year we celebrate the birth of Jesus at our 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service with OPMC and the Early Education Center's Christmas Processional. Every child has the opportunity to be part of this tradition. Children from the age of 2-3 years old through 3rd Grade will wear costumes to bring the birth of Jesus to life! 4th-6th Graders will sing as a part of the JAM Choir during the service.

Sign Ups and Costume Pickup: Sunday, November 15th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

November 20th: Parents Night Out

- Infant– 5th Grade
- Attendees will enjoy playing games, making crafts, having dinner, and watching a movie!
- Cost: $20 for the first child, $15 for each additional child
- Drop Off: Family Life Center Gym (Building 5) at 5:30 PM
- Pick Up: Family Life Center Gym (Building 5) by 9:30 PM
- Register your child by Sunday, November 15th by scanning the QR Code

Club 456 Fall Retreat

This year, Club 456 will be taking a trip to the Laguna Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL! We will be staying on the beach, just steps away from the ocean! On campus is a basketball court, a pool, and beach volleyball! On Sunday morning, we will attend Worship on the Water right on the beach!

Details:

- **Ages:** 4th- 6th Grade
- **Dates:** November 21st-24th
- **Location:** Laguna Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL
- **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, November 1st
- **Cost:** $190

Saturday, December 12th: Christmas Eve Children's Processional Rehearsal

- Located in the OPMC Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Arrival for Costume Fitting & Adjustments
- 10:00-11:00 AM Rehearsal

Sunday, December 13th: Kids Club & Club 456 Christmas Party

Kids Club and Club 456 Members will have a Christmas Party filled with games, cookie decorating, hot cocoa, and more! Our Christmas Party will take place during our regularly scheduled Sunday night programming.

- **Ages:** Kids Club (K-3rd), Club 456 (4th-6th)
- **Date:** Sunday, December 13th from 4:30- 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 20th: Kids Club & Club 456 Christmas Dinner with the Lever's

Kids Club and Club 456 Members are invited to have a Christmas dinner with Pastor Lever and his wife, Sam, at their home. We will still meet at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall to begin our evening!

- **Ages:** Kids Club (K-3rd), Club 456 (4th-6th)
- **Date/Time:** Sunday, December 20th from 6:00- 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Pastor Lever's Home (Parsonage One Block from the Church)

Thursday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Children's Processional

- 4:30 PM: Group Photo in Costumes in Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM: Processional Service Begins

Youth Ministry

Weekly Events

Sunday School

Sunday School - 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

We join together in the Youth Classroom and then break into smaller conversation groups.

Sunday Night Schedule

- 4:30 - 5:30 PM - Service opportunities: Youth Choir, Children's Ministry, or Church A/V training
- 5:30 - 5:55 PM - Activity/Game in the Gym
- 6:00 - 6:20 PM - Dinner ($5) in the Gym
- 6:25 - 7:00 PM - Worship in the youth worship center
- 7:00 - 7:30 PM - Age appropriate small groups

Upcoming Events

Fall Retreat

- Friday, November 13th– Sunday, November 15th
- Our Fall Retreat is always a great time for students to get away from the busyness of school, grow spiritually, participate in fun activities, and build relationships in our group.
- Cost: $100

Dinner with the Levers

- Sunday, December 13th
- Dinner with Dr. Lever and his wife, Sam (we will walk to their house)
- White Elephant Gift Exchange. ($10 gift)
- 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Progressive Dinner

Our annual Progressive Dinner is a fun night where we travel around to the homes of church parishioners for a multi -course meal. Each home prepares one of the courses for the evening. It's a fun opportunity for our students and church family to come together to celebrate the Christmas season.

The Progressive Dinner will be on December 20th. The Progressive Dinner is free!

Winter Retreat: Rock the Universe

- Friday, January 22nd - Sunday, January 24th, 2027
- Rock the Universe is an unforgettable weekend of faith and fun. On Friday the 22nd and Saturday the 23rd January 2027, experience powerful beats from Christian Music's brightest stars and thrilling rides at Universal Studios Florida.
- Registration Deadline: December 7th
- Cost: $215

Summer International Mission Trip

Saturday, June 26th - Friday, July 2nd, 2027
Destination: Belize
Mission Partners: Mark and Shari Somerville
We are returning to Belize to continue our partnership with Mark and Shari Somerville.
Student Cost: $1000
Adult Cost: $1400

Fundraisers

Pumpkin Patch

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Pumpkin Patch again this year. It doesn't happen without great volunteers and support from our congregation!

Please Scan this QR code for all youth related registrations and forms

Early Education Center

This month, we will continue exploring the wonders of fall, including colorful leaves and pumpkins. We will also honor the military and veteran family members represented in our program and express our gratitude for their service. Safety will be another important topic as we help our children learn ways to stay safe.

As we approach Thanksgiving, the children will learn about Pilgrims, Native Americans, turkeys, and corn while discovering the traditions associated with this special holiday.

Our Bible themes for November will include The Parable of the Pumpkin, Jacob's Dream and Jacob's Ladder, the Fruits of the Spirit, and We Are Thankful. Through these lessons, we will encourage the children to recognize and appreciate the many blessings God has given them. We are also thankful for each of you who have warmly welcomed our parents and children to the Wonderful Wednesday dinners. Your kindness and hospitality mean so much!

Our character trait for November is Responsibility. The children will learn that each of us has a part to do and a responsibility to carry our own load. This is an important time for developing independence, self-help skills, and self-confidence.

Mark Your Calendars! Our Book Fair will take place during the third week of November. On Thursday, November 19, we invite the children to bring their grandparents or a favorite grandperson to join us for lunch and enjoy shopping together at the Book Fair. We look forward to this special time of sharing stories and creating wonderful memories!

From all the staff, parents, and children of the Early Education Center, we wish you and your families a blessed and happy Thanksgiving! May your holiday be filled with gratitude, joy, and the love of family and friends.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Dinner Prices

ADULT - $8 AND CHILD (ages 3-12) - $6
Non-season reservations must be made weekly.
Please call 904-264-2241 ext. 278
Season Ticket for November and December
Adult - $32 and Child - $24

November 4 - Pot Roast with carrots and gravy, green beans, potatoes, salad, cornbread and bread pudding
November 11 - No dinner due to Veterans holiday
November 18 - Seasoned boneless pork chop, field peas, scalloped potatoes, cornbread, coleslaw and carrot cake
November 25 - No dinner due to Thanksgiving holiday

All Menus are subject to change.

Orange Park Methodist Men

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 21, 2026. The program will be on College Football Analysis and presented by Brent Baird. Methodist Men are encouraged to come and enjoy one of our delicious breakfasts prepared by one of our cook teams.

Methodist Men Smoked Chicken Bar-B-Que

- Sunday, Nov 1, 2026
- 10 AM - 1:00 PM
- Family Life Center - eat in or take out
- Tickets $12.00 - see a Methodist Man or pay at door

Music Ministry

Jacksonville Symphony Concert Series

Are you ready for another exciting season with the Jacksonville Symphony? We have a wonderful lineup of concerts planned, and we'd love for you to join us!
Tickets are $40 per concert, and we will once again be enjoying Terrace seating, located above the stage, for most performances. This season, we've also added three extra concerts to the schedule, giving you even more opportunities to experience outstanding Classical music.

We'll also be attending the Holiday Pops Concert, with tickets available for $60.

Your ticket price includes round-trip transportation, making it easy to sit back, relax and enjoy the evening.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, as seating is limited. Payment is due at the time you reserve your ticket. The deadline to purchase tickets is one week prior to each concert. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your tickets, please contact Ruth Loomis at 904-264-2241 ext. 245

Symphony Concert Dates

Fri. Nov. 6, 2026	Mahler's Ninth
Fri. Dec. 4, 2026	Holiday Pops (tickets $60)
Fri Jan. 8, 2027	Elgar's Cello & Second Symphony
Fri Jan. 29, 2027	Tristan & Aida Suites w/ Chorus
Fri. Feb 19, 2027	Beethoven's "Eroica"
Fri. March 19, 2027	Tchaikovsky & Brahms
Fri. April 9, 2027	Ravel & Shostakovich
Fri. April 30, 2027	Rachmaninoff's First Symphony
Fri. May 21, 2027	Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto w/ Chorus
Fri. June 11, 2027	Beethoven's Ninth w/ Chorus

If you are interested in any of the choirs or have questions please call the Music Center 904-264-2241 ext. 245.

JAM Musical

Plan to come see the JAM Musical, *Tell Me the Truth*, on November 4th at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Step back into the groovy 1970s for *Tell Me the Truth*, a hilarious, high-energy game show where Bible knowledge is put to the test! Join an unforgettable host, colorful contestants, and a lively cast as they tackle questions about some of the Bible's most familiar stories. With unexpected answers, toe-tapping music, plenty of laughs, and a few surprises along the way, audiences will discover that things aren't always quite as simple as they seem. *Tell Me the Truth* is a fun-filled musical adventure with a meaningful message that the whole family will enjoy!

Senior Adult Ministry

Rock "N" Ages

Start your month right by joining us at the Rock N' Ages Luncheon. It will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by our Youth Director, Jason Williams. Please bring a dish to go with hamburgers.

Invite a friend and join us. If you have questions, please call Cindy Koon at 904-210-3546.

UPWARD

Upward Basketball and Cheer is back for our 19th season!

Online Registration is now open at **https://registration.upward.org/UPW91231**.

- Both Basketball and Cheer are for K/5-8th grade
- Registration cost is $115
- Skill evaluations will 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on November 8
- Practices start the week of November 30 and will be either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 PM or 7:15 - 8:15 PM
- Games are on Saturdays beginning January 9, 2027.
- Season end celebration on Monday, March 8 from 6-8pm

We need all types of Volunteers including coaches, referees, concessions, setup, etc. You can sign up to volunteer at **https://registration.upward.org/UPW91231/volunteer** or contact Steve Crowe at vanha19681@gmail.com or 803-479-9128.

Our Church Family Extends our Sympathy To

Dayle Vickery in the death of her stepfather, Clifford Keith
Kim Vargas in the death of her mother, Emily Rowen
The family of Annette Kitagawa
The Family of Pat Williams
Nancye Hale in the death of her husband, Bob Hale
Linda Gardella in the death of her brother, Bill Betz

Staff Directory

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The Gathering on Sundays

Plan to join us for a time of wonderful breakfast foods as well as fellowship in the Family Life Center Gym Building 6. Coffee and breakfast foods are available each week between 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM and it is FREE!

A special gathering for children between Sunday School and Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall featuring items like tater tots and chicken nuggets.

Newsletter Submissions

The Dove is a faith based publication of Orange Park Methodist Church. It is not a forum for community news, political debate or personal opinion. Submissions are to be made in Microsoft Word attachments sent via email to **rvoigt@opmethodist.org**. Space is limited. All submissions are subject to available space and are subject to approval and redaction at the sole discretion of the editor.

November Recognitions

Anniversaries

Jeff and Kelly Provow	11/02	35 years
Marc and Nicole Fleming	11/04	20 years
Wayne and Wanda Tison	11/04	51 years
Tony and Belinda Spasoff	11/19	44 years
David and Glenda Livingston	11/27	56 years
Dave Mosborg & Holly Fulton	11/28	17 years
Carlyle and Gayle Martin	11/29	46 years

Birthdays

Martha Avinger	11/01	Kathy Dugger	11/19
Cyleta Boyle	11/01	Heather Walden	11/19
Jason Williams	11/01	Elfrick Gonzalez	11/19
Jameson Butacan	11/01	Cynthia Schoolfield	11/20
Margaret Koloskee	11/02	Heather Schlichtman	11/21
Jacob Knafelc	11/02	Scott Thomas	11/21
Tyler Schutter	11/02	Rick Schimmel	11/21
Maclin Gutierrez	11/02	Riley Harwood	11/21
Bill Frandsen	11/03	Grady Boles	11/22
Annaliese Hovda	11/05	Joy Campbell	11/22
Elyssa Gray	11/05	Nancy Chandler	11/22
Isabella Harwood	11/05	Natalie Sessions	11/22
Austin French	11/08	Fred Mansen	11/22
Martha Lever	11/09	Robin Bossinger	11/22
Amanda Boyle	11/09	Richard Norman	11/23
Bob Broach	11/10	Patrice Dougher	11/23
Tinsley Butacan	11/11	John Schlichtman	11/24
Elaine Unkles	11/12	Bob Bradshaw	11/24
Karen Gebhard	11/13	Hannah Nibert	11/24
Sue Dellinger	11/14	Linda Bowles	11/25
Ian McKay	11/14	Mary Dalzell	11/26
Jane Hofmann	11/15	Dottie Degeneffe	11/26
Glenda Livingston	11/16	Jack Frandsen	11/26
Lee Merrill	11/17	Justus Dill	11/27
Pat Meeks	11/17	Miriam Crowe	11/27
Teri Toole	11/18	Kyle Fields	11/30
Gaye Maconi	11/18		