



EXCITING FALL EVENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

September 2 - Chicken Parmesan with noodles, roasted zucchini, seasoned buttered corn, garlic bread, Caesar salad and apple crisp

September 9 - Pot Roast with onion and carrots, lima beans, red potatoes, garlic bread, tossed salad and chocolate poke cake

September 16 - Roasted Pork Chop, field peas, roasted sweet potatoes, cornbread, Caesar salad and carrot cake

September 23 - BBQ Chicken, broccoli, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, coleslaw and caramel apple éclair cake

September 30 - Salisbury Steak with gravy, roasted carrots, garlic mashed potatoes, roll, salad and brownie with fudge icing

October 7 - Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, cornbread and banana pudding

October 14 - Mexican Seasoned Chicken with yellow rice, black beans, Mexican corn, garlic bread, Caesar salad and apple cobbler

October 21 - Meatloaf with gravy, Italian green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, salad and blueberry white chocolate bread pudding

October 28 - Trunk or Treat - BBQ Chicken, broccoli, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, coleslaw and brownie

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT CLASS OFFERINGS

DISCIPLE II: INTO THE WORD, INTO THE WORLD

This is the second study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scriptures.

- 32 week class on Wednesdays
- This class is prepared for those who are graduates of Disciple I
- Led by Kathy Rowlinson and located in Room 6206
- Cost of workbook \$40.00
- Questions, call Ellen Despres at 904-264-2241 ext. 243

THAT YOU MAY LIVE

After setting the people of Israel free from bondage in Egypt, God spoke Ten Words to promote and protect the freedom of His people. Ten words that were crucial in forming Israel's identity as a newly liberated nation, rescued from slavery in Egypt, breathing the fresh air of freedom for the first time. Today these Ten Words are famously known as the Ten Commandments.

- Class is located in Room 6205
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM led by Danny Koon
- Cost of book: \$15.00
- Register for class by contacting Danny Koon at (904) 210-2133

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

In September, we present each Third Grader with a Bible during a special Worship service.

- Sunday, September 20th, 2026
- Held during the 11:00 AM Worship service
- All Third Graders are welcome to participate!
- Please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243 if your child would like to receive a Bible and participate in the ceremony.

2026 – 2027 CONFIRMATION CLASS

We believe Confirmation is a sacred occasion. It is a worship service where confirmands publicly accept the salvation offered through Jesus Christ, profess their love for God and become members of the church. We believe that young people should know what they believe and why, and what it means to be a disciple, a growing Christian, and a church member. During this 30 week Confirmation class, confirmands learn about the history of Christianity, teachings of the Methodist Church, and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows. We invite all 6th graders to take a significant step in their journey of faith by joining our Confirmation class.

- Classes meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM (during the 9:30 AM Worship service) and are held in Room 4221
- Classes begin in September and end in May
- All 6th Graders are welcome!
- Service opportunities include raising funds for the Residing Hope Children's Home and mission trips!
- Please contact Suzy Williams at swilliams@opmethodist.org or (904) 591-1918 if you are interested in your child participating.

PUMPKIN PATCH

SEPTEMBER 26 THRU OCTOBER 31, 2026

Our annual pumpkin patch is our main fundraiser for the youth ministry. It's an excellent way for our students and their families to work together and earn money for our trips and events. All the money earned by our students and families goes into their student's youth account. It's also a fun way to serve and interact with our community as they come to shop and take pictures in our patch. Our pumpkin patch is open from September 26th through October 31st. We are open daily from 8 AM to 8 PM and Noon to 8 PM on Sundays. We look forward to seeing you out there!

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 28, 2026

This annual event has become a holiday delight. You don't have to cook, just make your reservations for dinner (Wonderful Wednesday), bring your children in their favorite costumes, and there will be some 40 plus staging areas for the children to visit and receive holiday goodies. And, as always, it will be a safe and secure event with wrist bands issued to all who come to dinner so they can enter the trunk or treat area. Our local police will be on site to provide a prank-free environment. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (which includes dinner).

YOUTH FALL RETREAT NOVEMBER 13 - 15, 2026

Our Fall Retreat will be on Friday, November 14th through 16th and will be a trip that will give us a great opportunity to relax, worship together, and rest as a youth community after the busy pumpkin patch season. All Youth are invited to attend. The cost is \$100.00.

CLUB 456 FALL RETREAT NOVEMBER 21 - 24, 2026

This year, Club 456 Members (4th-6th Grade) will be taking a trip to the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL from November 21st-24th. During our beachfront stay, we plan on playing beach volleyball & basketball, swimming in the pool, and even checking out Historic Panama City Beach. On Sunday, we will be attending Worship on the Water hosted by Woodlawn Church. The cost to attend this "fun in the sun" trip is \$190 per person.

For more information on these events,
please contact Ellen or Jason at 904-264-2241

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

SEPTEMBER 11TH: 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: Fellowship Hall (Building 7) by 9:30 PM
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 6th



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- Classes begin in September and end in May
- Confirmation Orientation will be Sunday, September 13th at noon in the FLC Gym. Lunch will be served.
- First Class will be Sunday, September 20th at 9:30 AM in Room 4221 in Education Building
- All 6th Graders are welcome!
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- The deadline to sign up is September 10, 2026

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH: KIDS CAMP DAY (TEACHER PLANNING DAY- NO SCHOOL): AMAZING GRACE FARMS

- 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
- VPK - 6th grade welcome to participate
- \$40.00 per participant includes: Breakfast, Lunch, 2 Snacks, Activities, and Trip to Amazing Grace Farms
- Register by Sunday, October 4th by scanning the QR Code:



OCTOBER 28TH: TRUNK OR TREAT

- Orange Park Methodist Church & the Early Education Center Trunk or Treat: Wednesday, October 28th 5:15 - 7:30 PM
- A fun, safe night of trunk or treating, costumes, bounce houses, pumpkin patch & more! Dinner Included!
- Ticket Price: \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. Includes a Wonderful Wednesday Dinner plate!
- Registration for this event is required. To reserve your ticket, or volunteer to pass out candy from the trunk of your vehicle, please register by Sunday, October 18th, or contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org
- If your child attends school at the Early Education Center, please register with the school, or contact the EEC Director, Pat Noonan, at pnoonan@opmethodist.org
- For added security, the Orange Park Police Department has been hired to oversee the event.
- Please note that only OPMC members are allowed to volunteer for trunk spaces. Parents/guardians of the trunk or treaters are encouraged to participate with their child and enjoy the experience!



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 (Mark your calendars)
- 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

WINTER RETREAT: ROCK THE UNIVERSE

- Friday, January 23rd - Sunday, January 25th, 2027
- Rock the Universe is an unforgettable weekend of faith and fun. On Friday, January 22nd and Saturday, January 23, 2027, experience powerful beats from Christian Music's brightest stars and thrilling rides at Universal Studios Florida.
- Registration Deadline: December 7th
- Cost: \$215

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!

FUNDRAISERS

PUMPKIN PATCH

- Pumpkin Patch meeting - Sunday, September 13th at 4:30 PM in the Youth Center
- Patch setup - Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30 PM
- Pumpkin Unload #1 - Saturday, September 26th
- Pumpkin Unload #2 - Saturday, October 17th
- Patch will be open from Saturday, September 26th - Saturday, October 31st
- Tear down on Sunday, November 1st starting at 5:00 PM

All hours worked in the pumpkin patch by students and student families counts as paid hours. All money raised through hours worked will go into the student's account, which can be used for any church trip or activity. The pumpkin patch is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all are encouraged to participate!

PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE
FOR ALL YOUTH RELATED
REGISTRATIONS AND FORMS



EARLY EDUCATION
CENTER

We have officially started the new school year, and it is going so well. Teachers and children are working on routines, expectations and rules of the classroom.

We will be celebrating Patriot's Day on 9/11 honoring all who lost their lives on that day. Our themes are: Families, Apples and Johnny Appleseed and People in our Neighborhood. Our Bible Themes include: Joseph and the Special Coat, God Loves My Family, Apple Bible Lesson and God Loves Everybody.

This month our facilities will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7th. All parents will be invited to a Wonderful Wednesday Dinner and a classroom Open House in September. This is an event where our church members and families can get to meet each other.

At the end of September the Pumpkins will arrive. This is such a fun time for all our children to hear stories of pumpkins and fall activities.

We wish all of you a healthy, and blessed fall.

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 (September and October)-
Adult - \$64 and Child - \$48

- September 2** - Chicken Parmesan with noodles, roasted zucchini, seasoned buttered corn, garlic bread, Caesar salad and apple crisp
September 9 - Pot Roast with onion and carrots, lima beans, red potatoes, garlic bread, tossed salad and chocolate poke cake
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All Menus are subject to change.

METHODIST MEN AND
METHODIST WOMEN

The Methodist Men AND Women will meet in the Family Life Center Gym for a combined meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 19, 2026. This is an opportunity for the men and women to get together and have a time of fellowship. Please RSVP to Darrell White at dmrwhite@comcast.net or Diantha Owen at kdowen@bellsouth.net by September 14th to reserve your spot.

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
- Take advantage of discounted registration until October 23 @ \$100 per participant, \$115 after October 23
- Skill evaluations will be October 24 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (makeup 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.

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

Sat. Sept. 26, 2026	Mozart & Tchaikovsky
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

CHOIR INFORMATION

Come join a choir! With the new school year starting this is a perfect time to join a choir. There are choirs for everyone from ages 5 years to 99+ years. Everyone is welcome!

CAROL CHOIR - K through 3rd grade - meets Sunday at 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM in the Music Center

JAM (J.esus A.nd M.e Choir) - 4th through 6th grade - meets Sundays at 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the Music Center

ReGENERATION - 7th through 12th grade - meets Sundays 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM in the Music Center

CHANCEL CHOIR - Adult Choir - meets Thursdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the Music Center

INSPIRATIONS - Women’s Choir - meets Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Music Center Rehearsal Room

DYNAMICS - Men’s Choir - meets Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Music Center Room 2103

CHANCEL BELLS - meets Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

PRAISE BAND - meets Tuesdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary

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

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, September 1, 2026 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Melody White on “The Journey Home of SGT Billy Rodgers”. Please bring a dish that is for a salad bar lunch.

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

BOOK CLUB

You are invited to attend our Book Club! We meet on the first Monday of every month to discuss the book that we just read. We meet in Room 1107 in Park Square at 5:00 PM. Here are the dates we are meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

September 14	November 2	January 4	March 1
October 5	December 7	February 1	

For more information, please call Donna Macleod at 904-910-4227.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Debbie Wilkins in the death of her husband, Ernie Wilkins
The family of Cyndy Jackman
Mark Meier in the death of his wife, Debi Meier
David Herold in the death of his mother, Marcia Herold
The family of Norma Lee
Alice Gentile in the death of her brother, Fred Cappuccino

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.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST WOMEN

COME JOIN A CIRCLE

Deborah Circle

Chair - Connie Eden (904-343-5612)
Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Meets in Room 6203

Elizabeth Circle

Chair - Diane Burshuliak (904-477-1340)
Meets 3rd Thursday at 9:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

Mary Lydia Circle

Chair - Cindy Koon (904-210-3546)
Meets 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Andy and Terri Dobbs	09/01	8 years
Stephen and Nora Logan	09/03	32 years
David and Kathleen Rowlinson	09/04	44 years
Wayne and Sheila Holder	09/05	39 years
Flavio and Jenny Chavez	09/06	13 years
Bob and Ann Hinzman	09/14	57 years
Tim and Susan Helms	09/18	6 years
Gene and Pat Warren	09/18	16 years

BIRTHDAYS

Doug Westberry	09/01	Vicky Moore	09/16
Paige Evans	09/01	Tara Volpe	09/17
John Turpish	09/02	Kim Etherington	09/17
Aimee Turpish	09/02	Dave Mosborg	09/18
Aidan Chandler	09/03	David McCranie	09/18
Layla Thomas	09/03	Connie Eden	09/18
Madison Wilder	09/03	Janet Ballantine	09/18
Trey Walden	09/03	Sheila Gaskill	09/18
Ricky White	09/04	Donna Trumble	09/19
Bryan Crotts	09/04	Hannah Morin	09/19
Betty Young	09/06	Cooper Roth	09/19
Chanel Stowers	09/06	Jim Cribb	09/20
Jasmine Wilger	09/07	Jeff Killian	09/20
Joe Banks	09/07	Diane Howard	09/22
Matthew Mansen	09/07	Anastasia Turpish	09/23
Julius Carroll	09/07	Aliyah Gray	09/24
Gayle Martin	09/08	Ella Cate Terry	09/24
Harmen Heeg	09/08	Nancy Dewey	09/25
William Kennedy	09/08	Lynda Davis	09/26
Kathleen Vanhooser	09/08	Carlyle Martin Jr.	09/27
Jarred Dill	09/09	Celie Meadows	09/27
Ray Bernard	09/09	Belinda Spasoff	09/27
Evan Ryan	09/09	Amy Thomas	09/27
Jessica Voigt	09/10	Mike Applegarth	09/27
Macy Presley	09/11	Wayne Tison	09/28
Mason Martin	09/11	Deborah Terry	09/28
Ed Sellars	09/12	Maggie Hovda	09/28
Andy Dobbs	09/12	Nick Despres	09/28
Maddy Kramer	09/12	Daniel Ringle	09/29
Jamie Cioffi	09/13	Bob Moore	09/30
Dave Unsicker	09/14	Gene Warren	09/30
Beverly Bernard	09/14	Jamie Hovda	09/30