



Come and Join Our Church Family

for

OUR CELEBRATION SUNDAY

on

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Come and Join Us for this special celebration of

OUR SCOUTING MINISTRIES

AND OUR

UPWARD BASKETBALL MINISTRY

Lunch Will be Served at No Cost

Following the 11:00 AM Service

Hamburgers, Hotdogs,

Mac and Cheese, Green Beans

& Brownies

Lemonade, Tea, Coffee and Water

Invite Your Family and Friends to Join Us!

All Volunteers and Participants

In Our Scouting Ministries

And Our Upward Ministry

Will Be Recognized

During Our Services

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

- Dinner, crafts & activities, and watch a movie on the big screen!
- \$20 for 1st child, \$15 for each additional child
- **Drop off:** 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby
- **Pick up:** No later than 9:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby
- Scan the QR Code to Register by Sunday, February 11th



SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH: OPMC & THE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

- 10:00AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 28th
- Cost: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children/youth up to 17 years
- Full Lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, mac & cheese, tater tots, fruit, and dessert), Ice Cream Truck, Inflatable Obstacle Course and Bounce House, Picture Opportunity with the Easter Bunny, and age appropriate Easter Egg Hunt categories with prizes!
- Location will be at the Fellowship Hall (Building # 7)
- Fun for all ages! Egg Hunts are limited to children from 1 year to 3rd Grade.
- Invite your friends and family!
- Scan the QR Code to Register by Sunday, March 22nd!



SAVE THE DATE!

February 20th - Parent's Night Out
March 13th - Parent's Night Out
July 20th - 24th - Vacation Bible Camp

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

YOUTH MISSION TRIP: BELIZE

- Saturday, June 20th - Friday, June 26th
- Destination: Belize
- Partner Organization: Praying Pelican Missions
- We are returning to Belize to continue our partnership with Mark and Shari Somerville.
- Cost: Youth - \$900 Adults - \$1300
- Register by scanning the QR code below and clicking the event

SPRING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

- Friday, May 1st – Sunday, May 3rd
- This is the first retreat that our rising 7th graders/ confirmation students can participate in. We look forward to having a big group this year! There are opportunities to kayak or enjoy their slip-and-slide into the lake. This year we are going to have tubing in the lake!
- Register by scanning the QR code below and clicking the event
- Cost: \$80



FUNDRAISERS

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER

Youth and parents lead kids 0-6th grade in games and crafts, serve dinner, and end the night with a movie in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from PNO go directly to the accounts of the students who work the event. Contact Ellen Despres to sign up. She can be reached at 904-264-2241 ext. 243.

UPCOMING DATES

February 20th, 2026
March 13th, 2026
April 17th, 2026
May 15th, 2026

YOUTH ACCOUNTS

Each student can earn money for use on trips and events that are held in an account for them. Students can earn money working Parent's Night Out events and our biggest fundraiser, the Pumpkin Patch. If you have any questions about youth accounts or would like to check your student's account balance, you can contact Jason at 904-264-2241 ext. 282.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

At the beginning of February, we will discuss Groundhog Day and teach the children about animals and hibernation. February is the month of love and a perfect time to teach our children about God and the Church. We will be discussing love of family members on Valentine's Day and God's love for all of his children. Included in the curriculum are Black History Month, Animals at the Farm, President's Day, Into the Wild, and Dr. Seuss.

Registration for our full-time facilities is ongoing. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in attending, please call 904-264-7330 or 904-704-9762 to come tour our facilities. Remember we also provide the VPK Voucher for Pre-Kindergarten at Early Education Center for full-time children with a weekly fee.

February is also Dental Month, so we will have the dental hygienists (from Dr. Kailes' office) visit to teach our children the importance of taking care of their teeth.

The staff from My Gym will be visiting the children and they are so good at teaching the children about body movement.

Our Bible verse for this month is "Love your neighbor, as you love yourself." We will use *The Rainbow Fish* book to teach the children about sharing—a difficult concept for young children to learn. Other stories will be Daniel and the Lion's Den, God Made the Animals, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, The Armor of God and Life Lessons.

Our Character Trait for the month of February is Caring. Children will wear red on Friday, February 27th.

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

February 4 - Pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, cornbread and banana pudding

February 11 - BBQ Chicken, roasted vegetables, macaroni and cheese, roll, salad and strawberry cake

February 18 - Salisbury Steak with gravy, roasted carrots, garlic mashed potatoes, roll, salad and brownie with fudge icing

February 25 - Boneless pork chop with rice, black eyed peas, vegetables, cornbread, coleslaw and apple dump cake

All Menus are subject to change.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY CLASS BEGINS FEBRUARY 4TH

A new Wednesday night class will begin on February 4th. It will be a discussion based class that will review the books of the Bible.

- Leader is Danny Koon
- Meet in Room 6203
- No cost
- Bring a study Bible with commentary
- Open to anyone!

For more information, call Robyn Voigt at 904-264-2241 ext. 273.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 21st. All men of the church are members of the Methodist Men and are encouraged to come and enjoy one of our delicious breakfasts prepared by one of our cook teams.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST WOMEN

COME JOIN A CIRCLE

Deborah Circle

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

MUSIC MINISTRY LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM
A service of worship and ashes

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Gainesville Brass Quintet

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Praise Band

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Chancel Bells

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Dynamics Men's Ensemble

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Inspirations Women's Ensemble

*The Lenten Series services will follow the Wednesday Night Dinners each week which are served at 5:15 PM. The Lenten Concerts will begin at 6:00 PM and will conclude no later than 6:45 PM. Reservations are required for dinner. You can make a reservation by calling the church office at 904-264-2241 ext. 278 by Monday at noon. The cost is \$8.00 per night.

COME 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

- Carol Choir is part of the Sunday Kids Club and sings several Sundays throughout the year.

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

- JAM Choir is part of Club 456 on Sundays and sings for several services, including World Communion, Christmas Eve Processional, their own Children's musical and goes on an annual choir trip.

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

- ReGeneration is a vocal youth ensemble who sings for Worship services throughout the year including Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter. They present a Dinner Theater in the Spring and go on a Choir Tour in the summer.

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

- The Chancel Choir involves singers with varying levels of experience. They sing for the 11:00 AM worship service every Sunday and for Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter.

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

- The Inspirations is a Women's choir for experienced singers. They sing several Sundays throughout the year including Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter.

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

- The Dynamics is a Men's choir for experienced singers. They sing several Sundays throughout the year including Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

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

- The Chancel Bells play several Sundays throughout the year. Music reading skills are helpful but not required

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

- The Praise Band sings for the 9:30 AM worship service every Sunday. Please contact Nick Despres if you are interested in the Praise Band at (904) 264-2241 ext. 236.

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

SYMPHONY TICKETS

If you are interested in going call the music center office at 904-264-2241 ext. 245. Tickets are \$35.00 and we will be sitting in the Terrace located above the stage. We will meet at 6:00 PM in the church parking lot. Below is the schedule for all of the concerts in this series:

- Friday February 13th - Romeo & Juliet: Tchaikovsky & Bernstein
- Friday March 6th - Mozart & More: Concertos for Two Pianos
- Friday March 27th - Barber & Mendelssohn
- Friday May 15th - Beethoven's Triple & Brahms
- Friday June 5 - Rachmaninoff's Third

**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, February 3rd at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program is guaranteed to be a hit! Please bring a dish to go with spaghetti.

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

MISSIONS

NIMBLE NEEDLES

Nimble Needles celebrated 20 years of crafting and comforting very deserving folks in Clay County. Folks who are spending time in rehabilitation facilities or have moved to a nursing home or assisted living facility and can use a little something to help make their situation a little more comfortable, a little more manageable, and a little more cheerful. Our recipients feel noticed and loved by receiving a handmade item made especially for them. All of this would not be possible without the grateful donations of fabric and yarn that we receive. Your donations help us continue our mission work, so please keep them coming so we can serve Christ another 20 years.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY
EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY
To**

The family of Barbara Loy
The family of Harriet Kicklighter
The family of Ruth Odom

Janice Reid in the death of her mother, Gayle Ennis
Jackie Putnam in the death of her husband, Frank Putnam
The Frendahl family in the death of Bruce Frendahl
Mary Miciano in the death of her sister, Betty Kilonski

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**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.

**FEBRUARY
RECOGNITIONS**

ANNIVERSARIES

Ron and Judy Willey	02/01	29 years
Tim and Cyndy Barnes	02/02	46 years
Scott and Amy Thomas	02/14	22 years
Dan and Sharon Richardson	02/15	23 years
Ridge and Judi Corbin	02/16	41 years
William and Carol Ann Freehafer	02/17	30 years
Ken and Kriss Johnson	02/18	20 years
Bill and Sue McGaha	02/20	6 years
Hugh and Mari Anne Peeples	02/21	45 years
Joe and Vicky Banks	02/23	35 years
Richard and Sharon Norman	02/26	43 years
Jerry and Burma Habeck	02/27	62 years

BIRTHDAYS

William Frandsen	02/01	Pat Sessions	02/14
Barry Allred	02/01	Terri Dobbs	02/15
Emri Butacan	02/01	Colton Bailey	02/15
Dennie Williams	02/02	Jerry Avinger	02/17
Charles Lever	02/02	Jean Carlton	02/18
Diane Burshuliak	02/02	Barbara Turpish	02/18
Ashton Bailey	02/02	Leslee Bryan	02/19
Jeremy Stewart	02/02	Robin Coover	02/20
Dick Keyworth	02/03	Don Maconi	02/21
Terry Flahive	02/04	Gordon Reynolds	02/21
Vivienne Martin	02/04	Stephen Conrad	02/21
David Boyer	02/04	Craig Morris	02/22
Jennifer Moore	02/04	Marjorie Harris	02/22
Wayne Mattox	02/04	Lori Condie	02/22
Ken McMaster	02/05	Nate Messler	02/22
David Theurich	02/05	Gary Wade	02/24
Penelope Walden	02/06	Dominic Despres	02/25
Martha Brown	02/07	Chauncey Lever	02/26
Daniel Frandsen	02/08	Melissa Arrowood	02/26
Sean Swart	02/09	Kevin Reid	02/27
Lyndsay Dougher	02/10	Heather Watkins	02/27
Diantha Owen	02/10	Bev Dayrit	02/27
Alice Allred	02/10	Rachel Harwood	02/27
Bonnie Rustmann	02/11	Janice Reid	02/28
Ron Willey	02/12	Monty Crook	02/29
		Bob Rustmann	02/29