



**Come and Join Our Church Family
for**

OUR CELEBRATION SUNDAY

on

Sunday, February 4, 2024

**Come and Join Us for this special celebration of
OUR SCOUTS MINISTRY 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!

LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Reverend Jay Therrell will be our guest preacher

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Nicolette Whaley, Viola soloist

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Praise Band Concert

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday March 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Dynamics Men's Ensemble

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Inspirations Women's Ensemble

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Irma Joyner, soloist

*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 264-2241 X278 by Monday at noon. \$42 for the Lenten dinner series (February 14 - March 20) or \$7.00 per night.

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
- Confirmation Class: Room 4221 in the Education Building

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 Cub/ 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

FEBRUARY 16TH - PARENTS NIGHT OUT VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

- Infant- 6th Grade
- Attendees will enjoy playing Valentines Day games, making crafts, having pizza and fruit for dinner, as well as watching the movie, Elemental!
- 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
- Wear pink or red for Valentine's Day!
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, February 11th



MARCH 8TH - KIDS CAMP: TRIP TO JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS

- Pre-K through 6th Grade
- Cost: \$35.00
- Drop off in the Fellowship Hall between 7:30 - 9:00 AM
- Pick Up in the Fellowship Hall between 4 and 5:30 PM
- Day includes games & activities, a trip to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, breakfast, lunch, and two snacks
- Once registered, payment is required (as non-refundable Zoo tickets will be purchased for each attendee)
- Deadline to Register: Wednesday, February 28th (attendees cannot register after this deadline, as Zoo tickets must be purchased two weeks in advance)



MARCH 15TH - PARENTS NIGHT OUT EASTER CELEBRATION

- Infant- 6th Grade
- Attendees will enjoy playing Easter games, making crafts, having pizza and fruit for dinner, as well as watching the movie, Hop!
- 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, March 10th



OPMC & THE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

- 10:00AM - 12:00 PM
- Cost: Free!
- Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews!
- Refreshments, Inflatable Obstacle Course and Bounce House, Picture Opportunity with the Easter Bunny, and age appropriate Easter Egg Hunt categories with prizes
- Location will be in the Fellowship Hall (Building # 7)
- Fellowship Hall: Refreshments and Easter Bunny Photo Opportunity
- Fellowship Hall Parking Lot: Inflatable Obstacle Course and Bounce House
- Fellowship Hall Fenced Lawn: Age Category Egg Hunts (see below)
 - 10:10 AM: Infant - 2 years
 - 10:30 AM: 3 - 4 years olds (VPK)
 - 10:50 AM: Kindergarten - 1st graders
 - 11:10 AM: 2nd - 3rd graders
- Fun for all ages! Egg Hunts limited to children in 3rd grade and younger. Deadline to register is March 17th.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

For more information on OPMC Children's Ministry or if you would like to be added to the weekly email, contact Director of Children and Adult Ministries, Ellen Despres at 904-264-2241 ext. 243 or edespres@opmethodist.org.

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

SPRING BREAK TRIP (FLORIDA KEYS)

- Saturday, March 9th - Tuesday, March 12th
- Stay at Marathon Community Church in Marathon, FL
- This is our first time going down to the Keys! We are going to explore Key West and enjoy the most beautiful beach in Florida, Bhai Honda State Park. We are looking forward to this opportunity to discover more of our beautiful state!
- Cost: \$150
- Registration Deadline: February 11th



SPRING RETREAT

- Our Spring Retreat on Friday, May 10th through 12th will be at the North Florida Christian Retreat Center in Keystone Heights. We have a cabin on the water with a beautiful view. 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! This is first retreat that our rising 7th graders/confirmation students can participate in. We look forward to having a big group this year!
- The Spring Retreat cost is \$50
- Registration Deadline: April 14th



SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

- Sunday, July 6th - Saturday, July 13th
- Destination: Western Kentucky (La Center)
- Mission Organization: Team Effort
- All the details about the trip are available by scanning the QR code
- Registration Deadline: June 9th



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 264-2241 ext. 243.

UPCOMING DATES

February 16
March 15

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 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 Animals in the Wild, Animals in the Sea, President's Day 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 to come tour our facilities. Remember we also provide the VPK Voucher for Pre-Kindergarten at Wonderworks 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 about Daniel and the Lion's Den, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the Armor of God and Life Lessons.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

DINNER PRICES

ADULT - \$7 AND CHILD (ages 3-12) - \$5
Non-season reservations must be made weekly.
Please call 904-264-2241 ext. 278

February 7 - Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, coleslaw and banana pudding

February 14 - Herb roasted chicken, vegetable medley, macaroni and cheese, roll, salad and strawberry cake

February 21 - Beef Stroganoff with noodles, carrots, lima beans, roll, salad and Klondike bars

February 28 - Blackened pork chop with rice and gravy, black eyed peas, stir fry vegetables, cornbread, cole slaw and Apple Crisp

All Menus are subject to change.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST WOMEN

COME JOIN A CIRCLE

Deborah Circle

Chair - Connie Eden (343-5612)
Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Meets February in FLC room #6203

Elizabeth Circle

Co-Chairs - Sandy Carlson (945-9346) and
June Butacan (707-3771)
Meets 3rd Thursday at 9:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

Mary Lydia Circle

Chair - Cindy Koon (210-3546)
Meets 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 17, 2024. The program will be presented by the Boy Scouts. 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Things are pretty busy in the Music Center. Are you interested in joining a choir? We have something for everyone!

CHILDREN/YOUTH

- Carol Choir (1st - 3rd grades) meets Sundays 5:30 PM to 6:10 PM
- JAM Choir (4th - 6th grades) meets Sundays 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- ReGeneration Ensemble (7th - 12th grades) Sundays 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

- Chancel Bells (Handbell Choir) meets on Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Praise Band (Praise & Worship) meets on Tuesdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- Dynamics (Men's Ensemble) meets on Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Inspirations (Women's Ensemble) meets on Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Chancel Choir (Adult Choir) meets on Thursdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

If you are interested in any of these choirs, please contact the Music Center 264-2241 ext. 245.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Interested in attending a Jacksonville Symphony concert? Ever want to see the musicians up close? Come join our group! We attend several concerts throughout the year and sit together in the choral terrace. We get a unique view from behind the musicians and the sound is amazing! The best part is, you don't have to drive! We provide transportation, using the church bus and van. Interested? Please contact Martha or Ruth- (904) 264-2241 x245. Tickets are \$29 each.

Here are the concerts we will attend for February and March:

Saturday, February 17 at 7:30 PM
Rachmaninoff Vocalise
Rachmaninoff Symphony No 2

Friday, March 8 at 7:30 PM
Saint-Saens Symphony No 3 "Organ symphony"

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 6, 2024 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the group for an informative presentation by Jennifer Schwartz from Senior Helpers. Please bring a side dish to go with soup. We will be serving assorted soups.

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

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is a support group to help you move through the grief process. This support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week study group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability - and gain solid support each step of the way.

- Group starts on February 15 and meets every Thursday
- Meeting time is from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Room #6204
- You can sign up online at <https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup> and choose Orange Park Methodist Church
- Cost is \$20 to cover the workbook
- Please contact Robyn Voigt at 264-2241 x273 with any questions

MISSIONS THANK YOU!

Here is a letter that we received from Kids First of Florida. They are the people that organized the children for our Angel Tree this past year.

Hello,

On behalf of Kids First of Florida and the families we service, we'd like to say THANK YOU for helping make our children's Christmas so unforgettable this year! As of today, every one of your donations has been distributed to our case managers. If the gift has not been delivered yet, it is in route, and will be under the Christmas tree for a child on Christmas morning.

Our donors this year went above and beyond. It was heartwarming to see such a generous response to the children's wish lists. Thank you for your participation. Thank you for your patience with us and for your willingness to give. We Pray you and your family have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Thank you,
Janet Harkins*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Ken Johnson in the death of his father, James Johnson
Lucia Hipp in the death of her son, Bryan Hipp
The family of Fred Bruner

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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	27 years
Tim and Cyndy Barnes	02/02	44 years
Scott and Amy Thomas	02/14	20 years
Ridge and Judi Corbin	02/16	39 years
William and Carol Ann Freehafer	02/17	28 years
Ken and Kriss Johnson	02/18	18 years
Hugh and Mari Anne Peeples	02/21	43 years
Joe and Vicky Banks	02/23	33 years
Richard and Sharon Norman	02/26	41 years
Jerry and Burma Habeck	02/27	60 years

BIRTHDAYS

Virginia McCampbell	02/01	Ron Willey	02/12
William Frandsen	02/01	Pat Sessions	02/14
Barry Allred	02/01	Terri Dobbs	02/15
Emri Butacan	02/01	Jerry Avinger	02/16
Dennie Williams	02/02	Jean Carlton	02/18
Charles Lever	02/02	Ryan Cronin	02/18
Amanda Inman	02/02	Barbara Turpish	02/18
Diane Burshuliak	02/02	Lindsay Terry	02/18
Dick Keyworth	02/03	Willie Beardsley	02/19
Terry Flahive	02/04	Leslee Bryan	02/19
Vivienne Martin	02/04	Julie Hill	02/21
David Boyer	02/04	Don Maconi	02/21
Naomi Roberts	02/04	Gordon Reynolds	02/21
Ken McMaster	02/05	Stephen Conrad	02/21
Amanda Turpish	02/05	Lori Condie	02/22
David Theurich	02/05	Nate Messler	02/22
Geri Tucker	02/06	Michael Gallagher	02/23
Penelope Walden	02/06	Troy Stewart	02/23
Martha Brown	02/07	Gary Wade	02/24
Janet Grim	02/07	Dominic Despres	02/25
Daniel Frandsen	02/08	Chauncey Lever	02/26
Ray Demming	02/09	Karen Grant	02/27
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	Janice Reid	02/28
Bonnie Rustmann	02/11	Monty Crook	02/29
Barbara Irby	02/12	Bob Rustmann	02/29
Susan Mullen	02/12		