



LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM
A service of worship and ashes

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Brass Quintet

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Dynamics Men's Ensemble

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday March 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Inspirations Women's Ensemble

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Praise Band Concert

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Russom String 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 264-2241 X278 by Monday at noon. The cost is \$49 for the March/April dinner series (March 5 - April 30) or \$7.00 per night.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & DINNER

Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)
in the Family Life Center Gym
We will begin to take reservations on March 16

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 18, 2025
7:00 PM
Tenebrae Service
Chancel Choir and Strings

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 20, 2025
9:30
and
11:00 AM

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, MARCH 7TH: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT WELCOME SPRING PARTY

- 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, March 2nd



MARCH 15TH-20TH: CONFIRMATION MISSION TRIP TO VALDOSTA, GA

Please pray for our Confirmation class as they will be serving others during their Spring Break by completing a mission project through Praying Pelican Missions in Valdosta, GA. These students will be working directly with families that have been impacted by disaster, and assisting them with various mission projects throughout the area. This mission trip will allow our Confirmands to learn about other cultures, and experience the joy of serving others while simultaneously growing in their Christian discipleship. It is our hope that this mission trip will encourage our Confirmands to become active participants in spreading the Gospel message and living out their faith in the world.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2025

- Kids Camp is a single day version of our summer Vacation Bible Camp. This ministry is a full day program from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The purpose of this ministry is to meet the needs of the families in our church and community, while teaching children about Jesus Christ. The day includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, an exciting field trip & other activities. If interested in volunteering, please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 ext. 243
- Cost: \$40.00 per child per camp
- To register your child, please visit www.opmethodist.org or email Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org
- Dates and activities are as follows:

KIDS CAMP DATES & ACTIVITIES

- Wednesday, June 4th: Horseback Riding at Batton Family Ranch
- Wednesday, June 11th: Shrimping on the Amelia Island Shrimp Boat River Tour
- Wednesday, June 18th: Pinball Palace in Brunswick, GA
- Wednesday, June 25th: IMAX Theatres at Former World Golf Village
- Wednesday, July 2nd: Kingsland Train Ride in Kingsland, GA
- Wednesday, July 9th: St. Augustine Pirate Ship Cruise
- Wednesday, July 16th: Sweet Pete's Candy Making Class
- Wednesday, July 30th: Swimming at Madison Blue Springs

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2025- EGYPT: JOSEPH'S JOURNEY

At Egypt VBC, everyone gets to explore first-hand the culture of Joseph's world. Alongside Joseph, they'll experience the heartbreaking trials, joyous victories, and tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero.

- Dates: July 21-25, 2025
- 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Daily
- Includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, exciting field trips and experiences, and more!
- Grades PreK- Rising 6th Graders
- Exciting field trips and experiences including Skate Station Skate Park, Tree Hill Nature Center, live camel rides, and Shipwreck Island Waterpark!

COST AND PAYMENTS:

- Participant Cost: \$200 per child
- \$100 Refundable Deposit Due Upon Registration. (Full refunds on deposits/payments are available if cancellation is on or before June 23rd)
- Youth/Adult Volunteer Cost: \$85 per person (this cost covers field trips, shirt, and meals)
- Deadline for Registration & Final Payment- June 23rd
- To register your child, or to register as a volunteer, scan the QR Code:



Please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243 for any questions about VBC!

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 (TAMPA BAY)

- Friday, March 14th - Monday, March 17th Stay at Lake Magdalene Methodist Church in Tampa, FL
- We are going to Busch Gardens for a day and to enjoy the beautiful beach at Honeymoon Island State Park.
- We will also worship at Lake Magdalene on Sunday morning.
- Cost: \$200



SPRING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

- Friday, April 25th - Sunday, April 27th 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!
- Cost: \$70



SUMMER INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

- Friday, June 20th - Friday, June 27th
- Destination: Belize
- Mission Organization: Praying Pelican Missions
- Student Cost: \$800
- Chaperone Cost: \$1,200



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH DAY

- Tuesday June 3rd, 2025
- Destination: St. Augustine
- Cost: \$10



GAME NIGHT

- Tuesday, June 10th, 2025
- Destination: OPMC
- Cost: \$5



ICHETUCKNEE RIVER FLOAT

- Tuesday, June 17th, 2025
- Destination: Ichetucknee Springs
- Cost: \$25



SUMMER WAVES

- Tuesday, July 1st, 2025
- Destination: Jekyll Island
- Cost: \$35



MINI GOLF NIGHT

- Tuesday, July 8th, 2025
- Destination: Anastasia Mini Golf
- Cost: \$20



ST. SIMON'S ISLAND + PINBALL MUSEUM

- Tuesday, July 15th, 2025
- Destination: St. Simon's Island
- Cost: \$40



MOVIE NIGHT: THE FANTASTIC FOUR

- Tuesday, July 29th, 2025
- Destination: AMC Orange Park
- Cost: \$20



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

March 7

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

This month is full of wonderful spring activities for our children. We will be reminding the children that a kind word is like a spring day! Our character trait for the month is Trustworthiness and the color is blue. We know our children love to dream and imagine and springtime with its new growth fills them with exciting curiosity.

March includes Dr. Seuss Week which involves reading many of the books written by this great author whose birthday we will celebrate the week before his birthday, March 2nd. Our lesson plans will include Animals in the Sea, Dinosaurs, St. Patrick's Day, Building and Moving Things. Our Bible lessons are Jonah and the Whale (Big Fish), Dinosaur Bible Lesson, St. Patrick's Day Mini Unit, The Two Builders, and I Can Pray.

Sean the Leprechaun will also be leaving trails of shamrocks

and gold around school this month. This is a fun time for the whole school to get involved with searching for the leprechauns (who leave messes) by following trail maps. This is a wonderful way for the children to learn about maps and following directions—while also learning about cleaning up after themselves.

Do not forget that our REGISTRATION is ongoing. You can call (904) 264-7330 if you are interested in visiting our program. We are a place for creative teaching and play that serves as a building block for your child's future educational success. We are a loving and caring facility that cultivates learning in young children's lives every day.

Our information is on the Church website at www.opmethodist.org. Remember that our ministry is open year-round except for the six major holidays out of the year (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day).

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
SEASON TICKETS FOR MARCH/APRIL
Adults - \$49 and Children - \$40

March 5 - Chicken Parmesan with noodles, vegetables, succotash, garlic bread, salad and carrot cake
March 12 - Salisbury Steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, roll and chocolate cake with icing
March 19 - Hawaiian pork with rice and gravy, broccoli, sweet potato casserole, roll, coleslaw and pineapple upside down cake
March 26 - Lemon Chicken with rice and gravy, corn pudding casserole, field peas, garlic bread, Caesar salad and lemon cake

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, March 15, 2025. The program will be presented by our local Boy Scout Troup. 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

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Wednesday March 12 - Brass Quintet
Wednesday March 19 - Dynamics Men's Ensemble
Wednesday March 26 - Inspirations Women's Ensemble
Wednesday April 2 - Praise Band Concert
Wednesday April 9 - Russom String Ensemble

All Lenten Concerts will be in the Sanctuary at begin at 6:00 PM.

Join us for the Tenebrae service on Friday, April 18th.

Save the date! The Music Department will be hosting a Music Auction on Friday, May 9th. More information coming soon!

COME JOIN A CHOIR

We are so excited for this coming year and we have lots of activities, trips and musicals planned for the year.

This is the perfect time to join a choir as we are starting all new music and we have a choir for all ages:

CAROL CHOIR (K - 3RD GRADES) - Sundays from 5:30 - 6:10 PM

JAM CHOIR (4TH - 6TH GRADES) -Sundays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
REGENERATION CHOIR (7TH - 12TH GRADES) - Sundays from 4:40 - 5:30 PM
CHANCEL BELLS -Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 PM
PRAISE BAND (MUST AUDITION) - Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM
DYNAMICS (MEN’S CHOIR) - Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM
INSPIRATIONS (WOMEN’S CHOIR) - Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00PM
CHANCEL CHOIR (ADULT CHOIR) - Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY

Come join us! Transportation provided. If interested, call Martha or Ruth in the Music department at 904-264-2241 x245

Symphony Concerts coming up:

Friday, March 7-Beethoven’s “Emperor” Concerto

- 7:30 pm concert, meet at 6:00 pm
- Sign up deadline: Mar 2
- Ticket: \$33

Friday, April 25- Dvorak’s “New World” Symphony

- 7:30 pm concert, meet at 6:00 pm
- Sign up deadline: April 20
- Ticket: \$33

**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, March 4, 2025 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Adventures in the Galapagos Islands. 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.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY
EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY
To**

The family of Dale Freeman
Hollea Ryan in the death of her father, Wayne McClellan
Tim Barnes in the death of his brother, Dale Watts
Peter Groeneveld in the death of his aunt, Jet Groeneveld

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SUBMISSIONS**

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**MARCH
RECOGNITIONS**

ANNIVERSARIES

Russell and Mona Doane	03/03	22 years
Phil and Lynn Murphey	03/07	54 years
Mario and Dawn Hernandez	03/09	23 years
Art and Jane Russell	03/16	29 years
Ricky and Stacey White	03/18	30 years
Pete and Lynda Davis	03/19	59 years
Bill and Leslie Kennedy	03/20	32 years
Bill and Tracy Frandsen	03/21	38 years
James and LaVonne Maxfield	03/21	10 years
Terry and Billie Flahive	03/21	55 years
Gary and Sue Wade	03/24	35 years
Ed and Carolyn Sellars	03/25	58 years
Brad and Amanda Boyle	03/25	25 years
Steve and Sydney Foster	03/28	1 year
Bill and Diane Bazemore	03/30	57 years

BIRTHDAYS

Barron Martin	03/01	Nicholas Rubright	03/20
Janet Mumper	03/01	Tedra Applegarth	03/20
Dan Richardson	03/01	Mary Wood	03/21
Sherry Starr	03/02	Joan Lee	03/22
David Ridings	03/03	Joey Bryan	03/23
Nancy Coats	03/03	Donna Dvorak	03/24
Sharon Norman	03/04	Frankie Blanton	03/24
Debbie Bradshaw	03/04	Mario Hernandez	03/24
June Eddins	03/06	Ellen Despres	03/24
Angelo Yawn	03/04	Jack Evans	03/24
Mattie Reape	03/05	Ruth Odom	03/25
June Eddins	03/06	Cheri Briggs	03/25
Hugh Peeples	03/06	Joselin Butacan	03/25
Jimmie Seeley	03/07	Jonathan Mansen	03/25
Jacob Butacan	03/07	Brett Mansen	03/25
Tracy Frandsen	03/08	Ian Walden	03/25
Ed Marynik	03/08	Jason Strong	03/26
Mistie Heyer	03/08	Fran Marynik	03/27
Darlene Goodier	03/09	Sydney Ingerson	03/27
Allison Turpish	03/09	James Bailey	03/27
Lauren Butacan	03/09	Richard Armistead	03/28
Kathy Cribb	03/10	Phil Murphey	03/29
Pearl Boles	03/12	Fletcher Turner	03/29
Toby Coussens	03/12	Peggy Grantham	03/29
Rebecca Witt	03/12	Fran Jones	03/29
Ginger Aiken	03/12	Alma Quails	03/29
Halley Heyer	03/14	Lindsey Maeder	03/30
Bob Heyer	03/16	Genevieve Smith	03/30
Brenda Shaddix	03/16	Jean Lyons	03/31
Karl Rubright	03/16	Carlyle Martin	03/31
Rachael Rubright	03/16	Ann Hinzman	03/31
Grace Heeg	03/17	Lucia Hipp	03/31
Tom Williams	03/17	Marilyn Freeman	03/31
James Terry	03/17	Jane Russell	03/31
Joe Grantham	03/18	Abigail Lippincott	03/31
Cooper Avinger	03/18	Alexis Lippincott	03/31
Chris Cioffi	03/19		