



**Come and Join Our Church Family
in a
Fourth of July Celebration
on
Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**We will be Celebrating
Our FAITH in worship,
Our FELLOWSHIP through coming together &
Our BLESSINGS through sharing a common meal.**

**JOIN US FOR THIS
TIME OF CELEBRATION**

**Lunch will be served at no cost
Following the 11:00 AM Service
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Cole Slaw,
Baked Beans & Dessert
Lemonade, Tea, Coffee and Water**

**All members of our Military Services
will be recognized during our Services.
If you have not already sent in a picture, please
send in a picture in Military Dress
and we will include it in our Video.
Send the picture to Robyn at
rvoigt@opmethodist.org or
bring it by the church office
by June 14, 2026**

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)

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2026

- 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 at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243
- Cost: \$40.00 per child per event
- To register your child, please visit www.opmethodist.org or email Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org

KIDS CAMP DATES & ACTIVITIES:

- Wednesday, June 3rd: Horseback Riding at Batton Family Ranch
- Wednesday, June 10th: Pinball Palace in Brunswick, GA
- Wednesday, June 17th: Swimming & Splash Pad at Green Cove Springs City Pool
- Wednesday, June 24th: Skating at Skate Station
- Wednesday, July 1st: Sweet Pete's Lollipop Making Class
- Wednesday, July 8th: Bowling, Laser Tag, & Arcade at Batt Family Fun Center
- Wednesday, July 15th: IMAX at Epic Theatres Oakleaf
- Wednesday, July 29th: Swimming at Madison Blue Springs

SUNDAY, JUNE 21: KIDS CLUB & CLUB 456 FATHER'S DAY LEGO BUILD PARTY

- 4:30-5:30 PM (During regularly scheduled Kids Club/Club 456 program)
- Delicious refreshments and of course, Lego builds!
- Father's Day Activities
- Fathers and father figures of Kids Club & Club 456 members are welcome, but please also come if you have been interested in your child becoming a member!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2026 – RAINFOREST FALLS

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

- Dates: July 20-24, 2026
- 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 Summer Waves Water Park, Marine Dolphin Adventure, Falling Creek Falls State Park, Dave & Busters & more!

COST AND PAYMENTS

- Participant Cost: \$210 per child
- \$100 Refundable Deposit Due Upon Registration. (Full refunds on deposits/payments are available if cancellation is on or before June 22nd)
- Youth/Adult Volunteer Cost: \$90 per person (this cost covers field trips, shirt, and meals)
- Deadline for Registration & Final Payment- June 22nd
- To register your child, or to register as a volunteer, scan the QR Code:



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

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH & MINI GOLF

- Thursday June 4th, 2026
- Destination: St. Augustine, FL
- Cost: \$40

BOWLING AND LASER TAG

- Thursday, June 11th, 2026
- Destination: Jacksonville, FL
- Cost: \$40

SUMMER WAVES

- Thursday, June 18th, 2026
- Destination: Jekyll Island, GA
- Cost: \$40

MOVIE DAY

- Thursday, July 2nd, 2026
- Destination: Oakleaf, FL
- Cost: \$40

ICHETUCKNEE RIVER FLOAT

- Thursday, July 9th, 2026
- Destination: Ichetucknee Springs, FL
- Cost: \$40

JACKSONVILLE DAY

- Thursday, July 16th, 2026
- Destination: Jacksonville, FL
- Cost: \$40

NEPTUNE PARK AND PINBALL PALACE

- Thursday, July 30th, 2026
- Destination: St. Simon's Island / Brunswick, GA
- Cost: \$40

Events are all day. 8 AM - 5 PM

Register for all events by scanning the QR Code and selecting the correct link



EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

We are a church related facility that meets and exceeds state licensing to provide children the best possible environment, curriculum and learning experience. Our enhanced curriculum includes daily resource classes in Art, Music, Spanish, Library and Physical Education. Our children get an opportunity to do Music and Chapel with Mr. Nick and Mrs. Ellen, who provide a wonderful experience for them.

We take children from 2 months to Pre-K (VPK) and our hours are 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM year-round. We have open enrollment, so please tell your family and friends to come visit or give us a call at (904) 264-7330 or (904) 704-9762 for more information.

Our summer themes are filled with fun outdoor themes: Bubbles, Camping, Beach and Shells as well as Ocean and Shark Week. The last week in June will start our Patriotic Week. We also have water play on the playgrounds to keep our children cool. Our Bible themes are God Gave Us Summer, Moses and the Ten Plagues, David and Goliath, Jesus Calms the Sea and God Gives Us Freedom from Sin.

We would like to take this time to wish all our fathers a restful and Happy Father's Day. We will have all our children keep you in their prayers and ask that you pray for all the children and families we serve, especially our wonderful Dad's.

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

June 3 - Mexican seasoned chicken with yellow rice, black beans, Mexican corn, garlic bread, Caesar salad and apple cobbler

June 10 - Meatloaf with gravy, Italian green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, salad and blueberry white chocolate bread meeting

June 17 - Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, coleslaw and banana pudding

June 24 - BBQ Chicken, field peas, macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, salad and strawberry 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, June 20, 2021. 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.

METHODIST MEN'S BBQ

Come enjoy food and fellowship at the BBQ!

- Sunday, June 7th from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- Pulled pork BBQ with baked beans, coleslaw, drink and dessert
- All for only \$12.00! Dine in or take out
- ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OPMC MISSIONS
- For tickets, see any member of the Methodist Men

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On July 10th, the Methodist Men along with the Methodist Women will host a Trivia Night. The event tickets are \$12 per person and all monies raised will benefit various church missions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

We need ushers at both the 9:30 and 11:00 AM worship services. Ushers are responsible for handing out bulletins, greeting the congregation members as well as helping collect the offering. They rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241 x272.

COMMUNION SERVERS

If you are interested in helping serve Communion at either the 9:30 or 11:00 AM worship service, please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241 x272.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Danny Koon will be leading a Wednesday night class on the book of Hebrews. Bring your Bible!

- Begins June 3, 2026
- Room 6205
- 7 week study
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- No registration required

For more information, please call Ellen Despres at 904-264-2241 ext. 243.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Our Sanctuary now has new and improved hearing assistance devices available to use during our worship services. They are wireless devices that can be used with and without hearing aids. Please see Mari Anne Peeples in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, if you would like to use one.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Did you know that all of the choirs rehearse year-round? We gather every week to share the joy of music and fellowship together.

With summer coming, now is the perfect time to visit and check out one of our choirs! We have choirs for all ages - from kindergarteners to adults 100 + years young.

The Music Department is always looking for more singers and ringers to join us. Whether you are experienced or just enjoy making music, there is a place for you here.

Come check out a choir - you just might love it! For more information, please call Ruth Loomis at 904-264-2241 x245.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PERMANENT ENDOWMENT CHAIRMAN

The Orange Park Methodist Church Permanent Endowment fund is an instrument in which you can leave a living legacy in your estate. The funds are invested in the Florida Methodist Foundation and the income from the dividends and interest are directed each year in accordance to the will of the donor for the furtherance of the ministries of the church. We are currently set up for local missions, music ministries and the general operation of the church. Additional funds may be set up in accordance with the permanent endowment policies in memory or honor of a loved one or friend.

If you have any questions about giving to our current funds or establishing a new one, please contact Dr. Charles Lever at 904-264-2241 ext. 273.

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, June 2, 2026 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Miriam's Basket. Please bring a dish to go with Chicken fettuccine and Italian sausage spaghetti.

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 is a list of the dates we are meeting this summer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

June 1 and July 6

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Becky Wall in the death of her husband, Billy Wall
The Family of Linda Zelenka

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JUNE RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Fletcher and Holly Turner	06/04	49 years
Jeff and Julie Killian	06/08	35 years
Mark and Debi Meier	06/08	58 years
John and Linda Bowles	06/10	54 years
John and Barbara Turpish	06/11	55 years
Dave and Dee Unsicker	06/15	63 years
Ken and Sherrie Kolz	06/15	58 years
Doug and Nancy Westberry	06/16	47 years
Cooper and Hayden Roth	06/16	3 years
David and Mona Gardella	06/17	31 years
Kevin and Martha Reid	06/18	27 years
David and Lori Condie	06/20	28 years
Jim and Sheila Gaskill	06/21	47 years
Bob and Vicky Moore	06/22	54 years
Sean and Heather Swart	06/23	19 years
Richard and Elaine Carden	06/23	53 years
Jamie and Maggie Hovda	06/25	21 years
Raymond and Beverly Bernard	06/27	56 years
Paul and Darlene Goodier	06/28	46 years
John and Courtney Evans	06/28	18 years
Monty and Kathleen Crook	06/30	65 years

BIRTHDAYS

Luke Reid	06/01	Debbie Wilkins	06/11
Mari Anne Peeples	06/02	Kelly Provow	06/12
Ashley Morin	06/02	Dayle Vickery	06/12
Vee Wolfe	06/02	Cathy Akin James	06/12
Brady White	06/02	Bettie Adams	06/14
Melody White	06/02	Suzy Williams	06/14
Sharon Richardson	06/02	Kriss Johnson	06/15
Willette Steely	06/02	Cole Hewett	06/15
Marilyn Rodgers	06/04	Stephen Logan	06/16
Susan Helms	06/04	Shirley Reynolds	06/17
Luca Taborga	06/04	Phylis Morris	06/17
Adam Cioffi	06/05	Raymond Gomez	06/17
Tom Coover	06/05	Carson Schmidt	06/18
Jeff Provow	06/06	Vicky Banks	06/19
Olivia Boyle	06/06	Julie Killian	06/22
Ty Mansen	06/06	Steve Crowe	06/24
Carrie Billinger	06/07	Levi Cox	06/24
Beverly Helgan	06/07	Valerie Despres	06/25
David Condie	06/07	David Eden	06/26
Sharon Wykle	06/08	Art Russell	06/26
Paul Goodier	06/09	Charlie Bossinger	06/26
Russ Carlson	06/10	Jim Gaskill	06/26
David Ballantine	06/10	Wilbur Rubright	06/28
Peter Hellman	06/10	Brandon Condie	06/28
Jordan Condie	06/11	Sherrie Kolz	06/28
Addison McMaster	06/11	Dylan Alack	06/28
Katherine McMaster	06/11	Bella Ullrich	06/29
Emme Foreman	06/11	Jaxson Applegarth	06/30
		Tiffany Butacan	06/30