



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday is an especially important time in the local church. All around the world on this day Christians gather to commemorate the Last Supper through the sacrament of holy communion. It is both a reminder of Christ's love for us and the love we are called to share with one another. And just as the term COMMUNION in World Communion Sunday recalls the commemoration of the Last Supper, so too the term WORLD in World Communion Sunday recalls the commemoration of Pentecost when Christians from all over the world came together to hear the gospel proclaimed in Jerusalem and were empowered by the Holy Spirit to do the same. World Communion Sunday is a time for Christians to come together to remember that around the globe - in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy - we have a common bond made possible through our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And that through his broken body and shed blood, we have received the incredible gift of grace, love, forgiveness and new beginnings.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

Let's celebrate our commonality as brothers and sisters in Christ on World Communion Sunday by joining together for a time of good food and warm fellowship.

- Hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, banana pudding and all the fixings will be served.
- Reservations are not required and there is no cost. Lunch will be served in the FLC gym after the 11:00 AM service.

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 29, 2025

This year we will be holding our annual Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. The deadline to register for Trunk or Treat is October 19, 2025.

- This is a very special event for the whole family. The cost is \$5 for children & \$10 for adults.
- All you need to do is to bring your child in costume at 5:15 PM for dinner in the Family Life Center.
- At 6:00 PM the Trunk or Treat Sponsors will go to their cars and get ready for the children.
- At 6:15 PM the families will be dismissed from dinner and will head to the Trunk or Treat area.
- Campus Security will be provided by the Orange Park Police Department. Each adult and child will have to show his or her wristband to the officer before entering the arena.
- Each family will go to the car number that has the same number as their table for dinner and start there. This will help to insure there are no bottlenecks.
- There will be a bounce house and slide for the children.
- Families are welcome to leave through the exit when they are finished Trunk or Treating to go to the Pumpkin Patch for photos.
- Reservations and prepayment are required for dinner and trunk or treating. Contact the Church Office to make reservations at 904-264-2241 for church members or Pat Noonan at 904-264-7330 for families that attend the Early Education Center.

PUMPKIN PATCH SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 31

The Pumpkin Patch will be open again this year. It is a great place to pick out the perfect pumpkin and to have a few Kodak Moments. It is also the means through which our youth are able to raise the funds necessary to pay for mission trips and church activities. The Pumpkin Patch will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and on Sundays from Noon to 8:00 PM.

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

OCTOBER 10TH: PARENTS NIGHT OUT HALLOWEEN PARTY

- 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, October 5th
- Children may wear their Halloween Costumes!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH: KIDS CAMP DAY (COLUMBUS DAY- NO SCHOOL): ANASTASIA MINIATURE GOLF & ICE CREAM IN ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

- 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 Anastasia Miniature Golf in St. Augustine, FL
- Register by Sunday, October 5th by scanning the QR Code



OCTOBER 29TH: TRUNK OR TREAT

- Orange Park Methodist Church & the Early Education Center Trunk or Treat: Wednesday, October 29th 5:15 - 7:30 PM
- A fun, safe night of trunk or treating, costume parades, bounce houses, pumpkin patch & more!
- 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 19th, or contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org, or Pat Noonan the Director of the Early Education Center at pnoonan@opmethodist.org
- For added security, the Orange Park Police Department has

been hired to oversee the event.

- Inflatable Fun Zone including Bounce House & Slide: Fellowship Hall Lawn
- Pumpkin Patch for pumpkin picking and personal photos: Music Center Parking Lot
- We are looking to fill 40 parking spots with decorated trunks in the Fellowship Hall parking lot for this 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!



NOVEMBER 14- 16: CLUB 456 FALL RETREAT TO NORTH FLORIDA CHRISTIAN CAMP IN KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL

This year, Club 456 will be taking a trip to the North Florida Retreat Christian Camp in Keystone Heights! There will be ziplining, lake activities & swimming, and much more!

- Ages: 4th- 6th Grade Club 456 Members
- Dates: November 14th-16th
- Location: North Florida Christian Camp in Keystone Heights
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, November 10th
- Cost: \$80



SAVE THE DATE!

November 9th - Christmas Eve Processional Signups
November 21st - Parent's Night Out Thanksgiving Party
December 12th - Parent's night Out Christmas Party
December 13th - Christmas Eve Processional Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Processional

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 14th- Sunday, November 16th
- Location: North Florida Christian Camp - Lakeside Lodge
- Registration Deadline: October 6th
- 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: \$80
- Register by scanning the QR code:



WINTER RETREAT: ROCK THE UNIVERSE

- Friday, January 23rd - Sunday, January 25th, 2026
- Rock the Universe is an unforgettable weekend of faith and fun. On Friday the 23rd and Saturday the 24th January 2026, experience powerful beats from Christian Music's brightest stars and thrilling rides at Universal Studios Florida.
- Registration Deadline: December 7th
- Cost: \$150
- Register by scanning the QR code:



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 14th. The Progressive Dinner is free!

FUNDRAISERS

PUMPKIN PATCH

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!

- Pumpkin Unload #2 - Saturday, October 11th
- Patch will be open from Saturday, September 27th- Thursday, October 31st
- Tear down on Saturday, November 1st

UPCOMING PNO DATES

October 10th, November 21st and December 12th

Please reach out to our Children's Director Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org to register as a PNO volunteer.

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, you can contact Jason at 904-264-2241 ext. 282.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

October is a busy month for us with many wonderful things happening for the children as Fall arrives—hopefully with some cooler weather! For the month of October, our character trait is respect. Students will wear yellow on Friday, October 24th to represent this trait.

Our themes for the month will be Community Helpers, Your Five Senses, Staying Healthy, Seasonal—Fall, Leaves, Pumpkins and Halloween. Our Bible lessons will cover Zacchaeus, the five senses Bible mini-lesson and Jesus Feeds 5,000. We will read the story, The Parable of the Pumpkin, Do Not Be Afraid and Take the Spooky Out of Halloween.

During October, our students and families will be visiting the OPMC Youth Pumpkin Patch. We will be listening to wonderful fall stories and exploring the patch. In the classroom, our children will also be learning about pumpkins and how they grow.

October is Fire Prevention Month so we invite the Fire Department to come talk to our children about fire safety. The children love when the firemen allow them to sit at the wheel of the truck.

SAVE THE DATE: On Wednesday, October 29th, we are inviting our children to the annual OPMC TRUNK OR TREAT; it will be a fun night for all! Both the church and The Early Education will be coordinating this event, and it will include dinner.

We ask for your continued prayers for the safety of our staff and children during this autumn season, and we will have the children pray for all of you during their chapel time too.

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

October 1 - Salisbury Steak with gravy, roasted carrots, garlic mashed potatoes, roll, salad, and brownie

October 8 - Pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, cornbread and banana pudding

October 15 - Mexican seasoned chicken with yellow rice, black beans, Mexican corn, garlic bread, Caesar salad and apple cobbler

October 22 - Meatloaf with gravy, Italian green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, salad and blueberry white chocolate bread pudding

October 29 - Trunk or Treat - Chicken Parmesan with sauce and noodles, green beans, roll, salad and dessert

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, October 18, 2025. The program will be presented by Mayor Randy Anderson on the Current Challenges and Future Outlook of Orange Park. 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

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

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

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

JAM (Jesus 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 Eve, 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 9:00 AM worship service every Sunday and for Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter. Please contact Nick Despres if you are interested in the Praise Band at (904) 264-2241 ext. 236.

CALLING ALL TLC/REGENERATION ALUMNI - the ReGeneration Youth Choir would like to invite you to join them on Christmas Eve at their service. We will be singing the songs you already know. Save the Date - Wednesday, December 24th!

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE SYMPHONY? We are starting up our Jacksonville Symphony Concert series. We have several dates that we have planned to attend the Jacksonville

Symphony as a group. We sit in the Terrace seating area that is above the stage. The Ticket price for Terrace seating this year is \$35.00. All tickets must be paid in advance of each Concert; sorry no refunds. We will use the church bus or vans for transportation to and from the concerts.

CONCERT DATES

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH** - "Appalachian Spring"
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH - "Holiday Pops Christmas"
(Tickets for Holiday Pops are \$55.00 and we will be seating in the first three rows in the front of the stage)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH - "John Williams's America"
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH - "Romeo and Juliet: Tchaikovsky & Bernstein"
FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH - "Mozart & More: Concertos for Two Pianos"
FRIDAY, MARCH 27 -Barber & Mendelssohn
FRIDAY, MAY 15TH - Beethoven's Triple & Brahms
FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH - Rachmaninoff's Third

If you are interested in attending any of these concerts or interested in any of the choirs, please contact Ruth Loomis 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, October 7, 2025 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Missions. Please bring a dish to go with Chicken Pot Pie.

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Here is a listing of the upcoming committee meetings.

OCTOBER

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| Monday, October 20 | Finance Committee |
| Tuesday, October 21 | Church Council |
| Tuesday, October 21 | Charge Conference (following the Church Council) |

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY
EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY
To**

Carol Smith in the death of her brother, Michael Stoker

STAFF DIRECTORY

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**OCTOBER
RECOGNITIONS**

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Linda Renehan	10/04	22 years
Doug and Kyle Schutter	10/04	22 years
Noel and Cheryl Flowers	10/05	57 years
Dana and Sue Frandsen	10/05	40 years
Jason and Amber Gutierrez	10/06	7 years
Darrell and Melody White	10/07	36 years
Chris and Jamie Cioffi	10/09	21 years
Jon and Lauren Magin	10/13	15 years
Michael and Jennifer Moore	10/13	2 year
Brad and Rhonda Robinson	10/14	36 years
Steve and Donna Trumble	10/17	44 years
Tom and Terri Lee	10/18	45 years
Charles and Diana Costea	10/20	24 years
Buzz and Mary Johnson	10/23	15 years
Barron and Stasha Martin	10/24	5 years
Ken and Amy McMaster	10/28	30 years
Nate and Kristin Messler	10/28	8 years

BIRTHDAYS

Hayden Frandsen	10/01	Joy Harvey	10/18
Brooks Frandsen	10/01	Parker Schmidt	10/19
Debbie Frendahl	10/02	Julie Williams	10/19
Nicole Fleming	10/02	Ken Kolz	10/19
Karen Morris	10/02	Sandy Carlson	10/20
Ryan Alderson	10/02	Beth Moses	10/20
Flavio Chavez	10/02	Wayne Holder	10/21
Nancy Reedy	10/03	Stacy Shelton	10/21
Mike Bossinger	10/03	Eden Foreman	10/21
Tara Bunn	10/04	Judy Willey	10/21
Collin Faulk	10/04	Lilla Bonneval	10/22
Jacob Mansen	10/04	Michelle Mansen	10/22
James Link	10/05	Billie Flahive	10/23
Jerry Sidner	10/05	Margaret Lawshe	10/24
Jan Cagle	10/05	Lois Lambert	10/24
Danny Koon	10/05	John Evans	10/24
Kathleen Rich	10/06	Kenneth Plummer	10/25
Marywayne Wright	10/06	David Stevens	10/25
Jenny Chavez	10/06	Judy Fields	10/26
Caleb Pledger	10/06	Erin Mitchell	10/26
Gabriel Berberi	10/08	Doug Edwards	10/26
Cheryl Flowers	10/08	Donna Jefferson	10/26
Victor Claudio	10/09	Burma Habeck	10/27
Linda Zelenka	10/10	Carol Klein	10/27
Jan Tucker	10/10	Matthew Drawdy	10/28
Les Townsley	10/11	Rhonda Robinson	10/28
Tony Spasoff	10/12	Evan Strong	10/28
Mitchell Feuerborn	10/12	Mary Virginia Fisher	10/28
Carol Denton	10/12	Sue Wade	10/28
Carol Studdard	10/13	Steve Foster	10/28
Nathan Reid	10/14	Jennifer Pledger	10/28
Amber Gutierrez	10/14	Lisa Adams	10/29
Herman Sessions	10/16	Kathryn Lofton	10/29
Judy Goodwin	10/16	Carolyn Hubbard	10/29
MaryAnn Harvey	10/16	Gianna Mansen	10/29
William Freehafer	10/16	Brad Boyle	10/30
Angie Robinson	10/16	Luke Maeder	10/30
Jay Avinger	10/16	Danny Powers	10/30
John Thielen	10/17	Mary Hoskins	10/30
Wendell Davis	10/18	Mollie Sidner	10/31
Sandy Knafelc	10/18	Teaghan Moses	10/31