



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2024

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 6, 2024

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 30, 2024

This year we will be holding our annual Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. The deadline to register for Trunk or Treat is October 20, 2024.

- 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 are required for dinner. 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

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT HALLOWEEN PARTY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH FROM 5:30 - 9:30 PM

- Register by scanning the QR Code
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 6th
- Pumpkin carving and other fall crafts!
- \$20 for 1st child, \$15 for each additional child
- **Drop off:** 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby (Building #5)
- **Pick up:** No later than 9:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH: KIDS CAMP DAY (COLUMBUS DAY- NO SCHOOL): BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN GAINESVILLE, FL AND SWEETWATER WETLANDS PARK

- 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 the Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, FL to see it's famous butterfly garden, and Sweetwater Wetlands Park!
- Register by Sunday, October 6th by scanning the QR Code



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH: TRUNK OR TREAT

- Orange Park Methodist Church & the Early Education Center Trunk or Treat: Wednesday, October 30th from 5:15 - 7:30 PM
- A fun, safe night of trunk or treating, costume parades, bounce houses, pumpkin patch & dinner!
- Ticket Price: \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. Includes a Wonderful Wednesday Dinner plate!
- 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!
- 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 20th by scanning the QR Code, or contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org, or Pat Noonan, Director of Early Education Center at pnoonan@opmethodist.org.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH: CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSIONAL SIGN UPS AND COSTUME PICK-UP

Every year we celebrate the birth of Jesus at our 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service with OPMC and the Early Education Center's Christmas Processional. Every child has the opportunity to be part of this tradition. Children from the age of 2-3 years old through 3rd Grade will wear costumes to bring the birth of Jesus to life! 4th-6th Graders will sing as a part of the JAM Choir during the service. Sign Ups and Costume Pickup: Sunday, November 17th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

NOVEMBER 23-26: CLUB 456 FALL RETREAT TO HIGH FALLS STATE PARK IN JACKSON, GA

This year, Club 456 will be taking an incredible journey to High Falls State Park in Jackson, GA! This trip is a four day experience filled with staying in yurts, kayaking and swimming, mini golf, fishing, and nature hiking! We will also be attending Jackson United Methodist Church's Worship service on Sunday morning, followed by lunch at the famous Whistlestop Cafe from the movie, *Fried Green Tomatoes!*

- **Ages:** 4th- 6th Grade
- **Dates:** Saturday, November 23rd - Tuesday, November 26th
- **Location:** High Falls State Park in Jackson, GA
- **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, November 10th
- **Cost:** \$200



EDUCATION TRAINING

- Sunday, October 20th from 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- Located in the Fellowship Hall
- Lunch will be provided
- This training is for all Sunday School Teachers, and Youth/Children's Ministry Leaders
- We will be reviewing best practices and strategies to provide a successful learning environment for adults, youth, and children

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 15th - Sunday, November 17th
- 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: \$70

WINTER SKI RETREAT

- Thursday, January 2nd - Sunday, January 5th
- Stay at Boone UMC in Boone, NC
- 2 days of skiing or snowboarding Appalachian Ski

- Mountain
- Cost: \$200

DINNER WITH THE LEVERS

Each year our Senior Pastor Dr. Lever and his wife host us at their home for a wonderful family-style dinner. On that night we also have our annual youth gift exchange. We ask each student to bring a gift of no more than \$10 for the exchange. It's a fun night of fellowship before the busyness of the holiday season begins. This year the dinner will be on Sunday, December 8th. Dinner with the Levers is free! Please bring a \$10 gift for the exchange.

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 15th. The Progressive Dinner is free!

FUNDRAISERS

PUMPKIN PATCH

Its getting close to that time of the year! Mark your calendars!

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!

The patch will be open from Saturday, September 28th-Thursday, October 31st
Tear down will be on Friday, November 1st.

OUR PUMPKIN UNLOAD DATES ARE:

September 28th and October 12th

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

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.

UPCOMING DATES:

October 11th, November 8th and December 13th

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

October is a busy month 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 wear yellow on October 27th.

1 Peter 2:17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God and honor the King.

Our themes for the month will be Community Helpers, Your Five Senses, Staying Healthy, Fall, Leaves, Pumpkins Seasonal, etc. Our Bible Lessons are: Zacchaeus, the five senses Bible Mini Lesson, Jesus Feeds 5,000, The Parable of the Pumpkin and Do Not Be Afraid and Take the Spooky Out of Halloween.

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

We will have our photographer come in October to take pictures of our children.

SAVE THE DATE: On Wednesday, October 30th, we are inviting our children and their families to the annual TRUNK OR TREAT; it will be a fun night for all. Both the church and Wonderworks EEC will be coordinating this evening, and it will include dinner.

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

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 2 - Chicken parmesan, parmesan potatoes, vegetables, garlic bread, Caesar salad and carrot cake

October 9 - Salisbury Steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, roasted carrots, roll, salad and dessert

October 16 - Hawaiian pork with rice and gravy, succotash, sweet potato casserole, roll, cole slaw and pineapple upside down cake

October 23 - Chicken Lemon with rice and gravy, lima beans, corn pudding casserole, garlic bread, Caesar salad and lemon bars

October 30 - Chicken parmesan with noodles, green beans, corn, roll, salad and dessert

All Menus are subject to change.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Here is a listing of the upcoming committee meetings.

OCTOBER

Monday, October 7	SPR Meeting
Monday, October 21	Finance Committee
Tuesday, October 22	Church Council

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 19, 2024. The program will be presented by Clay County Commissioner Kristen Burke. 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

CHOIR OPPORTUNITIES

Now is the perfect time to join a choir! All of the children and youth choirs sing throughout the year for church services.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

- Carol Choir is for K-3rd grades. They meet every Sunday from 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM in the Music Center (Bldg #2) as a part of Kid's Club.
- JAM (J.esus A.nd M.e Choir) is for 4th through 6th grades. They meet every Sunday from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the Music Center (Bldg #2) as a part of Club 456.

YOUTH CHOIR

ReGeneration Youth Choir is 7th through 12th grades. They meet every Sunday 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM in the Music Center (Bldg #2).

ADULT CHOIRS

CHANCEL BELL CHOIR - You don't have to be an experienced bell ringer. Only requirement is that you can read music and count. Rehearsal is Tuesday nights at 6:00

PM in the Sanctuary (Bldg #3)
CHANCEL CHOIR - This is an adult choir that sings every Sunday at the 11:00 AM service. Rehearsal is Thursday nights at 7:00 PM in the Music Center (Bldg #2)
DYNAMICS - This is a Men's choir that sings several time a year. They rehearse on Thursday nights at 6:00 PM in the Music Center (Bldg #2)
INSPIRATIONS - This is a Women's choir that sings several times a year. They rehearse on Thursday nights at 6:00 PM in the Music Center (Bldg #2)

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! Come park at the church and we provide transportation, using the church bus and van! Interested? Please contact Martha or Ruth at (904)264-2241 x245.

- SYMPHONY SCHEDULE 2024-2025** - all concerts at 7:30 PM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - Rodrigo and Ravel's Bolero. Sign up deadline: October 27
• Ticket: \$33
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - Alexei and Dvorak's Cello Concerto. Sign up deadline: November 10
• Ticket: \$33
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - Holiday Pops Concert
• Sign up deadline: November 3
• Ticket: \$50 (These seat are up front so price is different)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 - Gershwin and Tchaikovsky
• Sign up deadline: December 29
• Ticket: \$33
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 - Beethoven and Rachmaninoff
• Sign up deadline: January 19
• Ticket: \$33

UPWARD

We are happy to announce the beginning of our 18th Upward season. The league is co-ed, and includes K5-12th Grade. Early registration runs from August 1 – October 25, with final registration closing on December 6th. Practices are once per week for each team (M, T, & Th). Practice will start the week after Thanksgiving and games start the first weekend in January (8 games running through 1st weekend in March). Evaluations and uniform sizing will be done in early November. Cost is \$90 for early registration, and \$100 thereafter. There is a \$10 discount for each additional child enrolled. For questions, contact the Program Director, Justus Dill, at justusdill98@gmail.com or 904-738-4833. Registration link and the volunteer registration link is provided below.

Registration Link: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86596>
Volunteer Link: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86596/volunteer>

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Daniel Manning in the death of his father, Woody Manning
Bud Pace in the death of his wife, Linda Pace
Wendell Davis in the death of his wife, Jackie Davis

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 1, 2024 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by a Senior Adult lawyer, Mike Jorgenson. Please bring a dish to go with rotisserie chicken.

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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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OCTOBER RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Linda Renehan	10/04	21 years
Doug and Kyle Schutter	10/04	21 years
Ford and Alyson Morgan	10/04	39 years
Noel and Cheryl Flowers	10/05	56 years
Dana and Sue Frandsen	10/05	39 years
Darrell and Melody White	10/07	35 years
Chris and Jamie Cioffi	10/09	20 years
Jon and Lauren Magin	10/13	14 years
Michael and Jennifer Moore	10/13	1 year
Brad and Rhonda Robinson	10/14	35 years
Steve and Donna Trumble	10/17	43 years
Tom and Terri Lee	10/18	44 years
Jim and Stacey Reape	10/19	28 years
Charles and Diana Costea	10/20	23 years
Buzz and Mary Johnson	10/23	23 years
Barron and Stasha Martin	10/24	4 years
Ken and Amy McMaster	10/28	29 years
David and Debbie Ridings	10/28	41 years
Nate and Kristin Messler	10/28	7 years

BIRTHDAYS

Hayden Frandsen	10/01	Jay Avinger	10/16
Brooks Frandsen	10/01	John Thielen	10/17
Maria Bailes	10/01	Wendell Davis	10/18
Debbie Frendahl	10/02	Sandy Knafelc	10/18
Nicole Fleming	10/02	Joy Harvey	10/18
Karen Morris	10/02	Parker Schmidt	10/19
Ryan Alderson	10/02	Julie Williams	10/19
Flavio Chavez	10/02	Ken Kolz	10/19
Phill Eddins	10/03	Sandy Carlson	10/20
Nancy Reedy	10/03	Beth Moses	10/20
Mike Bossinger	10/03	Wayne Holder	10/21
Tara Bunn	10/04	Stacy Shelton	10/21
Collin Faulk	10/04	Eden Foreman	10/21
Jon Magin	10/04	Judy Willey	10/21
Jacob Mansen	10/04	Lilla Bonneval	10/22
James Link	10/05	Michelle Mansen	10/22
Jerry Sidner	10/05	Billie Flahive	10/23
Jan Cagle	10/05	Margaret Lawshe	10/24
Danny Koon	10/05	Lois Lambert	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
Bob Cowie	10/11	Rhonda Robinson	10/28
Les Townsley	10/11	Betty Kendall	10/28
Caroline Inman	10/11	Evan Strong	10/28
Tony Spasoff	10/12	Mary Virginia Fisher	10/28
Mitchell Feuerborn	10/12	Sue Wade	10/28
Carol Denton	10/12	Steve Foster	10/28
Carol Studdard	10/13	Jennifer Pledger	10/28
Nathan Reid	10/14	Lisa Adams	10/29
Katy Kearson	10/14	Kathryn Lofton	10/29
Amber Gutierrez	10/14	Carolyn Hubbard	10/29
Riley Crews	10/15	Brad Boyle	10/30
Herman Sessions	10/16	Luke Maeder	10/30
Judy Goodwin	10/16	Danny Powers	10/30
MaryAnn Harvey	10/16	Mary Hoskins	10/30
William Freehafer	10/16	Mollie Sidner	10/31
Angie Robinson	10/16	Teaghan Moses	10/31