

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023

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 1, 2023

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 26, 2022

This year we will be holding our annual Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 25, 2023

- This is a very special event for the whole family. The cost is \$5 for children & \$7 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.
- Once finished in the arena, each family will leave through the exit to go to the Pumpkin Patch for pictures in the patch.
- 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 30 - OCTOBER 31

The Pumpkin Patch will be open again this year. It is a great place to pick out the perfect pumpkin and to

- 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM during worship services
- Grades K-6
- Located in the Fellowship Hall

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT 10:00 AM

- 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

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

KIDS' CAMP: MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH - NO SCHOOL - TEACHER PLANNING DAY

- **7:30 AM - 5:30 PM**
- VPK - 6th grade welcome to participate
- **\$30.00 per participant** includes: Breakfast, Lunch, 2 Snacks, Activities, and Trip to the Amazing Grace Farms Fall Festival!
- **Register by Monday, October 9th**



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT Halloween Party ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH FROM 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

- **Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 15th**
- Pumpkin carving and other fall crafts!
- \$15 for 1st child, \$10 for the 2nd child with a \$30 max paid per family
- **Drop off** - Family Life Center Lobby (Building #5)
- **Pick up** - Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes!



CLUB 456 FALL RETREAT TO MARATHON, FL

- Club 456 (children in 4th-6th grade) will be going on a Fall Retreat November 18th-21st to Marathon, FL.
- During this incredible trip, Club 456 will be going on a 3 hour Florida Coral Reef snorkeling excursion in
- Key West, attend an exciting and educational dolphin tour at the Dolphin Research Center in Grassy Key, FL, and attend a culturally stimulating Haitian Worship service located at Marathon Community Church.
- Cost is \$125.00 per child or volunteer, which includes transportation, lodging, meals, and all activities.
- Please contact Ellen Despres at 904 264-2241 ext. 243 or edespres@opmethodist.org if you have any questions.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Each year our church offers a Confirmation class to sixth graders to help develop their Christian Faith. Although many young people are baptized as infants or young children, confirmation gives them the opportunity to make their own

- A fun, safe night of trunk or treating, costume parades, bounce houses, pumpkin patch & more!
- Ticket Price: \$7.00 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 Monday, October 16th, or contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org, or Pat Noonan the Director of the Early Education Center at pnoonan@opmethodist.org
- For the safety of our children, only children, adults, and volunteers with wrist bands will be allowed to participate in the event.
- Wristbands must be worn at all times during the event
- For added security, the Orange Park Police Department has been hired to oversee the event
- 5:15 - 6:15 PM: Dinner in the Family Life Center Gym (Building #5)
- 6:15 - 6:30 PM: Costume Parade
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM: Trunk or Treat - Fellowship Hall Parking Lot
- 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 41 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! We can always use donations of candy or decorations for the event.



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

Every Sunday morning, 10 AM - 10:45 AM

We join together in the Youth Worship Center and then break into smaller conversation groups.

- 7th - 8th grade: Youth Worship Center
- 9th - 12th grade: Youth Classroom

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 SPECIAL EVENTS

FALL RETREAT

Our Youth Fall Retreat on Friday, November 10th through 12th will be at the North Florida Christian Retreat Center in Keystone Heights. We have cabins on the water with a beautiful view. There are opportunities to kayak or enjoy their slip-and-slide into the lake. They also have a zipline course as well as other fun activities that we can do together. This is a great opportunity for us to relax, worship together, and rest as a youth community after the busy pumpkin patch season.

- The Fall Retreat cost is \$50

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 17th. The Progressive Dinner is free!

FUNDRAISERS

PUMPKIN PATCH

- 2nd Pumpkin Unload - Saturday, October 14th at 10:00 AM
- Patch will be open from Saturday, September 30th - Tuesday, October 31st
- Tear down on Wednesday, November 1st

All hours worked in the pumpkin patch by students and student families count as paid hours. All money raised through hours worked will go into the students 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 be a part!

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

- October 20th
- November 17th

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.

REGISTERING FOR EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To register for any upcoming youth event or volunteer opportunity please visit www.youth.opmethodist.org and click on the events page. Under the description of each event you will find a registration link.

WEEKLY YOUTH EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive a weekly update on youth ministry events through email, please contact Jason Williams at jwilliams@opmethodist.org.

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 and Pumpkins. Our Bible Lessons are: Zacchaeus, the five senses Bible Mini Lesson, Jesus Feeds the 5,000, The Parable of the Pumpkin.

coordinating this evening.

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.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST WOMEN

COME JOIN A CIRCLE

Deborah Circle

Co-Chairs Diantha Owen (699-0882) and
Connie Eden (343-5612)
Meets 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

Elizabeth Circle

Chair - Janet Connolly (292-9396)
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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

DINNER PRICES

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

October 4 - Beef Stir Fry with rice, carrots, potatoes, roll, salad and carrot cake

October 11 - Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, cole slaw and bread pudding

October 18 - Herb roasted chicken, vegetable medley, macaroni and cheese, bread, salad and éclair cake

October 25 - Chicken parmesan, noodles, green beans, garlic bread, salad and dessert

All Menus are subject to change.

METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 21, 2023. 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. This month's program is on the Kairos Outside Prison Ministry.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Things are pretty busy in the Music Center now that all the choirs and ensembles are back. 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

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

The Chancel Choir is going on their annual retreat October 13th - 15th to Epworth By The Sea in St. Simon's Island, GA. The retreat is a special time for the choir to participate in learning new music and enhancing their musical skills. It is also a chance for the choir to socialize and get to know each other better. This is the Chancel Choir's 38th year of annual retreats.

ReGeneration Youth Ensemble had a wonderful retreat in Ocala last month and are now looking forward to World Communion Sunday where all of the choirs will sing together!

JAM and CAROL choirs are excited about their November musical, "Shout Out From the Mountaintop!" Mark your calendars for the Musical on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. See you there!

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 3, 2023 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the group for a fun game of Bunco. It will be a traditional potluck lunch. Main dishes are welcome as well as side dishes and desserts.

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

UPWARD

Announcing OPMC's 17th UPWARD Season. Early registration runs through October 31st (\$90). Late registration runs through December 8th (\$100). Ages for both basketball and cheerleading go from K-12th Grade. Practice for K-1st, 2-3rd, and 4-5th will be on Monday or Tuesdays and 6-8th & 9-12th will practice on Thursdays. Games will be on Saturdays starting on January 6th and running through March 2nd. Practice will begin the week after Thanksgiving. We will be in great need of volunteers as we expand the league back to include high school. Registration links are below:

Online Player Registration: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW84852>

Volunteer Registration: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW84852/volunteer>

OUR CHURCH FAMILY **EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY** **To**

Donna Macleod in the death of her husband,
Donnie Macleod
The family of Evelyn Bullington
The family of Terry Rollen

NEWSLETTER **SUBMISSIONS**

RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Linda Renehan	10/04	20 years
Doug and Kyle Schutter	10/04	20 years
Ford and Alyson Morgan	10/04	38 years
Noel and Cheryl Flowers	10/05	55 years
Dana and Sue Frandsen	10/05	38 years
Darrell and Melody White	10/07	34 years
Chris and Jamie Cioffi	10/09	19 years
Jon and Lauren Magin	10/13	13 years
Brad and Rhonda Robinson	10/14	34 years
Steve and Donna Trumble	10/17	42 years
Tom and Terri Lee	10/18	43 years
Jim and Stacey Reape	10/19	27 years
Charles and Diana Costea	10/20	22 years
Buzz and Mary Johnson	10/23	22 years
Barron and Stasha Martin	10/24	3 years
Ken and Amy McMaster	10/28	28 years
David and Debbie Ridings	10/28	40 years

BIRTHDAYS

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	Mary Dike	10/21
Collin Faulk	10/04	Stacy Shelton	10/21
Jon Magin	10/04	Eden Foreman	10/21
Jacob Mansen	10/04	Judy Willey	10/21
James Link	10/05	Lilla Bonneval	10/22
Jerry Sidner	10/05	Michelle Mansen	10/22
Jan Cagle	10/05	Billie Flahive	10/23
Danny Koon	10/05	Margaret Lawshe	10/24
Kathleen Rich	10/06	Lois Lambert	10/24
Marywayne Wright	10/06	Kenneth Plummer	10/25
Jenny Chavez	10/06	David Stevens	10/25
Megan Breindel-Hill	10/08	Judy Fields	10/26
Gabriel Berberi	10/08	Erin Mitchell	10/26
Cheryl Flowers	10/08	Doug Edwards	10/26
Victor Claudio	10/09	Mark Williams	10/26
Linda Zelenka	10/10	Burma Habeck	10/27
Jan Tucker	10/10	Carol Klein	10/27
Kathleen Leis	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 Studdard	10/13	Lisa Adams	10/29
Nathan Reid	10/14	Kathryn Lofton	10/29
Katy Kearson	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
Jay Avinger	10/16	Mollie Sidner	10/31
John Thielen	10/17	Teaghan Moses	10/31