

THE DOVE

AUGUST 2024



COMING THIS FALL!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our Children's ministry offers a variety of ways to learn about Jesus. Sunday school and Children's worship are offered on Sunday morning and we have programming for kindergarten through 6th grade on Sunday nights.

CAROL CHOIR

Carol Choir is our children's choir for kindergarten - 3rd graders who love music. Come join in! This is an opportunity to learn of God's love through singing, games, playing instruments, and lots of fun! Carol choir sings for several church services throughout the year, including the Christmas Eve Processional and a combined musical with JAM choir. Carol choir meets every Sunday in the Music Center from 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM as a part of Kids Club with Ms. Ellen.

JESUS AND ME CHOIR

JAM choir is for all 4th - 6th graders interested in singing. This ensemble continues to learn and share God's love through songs, instruments, games, and choir trips! The JAM Choir sings throughout the year. Last year over 20 students were involved performing the musical "Shout Out from the Mountain Top" what an experience! JAM choir meets every Sunday in the Music Center from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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The Youth Ministry has just finished up a great summer and is looking forward to an amazing fall! They traveled to La Center, Kentucky for their mission trip. It was incredible to see four generations of church members worship and work side by side. There was a great group of students that helped with Vacation Bible Camp again this summer. There is a place for you in our youth fellowship!

ReGENERATION ENSEMBLE

ReGeneration is a youth vocal ensemble for all 7th - 12th graders interested in singing and leading worship. This ensemble sings throughout the year. Each year they present an annual Dinner Theater for the congregation. ReGeneration also has fun with a Fall Retreat and their annual Choir Tour- last year's tour went through Kentucky! ReGeneration meets every Sunday 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM in the Music Center.

ADULT MINISTRY

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our services are open to individuals of all ages although we do have children's worship for our children in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. Our blended service is at 9:30 AM with our Praise Band and our traditional service is at 11:00 AM with our Chancel Choir. A whole variety of Sunday School Classes are held during the 9:30 and 11:00 AM hours.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir is a large vocal ensemble that focuses primarily on hymns and classical choir repertoire, with the occasional contemporary number. This ensemble rehearses Thursdays from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the Music Center. Here you will find a safe environment to fellowship and grow in Christ. We sing for the Traditional Service at 11:00 AM every Sunday. If you can carry a tune, we would love for you to join us!

PRAISE BAND

The Praise Band is a blended group of instrumentalists and singers that perform contemporary music during the 9:30 AM worship service every Sunday. We rehearse on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary. If you sing or play an instrument, we would love for you to join us. Intermediate skill on your instrument and basic understanding of notation are required to join this ensemble.

DYNAMICS - MEN'S CHOIR

The Dynamics are an ensemble of men that perform a variety of musical styles, both traditional and contemporary. This ensemble utilizes music that has been specifically composed for the male voice. We rehearse on Thursdays from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Music Center Room 2103.

INSPIRATIONS

The Inspirations is a Women's choir for experienced singers. This gives an opportunity to explore the unique sound of music written for women's voices only. The Inspirations sing several Sundays throughout the year including Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent, Easter, and throughout the summer. Come join us! Inspirations meet every Thursday before Chancel Choir rehearsals, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Music Center.

CHANCEL BELLS

The Chancel Bells are a Handbell Choir with members of varying skill levels. This ensemble is a welcoming and safe learning environment where you can expect to learn and strengthen skills in instrumental performance as well as music theory. We rehearse on Tuesdays from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Bells perform several Sundays throughout the year. Basic music reading skills are recommended but not required.

NURTURE MINISTRY

CARE MINISTRY

The CARE ministry was started in 2018 and seeks to provide a liaison between our church family and the over 100 people in our congregation that are homebound, in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. This ministry seeks to provide each individual with a card, a flower arrangement, a phone call, and a visit each month.

CARE:

- C - Card - Card Ministry
- A - Arrangement - Flower Ministry
- R - Reach Out and Touch - Phone Ministry
- E - Engage - Visitation Ministry

OUTREACH MINISTRY

RAMP MINISTRY

The Ramp Ministry builds wheelchair ramps throughout Clay County for those in need. All workers are volunteers. Where needed, materials are also provided for the client at no cost. Ramps are built to meet American Disabilities Act requirements. Last year we built 67 ramps.

BICYCLE MINISTRY

The Bicycle Ministry accepts donated used bikes and adult trikes and repairs or rebuilds them to give to children and adults in need. Here also, all workers are volunteers. We work with the school district and various social service agencies. Last year we distributed 270 bikes or trikes during the year and 440 bikes at the J. P. Hall Christmas party.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The Food Pantry Ministry feeds between 90-100 walk-up families each Monday from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM. This represents 400 to 500 family members. In our June report we were able to provide food to feed 1,548 people. This included 384 Seniors, 464 Children, 200 individuals with Handicapping conditions and 89 Veterans. This requires a large team of 33 volunteers.

AND SO MUCH MORE!

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

AUGUST 4TH: ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolytes are a very important and symbolic tradition in the Methodist Church. Acolytes' responsibilities include lighting the candles and helping with offering and communion. All 2nd - 6th graders are welcome to participate.

- Training will be held on Sunday, August 4th from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary.
- Training will include completing parent forms, learning about the purpose and history of the Acolyte program, fitting for robes, and practicing the craft!
- Please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243 if your child would like to be in the Acolyte program.

KIDS CLUB/CLUB 456 SUMMER WAVES BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

- Saturday, August 10th from 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
- Cost: \$40.00
- Breakfast, lunch, snacks, and ticket to Summer Waves Water Park included
- Register by August 4th by scanning the QR Code, or contacting Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243



AUGUST 16TH: PARENTS NIGHT OUT

- Infant- 6th Grade
- Attendees will enjoy playing games, making crafts, having pizza and fruit for dinner, as well as 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, August 11th
- To register, scan the QR Code:



KIDS CLUB/CLUB 456 BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR PARENT MEETING

- Sunday, August 18th
- 7:00 - 7:30 PM

- Located in the Music Center
- We will be discussing plans for the 2024-2025 school year and notarizing child liability waivers.

2024 - 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS

We believe Confirmation is a sacred occasion. It is a worship service where confirmands publicly accept the salvation offered through Jesus Christ, profess their love for God and become members of the church. We believe that young people should know what they believe and why, and what it means to be a disciple, a growing Christian and a church member. During this 30 week Confirmation class, confirmands learn about the history of Christianity, teachings of the Methodist Church, and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows. We invite all 6th graders to take a significant step in their journey of faith by joining our Confirmation class.

- Classes meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM (during the 9:30 AM Worship service)
- Classes begin in September and end in May every year
- Confirmation Class is held in Room 4221 in the Education Building
- All 6th Graders are welcome! Any youth that missed the opportunity to attend in 6th grade are welcome.
- Service opportunities include raising funds for the Residing Hope Children's Home and a mission trip to Slidell, LA!

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

In September, we present each Third Grader a Bible during a special Worship service.

- Sunday, September 8th, 2024
- Held during the 11:00 AM Worship service
- All Third Graders are welcome to participate!
- Please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243 if your child would like to receive a Bible and participate in the ceremony.

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

YOUTH/PARENT MEETING - Sunday, August 11th 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

At this meeting, we will go over the annual youth schedule, including all fundraisers, activities, and trips. We will also renew our medical release forms. If you are a youth parent, please come to hear about all of our ministry opportunities this year! Students are encouraged to join this meeting until the ReGeneration Youth Choir starts at 4:30 PM.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH - SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

5:30-5:50 PM - Dinner
5:50-7:30 PM - Activity in the field

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: \$50

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-Sunday, October 31st. Tear down on Friday, November 1st.

Our pumpkin unload dates are:

- September 28th
- 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:

- August 16th
- September 20th
- October 11th
- November 8th
- December 20th

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

We are having a wonderful summer, and all the children have been enjoying the fun activities we have had going on at school. Our teachers are beginning to gear up for the wonderful school year that lies ahead! We will have an Orientation on Tuesday, August 6th from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM with parents and students. This time is intended for families to talk with the teachers and find out what the students will be learning throughout the year.

Our school year for VPK children will begin on Tuesday, August 13th. We are excited that Mrs. Susan Nowlan will be the Starfish VPK teacher and Mrs. Lynne Rhodes will be the Dolphin VPK Teachers. Please remember to tell your friends about The Early Education Program and how we share the love of God with our children! We are a **full-time** facility with hours from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM, and we care for children ages 2 months through VPK. We provide a wonderful breakfast and lunch that is cooked every day by our wonderful chef, John. At this time, we still have a couple of spaces available in the VPK classes.

We are also pleased with our computer room which has been a wonderful aid in the teaching of our children ages 3 and up. For the month of August, we will finish our summer curriculum with our Superheroes. We will then be starting our Welcoming to School and practicing routines and rules. The bible lesson will be God is My Superhero, God Created the World, Adam and Eve and God Created Me – I am Special. We will be teaching the children that God wants us to love our families and friends.

We ask for your continued prayers for our staff, families, and children that we all stay healthy and have a blessed year. In addition, we will ask our children to pray for all of you during their scheduled chapel time each week.

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

August 7 - Salisbury Steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, roasted broccoli, salad, roll and brownie

August 14 - Hawaiian Pork, sweet potato casserole, succotash, roll, coleslaw and pineapple upside down cake

August 21 - Chicken Lemon with rice and gravy, lima beans, corn casserole, garlic bread, Caesar salad and lemon bars

August 28 - Meat loaf with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, salad and blueberry white chocolate bread pudding

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, August 17, 2024. The program will be presented by Jerry Cioffi on the Kairos Inside ministry. 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

ReGeneration Youth Choir

ReGeneration Youth Choir has their Fall Retreat on August 4 -6 in Clermont, Florida. This retreat will be a time to rehearse new music, play games, relax, and swim. There will be lots of food and fellowship. Now is the perfect time to come join us! ReGeneration Choir (grades 7-12) meets every Sunday from 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the music center. Youth group meets from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. For more information or to sign up, please call Martha Reid at 904-264-2241 ext. 237.

MUSIC MINISTRY AUCTION

Friday, September 13th at 6:00 PM in the Gym

On September 13th at 6:00 PM, the Music Department will have an Auction and a dinner to help raise funds for the Music Ministry. This event will include a dinner, a silent auction, a live auction and live music. The price for admission and dinner is \$15.00. Reservations are required. Looking for ways to help out? To make this even a success we need your help!

- Items in the auction **MUST BE NEW**
 - We will also collect gift cards, service certifications or cash donations to purchase auction items.
 - Do you know business owners? Ask for a donation
- All choirs will participate the night of the auction.

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, August 6, 2024 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Rachael Weinstein with SilverLink Consulting for Aging. Please bring a dish to go with a salad bar.

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

MISSIONS

ANNUAL OP HIGH SCHOOL BACKPACK SUMMER COLLECTION PROGRAM

We will collect school supplies and basic survival non-perishable items for the Orange Park High School Homeless and Displaced teens (sometimes called 'couch surfers'). We care deeply for these teenagers, and will begin collecting for back-to-school in August. There will be a container for drop off in the Family Life Center. If you can't make it to drop off location, contact Tracy Frandsen, and she will make pick up arrangements. Her phone number is (904) 514-0298.

Below is the list of items needed for High School Teens -

- Teenage style backpacks and high school supplies (pens, pencils, notebook paper, Composition notebooks, spiral notebooks, pocketed folders, calculators, etc.)
- Rain jackets or ponchos, umbrellas
- Personal care items - toothpaste, toothbrushes, bodywash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, disposable razors, hand sanitizer, mosquito repellent, etc.
- Non-perishable foods/snacks.
- Lightweight blankets
- Flashlights and batteries

DEADLINE TO DONATE ITEMS IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH!

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY
EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY
To**

Janice Reid in the death of her brother in law, Larry Sablich
The family of Naomi Roberts
Bill Freehafer in the death of his mother, Ann Freehafer

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**AUGUST
RECOGNITIONS**

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff and Sandy Knafelc 08/01 32 years

Brad and Glenda White	08/02	22 years
Dennis and Nancy Dewey	08/04	34 years
Michael and Julie Griffis	08/04	17 years
David and Jeanne Young	08/08	54 years
Russ and Natalie Sessions	08/08	26 years
Jamie and Robin Stowers	08/08	44 years
Ed and Fran Marynik	08/09	10 years
Bob and Barbara Broach	08/10	56 years
Brock and Traci Foreman	08/10	22 years
Bob and Mistie Heyer	08/10	5 years
Joey and Leslee Bryan	08/10	21 years
Charlie and Linda Yow	08/12	58 years
Paul and Cindy Cummins	08/13	41 years
Brandon and Timea Chandler	08/14	20 years
Chauncey and Martha Lever	08/14	48 years
Ross and Melissa Arrowood	08/15	15 years
Ron and Sandy Davis	08/16	44 years
Fred and Kresten Mansen	08/16	43 years
James and Morgan Bailey	08/16	10 years
Ray and Debbie White	08/19	46 years
Harmen and Grace Heeg	08/19	57 years
George and Mary Hoskins	08/21	58 years
Jim and Kathy Cribb	08/22	37 years
Ron and Bettie Adams	08/23	55 years
Charles and Xiommy Lever	08/23	44 years
Glen and Karen Godwin	08/23	38 years
Jacob and Lauren Butacan	08/25	17 years
David and Shirley Theurich	08/26	57 years
John and Cynthia Schoolfield	08/27	36 years
Bob and Teri Toole	08/28	56 years
Austin and Victoria French	08/29	2 years
Brian and Marti Boatright	08/30	38 years
Danny and Karen Powers	08/30	50 years
Barry and Alice Allred	08/31	56 years
Bob and Bonnie Rustmann	08/31	61 years

BIRTHDAYS

Randy Bunn	08/02	Alice Gentile	08/16
Cynthia Mosborg	08/03	Tami Maeder	08/17
Robert Moran	08/03	Gigi Sessions	08/17
Genevieve Edwards	08/03	Sawyer Butacan	08/17
Elle Foreman	08/03	Rick Jacobs	08/18
Nancye Hale	08/03	Cohen Cioffi	08/18
Elaine Lowder	08/03	Nancy Westberry	08/18
Donna Macleod	08/04	Michael Morris	08/19
Teri Haisten	08/04	Brenda Parkes	08/19
Elmer Posick	08/05	Jerry Cioffi	08/20
Billy Wall	08/05	Erin Lee	08/20
Jack Lawson	08/05	Ruth Boyer	08/20
Audrey Francis	08/05	John Inman	08/20
Brock Foreman	08/05	Isabelle Gardella	08/21
Fred Nagle	08/05	Don Briggs	08/21
Jackie Putnam	08/06	Dianna Shivertaker	08/22
Heather Swart	08/06	Chloe Watson	08/22
Jamie Gerrity	08/07	David Rowlinson	08/22
Bob McKinney	08/08	Janie Hamilton	08/23
Carol Seeley	08/08	Mary Cioffi	08/24
John Grim	08/09	Katie Costea	08/24
Karen Godwin	08/09	Shane Fleming	08/24
Dana Frandsen	08/09	Mason Schutter	08/24
Gary Meeks	08/11	Marty Wilson	08/25
Bob Hinzman	08/11	Jimmy Matthews	08/25
Buzz Johnson	08/11	Scott Drawdy	08/27
Daniel Alderson	08/11	Lee Butacan	08/27
Cathy Kibbie	08/11	Jennifer Flanagan	08/28
Everett Doane	08/12	Marc Fleming	08/28
Barbara Sharp	08/13	John Schoolfield	08/28
Jenner Moses	08/13	Alyssa Turpish	08/28
Jack McCarthy	08/13	Nathan Bartholomew	08/28
Judi Corbin	08/14	Jamie Stowers	08/28
Jeff McCranie	08/14	Janyce Coussens	08/29
Ann Tabor	08/14	Kathleen Crook	08/30
Victoria French	08/14	Matthew Voigt	08/30
Dennis Dewey	08/15	Jeanette Keller	08/30
Tara Ingerson	08/15	David Bossinger	08/30
Wanda Hellman	08/15	Bonnie Gorman	08/30
Karen Powers	08/15	June Butacan	08/31
Amy Cronin	08/16		