



LENTEN CONCERT SERIES AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday March 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Dynamics Men's Ensemble

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Inspirations Women's Ensemble

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Irma Joyner, soloist

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & DINNER

Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)

in the Family Life Center Gym

DINNER

Prime Rib and Pork Loin with all the trimmings

\$15.00 per person for an adult

\$8.00 per person for a child

(2 and under are free)

RESERVATION AND PREPAYMENT REQUIRED

RSVP by March 20th

using a RSVP envelope found in the pew pockets

or by calling the church

office at 264-2241 x281

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 30, 2024

7:00 PM **

Tenebrae Service

Chancel Choir and Strings

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:30

and

11:00 AM

*The Lenten Series services will follow the Wednesday Night Dinners each week which are served at 5:15 PM. The Lenten Concerts will begin at 6:00 PM and will conclude no later than 6:45 PM. Reservations are required for dinner. You can make a reservation by calling the church office at 264-2241 X278 by Monday at noon.

**Please note the different start time for the Good Friday Service. It is a service of darkness and the doors will be closed once the service begins promptly at 7:00 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
- Confirmation Class: Room 4221 in the Education Building

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 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

MARCH 8TH- KIDS CAMP: TRIP TO JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS

- Pre-K through 6th Grade
- Cost: \$35.00
- Drop off in the Fellowship Hall between 7:30 – 9 AM
- Pick Up in the Fellowship Hall between 4 and 5:30 PM
- Day includes games & activities, a trip to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, breakfast, lunch, and two snacks
- Once registered, payment is required (as non-refundable Zoo tickets will be purchased for each attendee)
- Deadline to Register: Wednesday, February 28th (attendees cannot register after this deadline, as Zoo tickets must be purchased two weeks in advance)



MARCH 15TH- PARENTS NIGHT OUT EASTER CELEBRATION

- Infant- 6th Grade
- Attendees will enjoy playing Easter games, making crafts, having pizza and fruit for dinner, as well as watching the movie, Hop!
- 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, March 10th



OPMC & THE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

- 10:00AM - 12:00 PM
- Cost: \$3.00 Per Child, \$5.00 Per Adult, or \$10.00 per Family of Four
- Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews!
- Ticket Purchase Includes Lunch: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Mac and Cheese, Drinks & Dessert
- Ticket purchase also includes Inflatable Obstacle Course and Bounce House, Picture Opportunity with the Easter Bunny, and age appropriate Easter Egg Hunt categories with prizes.



Location will be in the Fellowship Hall (Building # 7)

- Fellowship Hall: Refreshments and Easter Bunny Photo Opportunity
- Fellowship Hall Parking Lot: Inflatable Obstacle Course and Bounce House
- Fellowship Hall Fenced Lawn: Age Category Egg Hunts (see below)

Age Appropriate Easter Egg Hunt Timeslots:

- 10:10 AM: Infant - 2 years
- 10:30 AM: 3 - 4 years olds (VPK)
- 10:50 AM: Kindergarten - 1st graders
- 11:10 AM: 2nd - 3rd graders

Fun for all ages! Egg Hunts limited to children in 3rd grade and younger.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2024

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 Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 ext. 243

WW SUMMER KIDS CAMP DATES

Wednesday, June 5th
Wednesday, June 12th
Wednesday, July 3rd
Wednesday, July 10th
Wednesday, July 17th
Wednesday, July 31st

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2024- SCUBA: DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

- Dates: July 22-26
- 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Daily
- Includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, exciting field trips, and more!
- Grades PreK-6th
- Cost: TBA
- If interested in volunteering, please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243

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

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

Spring Break Trip (Florida Keys)

- Saturday, March 9th – Tuesday, March 12th
- Stay at Marathon Community Church in Marathon, FL
- This is our first time going down to the Keys! We are going to explore Key West and enjoy the most beautiful beach in Florida, Bahai Honda State Park. We are looking forward to this opportunity to discover more of our beautiful state!
- Cost: \$150

SPRING RETREAT

- Our Spring Retreat on Friday, May 10th through 12th will be at the North Florida Christian Retreat Center in Keystone Heights. We have a cabin on the water with a beautiful view. There are opportunities to kayak or enjoy their slip-and-slide into the lake. This year we are going to have tubing in the lake! This is first retreat that our rising 7th graders/confirmation students can participate in. We look forward to having a big group this year!
- The Spring Retreat cost is \$50
- Registration Deadline: April 14th



SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

- Sunday, July 6th - Saturday, July 13th
- Destination: Western Kentucky (La Center)
- Mission Organization: Team Effort
- All the details about the trip are available by scanning the QR code
- Registration Deadline: June 9th



FUNDRAISERS

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

March 15, April 12 and May 17

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.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

This month is full of wonderful spring activities for the children. We will be reminding the children that a kind word is like a spring day! Our character trait for the month is Trustworthiness and the color is blue.

March includes Dr. Seuss Week which involves reading many of the books written by this great author whose birthday is celebrated during the first week of March. Our lesson plans will include Dinosaurs, St. Patrick's Day, Building things and Moving things.

Our Bible lessons are Dinosaur Bible Lesson, St. Patrick's Day Mini Unit, The Two Builders and I Can Pray.

In the beginning of March, we will have Vision is Priceless come and screen our children for any eye problems. This is a great service to our parents.

Sean the Leprechaun will also be leaving trails of shamrocks and gold around school this month. This is a fun time for the whole school to get involved with searching for the leprechauns (who leave messes) by following trail maps. This is a great way for the children to learn about maps and following directions—while also learning about cleaning up after themselves.

On March 23rd our families, along with the Church families, will be invited to the Easter Egg Hunt and lunch (nominal fee).

Don't forget that our REGISTRATION is ongoing. You can call (904) 264-7330, if you are interested in visiting our program. We are a place for creative teaching and play that serves as a building block for your child's future educational success. We are a loving and caring faculty that cultivates learning in young children's lives every day.

Our information is on the Church website at www.opmethodist.org. Remember that our ministry is open year-round except for the six major holidays of the year

(New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day).

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
SEASON TICKET PRICES
Adults - \$42 and Child - \$30

March 6 - Chicken Parmesan with noodles, vegetables, succotash, garlic bread, salad and carrot cake

March 13 - Salisbury Steak with gravy, carrots, potatoes, roll, salad and chocolate cake

March 20 - Hawaiian pork with rice and gravy, vegetable medley, sweet potato casserole, cornbread, cole slaw and pineapple upside down cake

March 27 - No dinner due to the Maundy Thursday dinner (see front page for details).

All Menus are subject to change.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST WOMEN

COME JOIN A CIRCLE

Deborah Circle

Chair - Connie Eden (904-343-5612)
Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Meets in the Fellowship Hall

Elizabeth Circle

Co-Chairs - Sandy Carlson (904-945-9346) and June Butacan (707-3771)
Meets 3rd Thursday at 9:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

Mary Lydia Circle

Chair - Cindy Koon (904-210-3546)
Meets 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 16, 2024. The program will be presented by the Pastor Charles Lever. 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

JAM choir is having their annual Spring Trip on March 15-16, 2024! This choir, made up of 4th-6th graders is off to LEGOLAND! We will stay at a Casselberry Community Church in Casselberry and have all day at Legoland before coming home, exhausted but happy! We're looking forward to the chance for fellowship and fun!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! It's time for Dinner Theater with ReGeneration Choir on Friday, April 19! Our youth choir, made up of 7th-12th graders will host a spectacular dinner, yummy desserts, and an entertaining musical just for you! The Dinner Theater is a fundraiser for ReGeneration Choir to help with the cost of Choir Tour. This summer we are headed to Kentucky! Tickets will go on sale soon.

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.

The concerts we will attend for March and April:

Friday, March 8 at 7:30 pm
Saint-Saens Symphony No 3 “Organ symphony”
DEADLINE is Sunday, March 8

Friday, April 26 at 7:30 pm
Respighi Fountains of Rome and Pines of Rome
DEADLINE is Sunday, April 21

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, March 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the group for a fun game of Bunco. Please bring finger foods to share with the group.

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

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us get to know each other better. It is time for a new one!

Our dates for taking pictures are April 11th, 12th and 13th. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken at one of the sign-up Sundays during the Gathering time or you can sign up on our church’s website at www.opmethodist.org. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY
EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY
To

The family of Kris Wahl

STAFF DIRECTORY

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NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS

THE DOVE is a faith based publication of Orange Park Methodist Church. It is not a forum for community news, political debate or personal opinion. Submissions are to be made in Microsoft Word attachments sent via email to rvoigt@opmethodist.org. Space is limited. All submissions are subject to available space and are subject to approval and redaction at the sole discretion of the editor.

MARCH
RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Terry Stallings	03/02	39 years
Russell and Mona Doane	03/03	21 years
Phil and Lynn Murphey	03/07	53 years
Mario and Dawn Hernandez	03/09	22 years
Earl and Jennifer Flanagan	03/16	22 years
Art and Jane Russell	03/16	28 years
Ricky and Stacey White	03/18	29 years
Pete and Lynda Davis	03/19	58 years
Bill and Leslie Kennedy	03/20	31 years
Bill and Tracy Frandsen	03/21	37 years
Terry and Billie Flahive	03/21	54 years
Gary and Sue Wade	03/24	34 years
Ed and Carolyn Sellars	03/25	57 years
Brad and Amanda Boyle	03/25	24 years
Jared and Beth Moses	03/27	20 years
Bill and Diane Bazemore	03/30	56 years

BIRTHDAYS

Barron Martin	03/01	James Terry	03/17
Heather Lawson	03/01	Joe Grantham	03/18
Janet Mumper	03/01	Jared Moses	03/18
Sherry Starr	03/02	Cooper Avinger	03/18
David Ridings	03/03	Chris Cioffi	03/19
Nancy Coats	03/03	Nicholas Rubright	03/20
Sharon Norman	03/04	Tedra Applegarth	03/20
Gary Sharp	03/04	Mary Wood	03/21
Debbie Bradshaw	03/04	Barbara Loy	03/21
Angelo Yawn	03/04	Joan Lee	03/22
Ellen Merrill	03/05	Addison Faulk	03/22
Mattie Reape	03/05	Joey Bryan	03/23
June Eddins	03/06	Donna Dvorak	03/24
Hugh Peeples	03/06	Frankie Blanton	03/24
Jimmie Seeley	03/07	Mario Hernandez	03/24
Jacob Butacan	03/07	Ruth Odom	03/25
Tracy Frandsen	03/08	Cheri Briggs	03/25
Ed Marynik	03/08	Susan Howard	03/25
Mistie Heyer	03/08	Joselin Butacan	03/25
Darlene Goodier	03/09	Jonathan Mansen	03/25
Allison Turpish	03/09	Brett Mansen	03/25
Lauren Butacan	03/09	Ian Walden	03/25
Kathy Cribb	03/10	Suzanne Nye	03/26
Debbie Spears	03/10	Jason Strong	03/26
Pearl Boles	03/12	Fran Marynik	03/27
Toby Coussens	03/12	Kelsey Stephens	03/27
Rebecca Witt	03/12	Sydney Ingerson	03/27
Ginger Aiken	03/12	James Bailey	03/27
Helen Mauro	03/12	Richard Armistead	03/28
Adam Breindel	03/13	Phil Murphey	03/29
Winney Yaun	03/13	Fletcher Turner	03/29
Halley Heyer	03/14	Peggy Grantham	03/29
Royce Moses	03/14	Fran Jones	03/29
Roger Norton	03/15	Lindsey Maeder	03/30
Bob Heyer	03/16	Genevieve Smith	03/30
Brenda Shaddix	03/16	Jean Lyons	03/31
Karl Rubright	03/16	Carlyle Martin	03/31
Rachael Rubright	03/16	Ann Hinzman	03/31
Grace Heeg	03/17	Lucia Hipp	03/31
Tom Williams	03/17	Marilyn Freeman	03/31
Jill Jones	03/17	Jane Russell	03/31