



**Come and Join Our Church Family
in a
Vacation Bible Camp Celebration
on
Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**We will be Celebrating
Our FAITH in worship,
Our FELLOWSHIP through
coming together &
Our BLESSINGS through
sharing a common meal.**

**JOIN US FOR THIS
TIME OF CELEBRATION**

**Lunch Will be Served at No Cost
Following the 11:00 AM Service
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Green Beans,
Mac & Cheese, Brownies
Lemonade, Tea, Coffee and Water**

**All Volunteers and Participants
In Vacation Bible Camp
Will Be Recognized
during Our Services &
Our Vacation Bible Camp Choir
Will Sing**

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

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

- Cost: \$40.00 per child
- To register, or to find out more information, scan the QR Code next to the event!
- Most Kids Camp days are already full, but please email Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org if you would like to be on the waiting list!

KIDS CAMP DATES & ACTIVITIES

- Wednesday, July 3rd— Lazer Tag, Bowling, and Arcade at Bravo Entertainment Center
- Wednesday, July 10th— St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum
- Wednesday, July 17th— Catty Shack Ranch
- Wednesday, July 31st— Madison Blue Springs

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

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBC, kids will be immersed in the Word, and discover what living water is really all about!

- Dates: July 22-26
- 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Daily
- Includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, exciting field trips, and more!
- Grades PreK— Rising 6th Graders
- Field Trips include the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, Shipwreck Island Waterpark, the Alligator Farm, and the GTM Research Reserve!
- Registration is now closed.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Life Changing Prayer – Approaching the Throne of Grace
This six-session video-based Bible study written by Jim Cymbala explores how God promises in his Word to always hear you, answer you, and extend his mercy when you come to him. As you pray with faith, he will provide his perfect peace and “meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory” (Philippians 4:19).

- Classes will start July 10th at 6:00 PM following the Wednesday night dinner. Reservations must be made for dinner.
- Classes will be 1 hour with a video presented by Jim Cymbala, time for group discussion and a closing prayer.

For additional information please call Danny Koon at (904) 210-2133 or see him during our Wonderful Wednesday's Dinners.

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

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

YOUTH DAY TRIP: TUBING TRIP #2

Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024
Time: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Destination: Ichetucknee Springs
Cost: \$20



MOVIE NIGHT: TWISTERS

Friday, July 19th, 2024
Time: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Destination: AMC Fleming Island
Cost: \$20



SUMMER MISSION TRIP

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH/PARENT MEETING - SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP - YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

- Full Day Vacation Bible Camp: Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th
- Leader Arrival: 7:15 AM
- Breakfast, Lunch, and 2 Snacks served each day!
- Exciting Field Trips including the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, Shipwreck Island Waterpark, the Alligator Farm, and the GTM Research Reserve!

FUNDRAISERS

PUMPKIN PATCH

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

Our pumpkin unload dates are:

- September 28th
- October 12th

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

August 16th

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

Our teachers work to instill a sense of self-esteem and self-confidence in each child. Our children learn about God through our weekly chapel experiences with Mrs. Martha, Mr. Nick and Mrs. Ellen and the classroom Bible stories that are read to them.

We provide special activities for parents/grandparents so that they can interact with their child. If you know of anyone interested in full-time childcare, please call (904) 264-7330 for more information or visit our website at www.opmethodist.org under Early Education Center. Right now, we have room for VPK (Voucher pre-k) in our full day program, as well as other ages.

Our facilities will be closed on Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day.

Our themes for the month of July are as follows:

- Week of July 1st, we will be talking about the American Patriotic theme
- July 8th will be Watermelons/Picnic Week - Bible lesson Ruth and Naomi
- July 15th will be Bugs/Insects/Bees – Bible lesson is The Parable of the Lost Coin
- July 22th will be Pond Life/Frogs/Nature Detectives – Bible lesson is God Loves the Little Children

Our children love water play on Fridays – IT KEEPS THEM COOL in this hot weather.

Hope you all are having a great summer – and please remember to pray for our families and we will have the children keep all of you in their prayers!

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 for July and August
Adults - \$49 and Child - \$40

July 3 - BBQ Chicken, squash casserole, macaroni and cheese, roll, salad and caramel brownie

July 10 - Pot roast with onions and potatoes, carrots, roll, salad and cinnamon bread pudding

July 17 - Roasted pork chop with gravy, field peas, cheesy scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, cornbread and apple crisp

July 24 - There is no Wonderful Wednesday dinner due to Vacation Bible Camp

July 31 - Chicken parmesan, parmesan potatoes, vegetables, garlic bread, Caesar salad and carrot cake

All Menus are subject to change.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Here is a listing of the upcoming committee meetings. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM and meet in room 1209 in Park Square.

JULY

Monday, July 8

Tuesday, July 9

Monday, July 22

Tuesday, July 23

SPR Meeting

Trustee's Meeting

Finance Committee

Church Council

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 20, 2024. The program will be presented by the Emmaus Community. 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

CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIRS

The Children and Youth choirs are going strong throughout the summer. Now's the time to join and see what it is about!

The ReGeneration Youth Choir (grades 7-12) meets every Sunday night from 4:30 - 5:30 PM just before youth.

The JAM choir (grades 4-6) meets every Sunday from 6:30 - 7:30 PM as a part of Club 456.

The CAROL Choir (grades K-3) meets every Sunday night from 5:30 - 6:10 PM as a part of Kid's Club.

Any questions, please call Martha Reid at 904-264-2241 ext. 237.

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, July 9, 2024 (note the date change) at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Tunes from our Past by Tom Biasgo. Please bring a dish to go with hamburgers and hot dogs.

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Ronald Adams in the death of his brother, Scott Adams
Gary Wade in the death of his mother, Nancy Wade

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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.

NIMBLE NEEDLES

Looking for a ministry to share your creative, crafty talents? Or just looking to put your unused fabrics and yarn to good use? Nimble Needles welcomes you and/or your donations! Members of this unique ministry create items of comfort for Clay County residents who are in less than desirable circumstances. Those in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, assisted living and memory care centers, Quigley House, etc. Our handmade items include lap robes, wheelchair and walker totes, shawls, bibs, fidget quilts, baby blankets, and youth quilts. Perhaps you have an item of comfort, you'd like to see created. We share ideas, patterns, and donated items, as well as, create great friendships. Nimble Needles meets every second Wednesday of the month in Room 6206 in the FLC at 10:00 AM. Donations of yarn and fabric can be dropped off at the church office between 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Join us and help make a difference in our community!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

We need ushers at both the 9:30 and 11:00 AM worship services. Ushers are responsible for handing out bulletins, greeting the congregation members as well as helping collect the offering. They rotate on a weekly basis. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241 x272.

COMMUNION SERVERS

If you are interested in helping serve Communion at either the 9:30 or 11:00 AM worship service, please contact Mari Anne Peeples at 904-264-2241 x272.

COMMUNION SET UP

We need help setting up Communion when there is a 5th Sundays at the 9:30 AM service. Please call Mari Anne Peeples if you are interested in helping.

JULY RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Don and Cheri Briggs	07/01	57 years
Peter and Cindy Groeneveld	07/03	23 years
Don and Gaye Maconi	07/05	38 years
Tom and Julie Williams	07/05	16 years
Greg and Susan Howard	07/10	24 years
Danny and Cindy Koon	07/10	54 years
Jimmy and Judith Matthews	07/11	3 years
David and Connie Eden	07/12	49 years
Debbie and Bob Bradshaw	07/12	16 years
Jimmie and Carol Seeley	07/15	62 years
Gray and Nancy Chandler	07/19	49 years
Heather and Jack Lawson	07/22	13 years
Curtis and Jill Schmidt	07/22	29 years
Gary Wagner & Sandy Jones	07/24	7 years
Andy and Joyce Manson	07/25	54 years
Nick and Ellen Despres	07/25	9 years
Ron and Karen Gebhard	07/26	38 years
Willie and Beverly Beardsley	07/27	29 years
Gary and Pat Meeks	07/30	30 years
John and Ann Tabor	07/30	41 years

BIRTHDAYS

Kavannah Schutter	07/01	Debi Meier	07/19
Jonathan Mykytka	07/01	Mary Edwards	07/20
Samuel Stofsky	07/01	Bob Johnson	07/20
Mary Boismier	07/01	Rosanna Housend	07/20
Joyce Manson	07/02	John Roberson	07/21
Hannah Heyer	07/02	Mike Keller	07/22
George Hoskins	07/02	Raiden Applegarth	07/22
Millie Murray	07/02	Gary Wagner	07/22
Catherine Drawdy	07/03	Jeanne Young	07/23
Rod Fisher	07/03	Cindy Cummins	07/23
Amy McMaster	07/04	Michela Figueroa	07/23
Linda Gardella	07/04	Mona Doane	07/23
Sharon Neglia	07/05	George Tyree	07/24
Tucker Reape	07/05	Theo Hovda	07/24
Molly Inman	07/05	Avery Crawford	07/24
Peter Groeneveld	07/07	Diane Bazemore	07/24
Joan Bradley	07/08	Daniel Manning	07/25
Lauren Martin	07/08	Jenna Hill	07/26
Ethel Bell	07/08	Abigail Hines	07/26
Diane Pearce	07/09	Brandon Chandler	07/27
David Watkins	07/09	Larry Vanderwilt	07/27
Daniel Watkins	07/09	Jeff Knafelc	07/27
Sandy Jones	07/10	Sean Cronin	07/28
Cindy Groeneveld	07/11	Alexei Turpish	07/28
Pat Johnson	07/13	Norma Lee	07/28
Ron Davis	07/16	Robin McCarthy	07/28
Paul Burshuliak	07/16	Darrell White	07/28
Diane Rood	07/16	Timea Chandler	07/30
Kristin Messler	07/17	Debbie Ridings	07/30
Zoey Mykytka	07/17	Pat Warren	07/30
Rhett Sessions	07/17	John Banton	07/30
Doris Owens	07/18	Michael Stanley	07/30
David Young	07/18	Colton Crawford	07/31
Barbara Hoops	07/18	Cooper Crawford	07/31
Brad Robinson	07/19		