



LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Praise Band Concert

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Chancel Bells

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Dynamics Men's Ensemble

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Inspirations Women's Ensemble

*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. Reservations must be made to ensure enough food is prepared. You can make a reservation by calling the church office at 904-264-2241 X278 by Monday at noon. The cost for dinner is \$8.00 per night.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28, 2026
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Contact Ellen Despres for more information

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & DINNER

Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)
in the Family Life Center Gym
We will begin to take reservations on March 1st
Last day to RSVP is March 23rd

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3, 2026
7:00 PM
Tenebrae Service

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 5, 2026
9:30 AM
and
11:00 AM

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

- Dinner, crafts & activities, and watch a movie on the big screen!
- \$20 for 1st child, \$15 for each additional child
- Drop off: 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby
- Pick up: No later than 9:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby
- Scan the QR Code to Register by Sunday, March 8th



MONDAY, MARCH 23RD: KIDS CAMP DAY (TEACHER PLANNING DAY- NO SCHOOL): HANNA PARK BEACH DAY

- 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 Hanna Park Beach
- Register by Sunday, March 15th by scanning the QR Code



SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH: OPMC & THE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 28th
- Cost: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children/youth up to 17 years
- Full Lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, mac & cheese, tater tots, fruit, and dessert), Ice Cream Truck, Inflatable Obstacle Course and Bounce House, Picture Opportunity with the Easter Bunny, and Age Appropriate Easter Egg Hunt Categories with Prizes!
- Location will be at the Fellowship Hall (Building # 7)
- Fun for all ages! Egg Hunts are limited to children from 1 year to 3rd Grade.
- Invite your friends and family!
- Scan the QR Code to Register by Sunday, March 22nd!



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2026

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 your child, please visit www.opmethodist.org or email Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org

KIDS CAMP DATES & ACTIVITIES:

- Wednesday, June 3rd: Horseback Riding at Batton Family Ranch
- Wednesday, June 10th: Pinball Palace in Brunswick, GA
- Wednesday, June 17th: Swimming & Splash Pad at Green Cove Springs City Pool
- Wednesday, June 24th: Skating at Skate Station
- Wednesday, July 1st: Sweet Pete's Lollipop Making Class
- Wednesday, July 8th: Bowling, Laser Tag, & Arcade at Batt Family Fun Center
- Wednesday, July 15th: IMAX at Epic Theatres Oakleaf
- Wednesday, July 29th: Swimming at Madison Blue Springs

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2026- RAINFOREST FALLS

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

- Dates: July 20 - 24, 2026
- 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM Daily
- Includes breakfast, lunch, two snacks, exciting field trips and experiences, and more!
- Grades PreK - Rising 6th Graders
- Exciting field trips and experiences including Summer Waves Water Park, Falling Creek Falls State Park, Dave & Busters & more!

Cost and Payments:

- Participant Cost: \$210 per child
- \$100 Refundable Deposit Due Upon Registration. (Full refunds on deposits/payments are available if cancellation is on or before June 23rd)
- Youth/Adult Volunteer Cost: \$90 per person (this cost covers field trips, shirt, and meals)
- Deadline for Registration & Final Payment is June 22nd
- To register your child, or to register as a volunteer, scan the QR Code:



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 MISSION TRIP: BELIZE

- Saturday, June 20th - Friday, June 26th
- Destination: Belize
- Partner Organization: Praying Pelican Missions
- We are returning to Belize to continue our partnership with Mark and Shari Somerville.
- Cost: Youth - \$900 Adults - \$1300

Register by scanning the QR code below and clicking the event

SPRING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

- Friday, May 1st - Sunday, May 3rd
- This is the first retreat that our rising 7th graders/confirmation students can participate in. We look forward to having a big group this year! 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!
- Register by scanning the QR code below and clicking the event
 - Cost: \$80

SUMMER ACTIVITES

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH & MINI GOLF

- Thursday, June 4th, 2026
- Destination: St. Augustine, FL
- Cost: \$40

BOWLING AND LASER TAG

- Thursday, June 11th, 2026
- Destination: Jacksonville, FL
- Cost: \$40

SUMMER WAVES

- Thursday, June 18th, 2026
- Destination: Jekyll Island, GA
- Cost: \$40

MOVIE DAY

- Thursday, July 2nd, 2026
- Destination: Oakleaf, FL
- Cost: \$40

ICHETUCKNEE RIVER FLOAT

- Thursday, July 9th, 2026
- Destination: Ichetucknee Springs, FL
- Cost: \$40

JACKSONVILLE DAY

- Thursday, July 16th, 2026
- Destination: Jacksonville, FL
- Cost: \$40

NEPTUNE PARK AND PINBALL PALACE

- Thursday, July 30th, 2026
- Destination: St. Simon’s Island / Brunswick, GA
- Cost: \$40

Events are all day from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Register for all events by scanning the QR Code and clicking the correct link:



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 904-264-2241 ext. 243.

UPCOMING PNO DATES

March 13th, 2026
April 17th, 2026
May 15th, 2026

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

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!

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 teachers will hand out fun activities for the children and on

Wednesday we will have green eggs and ham.

During March we will also have lessons on Animals in the Sea, St. Patrick’s Day, Dinosaurs and Let’s Build It. Our Bible lessons are: Jonah and the Big Fish/Whale, St. Patrick’s Day Mini Unit, David and Goliath and The Two Builders (Wise and Foolish Builders).

Our Character Trait for March is Trustworthiness. We are asking students to wear blue on Friday, March 27th. Bible Verse: Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 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 ourselves.

Don’t forget that our REGISTRATION is ongoing. You can also 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. We accept children from 2 months of age to VPK.

Remember that our ministry is open year-round except for the six major holidays out of the year (New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).

Look for notices for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th that The Early Education Center has along with the Orange Park Methodist Church. This has been a wonderful success for all who attended in the past.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
DINNER PRICES

ADULT - \$8 AND CHILD (ages 3-12) - \$5
Non-season reservations must be made weekly.
SEASON TICKETS FOR MARCH AND APRIL
Adult - \$56 and Children - \$40
Please call 904-264-2241 ext. 278

March 4 - Chicken Parmesan with noodles, green beans, vegetables, salad, garlic bread and Apple Crisp
March 11 - Beef Stew with carrots and gravy, lima beans, potatoes, garlic bread, salad and chocolate poke cake
March 18 - Hawaiian Pork with rice, broccoli, sweet potato casserole, roll, coleslaw and pineapple upside down cake
March 25 - Mexican seasoned chicken with yellow rice, black beans, Mexican corn, garlic bread, Caesar salad and apple cobbler

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, March 21, 2026. 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

The Music Department will be staying pretty busy in March with extra concerts, symphonies and a Music Theory class. During Lent there will be weekly Wednesday evening concerts in the Sanctuary starting at 6:00 PM.

March 4 - Praise Band
March 11 - Chancel Bells
March 18 - Dynamics
March 25 - Inspirations

We have a new opportunity for anyone interested in music. We are offering a Music Theory class on Wednesdays, after the Lenten Concert. The class is taught by Doug Westberry. Whether you are a novice or an expert at Music Theory you will learn something and have fun doing it. Come join us!

There are two opportunities to see the Jacksonville Symphony this month. The first one is on Friday, March 6, which is **Mozart More: Concertos for Two Pianos**. The second one is on Friday, March 27, which is **Barber and Mendelssohn**. Tickets are \$35.00 each and that includes transportation to and from the concert. We meet in the Music Center at 6:00 PM on both nights. Call Ruth Loomis to make reservations.

If you have any questions please call Nick Despres or Ruth Loomis at (904) 264-2241 ext. 245.

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 3, 2026 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Joanne Duffyon on dementia and Alzheimer. 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.

BOOK CLUB

You are invited to attend our Book Club! We meet on the first Monday of every month to discuss the book that we just read. We meet in Room 1107 in Park Square at 5:00 PM. Here is a list of the dates we are meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

March 2
April 13 (note the date change)
May 4

For more information, please call Donna Macleod at 904-910-4227.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Carlyle Martin and Kathleen Rich in the death of their sister,
Pamela Roberts
Susan Howard in the death of her husband, Greg Howard
The family of Mike Waters, Sr.

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MARCH RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Phil and Lynn Murphey	03/07	55 years
Mario and Dawn Hernandez	03/09	24 years
Art and Jane Russell	03/16	30 years
Ricky and Stacey White	03/18	31 years
Pete and Lynda Davis	03/19	60 years
Bill and Leslie Kennedy	03/20	33 years
Bill and Tracy Frandsen	03/21	39 years
James and LaVonne Maxfield	03/21	11 years
Terry and Billie Flahive	03/21	56 years
Gary and Sue Wade	03/24	36 years
Ed and Carolyn Sellars	03/25	59 years
Brad and Amanda Boyle	03/25	26 years
Steve and Sydney Foster	03/28	2 years
Bill and Diane Bazemore	03/30	58 years

BIRTHDAYS

Barron Martin	03/01	Chris Cioffi	03/19
Janet Mumper	03/01	Nicholas Rubright	03/20
Dan Richardson	03/01	Tedra Applegarth	03/20
Sherry Starr	03/02	Mary Wood	03/21
Nancy Coats	03/03	Joan Lee	03/22
Sharon Norman	03/04	Joey Bryan	03/23
Debbie Bradshaw	03/04	Donna Dvorak	03/24
Angelo Yawn	03/04	Mario Hernandez	03/24
Mattie Reape	03/05	Ellen Despres	03/24
June Eddins	03/06	Jack Evans	03/24
Hugh Peeples	03/06	Cheri Briggs	03/25
Jimmie Seeley	03/07	Joselin Butacan	03/25
Jacob Butacan	03/07	Jonathan Mansen	03/25
Tracy Frandsen	03/08	Brett Mansen	03/25
Ed Marynik	03/08	Ian Walden	03/25
Mistie Heyer	03/08	Jason Strong	03/26
Darlene Goodier	03/09	Fran Marynik	03/27
Allison Turpish	03/09	Sydney Ingerson	03/27
Lauren Butacan	03/09	James Bailey	03/27
Kathy Cribb	03/10	Phil Murphey	03/29
Pearl Boles	03/12	Fletcher Turner	03/29
Toby Coussens	03/12	Peggy Grantham	03/29
Rebecca Witt	03/12	Fran Jones	03/29
Ginger Aiken	03/12	Alma Quails	03/29
Helen Mauro	03/12	Lindsey Maeder	03/30
Halley Heyer	03/14	Genevieve Smith	03/30
Bob Heyer	03/16	Jean Lyons	03/31
Brenda Shaddix	03/16	Carlyle Martin	03/31
Karl Rubright	03/16	Ann Hinzman	03/31
Rachael Rubright	03/16	Lucia Hipp	03/31
Grace Heeg	03/17	Marilyn Freeman	03/31
Tom Williams	03/17	Jane Russell	03/31
Joe Grantham	03/18	Abigail Lippincott	03/31
Cooper Avinger	03/18	Alexis Lippincott	03/31