



**COME AND JOIN  
OUR CHURCH FAMILY  
FOR A TIME OF CELEBRATION  
AND GIVING THANKS  
AT A  
THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND FEAST**

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**SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING**  
6 PM in the Sanctuary  
Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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**A THANKSGIVING FEAST**

Immediately following our  
Thanksgiving Service  
In the Family Life Center

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**PRIME RIB DINNER**  
with Herb Roasted Chicken, Corn,  
Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole,  
Italian Green Beans, Glazed Carrots,  
Lima Beans, Salad, Roll and Pie  
\$15.00 per adult  
\$8.00 per child (3 - 12 years old)  
(2 and under are free)

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**RESERVATION AND PREPAYMENT REQUIRED**

RSVP by November 15th  
by filling out a RSVP envelope with your payment  
RSVP envelopes will be in the pews for prepayment

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

- 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

### 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.



### PARENT'S NIGHT OUT ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH FROM 5:30 - 9:30 PM

- Volunteer and Child Registration Deadline: Sunday, November 12th.
- For this PNO, there will be a Thanksgiving Feast! We will hold discussions and activities that center around gratefulness.
- \$20 for 1st child, \$15 for each additional child
- Drop off- Family Life Center Lobby (Building #5)
- Pick up: Fellowship Hall (Building #7)



### CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL SIGN UPS/COSTUME RETRIEVAL

- Sunday, November 26th & Sunday, December 3rd from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Located in the Fellowship Hall (Building #7)
- Minimum Age: 2 years
- Maximum Grade: 3rd Grade

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- December 1st-2nd: Confirmation Trip to The Methodist Childrens Home in Enterprise, FL
- December 9th – Christmas Eve Processional Rehearsal
- December 15th – Parents Night Out Christmas Party
- December 17th – Christmas Dinner for Kids Club and Club 456 at Pastor Lever's house
- December 24th – 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Processional Service
- January 3rd – Kids Club and Club 456 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Movie Night
- January 5th – Kids Camp

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 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

### DINNER WITH THE LEVERS

Each year our Senior Pastor Dr. Lever and his wife host us at their home for a wonderful family-style dinner. On that night we also have our annual youth gift exchange. We ask each student to bring a gift of no more than \$10 for the exchange. It's a fun night of fellowship before the busyness of the holiday season begins. This year the dinner will be on Sunday, December 10th.

- Dinner with the Levers is free! Please bring a \$10 gift for the exchange.

### 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!

### CHRISTMAS GO-KARTING

- Thursday, December 21st
- Come celebrate the end of 2023 with some 4-wheel competition.
- Open to all ages.
- Cost is \$50



### WINTER SKI RETREAT

- Friday, January 12th – Monday, January 15th
- Stay at Boone UMC in Boone, NC
- 2 days of skiing or snowboarding at Appalachian Ski Mountain
- We are going back to Appalachian Ski Mountain for a quieter skiing experience. We've also dropped the price by \$100 from last year!
- Cost: \$200
- Registration Deadline: December 10th



## 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

- November 17th
- December 15th

### PUMPKIN PATCH

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Pumpkin Patch a success! We couldn't do it without you.

### 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](http://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](mailto:jwilliams@opmethodist.org).

## EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

This month we will be celebrating our military and Veterans who have children in the program. We will be talking to the children about being safe. Of course, we will be going over Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, Native Americans, Turkeys and Corn for two weeks.

Our Bible themes will be Jacob's Dream/Jacob's Ladder, We are Thankful and Noah's Ark. We will be teaching the children about being thankful for all they have received from God. We are also thankful for all of you who have welcomed the parents and children to the Wonderful Wednesday Dinners.

Our Character Trait for November will be Responsibility – they will learn that each of us needs to carry our own load. We will be having our Grand-person lunch. We ask the children to invite their favorite Grand-person for lunch and to see some of the children's art and hear them sing some of the songs they have learned in music and chapel.

All the Staff, Parents and children of the Early Education Center wish all of you and your families a very blessed Thanksgiving.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

### DINNER PRICES

ADULT - \$7 AND CHILD (ages 3-12) - \$5

SEASON TICKETS - ADULTS - \$35

CHILD - \$30

Non-season reservations must be made weekly.

Please call

904-264-2241 ext. 278

**November 1** - Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll and blueberry bread pudding

**November 8** - Hawaiian Pork, rice with gravy, vegetable medley, sweet potato casserole, coleslaw, cornbread and pineapple upside down cake

**November 15** - Chicken Marsala with noodles and gravy, lima beans, corn, bread, Caesar salad and Chocolate lasagna

**November 22** - No Wednesday night dinner due to our Annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 21st.

**November 29** - Mongolian beef with rice and gravy, green beans, corn, salad, roll and éclair cake

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, November 18, 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. Our speaker is Brent Beard. He is the sports analyst and is a contributor for First Coast News.

### METHODIST MEN BAR-B-QUE

- Sunday, Nov 12, 2023
- 10 AM - 1:00 PM
- Family Life Center - eat in or take out
- Tickets \$12.00 - see a Methodist Men or pay at door

Last BBQ of year- proceeds for all BBQ fund our missions:

- Youth Choir Ensemble
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Mercy Network
- Youth Mission Trip
- Upward Basketball
- GSM
- James Boys
- Clothes Closet
- Scouting

## 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

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Things are pretty busy in the Music Center. 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 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

### ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

- Chancel Bells (Handbell Choir) meets on Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Praise Band (Praise & Worship) meets on Tuesdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- Dynamics (Men's Ensemble) meets on Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Inspirations (Women's Ensemble) meets on Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Chancel Choir (Adult Choir) meets on Thursdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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

### UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

#### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir will be singing a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 10, at both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. We are just starting the music so if you are interested in singing with the choir now is the perfect time to join. Rehearsal are Thursdays in the Music Center, Building #2 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. If you have any questions, please call Nick or Ruth 264-2241 ext. 245.



**JAM MUSICAL**

The JAM and CAROL choirs will present the musical, "Shout Out from the Mountaintop" on Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary right after Wonderful Wednesday dinner! Come see the bible stories of David and Goliath, the Good Samaritan and others with Mr. Psalty (Steve Conrad) and his Sunday school class! It's free and definitely entertaining! Come join us!

**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, November 7, 2023 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the group for a entertaining program on bees. Please bring a side dish to go with soup. We will be serving 3 different types of soup.

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

**MISSIONS  
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 6202 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!

**CARE MINISTRY**

Care Ministry - Please think about volunteering to brighten one of our shut-in's day with a visit, a phone call or a card...or all three. We are also looking for people to help deliver flowers once a month to our shut ins. These are people that once attended faithfully and due to age, health issues or both are no longer able to. Let's help them know they haven't been forgotten. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Mari Anne Peebles at 264-2241, ext. 272.

**UPWARD**

Announcing OPMC's 17<sup>th</sup> UPWARD Season. Early registration runs through October 31<sup>st</sup> (\$90). Late registration runs through December 8<sup>th</sup> (\$100). Ages for both basketball and cheerleading go from K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Practice for K-1<sup>st</sup>, 2-3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4-5<sup>th</sup> will be on Monday or Tuesdays and 6-8<sup>th</sup> & 9-12<sup>th</sup> will practice on Thursdays. Games will be on Saturdays starting on January 6<sup>th</sup> and running though March 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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**

Eric Boismier in the death of his father, Donald Boismier

**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](mailto: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.

**NOVEMBER  
RECOGNITIONS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

|                             |       |          |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Jeff and Kelly Provow       | 11/02 | 32 years |
| Marc and Nicole Fleming     | 11/04 | 17 years |
| Wayne and Wanda Tison       | 11/04 | 48 years |
| Mike and Tedra Applegarth   | 11/07 | 14 years |
| Tony and Belinda Spasoff    | 11/19 | 41 years |
| Dave Mosborg & Holly Fulton | 11/28 | 14 years |
| Carlyle and Gayle Martin    | 11/29 | 43 years |

**BIRTHDAYS**

|                     |       |                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Martha Avinger      | 11/01 | Lee Merrill         | 11/17 |
| Cylete Boyle        | 11/01 | Pat Meeks           | 11/17 |
| Jason Williams      | 11/01 | Ellen Hill          | 11/17 |
| Jameson Butacan     | 11/01 | Bill Essex          | 11/17 |
| Margaret Koloskee   | 11/02 | Mallory Fuller      | 11/18 |
| Christine Sullivan  | 11/02 | Gaye Maconi         | 11/18 |
| Jacob Knafelc       | 11/02 | Kathy Dugger        | 11/19 |
| Tyler Schutter      | 11/02 | Elfrick Gonzalez    | 11/19 |
| Linda Vanderwilt    | 11/03 | Cynthia Schoolfield | 11/20 |
| Bill Frandsen       | 11/03 | Heather Schlichtman | 11/21 |
| Pat Williams        | 11/05 | Scott Thomas        | 11/21 |
| Jim McCarty         | 11/05 | Rick Schimmel       | 11/21 |
| Heather Boccieri    | 11/05 | Grady Boles         | 11/22 |
| Annaliese Hovda     | 11/05 | Joy Campbell        | 11/22 |
| Mike Waters         | 11/05 | Nancy Chandler      | 11/22 |
| Elyssa Gray         | 11/05 | Natalie Sessions    | 11/22 |
| Olivia Cronin       | 11/08 | Fred Mansen         | 11/22 |
| Austin French       | 11/08 | Robin Bossinger     | 11/22 |
| Martha Lever        | 11/09 | Richard Norman      | 11/23 |
| Amanda Boyle        | 11/09 | Patrice Dougher     | 11/23 |
| Bob Broach          | 11/10 | John Schlichtman    | 11/24 |
| Mike Williamson     | 11/10 | Mike Zelenka        | 11/24 |
| Alejandra Hernandez | 11/10 | Bob Bradshaw        | 11/24 |
| Sandy Vogel         | 11/11 | Dawn Hernandez      | 11/24 |
| Tinsley Butacan     | 11/11 | Colin Crawford      | 11/24 |
| Elaine Unkles       | 11/12 | Hannah Nibert       | 11/24 |
| Ford Morgan         | 11/12 | Linda Bowles        | 11/25 |
| Karen Gebhard       | 11/13 | Mary Dalzell        | 11/26 |
| Sandy Townsley      | 11/13 | Dottie Degeneffe    | 11/26 |
| Sue Dellinger       | 11/14 | Jack Frandsen       | 11/26 |
| Jane Hofmann        | 11/15 | Justus Dill         | 11/27 |
| Russell Doane       | 11/16 | Sofia Hernandez     | 11/30 |