



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

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING

6 PM in the Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 26, 2024

A THANKSGIVING FEAST

Immediately following our
Thanksgiving Service
In the Family Life Center

PRIME RIB DINNER

with Seasoned Pork Loin, 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)

RESERVATION AND PREPAYMENT REQUIRED

RSVP by November 17th
by filling out a RSVP envelope with your payment.
RSVP envelopes will be in the pews.

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

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

- Register by scanning the QR Code
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, November 3rd
- Fall Crafts, Games, Activities, and a Movie!
- \$20 for 1st child, \$15 for each additional child
- **Drop off:** 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby (Building #5)
- **Pick up:** No later than 9:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby (Building #5)
- Dinner will be a Thanksgiving feast!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH: CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL SIGN UPS AND COSTUME PICK-UP

Every year we celebrate the birth of Jesus at our 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service with OPMC and the Early Education Center's Christmas Processional. Every child has the opportunity to be part of this tradition. Children from the age of 2-3 years old through 3rd Grade will wear costumes to bring the birth of Jesus to life! 4th-6th Graders will sing as a part of the JAM Choir during the service.

- Sign Ups and Costume Pickup: Sunday, November 17th in the Fellowship Hall from 9 AM- 12 PM

NOVEMBER 23-26: CLUB 456 FALL RETREAT TO HIGH FALLS STATE PARK IN JACKSON, GA

This year, Club 456 will be taking an incredible journey to High Falls State Park in Jackson, GA! This trip is a four day experience filled with staying in yurts, kayaking and swimming, mini golf, fishing, and nature hiking! We will also be attending Jackson United Methodist Church's Worship service on Sunday morning, followed by lunch at the famous Whistlestop Cafe from the movie, *Fried Green Tomatoes*!

- **Ages:** 4th- 6th Grade
- **Dates:** Saturday, November 23rd- Tuesday, November 26th
- **Location:** High Falls State Park in Jackson, GA
- **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, November 10th
- **Cost:** \$200



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Register by scanning the QR Code
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, December 8th
- Christmas Crafts, Games, Activities, and a Movie! Hot cocoa and a visit from Santa!
- \$20 for 1st child, \$15 for each additional child
- **Drop off:** 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby (Building #5)
- **Pick up:** No later than 9:30 PM in the Family Life Center Lobby (Building #5)



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH: CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL REHEARSAL

- Located in the OPMC Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Arrival for Costume Fitting & Adjustments
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH: KIDS CLUB & CLUB 456 CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH THE LEVER'S

Kids Club and Club 456 Members are invited to have a Christmas dinner with Pastor Lever and his wife, Sam, at their home. We will still meet at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall to begin our evening!

- **Ages:** Kids Club (K-3rd), Club 456 (4th-6th)
- **Date/Time:** Sunday, December 15th from 6:00- 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Pastor Lever's Home (Parsonage One Block from the Church)
- **Cost:** \$5

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND: KIDS CLUB & CLUB 456 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Kids Club and Club 456 Members will have a Christmas Party filled with games, cookie decorating, hot cocoa, and more! Our Christmas Party will take place during our regularly scheduled Sunday night programming.

- **Ages:** Kids Club (K-3rd), Club 456 (4th-6th)
- **Date:** Sunday, December 22nd from 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Fellowship Hall
- **Cost:** \$5

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH: CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL

- 3:30 PM: Processional Gathering with Refreshments in the Music Center
- 4:30 PM: Group Photo in Costumes in Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM: Processional Service Begins

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

FALL RETREAT

- Friday, November 15th- Sunday, November 17th
- 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: \$70



WINTER SKI RETREAT

- Thursday, January 2nd - Sunday, January 5th
- Stay at Boone UMC in Boone, NC
- 2 days of skiing or snowboarding at Appalachian Ski Mountain
- Cost: \$200



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 8th. 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 15th. The Progressive Dinner is free!

FUNDRAISERS

PUMPKIN PATCH

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

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 at 904-264-2241 ext. 243.

UPCOMING DATES

November 8th and December 13th

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, call Jason at 904-264-2241 ext. 282.

METHODIST MEN

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 16, 2024. 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 11, 2024
- 10 AM - 1:00 PM
- Family Life Center - eat in or take out
- Tickets \$12.00 - see a Methodist Man or pay at door

EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

We would like to thank all the people in the church who provided trunks for the Trunk or Treat night. The parents and families are so impressed with all the work that is done and the time that is dedicated to making this a fantastic night for all.

We will be talking to the children about being safe. The week of November 4th we will be talking to the children about the Presidential election on November 5th. This month we will be celebrating our military and Veterans who have children in the program.

Our themes for November are Fall, Leaves, Pumpkins and Scarecrows, Being Safe, Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, Native Americans, Turkeys, and Corn. Our Bible themes will be The Parable of the Pumpkin, Jacob's Dream/Jacob's Ladder, Fruits of the Spirit, and We are Thankful. We will be teaching the children about gratitude. They need to thank God for all they have received. 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 should carry our own load.

We will be inviting our families to the Thanksgiving Dinner that will be served on Tuesday, November 26th. More details are available in the EEC office.

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

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 6 - Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll and blueberry bread pudding

November 13 - Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, coleslaw and banana pudding

November 20 - BBQ Chicken, squash casserole, macaroni and cheese, roll, salad and a brownie

November 27 - No Wednesday night dinner due to our Annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 26th.

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 7:00 PM
Meets in Room 6203

Elizabeth Circle

Chair - Sandy Carlson (904-945-9346)
Meets 3rd Thursday at 9:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

Mary Lydia Circle

Chair - Cindy Koon (904-210-3546)
Meets 3rd Wednesday at 10:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

MUSIC MINISTRY

JAM AND CAROL CHOIR CONCERT

Mark your calendars, JAM and Carol choirs will present "The Big Fish" Musical on Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 PM right after Wonderful Wednesday Dinner. This is the story of Jonah and you won't want to miss it! They've been working hard. Please come support our children!

SYMPHONY CONCERTS

Interested in hearing the Jacksonville Symphony? Come join us! Transportation provided. If interested, call Martha or Ruth in the Music department at (904) 264-2241 x245.

Symphony Concerts coming up:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8- RODRIGO AND RAVEL'S BOLERO

- 7:30 pm concert
- Sign up deadline: November 1
- Ticket: \$33

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22- ALEXEI AND DVORAK'S CELLO CONCERTO

- 7:30 pm concert
- Sign up deadline: November 10
- Ticket: \$33

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT

- 7:30 pm concert

- Sign up deadline: November 15
- These seat are right up front so price is different
- Ticket: \$50

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 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Grant Jones from Florida Guardian ad Litem. Please bring a dish to go with Swedish Meatballs.

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

UPWARD

Our registration is well underway for our 18th Upward season. The league is co-ed, and includes K5-12th Grade. Registration will close on December 6th. Practices are once per week for each team (M, T, & Th). Practice will start the week after Thanksgiving and games start the first weekend in January (8 games running through 1st weekend in March). Evaluations and uniform sizing will be done in early November. Cost is \$100 per player. There is a \$10 discount for each additional child enrolled. For questions, contact the Program Director, Justus Dill, at justusdill98@gmail.com or 904-738-4833. Registration link and the volunteer registration link is provided below.

Registration Link: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86596>
Volunteer Link: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86596/volunteer>

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR SYMPATHY To

Wayne “Scotty” Scott
Barbara Sharp and family in the death of
her husband, Gary Sharp
Stacey and Stacey Whitehead in the death of their son,
Christian Whitehead

STAFF DIRECTORY

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NOVEMBER RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff and Kelly Provow	11/02	33 years
Marc and Nicole Fleming	11/04	18 years
Wayne and Wanda Tison	11/04	49 years
Bobby and Luanne Kemper	11/15	27 years
Tony and Belinda Spasoff	11/19	42 years
Dave Mosborg & Holly Fulton	11/28	15 years
Carlyle and Gayle Martin	11/29	44 years

BIRTHDAYS

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