



LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Praise Band Concert

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Russom String Ensemble

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & DINNER

Thursday, April 17, 2025 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 April 17, 2025
using a RSVP envelope found in the pew pockets
or by calling the church
office at 904-264-2241 x281

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 18, 2025
7:00 PM
Tenebrae Service with the Chancel Choir

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 20, 2025
9:30 and 11:00 AM

RESIDING HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME LUNCHEON

May 4, 2025 following the 11:00 AM Service

Free to everyone but you must have a reservation to attend
RSVP due by April 27, 2025

Please call the Church office at 904-264-2241 to make your reservation

Everyone is invited to attend!

MUSIC MISSION AUCTION

Friday, May 9th at 5:30 PM in the Gym

Admission is \$20 and includes dinner, a silent auction, live auction and entertainment.

The sole purpose of this auction is to provide additional funding for our choir ministry with regard to transportation, travel expenses, refurbishing of instruments as required and other expenses related to our choir ministry and mission.

Tickets can be purchased from any choir member, the music office or the church office.

If you have a new item or service to donate to the auction,
please contact the music department at 264-2241 x245.

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, APRIL 11TH: 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, April 6th!



SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH: OPMC & THE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 12th
- Cost: \$5 Per Person
- 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 years old to 3rd Grade.
- Invite your friends and family!
- Scan the QR Code to Register by Sunday, April 6th!



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2025

- 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 per camp
- To register your child, please visit www.opmethodist.org or email Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org
- Dates and activities are as follows:

KIDS CAMP DATES & ACTIVITIES

- Wednesday, June 4th: Horseback Riding at Batton Family

Ranch

- Wednesday, June 11th: Shrimping on the Amelia Island Shrimp Boat River Tour
- Wednesday, June 18th: Pinball Palace in Brunswick, GA
- Wednesday, June 25th: IMAX Theatres at Former World Golf Village
- Wednesday, July 2nd: Kingsland Train Ride in Kingsland, GA
- Wednesday, July 9th: St. Augustine Pirate Ship Cruise
- Wednesday, July 16th: Sweet Pete's Candy Making Class
- Wednesday, July 30th: Swimming at Madison Blue Springs

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2025 – EGYPT: JOSEPH'S JOURNEY

At Egypt VBC, everyone gets to explore first-hand the culture of Joseph's world. Alongside Joseph, they'll experience the heartbreaking trials, joyous victories, and tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero.

- Dates: July 21-25, 2025
- 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 Skate Station Skate Park, Tree Hill Nature Center, live camel rides, and Shipwreck Island Waterpark!

COST AND PAYMENTS:

- Participant Cost: \$200 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: \$85 per person (this cost covers field trips, shirt, and meals)
- Deadline for Registration & Final Payment- June 23rd
- To register your child, or to register as a volunteer, scan the QR Code:



Please contact Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org or (904) 264-2241 Ext. 243 for any questions about VBC!

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 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

- Friday, April 25th – Sunday, April 27th
- 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!
- Cost: \$70



WIFFLEBALL

- Each year we wind down the busy school semester by playing Wiffleball.
- Every Sunday Night in May.
- Open to all students 7th-12th grade.
- Dinner is \$5
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

SUMMER INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

- Friday, June 20th - Friday, June 27th
- Destination: Belize
- Mission Organization: Praying Pelican Missions



- Student Cost: \$800
- Chaperone Cost: \$1,200

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH DAY

- Tuesday June 3rd, 2025
- Destination: St. Augustine
- Cost: \$10



GAME NIGHT

- Tuesday, June 10th, 2025
- Destination: OPMC
- Cost: \$5



ICHETUCKNEE RIVER FLOAT

- Tuesday, June 17th, 2025
- Destination: Ichetucknee Springs
- Cost: \$25



SUMMER WAVES

- Tuesday, July 1st, 2025
- Destination: Jekyll Island
- Cost: \$35



MINI GOLF NIGHT

- Tuesday, July 8th, 2025
- Destination: Anastasia Mini Golf
- Cost: \$20



ST. SIMON'S ISLAND + PINBALL MUSEUM

- Tuesday, July 15th, 2025
- Destination: St. Simon's Island
- Cost: \$40



MOVIE NIGHT: THE FANTASTIC FOUR

- Tuesday, July 29th, 2025
- Destination: AMC Orange Park
- Cost: \$20



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. The next Parent's Night Out is April 11th.

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 such a great time for the children to be outside playing on the playground. Last month the children even found an upside-down rainbow. Look it up there really is such a thing and we were able to teach our children all about it.

Our curriculum themes will include: Teaching our children that they can pray and to show them how to do it, Let's Move it, How Things Grow, and Planting. Throughout gardening and planting week, we will take time to explain about God's World. We will also be talking to the children about how God makes people grow and how things in the world change.

Our Bible Stories will include The Good Samaritan, Easter, How Things Grow, Planting, Earth Day and How things change but God never does.

On April 14th, Vision is Priceless will come and test the vision of our children. This is a non-profit organization and they have found children who needed glasses. We appreciate their service. This month we will have a military service person come and give awards to our military children for Military Child Month. We will wear purple on April 15th to celebrate all military.

On April 22nd we will teach children about God and nature. Our Character trait for April is self-control – students will wear navy on April 25th.

We will have our Grand person lunch this month. Look for more information coming soon.

If you or your friends are interested in having your child attend the Early Education Center, registration is ongoing, please call the office at 904-264-7330 or email Pat at pnoonan@opmethodist.org

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

April 2 - Meat loaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll and blueberry cake

April 9 - Pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, cole slaw and banana pudding

April 16 - No Wonderful Wednesday dinner due to Maundy Thursday dinner. You must make reservations for the Maundy Thursday dinner

April 23 - BBQ Chicken, squash casserole, macaroni and cheese, roll, Caesar salad and strawberry cake

April 30 - Pot roast with potatoes, carrots and onions, roll, salad and cinnamon bread pudding

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, April 19, 2025. Please come join us in an open forum to discuss future programs and speakers. 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 has been busy preparing for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY - Chancel Choir, along with ReGeneration, JAM and Carol Choirs will be singing at the 11:00 AM service.

APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY - Chancel Choir

APRIL 18 - TENEBRAE SERVICE - Chancel Choir

APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY - Chancel Choir and Brass Quintet

FRIDAY MAY 9, 2025 - MUSIC AUCTION

Come join us for dinner, a live auction and silent auction and entertainment featuring a Jazz Ensemble.

JUNE 1 - 7 - REGENERATION CHOIR TOUR

ReGeneration is going on Tour to Pennsylvania. They will travel through history visiting Gettysburg Battlefield, Hershey Chocolate Factory and Amusement Park, the Amish Village, a sensational performance of "Noah" by Sight and Sounds Theater, and a quick stop in Washington DC! All are invited to join us for a Welcome Home concert on Saturday June 7th. ReGeneration parents, registration for the tour is still open. Here is the link: <https://vbspro.events/p/5853f6>.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will meet on April 8 at 5:00 PM in the Park Square Building, Room 1107 to make palm crosses. Everyone is invited to help! No experience needed! All supplies will be provided.

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, April 1, 2025 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Kathleen Spears from Waste Not, Want Not. Please bring a dish to go with Shepherds Pie.

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

Lee Lobello in the death of her great grandson,
Kevin Lobello
Deanna Graham in the death of her son, Blair Graham
Martha Reid in the death of her uncle, Mike Schulz
Marc Fleming in the death of his father, Steve Fleming

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Here is a listing of the upcoming committee meetings.

APRIL

Tuesday, April 1	Altar Guild
Tuesday, April 1	Trustee's Meeting
Monday, April 7	SPR Meeting
Monday, April 14	Finance Committee
Tuesday, April 15	Church Council

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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!

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.

APRIL
RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Eddie And Bev Dayrit	04/05	39 years
Russ and Sandy Carlson	04/06	57 years
Charlie and Ginger Aiken	04/07	63 years
Paul and Diane Burshuliak	04/07	41 years
Nicole and Jason Strong	04/09	14 years
Dick and Chris Keyworth	04/10	59 years
Sean and Amy Cronin	04/11	38 years
David and Ruth Boyer	04/16	54 years
Jon and Adrienne Mansen	04/16	21 years
Bob and Shirley Reynolds	04/17	65 years
Bob and Pat Johnson	04/20	34 years
Scott and Kelley Drawdy	04/24	32 years
Andrew and Michelle Mansen	04/29	8 years
Steve and Miriam Crowe	04/30	59 years

BIRTHDAYS

Brady Boyle	04/01	Anna Mather	04/17
Bradford Tolley	04/01	Carol Wright	04/18
Bonnie Bailey	04/02	Sheila Holder	04/18
Delaine Robertson	04/03	Savannah Olsson	04/18
Robbie Swart	04/03	Xiommy Lever	04/18
Mike Neglia	04/04	Carol Smith	04/19
Sandra Balestracci	04/04	Adeline Bryan	04/19
Audrey Freehafer	04/04	Pete Davis	04/20
Janet Connolly	04/05	Paul Frendahl	04/20
Pam Jacobs	04/05	Robyn Voigt	04/20
Diana Costea	04/05	Jeff Hill	04/20
Tina Martin	04/05	Robert Meadows	04/21
Barbara Broach	04/06	Julie Griffis	04/21
Hannah Broach	04/06	Brian Boatright	04/21
Hayden Roth	04/07	Carter Feuerborn	04/21
Jeffrey Lampos	04/07	Alex Pledger	04/21
Carol Visaggio	04/09	Terri Lee	04/22
Betty Sullivan	04/09	Glen Oakes	04/23
Susan Lampos	04/09	David Terry	04/24
Pat DeVries	04/10	Pat Dougher	04/25
Adam Drawdy	04/13	C. J. Brown	04/26
Emory Thomas	04/13	Micki Kramer	04/26
Madelyn Christofoli	04/14	Tonya Wilson	04/27
Alyson Morgan	04/14	Mario Hernandez	04/27
Maxwell Pledger	04/14	Kresten Mansen	04/27
Sue Frandsen	04/15	Adrienne Mansen	04/28
Jade King	04/15	Charley Dellinger	04/29
Carol Palmer	04/16	Holly Turner	04/29
Gavin Chandler	04/16	Barbara Evans	04/29
Carlee Griffis	04/16	Claire Evans	04/29
Beth Walker	04/16	Stafford Davis	04/30
Lowell Steely	04/16	Gretchen Brechler	04/30
Ross Arrowood	04/16	Zachary Banks	04/30
Gray Chandler	04/17	Landon Manning	04/30
Keller Volpe	04/17		