



**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 25, 2025

A THANKSGIVING FEAST

Immediately following our
Thanksgiving Service
In the Family Life Center

PRIME RIB DINNER

with Seasoned 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)

RESERVATION AND PREPAYMENT REQUIRED

RSVP by November 16th
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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH: CHRISTMAS EVE 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 9th in the Fellowship Hall from 9 AM – 12 PM.

NOVEMBER 14 - 16: CLUB 456 FALL RETREAT TO NORTH FLORIDA CHRISTIAN CAMP IN KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL

This year, Club 456 will be taking a trip to the North Florida Retreat Christian Camp in Keystone Heights! There will be ziplining, lake activities & swimming, and much more!

- **Ages:** 4th - 6th Grade Club 456 Members
- **Dates:** November 14th-16th
- **Location:** North Florida Christian Camp in Keystone Heights
- **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, November 10th
- **Cost:** \$80



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT THANKSGIVING PARTY: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

- Thanksgiving feast, crafts, games, and a movie on the big screen!
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, November 16th
- \$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 Family Life Center Lobby (Building #5)



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Register no later than Sunday, December 8th by scanning the QR Code
- Christmas Crafts, Games, Dinner, Hot Cocoa, a Visit from Santa and watch the classic movie, The Polar Express!

- \$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)
- Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas garb for a photo with Santa!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH: 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

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

- 4:30 PM: Group Photo in Costumes in Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM: Processional Service Begins

SAVE THE DATE!

December 14th – Kids Club and Club 456 Dinner with the Levers

December 21st – Kids Club and Club 456 Christmas Party

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 14th– Sunday, November 16th
- Location: North Florida Christian Camp - Lakeside Lodge
- 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.

WINTER RETREAT: ROCK THE UNIVERSE

- Friday, January 23rd - Sunday, January 25th, 2026
- Rock the Universe is an unforgettable weekend of faith and fun. On Friday the 23rd and Saturday the 24th January 2026, experience powerful beats from Christian Music's brightest stars and thrilling rides at Universal Studios Florida.
- Registration Deadline: December 7th
- Cost: \$150
- Register by scanning the QR code:



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 14th. The Progressive Dinner is free!

FUNDRAISERS

PUMPKIN PATCH

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

UPCOMING PNO DATES:

November 21st and December 12th

Please reach out to our Children's Director Ellen Despres at edespres@opmethodist.org to register as a Parent's Night Out volunteer.

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

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. The parents appreciate that the church members provide them with this time to spend with their children.

This month we will be celebrating our military and Veterans who have children in the program. We appreciate them and their service to our country.

Our themes for November are: Being Safe, Fall, Leaves, Pumpkins and Scarecrows, 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.

Our Character Trait for November will be Responsibility. They will learn that each of us should carry our own load and help when needed

On November 20th we will have our Grand-person Lunch thanking all the special people in our children's lives. We will also be having a Book Fair starting November 17. The books will be provided by Paper Pie and will have a wonderful selection of books for the whole family.

We will be inviting our families to the Thanksgiving service and dinner that will be served on Tuesday, November 25th.

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
Non-season reservations must be made weekly.
Please call 904-264-2241 ext. 278
SEASON TICKETS - ADULTS - \$28
AND CHILDREN - \$20

November 5 - Hawaiian pork with rice and gravy, field peas, sweet potato casserole, roll, coleslaw and pineapple upside down cake

November 12 - BBQ chicken, broccoli, succotash, cornbread, coleslaw, strawberry cake with icing

November 19 - Pot roast with gravy, carrots, lima beans, potatoes, garlic bread, salad and chocolate cake

November 26 - No dinner due to Thanksgiving dinner on November 25th

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 15, 2025. 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 2, 2025
- 10 AM - 1:00 PM
- Family Life Center - eat in or take out
- Tickets \$12.00 - see a Methodist Man or pay at door

ORANGE PARK METHODIST WOMEN

COME JOIN A CIRCLE

Deborah Circle

Chair - Connie Eden (904-343-5612)
Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 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 Tuesday at 10:30 AM
Meets in Fellowship Hall

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Jacksonville Symphony Concert series is starting this month. The first concert is Friday November 7th. If you are interested in going call the music center office at 904-264-2241 ext. 245. Tickets are \$35.00 and we will be sitting in the Terrace located above the stage. We will meet at 6:00 PM in the church parking lot. There are still some seats available for the Holiday Pops Concert on Friday December 5th. Tickets for the Holiday Pops is \$55.00. Below is the schedule for all of the concerts in this series:

- Friday November 7th - Appalachian Spring
- Friday December 5th - Holiday Pops (Tickets \$55.00)
- Friday January 9th - John William's America
- Friday January 16th - Bruckner's Majestic Eighth
- Friday February 13th - Romeo & Juliet: Tchaikovsky & Bernstein
- Friday March 6th - Mozart & More: Concertos for Two Pianos
- Friday March 27th - Barber & Mendelssohn
- Friday May 15th - Beethoven's Triple & Brahms
- Friday June 5 - Rachmaninoff's Third

All concerts will be Terrace seating, tickets \$35.00 (Holiday Pops \$55.00)

ATTENTION: ALL TLC/ReGENERATION ALUMNI - Save the Date Wednesday, December 24th. Come join ReGeneration at the 11:00 PM service and welcome in Christmas Day together. There will be a gathering at 10:00 PM and rehearsal at 10:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing you all again!

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Come join a choir! With the new school year starting this is a perfect time to join a choir. There are choirs for everyone from ages 5 years to 99+ years. Everyone is welcome!

CAROL CHOIR - K through 3rd grade - meets Sunday at 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM in the Music Center

- Carol Choir is part of the Sunday Kids Club and sings several Sundays through out the year.

JAM (Jesus A.nd M.e Choir) - 4th through 6th grade - meets Sundays at 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the Music Center

- JAM Choir is part of Club 456 on Sundays and sings for several services, including World Communion, Christmas Eve Processional, their own Children's musical and goes on an annual choir trip.

ReGENERATION - 7th through 12th grade - meets Sundays 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM in the Music Center

- ReGeneration is a vocal youth ensemble who sings for Worship services throughout the year including Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter. They present a Dinner

Theater in the Spring and go on a Choir Tour in the summer.

- CHANCEL CHOIR** - Adult Choir - meets Thursdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the Music Center
- The Chancel Choir involves singers with varying levels of experience. They sing for the 11:00 AM worship service every Sunday and for Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter.

- INSPIRATIONS** - Women's Choir - meets Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Music Center Rehearsal Room
- The Inspirations is a Women's choir for experienced singers. They sing several Sundays throughout the year including Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter.

- DYNAMICS** - Men's Choir - meets Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Music Center Room 2103
- The Dynamics is a Men's choir for experienced singers. They sing several Sundays throughout the year including Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter.

- CHANCEL BELLS** - meets Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary
- The Chancel Bells play several Sundays throughout the year. Music reading skills are helpful but not required.

- PRAISE BAND** - meets Tuesdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary
- The Praise Band sings for the 9:00 AM worship service every Sunday and for Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent and Easter. Please contact Nick Despres if you are interested in the Praise Band at (904) 264-2241 ext. 236.

If you are interested in any of the choirs or have questions please call the Music Center 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, November 4th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Missions. Please bring a dish to go with soup.

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

Ken Johnson in the death of his brother, Mike Johnson
Joanna Armistead in the death of her husband,
Richard Armistead
The family of Kitty Baker
The family of Ken Plummer

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NOVEMBER RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff and Kelly Provow	11/02	34 years
Marc and Nicole Fleming	11/04	19 years
Wayne and Wanda Tison	11/04	50 years
Tony and Belinda Spasoff	11/19	43 years
Dave Mosborg & Holly Fulton	11/28	16 years
Carlyle and Gayle Martin	11/29	45 years

BIRTHDAYS

Martha Avinger	11/01	Gaye Maconi	11/18
Cyleta Boyle	11/01	Kathy Dugger	11/19
Jason Williams	11/01	Elfrick Gonzalez	11/19
Jameson Butacan	11/01	Cynthia Schoolfield	11/20
Margaret Koloskee	11/02	Heather Schlichtman	11/21
Christine Sullivan	11/02	Scott Thomas	11/21
Jacob Knafelc	11/02	Rick Schimmel	11/21
Tyler Schutter	11/02	Riley Harwood	11/21
Maclin Gutierrez	11/02	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
Alejandra Hernandez	11/10	Hannah Nibert	11/24
Tinsley Butacan	11/11	Linda Bowles	11/25
Elaine Unkles	11/12	Mary Dalzell	11/26
Karen Gebhard	11/13	Dottie Degeneffe	11/26
Sue Dellinger	11/14	Jack Frandsen	11/26
Jane Hofmann	11/15	Justus Dill	11/27
Lee Merrill	11/17	Miriam Crowe	11/27
Pat Meeks	11/17	Kyle Fields	11/30
Ellen Hill	11/17	Sofia Hernandez	11/30
Teri Toole	11/18		