



ADVENT SERVICE AND BRUNCH

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025**

**Come and Join
Our Church Family
for An Advent Service of Celebration
And An
Advent Brunch**

**ADVENT SERVICE
OF
CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING
10 AM in the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**AN ADVENT BRUNCH
Immediately following our
Advent Day Service
In the Family Life Center**

**ADVENT BRUNCH CUISINE
Eggs, Ham, Bacon, Sausage Patties,
French Toast, Sausage Gravy
Biscuits, Breakfast Potatoes,
Cheese Grits, Baked Apples
and Mini Muffins
\$8 per Adult
Children 3 - 12 are \$5
2 and younger are free
(Reservations Required for All Who Attend)**

**RESERVATION AND PREPAYMENT REQUIRED
RSVP by December 14th by
filling out an RSVP envelope with your payment
RSVP envelopes will be in the pews**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

5:00 PM

**A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
FEATURING THE CHILDREN OF ORANGE PARK METHODIST
AND THE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER**

7:00 PM

**"A SERVICE OF
LESSONS, CAROLS AND CANDLES"
FEATURING THE CHANCEL CHOIR
AND A STRING ENSEMBLE**

9:00 PM

**"A SERVICE OF
LESSONS, CAROLS AND CANDLES"
FEATURING THE REGENERATION CHOIR
AND TLC ALUMNI**

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, 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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH: 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 14th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Pastor Lever's Home (Parsonage One Block from the Church)
- **Cost:** None

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST: 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 21st from 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Fellowship Hall
- **Cost:** \$5

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!

January 16th – Parent's Night Out

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

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.
- Cost: \$150

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!

DINNER WITH THE LEVERS

- Sunday, December 21st
- Dinner with Dr. Lever and his wife Sam (we will walk to their house)
- White Elephant Gift Exchange. (\$10 gift)
- 5:30 – 7:30 PM

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

- 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:



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 DATES

December 12th

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 we will be talking to the children about weather, Christmas and providing many activities, books and crafts with a Christmas theme. Some of these crafts will be presents for parents to open up on Christmas Day. Our children will be told the story of the birth of Christ and create crafts to remember this glorious event. We know how important it is to teach our students the real meaning of Christmas and about God's love for them.

We will have our annual visit from Santa so that the children can meet Santa, who is kind and caring and well-loved by the children. We will be taking pictures that will be given to the parents for Christmas.

Our Bible Stories will be Noah's Ark, Christmas: Jesus is Born/Who is Jesus, Christmas Heroes of the Christmas Story, Christmas: The Legend of the Christmas Tree and Keep the Christmas Spirit in the New Year.

Our children have been practicing very hard with Mr. Nick to be in the procession with the Church children on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 PM service at the Children's Pageant on Wednesday, December 24th.

REMEMBER TO TELL FAMILY AND FRIENDS that we are enrolling children for full-time care, and our hours are 6:30 AM until 6:00 PM. Unlike most childcare facilities, we only close for six days out of the year. If you know of anyone who may be interested in working at the Early Education Center, please call Pat at (904) 704-9762.

The Early Education Center will be here throughout the Christmas season caring for all of your wonderful children that we have grown to love. All of the staff at The Early Education Center want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very blessed and safe New Year!

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

December 3 - Chicken Parmesan with noodles, zucchini, corn, garlic bread, salad and apple crisp
December 10 - Salisbury Steak with gravy, roasted carrots, garlic mashed potatoes, roll, salad and brownie with fudge icing

Dinners will start up again on January 7, 2025.

All Menus are subject to change.

PRICE CHANGE IN 2026

We are announcing a price change for our Wonderful Wednesday dinners. Effective in January 2026, dinner prices will be \$8 for adults and children will be \$6. January and February season ticket prices will be \$56 for adults and \$48 for children.

ORANGE PARK METHODIST MEN

There will be no December meeting for the Methodist Men. Please plan to attend on January 17th.

MISSIONS

ANGEL TREE

Once again this year, the Department of Children and Families is grateful to Orange Park Methodist, for buying gifts for the children currently in Foster Care. Already

feeling displaced, this gifts will provide joy & hope! The Angel Tree with names from all ages, will be located in the Family Life Center Gym, from November 23 until December 7. There will also be angels on the tree for the OPHS Backpack ministry.' Please contact Tracy Frandsen with questions. (904)514-0298.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SYMPHONY CONCERT SERIES

The Jacksonville Symphony Concert series is starting this month. 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. Below is the schedule for all of the concerts in this series:

- 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.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CANTATA—DECEMBER 7TH AT 9:30 AND 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

Performed by the Chancel Choir "A Christmas Masterpiece" is the Christmas story told with classic carols and worship songs arranged by Tom Fettke. From dynamic fanfares to gentle acapella singing you will enjoy how these songs and medleys, weave together the very best from classic worship songs and beloved hymns.

HANDBELL CONCERTS

The Handbells will be performing on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 PM at Fleming Island Library and on Tuesday, December 9th at the Orange Park Library. This program will consist of Christmas hymns played on handbells and chimes.

CHRISTMAS EVE - 9:00 PM SERVICE TLC/ReGENERATION ALUMNI

You are invited to join us for Christmas Eve, 9:00 PM service! We meet at 10:15 pm, eat, catch up, and rehearse the music. We love seeing all of you! Help us spread the word!

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 (J.esus 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, December 2nd at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Music with Belinda Shupe. Bring your favorite appetizer.

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

The family of Virginia McCampbell
Toby Coussens in the death of his wife, Janyce Coussens
Bill Kennedy in the death of his father, Elwin Kennedy

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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DECEMBER RECOGNITIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

James and Bonnie Gorman	12/02	58 years
Jim and Dolores Pierson	12/06	67 years
Peter and Wanda Hellman	12/13	56 years
Jeff and Julie Hill	12/21	23 years
Gordon and Linda Reynolds	12/21	39 years
Mike and Robin Bossinger	12/22	18 years
Rod and Mary Virginia Fisher	12/24	43 years
Martha and Jerry Avinger	12/27	56 years
Mike and Linda Zelenka	12/27	56 years
Mike and Deborah Terry	12/27	50 years
Ben and Mary Miciano	12/28	48 years

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Renehan	12/01	Becky Wall	12/16
Linda Reynolds	12/02	Ian Killian	12/16
Tim Helms	12/03	Charles Costea	12/17
Jan Shockley	12/03	Joshua Volpe	12/17
Trey Wilkins	12/04	Wanda Tison	12/18
Ruth Loomis	12/05	Kyle Schutter	12/18
Cyndy Barnes	12/05	Dan Schultz	12/19
Stacey White	12/05	Lynda Schmierer	12/20
Linda Stubbs	12/05	Mona Gardella	12/20
Paul Cummins	12/06	Frank Putnam	12/20
Isabella Costea	12/06	Sandy Davis	12/20
Sharon Summers	12/07	Josef Banks	12/20
Dianna White	12/08	Judith Matthews	12/20
Robin Stowers	12/08	Noel Flowers	12/23
Jillian King	12/08	Doug Schutter	12/24
Louise Crowe	12/09	Marcia Figueroa	12/24
Curtis Schmidt	12/10	Cathy Jones	12/24
Mary Miciano	12/10	John Bowles	12/25
Kate Bowles	12/11	Allen Turpish	12/25
Ridge Corbin	12/11	Janet Robertson	12/26
Pat Osbron	12/11	Alisa Jones	12/26
Dick Frain	12/11	Galen Bills	12/27
Linda Jones	12/12	Holly Fulton	12/27
Marlena Schmitt	12/12	Bob Harvey	12/27
Debbie White	12/13	Ronald Adams	12/28
Ben Reid	12/13	Ben Miciano	12/28
Traci Foreman	12/14	James Gorman	12/28
Courtney Evans	12/14	Linda Yow	12/29
Cindy Koon	12/14	Bob Reynolds	12/29
Bill Adams	12/16	Maxwell Wilder	12/29
Bruce Alexander	12/16	Loree French	12/30
Charlie Yow	12/16	William Gebhard	12/30
Tom Lee	12/16	Kathy Roberts	12/30
Harold Voigt	12/16	Daniel Adams	12/31