Oak Grove NEWS

October 25, 2026

STAY CONNECTED TO OGUMC

Sunday, October 25, 2026

8:30a Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:30a Sunday School (all ages)	Various
10:45a Modern Worship	Fellowship Hall
11:00a Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
4:00p Board of Stewards Meeting	207
4:30p High School Youth Choir	Parlor
6:00p Trunk or Treat	Back Parking Lot
6:30p Wesley Ringers	Parlor

Monday, October 26, 2026

10:00a Worship Meeting	207
6:30p Grief Support Group	101
6:30p Practicing the Way Monday Group	203
7:00p Momco	Youth Hall
7:30p Adult Volleyball	Gym

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

10:30a Tuesday Bible Study	101
11:00a Story Time in the Park	Playground
1:30p Afternoon Choir	218
4:00p Story Time in the Park	Playground
7:00p Disciple Bible Study	203
7:30p Tuesday Bells	Parlor
7:30p Troop 77 Meeting	Scout Hall
7:30p Oak Grove Family Nar-anon Group	101

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

9:30a Gigi's Playhouse	Youth Hall
9:30a MomCo	Youth Hall
10a Prayers and Squares	L. Palmer's House
5:00p Midweek Communion Svc	Grand Hall
5:00p Midweek Dinner	Fellowship Hall
5:30p Kid's Bells	Parlor
6:00p Blessing Bags	Youth Lobby
6:00p Practicing the Way Group	101
6:00p Children's Choirs	Various
6:00p Youth Dodgeball	Gym
7:15p Chancel Choir	Parlor
8:00p Modern Band Rehearsal	F/H

Thursday, October 29, 2026

12:30p Mobile Soup Kitchen Prep	F/H
6:30p WOW Women's Bible Study Group	101

Friday, October 30, 2026

12:00p Soup Kitchen Delivery	Away

Saturday, October 31, 2026

9:00a Pickle Ball League	Gym

Fellowship Hall (F/H), Grand Hall (G/H)

CHURCHWIDE NEWS

Spooky is our annual food drive that happens each year. Donations go to the Toco Hills Community Alliance, as well as to other local centers providing food to those in need. **Here is how you can help:** • Dropping bags at neighbors' doorsteps around October 30 or 31. We request food and hygiene items. We also have an online donation option. • Collecting filled bags on Saturday, Nov 7 and delivering to church between 10 am and 3 pm. • Sorting and packing food in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Nov 7. **Sign up on the church website.** If you would like to participate on an organizing committee, please contact Ellen Kersh (ekersh6@gmail.com).

PICK UP YOUR SPOOKY BAGS for distribution to your neighbors:

October 18 - In Grand Hall near the stairs, between church services and after 11 am worship
October 25 - In Grand Hall near the stairs, between church services and after 11 am worship
October 28 - In Fellowship Hall before and during Wednesday night supper.

Oak Grove UMC is partnering with UMCOR to offer the Chainsaw Protocol and Certification Class on Saturday, November 14, from 8:30 am to 5 pm. This training equips participants to use a chainsaw safely in areas that are impacted by natural disasters. It includes classroom instruction and hands-on demonstrations. All necessary materials are provided for training purposes. To learn more contact **Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall** or **Mike Miller**, *Oak Grove's Early Response Team leader.*

Friday, November 13, at 11 am-noon in room 203. Abuse – whether psychological, technological, financial, or physical – is sometimes hard to recognize in elderly people. This training, provided by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Division of Aging Services, will inform us on the signs to look for to understand whether your loved one, someone you visit, or even you yourself, may be experiencing abuse. We will also learn what steps to take if we suspect abuse. Lay ministers are strongly encouraged to participate. There is no cost for the event, but registration is appreciated.

• YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS •

THE OG YOUTH

Grades 6 through 12

Linktree

Sign Up for all Youth events at Linktree.

Confirmation AT Oak Grove UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 25 – Jesus
Nov 1 – Holy Spirit
Nov 8 – Trinity

Acolytes

Sign up to serve at 8:30 or 11 worship.

Contact C.J. if you have questions: cjlord@ogumc.org

Trinity Christmas Party

Sunday, November 22

Meet: Youth Hall 5:30 pm

Back: ~8 pm

REGISTER at Linktree

Have dinner in Youth Hall, then Travel to Trinity Community Ministries for a festive night! We'll help decorate the home, play games, and decorate cookies with the residents.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct 25, 6-7 pm

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 10/25

Host a trunk with your D-group.

WEDNESDAY • NIGHTS •

5 pm

Midweek Communion

You are invited to a weekly 30 minute worship service with music, a short sermon, and Holy Communion at 5 pm in Grand Hall.

MIDWEEK

Dinner is served from 5 – 6 pm

Reservations must be made by Monday at noon of each week: ogumc.org/news.

Meal pricing is $10.00 per person over 3 years of age. Children 3 years and under eat for free.

Family plan is $30 for 2 adults and 2 or more children or 1 adult and 3 or more children.

Pre-paid reservations are encouraged. One serving line will be designated for those who pre-pay.

Menu for October 28:

Baked Chicken, Yellow Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

6 pm Program

What if prayer became more than something we do - it became a way of being with God? As part of our Practicing the Way discipleship journey, you are invited to join a 4-week small group experience focused on the spiritual practice of prayer. We are exploring what it means to talk to God, talk with God, listen to God, and be with God. We're discovering practical ways to include prayer in our daily lives and create space to experience God with us. These groups began last week following midweek dinner but you may still join one. Groups will also meet throughout the week. Learn more and find a group at ogumc.org/discipleship or speak with Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall (mkime-hall@ogumc.org).

$25 Kroger Cards for Veterans

Help Veterans in our community this month by donating $25 Kroger gift cards for distribution by Hope Atlanta. Their mission is to help Georgians avoid homelessness and hunger through a comprehensive approach that equips people with the tools for lifelong stability. This year Hope Atlanta has already enrolled close to 1,000 Veterans in their programs, and these gift cards help with both gas and groceries. Gift cards can be donated in the offering box in the portico and donations can be made at ogumc.org/donate. Thank you for lending a helping hand to Veterans in our community experiencing food insecurity and homelessness.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In the Hospital...
Carol Patterson – Emory Clifton

New Concerns...
Bobbe Corbett

For a list of persons to pray for on our community prayer list, contact the church office.

Continued Prayers...
Johnny Alexander, Fred Andrieni, Chuck Bailey, Martha Farr Baker, Cindy Balte, Wendell Barnes, Alana Brunson, Tony Callaway, Gene Carroll, Linda Chambliss, Kay Childs, Chris Chilton, Keren Clay, Bill Cole, Nancy Crovatt, Marijo Culwell, Betsy Dasher, Michelle Decker, Dean Dragstedt, Jinx Eberhart, Paige Fitts, Charlie Fiveash, Martha Gaston, Jack Graves, Vicky Graves, Billie Sue Groutas, Elaine Grubbs, David Harte, Regina Haynes, Barbara Higgins-Mamay, Karen Holt, Chris Javo, Karen Javo, Nikki Javo, Carolyn Jeffares, Kathi Johnson, Adam Kallal, Lucie Kenimer, Danny Langford, Carol Linder, Marie Lott, Nell Loveless, Margaret Lowe, Laurie Marion, Cammie McCarvey, Ed McCarvey, Chris McDaniel, Julene Miller, David Mobley, Terry Mulvey, Helene Muth, Jim Mynatt, Marianne Narde, Pat Nelson, Laura Palmer, Ginny Parks, Elizabeth Pentecost, Philip Pingree, Barbara Polstra, Tristan Pratt, Sylvia Purcell, Martha Richards, Nancy Rodgers, Cordella Sambrone-Darkins, Shirley Seufert, Debbie Tate, Doris Barnette Thompson, Al Walker, Bull Wallace, Bill Walsh, Diane Young

Serving in Our Armed Forces...
2ndLt Alex Burgess, 2ndLt Andrew Gray, Major Rick Larango, Cpl. Nate Porterfield, Cdr. Andrew Pruiett

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Oak Grove UMC will hold its annual Charge Conference on Sunday, November 1, in Grand Hall at 2:30 pm. Rev. Dr. Eric Lee, District Superintendent, will preside. Members of the Board of Stewards are voting members, however, all are invited to attend.

Weekly Numbers

Our Giving

Weekly Giving	$18,064.40
Month-to-Date Giving	$91,833.20
Year-to-Date Giving	$1,963,009.14
Seasonal Year-to-Date Goal	$1,920,461.59
Difference	($42,547.55)

The seasonal year-to-date represents the Year to Date amounts for the prior year.

MEMORIALS

through October 19, 2026

TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND IN MEMORY OF
Anne Patterson
by Molly Cogswell and Gerson Paull
Rosemary Ramsey

Calling all Oak Grove church and community artists and crafters! The Advent Market is coming back to Midweek on Wednesday, November 18 from 5-7 pm. We will offer a variety of hand-crafted items, such as paintings, pottery, glass, ornaments, and more. Mark your calendars – this is a great opportunity to support local artists while checking off your Christmas shopping list.

And, please help us spread the word to other local artists! In order to accommodate our community vendors 1 (one) 6 ft x 3 ft table will be available per vendor on a first come, first serve basis. There is no fee or table charge for vendors and setup may begin at 4 pm on the day of the event. For more information or to reserve a table at this year's Advent Market, please register at ogumc.org/news (registration closes on November 11).

Life is messy. But death? That can be even messier.

SENIOR ADULT
LUNCH BUNCH

Tue, Nov 3
11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Rachel Donnelly
of AfterLight

Keep your loved ones from inheriting a mess!

Join us for Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, November 3, at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall, for a topic that applies to ALL of us. The average estate takes over 500 hours and over a year to settle, and most of that pain lands on someone who had no idea what they were walking into. Rachel Donnelly, After Loss Professional, founder of AfterLight and author of *Late to Your Own Funeral,* shares real stories from families she's worked with and the five practical steps that keep your loved ones from inheriting a mess. You'll learn what documents you really need, how to organize what you own and owe, why your digital life matters more than you think, and how to make sure your executor isn't left guessing. Spoiler: "I'll get to it later" isn't a plan. You'll leave knowing what to do next, not feeling morbid about it. **REGISTER** by Sunday, November 1 at ogumc.org/news.

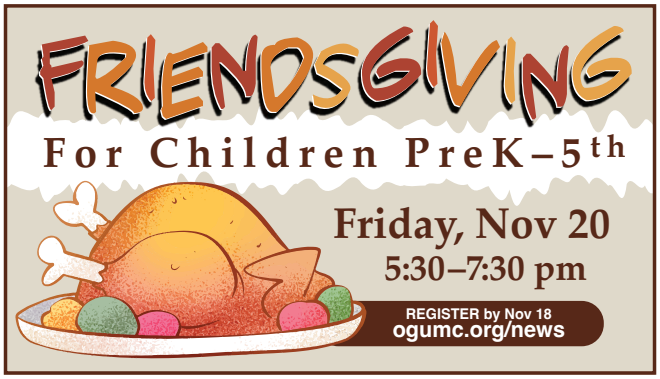
OGUMC's Drama Ministry presents Truman Capote's ***A Christmas Memory***, adapted for a theatrical reading. Three performances will be held: Thursday, **November 19 at 7:30 pm, Friday, November 20 at 7:30 pm,** and **Saturday, November 21 at 2:30 pm.** Performances will be held in Fellowship Hall (approximately one hour). This heart-warming tale presents Capote's narrative of his own childhood growing up in southern Alabama during the Great Depression, and his endearing friendship with his cousin, an older woman he calls Sook. Together, they experience the joy of the season through baking fruit cakes, cutting their own tree, and flying kites. A small ensemble cast and crew share a uniquely inspired telling of this classic tale.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

3 year olds are invited to Play & Pray in room 223. This drop off event event is for children in the 3 year old Preschool-grade (who turn 3 by Sept 1 2026). We'll have lunch, and we'll learn about how God is with us always: through our friends and family and even in our play. Register by Wed, November 4. You do not need to be a member to attend.

Parents of babies, we want to celebrate each new life that has come into the world this past year with a special video that will be shown in worship, a gift for your little one, and a brief reception after worship in Grand Hall. **Please register your little one for the video at ogumc.org/news and send us two photos for the slideshow by October 28.**

Children's Ministry is offering a grief workshop for children who have lost someone they love. This loss may be recent or long past and still on their minds and hearts. On Sunday, November 15 from 1:30-2:30 pm, come to 223. Parents are encouraged to drop off their children and return at 2:15 pm for a closing family activity. We will be using the following books to guide our time: *The Memory Box, Popi's All Souls Song*, and *Little Mole Finds Hope*. What to bring: a box and a few special things to put in the box to remember the loved one who has died. There is no cost, and you do not need to be a member to attend. Contact Elizabeth (Eloughran@ogumc.org) with questions.



Children Prek-5th grade are invited to our second Annual Friendsgiving on Friday, Nov 20 from 5:30-7:30p. Dinner is provided and your child is welcome to bring a NUT-FREE dish if they would enjoy helping in this way. We'll play games and talk about being grateful to God for all that we have been entrusted. Register by Nov 18. You do not need to be a member to attend.

Children's Christmas Eve Service Sign-up
On December 24th at 3 pm, children in grades 3 to 5 will be presenting the story of Jesus' birth in the Sanctuary with costume, readings, songs, and art. Children in grades 3 to 5 who want to be part of telling this story at our 3 pm Christmas Eve service should register by Sunday, Nov 15. Practices will be 1-2:30 pm, Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, and Dec 20.

Today's Worship Servants:

Acolytes: (8:30): Seth Schillie, Spencer Schillie
(11:00): Mary Collier Woolley

Altar Guild: Randee Cook, Tryllis Hallford, Sally Houghton

Sound/Livestream: Billie Williams, Ricci Valldejuli

Ushers: John Adams, Charlie Beckham, Jack Chilton, Kim Cody, Kelly Ewing, Clint Ginn, *John Hancock, Joseph Hancock, Sherry Hancock, Dan Riedford, Jim Smith, Kurt Travis, Lillian Travis, Linda Travis, Bill Widmayer *Usher Captain

Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

ONLINE: 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship
ONLINE: 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.
Facebook: facebook.com/ogumc.org
YouTube: youtube.com/ogumc

Our Pastors

Dr. Doug Gilreath – *Senior Pastor*	ext. 211
Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall – *Pastor of Service and Nurture*	ext. 236
Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Connection and Digital Ministry*	ext. 212
Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*	

Our Program Staff

Rachel Fullerton – Executive Director	ext. 220
Georgia Moore – Assistant to the Senior Pastor	ext. 225
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Elizabeth Loughran – Director of Children's Ministry	ext. 218
C.J. Lord – Director of Youth Ministries	ext. 202
John Cowden – Director of Traditional Music Ministry	ext. 226
Krisy Kuo – Director of Senior Adult Ministries	ext. 242
Leanne Herrmann – Organist	

Our Church Information

Church Office	**404-636-7558**
Office Hours	9 a.m. – 5 p.m. M–Th
Emergency Contact After Hours	ext. 9
Address	1722 Oak Grove Road, Decatur, GA 30033
Website	www.ogumc.org

Our School

Oak Grove Christian School	404-636-5476

Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that Thursday 12 pm is the deadline for information that you would like to add to the Oak Grove News. This will enable your article to appear in the following week's bulletin.

VISIT the Oak Grove website: ogumc.org and pull down "FORMS". Fill out your information. *Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted.Thank you!*

Connect With Us

Check the Oak Grove website for up-to-the-minute news on all events: www.ogumc.org/news.

Make Sure You Stay in Constant Contact

Information on our ministries, news, and upcoming events is shared through our ConstantContact weekly congregational email. If your email address changes during the year, please contact Diane O'Steen, Membership/Database Admin., (dosteen@ogumc.org or 404-636-7558 ext.221).