Oak Grove NEWS

November 1, 2026

STAY CONNECTED TO OGUMC

Sunday, November 1, 2026

8:30a Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:30a Sunday School (all ages)	Various
10:45a Modern Worship	Fellowship Hall
11:00a Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12p Honduras Mission Trip Info Meeting	102
12p New Baby Reception	Grand Hall
2:30p Charge Conference	Grand Hall
2:30p Music Makers Rehearsal	Parlor
3:45p Youth Bells	Parlor
4:30p HS Youth Choir	Parlor
5p MS/HS Youth Choir Combined	Parlor
5:30p Youth Fellowship	Youth Hall
5:30p MS Youth Choir	Parlor
6:30p Wesley Ringers	Parlor

Monday, November 2, 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, November 3, 2026

11:30 Senior Adult Lunch Bunch	F/H
1:30p Afternoon Choir	218
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, November 4, 2026

9:30a MomCo	Youth Hall
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, November 5, 2026

12:30p Mobile Soup Kitchen Prep	F/H
7:00p WOW Women's Bible Study Group	101

Friday, November 6, 2026

12:00p Soup Kitchen Delivery	Away

Saturday, November 7, 2026

8a It's Spooky to be Hungry sorting	F/H
9a Pickle Ball League	Gym

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

CHURCHWIDE NEWS

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.

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

Nov 1 – Holy Spirit
Nov 8 – Trinity
Nov 13-15 – Confirmation Retreat

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.

OAK GROVE YOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

PREORDER YOUR TREE

SCAN QR CODE

Pre-Order Christmas trees and Wreaths to help support the Oak Grove Youth ministry. You can pick up your tree starting the afternoon of Wed, November 25.

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** (mkime-hall@ogumc.org) or **Mike Miller**, *Oak Grove's Early Response Team leader.*

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.

Menu for November 4:
Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, Dessert

Advent Market

Wednesday
November 18
5-7pm
Grand Hall

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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR

New Concerns...
Greg Casarella

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, Bobbe Corbett, 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, Carol Patterson, 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

Recent Baptisms...
Scott Jay Schillie

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Cathy Riedford

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 Presence	October 25, 2026
8:30 – Traditional Worship Service	44
10:45 – Modern Worship Service	111
11:00 – Traditional Worship Service	290
Modern – online	61
Traditional – online	127
Midweek Communion	19
Sunday School Attendance	186
Total	**652**

Our Giving

Weekly Giving	$62,492.00
Month-to-Date Giving	$154,325.20
Year-to-Date Giving	$2,025,501.14
Seasonal Year-to-Date Goal	$1,920,461.59
Difference	($105,039.55)

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 Carol Bates
Louis and Dale Miller
Becky Mynatt
Missy and Phil Perry
Bill and Susan Widmayer
Carol Wright
JoAnn Wright

TO THE LIBRARY FUND
IN MEMORY OF
Anne Patterson
by Hope Sunday School Class
Midweek Book Club
Jill Smith
by Becky Mynatt

TO THE MEMORIAL FUND
IN MEMORY OF
Virginia Rice
by Linda Mason Barber
Deborah and Scott Burton
Paula Hunt
Patricia Loyd

TO THE MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN FUND
IN MEMORY OF
Virginia Rice
by JoAnn Wright

TO THE OPERATING FUND
IN MEMORY OF
Betsy Edwards
by Becky Mynatt
Carol Wright
Virginia Rice
by Carol Bates
Becky Mynatt
Jill Smith
by Missy and Phil Perry
Timothy and Melanie Sponsler
Carol Wright

TO THE SENIOR ADULT FUND
IN MEMORY OF
Lou Ann Harkleroad
by Bill and Susan Widmayer
Virginia Rice
by Bill and Susan Widmayer

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.

Make the Christmas season bright for children and teens this year by providing gifts for their holiday celebration. Visit ogumc.org/angeltree and choose a link to register for an opportunity to share joy and love with children and their families this year. Links are organized by organizations and due dates. Gifts can be delivered to the Portico lobby on Sunday mornings between 8 am and 12:15 pm as well as on Sunday, December 6 between 12:30-2:00 pm at the Heritage Hall lobby doors (located in cul-de-sac of youth hall). For more information contact Keller Smith (678-938-5783 or grasswax@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

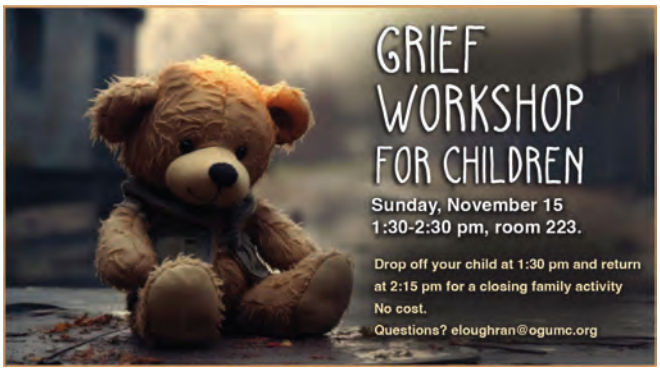
3 year olds are invited to Play & Pray in room 223. This drop off event is for children in the 3 year old Preschool-grade (who turn 3 by Sept 1 2026). We'll have lunch, and we'll learn about how God is with us always: through our friends and family and even in our play. Register by Wed, November 4. You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

DARKNESS TO LIGHT®
END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Thur, Nov 12 on zoom, 6-8:30 pm

Register at ogumc.org/news

Be a part of a community who cares at Oak Grove UMC. Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children training is a required pathway to ministry for all who serve in youth and children's ministry. It is also recommended for all members of our church and community because **training everyone is the most effective tool to stop child sexual abuse.**



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:

Altar Guild: Randee Cook, Tryllis Hallford, Sally Houghton

Sound/Livestream: Billie Williams, Ricci Valldejuli

Ushers: Chris Gibson, Missy Gibson, Jack Ginn*, Don Higginbotham, Ed Hong, Jonathan Merrill, John McMillen, Bob Pratt, Bill Rembert, Michael Smith, Clayton Webster, Gary Young **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
Atticus Hicks – Director of Modern Worship	ext. 208
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).