Oak Grove NEWS

October 11, 2026

STAY CONNECTED TO OGUMC

Sunday, October 11, 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 Parent-Child Lunch Date	CS Playground
2:30p UWF Sunday Book Club	102
2:30p Music Makers (grades 3-5)	Parlor
3:00p Blessing of the Animals	Oak Grove Park
3:45p Youth Bells	Parlor
4:30p High School Youth Choir	Parlor
5:00p MS/HS Youth Choir Combined	Parlor
5:30p MS Youth Choir	Parlor
5:30p HS Youth Fellowship	Youth Hall
6:00p MS Youth Fellowship	Youth Hall
6:30p Wesley Ringers	Parlor

Monday, October 12, 2026

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

10:30a Tuesday Bible Study	101
11:30a Senior Adult Council	207
1:30p Afternoon Choir	218
Oak Grove Park is Closed	
7:00p Disciple Bible Study	203
7:30p Tuesday Bells	Parlor
7:30p Oak Grove Family Nar-anon Group	101

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:45a Senior Adults to Monastery	Away
9:30a Gigi's Playhouse	Youth Hall
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 Midweek Program	Various
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 15, 2026

7:00a HS Youth Breakfast at Doug's	Parsonage
10:00a Needles & Prayers	203
12:30p Mobile Soup Kitchen Prep	F/H
6:00p Cub Scout Pack 577 Meeting	Youth Hall
6:30p WOW Women's Bible Study Group	101

Friday, October 16, 2026

12:00p Soup Kitchen Delivery	Away

Saturday, October 17, 2026

11:00a Oak Grove Barbecue	Various

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

CHURCHWIDE NEWS

We invite you to fill out a pledge card, available at the Portico Welcome Desk, or pledge online at ogumc.org/stewardship.

Committment Sunday is October 25.

OAK GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Barbecue

Saturday, October 17
11 am – 4 pm

UWF Bake Sale & Craft Sale

Featuring delicious pit-cooked, pulled pork barbecue, home-made Brunswick stew (cooked in 40-gallon cast iron pots), crisp, tangy slaw, secret recipe bbq sauce, pickles, potato chips, and bread. Dine-in guests also have a choice of lemonade or iced tea.

Adult Plate $15
Child's Plate $10

VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL!
Visit ogumc.org for ways to volunteer.
Buy electronic tickets at ogumc.barbecue

Bake Sale

United Women in Faith

We're excited about this year's bake sale. Here are some helpful guidelines.

1. Baked items can be brought to Fellowship Hall on Friday, Oct 16, 2 – 5 pm.
2. Items may be dropped off Saturday also.
3. Please use saran wrap rather than foil for larger items. (People want to see what they are buying.)
4. Please package a serving of several cookies, brownies, etc. together.
5. If you have a cake or pie, please suggest a price you think is appropriate.
6. Thank you for your work and cooperation to make this year's bake sale a huge success!

UWF Craft Sale & Silent Auction

There's still time to donate hand-crafted items, costume jewelry, vintage treasures. **Proceeds go to Oak Grove United Women in Faith (UWF) mission work.** Silent Auction Contact: BJ Flowers (972-965-8399). Questions? Linda Travis (404-325-7959, lindawtravis@outlook.com)

PREVIEW SALE: Friday, October 16, 10 am-3 pm in Grand Hall.

Check out the *Silent Auction* items by scanning the QR Code.

Barbecue T-shirts
Short and Long-sleeved.
Price range: $20 – $25

Deliver Barbecue Meals to Homebound Members

Want to help get a Barbecue meal to one of our home-bound members? We need people to call our members, we need people to deliver the meals, and we need folks to donate their extra tickets to provide the meals. Please contact Cheryl Lundy (cherylannlundy@gmail.com) if you'd like to help get some yummy barbecue to our friends at home!

• YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS •

THE OG YOUTH
Grades 6 through 12

Linktree

Sign Up for all Youth events at Linktree.

Breakfast at the Parsonage

October 15 before school at 7 am

High School students are invited for breakfast at the church parsonage. Pancakes, sausage, and a devotional are provided - transportation to school is not. We should be wrapped up by 7:30 am. Lakeside students can walk!

Confirmation at Oak Grove United Methodist Church

Oct 11 - Old Testament
Oct 18 - New Testament
Oct 25 – Jesus

Acolytes

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

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

TRINITY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES • EST. 1988

Wed, October 21, 5 pm

Youth 8th grade and older take dinner to our partners at Trinity Community Ministries (a residential shelter in Atlanta). Sign up on Linktree. Please reach out to C.J. for more information.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct 25, 6-7 pm

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 10/25
Host a trunk with your D-group.

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 • 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).

it's spooky to be hungry

Neighborhood Food Collection Saturday, Nov 7

- Drop donation bags at neighbors' doorsteps around Saturday, October 31.
- Collect filled bags and deliver to the church on Sat, Nov 7.
- Online donation option for touch-free participation. Scan QR code

SIGN UP at ogumc.org/news

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 14:
Beef Lasagna, Broccoli, Salad, 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 will explore what it means to talk to God, talk with God, listen to God, and be with God. We'll discover practical ways to include prayer in our daily lives and create space to experience God with us. These groups will begin Wednesday, October 14 with groups meeting following midweek dinner. Groups will also meet throughout the week. Learn more and find a group at ogumc.org/discipleship or speak with one of the pastors.

• PLEASE • PRAY FOR

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, 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, Jenn Kerr, 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, Anne 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, Susan Widmayer, Diane Young

Serving in Our Armed Forces...

2ndLt Alex Burgess, 2ndLt Andrew Gray, Major Rick Larango, Cpl. Nate Porterfield, Cdr. Andrew Pruiett

Weekly Numbers

Our Presence	**October 4, 2026**
8:30 – Traditional Worship Service	72
10:45 – Modern Worship Service	108
11:00 – Traditional Worship Service	216
Modern – online	265
Traditional-online	138
Midweek Communion	18
Sunday School Attendance	159
Total	**817**

Our Giving	
Weekly Giving	$52,288.40
Month-to-Date Giving	$52,288.40
Year-to-Date Giving	$1,923,464.34
Seasonal Year-to-Date Goal	$1,920,461.59
Difference	($3,002.75)

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

MEMORIALS

through October 6, 2026

TO THE OPERATING FUND IN MEMORY OF
Jill Smith
by Amy Merrill
Betsy Edwards
by the Hope Sunday School Class

TO THE LIBRARY FUND IN MEMORY OF
Jill Smith
by Angie and Rod Schumacher

TO THE MEMORIAL FUND IN MEMORY OF
John Mynatt
by Katrina Franklin
Betsy Edwards
by Eric and Karin Dusenbury

TO THE ETHRIDGE INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND FUND IN MEMORY OF
George Counts
by Rebecca Blanton
Katrina Franklin
John Mynatt
by Rebecca Blanton

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct 11

3-4 pm | Oak Grove Park

Bring your pets to Oak Grove Park for a blessing and a treat!

Navigating loss can be difficult, and it is not something we are meant to do alone. Having a safe place to share your story and connect with others can make a meaningful difference. Oak Grove will be offering a new 8-week Grief Support Group starting Monday, October 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Room 101. This group will be led by a local therapist and will offer an opportunity to gather with others who understand the experience of loss. For more information reach out to Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall (mkime-hall@ogumc.org). Registration encouraged (ogumc.org/news).

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH BUNCH OUTING

TO THE

MONASTERY *of the* HOLY SPIRIT

Wed, Oct 14: 8:45 am–3 pm

REGISTER by Sunday, Oct 11
ogumc.org/news

Join us on a day trip to Conyers to visit the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. We will leave from Oak Grove UMC at 8:45 am and return to the church no later than 3 pm. While we are at the monastery, we will enjoy a tour, prayer with the monks, and lunch in the cafe (Bring your own lunch unless you've already registered for lunch). **Registration will close on October 11.**

Tuesday Bible Study

10:30 am
Room 101

with Bishop Larry Goodpaster

OCT 13, 20, 27

The Ground of Our Hope –
Themes from the Letter to the Hebrews

SUNDAY Book Club

Second Sunday of Each Month

2 pm
Room 102

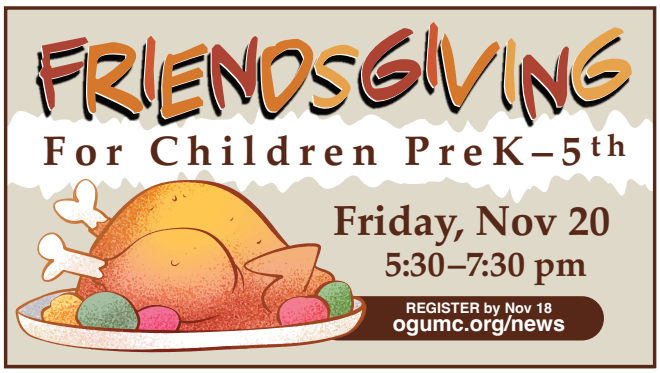
- Oct 11: ***All the Colors of the Dark*** by Chris Whitaker
- Nov 8: ***The Traitor's Wife*** by Allison Pataki

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Register to host a trunk and enter the Best Trunk Contest. We're aiming to host 75 trunks this year! Trunks should enter at the Ethridge Inclusive Playground entrance between 5:15-5:45 pm to set up. We expect to greet 500-600 children. Please bring candy for at least 250, and we'll supply the rest. We'll have Little Red Barn Petting Zoo, Fairy Hair, and Balloon Creations. Free slices of pizza to the first 250 children who arrive. We also need LOTS of NUT-FREE candy donations and about 30 volunteers to help with various things like parking cars, craft tables, clean-up, and more. Visit ogumc.org to register your trunk or to volunteer to help.

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 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.

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).