# Oak Grove NEWS

October 18, 2026

## STAY CONNECTED TO OGUMC

**Sunday, October 18, 2026**

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| 8:30a Traditional Worship | Sanctuary |
| 9:30a Sunday School (all ages) | Various |
| 10:45a Modern Worship | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00a Traditional Worship | Sanctuary |
| 12:15p Play and Pray: Pre-K & K | 233 |
| 2:30p Music Makers (grades 3-5) | Parlor |
| 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 Youth Fellowship | Youth Hall |
| 6:30p Wesley Ringers | Parlor |

**Monday, October 19, 2026**

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| 10:00a Genealogy Study Group | 104 |
| 10:00a Worship Meeting | 207 |
| 6:30p Grief Support Group | 101 |
| 6:30p Service Ministries Meeting | 207 |
| 6:30p Children's Ministries Meeting | 223 |
| 6:30p Practicing the Way Monday Group | 203 |
| 7:30p Adult Volleyball | Gym |

**Tuesday, October 20, 2026**

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| 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 21, 2026**

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| 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 |
| 5:00p Youth to Trinity | Away |
| 6:00p Youth Dodgeball | Gym |
| 7:15p Chancel Choir | Parlor |
| 8:00p Modern Band Rehearsal | F/H |

**Thursday, October 22, 2026**

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

**Friday, October 23, 2026**

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| 12:00p Soup Kitchen Delivery | Away |
| 1:30p CS Breast Cancer WalkBack | Parking Lot |

**Saturday, October 24, 2026**

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| 9:00a Youth Choir Retreat | Parlor/GH |
| 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.*

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.

**PLEASE DONATE NUT-FREE CANDY. Drop off in the Portico.**

# YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

THE OG YOUTH

Grades 6 through 12

Linktree

*Sign Up for all Youth events at Linktree.*

## Youth Fellowship Tonight 5:30–7:30 pm

Many small groups are going off campus on October 18 for ***Go Do Good*** night. Make sure you're signed up to join your group!

go do good

**Confirmation** AT Oak Grove UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 18 - New Testament
Oct 25 – Jesus
Nov 1 – Holy Spirit

## 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, Oct 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.

**HONDURAS MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETINGS**
**Sun, Nov 1**
12 pm Room 102
**Wed, Nov 4**
6 pm Room 104
Questions? Chris Gibson (cgibson33@yahoo.com)

# 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 21:**
Pork Tenderloin, Smashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Dinner 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).

# PLEASE PRAY FOR

In Memoriam
Virginia Rice
October 10, 2026

In Memoriam
Anne Patterson
October 7, 2026

**In the Hospital...**
Carol Patterson – Emory Clifton

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, Wendell Barnes, Cindy Balte, 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, Susan Widmayer, Diane Young

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

**Sympathy...**
Oak Grove extends its deepest sympathy to Barbara Adams and family on the death of her daughter, Alethea Eisner.

## 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.

## Weekly Numbers

**Our Giving**

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| Weekly Giving | $21,480.40 |
| Month-to-Date Giving | $73,768.80 |
| Year-to-Date Giving | $1,944,944.74 |
| Seasonal Year-to-Date Goal | $1,920,461.59 |
| Difference | $24,483.15 |

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

# MEMORIALS

*through October 6, 2026*

***TO THE LIBRARY FUND IN MEMORY OF Jill Smith***
*by* Joanne Adamson
Elsie P. Bryan

***TO THE MEMORIAL FUND IN MEMORY OF Betsy Edwards***
*by* Patricia Dusenbury

## *All Saints' Sunday*

On November 1, we will observe All Saints Sunday. As part of our celebration of the saints, we will call the names of those members of our church family who have died since November 1, 2025. **Please review the list below** and send any changes or additions to Rachel (rfullerton@ogumc.org) by Friday, October 23.

Joan Smith Williams
Jerry Henderson Cooley
Donald Eugene Loveless
Carol H. Hollahan
Diane Stubblebine
Edgar Tobin Scruggs
Barbara Lee Fountain
Saundra Disney
Harriet Stack Moore
Carolyn Sutton Cartledge
Jesse Roman
Barbara Ann Harwell Woolard
John Fuller Mynatt, Sr.
Avery Severt, Jr.
Dorothy "Dot" Buffalo
Robert "Bobby" Elder
George Counts, Sr.
Patricia Miller Padgett
Charlotte Petrides Day
Jill Bryan Smith
Elizabeth "Betsy" Hayes Edwards
Martha Anne Bradley Patterson
Virginia Rice

*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!*

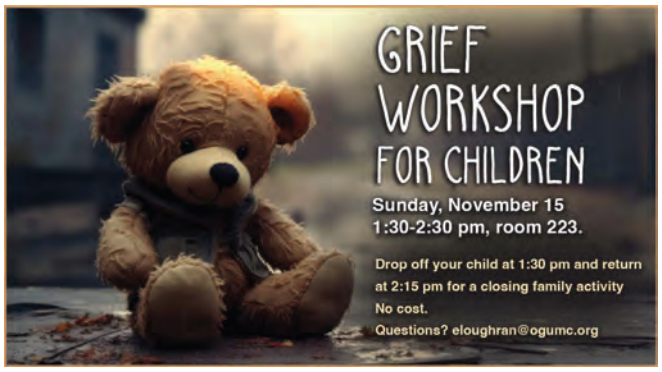
Join us for Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, November 3, at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall, for a topic that applies to ALL of us. The average estate takes over 500 hours and over a year to settle, and most of that pain lands on someone who had no idea what they were walking into. Rachel Donnelly, After Loss Professional, 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.

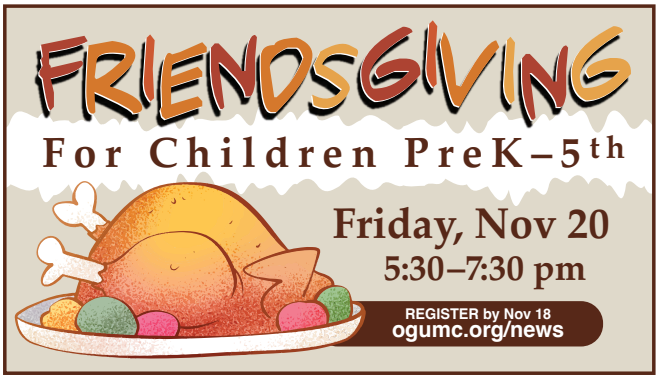
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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.

## Today's Worship Servants:

**Acolytes:** (8:30): Seth Schillie, Spencer Schillie, Andrew Wagner, Matthew Wagner
(11:00): Addy Shafer, Ansley Shafer, and 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| **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

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| 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).