



## Membership

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New Members Will Join March 4.  
Shepherds needed.  
Please sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245.



### Spring Shepherd Appreciation Tea

A Spring Shepherd Appreciation Tea will be held at the home of Grace and Curtis Grund, 526 East 41st Street, on Saturday, March 3, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P to 912-232-0191. If you have been or would like to be a Shepherd for a new member, we want to honor you! Please come enjoy spring refreshments and training in how to be a shepherd, as we learn from the veteran shepherds! Questions, Nelle, 912-234-9245. All are welcome; childcare if needed.



### 150 Days of Prayer - March Schedule

Please sign up to celebrate our church's 150th anniversary by praying for Savannah and our world. Questions or to sign up, contact Nelle, 912-234-9245. Please give your ideas of areas you want us to pray about to Nelle.

March 1	Pray for all who are discouraged in faith.	Acts 16:5
March 2	Pray for all who grieve.	Matthew 5:4
March 3	Pray for all who worry.	Matthew 6:25
March 4	Pray for all captivated by possessions.	Matthew 16:19,20
March 5	Pray for no more passivity but rather taking responsibility.	Nehemiah 6:9
March 6	Pray for respect toward all in authority.	Romans 13:1
March 7	Pray for all hurt by trafficking.	1 Corinthians 6:19,20
March 8	Pray for all to find their calling.	1 Corinthians 7:17
March 9	Pray for friends with deep faith and wisdom.	Proverbs 13:20
March 10	Pray to finish strong.	2 Timothy 4:6-8
March 11	Pray to accept criticism gracefully.	Proverbs 12:1
March 12	Pray for strong spiritual leaders.	Joshua 24:15
March 13	Pray to put God first.	1 Samuel 2:1
March 14	Pray for identity in God, not fleeting things.	1 John 2:15-17
March 15	Pray for good judgement.	Micah 6:8
March 16	Pray for faithful marriages.	Ephesians 5:21
March 17	St. Patrick's Day, Pray to avoid foolishness.	1 Corinthians 15:33
March 18	Pray for parents to raise believing children.	Deuteronomy 6:7
March 19	Pray for persistence and humility in prayer.	Matthew 6:6,7
March 20	Pray for a new generation to be called into ministry.	Matthew 9:38
March 21	Pray with gratitude His love has no limits.	Romans 8:39
March 22	Pray for compassion toward the lost.	John 4:42
March 23	Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to bring revival.	2 Chronicles 7:14
March 24	Pray for all held by addictions.	James 1:5
March 25	Palm Sunday, Pray for joyful, childlike faith.	Mark 10:14
March 26	Pray for all who will come to Easter services.	Luke 19:10
March 27	Pray for sacrificial giving.	Luke 21:4
March 28	Pray for all who are confused.	John 11:25,26
March 29	Maundy Thursday, Pray for a servant heart.	Luke 22:27
March 30	Good Friday, Pray with gratitude for Christ's sacrifice on his cross.	John 19:30
March 31	Pray for a new sense of Christ's resurrection tomorrow.	John 20:18



## Missions

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American  
Red Cross

Next Blood Drive is  
April 18th

### Blood Drive

Wesley will be holding a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 18. The drive will start in the early afternoon and continue through until about 7:30 p.m. There will be more details coming out as we get closer to the date.

### Relief team to Tapachula, Mexico

A trip is planned for September 30-October 6, 2018 to provide a relief team of 6-8 folks to the children's home in Tapachula, Mexico. This home is a ministry of Mission on the Move. The week is spent serving as house parents for the children so that the local staff can take a vacation. The duties involve cooking, helping with homework, devotional time, and general household chores to provide for the children. A wonderful opportunity in which the basic skill set needed is a loving heart and open arms for hugs. Because this will be a smaller group, we are purchasing the airline tickets as folks sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Tisinger.

### Ryan Sailors' Van

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation we have raised \$15,000 towards the van as of February 20. Your continued support of this project will move us closer to realizing the dream of the van for Ryan and his family.



## Children and Family

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### Lent and Easter Ministries for Children

- ♦ **Lent Curriculum:** During Lent, our K and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Sunday School Class will use the Younger Children's version of "24 Hours That Changed the World." These lessons focus on the events of Holy Week, taking the children from Palm Sunday through the washing of the disciple's feet, Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest, Peter's denial, Good Friday and finally to Jesus' resurrection. We look forward to sharing these important events in Jesus' life with our children!
- ♦ **Palm Sunday**, March 25, is the Easter Festival and Egg Hunt for children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. Crafts and activities at 4:00 p.m. will be followed by an egg hunt then lemonade and cookies, with everything ending by 5:15 p.m.
- ♦ On **Maundy Thursday**, March 29, we will have a worship service in the sanctuary following dinner. Holy Week worship and activities will be planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Room 305.
- ♦ On **Easter**, April 1, we will have our regular schedule of worship services and Sunday School classes, but the worship and lessons will be anything but regular as we celebrate the resurrection of God's son!

### Massie May Day

The Massie Heritage Center on Calhoun Square is an historic school and educational center. Every year since the school opened in the 1800s, they have held a May Day Festival. For as long as anyone can remember, WMUMC has provided cookies and lemonade to the children and teachers who attend this event. This year's event will take place on Tuesday, May 1 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. They are expecting 1000 participants this year! Please sign up with Julie Tisinger if you can bake chocolate chip or sugar cookies or if you can help serve the day of the event!



### Vacation Bible School

We are excited to announce that this year's Vacation Bible School theme will be "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"! It will be held June 11-15, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. til noon at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. It is open to children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Online registration will open to the Wesley congregation in late March or early April, and open to the community in mid-April. We hope you will join us!






# March At-A-Glance

Please refer to "This Week at Wesley" in the Sunday Order of Worship, or visit our website for a detailed list of worship times, additional events and information.

<b>Wednesday Night Supper (WNS) Schedule</b> 4:45 Call to Prayer, SNC 5:15 Supper, FH 6:00 Joyful Noise, EB Rms 202, 203, 205 6:00 Children's Choirs, EB Rms 301, 304, 305, 4th Flr 6:00 Youth Girls' Bible Study, EB 4th Flr 6:00 Youth Guys' Bible Study, EB 4th Flr 6:00 Bible Study, FH 7:15 Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr *WNS times and events are subject to change.	<b>Monday, March 12</b> Messenger Deadline 11:00 Merry Makers, WG <b>Wednesday, March 14</b> See WNS Schedule <b>Thursday, March 15</b> 6:00 UMM Dinner Mtg, FH <b>Friday, March 16</b> Youth Lock In, EB <b>Saturday, March 17</b> St. Patrick's Day 7:00 St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast, FH <b>Monday, March 19</b> 2:00 Courtney Gaines Circle, Home of Jeanette Cason <b>Tuesday, March 20</b> 5:30 Finance Comm. Mtg, OH 310 6:00 Pacesetters, FH <b>Wednesday, March 21</b> See WNS Schedule 6:00 Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 310 6:00 Confirmation Class, OH 205	<b>Thursday, March 22</b> 10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH 205 <b>Sunday, March 25</b> Palm Sunday 4:00 Easter Egg Hunt, WG <b>Monday, March 26</b> 11:45 Holy Week Svc & Lunch, FH 2:00 Joy Circle Mtg 5:30 Administrative Board Mtg, FH <b>Tuesday, March 27</b> 11:45 Holy Week Svc & Lunch, FH 1:00 Care & Share, OH 310 <b>Wednesday, March 28</b> 10:30 Jane Shirah Circle, WG 11:45 Holy Week Svc & Lunch, FH <b>Thursday, March 29</b> 11:45 Holy Week Svc & Lunch, FH 5:30 Maundy Thursday Supper, FH 6:15 Maundy Thursday Svc, SNC 6:15 Lenten Event for K-2nd Graders, Rm.305 <b>Friday, March 30</b> 12:00 Good Friday Service, SNC 12:30 Lunch, FH
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EB = Education Building    OH = Oliver Hall    FH = Fellowship Hall    SNC = Sanctuary    WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat Center



## Youth

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### St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast

Some traditions go back so long that no one can remember just how they started. That's the case with the St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast. It has been part of the life of our church for many, many years. Each year, on the night before St. Patrick's Day, the youth group meets at the church, decorates the Fellowship Hall for the breakfast, plays games, and (believe it or not) sleeps. We wake up early and, with our team of volunteers, start cooking and serving pancakes, bacon, and green grits.

The breakfast runs from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on the morning of St. Patrick's Day. We feed church members, out-of-town visitors, locals headed to the parade, and even some parade officials and participants. Many of our church members enjoy the parade from Calhoun Square after eating with us.



Another great thing about the pancake breakfast is that the prices have not gone up! What else can you say that about? It is still just \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The money we raise from the breakfast goes to help fund our youth mission trips and other activities.

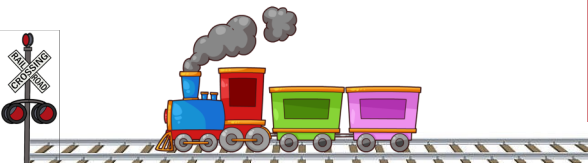
So, if you are a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader, be sure to join us for the lock-in and breakfast. Adults can consider volunteering to help the morning of, and everyone is invited to come and eat on St. Patrick's Day!





## Early Childhood Ministries

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### Sunday School Express

The first round of the Sunday School Express attendance contest ended on Sunday, February 18 and the Pre-K Class squeaked by the Three Year Old Class with the Under 3 Class being the caboose. At the end of the first round, there was only a 3% difference between the class in first place and the class in last place. Members of the Pre-K Class all won train hats and whistles and the parents of the Pre-K Class won an evening of free babysitting.


The second round of the contest begins on February 24 and ends on March 25 with prizes being awarded on April 7. There is a special outing planned for the winners of the second round and another night of free babysitting for the parents. It's a great time to begin the Sunday School habit. Come join the fun.

### Early Childhood Committee

The Early Childhood Committee met on February 6 to make plans and get organized for some of the events we have coming up in 2018. If you are not already volunteering please consider serving on one of our sub-committees.


- ♦ Meals for New Babies - Take a meal to a family with a new baby
- ♦ Nursery Volunteer - Assist Nursery staff during the 11:00 worship service once per quarter.
- ♦ Easter Egg Hunt - Plan and organize activities and crafts for two - four year olds.
- ♦ Infant Recognition Sunday - Help plan and host brunch for families before the 11:00 service on Mother's Day.
- ♦ Vacation Bible School - Volunteer to lead a learning center, guide a class, help with snack or help in the nursery. Held at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, June 11 - 15 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

To volunteer or to get more information, send an email to Ansley Kornegay at ansleykornegay@gmail.com .



### Easter Egg-stravaganza

Don't miss the Easter Egg-stravaganza, Sunday, March 25 at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. Games and crafts for children younger than kindergarten will be set up in the main house and there will be separate egg hunting areas for each age group. Remember to bring your Easter basket, bug spray and a camera.



### Open House

Eli's Place has begun registering children for the 2018-2019 school year. Open House will be held on Wednesday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Children's Library for coffee and conversation and then observe the children in their classrooms. Children are welcome. Enrollment is now open to everyone and our openings are filling quickly.

### Sharing the Love Program

On February 14, Eli's Place welcomed parents and other family members and friends to our annual Sharing the Love Program. The Fellowship Hall was filled to capacity as the children, dressed in their finest Valentine outfits, performed songs and poems and presented original writings and drawings about the meaning of love.





## From Ben's Desk

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### Lent and Holy Week

In the church, the season of Lent is forty days, not counting Sundays, following Ash Wednesday and leading into Easter. The English word Lent is a shortened form of the Old English word *lenten*, meaning "spring season." Lent begins in the darkness and cold of winter and ends in the light and warmth of the emerging spring. As Psalm 19 says, "the heavens declare the glory of God and firmament proclaims His handiwork." Even the creation and the season speak to the truth of God and message of the gospel. As winter gives way to spring, so darkness gives way to life and death gives way to life. Lent is a season of fasting and penitence that gives way to the Easter feast, forgiveness, and a new creation in Christ. All during this season we are walking with Jesus on the way to the cross and preparing our hearts and lives to contemplate the gravity of his death and hope of his resurrection.

Lent concludes with Holy Week which this year will fall in the last week of March. We will once again have a week full of worship that remembers the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We will again have lunch services Monday through Friday during Holy Week. A light lunch will begin to be served at 11:45 a.m. and we will have a message around the theme of the day that begins at 12:10 p.m. We will conclude at 12:35 to get you back to work on time. Everything will take place in the Fellowship Hall with the exception of Good Friday where we will begin with worship in the Sanctuary at noon and follow with lunch. On Thursday Night we will have dinner (instead of Wednesday night) and our Maundy Thursday Communion service will begin at 6:15 p.m. Make plans to join us for all these special times of worship. Each day our worship services will follow the passages below:

Palm Sunday	The Triumphal Entry	Mark 11:1-11	Ben Martin
Monday	The Clearing of the Temple	Matthew 21:10-17	Nelle Bordeaux
Tuesday	Day of Controversy	Luke 20:1-21:38	Carolyn Hale Cubbedge
Wednesday	Day of Anointing	Mark 14:1-11	Steve Tisinger
Thursday	The Foot Washing	John 13:1-20	James P. Owens
Thursday Evening	The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-65	Ben Martin
Friday	The Crucifixion	Mark 15:1-47	Ben Martin
Saturday	The Tomb	I Peter 3:18-20	(no service)
Sunday	The Resurrection	Matthew 28:1-15	Ben Martin

## Senior Adults

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### Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will meet on Monday, March 12, at 11:00 a.m., at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. The program will be "Celebrating the Arts Among Us in Needlework." Lunch will follow the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please sign up in your Sunday School class or call the church office.



### Celebrating the Arts Among Us Art Show featuring Crosses

The next art show will be on Palm Sunday, March 25, and will feature crosses belonging to members of the church family. If you have crosses you would like to share, see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. The show will be in the Parlor of Oliver Hall.



## Music

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### Hard to Imagine? By Ash Grimmett, chairperson Music Committee

Imagine, if you will, standing mere feet away from the grave of J.S. Bach inside St Thomas Church, Leipzig, Germany, while singing music he composed as he worked as choirmaster there from 1723 until his death in 1750. You wonder if his bones were stirred\* in the way that my emotions were stirred while experiencing that moment. In 2016, I and the rest of the Chancel Choir of Wesley Monumental UMC had the honor and privilege of singing a concert at Bach's Thomaskirche. Our church and community will get to experience the power and beauty of this composer's ultimate work, the B Minor Mass, right here in our sanctuary in Savannah, Ga. USA, on May, 19, 2018.

Imagine being a youngster at First Baptist church, Moultrie, Ga. learning to sing hymns taught by Mr. Sherman Cherry. I did have an advantage of an 8 years older sister



Ash & Kim Grimmett

being an accomplished pianist, though I opted for tennis lessons instead of piano lessons. Perhaps I absorbed a sense of pitch from her regular piano practice. Imagine getting taught to read music with the "number system" and doing well enough to go across the street to the Moultrie High School choir room as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader (back in the days of Junior High 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade) and practice with the high school "rock stars" of choir in the A Capella and Serenaders. Imagine getting to perform challenging choral repertoire in front of the community and getting invitations to GMEA (Georgia Music Educators Association) as a high-school choir member in a storied choral music program stretching back to Mr. Nat Frazier in the 1950s.

Imagine a newlywed coming to a church in Savannah almost 40 years ago, and not having sung in an organized choir for the years in college at UGA. Kim and I were greeted by the talented organist and choir director of Wesley Monumental, Andy Andela, who had a previous Athens connection, and a young couple Karen and Dale Kilhefner, all of whom made singing in church seem "cool." Much like tennis, if you learned sound techniques, you just need to practice to knock off the rust, so I was back in a choir.

Imagine that years later that Wesley Chancel Choir would be taking choir tours to sing concerts in some of the great cathedrals and churches of England (Ely, York, Durham), Scotland (Edinbrough), Czech Republic (Prague), Austria (Salsburg, Vienna), France (St Sulpice, Notre Dame de Paris, Chartres), and Germany (Berlin, Leipzig, Cologne), with choir friends you cherish.

Imagine the experience of sharing the fruits all the hard work learning and hopefully perfecting the music of Bach's B Minor Mass with your church family, friends and community in a place you love, Wesley Monumental UMC. I hope you will be there and I imagine you will be! Get your tickets now at [MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com](https://www.monumentalmusic.eventbrite.com), from any choir member, or the church office.

\*The final resting place of J S Bach is somewhat cloudy. The story is that he was buried and disinterred a couple of times and it is a bit unclear as to whether all his stirred bones made it to St Thomas...



St Thomas Church, Leipzig





## Messenger Monthly Spotlight



### Helping Refugees

Many thanks to the congregation for the generous donations to serve the 14 refugee families our church is helping. The Young Mothers' Bible Study enjoys working with these parents and children. Especially needed are diapers and Kroger Gift Cards.



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## THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



## Life at Wesley



Children's voices fill the Sanctuary



Youth choir smiles



Several pieces of  
artwork by  
Wesley members  
(featuring the  
Wesley facilities)  
on display in  
Oliver Hall



Wesley members and their families participated in  
Wesley Community Center's annual Love Walk.



On January 21st, several of our families with elementary age children had lunch and played board games with our older adults. Some of the games were new to one age group or the other, and all had a great time sharing in the fun!





# UMW

## *The United Methodist Women of Wesley*

cordially invite all ladies of the church to a luncheon

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

**12:15 p.m.**

**Wesley Monumental Fellowship Hall**

Please join us for a Meet & Greet.

Get to know UMW members and learn about the exciting things our UMW is doing for our church, our nation and our world!

\$12 per person

A nursery will be provided free of charge.

RSVP by registration.

Deadline to register is Sunday, March 4, 2018

## **UMW Luncheon Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ \$12 per person

Please attach payment with checks payable to  
Wesley Monumental UMC—UMW

Nursery Needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and place form in offering plate or return to the church office.

**Registration deadline is Sunday, March 4.**

**\*Previous reservations from fall will carry over.**

We look forward to having you join us!



# Altar Guild



## *Easter Lilies/Caladiums Order Form*

Lilies and caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 1. You may order plants in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$14 per plant. Orders must be received in the church office by **Monday, March 12, 2018.**

____ Easter Lilies	x \$14.00 =	
____ White Caladiums	x \$14.00 =	
<b>TOTAL enclosed:</b>		
Make check payable to Wesley Monumental UMC and write "Altar Guild Lilies" in the memo line.		

Check one:

☐ I plan to pick up my plants after the 11:00 Easter service or within a few days after Easter.

☐ I do not plan to pick up my plants; you may give them away.

***Please list your memorials/honorariums below.***

**PRINT Clearly - Thank you!**

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## UMM

### March Meeting

Wesley's United Methodist Men will hold their business meeting on Thursday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



## Prayer Breakfast

The Prayer Committee invites everyone to join them on Saturday, April 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Wesley Gardens to pray for our nation and this year's National Day of Prayer. Breakfast will be provided.



## Memorials & Honorariums

**As of February 12, 2018**

### Monumental Music Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

**Anne Mooney**

From  
Margaret "Meg" C. Cave  
(Cousin)

**Muriel Bell**

(Mother of Debra Roberds)  
From  
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wallace

**Ann Stubbs**

(Mother of Joe Stubbs)  
From  
Madge and Joe Edwards

**Carolyn Ryon**

(Sister of Dot Harper, Aunt of Penny Harper)  
From  
Madge and Joe Edwards

**Charlie Barnwell**

(Son of Nancy and brother of Ashley)  
From  
Madge and Joe Edwards

### The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in honor of

**Nelle Bordeaux**

From  
Jana Lewis

Gifts have been received in memory of:

**Anne Mooney**

From  
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wallace

### The Building Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

**Sue Walea**

(Cousin of Tom Anderson)

From  
Mr. and Mr. Richard G. Carlson

**Edwina and Malcolm Williams**

From  
Billy and Linda Tedder  
Joanne and Will Faulk

**Anne Mooney**

From  
Joanne and Will Faulk

**Muriel Bell**

From  
Joanne and Will Faulk

### The Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

**Muriel Bell**

From  
Paul and Debra Mamalakis