



Membership

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Block Party -- Bring Your Documents to Shred!

Please come Wednesday, May 16 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to the Block Party, where Savannah Shredding will provide free shredding. What a great time to bring your tax documents for free shredding. The shredding will be in the Clary's parking lot, and the Block Party will be on East Wayne Street (rain plan, supper in Fellowship Hall). All are welcome; bring a friend! Please make a reservation for the Block Party as usual.

Bible Buddies Want You!

Sign up now for Bible Buddies all summer with art projects, Bible stories, and fun! Every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., the Young Mothers' Bible Study will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Children who are preschool and elementary age learn the identical Bible stories, taught by the fearless quartet of Charli Weeks, Miang Chow, Darcy Melton, and Susan Martin. Nelle teaches the mothers.



Urban Hope Gardening

Please join the Bible Buddies in digging in the dirt alongside the Urban Hope children as we learn together about vegetable gardening. Children welcome, too! Please sign up with Nelle.

May New Members' Course

Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Class will join May 20.

150 Days of Prayer--May Schedule

Please sign up to celebrate our church's 150th anniversary by praying for Savannah and our world! To sign up, please call the church office, 912-232-0191. Questions or suggestions, contact Nelle, 912-234-9245.

May 1	That I'll pray before I act	Luke 4:42
May 2	That I'll flee temptation	Proverbs 22:3
May 3	That I'll focus on what matters	Luke 10:41,42
May 4	That I'll follow truth, not lies	John 8:44
May 5	That all know Jesus is greatest	Luke 22:24
May 6	That all marriages will be strengthened	Song of Solomon 8:6,7
May 7	For contentment	2 Corinthians 4:16
May 8	For serious, disciplined prayer	1 Peter 4:7
May 9	For role models in Christian faith	1 John 5:12
May 10	For believers to be united	Mark 3:25
May 11	To be alert for His Second Coming	Ephesians 6:14-18
May 12	For musicians to glorify God	Psalms 84:4
May 13 (Mother's Day)	For all who long for a baby	1 Samuel 1:27
May 14	For people moving to new places	Psalms 139:7-10
May 15	For empty-nesters in deep sadness	Psalms 86:11
May 16	For Block Party guests to come to faith	Psalms 25:1
May 17	For homebound	Psalms 18:46
May 18	For Eli's Place graduates	Proverbs 15:33
May 19	To be wise as serpents and innocent as doves	2 Corinthians 2:11
May 20	For artists who depict God's world	Psalms 19:1
May 21	For grandparents and what a blessing they are	Proverbs 17:6
May 22 (Election Day)	For wisdom in voting	Deuteronomy 32:4
May 23	To clear clutter from my mind	1 Corinthians 14:33
May 24	For adoptive/foster care system	James 1:27
May 25	For widows and widowers	Exodus 22:22
May 26	That I'll take the log from my eye then the speck from yours	Luke 6:42
May 27	That I won't complain	1 Peter 4:9
May 28 (Memorial Day)	For all veterans and active military and their families	Isaiah 2:4
May 29	For graduates to find Christian friends at college	Proverbs 26:12
May 30	To be full of grace	1 Peter 5:8,9
May 31	With gratitude for Wesley's first 150 years and His guidance for her future	1 Corinthians 15:3

May Bible Memory Verse: "The Lord liveth! Blessed be my Rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation."
-Psalm 18:46



Youth

James P. Owens, Director of Youth & College Ministries
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On March 17, our annual tradition of hosting a Pancake Breakfast before the St. Patrick's Day parade was renewed with great results! With St. Patrick's Day being on a Saturday, it was busy but our youth were more than up to the task. They did an awesome job decorating the fellowship hall and serving breakfast to hundreds of folks who came to eat.

It is a joy and a privilege to be involved in this iconic aspect of our church's ministry in the community. During this year's breakfast, I loved talking to the many people who have been attending the breakfast year after year. We served almost 600 people and raised a little under \$3000. So, thanks to you - if you donated, helped out, prayed for us, or just showed up and ate! You helped us raise a lot of money for youth missions and summer trips.

Here are a couple of fun things we have coming up:

Tacky Prom, May 6 at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center

You don't need a date or a new dress for this prom! Just find the tackiest outfit you can - at a thrift store, in the back of your parents' closet, or make it yourself - and join us at Wesley Gardens on May 6 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for the Tacky Prom. All 6th-12th graders are invited and there will be prizes for the most outrageous outfits, best dancing, and even a Tacky Prom King and Queen.



Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, May 20, we will recognize graduating high school, college, and graduate school students from Wesley Monumental. Please let James P. Owens know the name of your graduate and from which school they will be graduating.

Summer Mission Trip

If you've been on one of our Youthworks Mission Trips over the past three years, you know how fun and meaningful these weeks of service are! This summer we will be serving in Raleigh, NC, partnering with local organizations to do kids ministry, run sports camps, or serve the homeless. The dates are July 22-27, and the cost is \$200/per person. Sign-up now with James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org.



Senior Adults

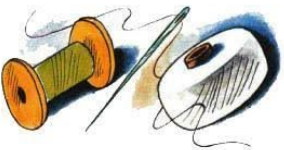
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults/Pastoral Care
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Pastoral Care Session "Disability Awareness"

A pastoral care session called "Disability Awareness" will be presented on May 2 during the Wednesday evening Bible study time. The purpose of the session is to heighten our awareness of the obstacles faced by folks who need to use wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes and other mobility aid devices. Several physical therapists who are members of Wesley will be on hand to help us understand the use of such devices. Not only are we seeking to understand how we can help when folks need these devices, but also we are seeking to make our church more easily accessible for folks who use these devices. This session is for everyone. We never know when a parent, spouse, child or even ourselves may need assistance.

The Celebrating the Arts in Needlework Art Show

The Needlework Art Show will continue through May 9 and will highlight all forms of needlework. The show is in the Parlor of Oliver Hall, and is open for viewing on Sunday mornings and during church office hours.



Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will meet on Monday, May 14, at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center at 11:00 a.m. The program will be Celebrating the Arts Among Us in Woodworking. If you are a woodworker and would be willing to share some of your work, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. Lunch will follow the program. Please make your reservation through your Sunday School class or by calling the church office. Cost is \$7.00.

May 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.

Wednesday Night Supper (WNS) Schedule
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.

Tuesday, May 1
Massie May Day Event, Calhoun Square
5:30 Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH

Wednesday, May 2
See WNS Schedule

Thursday, May 3
National Day of Prayer Events:
7:30 Live Streaming of Svc at Capitol, televised in FH
9:00 SNC open for Prayer until 2:00
12:00 Svc in SNC with lunch following in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 6
9:00 Needlework Art Show, OH Parlor
5:00 Youth Tacky Prom, WG

Tuesday, May 8
5:30 Board of Trustees, OH 205

Wednesday, May 9
6:15 Children's Choir Awards, SNC

Thursday, May 10
5:30 Endowment Comm. Mtg, OH 310

Sunday, May 13
Mother's Day/Infant Recognition
10:00 Infant Recognition Brunch
Oliver Hall Parlor

Monday, May 14
Messenger Deadline
11:00 Merry Makers, WG

Tuesday, May 15
5:30 Finance Comm. Mtg, OH 310

Wednesday, May 16
Wesley Block Party, Wayne Street
6:00 New Member Class

Thursday, May 17
6:00 UMM Dinner Mtg, FH

Friday, May 18
Eli's Place Graduation Day

Saturday, May 19
7:30 Bach Mass in B Minor

Sunday, May 20
Graduate Recognition
New Members Join

Monday, May 21
2:00 Joy Circle
2:00 Courtney Gaines Circle, Hm of Florence Anderson
5:30 Administrative Bd Mtg, FH

Tuesday, May 22
2:00 Care & Share, OH 310
6:00 Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, May 23
10:30 Jane Shirah Circle, WG

Thursday, May 24
10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH 205

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day—Church Office Closed

EB = Education Building OH = Oliver Hall FH = Fellowship Hall SNC = Sanctuary WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat Center

Ryan Sailors Van Update

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we have raised \$27,078.13 toward the \$60,000 goal for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van for the Sailors family. Your continued support of this project will move us closer to realizing the dream of the van for Ryan and his family. Contributions are still being accepted either by sending a check to Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church (be sure to write "Ryan Sailors Van" in the memo line) or you can visit the new www.YouCaring.com site: [Help Ryan Sailors' Family Get a Wheelchair Accessible Van](http://www.YouCaring.com) to make an online donation to this fund. If anyone is interested in organizing a fundraising event, please contact Carolyn Hale Cubbedge for guidance.

UMM

May Meeting

The United Methodist Men's meeting for May will be held on Thursday the 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Guest Speaker will be Camille O'Neil, who will present "The Early History of Wesley." Come and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Suzanna King; cost is \$6.00. As always, spouses, all church members, and friends are welcome to enjoy a great evening.

Memorials & Honorariums

The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Rosalee Butt
Sallie Love Meeks
From: The Beckwith Family

Peg Ahlman
Anne Mooney
From: Penny Harper

Gifts have been received in honor of:

Dr. Monica Harper Dekle
From: Dr. & Mrs. Les Wilkes

The Oliver Mission Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Dr. Ernest Burriss
From: Elwin & Lane Kennedy

The Monumental Music Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Carolyn Ryon
Laura Tribble
Reita Payne
Kenneth Smock
From: Randal & Patsy Robinson



Early Childhood Ministries

Charli Weeks, Director of Early Childhood Ministries
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Register now for
VBS!
See details below!



Infant Recognition Sunday

Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! On Sunday, May 13 we will be honoring at least 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. The families are invited to a brunch reception at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor on the second floor of Oliver Hall with time for family photographs before moving to the Sanctuary for the 11:00 service. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our listing.

Joyful Noise Choir

Wednesday nights are a busy time for our youngest singers. Many of the children come early to play on the playground and then have dinner together in the nursery. They are good friends and always happy to see each other. This year we changed the schedule for our choir time to better accommodate the number of children attending. The choir now has 41 children on roll with average weekly attendance of 32 children. The group is divided into three classes and the children rotate through singing, playing instruments and music theory. We are very thankful for the dedication of seven wonderfully talented and patient ladies who come each week to help them learn the basics of music. Diane Davis and Shirley Roberts lead the children in singing, Deborah Roberds, Susan Martin and Meredith Layman teach the children to play rhythm instruments and handbells, and Karen Kilhefner and Grace Gattis have made learning music theory a fun and enjoyable game. It is a blessing to hear the children sing the hymns of our faith and know these hymns will be a part of their lives as they grow in faith.

Vacation Bible School

We are excited and looking forward to a week full of smiles, laughter, love and discovering Jesus. Our 2018 Vacation Bible School will be held at our Wesley Gardens Retreat Center the week of June 11 - 15. If you have not already registered, please take time to register today! Registration is available online at www.myvbs.org/wmumc and paper registration forms are available in the church office. Volunteers are still needed. To volunteer contact charli@wesleymonumental.org or the Elementary Children's Ministry Team at wmumc.vbs@gmail.com.



Eli's Place 2018 Summer Camp

Age 3 months to 2 years
Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday
9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
\$45.00 per week

Age 2 years through Pre K
Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
\$90.00 per week

All supplies and a snack are included. Children will need to bring their lunch.

Theme	Dates	Thursday Surprise	Registration/Fees Due
Disney Favorites	June 4 - 7	Disney Character Dress-Up	May 18th
Music Makers (Under 3 only)	June 11 - 14	VBS at Wesley Gardens (3 yrs & older)	May 18th
Under the Sea	June 18 - 21	Pirate and Mermaid Dress Up	June 4th
Happy Birthday America	June 25 - 28	All American Picnic	June 4th
NO CAMP	July 2 - July 5	No Camp	
Fitness and Fun	July 9 - 12	Obstacle Course	July 1st
Kinderchefs	July 16 - 19	Lunch for Parents	July 1st
Splish Splash	July 23 - 26	Water Fun Day	July 15th
STEM	July 30 - August 2	Launch Party	July 15th
Camping Under the Stars	August 6 - 9	HoBo Lunch and S'mores	July 15th

Register for individual weeks or for all nine weeks. Registration forms and fees must be turned in by the deadline so that we can have adequate supplies available.

We are accepting children who have completed Pre K and will be starting kindergarten in fall, 2018.



From Ben's Desk

Ben Martin, Senior Pastor
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A Month of Celebration

May is always a month of transitions as another school year comes to an end and summer is about to begin. At Wesley, May is a month full of significant events and celebrations.

- May 3rd we will participate in the National Day of Prayer. All day we will be joining with people all over the nation to pray for our country and leaders. There will be a short service in the sanctuary at noon followed by lunch, a live-streaming of the service in Washington, D.C. at 7:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall, and our sanctuary will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for prayer.
- May 9th we will have our Wednesday Night Children's choir awards following dinner. Come say thank you to our many volunteers and celebrate with our children all they have learned this year.
- May 13th we will celebrate Mother's Day and recognize all the babies born in our church family over the last year. We are so blessed to have so many young families and children who have come to call Wesley home.
- May 16th we will have our last Wednesday dinner of this school year. It will be an outdoor cookout and block party celebration. Please bring documents for free shredding. Beginning the first Sunday in June, we will move to Wesley Gardens Retreat Center for Sunday evening worship and dinner.
- May 18th we will have our Eli's Place preschool graduation.
- May 19th in celebration of our 150th church anniversary, the choir accompanied by a 21-piece orchestra will present the Bach Mass in B Minor. This presentation of Bach's greatest work has been in preparation for more than a year. We hope you will buy tickets and join us for this special event. Tickets (\$35) can be purchased at [MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com](https://www.monumentalmusic.eventbrite.com), the church office, or from any choir member. All proceeds are tax deductible and will go to our Music Endowment. We cannot thank the choir enough the enormous amount of time and talent they have given for this special event.
- On May 20th we will recognize our High School, College, and Graduate School students. Please let us know if you have a student graduating this year.

As you can see, there is a lot going on at Wesley. How blessed we are to be part of an active and vital worshipping congregation in downtown Savannah. We hope you will make plans to join us as we celebrate with our church families significant milestones in their lives and take time to give thanks for so many who volunteer at our church to make our ministry happen.



Prayer Committee



Join us on Thursday, May 3 for several
National Day of Prayer Events.
See below for details!

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3 is The National Day of Prayer. It is a critical hour in our nation. The theme this year is to pray for unity in America to unify families, workplaces, communities, and cities. Come join us, pray with us as we and people all across America, ask God to help us to "make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3

- ♦ At 7:30 a.m. on May 3, we will live-stream the National Day of Prayer service in the Fellowship Hall. Stop on your way to work. Coffee and such will be served.
- ♦ The Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ There will be a short service at noon led by Rev. Ben Martin. Lunch will be available following the service.



Music

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Bach's Mass in B Minor

by Claire Watts, attorney at Watts and Watts, mezzo-soprano

Bach's Mass in B Minor: The Greatest Artwork of All Times for All People, is the description applied by Hans Georg Nageli, the purchaser of the original manuscript of the Mass from one of Johann Sebastian Bach's heirs in 1818. The effusive appellation appeared in an advertisement for what Nageli intended to be the first published edition of Bach's masterpiece. Nageli did not succeed in publishing the work, and the Mass (and most of Bach's compositions) remained somewhat obscure, known only to the most serious students of musical research. Finally, in 1859 the work was performed in its entirety for the first time, 126 years after Bach embarked on the odyssey that became his *Mass in B Minor*.

In 1733, the Dresden court of Friedrich August II, Elector of Saxony, needed a new court composer, and Johann Sebastian Bach just knew he was the right man for the job. He was working as Cantor at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig at the time, and, although his position in Leipzig held many charms, it could not compete with the remuneration and benefits available at court. After all, Johann had twenty children and a wife to support, and the Councilmen of Leipzig, his official employers, were notorious penny-pinchers.

Bach studied the musical forms popular in Dresden in 1733, and determined to write the most glorious example of the sacred mass to accompany his job application. The result is the first two sections of the *Mass in B Minor*: *Kyrie* and *Gloria*. Knowing that the Baroque ideal of symmetry in all things was expected, Bach set his *Kyrie* in two parts to be sung by the choir, with the *Christe Eleison* (Christ, Have Mercy) squarely in the middle. Completely different from the movements that flank it, the *Christe* is sung by only two sopranos, and reflects Dresden's burgeoning interest in theatrical duets. The two voices traverse the musical staff in ear-pleasing harmonies, representing the perfect harmony of God's love. For the nine movements of the *Gloria*, Bach returned to the symmetry so prized in Baroque Europe, framing the section with movements that serve as stout bookends for his creation.

Pleased with his new compositions, Bach sent fresh manuscripts of the Mass movements to Friedrich August II, with the following letter (which modern readers may find derisively obsequious):

Your Royal Highness I submit in deepest devotion the present small work of the science which I have achieved in musique, with the most wholly submissive prayer that Your Highness will look upon it with Most Gracious Eyes, according to Your Highness's World Famous Clemency and not according to the poor composition; and thus deign to take me under Your Most Mighty Protection.¹

Despite his efforts, Bach did not get the job he wanted. He continued working on the Mass, and added the remaining sections in succeeding years, using a mix of newly composed movements and pieces previously written for his best cantatas. In 1736, three years after he submitted his initial application, Bach finally received the title of court composer, but he stayed in Leipzig as the Cantor of St. Thomas Church, never making the move to Dresden to take up the court position on a full-time basis.

Bach's dogged perseverance and his dedication to produce the best sacred work possible eventually resulted in the completed *Mass in B Minor*. Widely considered Bach's masterpiece, the Mass is rarely performed because of its



extreme difficulty, in both the choral and instrumental parts. After almost two years of work, the Chancel Choir, with 21-piece orchestra, will honor Bach's triumph on May 19, 2018 with a joyous performance of *Bach's Mass in B Minor: The Greatest Artwork of All Times for All People!* Don't miss it!

1. Hans T. David and Arthur Mendel, *The New Bach Reader* (New York: Norton, 1998), 158.

All proceeds are tax deductible and benefit the Music Endowment to help secure the long-term vision of our music ministry.

Tickets: \$35.00 at [MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com](https://www.monumentalmusic.eventbrite.com) (also available at the church office or from any choir member)



Wesley choir singing at Bach's grave at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig.

Messenger Monthly Spotlight

St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast



Thanks to everyone who helped out, donated items, prayed, or just showed up and ate! You helped us raise a lot of money for youth missions and summer trips!



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Life at Wesley



"The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best."



Sunday morning baptism.



Joyful Noise Choir singing in worship.



55 partiers attended the Chancel Choir Oyster Roast at the home of Deanne and Ken Rimes.



Choir members enjoy the St. Patrick's Day parade from the Oliver Hall veranda.



Crosses on display.



Youth Group at the Egg Hunt.



14 adults from the Young Mothers' Bible Study & 17 children from the Bible Buddies distributed food, diapers, clothing, & baby equipment for 22 refugee families.



Ms. Heather teaching the preschool children about the Passover Seder.



Children enjoying egg hunts at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center and Eli's Place.

