



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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Today we welcome the teachers, teacher assistants and administrative staff of Eli's Place, our Early Learning Center. Eli's Place opened in September, 2011 as a way for our church to live out the promise we make when a child is baptized. At their baptism, we promise to "do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ." These ladies help us fulfill that promise every day.

At Eli's Place, we surround the children with a community of love and forgiveness, we pray for them and we pray with them. We read Bible stories so they can learn that reading the Bible is something we do every day not just on Sunday. We want the children to love to learn and love to come to school.

The insert in your bulletin will introduce you to our lead teachers, but there are many others who are instrumental in caring for our children. Lisa Bennett is our Assistant Director who guides the teachers of our three year old and Pre K children. Kelly Lee is our Assistant Director who guides the teachers of the children younger than three years old. Ellen Harper Williams is responsible for special events and fundraising. Ginny Cheshire manages tuition payments and many other administrative tasks.

Our teacher assistants are the glue that hold everything together in the classroom. We could not get through a day without them. The love and patience they show to the children is beyond measure. The children thrive under their kind and gentle guidance. Our teacher assistants are:

Andrea Baggett	Jasmine Milian
Sandi Dixon	Jayne Nelson
Melissa Jefferson	Lisa Pfeifer
Sarah Kwiatkowski	Deborah Roberds
Heather Lieberfarb	Hope Simmons
Shannon Loving	Lauren Sullivan
Susan Martin	Lindsay West

We are thankful that God brought these women to our door. Our children and our church are blessed by their service.

150th Anniversary Historical Fact: Several of the ministers on our stained glass windows had connections with the Federal government: Mathew Simpson was a friend of Abraham Lincoln and spoke at his funeral; John McFerrin baptized James K. Polk and conducted his funeral; Stephen Olin preached in the US House of Representatives; and Henry Bascom served as chaplain of the House.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering and Announcements

Ben Martin

Welcome to worship this morning. Thank you for joining us. If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor. Hearing assistance devices, several seat cushions, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex, and an usher will be happy to help you with them. Please fill out the attendance registration pad found in the pew, and remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service. We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship.

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Charlie Glidewell

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Variations on Blessed Assurance

Myron J. Roberts

Introit (11:00)

Sanctus

Lindsay Norden

* **Hymn No. 155** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name DIADEM

* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881** The Apostles' Creed
James P. Owens

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

* **Gloria Patri No. 71** GREATORIX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

Eli's Place Teacher Dedication (11:00)

Charli Weeks

Children's Sermon

Charli Weeks

8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 103.

11:00 Children ages 3 - PreK leave through the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Preschool Children's Worship in Room 201. Children in grades K - 3rd leave through the door on the left side of the sanctuary to go to Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303. Children in grades 4th & 5th are invited to follow James P. Owens to Room 305 for Worship Education.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory;

For ever. Amen.

* **Hymn** No. 606 Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine KINGSFOLD

* **Offertory Prayer** Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Day by Day arr. Nancy Muskrat

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Lily of the Valley arr. Wendell Whalum

He's the Lily of the valley,

I've never been to heaven but I've been told,

That the streets up there are paved with gold,

What kind of shoes are those you wear?

That you can walk up in the air,

These shoes I wear are gospel shoes,

And you can wear these if you choose.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.

* **Doxology** No. 95 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 200) Colossians 1:13-29

Sermon "The Theory of Everything" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 175 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) John Wesley

Do all the good you can,

By all the means you can,

In all the ways you can,

In all the places you can,

At all the times you can,

To all the people you can,

As long as ever you can.

Congregation and Choir

Closing Voluntary Toccata Giocosa Ian Hunt

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Immediately following each service a docent is available by the grand piano to share with you a brief history of this sanctuary and congregation.

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Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today were given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the October Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, September 10. Please email announcements to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Blood Drive

Wesley Monumental will host a blood drive this Wednesday, September 12 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Oliver Hall. Visit redcrossblood.org to make your appointment online using sponsor code: WMUMC.

UMM September Meeting

The United Methodist Men's meeting for September will be held on Thursday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m. (SHARP) in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker will be William D. Cannady, Sr., CPA, who will talk about today's taxes. Come and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Suzanna King; cost is \$6. As always spouses and friends and all church members are welcome to enjoy a great evening.

Christmas at Wesley

Part of this year's Christmas celebration at Wesley will include a large tree in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. We are looking for decorations for the tree that are religious in nature—angels, crosses, stars, churches, nativities, bells, etc. If you have ornaments you would be willing to donate, please give them to Carolyn Hale Cubbedge or leave them in the church office. Ornaments are needed by November 4.

Christmas Bazaar

Wesley will host a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you have a small business or craft interest and would like to participate in the bazaar, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. Items do not have to be Christmas related. Interest is strong, and we have a few more tables available. Questions? See Carolyn.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin **Docent:** Shirley & Peter Roberts

Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland

Ushers: Phillip Carter, Bill Tedder

Greeters: Judy Cleveland, Marion Thomas

Children's Church: TBD

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Annelle McDuffee **Docent:** Ellene Anderson

Acolytes: Carrie Stack, Anna Kate Stack

Greeters: Dorie & David Gaskin, Joanne Faulk, Pat Jacobs

Offering Steward: Randal Robinson

Ushers: Brian West, Jason Pedigo, Johnny Phelps, Bart Rhodes,
Dan Bradley, Jacob Sigmon, Riley Smith, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas

Nursery: Infants: TBD **Toddler:** TBD

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Allison Willis, Ellen Williams

Children's Worship K-4th: Jenny Byrd, Emily Jones

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Youth Choir

Youth Choir starts today! All 6th – 12th graders are welcome.
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the choir room (4th floor)

Concert at the Cathedral, Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 PM

The Friends of Cathedral Music at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist invite you to join them for “Seasons of Faith,” an ecumenical choral concert featuring music by Savannah composer Robin Beauchamp and performed by the Savannah Ecumenical Choir and an ensemble orchestra. The project is the vision of artist and composer Robin Beauchamp and consists of 17 new arrangements of popular hymns spanning the church year. Kara Mobley, Ash Grimmett, Ken Rimes, Claire Watts, Ben Witcher, and Monica Dekle are the choristers representing Wesley Monumental. Tickets: \$25 at the door or seasonsofffaith.eventbrite.com

Sunday, November 11

November 11 is Veteran’s Day and also the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day. Please join us that Sunday during 11:00 worship. A 23-piece orchestra will accompany the choir and congregation as we sing hymns of faith that both honor God and thank God for our country and our veterans. The orchestra is made possible by interest from the Music Endowment. Thank you for your generosity.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will meet tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at Wesley Gardens. Ash Grimmett will share with us about his adventures along the Appalachian Trail. Lunch will follow the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge today if you plan to attend. We want to make sure we have enough food.

Merry Makers Program is Available

The 2018-2019 Merry Makers program is all set. Copies are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and in Sunday School classes.

Merry Makers Fall Trip

All details and cost for the Merry Makers fall trip, October 28 – November 4, are complete. Copies of the itinerary are available in Sunday School Classes, at the entrances to the sanctuary, and from the church office. If we have forty participants, we will take a tour bus. Please make your reservation ASAP so we can move forward with executing the plan. The trip will be discussed in detail during tomorrow’s Merry Makers meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and want more information, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Next New Member Class

The next class will take place Sundays, September 23 and 30 from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 205 with the class joining September 30. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children’s Ministry

Bible Presentation Sunday—September 23

If you have a rising 2nd grader, please mark your calendar for Bible Presentation Sunday on September 23.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

Worship Education begins Today!

The preteen years are a time when children can begin to engage in worship in a deeper way, as they understand more about our worship service. To help them along, we will begin offering Worship Education during the 11:00 service. When the children are dismissed for Children's Worship, 4th-5th graders are invited to follow James P. Owens to room 305 for a time of learning more about why we worship the way that we do.

4th-5th Grade Bible Study

All 4th-5th Graders are invited to join us for Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Wesley Monumental, right before church supper. Through games and drills, your kids will learn how to use their Bibles and learn skills like locating passages by book, chapter, and verse, and distinguishing different types of books of the Bible.

Youth (6th—12th Grade)

Youth Group Fall Kick-off Tonight

Join us tonight at Wesley Monumental as we will kick-off the fall with a downtown Savannah scavenger hunt, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All 6th-12th graders are invited!

Confirmation

Attention Parents of 6th Graders! We encourage all 6th graders to participate in Confirmation, and there will be an informational parents meeting to discuss Confirmation and Youth Group on September 5, from 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Wesley Monumental. The first Confirmation Class will be Wednesday evening, September 12.

Wednesday Night Youth Bible Studies

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for Bible Study from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., following church supper.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (09/2/18)

8:45 A.M. Worship	93
11:00 A.M. Worship	261
Total Worship	354
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	XXX
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	16

Finances: (08/26/18)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,868,620.10
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,151,429.91
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,189,708.74
Construction Loan Balance	\$497,200.02

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Congregational Care	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprunger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Colossians 1:15-20	What is Paul's claim about Jesus?
Tuesday	John 1:1-5	How does the creation itself reflect Jesus as creator?
Wednesday	Philippians 2:1-11	What did Jesus give up in order to reach God's end goal?
Thursday	Ephesians 1	What is God's plan for the end?
Friday	Mark 8:27-30	Who do I say Jesus is?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

As we remember the events of September 11, 2001, we pray for our country and its leaders.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, September 9

8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Acolyte Training/Refresher, SNC
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
4:00 P.M. Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
5:00 P.M. Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, September 10

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
11:00 A.M. Merry Makers, WG

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
11:00 A.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205
5:30 P.M. Ministry Council Mtg, OH 310

Wednesday, September 12

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
3:30 P.M. Red Cross Blood Drive, OH
4:45 P.M. Call to Prayer, SNC
5:00 P.M. 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304
5:30 P.M. Supper, FH
6:00 P.M. Bible Study, FH
6:00 P.M. Missions Comm. Mtg, OH 205
6:00 P.M. Joyful Noise,
EB 202,203,205
6:00 P.M. Children's Choirs,
EB 301,303,305, 4th Flr
6:00 P.M. Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
6:00 P.M. Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, September 13

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
12:00 P.M. Bible Study at Ruth's Chris

Friday, September 14

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
10:00 A.M. Docent Tours
Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 15

12:30 P.M. Wedding

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper: 9/12/18

Program: I John 2
Teaching: Ben Martin
Menu: Beef Stroganoff
Buttered Noodles, Green Beans
Children: Hot Dogs & Noodles

In Sympathy...

Patrick Graham
on the death of his mother,
Jean Hutchinson Graham

Bill Thomasson
on the death of his sister,
Betsy

Ray McClain
on the death of his father,
Ray Clifton McClain, Sr.



In Our Prayers.....

Peggy Murphy, Jerry Palmer (father of Hattie Thomas), Cindy Murphy (daughter-in-law of Peggy Murphy), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), Les Wilkes, Jim Davis, Steve Aldrich, Carla Thomas, George Vail, Archie Davis, Spencer Davis, Deanne Rimes, Caroline Moore, John Martin, Sr., John McKissick (grandfather of Richard Call), Scott Hunter (son-in-law of Art and Sandra McGowen), Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Pat Beasley, Melissa Krawitz, Sid Boone, Margaret Willey, George LeMay, Debbie Call (mother of Richard Call), Charles Holley, Andy Cheshire (brother of Clay Cheshire), Todd and Lauren Martin, Bill Roberts (uncle of Anna Ivey), Martha and Erv Sloan, George Wickham (father of Kelly Hagan), Chad Jacobs Family, Sherry Ingram, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Randy Warner, Jim Gietzen, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Harley Anderson (infant son of David and Elizabeth Anderson), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Denise LeMay, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Ann Lott, John Randall Futch, Patty James, Melinda Lanier, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Toni Olds, Judy Freeman, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Sandrae McCorkle, Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Lois Wooten, Nancy Beckmann, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Richard Bartels, Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes), Sammy Reesman

At Home/Extended Care

Georgia Dickerson, Betty Murray, Bella Grace Bartels, Grace Bockes, Anne Chase, Becky Heckard, Michael Mamalakis, Hal Griner, Bobbie Mattox, Linda McKibben, Jack Miller (father of Jeff Miller), Lillian O'Donovan, Ryan Sailors, Betty Weeks

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Ryan Davis, Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Dan Barton, Daniel Ealy, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts



Meet the Teachers

Erin Bunger, Pre-K Teacher



Ms. Erin is beginning her first year at Eli's Place and brings a wealth of education and experience to the classroom. She has a Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Development and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. For twelve years, Erin taught at Charles Ellis Montessori Academy, and she has also taught at Marshpoint Elementary. Married to her fifth grade sweetheart, Erin has a stepson, Ridge, who attends second grade at Marshpoint and she will be bringing her nine month old twin boys to Eli's Place. For fun Erin likes to craft using vinyl, hang out at the beach and the pool, and spend time with friends and family.

Stephanie Crapse, Pre-K Teacher

Ms. Stephanie is also beginning her first year at Eli's Place, and we are so excited to welcome her. Stephanie graduated from Armstrong with a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education in 2013. For the past four years, she has taught at Godly Station School in Pooler. She taught two SRA Reading programs called Reading Mastery and Corrective Reading to grades K-5 for three years, and during her fourth year, she taught ELA and Social Studies to third graders. This past year, she received her gifted endorsement. Stephanie loves to play sports and do outdoor activities and is looking forward to a great year ahead!



Asia Davis, Pre-K Teacher



Ms. Asia has been an Eli's Place parent for two years and when we found out she was a teacher, we convinced her to join our staff as a Pre-K teacher. A graduate of Eastern Illinois University with a BS in Early Childhood Education, Asia taught Pre-K for five years in Oklahoma City before moving to Savannah. She is married to Ryan, who is in the Army and stationed at Hunter Army Airfield. Their son, Knox, is five years old and attends Eli's Place too. During her free time, Asia and her family love to travel,

see the world and spend time with one another. She is looking forward to making this a special year for the children.

Laura Hugon

Ms. Laura is excited to start her third year at Eli's Place. After completing her Bachelor's degree in Special Education, her M.Ed. in Autism Education, and her Ed.S. in Teaching & Learning, Laura was an inclusion teacher in SCCPSS for eight years. She enjoys working with children across the school to enhance their access to learning. Ms. Laura is married and has a five year old son and a three year old daughter. When she is not at school, she loves to read and go to the beach.



Patrizia Bongiovanni-Vince, Three and Four Year Old Teacher



Originally from Stuttgart, Germany, Ms. Patrizia moved to Florida in 1992 and arrived in Savannah in 2003. She has two children age 6 and 8, Giada and Noah. This is her fifth year teaching and she says pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education is the best decision she ever made. She has taught as a substitute in Chatham County and has served as a preschool teacher for three years. Some of Patrizia's favorite things are spending time with friends and exploring our beautiful city. She loves going out and enjoying the wonderful restaurants in Savannah, especially the amazing desserts. One of her favorite places to explore is Oatland Island. Her favorite pastime at home is crocheting, and she loves coffee, books and yarn!

Jessica Reiter, Three Year Old Teacher



Ms. Jessica received her Early Childhood Education degree from Kennesaw State University and began her teaching career immediately after graduation. Jessica has taught children from three years old to kindergarteners. She married her husband, Tripp, in 2010, and they have two sweet children, TJ & Evelyn. In her spare time, Jessica enjoys reading and going on family outings. She loves teaching young children and can't wait to start the new school year.

Brittney Malouf, Three Year Old Teacher

Brittney just moved to Savannah from Peoria, Illinois. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University in May, 2017 with a degree in Elementary Education and certification in Early Childhood. Last year she worked as the lead 2-3 year old teacher at a preschool in Peoria and fell in love with that age group. Living in Savannah was on her "bucket list," and we are so excited to have her as a teacher at Eli's Place.



Brittney spends her free time with friends and family and enjoys being outdoors. Being near the beach is something she has always dreamed of, and she is looking forward to spending time at Tybee.

Heather Leysath, Older Two Teacher



Heather has lived in Georgia for 17 years and has a three year old daughter, Claire. She attended Armstrong Atlantic State University and is planning to complete her degree in Early Childhood Education. Children are Heather's passion, and she believes that knowledge is power and the earlier education begins, the better it is for the child. She worked in the Under Two Room last year and was amazed to see the babies' accomplishments using the skills they were taught, and she loved seeing the excitement on their faces when they learned something new. Heather loves spending time with her family and being close to the water.

Alesha Hood, Two Year Old Teacher

Ms. Alesha is from Kissimmee, Florida and moved to Savannah in 2012 with her husband and two daughters, Kali, 10 and Kennedy, 7. Alesha's husband is active duty army stationed at Hunter Army Airfield. Her background is in Early Childhood Education. Ms. Alesha has been at Eli's Place for four years, and she is a perfect fit for our two year old children. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her family, snuggling with her poodles, going to Disney World, and decorating her house!



Ana Molero-Pullin, Under Two Teacher



Ana is from a beautiful country in South America, Venezuela. Unfortunately she had to leave her country and move to the United States shortly after she graduated from La Universidad del Zulia with a B.A. in the Science of Communication. She met her husband, Stanley, in 2003, and they have been married for 14 years. They have three beautiful and smart children, Diego (10), Ana Sofia "Sofi" (9), and Santiago "Santi" (6). Ms. Ana began teaching at Eli's Place in 2015 and has been the Lead Teacher in the Under Two room since February, 2016. When she is not at Eli's Place, she enjoys going to the beach with her children, listening to music, and reading a good book.

Desdie Eberman, Librarian

Desdie is a life-long educator with over 20 years of experience and this will be her fifth year at Eli's Place. Most recently, she was the Educational Director at Massie Heritage Center where she wrote and directed programming. She earned her undergraduate degree in Early Elementary Education from Bridgewater State College and her MA and MS degrees in Educational Management from Endicott College. Desdie's experience and dedication to the children has made our Children's Library and the children's library time, an activity they look forward to each week.

