



Membership

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Welcome, New Members!
We are thankful the following new members joined Wesley during June and July! Our next New Member Class will take place August 19 and 26 at 10:00 a.m. with the glass joining on the 26th. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



Evan Cowart & daughter, Emma James Mabyline Cowart

Upon meeting Evan, her future mother-in-law and shepherd, Carmine Cowart, exclaimed, “You HAVE to meet my son!” What a compliment that her future mother-in-law selected her! Evan and her husband, Ryan, have a baby daughter, who will turn two in November. Evan grew up in Marietta and is a Georgia Southern alumna who worked for Kate Spade in San Francisco for six years prior to coming home.

Shepherd: Carmine Cowart



Asia and Ryan Davis & son, Knox Davis


Thankfully Ryan has just returned safely from his deployment in Afghanistan. He is in the United States Army. Asia teaches at Eli’s Place, where their son, Knox, is a pre-kindergarten student. Knox’s shepherd, Liam Watson, and Knox have been friends since babyhood.

Shepherds: Kim and Chris Watson
Knox’s shepherd: Liam Watson

Recycling Center Field Trip

This summer, the Young Mothers’ Bible Study mothers and children enjoyed a field trip to the Chatham County Recycling Center as they all learned about taking care of God’s creation and His world alongside 16 Urban Hope summer camp children.





Michael Eckmann

Michael served in the United States Army and is a civil engineer; he is a West Point graduate. He is the father of two grown daughters and has one grandson. Recently he even wore a pirate costume for the Eli’s Place preschool children, at the director’s request! He is active in the Pastor’s Class and Wednesday Bible study.


Shepherd: Jake Marbach



Mike Goodwin & daughter, Ella Goodwin

Mike also served in the United States Army. He likes fishing, running, boating, and Georgia football. He works for Synergy Pharmaceuticals. His daughter, Ella, will be a first-grader at Hancock Day School this fall. She looks forward to the children’s choir.

Shepherds: Laura and David Blake
Ella’s shepherds: William and Harper Blake



Rodney Powers

Already Rodney, a professional church musician, has played Beethoven’s *Sonata Pathetique* in worship. He served as the White Bluff UMC director of music and also Anniston First UMC director of music in Anniston, Alabama. He likes to fly airplanes and enjoys seashell hunting.

Shepherd: Ray McClain



Youth

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August means it’s “back to school” time, but it also means Promotion Sunday is coming too. Promotion Sunday is the day when the church “promotes” students to the next grade level. This means that we’ll have a new group of 6th graders joining the youth group. If you are the parent of a 6th grader and I haven’t connected with you yet, please feel free to call or email me. I’d love to tell you more about what Wesley Monumental has to offer for 6th-12th graders! And for parents of any 6th-12th graders, fall is a great time to reconnect with church and youth group if you’ve been away for a while or haven’t been very involved!



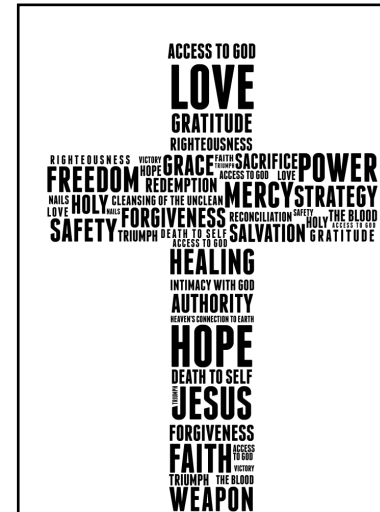
Youth Fall Retreat 2017

Here are a few upcoming events in the youth ministry:

- August 19 - Promotion Sunday & Youth Group at Wesley Gardens**
Join us for the Promotion Sunday breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m., and then at 3:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, all 6th-12th graders are invited to youth group in the boathouse.
- August 23 - Fall Retreat at Wesley Gardens**
All 6th-12th graders are invited to the 2nd Annual Fall Retreat at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. We’ll start Friday afternoon, stay overnight Friday and Saturday and be done Sunday afternoon. There will be tubing, swimming, games, and lots of time enjoying the Gardens!
- September 5 - Meeting for Parents of Rising 6th Graders**
This is your chance to meet me and learn a little more about Confirmation and the youth group here at Wesley. We will meet during church supper, 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on September 5, the first Wednesday night supper of the school year.



Missions Committee



A Congregational Conversation on Missions

Sunday, August 26, 12:15 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Though John Wesley rightly wrote, “I look upon all the world as my parish,” the church must be focused and purposeful in its service and witness in the world.

Over the summer we have been surveying the congregation. Focusing on local agencies and projects has been the overwhelming desire of respondents. Of course we will continue to join Mission on the Move in their good works in Central America. Our church apportionments support major global United Methodist endeavors.

To this end, the Missions Committee invites the congregation for a structured, 45-minute goal-setting conversation regarding our local service and witness. Graphic facilitation of our conversation will be done by Brittany Curry, one of Georgia Trend’s 40 under 40.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions to contribute please email Nelle Bordeaux at tbordeaux@prodigy.net or the chair, Scott Cleaveland at msctclv@gmail.com.

August 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.

<u>Sunday, August 5</u> Blessing of the Backpacks Family Promise Thru 8/12, OH 8:45 & 11:00 Worship at Mickve Israel 11:00 New Member Class Joins 3:00 Youth Group, WG 5:30 Worship Service, WG Chapel 6:15 Dinner, WG Main House	<u>Monday, August 13</u> 5:30 Eli's Place Comm. Mtg, FH <u>Tuesday, August 14</u> 5:30 Board of Trustees, OH 205 <u>Thursday, August 16</u> Merry Makers Trip to Guido Gardens & Coleman House Inn 6:00 UMM Dinner Mtg, FH	<u>Tuesday, August 21</u> 5:30 Administrative Board Mtg, FH <u>Thursday, August 23</u> 10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH 210 <u>Sunday, August 26</u> 10:00 New Member Class 12:15 Congregational Conversation on Missions, FH
<u>Monday, August 6</u> Eli's Place Summer Camp Thru 8/9 <u>Thursday, August 9</u> 5:30 Endowment Comm. Mtg, OH 310 <u>Sunday, August 12</u> 8:45 & 11:00 Worship at Mickve Israel 3:00 Youth Group, WG 5:00 Youth Choir, WG Chapel 5:30 Worship Service, WG Chapel 6:15 Dinner, WG Main House	<u>Sunday, August 19</u> Promotion Sunday 9:15 Breakfast Buffett, FH 10:00 New Member Class 3:00 Youth Group, WG 5:00 Youth Choir, WG Chapel 5:30 Worship Service, WG Chapel 6:15 Dinner, WG Main House	<u>Thursday, August 30</u> Eli's Place Open House

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

UMM

August Meeting
The United Methodist Men's meeting for August will be held on Thursday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m. (SHARP) in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker will be our own Major General Bill Bland, who will talk about military assistance during a hurricane. 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.



Kids' Classic Golf Tournament
Our Wesley Men are working with the KIDS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT scheduled for September 9 (dinner), and September 10 (Scramble golf in AM and PM). We are asking our Wesley Members and Friends to consider sponsoring a team, hole sponsorship, or donation of items for the auction on Sunday night at the free dinner at The Club of Savannah Harbor. If you are unable to participate in the tournament but would still like to donate to Wesley Monumental UMC Ministers' Discretionary Kids Fund, we can accept your check made out to Wesley Monumental UMC—Ministers' Discretionary Fund---KIDS' Missions on the memo line. Forms are available in the Church office or contact Don Riddle, Chair, 912-401-9016.

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

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KidzQuest Retreat at Epworth by the Sea, September 21-23
Rising 4th-5th Graders are invited to join us on the KidzQuest Retreat at Epworth by the Sea, September 21-23. This retreat is sponsored by the South Georgia UMC and typically brings around 500 kids to Epworth for a weekend of fun, worship, fellowship, and Bible study. The cost is \$135. To register, please contact James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org.




Children's Ministry

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Don't forget to bring your backpack to church on August 5th!



Blessing of the Backpacks
On Sunday, August 5, please have your child bring their empty backpack to church. During the Children's Sermon at both services, we will pray for the children's new school year and bless the backpacks. We will have a backpack tag for each of them as a reminder that people at Wesley Monumental will be praying for them throughout their school year.



Promotion Sunday on August 19th promises to be a busy day at Wesley Monumental! Ms. Susanna is fixing breakfast for everyone and will begin serving at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On this Sunday many of our children will be moving to new classrooms and some of our adults will be moving too.


The nursery opens at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and our Sunday School classrooms open at 9:45 a.m. Teachers begin their lessons at 10:00 a.m. Children's Worship at both services is based on Rev. Martin's scripture passage for the day and includes snack and conversation, a worship lesson and an activity. A Family Discussion Page is sent home with the children each week to help your family talk about what they learned at church.

This year 28 children have turned three years old and will be promoted to Godly Play Sunday School and Children's Worship. The Early Childhood Committee is busy preparing "You're Three" bags for these children to take with them to the "big" church room. Please welcome and encourage the children and their very anxious parents. The children's brightly colored tote bags will help you recognize them.

We are blessed to have Emily Davis teach the babies and toddlers who are younger than three years old. Ms. Emily comes every Sunday and these youngest children listen as she teaches them about God's creation and sing with her and pat their Bibles as they learn about God's word. Parents watch through the nursery windows and are surprised and pleased at what these precious babies are already learning. It's never too early to begin teaching songs and stories about God.

Volunteers Needed
Our church is greatly blessed with an abundance of young children and their families who volunteer regularly to help with Children's Worship, Vacation Bible School and special events. Currently we have over 200 children from birth to 5th grade on our membership rolls and we know and see most of them each month. We need your help! There are many tasks to be done. From taking pictures and making nametags to sending birthday cards and notes to teaching Sunday School or leading Children's Worship. There is a job for everyone. Please prayerfully consider volunteering and call or text Charli at 912-547-3526 to talk about where you would like to serve.

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



Eli's Place Registration
Registration for the 2018-2019 school year continues at Eli's Place. We are blessed to have wonderful teachers and teacher assistants who love our children and provide excellent learning activities for them. We have many children registered for next year and some of our classes are already full, but we do have a few openings. Information and registration forms are on our website, and we offer tours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. We would appreciate you recommending us to your friends.





From Ben's Desk

Ben Martin, Senior Pastor
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Promotion Sunday is
August 19!

August already?

It seems to me that summer just began, but already we are producing an August newsletter and that means schools are about to begin and the summer schedule (not weather) is shifting back to "normal" (whatever that is!). For our staff, it means we are already planning the fall programming for children, youth, and adults. We still have two weeks left to worship at Mickve Israel while our sanctuary is being painted, and a full month of Sunday night worship and dinners at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. If you haven't had a chance to be a part of those special evenings, we hope you will make it a point to get there this month. Plans are in place for new Bible Studies, children's choirs, Sunday school promotion, youth group mid-week small groups, etc. As school starts back, it is an important time to get reengaged if your summer schedule has had you scattered and away.

August also means our turn to host families for Family Promise. We will be hosting August 5-12 in Oliver Hall and need volunteers for meals, greeters, and especially overnight hosts. It is a great way to share the love of Christ and regain some perspective on our own blessings, and on the question Jesus was once asked, "who is my neighbor"?

Another mission opportunity is our fall trip to do "staff relief" for the Mission on the Move Children's Homes in Tapachula, Mexico. The trip is September 29-October 6. If you would be interested in a life changing international mission experience, please let us know. It is a small team that is needed, but we could still use a couple more people to serve.

How blessed we are at Wesley Monumental to have a thriving, growing, faithful congregation. We are thankful for what has been happening this summer, and expectantly hopeful for what will happen this fall.



Senior Adults

Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care
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Merry Makers

Merry Makers will visit Guido Gardens in Metter and Coleman House Inn in Swainsboro on Thursday, August 16. The group will leave the church at 9:00 a.m., stop by Guido Gardens mid-morning and finish with lunch at Coleman House. Please sign up in your Sunday school Class, call the church office or see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. If you would be willing to drive and take a couple of passengers, please let Carolyn know.

Sewing Classes—Open to Anyone

Sewing classes will be offered this fall to anyone who would like to learn to sew. The first two will be offered on Thursdays, September 6 and 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church. No experience is necessary and you do not have to have a machine--although having your own would be a bonus. Please contact Sandra McGowen at smcgowen2@att.net or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385. You will receive a registration form which you will need to complete and return. There will be six spaces in the first class. If you already sew and would like to assist with the classes, please see Sandra or Carolyn. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Christmas Bazaar—Looking for Vendors

Would anyone be interested in being a vendor at a Christmas Bazaar at the church on Saturday, November 10? Please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge if you are interested or have friends who might like to share their crafts or products. Your interest will determine whether the event will be scheduled. Questions? See Carolyn.



Music

Monica Dekle, Director of Music & Organist
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Martin Luther referred to music as "a fair and glorious gift of God." We look forward to sharing this gift with your children this coming school year.

♦ Children's Choir

Choirs for children ages three years old through 5th grade begins Wednesday, September 5. Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., and choir is from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

♦ Youth Choir

Choir for students in grades 6th through 12th grades begins again Sunday, September 9 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the choir room.



We Help Children To:

Love coming to church
Love God
Love music

We Try To:

Teach children what it means to worship God with music.

Teach children Bible stories and scripture through music that will spiritually develop them.

Teach children these skills:

1. Play chimes and other instruments
2. Read rhythms, notes, and understand harmony
3. Use and understand the hymnal
4. Read and sing hymns
5. Learn to sing using good tone, breath control, expressiveness, and blend

Teach children life skills that will help them develop personally and sociably.

Allow children from a very young age to experience the glory and majesty of God. *Music is a language that expresses profound concepts and ideas beyond the bounds of the written word.*





Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Refugee Aid



Wesley Monumental has been serving 22 refugee families for the past 18 months. On June 21, the Young Mothers' Bible Study and other church members served supper for 100 refugees from 6 countries. Every family also went home with donated clothing, shoes, and diapers, all provided by Wesley members. Most needed are Kroger gift cards.

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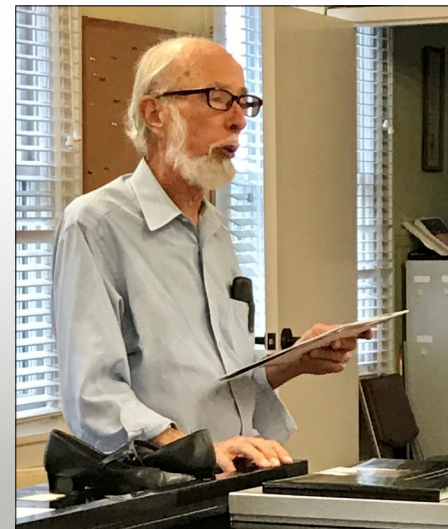
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Life at Wesley



Chancel Choir honors George Wilson on his retirement from choir.



Urban Hope field trip to the Chatham County Recycling Center with the Bible Buddies children and Young Mothers' Bible Study.



Scaffolding is up and painting has begun in the sanctuary.



Several members of the Merry Makers attend a production of "All About Savannah" at the Tybee Post Theater.



Mike the Pirate reads a book to the children during "Under the Sea" week at Eli's Place Summer Camp.