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ADVENT

It is Thanksgiving weekend but like the culture, making the sudden jump from Thanksgiving to Christmas in the wee hours of the morning on "Black Friday," today the church makes the sudden shift to the season of Advent. In many ways Advent, the season of waiting, preparation, and expectation is the lost season in our rush to get to Bethlehem. For the church and the liturgical calendar, Advent is the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The word literally means the arrival of something (or someone in our case) notable. We think of it as preparation for the celebration of the arrival of "baby Jesus" at Christmas, but you might say the season "begins at the end" with a reminder that we are waiting for the return of Jesus. Many have used this expectation of his promised return as a threat calling for repentance from sin and preparation for divine judgement. Others offer it as hope for a world that is lost and broken and a coming day of redemption and restoration. The reality of our lives is that we live in a perpetual season of Advent, one day at a time, not knowing what tomorrow holds for us. But, for people of faith, our hope is in the gospel message that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and not by our works. Because of this we can pray during Advent John's simple prayer at the end of Revelation, "Come Lord Jesus."

I want to say a special thanks once again to the Susanna Wesley Circle for our **Advent Devotional Book** and all who wrote the devotionals. **The books are available in the sanctuary this morning.** It will be a great way to celebrate Advent and keep our attention on Jesus.

Our worship and sermon schedule for Advent is below:

December 1

When God Makes You Wait - Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31

December 8

8:45 Service - James Owens is preaching

11:00 Service - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

(Brass Quintet, Harp, Timpani, Organ, Chancel Choir, Youth Choir)

December 15

When God Changes Your Plans - Matthew 1:18-25

December 22

When God Calls You - Luke 1:26-56

December 24

Christmas Eve Services (10:30 AM, 3:30 PM, 6:00 PM)

When God Shows Up

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent

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)

Camille Wilkes

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Anna Laura Page

Lighting of the Hope Candle

Cameron, Sandy, Parker, and Millie Hunt (8:45)

Guy, Courtney, Towns, and Lulu Davidson (11:00)

Congregational Response

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

* **Hymn No. 196** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881** The Apostles' Creed
Jennifer Thompson

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** GREATOREX

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 201.

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.

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.

Morning Prayer

James P. Owens

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pgs. 667-668) Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31

Sermon "When God Makes You Wait" Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our
sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Debt Elimination Challenge Ted Moore

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo (8:45) Deep River
Maureen Culbreath, mezzo-soprano

Offertory Anthem (11:00) E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins.
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come. Sing Holy, Holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein.
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon.
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more.
They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their All!

Offering

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.

* **Hymn of Response** DIX

As they offered gifts most rare; At that manger rude and bare;
So may we, with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to Thee our heavenly King.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
 All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

Today's communion offering is designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give a donation, please leave your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Music During Communion (11:00)

Coventry Carol

Ella Hayes, soprano

Deep River

Maureen Culbreath, mezzo-soprano

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
 in which you have given yourself to us.
 Grant that we may go into the world
 in the strength of your Spirit,
 to give ourselves for others,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* **Hymn** No. 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL
 (stanza seven)

Closing Response (11:00) Amen Parke Barnard

Closing Voluntary Festival Prelude on HYFRYDOL
 Alfred Fedak

* 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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**Children's Worship
Participation in Communion**

Today, and each first Sunday, the children in Children's Worship will take communion together in the sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our son, David H. Butler, Jr., by David H. and Linda Butler.

Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your estimate of giving cards for 2020. So far we have received 139 cards totaling \$959,258 in estimated giving for 2020. That compares to 180 cards totaling \$1,122,494 in commitments for 2019. You can return the card to the office in person or by mail, or fill it out online on our website.

January Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the January Messenger is this Thursday, December 5. Please email to, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org

**Christmas Eve Communion
Services, Tuesday, December 24**

- ◆ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- ◆ 3:30 p.m. Child-Friendly Service (enjoyed by all ages)
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Finances: (11-24-19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,676,923.08
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,706,392.53
Construction Loan Balance	\$383,474.07

New Member Class

Sundays, December 1 and 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 205. Class will join during the 8:45 service on December 8th.

Christmas Greenery Pick Up

Orders will be available for pickup in the Oliver Hall courtyard this Friday, December 6 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and the following week during the Church's normal business hours. Thank you for your orders!

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 20 and may be taken home following the last Christmas Eve service. Please place your orders for plants in memory or in honor of loved ones by Sunday, December 8. Order forms may be found at all sanctuary entrances. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Monumental UMC in the amount of \$13 per plant, marked "Altar Guild Poinsettias."

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (11/24/19)

8:45 A.M. Worship	84
11:00 A.M. Worship	333
Total Worship	417
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	136
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	12

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart **Docent:** Lori Miller
Offering Steward: Jeff Miller
Ushers: Jerry Benson, Ed Poenicke
Greeters: Lori Miller, Jeanne Poenicke
Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen
Acolytes: Haden Yost, Sarah Jean Yost
Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen **Docent:** Karen Nickles
Acolytes: Mary Margaret Carroll, Feriby McCorkle
Greeters: Jerolyn & Walt Carroll, Volunteers Needed
Offering Steward: Chris Donovan
Ushers: Brian West, Don Riddle, Andrew Dekle, Art McGowen, Willie Roberds
Communion Stewards: Nancy & Woody Brown
Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Ashely Gallegos, Laura MacGregor
Children's Worship K-4th: Jan Barrow, Jen Marler

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

December 1, 2019

Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 13	Has God ever made me wait? On what?
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:28-31	Is waiting renewing or exhausting for me? Why?
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:1-11	How can I be preparing while waiting?
Thursday	Romans 8:19-25	What does Paul teach us about waiting?
Friday	2 Peter 3:8-18	What does Peter teach us about waiting?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We pray for those who will join us for the various Christmas programs, activities, and Christmas services. We pray that those who don't have a church home will feel at home here at Wesley, and we pray that we all will feel the Spirit of Christ Jesus as we celebrate His birth.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, December 1

Family Promise in Oliver Hall Thru 12/7

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 10:00 AM Confirmation Class, EB 406
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Christmas Party, FH

Monday, December 2

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Joy Circle Christmas Luncheon, OH Parlor

Tuesday, December 3

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, FH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 1:30 PM Eli's Place Staff Mtg, FH
- 2:00 PM Care & Share, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, December 4

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 405
- 5:30 PM Supper, FH
- 6:00 PM Missions Program, FH
- 6:00 PM UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB 202/203/205
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB 303/304/305
- 6:00 PM Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, December 5

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Ruth's Chris
- 3:30 PM Picnic w/a Purpose, OH Lobby

Friday, December 6

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Docent Tours, SNC
- 2:00 PM Greenery Pick-up (until 4 pm), OH Courtyard

Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 AM Greenery Pick-up (until noon), OH Courtyard
- 9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens, SNC

Pastors on Call This Week

- Sunday (12/1)
Ben Martin 912-547-1835
- Monday (12/2) - Wednesday (12/4)
Jennifer Thompson . 229-726-7735
- Thursday (12/5) - Saturday (12/7)
Ben Martin 912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper: 12/4/19

Program: Missions - Tapachula Trip
 Menu: Tuna Casserole, Mixed Veggies
 Buttered Noodles
 Children: Grilled Cheese

***Make reservations NOW for
 Supper and the Children's Nativity
 Pageant on December 11.

In Our Prayers.....

Dean Muenckler (son of Jim and Libby Muenckler), Ashley Ball (Linda Sapp's step-grandson's wife), Mark Case, Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Leigh Conner, Sandi Dixon, Debby Warner, Chad Ebel, Gene Herrington (mother of Will Herrington), Joe Stubbs (father of Joe T Stubbs), Danny Wright (son of Betty Dudley), Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Patty Ronning, Bob Franz, Harriet and Bill Bland, David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Les Wilkes, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Toni Olds, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Mark Thomas, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

At Home/Extended Care

Carolyn White (mother of Jennifer Thompson), Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Lois Wooten, Bobbie Mattox

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jason Childers, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Justin Geen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Joshua Laws, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Clint Guild

WMUMC Family Promise Volunteers December 2019

Family Promise serves circumstantially homeless families. Please pray for the families staying in Oliver Hall the nights of December 1-7, for permanent housing for them.

Sunday, December 1

Greeter	Anna Ivey
Dinner	Suzanne Marbach and Nelle Bordeaux
Overnight	Scott Cleaveland and Katherine Oxnard Ellis

Monday, December 2

Greeter	Shirley and Peter Roberts, Nick Hitt
Dinner	Gaye Reese and Rusty Holt
Overnight	Meredith Layman and Peter Roberts

Tuesday, December 3

Greeter	Bonnie and Peter Delters
Dinner	Pacesetters Circle
Overnight	Derek Llamas and Kenneth Rimes

Wednesday, December 4

Greeter	Susan Herring
Dinner	Joanne Faulk
Overnight	Joanne and Will Faulk

Thursday, December 5

Greeter	Pat and John Beasley
Dinner	Susannah Pedigo
Overnight	Ann and Melvin Croft

Friday, December 6

Greeter	Sandra and Art McGowen
Dinner	Peggy Jolley and Judi Painter
Overnight	Billy Tedder and Will Weeks

Saturday, December 7

Greeter	Jeanne Poenicke
Dinner	Sharlene Monahan
Overnight	Nelle Bordeaux and Sharlene Monahan

Linens - Caroline Livingood; Breakfast/Lunch Quartermaster-Susannah Pedigo; Substitute Host - Jacob Sigmon

Thank you to all of our volunteers. If you have questions during the week, please contact Scott Cleaveland, 912-598-8278.

If you would like to learn more about Family Promise contact Scott or visit familypromisesavannah.org.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Picnic with a Purpose

Spark Joy! Children and adults welcome to help organize a mission closet for people in need. This Thursday, December 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Oliver Hall lobby. Enjoy Christmas cookies!

Urban Hope

Please take an ornament from the Fellowship Hall tree at Wednesday Night Supper with an Urban Hope child's name and age. Then, please return the wrapped gift to Urban Hope (106 E. 37th Street, Whitfield Center), by December 13 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Homeless Breakfast—Items Needed

Please bring batteries (AA, AAA, or D), dark socks, or inner tube bike accessories for our next homeless breakfast on Saturday, December 21 or give to Nelle.

Children in the Hospital

Boxes will be by all church entrances for small stuffed animals for children in the hospital. We especially need helpers to deliver to children on Christmas morning. We'll meet at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Christmas morning, Washington Avenue at Waters Avenue (please park on Washington Avenue) at 8:00 a.m. and finish by 2:00 p.m. Please sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245. Helpers need to be age 18 or older due to hospital rules.

Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 8. 11:00 AM.

Brass Quintet, Harp, Timpani, Organ, Chancel Choir, Youth Choir
Scripture readings on Christ's Nativity from the King James Version of the Bible, and carols sung by choir and congregation

Handel's *Messiah* with Choir and Orchestra

Saturday, December 14. 7:30 PM. Tickets: \$35. Students with I. D.: \$15
MessiahSavannah.eventbrite.com, choir members, or church office

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Christmas Party

Monday, December 9 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens.
Members of the barbershop chorus of Savannah, 13th Colony Sound, will be sharing their talent with us through a special presentation of Christmas Music. We will also enjoy a meal and hear the Christmas story in a special way. Cost is \$7.00.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Christmas Ornament Painting

Next Sunday, December 8, we'll be painting pottery ornaments in room 202 and room 303 immediately following the 11:00 service. These ornaments can be hand-painted by your child and then they are glazed and fired by professionals. This year we have some new designs including a star, cross, snowman, and stocking. The ornaments make great Christmas presents for grandparents or other family members. Ornaments are \$13 each and come with a ribbon for hanging. No need to make a reservation, we'll have all the supplies ready for you, and the ornaments will be ready for pick up on December 20.

Elementary Children's Nativity Pageant

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Christmas Fun Day for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers

On Saturday, December 14, the nursery will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for Christmas Fun Day! We enjoy having the children come and spend the day with us, and we hope all of their parents have some time to enjoy the Christmas season. We have lots of activities planned for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. We are providing lunch and plan to eat around noon. We'll make ornaments, bake cookies, play on the playground, and watch a Christmas movie. It is fine for the children to come for the whole day or for any part of the day. To register, send an email to charli@wesleymonumental.org with the time they will be arriving on the 14th.

Joyful Noise Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth Group Christmas Party, Today, December 1

From 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Wesley Monumental. Students are asked to bring a white elephant gift for our infamous white elephant gift exchange. You are also encouraged to dress in your best tacky Christmas sweater or outfit! There will be prizes for the best dressed.

4th/5th Grade Christmas Party!

We're having a Christmas party for all our 4th and 5th graders! On December 15 from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., we will gather at the Green family home for lots of Christmas fun. There will be lunch served, cookie decorating, games, and just maybe a special visit from you-know-who! See James P. Owens or Amy Green for details.