



Membership

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Welcome, New Members!

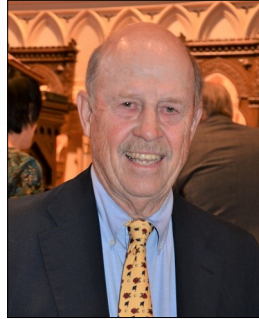
We are thankful the following joined during January. Our next New Member Course will be February 2 and 9 at 10:00 a.m., both Sundays, in Oliver Hall room 205. The class will join as a group on February 9. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



Grace Huseth & Sam Wilson

Grace is a writer who also enjoys drawing, and she works at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church in the office. Sam is the program coordinator for Safe Kids at Memorial. They are engaged to be married on May 1. Grace is from Stone Mountain, and Sam

is from New Bern, NC. Sam hopes to help with Wesley's youth ministry, and Grace looks forward to serving refugees.
Shepherd: Sheila Boone



Carolyn & Ched Hultman

Carolyn is an interior designer, and she and Ched came to Savannah from Pittsburgh when their daughter enrolled at SCAD. They also have a daughter-in-law who is a Methodist minister. They live on East Taylor Street and like walking to church.

Shepherds: Amy & Rob Martin, IV, & baby Ally



Sara Pitts and Steve Napier

Already Sara has served with Wesley's homeless breakfast ministry. Her parents, her sister and brother-in-law, and her nieces are their shepherds. She and Steve, who has built pipe organs in Toledo, Ohio, and now works at Gulfstream, are engaged to be married.

Sara works in the SCAD admissions office.

Shepherds: Judy & Lynn Pitts, Emmy & Mark Wilcox & daughters, Harper & Lyla

Pew Hosts

Please sign up with Evangelism Chairman, Chris Donegan, or Nelle to help greet guests without ever leaving your regular pew! We want to make sure every guest has a friendly welcome at Wesley. Please tell Chris or Nelle which service you attend and where you usually sit.



Youth

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What can the most ancient stories of the Scriptures teach young people about contemporary life? A lot, as it turns out. At youth group, this winter we have been studying the story of the Old Testament from Genesis to Deuteronomy. For example, we looked at the accounts of the founding of the nation of Israel, God's people, through the actions of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel. While most origin stories or national myths would focus on their ancestors' greatness, the Bible presents us with some very flawed founders - an elderly couple who cannot bear children, a young boy nearly sacrificed, and a dishonest trickster and his unloved wife. The Bible does not so much present us with great people, but with people who serve a great God.

These stories also give us an opportunity to reflect on those who are unseen and unloved, whose voices are not heard in the narrative. What did Isaac think as he was led up Mount Moriah? How did Leah and Rachel feel about their marital arrangement? As we read these texts, we are reminded to look out for the unseen and unloved that we might encounter in our own lives. Through this kind of study, our students are being formed into careful readers of the Bible, and also people who seek to love God and love their neighbors in the world.

If you know a middle schooler or high schooler who might like to be a part of our youth group, our regular meetings are Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m., and Bible study on Wednesday nights following church supper.

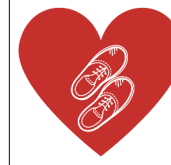


Missions

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Homeless Breakfast

Saturday, February 22, please meet Nelle at the East Gordon Street church door at 7:45 a.m. Please sign up in advance to bring breakfast items such as grits, bacon, bananas, coffee, and orange juice on Perfect Potluck, coordinator last name Wesley Monumental, password 7385, or simply tell Nelle. Also needed are dark socks.



Love Walk Benefits

Wesley Community Center

Saturday, February 8. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. for prayer; walk starts at 9:00 a.m. We'll walk 3.6 miles, all in honor of our own Mildred Walker and in memory of her husband, Jim Walker. Please sign up in advance with Nelle, and please tell her your t-shirt size, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-232-0191.

Tithe Your Time



The Bible explains the concept of a "tithe" as a tenth of all that a person has. It first appears in the Bible in Genesis 14:20, when Abraham gave the tithe, and it became law in Leviticus 27:30-32. As a New Year twist on this Bible idea, the Mission Committee asks you to pray about giving one-tenth of your time in service to others in need. This idea is not intended to be legalistic but rather a joyful and deliberate way for us to serve. An example might be that you call a friend who has not been in worship lately or you might help rake the yard for an elderly neighbor or you might help at the next homeless breakfast or Urban Hope or Family Promise event. Please put the card below in the offering plate, and please speak with Nelle if you have questions. Children and youth as well as adults are welcome to participate! Please call Nelle, 912-234-9245, if you need more information.



Pledge Card

I pledge to tithe my time during 2020 to serve Jesus Christ through His church and beyond its walls by helping others in need, as He guides me to serve Him.

Name _____



Memorials & Honorariums

As of January 21, 2020

(Memorials continued on next page)

The Wesley Garden Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Becky Heckard

From:

Robert and Jane Shirah Stump
Bill and Harriet Bland
Care and Share
The Alpha/Fellowship
Sunday School Class
Annelle McDuffee

Melinda Lanier

From

Jo Anne Garcia-Melendez

The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Danny Wendt

Rae Lanier

From

Jo Anne Garcia Melendez

Danny Wendt

Alysia Frazier

Bob Olds

from

Penny L. Harper

Danny Wendt

From

Bill and Linda Tedder

The Choir Tour Fund Raiser

Gifts have been received in Honor of:

The Wesley Chancel Choir

From Ms. Pamela Wright

The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in honor of:

Dr. Monica Dekle

From Don and Judy Riddle

Honey Ryan

From Elizabeth B. Knight

The Eli's Place Fund

Gifts have been received in honor of:

"The wonderful "

Eli's Place Teachers

From Holly McCormick

February 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
5:00 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, OH 405
5:30 Supper, FH
6:00 Bible Study, FH
6:00 Crazy Love Book Study, OH 308
6:00 Joyful Noise, EB Rms 202, 203, 205
6:00 Children's Choirs, EB Rms 303, 304, 305
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.

Sunday, February 2
10:00 New Member Class, OH 205
4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr
Monday, February 3
6:00 Wesley Gardens Comm. Mtg, WG
Tuesday, February 4
5:30 Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH Parlor
Wednesday, February 5
See WNS Schedule
6:00 UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
Thursday, February 6
Youth Ski Trip Thru 2/9

Saturday, February 8
8:45 WCC Love Walk, WCC
Sunday, February 9
10:00 New Member Class, OH 205
4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr
Monday, February 10
10:00 Game Day at Wesley Gardens
Tuesday, February 11
2:00 Prayer Comm. Mtg, OH
2:00 Care & Share Mtg, OH 310
Wednesday, February 12
See WNS Schedule
6:00 Confirmation Class, OH 205
6:00 Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 310
Thursday, February 13
9:30 Sewing Group, OH 310
Friday, February 14
Eli's Place Valentines Program
Sunday, February 16
10:00 Confirmation Class, EB 406
4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Monday, February 17
2:00 Courtney Gaines Circle, Home of Madge Edwards
Tuesday, February 18
6:00 Pacesetters Mtg, FH
Wednesday, February 19
See WNS Schedule
6:00 Missions Comm. Mtg, OH 205
Thursday, February 20
10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH 205
Friday, February 21
7:00 Urban Hope Chefs & Chocolates
Saturday, February 22
7:45 Homeless Breakfast
Sunday, February 23
4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr
Monday, February 24
2:00 Joy Circle
Wednesday, February 26
10:30 Jane Shirah Circle, Hm of Camille O'Neill
6:15 Ash Wednesday Svc, SNC
Thursday, February 27
9:30 Sewing Group, OH 310

Care & Share

Care and Share - March Meeting
The next Care and Share Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 24, in Room 310 of Oliver Hall. The committee, comprised of church members, makes monthly visits to fellow members who are unable to attend services. The committee meets every other month and is led by our Pastoral Advisers, Rev. Jennifer Thompson and Rev. Ben Martin. Please feel free to attend our next meeting or you may contact Bonnie Delters for further information, 912-351-0814. Grace and Peace!

Sewing Group

February Fun—Pillow Cases!
The sewing project for February will be pillowcases for Family Promise. Pat Killewald and Anne Lytle will provide the kits, so all you need to know is how to sew a straight line! Everyone from beginner to advanced is welcome to attend. The group will meet Thursdays, February 13 and 27, at 9:30 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 310. For more information, please call the church office, 912-232-0191.

Memorials Cont.

The Building Fund Gifts have been received in memory of: James Davis From Dr. and Mrs. O. Emerson Ham, Jr. Bobbie Mattox From: The Alpha/Fellowship Sunday School Class Annelle McDuffee	The Endowment Fund Gifts have been received in memory of: M'Liss Williams From Alan Campbell Becky Heckard From Jo Anne Garcia-Melendez Martha Hayes From Mildred H. Bouy Bobbie Mattox From: Care and Share Annelle McDuffie
The Monumental Music Fund Gifts have been received in memory of: Melinda Lanier From Dr. and Mrs. O. Emerson Ham, Jr. Monty Walker & Becky Heckard From Madge and Joe Edwards Danny Wendt From Jake and Suzanne Marbach	



Children's Ministry

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Many of you were here on the second Sunday of 2020 when we reaffirmed and remembered our baptism. It's one of my favorite Sundays as I remember how special it was to watch as each of my younger siblings became a member of God's family and to stand with my parents at the baptismal font as they promised to raise us in faith. What a blessing it is to be part of a family that knows and believes in Jesus.



In his sermon (it's on our website if you missed it) Rev. Martin read from the fourth chapter of Deuteronomy, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." The Children's Ministry of our church wants to partner with you in teaching your children God's words and His commands.



At Wesley we are blessed to have fabulous materials to help us teach the children. We use a method of storytelling that engages a child's sense of sight, hearing and touch as a way to come to know God. Each Sunday as the lesson is told, wooden pieces are put out for the children to hold and touch. After the lesson, the children are given the opportunity to work on an art activity or to work with the story pieces. The children see, feel, hear and retell the lesson and the stories become part of their memory.



In Sunday School, on the Sunday we remembered our baptism, we heard about John the Baptist, (and had crickets and honey to eat) and at Children's Worship we heard how we become part of God's family in baptism. The doves we made in Children's Worship are hanging from the ceiling in the third floor hallway to remind us of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We have so much fun it should be called Funday School.



Look at all of the pictures of our time with the children and make plans to join us. Our classrooms open at 9:45 a.m. and we begin our lesson at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School ends at 10:45 a.m. so everyone has time to get to the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.



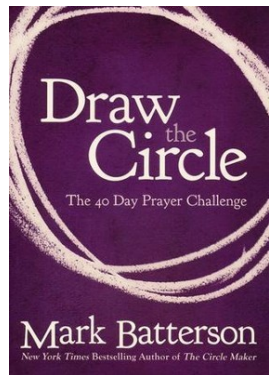


From Ben's Desk

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The Season of Lent

February is normally the month in which Ash Wednesday falls and the season of Lent begins. This year it is late in the month (Ash Wednesday is February 26), but I wanted to preview for you what will be happening during Lent. Because Lent is a season of penitence, the disciplines most often associated with it are prayer and fasting. This year we are inviting all of our Sunday school classes to join in a church-wide study on prayer entitled, "Draw the Circle: The Forty Day Prayer Challenge" by Mark Batterson. It is the follow up to his popular book "The Circle Maker." If you are not currently in a Sunday school class, we are going to offer a new class for this study in hopes of birthing a new Sunday school class out of it. Jennifer Thompson will teach the new class.



Because Lent moves us with Jesus towards the cross, it begins with Ash Wednesday. On that day we experience the imposition of ashes and contemplate our sin ("repent with sackcloth and ashes") and our mortality ("ashes to ashes and dust to dust"). During Lent I will be preaching a series of sermons entitled "Set Your House in Order," based on the experience of King Hezekiah in 2 Kings 20:1-11 in which he was told he only had a short time to live and he needed to "set his house in order." Sounds depressing I know, but since its Lent I'll try not to make us laugh too much (that's a joke!). I hope we will be preparing our hearts to move deeper into a life of prayer and farther into a life prepared for whatever tomorrow brings.



Prayer Time



Call to Prayer - Everyone Welcome

Join the Prayer Committee each Wednesday afternoon before Wednesday Night Supper for a time of prayer. The Committee meets in the sanctuary with Rev. Martin at 4:45 p.m. to pray for our church. Everyone is welcome.



Urban Hope



10th Annual Chefs & Chocolates

Guest Speaker Bruce Main, President and Founder of Urban Promise February 21, 7:00 PM
For more information email: community@urbanhopesavannah.org



Congregational Life

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Monday, February 10

10:00 a.m. - until, Wesley Gardens, Brunch \$7

This year we are going to combine our Valentine's celebration with game day! Don your red clothing and come eat a yummy brunch prepared by Suzanna. Then, plan to stay and play games or enjoy time just visiting with others. This will be a laid back time of fun and fellowship! Bring your favorite games or cards. (We will eat brunch first so that those who want to stay and "hang out" at the Gardens can do so without time limits).



Monday, March 9

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Lunch \$7

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? Jim and Melissa Emery chose the small country of Bhutan in Asia. This fascinating place is nestled between Nepal, India, and China. It is a rural, Buddhist nation of peaceful, impoverished people.....but, interestingly enough, it also rates very high on the happiness index. Come and hear why!



February 26, 2020

6:15 p.m.

Sanctuary



Music

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G. F. Handel's *Messiah*, December 14, 2019





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Life at Wesley



Chancel Choir caroling to homebound church members



Savannah Trombone Choir playing in worship



Courtney Gaines Circle held their annual Christmas luncheon and enjoyed singing by Claire Frazier



Wesley members visit nursing home residents on Christmas day



The 3:30 Christmas Eve Service included a new nativity set given in memory of Dwaine Willett

Messenger Monthly Spotlight

Nativity Pageant & Christmas Celebration Program

