

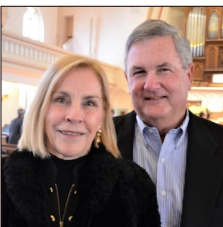


Membership

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Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following new members joined during February. Our next New Member Class will be Sundays, March 1 and 8, at 10:00 a.m., with the class joining on March 8. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



Judi and Tom Aldridge, Jr.

Already Judi has served Wesley by visiting nursing home residents on Christmas morning. She and Tom lived in a 100-year-old home in Virginia prior to moving to Savannah. They especially like Wesley's traditional worship. They enjoy travel and art collecting.

Shepherds: Whitney and Michael Butler and Christopher and James Butler



Megan and Bobby Haubein, III, and daughters, Heather and Millie Haubein

Megan grew up in Savannah, and she and Bobby have two children, Heather, age 3, and Millie, age 8 months. Millie will be baptized at Wesley on April 5. The strong children's program drew them to Wesley.

Shepherds: Courtney and Bobby Lee
Children's Shepherds: Hudson and Charlotte Lee



Ryan Kelly and son, Grayson Kelly

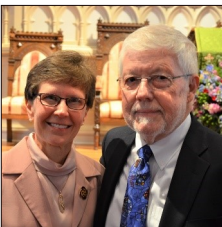
Ryan and his two-year-old son, Grayson, came to Wesley for its strong preaching. Ryan works at Gulfstream. He is from Cedar Key, Florida, and his father came up from Cedar Key to be in worship on the important day Ryan and Grayson joined the church.

Shepherd: Patrick Graham



Bren and Chet Kos

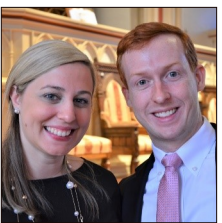
The first time Bren and Chet came to Wesley was to hear Handel's *Messiah*, so their Shepherd is a member of the Chancel Choir, Jack Tamplin. They love great traditional music. Their two daughters have Old Testament names, Hannah and Leah. Bren is a speech and language pathologist, and Chet works at SCAD. *Shepherd: Jack Tamplin*



Wendy Laidlaw (shown with her husband, Rev. Mike Laidlaw)

Wendy is the COO and part owner of a company in Portland, Maine. She is the daughter and wife of Presbyterian ministers. Vibrant worship and strong sermons drew them to Wesley. As a member of presbytery, Mike (and other ministers) do not join a local congregation, but we are excited he is now part of the church family, too.

Shepherds: Nancy and Woody Brown and Sue and Dr. Keith Ellis



Nicole and Kevin Pope

Nicole is an attorney with Hunter Maclean, and Kevin is a certified public accountant. Kevin grew up in Macon, and his mother and Marion Thomas are sisters. Seeing how attentive the church was toward Kevin's aunt and uncle while his Uncle Mark recovered from a stroke made the Papes want to join Wesley. *Shepherds: Marion and Mark Thomas*



Lauren and Bryan Stuckey, Jr., and children, Hudson and Penny Stuckey

Lauren teaches elementary school in Richmond Hill, and she and Bryan both wanted a church with a strong children's ministry. Her parents died when she was very young, and her grandparents raised her, and they were active in the United Methodist Church.

Shepherds: Carol and Chad Ebel



Be a Cut Up

Thank you to the beautiful cutting crew assisting Nelle in cutting out Bible memory verse shapes, Marilyn Black, Linda Butler, Grace Gattis, Carolyn Griner, Susan Herring, Annie Hitt, Melissa Krawitz, Sharlene Monahan, Lori Miller, Carolyn Roth, Janet Wist, Dr. Ellen Williams, and youth, Savannah and Sarah Jean Yost, Jessica Rushing, and Sara Livingood. Please tell Nelle if you want to cut out paper shapes at home (paper and patterns provided).



Missions

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Get Involved! "Tithe Your Time" for Wesley Monumental UMC

John Wesley considered the world to be his parish. Wesley Monumental strives to be the hands of Christ, as disciples in a hurting world. As members of Wesley, we promise to support the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Each year, we formally tithe our financial support for Wesley programs, while we also need to pledge our skills, service and time.

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a new initiative which provides a chance for each of us to take a prayerful moment and commit ourselves to tithing our time. "Tithe Your Time" provides each of us a chance to review the Wesley sponsored missions, consider prayerfully how we wish to serve, and commit ourselves by filling out the "Tithe Your Time" form and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. To which program(s) are you committed to tithing your time?

If you would like to learn more about each program, please visit
wesleymonumental.org/get-involved-2/missions/



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(s) _____

Mission Programs Funded by Wesley

- ☐ Family Promise of Greater Savannah - Provides emergency shelter, meals, school/job placement, and inclusive support to assist temporarily displaced families.
- ☐ Urban Hope - After-school program and summer camp for at-risk youth in Savannah's inner city, annually ministering to over 180 children.
- ☐ Wesley Community Centers of Savannah - Serving women & children in the Savannah community by providing pre-school and day care for disadvantaged children. The Family Life Center supplies food, clothing, education opportunities and more. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women and the UMC.
- ☐ The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home - Provides housing, meals, protection, preparation and spiritual support to pregnant women in crisis situations.
- ☐ The Fresh Air Home - Tybee Island summer camp for at-risk children/youth. Serving 350 children, the camp builds character and encourages spiritual growth.
- ☐ Mission on the Move (M.O.M.) - International Ministry - Providing spiritual, educational and medical aid to over 150 children in Mexico, Honduras and Kenya.
- ☐ Refugee Ministry - Resettlement support to refugee families in Savannah from Syria, Iraq, Burma, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Afghanistan. Volunteer opportunities include furniture donations, home set up, transportation, and English lessons.
- ☐ Homeless Outreach - Providing a monthly breakfast for homeless individuals.
- ☐ Backpack Buddies - A ministry that supplies food for the weekend to children in the free lunch program.
- ☐ Construction Ministry - Building Tiny Houses for homeless veterans; a Family Promise house, and Habitat houses.
- ☐ _____ - write in a ministry of your choice.

March 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, March 1

10:00 New Member Class, OH 205
4:00 Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr

Tuesday, March 3

1:30 Eli's Place Staff Mtg, FH
5:30 Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH Parlor

Wednesday, March 4

See WNS Schedule
6:00 UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
6:00 Confirmation Class, OH 205
6:00 Sunday School Teachers Mtg, OH 207

Sunday, March 8

UMW Sunday
10:00 New Member Class, OH 205
10:00 Confirmation Class, EB 406
5:00 Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, March 9

11:00 Merry Makers Event, FH

Tuesday, March 10

2:00 Prayer Group, OH

Wednesday, March 11

See WNS Schedule
6:00 Confirmation Class, OH 205
6:00 Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 310

Sunday, March 15

5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Monday, March 16

No Eli's Place this Week - Spring Break
2:00 Courtney Gaines Circle
Youth Lockin

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day—Church Office Closed
7:00 Youth Pancake Breakfast, FH

Wednesday, March 18

See WNS Schedule

Thursday, March 19

10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH 205
6:00 UMM Dinner Meeting, FH

Sunday, March 22

4:00 Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Monday, March 23

2:00 Joy Circle

Tuesday, March 24

2:00 Care & Share, OH 310

Wednesday, March 25

10:30 Jane Shirah Circle,
Home of Linda Tedder

Sunday, March 29

4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Monday, March 30

5:30 Administrative Board Mtg, FH

An Evening of Excellence

On Saturday, April 18 from 6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m., Jimmy Flowers and his daughter, Julia Flowers, are planning an event where you will be fed well and entertained with songs and music from Savannah Arts Academy students and others. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Wesley Monumental, and the meal will be buffet style and include medallions of beef (filet mignon), scalloped potatoes, green bean almandine, rolls, a salad, and dessert. Beverages will be tea, coffee, lemonade, and water. The Savannah Arts Academy students will sing popular songs acapella and with piano accompaniment. The price is \$50 per ticket and take out plates will be available for \$35 per ticket (tax deductible). ALL of the money raised will go to Wesley Community Center and to support the refugee ministry at Wesley Monumental. Tickets will be available at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jimmy Flowers at 828-243-4386.

Altar Guild



Easter Lilies
& Caladiums
for Easter
Sunday

Lilies and caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 12. You may order plants in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$14 per plant. Orders must be received in the church office by **Monday, March 30, 2020**. Forms may be found at all sanctuary entrances.

Memorials

The Wesley Garden Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received
in memory of
George Wilson
From:
Nick Lee
Ron and Karen Washburn

The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received
in memory of
George Wilson
From
Deanne and Ken Rimes

The Monumental Music Fund

Gifts have been received
in memory of:
Sandy Davis
From The Wesley Chancel Choir
George Wilson
From The Wesley Chancel Choir

HONORARIA

The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received
in honor of:
**Sallie Rose Beckwith and
Lulie Beckworth**
From The Beckwith Family
Lois Wooten
From Bill and Maggie Rousseau



Children's Ministry

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The Joy of Sunday School

Our church is blessed to have a very dedicated group of ladies who come on Sunday mornings prepared to teach our youngest members lessons from the Bible. Our children love hearing the lessons and come running into the classrooms each week. Hear what the teachers have to say about the joy of Sunday School.

Lauren Cohn teaches a very active group of kindergarten and 1st graders and writes: Teaching Sunday School has been such a blessing in my life. Our children are genuinely hungry for God's word. What a joy to be a thread in their life story that weaves through their day and feeds



Emily Davis, Babies & Toddlers

them His Truth. Teaching Sunday School also keeps the Scriptural Truth as the forefront story in my own life. I thought I was going to be the one who would lead the children closer to Christ, when they're the ones whose faith has enriched mine!

Emily Davis teaches our babies and toddlers and writes: By far, my favorite thing to do is to teach Sunday School—not just for any group, but for our babies! Did you know that even the tiniest members of Wesley have a Sunday School class just for them in the nursery each week? We sing and play with toys as we're learning the days of creation and that God made us and He loves us. We have flowers, clapping stars, a raincloud, animals, fish and birds to help get the lesson across. If you give your toddler a Bible, they will find Jesus in there! To be fair, our Bibles all have a Jesus sticker to find, but how could I not be blessed when one of those precious babies shouts, "I found Jesus!" When Ben speaks about how all members of Wesley will influence a child who is being baptized, I am always pleased to know that the class I teach gets them started on their Christian journey. My heart fills when they run to their seats on Sunday morning when we ask, "Who's ready for Sunday School?" and I am blessed every time!



Jeanne Poenicke, 2nd & 3rd Grade

When asked how she is blessed by teaching Sunday School, **Stephanie Yost**, who teaches our three year olds uses Jesus' words from Mark 9:37, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me...."

Jeanne Poenicke teaches our second and third graders and writes: Wesley is blessed to have many young families with children and these families are blessed to be at Wesley where they can be secure in the knowledge that their children are learning the true stories of the Bible from people who know God and love God. I have taught children's Sunday School for a number of years and love being around children. It has truly been a blessing to watch the children of Wesley through the years grow in knowledge and faith to become Godly young men and women. It is especially gratifying to see these same children grow up, go off to college, get married and return to Wesley to raise their children and teach them to love God. I hope that through teaching children's Sunday School I have had some small part in shaping these young lives into Godly men and women. A side benefit is that I now know the stories of the Bible so well that when my grandchildren ask for a story, I can share with them the great stories of the Bible even when I don't have my Bible or a Bible story book handy.

We begin our Sunday School lesson at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and are finished at 10:45 a.m. so the children can be picked up with time to get settled into the Sanctuary for the 11:00 service. On March 1st we will join the rest of our church in a series of lessons on prayer. Plan now to join us. It's a great time to start a new Sunday School habit!



Lauren Cohn, K & 1st Grade



Stephanie Yost, 3 Year Olds



From Ben's Desk

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What Makes Us Methodist?

If I asked you, "Why are you a part of the Wesley Monumental church family?" what would your answer be? I am pretty sure "Because I'm Methodist" is not going to make the top five responses. But I am also pretty sure it is because Wesley Monumental is Methodist that you choose to be a part of this church family, even if you don't know it. In other words, everything you love about Wesley is in some way connected to our Wesleyan/ Methodist heritage. Our theology/preaching/teaching, music, worship, missions, discipleship (of children, youth, adults), hospitality/friendliness, are all defined by our heritage as Methodist.

As many of you know, the United Methodist church is at somewhat of a crossroads as a denomination and the 2020 General Conference in May could redefine what our denomination looks like. While there is nothing that the General Conference will do that has to change who we are and what we do as a church to honor God in worship, grow disciples, care for people, and impact our community and world, it is an important time for us to remember why we are Methodist.

On Wednesday nights this Spring, I'm going to be teaching after dinner on "What Makes Us Methodist." Whether or not you are a regular part of Wednesday night dinner, I hope you might make this a part of your mid-week schedule. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the teaching time begins about 6:10 p.m. and ends by 7:00 p.m. Below is the upcoming teaching/program schedule:

February 19	Ben	What Makes Us Methodist: The Doctrine, The Spirit, The Discipline
February 26		Ash Wednesday Service
March 4	Ben	What Makes Us Methodist: A Theology of Grace
March 11	Ben	What Makes Us Methodist: Means of Grace: Word, Sacrament, Service
March 18	Ben	What Makes Us Methodist: Faith & Works
March 25	Ben	What Makes Us Methodist: Social Justice & Evangelism
April 1	Ben	What Makes Us Methodist: A Catholic Spirit
*April 9		Maundy Thursday dinner and communion service (*note Thursday, not Wednesday)
April 15	Ben	What Makes Us Methodist: The Via Media
April 22	Ben	General Conference Preview
April 29	Nelle	
May 6		Music Awards
May 13	Ben	General Conference Review



Congregational Life

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The 40 Day Prayer Challenge—Let's Do This Together!

During Lent, Wesley will be doing a churchwide study using the book *Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge*. This book is an inspiring 40 day devotional teaching us to pray boldly. Each Sunday School plans to take the Sundays between February 23rd and April 5th to study and discuss this book. If you are not currently a part of a Sunday School class, Jennifer Thompson will be leading a class during the Sunday School hour, in Oliver Hall Room 205, that will last for the duration of this study. It is a great opportunity to get to know others from Wesley, and even more importantly, it is a great opportunity to prepare for the Easter season. If you cannot join us for one of the Sunday School studies, please prayerfully consider getting a book and reading along with everyone else. The books will be available on Wednesday nights and in the church office.



**Merry Makers
March Program**
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!



Music

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"Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." Psalm 8:2

Children Lead Worship February 9



Announcements

UMW Sunday

United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday is March 8th.

UMM March Dinner Meeting

The United Methodist Men will meet Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

National Day of Prayer ~ Save the Date

This year's National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 7, 2020. More details to come.



Youth

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Over the weekend of February 6-9, our youth group enjoyed an awesome ski retreat to Snowshoe, WV. Our group of 26 piled onto a charter bus with the youth group from Wilmington Island UMC early in the morning on Thursday. We

drove all day and into the night to get to Snowshoe, finally arriving around 9:00 p.m. Our days on Friday and Saturday were filled with skiing, fellowship, and worshipping together. We skied in a snowstorm all day on Friday, and enjoyed a clear and beautiful day on Saturday!

A special thanks goes out to our wonderful chaperones: Ali Bunn, Katherine Grimmett, Jon Pannell, Susan Shinall, Lee Huff, Skip Watts, and Joy Yost. Without them, this trip would not have been possible. But without question the "unsung hero" of the youth ski trip year after year is Robin Canady, who prepares all of our meals in advance, packs them up, and sends them with us. Thank you, Robin, for making sure we all eat well!



Don't forget to join us for the **St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast** on Tuesday, March 17 from 7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children with proceeds benefiting Wesley Youth Ministries. Menu includes: pancakes, bacon, green grits, with coffee, milk, or orange juice.



Care and Share - Join & Make a Difference

If you would like to make a difference in someone's life, please join us for the next meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2:00 p.m., Room 310, Oliver Hall. Our mission is to brighten a member's life with monthly visits. You can tithe 1/10 of your time in this manner. Any questions, call Bonnie Delvers, 912-351-0814. Blessings!!



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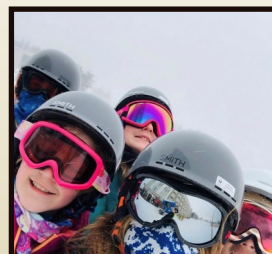
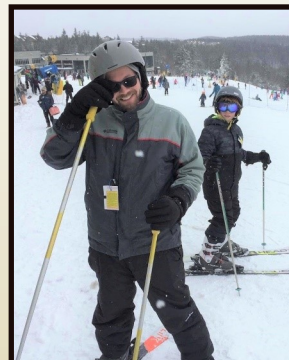
On February 8, 33 Wesley members ran/walked to raise money for Wesley Community Center. Wesley participated in memory of Jim Walker and in honor of his widow, Mildred Walker who walked the course alongside her daughter and granddaughter.



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Youth Ski Retreat



Thank you to the Susanna Wesley Circle and all the volunteers for a wonderful Winter Wonderland!

