

## Membership

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### Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following joined during March. The next New Member course will be Sundays, April 19 and 26, 10:00 a.m., with the class joining as a group on April 26. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



### Colby and Trey Aimar & sons, Emerson & Hampton Aimar

Both Colby and Trey grew up in Savannah. She is a Spanish Oaks hospice nurse who wanted to join when she observed how Ben Martin visited patients at Spanish Oaks. Trey went to school as a child at Blessed Sacrament, where their 4-year-old twin sons now attend Pre-K.

Shepherds: *Leslie and Mort Shor*

Children's Shepherds: *Mary and Millie Shor*



### Donna & Oscar Cook

The Cooks live on a farm in Canton, GA, but spend lots of time in Savannah. Donna collects antique books and cookbooks and loves to read. Oscar enjoys gardening. Traditional worship drew them to Wesley. Their three daughters all came on the Sunday they joined.

Shepherd: *Cindy Lupton*



### Laura and Derek Fleiner & daughter, Abby Fleiner

Laura grew up in Albany and is a physician assistant. Derek went to college with his shepherd, Jason Sorel. Already Derek serves the homeless through Wesley's homeless camp monthly breakfasts. Abby, age 7, attends May Howard Elementary School.

Shepherds: *Maggie and Jason Sorel*

Abby's Shepherd: *Reese Sorel*



### Shred Your Stress-Too Blessed To Be Stressed, Wednesday, April 22, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Bring tax documents for free shredding prior to Wednesday night supper, sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. Questions, Nelle, 912-234-9245.

### Pew Hosts

Pew Hosts are in worship to welcome guests. Please sign up with Nelle, 234-9245, or [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).



### Imani Milele Children

From Keren Nambogga, "I want to thank you so much for my shoes and dress that I've got for Christmas. May the good Lord bless you abundantly for your kind heart. May He make you rich and richer. I love you so much. Thank you for loving me too, I am so humbled. When I count my blessings, I count you twice." Keren is a child in Uganda sponsored by Wesley members, Bonnie and Peter Delves. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or would like to learn more, please contact Bonnie Delves, 912-351-0814.

## Memorials

### The Wesley Garden Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

**George Wilson**

From: The Journey Sunday School Class

**Kian Koon Koh**

(Mother of Miang Chow)  
From Carl and Brenda Feus

### The Monumental Music Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

**Mary Radford**

(Mother of Barbara Jones)  
From Carolyn Roth

### The Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of

**Bobbie Maddox**

From: The Jane Shirah Circle

### The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

**George Wilson**

From Kevin Beckwith

**Mary Radford**

From  
Patsy and Randal Robinson

## Missions

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### Homeless Breakfast, Saturday, March 28

For the March 28 breakfast, we will purchase food (sausage biscuits, etc.) and drop off at the camp. Those who participate will not need to prepare the food or attend this month.



### Construction Ministries - Part of our Mission

Here are two great projects on the horizon:

#### • Tiny Homes

Over the next several months we will offer opportunities to our men, women, and youth to serve through construction. The Tiny Home project is going into its second phase of 24 homes. A corporate sponsor is offering to fund and build the framing of the next phase and Wesley Monumental's team of volunteers building out the interior furnishings as we did with the first phase. There will also be opportunities to contribute to the decorating and stocking of these homes. That work will take place mid-summer through the fall of 2020, once final construction is set. The homeless authority is seeking funding to finalize construction by the end of the year. The generosity and commitment of our congregation has been instrumental in guaranteeing the completion of The Tiny Home project.



#### • Family Promise Transitional Housing

Through Wesley's long-term relationship with Family Promise and its support of families situationally homeless, we will be taking leadership in renovating three houses on Cumming Street in West Savannah starting in April through the summer. These houses are being made available through the city of Savannah and the land bank. These homes will be used as the final stage of Family Promise transitioning families into long-term, self-funded housing. We will be seeking volunteers, financial support, and donated items over the next 6 months. We will be reaching out to groups and organizations across the congregation offering opportunities to get involved.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or want to contribute in any way.

Nick Hitt & Scott Cleaveland, Missions Committee



Houses on Cumming Street being provided to Family Promise through the Savannah Land Bank





## April 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.

### Wednesday, April 1

See WNS Schedule

6:30 UMW Board Mtg, OH 310

### Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday

10:00 Confirmation Class, OH 205

### Monday, April 6

11:30 Holy Week Meal & Message, FH

### Tuesday, April 7

11:30 Holy Week Meal & Message, FH

2:00 Prayer Group Mtg, OH

5:30 Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH Parlor

### Wednesday, April 8

No WNS

11:30 Holy Week Meal & Message, FH

6:00 Susanna Wesley Circle

6:00 Confirmation Class, OH 205

### Thursday, April 9

11:30 Holy Week Meal & Message, FH

5:30 Maundy Thursday Dinner, FH

6:15 Maundy Thursday Svc, SNC

### Friday, April 10

11:30 Holy Week Meal, FH

12:00 Good Friday Svc, SNC

### Sunday, April 12

Easter

Identical 8:45 and 11:00 Services

### Tuesday, April 14

2:00 Care & Share, OH 310

5:30 Endowment Comm. Mtg, OH 310

6:00 Pacesetters, FH

### Wednesday, April 15

See WNS Schedule

6:00 Mission Committee Mtg

### Sunday, April 19

10:00 New Member Class, OH Parlor

4:00 Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr

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

### Monday, April 20

2:00 Courtney Gaines Circle,

Home of Jeannette Cason

### Wednesday, April 22

See WNS Schedule

10:30 Jane Shirah Circle,

Home of Linda Tedder

### Thursday, April 23

10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH 205

### Sunday, April 26

10:00 New Member Class, OH Parlor

4:00 Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr

5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

### Monday, April 27

2:00 Joy Circle Mtg

EB = Education Building OH = Oliver Hall

SNC = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall

WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat

## An Evening of Excellence

On Saturday, May 9 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.



## Prayer Committee



Everyone is invited to join the Prayer Committee and Rev. Martin each Wednesday evening from 4:45 p.m.—5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary for a time of prayer. The committee members pray for the church, staff, and needs of the congregation.



### National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7 and Wesley Monumental will be observing this national day of prayer. Please join us for a guided prayer session at noon in our sanctuary. For your personal prayer time, the sanctuary will be opened from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you can not join us at noon, please pray wherever you are for our nation and world. First pray that there will be a great revival across our land starting with each of us. This great nation is being ripped apart by hate and self-interest. Only the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord can save it.

*"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*



## Children's Ministry

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry  
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This month two of our Pre-K teachers have written about the joys and blessing they receive from teaching Sunday School.



Kelly Hagan, Pre-K Teacher

The mother of triplets, Kelly Hagan writes, "I love children! There is nothing better than someone else's four year old! I love how honestly and simply they understand and accept Christ. I love to tell the stories. There hasn't been a Sunday yet where I haven't learned something or thought about a lesson differently. (Either because I had never learned it, had forgotten it, or because one of my little friends helped me think about it differently!) I hope that by tithing my time, I am helping in some small way."

Carolyn Shervette, taught at Eli's Place for several years when her boys were small and says, "I feel truly blessed to have the chance to teach these amazing children at Sunday school. I love relearning all the stories in the Bible as I teach the children. I especially love when the children share their thoughts or interpretations and in turn teach me a few things as well. The joy I feel when I look into their faces and see they understand that the Lord and Jesus loves, cares, and watches over them every day. That is truly a beautiful feeling."



Carolyn Shervette, Pre-K Teacher



### Easter Egg-stravaganza

Our annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center with a back-up date of Saturday, April 11. There will be lots of eggs, treats, games, and art activities. Be sure to bring your Easter basket, bug spray and a camera. Watch for more details @CMatWesleyUMC or on our website.

### Vacation Bible School

Join us for a week full of smiles, laughter, love, and discovering God's goodness. Our Vacation Bible School will be held at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center June 8 - 12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration will open in April for all Wesley Monumental families.



### Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

Wesley children, who have completed kindergarten through third grade, can register now for Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens the week of July 20-24. It will be a fun week full of games, crafts, science, and water fun along with some time spent studying God's Word and doing acts of service. Monday - Wednesday we'll start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. On Thursday we'll start at 9:00 a.m., and we will be spending the night at Wesley Gardens! Our tired campers will be ready to be picked up at noon on Friday. The cost for the week is \$85. If you have not received a registration form, please email [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org)



### Summer Camp at Eli's Place

Summer Camp at Eli's Place is for children as young as 12 weeks through those who have completed Pre-K and will be starting kindergarten in the fall. It is a great opportunity for children to build friendships with other children who are members of Wesley Monumental and it is also a way to introduce friends and family members to Wesley. Registration forms and more information are available at the church and on our website.





## From Ben's Desk

Ben Martin, Senior Pastor  
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### Staying Connected While Apart

#### Coronavirus and Upcoming Events

Please note, all upcoming events listed in the April Messenger are subject to change. Please check our website, [wesleymonumental.org](http://wesleymonumental.org) and Facebook/Instagram posts for updates. If you would like to receive our Wesley Weekly email newsletter, which goes out every Wednesday evening, please email [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

#### To better serve the congregation during this time, we plan to offer the following:

- Sunday Morning Services will be posted on our website, [wesleymonumental.org](http://wesleymonumental.org) (click on the "Staying Connected While Apart" rotating photo on the home page)
- Online Bible Study groups and an online interactive Sunday School lesson on "Draw the Circle"
- Daily Facebook Live devotion with James P. Owens at 7:30 a.m. (Facebook page: [@wesleymonumental](https://www.facebook.com/wesleymonumental))
- Wednesday Night "Take Out" Supper (menu will be posted on social media) Call the church office by Monday to reserve your meal. Pick up meals & prayer page from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wayne Street (between church and church office). We will bring the meals to your car. \$5 per plate, Family Max \$15 (cash or checks only)
- Online Giving is now available. (click on "Staying Connected While Apart" rotating photo on the home page)
- Young Mothers' Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Email [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net) to sign up.
- Don't forget, our Retreat Center at Wesley Gardens is a great place to visit and social distance. You can hike the trails, play on the playground, or even do some crabbing. Please contact Micah Sprunger in advance.

#### Holy Week & Easter

Easter is the pinnacle of the Christian year. We are resurrection people and our faith is grounded in the resurrection of Christ. However, this year having such an early Spring and a late Easter can make it feel a bit anticlimactic. The azaleas have bloomed and gone. But because you can't really celebrate Easter without going through Holy Week and the cross, maybe it will be easier to capture the somberness of those days to prepare us for the joy of Easter morning.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday remembrance of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. But, each day of the week takes him from celebration to rejection, from the hope for a conquering messiah to the dismay of a crucified one. On Thursday night we remember the last supper, on Friday we grieve our sin and his death on the cross, but on Easter Sunday morning we celebrate that "death has been swallowed up in victory"!

This year we will again have lunch services Monday through Friday during Holy Week. A light lunch will begin to be served at 11:30 a.m., and we will have a message around the theme of the day that begins at noon. We will conclude at 12:20 p.m. to get you back to work on time. Everything will take place in the Fellowship Hall with the exception of Good Friday where we will move to the sanctuary after lunch for a noon service. We will also move our regular Wednesday night dinner to Thursday, and our Maundy Thursday Communion service will begin immediately following dinner at 6:15 p.m. Make plans to join us for all these special times of worship. Each day our worship services will follow the passages below:

Palm/Passion Sunday	The Triumphal Entry	Mark 11:-11	Ben Martin
Monday	The Clearing of the Temple	Matthew 21:10-17	Jennifer Thompson
Tuesday	Day of Controversy	Luke 20:1-21:38	Nelle Bordeaux
Wednesday	Day of Anointing	Mark 14:1-11	Ben Martin
Thursday	The Footwashing	John 13:1-17	Mike Laidlaw
Thursday (6:15 p.m.)	The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-65	Ben Martin
Friday (noon)	The Crucifixion	Mark 15:1-47	James Owens
Saturday	The Tomb	I Peter 3:18-20	(no service)
Sunday	The Resurrection	Matthew 28:1-15	Ben Martin

Remember on Easter Sunday morning, both the 8:45 and 11:00 services will be identical with choir and brass ensemble. It will help with our parking for as many who can come to the 8:45 service. We are grateful SCAD has made extra parking available to us in their lots on Abercorn street, one block south of us behind their building, and in the lot facing Drayton street behind the Chatham Tower apartments.



## Youth

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries  
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It has been a great spring in the Wesley Monumental youth ministry! We have had a blast at youth group on Sunday nights, playing fun games like 9-square and storage tub cart racing. We have also been studying the Old Testament, continuing through the Torah. Youth Group can make even Leviticus fun!

#### Here are a few things coming up soon:

**Mystery Dinner Theatre** - Our fourth annual Mystery Dinner Theatre is happening on April 26, and one of your adult leaders is the guilty party. Your job will be to help solve the mystery. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited. Friends and guests are welcome!

**Confirmation** - This year's Confirmation class began meeting in September. They are an enthusiastic and fun group! Confirmation Sunday will be May 3, and we will confirm them in the 11:00 service.

**Summer Mission Trip** - We will be going to the Eastern Shore area of Virginia and ministering to the community with Youthworks this summer. The dates of the trip are July 19-24. This mission trip is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. It will be an awesome opportunity to serve God together!

#### To Stay Connected While We're Apart, Join James on Social Media:

Daily Facebook Live devotions at 7:30 a.m. (Facebook page: [@wesleymonumental](https://www.facebook.com/wesleymonumental))  
Wednesday Night Youth Bible Studies (8:00—9:00 p.m.) on Zoom (See James for details)  
Stay up-to-date and visit the Youth Instagram page: [wesley\\_monumental\\_youth](https://www.instagram.com/wesley_monumental_youth)



## Congregational Life

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#### We're Here to Help!

We have all heard that our older-adult community is more vulnerable to Covid-19 than others. And, there are many of you who care for someone who is unwell and you do not have the freedom to leave - or peace about bringing germs home to - your loved one. The staff at Wesley wants to help protect you. I, Jennifer, would LOVE to shop or run errands for you or for someone you know who is in such a position! If you are unable to leave your home - or uncomfortable about being exposed to this virus - please let me know, and I will go grocery shopping for you, pick up pet food, pick up prescriptions, etc. And, if I am not available, James, Nelle, and other staff members have volunteered to do the same! We have worked out an easy way for you to pay for the things you might need that would not involve you sharing your credit card numbers or other private information. Call me at 229-726-7735. Keep my number handy. Many of us are okay right now, but may need help in the future.



#### Monday, April 13 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch \$7 Fellowship Hall

Come and join Rabbi Larry and Rebbitzin Eileen Greenhaus from Keren Ohr Messianic Synagogue in Bloomingdale as they share their story of how they are Jewish and also recognize Jesus as the Messiah. As Merry Makers meets the Monday after Easter Sunday, this will be the perfect time to hear about the importance of Jesus in the lives of the members of this Jewish congregation, as well as some of the nuances of the Jewish faith that may offer us new or different insight into our own Christian faith. If you would like to read more about the Greenhaus's and Keren Ohr, you can check out their website at [www.shalomsavannah.com](http://www.shalomsavannah.com).





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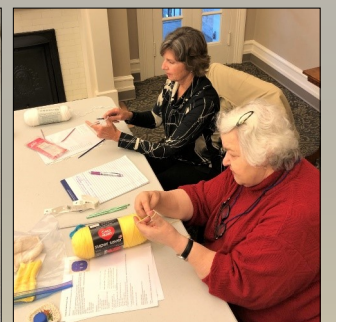
## Life at Wesley



2020 Wesley Confirmants attend a Confirmation Retreat at Epworth By the Sea.



Each month, several Wesley members serve breakfast at a local homeless camp.



In Children's Worship, the children had such a good time talking about protecting themselves from temptation. They made helmets and happy and sad faces and talked about making good choices.



In February, several members met to begin making prayer squares, which can be easily held and given to people in and out of our church who need prayer.



## Messenger Monthly Spotlight

### Ash Wednesday at Wesley

