



Membership

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October New Member Course

The next New Member Course will be October 18 and 25 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



Read the Bible Cover to Cover Next Year

Have you always wanted to read the entire Bible? Do you want to read the Bible chronologically to see how the stories fit together? Join the

"Read the Entire Bible" effort. Please tell Nelle.

Join a Bible Study via Zoom!

Good Tidings of Great Joy: Angels in the Bible

Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., all are welcome, via Zoom. Bible puppet show for children during the first five minutes. Please sign up with Nelle.

First Corinthians

Downtown Bible Study, Thursdays, noon to 12:30 p.m., all are welcome, via Zoom. Please sign up with Nelle.



Christmas Greenery 2020

The Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season!

Your pre-paid order will be shipped the Monday after Thanksgiving. Orders should be available for pickup in the Oliver Hall courtyard on Friday, December 4 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and the next week during the Church's normal business hours. The funds from this project are used to offset the cost of decorating the church during the Advent season.

Payment is due with your order. Please make your check payable to Wesley Monumental UMC and mark it for greenery order. Drop off your form and check at the church office or mail to WMUMC, 429 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

Item Description	Price	Quantity	Price Total
12 inch balsam wreath/centerpiece, single faced	\$16.00		
22 inch balsam wreath, double faced	\$29.00		
26 inch balsam wreath, double faced	\$31.00		
28 inch balsam wreath, double faced	\$37.00		
34 inch balsam wreath, double faced	\$49.00		
3 yard balsam garland	\$36.00		
5 yard balsam garland	\$54.00		
25 lb. bale of balsam boughs	\$59.00		
TOTALS			

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name _____

E-mail _____

Best Phone # _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip Code _____

All orders are due by
SUNDAY, October 11, 2020.



Missions Cont.

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Thank You from Young Refugees

A young refugee mother who came to Savannah from Damascus, Syria, the oldest continuously occupied city in the world, said in response to the church's providing groceries and rent, "Thank you very much. You don't know how happy I was when I received the money. My husband not work and does not have any money, and my little girl needed milk and diapers. Last week, she was two days without milk. I was very sad for her. I can't do anything, because I don't have any money. Thank you very much, thank you so much, thank you so much." Shown in this photo are twelve-year-old Limar Laila, holding her baby sister, Salaam Laila, with the sacks behind the girls showing the new school uniforms you donated. They have an older sister, Reham Laila, age thirteen. You outfitted 31 refugee children with new school uniforms, and the two older Laila daughters hope to become pediatricians. Thankfully their father now has a job, and their mother, Fatima, is trying to sell take-out Syrian meals that she cooks, for \$80 to feed four people. If you want a take-out supper, please speak with Holly McCormick, refugee ministry coordinator, or Nelle.



Mission Efforts

Interior nursery classroom construction at Wesley Community Center, weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon, please sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Urban Hope

We are grateful that Urban Hope resumed in-person after-school tutoring, meals, and Bible study. Our church will be providing an additional ten headsets needed for at-risk children and youth to enable them to keep up with their schoolwork.

The Living Vine Lawn Care

Please tell Nelle if you want to help cut the grass and prune the bushes at The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home.

Family Promise Houses

Thanks to Construction Ministry leader, Nick Hitt, renovation is underway at houses on Cumming Street. Please speak with Mission Committee Chairman, Scott Cleaveland, 912-598-8278, if you want to help with construction.



Paint Party!

All of October, we'll be painting Family Promise houses at 218 and 220 Cumming Street. Please tell Nelle or Scott if you would like to help.

Tithe Your Time

Want a weekly email of Bible verse encouragement? Would you like to do a daily act of servanthood? Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



Wesley Community Center Grocery Items Needed to Feed Children and Their Families

Please bring this list with you to the grocery store. Boxes are just inside church doors. Thank you for feeding

needy children enrolled at Wesley Community Center and their families.

Grocery List

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Cereal	Peanut Butter
Pasta	Rice
Oatmeal	Canned vegetables
Canned fruits	Canned meats

"Feed My lambs." - John 21:15



October At-A-Glance

EB = Education Building SNC = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat WSD = Wayne Street Door OH = Oliver Hall

Wednesday Night Supper (WNS) Schedule

4:45 Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:00 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
5:15 WNS To-Go Meals, WSD
5:30 WNS Take-Out Meal, WSD & FH
6:00 Joyful Noise Choir
6:00 Children's Choir
6:00 Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
6:00 "Spiritual Formation" Study, Led by Ben Martin
6:00 "The Book of Isaiah" Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson
7:15 Wesley Chamber Singers Rehearsal, SNC
*WNS times and events are subject to change.

Tuesday, October 6

5:30 Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH Parlor

Wednesday, October 7

See WNS Schedule

6:00 UMW Board Mtg, OH

Monday, October 12

November Messenger Deadline
11:00 Merry Makers, WG

Tuesday, October 13

5:30 Board of Trustees Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, October 14

See WNS Schedule

6:00 Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 310

Sunday, October 18

10:00 New Member Class, OH

Monday, October 19

2:00 Courtney Gaines Circle, Home of Roz Evans

Tuesday, October 20

2:00 Care and Share, FH
6:00 Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, October 21

See WNS Schedule

6:00 Mission Comm. Mtg

Thursday, October 22

10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH

Sunday, October 25

10:00 New Member Class, OH

4:00 Fall Festival, WG

Monday, October 26

2:00 Joy Circle, Zoom

5:30 Administrative Board Mtg

Wednesday, October 28

10:30 Jane Shirah Circle, WG

See WNS Schedule



Care and Share

The Care and Share Committee members will meet Tuesday, October 20 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are welcome to attend. No special requirements, just a willing heart to serve those members unable to attend services. Benefits are innumerable. Any questions, contact Bonnie Delvers, leader.



Memorials

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Betty Weeks

From The Jane Shirah Circle

The Building Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of

Major General William P. Bland, Jr.

From Ms. C. Kemp Norman

In Honorarium

The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in honor of

Lois Wooten

From Bill and Maggie Rousseau

The Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Batthey Nicholson Coffield

From:

Ms. Mary A. Scholl

Ethel M. Burriss

Dottie Hanson

Wesley Monumental Care & Share

Tom and Deborah W. Harper

The Alpha-Fellowship SS Class

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Jarrell, Jr.

Leita Hutcheson Stevens

Marie and Lynn Fritts

Lincoln River Estates Assn

Frances L. Downie

Dr. Leslie L. Wilkes

From

Mr. and Mrs. W. Waldo Bradley

Valinda McKibben

From

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Witsell

The Monumental Music Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of

Mrs. Faye Smith

(Mother of Alysa Smith)

From:

The Wesley Chancel Choir

Deanne and Ken Rimes

The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

"Correction to September Listing"

Les Wilkes

Margaret Willey

Jean Watts

and

Sylvia Boone

(Sister of Susan)

From

Susan and Dick Wallace



Children's Ministry

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Even in the time of COVID-19, there are lots of safe and fun activities for your family at Wesley Monumental. We are carefully following the CDC guidelines in our nursery and all of our classrooms. Just this week, we began using an electrostatic sprayer to improve sanitation efforts on our playground and ionization filters were installed in our HVAC system to continuously purify the air in our buildings. We want your family to feel confident that Wesley Monumental is a safe place to come and spend time with friends.



To limit congestion in the hallways and stairwells of the Education Building, children (birth - 5th grade) should be brought to the Wayne Street entrance for Sunday School, Children's Worship, and Joyful Noise. Temperatures are checked at the door, and the children are taken to wash their hands before entering their classroom. On Sunday mornings, parents do not need to pick up their children between Sunday School and Children's Worship at either service.

Sunday School

Teachers are ready to welcome your child at 9:45 a.m. and our lessons begin at 10:00 a.m. In all of our classes, we use a multi-sensory approach to teaching the lesson so that the children are able to see, hear, and touch the pieces of the Bible lesson being taught. They have the opportunity to make something that relates to the Bible lesson and includes the Bible verse for the morning.

Children's Worship

Each week we have a Bible lesson using the same scripture passage the adults hear in the Sanctuary. In addition to our lesson, we take a walk around our church, have a snack, and work on an activity to help us remember the lesson.



Children's Choirs

For children from three years old through Kindergarten, the Joyful Noise choir meets on Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This year the children rotate through three learning stations each week. Our learning stations include Rhythm Instruments, Handbells, Music Theory, Musical Art, and Musical Games. If the weather is nice, we take the children to the playground at the end of choir.

For children in 1st thru 5th grade, Ms. Monica and an amazing group of volunteers teach the children the Royal School of Church Music curriculum and how to play tone chimes. The children learn music is a way to praise and thank God, and they learn how to lead others in worship. These children also meet on Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper

Ms. Susanna prepares a delicious meal each week with special options for the children. Children younger than 1st grade are welcome in the nursery. Seating for families with elementary children is available in the Fellowship Hall and inside and outside in Oliver Hall.



We were so excited to begin our school year on September 8! We are carefully following all of the COVID-19 guidelines put out by the CDC. The children are settling into their new classrooms and new routines. We are looking forward to a visit from Johnny Appleseed the last week of September.

Fall Festival

Be sure to join us on Sunday, October 25 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Lots of fun things are planned for toddlers to teenagers! The festival is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity for the children to wear their costumes one more time. Everyone is welcome.





From Ben's Desk

Ben Martin, Senior Pastor
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The Church Goes On

This year has been disorienting in so many ways. The COVID shut down and social distancing have taken us out of our routines. Nothing seems quite the same. In the middle of all this, here at Wesley Monumental, we have tried to gradually work our way back into our ministries while recognizing the limitations a potential virus outbreak brings to us. At the end of June, we reintroduced in-person worship, followed by children's summer camp, and VBS. Some Sunday school classes have reintroduced an in-person option. Last month, Eli's Place began another school year, and we restarted our Wednesday evening meal, children's choir, and adult Bible study program. Our choir has been meeting in reduced sized ensembles and are already preparing for some form of Lessons and Carols. In other words, while so many things have changed and stopped around us, the church goes on.

The longevity of this COVID crisis is what poses its biggest threat to us in the church. In terms of church participation, every person must decide what is best for their particular situation. But, the more time that passes, it is easy to settle into new patterns of behavior, how I use my time, and how I spend my money. The longer we are "out of church," the easier it becomes for the critical disciplines of the faith to start slipping from a place of priority in my life. There is a reason that the early church was described as spending "much time together" in worship, study, fellowship, and service. The encouragement and accountability found in the community living faith out together was critical to prevent spiritual drift. It is important to be constantly reassessing what activities and practices of the faith I need to keep as a priority in my life.

One of the things fall brings to United Methodist churches is our annual Charge Conference. At Charge Conference, we review where we have been in the last year and prepare for where we are going in 2021. We will be preparing the 2021 Leadership Team to be approved. Our Leadership Team consist of more than 200 people. In other words, it takes all of us to keep the ministries of our church moving forward. If there is a particular area of ministry in our church where you have interest and passion to serve, please let me know.



Prayer Committee



Romans 12:12 is a good Battle Cry during this pandemic. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Also, Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

You are invited to join us for prayer from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday in the Oliver Hall Parlor before supper. We need you, the church needs you, and the world needs your prayers. - Sue Ellis



God calls us to pray.....Pray for our Nation!



Congregational Life

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Merry Makers - Willkommen zum Oktoberfest!

We are honored to have Margarete Froelicher-Grundmann, retired Professor of German at Armstrong Atlantic State University, as our October Merry Makers speaker. Margarete is a native of Germany, but has lived in the south for 41 years. She will be sharing with us about Germans and their contributions to Georgia's coastal area. We will then enjoy grilled bratwursts and German side dishes complements of Suzanna and Jimmy.



Monday, October 12
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wesley Gardens
Lunch \$7



Youth

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries
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Recently, an experienced pastor from another church asked me, "How are you doing youth ministry during COVID-19?" My response was, "The best we can." Aren't we all doing the best we can? If anything, this pandemic has been an opportunity for me to continually realize that we all need grace and to extend that grace to others. For the youth group, "the best we can" has meant an awesome local mission week, swimming and other fun at Wesley Gardens, and Sunday school with some of our friends in person and some on Zoom at the same time!



We also confirmed a great group of new professing members to our church. This past year's Confirmation class, which began meeting in fall of 2019, was confirmed in church on August 30. Our class meetings were interrupted by COVID, but I was delighted to see so many Confirmands at church. We look forward to their active participation as members of Wesley Monumental for years to come!



I am also looking forward to shepherding this year's Confirmation class. Confirmation is a special time for young people when they can claim for themselves the faith proclaimed over them in baptism. Students learn about the basics of the Christian faith and our Methodist heritage, and will be able to make a profession of faith before the church. This year's Confirmation class began meeting in September.



Music

Monica Dekle, Director of Music & Organist
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"I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers."
(Isaac Watts and John Wesley)



THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER

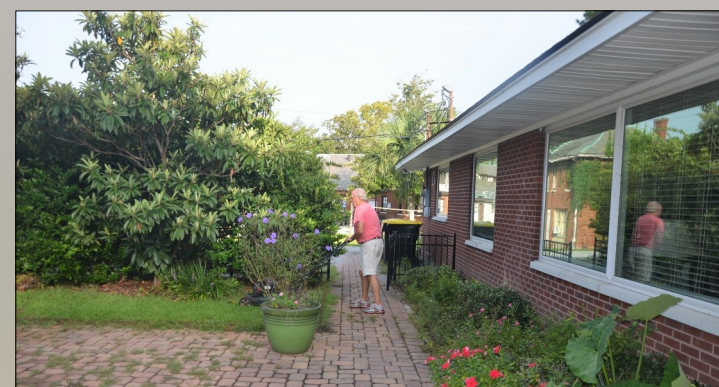
Life at Wesley



Mission Committee Chairman, Scott Cleaveland, met with Wesley Community Center Executive Director and an architect to make plans for the two nursery classrooms that our Wesley volunteers from our Construction Ministry will construct for needy children.



The Youth did a fantastic job of organizing the Mission Closet during their recent Youth Mission Week. Now we can easily give baby and children's clothing to needy families.



"Shred Your Stress" at Wesley

Wesley members help cut the grass and prune the bushes each week at The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home.



Messenger Monthly Spotlight

Children's Worship & Sunday School



God and Jesus are my anchor.

 - Hebrews 6:19

