

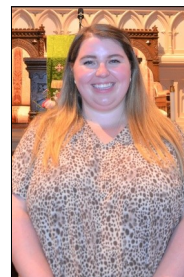


## Membership

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### Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following joined during July. Our September New Member Course will be September 13 and 20 at 10:00 a.m. Class will join September 20. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



### Meaghan Wylie

Meaghan is no stranger to Wesley, as she works at Eli's Place and also in the nursery and on Wednesday nights and in Bible Buddies. She led elementary art at Vacation Bible School. As a SCAD alumna, Meaghan completed her major in fibers. She enjoys weaving and sewing. Her mother is from England, and we are praying for her father, as he is in the midst of cancer treatments. The Bible Buddies children and Eli's Place children already love Miss Meaghan. The children of Wesley drew Meaghan to the church

*Shepherd: Haley Herrington*



### Gillian Greer

Gillian is a physician specializing in infectious diseases (how timely!) whose ministry is caring for patients living with HIV at the downtown Chatham Care Center for the Department of Public Health. She is a graduate of University of Alabama undergraduate and also medical school. Gillian is from

Mountain Brook, Alabama, and her great-grandfather was a Methodist minister. She went into medicine because, as she said, "I wanted to help people." When not practicing medicine, she enjoys tennis. The traditional worship and strong sermons drew her to Wesley.

*Shepherds: Laura & Gilmore MacGregor, and Hannah and Eliza MacGregor*



### Looking Way Ahead

Have you always wanted to read the Bible, cover to cover, but have never done so? Would you like to read the Bible chronologically to see how all the stories fit together? Please speak with

Nelle about reading the Bible during 2021, which we'll start in January.



## Memorials

As of 08/19/20

### The Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

#### Valinda McKibben

From:  
Mary Scholl  
Dot Harper  
Thomas S. Gray, Jr.  
D. Morgan Derst

#### Les Wilkes

Margaret Willey  
Jean Watts  
Sylvia Boone

From Susan and Dick Wallace

#### Linda "Kibbie" McKibben

From  
The Hughes/Burgett Family

#### JoAnne D. Harman

(Mother of Bob Harman)  
From Martha Martin Sullivan

### The Endowment Fund Cont.

#### Betty D. Weeks

From Judy and Dan Bradley

### The Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

#### Becky Heckard

#### Martha Hayes

#### Valinda McKibben

From Susan and Dick Wallace

### The Wesley Gardens

#### Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

#### Bill Bland

#### George Wilson

#### JoAnne D. Harman

From Susan and Dick Wallace

### Children's Ministry

Gifts have been received in memory of:

#### Dwaine Willet

From Michael and Rosemary Gillet

### The Monumental Music Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

#### Valinda McKibben

From Madge and Joe Edwards, Jr.

#### JoAnne D. Harman

(Mother of Bob Harman)

From:

Madge and Joe Edwards, Jr.

Dot Harper

Mrs. Faye Smith

(Mother of Alysa Smith)

From The Wesley Chancel Choir

### The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

#### Betty Weeks

#### Linda McKibben

#### Leslie L. Wilkes, M.D.

#### William Bland

#### Bobbie Mattox

#### Margaret Willey

From: Cecil and Lou Abarr



## Missions Cont.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach & New Members  
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From mowing lawns to collecting school supplies, read below to see how you can help!

### Mission Projects (email Nelle for details)

- ♦ Cut out Bible memory verse shapes at home (paper and patterns provided)
- ♦ Sew pillowcases for Family Promise homeless children (fabric and pattern provided)

### Wesley Community Center Groceries

Needed are cereal, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, grits, rice, canned meat, vegetables, and fruit. Please no glass jars. Help feed needy children and their families.



### Thank You....

- ♦ To all who provided new school uniforms last month for 31 refugee children from Afghanistan, Sudan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Democratic Republic of Congo.
- ♦ For everyone who donated school supplies for Urban Hope children. Especially needed are first-grade writing tablets, crayons, markers, dry erase markers, wide- and college-rule notebook paper, composition books, glue sticks, dictionaries, and rulers. Boxes are just inside Oliver Hall.
- ♦ To the Living Vine Lawn Care Team - faithful volunteers Don Riddle, who leads this effort, and Peter Delters, Billy Tedder, Randal Robinson, Jake Marbach, and new volunteers, Jake Coakley, Caroline Livingood, Holly McCormick, and James P. Owens. Help trim and cut bushes, sign up, Nelle, 912-234-9245.
- ♦ To the volunteer cooks for Family Promise this past month, Scott Cleaveland, our Mission Committee chairman; Susannah Pedigo; Joanne Faulk; Karen Washburn; Grace Gattis; and Karen Payne.



### Tithe Your Time

Please speak with Nelle if you want a weekly email of Bible verse encouragement and you would like to do one daily act of servanthood.

### Family Promise & Cumming Street Home Renovations

Wesley was the first church to serve Family Promise in its new location. Three mothers and six children have been staying overnight at Oasis of Hope, 728 East 55th Street, formerly Whitefield United Methodist Church. Wesley provided meals and groceries and colorful pillowcases sewn by Wesley members. The Cumming Street houses are being renovated now, led by Construction Ministry volunteer leader Nick Hitt. Please let him know if you want to help with construction.



Oasis of Hope



House on Cumming Street





## September At-A-Glance

Tuesday, September 1

5:30 Evangelism Comm. Mtg,  
Zoom

Monday, September 7

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

2:00 Prayer Group, OH

Monday, September 14

11:00 Merry Makers, WG

Wednesday, September 16

Wednesday Night Supper &  
Programming Resumes—Look for  
details in the Sunday Bulletin

Thursday, September 17

10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH

Sunday, September 20

Infant Recognition Sunday

Wednesday, September 23

Wednesday Night Supper  
& Programs  
10:30 Jane Shirah Circle, WG

Wednesday, September 30

Wednesday Night Supper  
& Programs

EB = Education Building

OH = Oliver Hall

SNC = Sanctuary

FH = Fellowship Hall

WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat



## Kids' Coke Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner



### A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR WESLEY MEN TO OUR WESLEY CONGREGATION

#### Kids' Coke Classic Golf Tournament and Dinner

Savannah Harbor Golf Club, Resort Dr., Savannah

Dinner: 6:00 PM on Sunday, Sept. 13

Golf: TWO FLIGHTS - 7:30 AM or 1:30 PM on Monday, Sept. 14

Our Wesley United Methodist Men have agreed to work on the Nineteenth Annual Kids' Coke Classic Golf Tournament and Auction Dinner scheduled for September 13 and September 14, 2020. Our goal is to support Urban Hope in its ongoing endeavor to provide after school and summer camp activities for our Savannah inter-city KIDS!

Again this year Rex Cress, the Tournament Chair, has agreed to share some of the proceeds from this year's tournament with Urban Hope, our Wesley partner. Last year, Wesley UMC's efforts resulted in a \$5,000 donation to Urban Hope, in addition to about \$4,000 that was donated to the Ministers' Discretionary Fund-Kids' Missions.

We are asking you- - our Members and Friends, to sponsor a team, support the tournament through Hole Sponsorships, or Donate Auction Items or Other Prizes (round of golf, dinners, merchandise, vacation weeks, etc.). During this 2020 virus pandemic, we especially need your personal action!

If you are unable to participate in the golf tournament but would still like to donate to the Ministers' Discretionary Fund-Kids Missions, we can accept your check made out to Wesley Monumental UMC with that notation on the memo line, and mailed directly to WESLEY UMC, 429 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31401.

By the way, our AUCTION DINNER ON SUNDAY NIGHT raised over \$40,000 last year -FREE DINNER BY CARRABBA'S, FREE EVERYTHING THAT EVENING- EVERYONE IS WELCOME- BRING YOUR CREDIT CARD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUCTION!!

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND PRAY FOR THE TOURNAMENT'S SUCCESS AND OUR KIDS' FUTURE.

Don Riddle- Wesley UMM Golf Tournament Chair ([savannahjdr@yahoo.com](mailto:savannahjdr@yahoo.com)/Phone 912-401-9016)



## Children's Ministry

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry  
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These words came across my Instagram today, from the apostle Paul in the book of Romans, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." One thing a pandemic will do is drive you to your knees in prayer, but boy, it is a real challenge to be joyful and patient right now! I am tired of wearing a mask, tired of washing my hands constantly, tired of not being able to hug our children, and tired of worrying about someone in my family getting sick with COVID-19. So, how are you doing? We want to be sure you know that your children and your family are on our minds and in our prayers. Send us an email, a text, or a photo to stay in touch.



During this time, we are challenged to find new ways to keep our children connected and growing in their relationship with God. Our focus has been on creating a "safe" place for children to learn and grow and have social interaction by adapting our offerings to meet CDC guidelines.

Please consider being a part of this conversation. We need your help. How can we help you and your child grow closer to God during this fearful time? Paul wrote to his friend Timothy, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Let's keep raising children with strong Biblical roots and a desire to share God's love with others.

### Here are some opportunities for your family to safely join us:

- ♦ **Sunday School** - Children come to the Wayne Street entrance for temperature check and are taken to their classroom. K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children are hearing lessons about King David and the Preschool children are hearing about Creation.
- ♦ **Children's Worship** - We follow the same procedure as Sunday School and welcome the children at the Wayne Street entrance. There is no need to take your children to the Sanctuary. Our Children's Worship lessons are based on the same scripture as the sermon.
- ♦ **Children's Choir and Joyful Noise** - Beginning September 16, we are excited to welcome the children on Wednesday nights. Mrs. Monica is looking forward to welcoming the 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and the Joyful Noise children will begin meeting also. Watch for more information in the mail.
- ♦ **Infant Recognition** - We missed the opportunity to recognize our new babies on Mother's Day this year and are planning to honor our babies and their families at each service on September 20.
- ♦ **Fall Festival** - Always a fun time at Wesley Gardens. We are working out ways to safely have our Fall Festival. Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, October 25.



Going on a scavenger hunt in the sanctuary.



During Children's Worship, everyone had fun learning about Jonah. The children made their very own Jonah and the Whale cup and ball game. Then in another activity, while blindfolded, they tried placing Jonah in the whale.







## From Ben's Desk

Ben Martin, Senior Pastor  
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## THE RETURN OF WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WESLEY

It continues to be a very challenging time to carry out the ministry of worship, study, fellowship, and service at Wesley Monumental. We do, however, feel very good about what we have been able to do in returning to in-person worship, Eli's Place, and adult, children, and youth programming. Things have gone safely and pretty smoothly, and we've been able to gradually add to what we offer in-person. In our "normal" church life, our midweek Wednesday night program of prayer, dinner, children's choirs, adult Bible studies, and chancel choir rehearsal is a big part of our program and life of discipleship. September is here and it is time to make a return to our mid-week programming albeit with adjustments for the ongoing COVID-19 threat. The staff has thought long and hard about what we can safely offer and feel this is a really important part of our life as a church. Our plan is to begin on September 16. We will have a "take-out" style meal (meaning our plates will be pre-packaged for you), and there will be various places to eat on site instead of us all gathering in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a nursery, Joyful Noise Choir, and Children's Choir. We will also offer several adult Bible studies in limited sized groups. We will make at least one of those a Zoom option for those who want to pick up their dinner and participate from home. We will be sending out more details and getting people signed up so we can be well prepared. We hope you will make Wednesday nights at Wesley a part of your faith building activities.

One Sunday change this year is we are continuing our Wesley Gardens Sunday afternoon outdoor worship service through the fall. This has been a good option for some people in more vulnerable categories and as the weather continues to cool off, it will be a beautiful worship option for even more of our congregation.



## Prayer Committee



During the Baptismal Covenant, we say that we will do all in our power, by God's Grace, to increase the faith, confirm the hope, perfect the person in love, so that the result is a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life. A praying life is a vital resource to follow this response. When we walk with the Lord Jesus, we work from victory. The hymn "Trust and Obey" has a line that says "When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word...never fear only trust and obey." Psalm 56:3 reads, "...when I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Beginning Wednesday, September 16, before enjoying one of Suzanna's delicious suppers, we, the Prayer Committee, invite you to join us for a time of prayer in the sanctuary from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.



## Congregational Life

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### Merry Makers September Event

On Monday, September 14, we will meet under the tent at Wesley Gardens - this time for lunch. Join us at 11:00 a.m. to hear Rabbi Larry and Rebbitzen Eileen Greenhouse from Keren Ohr Messianic Synagogue in Bloomingdale as they share their story of how they are Jewish and also recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Lunch will follow and the same social distancing/mask wearing practices will be observed. To make reservations, please call the church office and tell Daphne or email Jennifer Thompson at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) by Friday, September 11 at noon.



## Youth

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries  
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It is certainly a challenge to run a youth group during a global pandemic! Our summer mission trip, planned for late July, was unfortunately canceled. However, opportunities to serve abound right here in Savannah. So with a lot of help from Rev. Nelle Bordeaux and Scott Cleaveland, the youth group was able to hold a local missions week, July 20-23.



Wearing masks and practicing social distancing as much as possible, the youth group served our neighbors in Savannah. We worked on fixing up two houses that will be used for Family Promise. We also sorted donations at church, made UMCOR kits, and completed two painting projects for local non-profits.

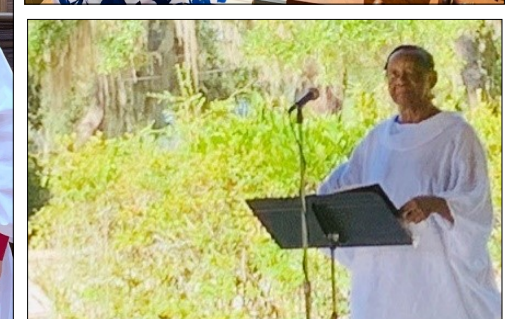
All of the students who participated worked hard, serving God with all their hearts! It was an awesome time of service, fellowship, and spiritual growth for our students.



## Music

Monica Dekle, Director of Music & Organist  
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"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." Psalm 104:33





# THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER

## Life at Wesley



Beautiful sounds from instruments and choir members.



Sheila, Skip, John, & Charles suited up for Worship



Choral scholars get a workout moving the Steinway Model D back and forth every week for socially-distanced choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.



Thank you to the United Methodist Men who have faithfully cut the grass and trimmed the bushes for The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home ever since the home's beginning at this location in 1996.



Enjoying Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens!



## Messenger Monthly Spotlight

### Youth Local Mission Week

