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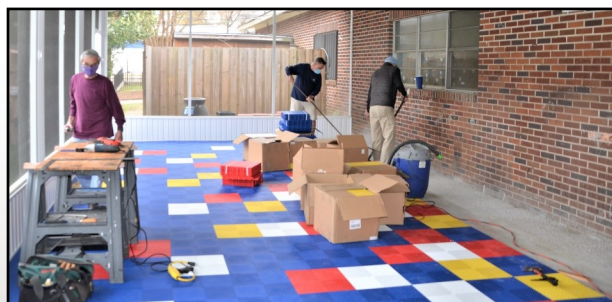
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THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



Life at Wesley



Thanks to the efforts by several Wesley members, the children of Wesley Community Center now have a colorful and safe floor in their play area!



Thanks to Nick Hitt for painting the chairs in the choir loft!



On March 22, fourteen Wesley volunteers helped clean a Wesley member's front and back yard.



Delivering home-cooked meals for the Family Promise homeless children and mothers.



Our Amen Handymen help do home repairs for our Senior members.



Egg Hunt at Eli's Place!



Trombone Choir played in worship on April 11.



From Ben's Desk

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Moving Towards Normal

The month of May is always filled with special days, all of which we were not able to celebrate together last year. Mother's Day, Infant Recognition, High School Graduation, Eli's Place Graduation, and Children's Music Awards are but a few special May events that come to mind. All of these are special to families and our church family as we walk through life together. This year as the number of people vaccinated increases and we hopefully see an ongoing decline in the number of cases, we are able to continue our process of moving back to more normal activities and worship at Wesley. This month we are going to reallocate the seating in the sanctuary where a portion will be every pew and other sections will offer every other pew more socially distant seating for those who prefer it. Our full choir resumes each week this month and we continue to increase our congregational singing in masks. The next goal will be to bring our children's sermon back to the order of worship.

We will also wrap up our Wednesday night program on the third Wednesday this month, and after more than a year of offering a Wednesday night take-out meal, we will bring that to a close. We do, however, plan this summer to resume evening worship at Wesley Gardens and include dinner.

It has been a long year for everyone and we find ourselves in a hurry to get back to normal, but we will do so wisely and with the advice of the medical field experts we have relied upon all year. Our staff has now taken advantage of the opportunity for vaccination, and we want to encourage our congregation to do also for our own benefit, but also for our neighbor and community. We have been very fortunate to have been able to continue most of our activities since last June. Many thanks to our congregation for your patience and cooperation, and to our staff that has worked so hard to make adjustments and keep our ministry going.



National Day of Prayer

Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty
-2 Corinthians 3:17

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." This year's theme is from 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." As the 2021 National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6 approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christians to once again heed this call to Pray for America because the Word of God teaches us that our FERVENT PRAYERS are EFFECTIVE and that our Loving God responds to His children's EARNEST PLEAS in MIGHTY WAYS that AVAIL MUCH!

At Wesley Monumental, we are asking everyone to select a portion of time on Thursday, May 6 to pray for our country. If you would like to pray, please complete the tear-off located on the insert in Sunday's bulletin and place in one of the baskets located near the Sanctuary entrances. You can also sign up online by visiting: bit.ly/NDOPPrayerVigil



Congregational Life

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Attention All Senior Adults:

Come join us for Merry Makers on Monday, May 10 at 11:00 am in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Our very own Claire Watts will be our speaker. Claire is not only a gifted musician, but a local attorney whose practice, in part, focuses on immigration issues. Keeping in mind that God calls us to consider the "stranger in our land," Claire will help us to understand better the terminology and the issues surrounding immigration law and how they affect us even here in the Savannah area. Lunch will follow at noon. Please call the church office or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, May 7 to make reservations. Lunch is \$7.

Grief Share - New Details

Sometimes we grieve the death of someone we love. Sometimes we grieve the death of someone with whom we wished we had a relationship. Sometimes we grieve the loss of a child we never met....or with whom we had far too little time. Sometimes we grieve for someone who lived a long, full life, but whose death leaves a hole in our hearts. Grief comes in many packages. This summer we will host a Grief Share group on Zoom. It will be held for an hour and a half one evening each week for 13 weeks beginning in June. Please let Jennifer Thompson know if you are interested, jennifert@wesleymonumental.org.





Children's Ministry

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Summer is almost here! VBS and Summer Fun Daze Details Below



Infant Recognition Sunday

Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! On Sunday, May 9 we will be honoring more than 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. In addition to recognizing our families during each service, the families are invited to a brunch reception at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor on the second floor of Oliver Hall with a time for family photographs. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our listing.

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 26 - August 1. 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 \$80. Registration forms have been sent out by email to the families of all eligible children. Be sure to get your registration forms in soon, fees are due on or before July 1. If you have not received a registration form, please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.



Vacation Bible School

Join us for "Treasured" a week full of Bible adventures where the kids will discover God's greatest treasure is not diamonds, gold, or gems - it's THEM! Vacation Bible School will be held at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center June 14-18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This year registration is open to all Wesley families and extended family members. The link to register has been emailed to all Wesley families with children 3 years old through 5th grade. If you have not received a registration form, please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.

It takes a village to shepherd 150 children through the learning centers and activities that are planned. From making and serving snacks, to leading a group of children, to putting welcome packets together, there are tasks for everyone. You can sign up to help by emailing charli@wesleymonumental.org.

Easter Egg Hunts at Eli's Place



Children's Worship and Sunday School - Join Us!





Evangelism

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach & New Members
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Pat and Jerry Macomber

The Macomers have a daughter who is a United Methodist minister. They have a bond with their shepherds, as Pat has sewn 192 pillowcases (Wow! That is not a typo - she really sewed 192 and a quilt from all the fabric scraps for the director) for the Methodist Children's Home, where Dr. Chase grew up and where he served.

Shepherds: Carole and Dr. Edwin Chase

New Members

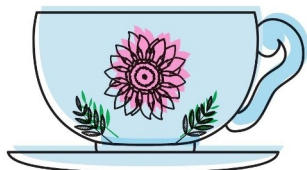
Welcome, New Members! We are thankful the following joined during March. The next New Member Course will be May 16 and 23 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays with the class joining May 23. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



Libby Mills

Libby is a fifth-grade teacher at West Chatham Elementary School and has a grown son. Already she has come to the Read through the Bible Sunday School class. She likes to sew.

Shepherds: Rev. Karen and Dale Kilhefner



Spring Tea for New Members and Shepherds

Saturday, May 22 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the home of Grace and Curtis Grund, 526 East 41st Street. Please sign up by May 18, by calling the church office, 912-232-0191 or email Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Visit with other new members and shepherds while enjoying a lovely tea.



Daily Chronological Bible Readings - May 2021

It is NEVER too late to start reading the Bible!

All are welcome in Sunday School, Fellowship Hall and Zoom, 9:45 a.m. To sign up for a weekly email of Bible encouragement, please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Saturday, 1	2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18	Thursday, 20	Catch-Up Day
Sunday 2	2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalms 20; 53; 60; 75	Friday, 21	Psalms 111-118
Monday, 3	Psalms 65-67; 69-70	Saturday, 22	1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37; 71; 94
Tuesday, 4	2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20; Psalm 51	Sunday, 23	Psalm 119:1-88
Wednesday, 5	Psalms 32; 86; 102-103; 122	Monday, 24	1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72
Thursday, 6	Catch-Up Day	Tuesday, 25	Psalm 119:89-176
Friday, 7	2 Samuel 13-15	Wednesday, 26	Song of Solomon 1:1-5:1
Saturday, 8	Psalms 3-4; 13; 28; 55	Thursday, 27	Catch-Up Day
Sunday, 9	2 Samuel 16-18	Friday, 28	Song of Solomon 5:2-8:14; Psalm 45
Monday, 10	Psalms 26; 40-41; 58; 61-62; 64	Saturday, 29	Proverbs 1-4
Tuesday, 11	2 Samuel 19-21; Psalms 5; 38; 42	Sunday, 30	Proverbs 5-8
Wednesday, 12	2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57	Monday, 31	Proverbs 9-12
Thursday, 13	Catch-Up Day		
Friday, 14	Psalms 97-99		
Saturday, 15	2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30		
Sunday, 16	Psalms 108-109		
Monday, 17	1 Chronicles 23-26		
Tuesday, 18	Psalms 131; 138-139; 143-145		
Wednesday 19	1 Chronicles 27-29; Psalm 68		

May Bible Memory Verse

"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me."

- Psalm 51:10





Missions

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach & New Members
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Groceries for Wesley Community Center

Most needed are peanut butter, rice, cereal, grits, oatmeal, pasta, canned meat, canned fruit, & canned vegetables. Boxes by all doors.

May Family Mission Project - Moss Toss

Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at Wesley Gardens. Come pull clumps of Spanish moss from camellias. Please wear gloves and a long-sleeved shirt. All ages welcome. Please sign up in advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Also needed: trash pick-up: please wear gloves and boots. Let Nelle know what job you prefer.

Y'All Haul

Holly McCormick leads our Refugee Ministry. We expect 119 people arriving in Savannah this spring. If you have a truck and/or want to help move furniture (flexible schedule), please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Particularly needed are tall, narrow dressers with four or five drawers, as many families live in small apartments.

Amen Handymen

Thanks to Steve Eberhardt for leading this ministry. Home repairs for senior members and missionaries. To give or receive help, please tell Nelle, 912-234-9245 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Huge thanks to Pat Monahan for his recent woodworking and hanging of a door for a senior member and to Mission Committee Chairman Scott Cleaveland and to Woody Brown and Steve Eberhardt for their wrought-iron railing work.

Family Promise and Tiny Houses

Nick Hitt leads our Construction Ministry. He is working on four houses on Cumming Street for formerly homeless families. Also Carl Pedigo is building furniture for Tiny Houses for homeless veterans. To help, tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



The inspiration for Grace Monkeys Mobile Mechanics was conceived during Rev. Martin's service on November 15, 2020. He said we should "...practice our faith by caring and compassion..." and "...to keep stopping for those who are wounded and broken by life." From this, I formed the idea of using my mechanical ability to support existing missions like Family Promise and Urban Hope by providing minor auto repairs to those

who depend on their vehicles to get to work or go to the doctor. I presented my plan to the Mission Committee and received their full support. Full credit goes to Nelle Bordeaux for the name "Grace Monkeys."



While my initial plan was to support current missions, the opportunity presented itself to help a local veteran in need. One of my neighbors shared a post on Facebook from another group called Team Savannah for Veterans (TS4V) who was looking for someone to repair the engine in a veteran's truck. I reached out to Chris O'Malley from TS4V and found out this veteran had fallen on hard times and had been living in his truck for a time. TS4V had been able to secure lodging for him temporarily but they needed help with the repairs to the truck. After consulting with the committee, I offered to make the repairs in my spare time but, in searching Facebook groups for parts, I found someone with a garage who was not only willing to repair the engine if Grace Monkeys paid for the parts, he arranged for the truck to be transported from Savannah to Warner Robins! It took a few weeks to complete the repairs but, on March 30, the veteran was able to drive his truck home.

While I didn't have to turn a wrench in this case, I was happy to be able to work with Team Savannah for Veterans and others to get this veteran back on the road, and I am looking forward to helping others as well. If you are interested in lending a hand or if you know of any Family Promise, Wesley Community Center, or Urban Hope families needing car repairs, please call Nelle Bordeaux at 912-232-0191. - Joel Hayes, Grace Monkeys

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| ⚙️ Brake Jobs ⚙️ | ⚙️ Belts & Hoses ⚙️ |
| ⚙️ Headlamps, Bulbs & Horns ⚙️ | ⚙️ Wipers & Motors ⚙️ |
| ⚙️ Batteries, Starters & Alternators ⚙️ | ⚙️ Check Engine Light Diagnosis ⚙️ |
| ⚙️ Jump Starts ⚙️ | ⚙️ Flat Tire Repair ⚙️ |



May At-A-Glance

*EB = Education Building
FH = Fellowship Hall*

OH = Oliver Hall

SNC = Sanctuary

WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat

Wednesday Night Supper (WNS) Schedule

4:30 Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:00 WNS To-Go Meals, Drive Down Wayne St.
5:15 Nursery Opens and Joyful Noise Drop Off Begins, EB 1st Flr
5:30 WNS Take-Out Meals, FH or Wayne St. Door
6:00 Joyful Noise Choir
6:00 Children's Choir
6:00 Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
6:00 "Answers to the Big Questions" Study, Led by Ben Martin, FH
6:00 "The Epic of Eden" Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson, OH/Zoom
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SNC
*WNS times and events are subject to change.

Monday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

5:30 Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, May 5

4:30 Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:00 WNS To-Go Meals, WS
5:15 Nursery Opens
6:00 Music Awards Program

Thursday, May 6

National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 9

Infant Recognition Sunday

Monday, May 10

11:00 Merry Makers, OH Parlor

Tuesday, May 11

2:00 Prayer Comm. Mtg, OH
5:30 Mission Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, May 12

See WNS Schedule

6:00 Susanna Wesley Circle

Saturday, May 15

10:00 Family Mission Project, WG

Sunday, May 16

10:00 New Member Class
Graduate Recognition

Thursday, May 20

10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH

Friday, May 21

11:00 Eli's Place Graduation

Saturday, May 22

3:00 Spring Tea for New Members & Shepherds, Grund Residence

Sunday, May 23

10:00 New Member Class

Monday, May 24

5:30 Admin Board Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, May 26

10:30 Jane Shirah Circle, WG

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day Holiday



Prayer Committee

The Great Exchange

1 Peter 2:24 - He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross...Jesus took our sins, and He paid the penalty. All of it. We get His righteousness, His perfection, His glory completely and totally. Therefore, we are justified. We don't earn it. He did it all, and we get the heavenly benefit. Oswald Chambers says "The reason salvation is so cheap is because it cost God so much." Join us on Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor to talk to God with grateful hearts. - Sue Ellis, Prayer Committee Chair



Memorials

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Mary McGowen
(Mother of Art McGowen)
From Dot Harper

Georgia M. Dickerson
From:

Cindy S. Lupton
Bill and Linda Daniel
Ethel Burriss
Care and Share
Buddy and Amy Carter
Lois Landy

THE BUILDING FUND

Gifts have been received in memory of

Georgia M. Dickerson
From Annelle McDuffee

THE WESLEY GARDENS ENDOWMENT FUND

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Bill Thomasson
From:

Ron and Karen Washburn
Jim and Karen Pannell
West Construction Company
Annelle McDuffee
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Wilkes

Clyde Singletary
(Husband of Elaine)
From Dot Harper

Georgia M. Dickerson
From Brenda and Carl Feus

CARE AND SHARE

Gifts have been received in memory of

Georgia M. Dickerson
From Martha and Joe Mathews

THE MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND

Gifts have been received in memory of

Georgia M. Dickerson
From Sherry Ingram

THE PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gifts have been received in memory of

Georgia M. Dickerson
From:
Gloria Eitel
The Jane Shirah Circle

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MONUMENTAL MUSIC FUND

Gifts have been received in honor of:

Camille O'Neill
(on the occasion of her birthday)
From Kathryn Levitt

Lois Wooten
From Maggie Rousseau



Youth

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries
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Whether it's packing groceries for needy families, rolling coins for Habitat for Humanity, or doing other mission projects, our youth love to serve God by serving others! We also helped out with the Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens by hiding eggs for the children to find. Our students are looking forward to serving at Vacation Bible School this summer, and going on our mission trip to Birmingham, AL from July 18-23.



For our mission trip, as we have done in years past, we are partnering with Youthworks, a missions and service organization that serves communities all over the country. Our projects in Chattanooga may include children's ministry, partnering with non-profits, and environmental work. If you've been on one of our Youthworks trips in the past, you know how awesome they are! If you know a student (grades 6-12) who might be interested, please speak with James P. Owens.



Music

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Easter Sunday Musicians 2021



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Easter Eggstravaganza at Wesley Gardens Retreat

