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Life at Wesley



Congratulations to Rev. James P. Owens!



Thank you to the Y'All Haul crew for your work in hauling furniture for a refugee family.



Thank you to all who pulled Spanish moss from camellias and trash from the marsh at Wesley Gardens.



Fellowship of Love Community Church has a drive-in grocery giveaway ministry in the church parking lot on two Friday mornings per month. Wesley members enjoyed serving there on June 4.



Spring Tea Party honoring New Members and Shepherds was held on Saturday, May 22 at the home of Grace and Curtis Grund.

A beautiful shot of Wesley Gardens captured by Andrew Frazier.



From Ben's Desk

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The Return of Summer

As most of you know, for the last couple of weeks in June and the first couple of weeks in July, I am preaching a series of sermons entitled "COVID Lessons." I'm reflecting on the events of the last year and a half and what we have learned from it before we leave it all behind (which is in and of itself a big assumption that we are beyond this pandemic). Last year, it seems, we missed everything including summer. For instance, few of us traveled anywhere, visited family, flew on an airplane, or stayed in a hotel. Which means we are all excited to do some of those things this summer. At Wesley, we too are excited to do things again this year we haven't been able to do such as taking communion at the chancel rail, having our children down front in worship for a children's sermon, or singing hymns at evening worship at Wesley Gardens. We hope as we move through the summer more and more of our church family will find your way back into the holy habit of in-person worship, study, fellowship, and service. But, we also rejoice that many of you will be able to travel again and see family. When you do, don't forget COVID has motivated us to put in the technology for you to worship and study with your church family remotely. So, if you can, take a vacation, rest, enjoy life with people you love, and keep feeding your soul by connecting with God and your church family in person or online.



Congregational Life

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Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Merry Makers

Day Trip to The Mighty Eighth



Come go with the Merry Makers for a docent-led tour of *The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum* in Pooler. This amazing museum honors the Eighth Air Force which was activated in 1942. The museum features over 90,000 square feet of exhibits, interactive displays, historical artifacts, and a magnificent collection of aviation art. For those riding the church van, we will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. We can accommodate 15 people on the van. Those seats will be available to the first 15 people who let Jennifer Thompson know that they need one. Those who want to drive can follow the van or meet us in the museum lobby at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$25 for the museum tour and lunch. Please sign up for the trip by Monday, June 28 by emailing Jennifer Thompson (jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) or calling the church office.



Wesley Gardens Retreat

With the Sunday Evening Services, plus VBS and Summer Fun Daze, it's a packed season of Wesley goodness out at Wesley Gardens Retreat. We were grateful to hear from many of you after the last Messenger's updates.

+A few asked about ways to volunteer; we are constantly in need and would love that! From pulling moss and trimming branches, to mulching flower beds and chopping wood, to cleaning kitchen cabinets and closets, we can always find a job for folks. Simply reach out to micah@wesleygardensretreat.com.

+Someone also asked if there are ways to give towards God's work at Wesley Gardens, or even "gift" someone with a retreat (think pastors, teachers, one needing some extra R&R). What a thoughtful question! Yes, folks can give broadly toward the unfolding vision out here, or specifically toward overnight retreats. Email us at hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for more info.

Our friend Andrew Frazier spent a morning in May on the property with his drone. We'll spare you more content this month, and share a couple of the images he captured. Gratefully, Micah & Abbie Sprunger





Children's Ministry

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Sunday School and Children's Worship



Come
join us!



Pentecost Sunday!



Learning about nurses, fire
fighters, and policemen during
"Community Helpers" week at
Eli's Place Summer Camp.



Evangelism

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Next New Member Course

Sundays, July 11 and 18, 10:00 a.m. both Sundays.
Nursery provided. Class will join on July 18. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Summer Bible Studies (Please sign up for the below Bible studies with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net)

- ◆ Thursday Noon - Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians, noon on Thursdays
- ◆ Young Mothers' Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Read the Bible, with puppet show for children

Sunday School

- ◆ Chronological Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 9:45 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Sundays, also on Zoom. All are welcome.



Daily Chronological Bible Readings - July 2021

It is NEVER too late to start reading the Bible! To sign up for a weekly email of Bible encouragement, please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

July Bible Memory Verse

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."-- Isaiah 40:31

Thursday, 1	Catch-Up Day	Sunday, 18	2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalm 48
Friday, 2	Amos 1-5	Monday, 19	Isaiah 27-30
Saturday, 3	Amos 6-9	Tuesday, 20	Isaiah 31-35
Sunday, 4	Hosea 1-5	Wednesday, 21	Isaiah 36-37; 2 Kings 18:9-19:37; 2 Chronicles 32:1-23; Psalm 76
Monday, 5	Hosea 6-9	Thursday, 22	Catch-Up Day
Tuesday, 6	Hosea 10-14	Friday, 23	Isaiah 38-39; 2 Kings 30; 2 Chronicles 32:24-33
Wednesday, 7	Isaiah 1-4	Saturday, 24	Isaiah 40-42; Psalm 46
Thursday, 8	Catch-Up Day	Sunday, 25	Isaiah 43-45; Psalm 80
Friday, 9	Isaiah 5-8	Monday, 26	Isaiah 46-49; Psalm 135
Saturday, 10	Isaiah 9-12	Tuesday, 27	Isaiah 50-53
Sunday, 11	Micah 1-4	Wednesday, 28	Isaiah 54-58
Monday, 12	Micah 5-7	Thursday, 29	Catch-Up Day
Tuesday, 13	2 Kings 16-17; 2 Chronicles 28	Friday, 30	Isaiah 59-63
Wednesday, 14	Isaiah 13-17	Saturday, 31	Isaiah 64-66
Thursday, 15	Catch-Up Day		
Friday, 16	Isaiah 18-22		
Saturday, 17	Isaiah 23-26		



Missions

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Calling all Runners and Walkers for Canady's Red Hot Chili Pepper 5K to Benefit Family Promise

Runners of all skill levels and ages are needed for this year's Canady's Red Hot Chili Pepper 5K, slated for 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021. The ninth annual race, hosted by Georgia Game Changers, will benefit Family Promise of the Coastal Empire. Runners ready to brave the early morning heat will gather at Jalapeños in Richmond Hill, a fitting place to start the course, which routes participants through a local neighborhood, Richmond Place. After working up a good sweat, runners can cool down and enjoy a post-race party featuring refreshments, raffles, vendors and an awards ceremony at Georgia Game Changers in Richmond Hill. Proceeds from the 5K will go to Family Promise to assist homeless children and their families. Registration is \$30, and will be \$40 on the day of the race. To register, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/RichmondHill/Redhot2016>





Missions Cont.

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Read below to see how you can help serve
in your community!



Construction Service Project

Friday, July 2 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Help with clean-up at the Family Promise house and landscaping. All ages are welcome. Please wear closed-toe shoes and work gloves. Please sign up in advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Grocery Check List for Wesley Community Center

Please bring large jars of peanut butter (please no glass jars) to boxes just inside all doors. Most needed are peanut butter, cereal, pasta, oatmeal, rice, grits, and canned vegetables or meats or fruit.

Amen Handymen

Steve Eberhardt leads this ministry to do home repairs for senior members. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Construction Ministry

Nick Hitt leads this ministry, currently building Family Promise houses and Tiny Houses for homeless veterans. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Grace Monkeys

Like to repair cars? Help with automotive repair for Urban Hope and Wesley Community Center families. Joel Hayes leads this ministry. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



Lawn Care for The Living Vine

Don Riddle leads this ministry. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Y'All Haul

Flexible schedule. Trucks and strong lifters needed to move furniture for newly arriving refugee families. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



Learn How You Can Take Part in a "Virtual Mission" with Mission on the Move

Have you ever thought about traveling to share the message and teachings of Jesus Christ on one of Wesley Monumental's international missions? Sure...you've always wanted to aid the neglected and vulnerable children at one of *Mission on the Move's* homes near San Pedro Sula, Honduras, or Tapachula, Mexico, but hesitated because you don't speak Spanish, couldn't spare a full week and/or didn't want lengthy travel to remote Central America locations—all made worse because of COVID.

You can now become part of an international mission to Honduras but without venturing to Central America. Wesley Monumental's Missions Committee has partnered with *Mission on the Move* for a "virtual mission." While you will miss the chance during COVID to work up-close to develop bonds with some of God's children and work hands-on to improve their lives, the virtual mission will enable you to fulfill other evangelical duties. With the children and house parents, you can take an interactive part with them for a week in nightly devotions, prayers, Bible stories, and sharing Jesus Christ's love. You will be surprised how well some of the children speak English and interpreters will be on stand-by to help with translations.

If you are interested in taking part in this virtual mission, please contact Sharlene Monahan at 912-220-9617 or at monahans1@aol.com for more information.



Additional Announcements



Family-Style Meals

Each week, Suzanna King offers a family-style meal for pick up between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Fridays at the church. The menu is available each week on the Wesley Monumental Instagram and Facebook pages or you can text Suzanna, 912-508-9558, and she will send you the information. The meal feeds approximately 6 people and ranges in price from \$25 to \$35 depending on the meal. Past meals have included: Baked Ziti, BBQ Pork and Salad, Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Pot Pie, Curry Chicken Salad, Mexican Lasagna, Tomato Basil Bisque, just to name a few. Questions? Please text Suzanna.



Prayer Committee

Luke 18:9-14. Jesus' parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee praying speaks to the value of heartfelt humility. Prayer is worship, submission, obedience, confession, praise, gratitude, and just simply communicating with our Lord and Savior. He created us and loves and knows us more than we know ourselves. He forgives and longs to hear from us. God invites us to come before His Throne of Grace. Prayer is not a "grocery list" or a "religious recitation" as Paul David Tripp reminds us in his popular book "New Morning Mercies." Prayer is a gift and a privilege beyond any other. The Prayer Committee invites you to join your church family beginning this September in the "School of Prayer" each Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall. - Sue Ellis, Prayer Committee

United Methodist Men will participate with our Kids Coke Golf Classic again this year!

We have been invited to participate as we did last year. We were quite successful with net revenues surpassing \$63,000, which we distributed to Urban Hope, PACK, HUGS, Ronald McDonald House, Children's Miracle Network, and The Children's Hospital in 2020. The tournament Director, Rex Cress, has asked for our involvement again this year. The dates are for Sunday, September 12 (Auction dinner- FREE FOR ALL), and Monday, September 13 (morning and afternoon flights of participating golfers). Both days' activities are scheduled at the Club at Savannah Harbor.

We have team sponsorship options ranging from \$600 to \$1000 per foursome. The format of the tournament is a four-person scramble with handicap. We are also seeking hole sponsors, at \$500 each, as well as donations of auction items (rounds of golf, dinners, vacations, merchandise, services, etc.). All donors and tournament participants are invited to attend the reception and live auction dinner on Sunday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. at The Club at Savannah Harbor.

If you are unable to participate in our tournament but would still like to make a donation to help the children, please mail your checks to Savannah Harbor Foundation, P.O. Box 11126, Savannah, GA 31412. (Kindly put "The Kids Coke Classic" on the memo line.

Please contact Don Riddle (912-401-9016/ savannahjdr@yahoo.com, for more information. Thank you for your consideration!



Wedding Announcement

Carolyn Roth and Don Riddle cordially invite you to their wedding on Sunday, August 1, 2021 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 Worship Service. Following the wedding, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



Youth

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Dear friends,

I want to use this space to share some exciting news with you. As many of you know, on March 1, I was approved by the Board of Ministry of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church to be commissioned as a Provisional Elder. This means that I am now considered clergy, a member of the order of Elders in the United Methodist Church. It is also the beginning of a three year process called "Residency in Ministry" after which time I may become an Elder in Full Connection.



On June 6, I traveled to Macon and was officially commissioned at Vineville UMC along with a few other new clergy. I hope you will join with me in celebrating this important step in my journey in ministry. I also hope you all will consider how God may be calling you into ministry. So many of you are serving our church in a variety of ways, but the church will also need more ordained ministers in the future. After all, clergy come from churches like ours. Perhaps God may be calling you to this special kind of ministry.

Finally, I want to say a big "Thank You!" to everyone here at Wesley Monumental. I have never been as supported in my call to ministry in a church as I have here. You have encouraged me and reminded of God's calling on my life. And I would not be taking this step into ministry as an Elder without this church family. Thank you!

Grace and peace, James P. Owens



Music

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A Patriotic Concert Supporting Savannah's At-Risk Veterans

Join us Sunday, July 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wesley Monumental Sanctuary. The concert will feature the music of Scott Joplin, John Phillip Sousa, and others. Enjoy music by the Coastal Winds Woodwind Quintet (featuring Ellie Goforth, Kristi Kiene, Sarah Spradley, Darrell Goforth and Raymond Patricio) and Monica Dekle on the Pipe Organ. A love offering will be taken to support CSAH Tiny Houses for Homeless Vets at the Cove at Dundee and Team Savannah 4 Veterans who give at-risk veterans hands-on assistance. To learn more about CSAH Tiny Houses, visit <https://www.homelessauthority.org/tiny-house-project/> and for Team Savannah 4 Veteran, visit <https://ts4v.com/>



Originally members of the Savannah Winds Community Band, the five members formed the Coastal Winds in the early 90s. At the time, all the members were working and now are all retired except for the oboe player. Three of the five are founding members. They primarily perform for their own enjoyment but over the years the group has performed for many weddings, both indoor and outdoor, concerts, receptions, dedications, and special events.

Ellie Goforth
Kristi Kiene
Sarah Spradley
Darrell Goforth
Raymond Patricio

Flute
Oboe & English Horn
Clarinet
French Horn
Bassoon



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Vacation Bible School 2021

