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THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



Life at Wesley



On June 25, the Wesley Youth, along with several Wesley members, enjoyed an ice cream social with the children of Urban Hope.



Thank you to our Y'all Haul volunteers who helped move furniture in June for a refugee family.



The children enjoyed the "rain" and water during Wacky Water Week at Eli's Place Summer Camp!



From Ben's Desk

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Back to School & Life



It seems to me that summer just began, but already we are producing an August newsletter and that means schools are about to begin and the summer schedule (not weather) is shifting back to "normal" (though I'm not sure we can remember what that is anymore). For our staff, it means we are already planning the fall programming for children, youth, and adults. We still have four weeks left of Sunday night worship and dinners at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. If you haven't had a chance to be a part of those special evenings, we hope you will make it a point to get there this month. Plans are in place for Sunday School promotion (August 22), and then the week after Labor Day on September 8, Wednesday night programming will resume with new Bible studies, children's choirs, youth group mid-week small groups, etc. As school starts back, it is an important time to get reengaged if your summer schedule has had you scattered and away.

In August, we will need volunteers to deliver supper to Oasis of Hope for our Family Promise homeless families. The dates are August 8 - 14, and the meals will need to be delivered between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. It is a great way to share the love of Christ and regain some perspective on our own blessings, and on the question Jesus was once asked, "Who is my neighbor?"

We are praying this fall we will see our congregation coming back together and reengaging in our full program like we were before COVID. Keep praying for our schools as they relaunch and our community that we don't experience another surge in virus cases. Enjoy these last days of summer and look forward with expectation to something we once called "normal."



Prayer Committee



"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the Harvest therefore, to send out workers into the harvest fields." - Matthew 9:37-38

Our church family has a huge responsibility and charge to pray for the harvest of believers for Jesus Christ. This is our command from our Lord and Savior Himself in this scripture. This is the best good news ever! Wesley church is in a terrific location for the city of Savannah. Prayer is our resource to the "commander in chief" of all life, God Himself. Believe it or not, He is in charge and always will be. Beginning in September, you are invited to join us on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. to pray with us and be on the front lines of the harvest for Jesus. - Sue Ellis, Prayer Chairman



Congregational Life

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Merry Makers Fun in August!

Mark your calendars for our Merry Makers luncheon at the church on Monday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. Our speaker will be Cathy Clevener. Cathy is a licensed professional counselor at the Barnabas Center in Savannah and is preparing to move to Uganda to offer trauma therapy to young people who have experienced war and other atrocities. Come hear Cathy speak as she shares her heart for the brokenness she has seen in these youth and how God has woven together her training as a counselor and her call to the people of Uganda. Please call the church office or text/email Jennifer Thompson by Friday, August 6 to make reservations. Lunch will be prepared by Suzanna and is \$7, if you are able.



AND, let's go out to dinner! We have group reservations at Sweet Potatoes on Stephenson Avenue for an early dinner on Thursday night, August 19. Please call the church office or text/email Jennifer Thompson by Tuesday, August 17 to make reservations. For those who want to ride on the van, let Jennifer know. Seats are

first come, first serve. We will meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. or you can meet us at Sweet Potatoes at 5:30 p.m.. Dinner is Dutch treat.



Children's Ministry

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Promotion Sunday

Be sure to join us on August 22 for Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. Ms. Susanna is fixing breakfast for everyone and will begin serving at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On this Sunday the children will move to their new classrooms. Please have your child bring their empty backpack to church on the 22nd. During the Children's Sermon at both services, we will pray for the children's new school year and bless the backpacks. We will have a backpack tag for each of them as a reminder that people at Wesley Monumental will be praying for them throughout their school year.

*** New Sunday Morning Schedule for Babies and Children ***

- 8:30 a.m.** Nursery opens for children from birth to 3 years old
Please continue to drop off babies at the Wayne Street entrance and pick them up from the nursery.
- 8:45 a.m.** Early Service begins. Children 3 years old thru 3rd grade are welcome in the Sanctuary and are taken to Children's Worship after the Children's Sermon. Early Service children who are not staying for Sunday School can be picked up from the Wayne Street entrance at the close of the Early Service.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Children **DO NOT** need to be picked up between the 8:45 Service and Sunday School. Children will be given a snack and taken to their Sunday School classroom.

- 9:45 a.m.** Sunday School classrooms open. Children coming to Sunday School may be dropped off at the Wayne Street entrance.
- 10:00 a.m.** Sunday School teachers begin their lessons.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Children **DO NOT** need to be picked up between Sunday School and the beginning of the 11:00 Service. Children who attend Sunday School will be taken to the Sanctuary at 10:55 and will sit together until the end of the Children's Sermon when they will be taken to Children's Worship.

- 11:00 a.m.** Late Service begins. Children 3 years old thru 3rd grade are welcome in the Sanctuary and are taken to Children's Worship after the Children's Sermon. Children can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall at the close of the Late Service.

You're Three Bags

Children who have turned three years old since last September will be promoted to Godly Play Sunday School and Children's Worship. The Early Childhood Committee is busy preparing "You're Three" bags for these children to take with them to the "big" church room. Please welcome and encourage the children and their very anxious parents. The children's brightly colored tote bags will help you recognize them.

Nursery Sunday School

We are blessed to have Emily Davis teach the babies and toddlers who are younger than three years old. Ms. Emily comes every Sunday and these youngest children listen as she teaches them about God's creation and sing with her and pat their Bibles as they learn about God's word. Parents watch through the nursery windows and are surprised and pleased at what these precious babies are already learning. It's never too early to begin teaching songs and stories about God.

Bible Presentation Sunday

If you have a rising 2nd grader, please mark your calendar for Bible Presentation Sunday on September 26.





Evangelism & Missions

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Welcome New Members!

The following new members joined in June.

Next New Member Course

Sundays, August 22 and 29 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays. Nursery provided. Class will join as a group on August 29. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Rebecca Lewis

Rebecca Lewis served in the United States Army for seven years. She lives at the Rose of Sharon Apartments. She enjoys serving the Lord.

Shepherds: Kim & Chris Watson & their son, Liam Watson



Nancy Goodman

How rare it is that four generations of one family stood together at the chancel rail when Nancy Goodman joined! Nancy is the mother of Claire Watts and the grandmother of Gil, Whit, and Skip Watts, and the great-grandmother of Jonas and Mael Watts. Nancy is an accomplished church musician, and she moved to Savannah from her native South Carolina.

Shepherds: Claire & John Watts, Skip Watts, Jenna & Gil Watts, Aida & Whit Watts & their sons, Jonas & Mael Watts



Daily Chronological Bible Readings - August 2021

It Is Never Too Late to Start Reading the Bible! Please sign up with Nelle for a weekly email of Bible encouragement and even a weekly Bible joke, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

August Bible Memory Verse

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will joy in the God of my salvation." -- Habakkuk 3:18

Sunday, 1	2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33	Thursday, 12	Catch-Up Day	Sunday, 22	Obadiah; Psalms 82-83
Monday, 2	Nahum	Friday, 13	Jeremiah 17-20	Monday, 23	Jeremiah 45-48
Tuesday, 3	Zephaniah	Saturday 14	Jeremiah 21-24	Tuesday, 24	Jeremiah 49-50
Wednesday, 4	2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35	Sunday, 15	Jeremiah 25-28	Wednesday, 25	Jeremiah 51; Psalm 137
Thursday, 5	Catch-Up Day	Monday, 16	Jeremiah 29-32	Thursday, 26	Catch-Up Day
Friday, 6	Habakkuk	Tuesday, 17	Jeremiah 33-37	Friday, 27	Lamentations 1:1-3:36
Saturday, 7	Joel	Wednesday, 18	Jeremiah 38-40; Psalms 74, 79	Saturday, 28	Lamentations 3:37-5:22
Sunday, 8	Jeremiah 1-4	Thursday, 19	Catch-Up Day	Sunday, 29	Ezekiel 1-4
Monday, 9	Jeremiah 5-8	Friday, 20	2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36:1-21;	Monday, 30	Ezekiel 5-8
Tuesday, 10	Jeremiah 9-12		Jeremiah 52	Tuesday, 31	Ezekiel 9-12
Wednesday, 11	Jeremiah 13-16	Saturday, 21	Jeremiah 41-44		

Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.; all are welcome, even if you have not read all the Bible verses.

Grace Monkeys Car Repair Ministry - Sign up to help repair cars (oil changes, headlamp replacement) for agencies we support such as Urban Hope, Family Promise, Wesley Community Center, and Team Savannah for Veterans, with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Joel Hayes leads this ministry.

Amen Handymen - Help repair homes for senior adults and missionaries. Current projects are repainting an outdoor wrought-iron railing and repairing a wooden fence and electrical work in a garage. Sign up to give or receive help, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-234-9245. Steve Eberhardt leads this ministry.

Construction Ministry - Current projects are houses on Cumming Street for Family Promise formerly homeless families; Tiny Houses, and floor, window, and drainage work at Wesley Community Center. Sign up, with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Nick Hitt leads this ministry.

Be a Prayer Partner with an Urban Hope Child - Sign up to pray daily for an Urban Hope child with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Also please provide school uniforms for your Urban Hope child. Please bring items to the church in a sack labelled with your Prayer Partner child's name by July 25.



Missions Cont.

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Refugee Children's School Uniforms 2021

Please sign up for a child to pray daily for your chosen child and then bring school uniforms **(white shirt or blouse with collar and no insignia; khaki pants or skirt or jumper dress)** to church by August 1. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-234-9245.

Child's Name and Age	Child's Shirt	Child's Pant or Skirt Size	Prayer Partner
Naila Achakzai, girl, age 12	12	10; prefers skirt or dress	
Sulaiman Achakzai, boy, age 10	10	10	
Zulquida Achakzai, girl, age 8	7	8; prefers skirt or dress	
Ferdaws Ameri, boy, age 10	5	7	
Yusuf Ameri, boy, age 6	5	7	
Esinam Attipoe, girl, age 14	M (7-8)	10; prefers pants	Lily Brown
Yayra Attipoe, girl, age 16	L (10-12)	10, 6p or 30; prefers pants	Linda and David Butler
Hawra Bahaduri, girl, age 9	10-12	L (waist size, 25 inches); prefers skirt	
Ahmed Bahaduri, boy, age 11	10-12	L (waist size, 25 inches)	
Satayesh Bahaduri, girl, age 5	7-8	M (waist size, 18 inches); prefers skirt or dress	
Meshaki Chakabuta, boy, age 13	10-12	10	Evonne Mobley
Ruthi Chakubuta, boy, age 8	8	8	Bonnie & Gordon Montgomery
Odesi Chakabuta, girl, age 8	8	8	Bonnie & Gordon Montgomery
Happy Chakabuta, girl, age 5	5	5	Evonne Mobley
Nardos Demoz, girl, age 14	5 women's	5 women's; prefers skirt or dress	
Suzana Mwangaza, girl, age 12	L	18.5 to 19	
Ivoni Remy, girl, age 10	M (9-10)	14P to 19	
Atteib Saboun, boy, age 21	M men's	M men's 32-34	
Soumaya Saboun, girl, age 18	L women's	L women's; prefers dress	
Hawaye Saboun, girl, age 15	L women's	L women's	
Sahiba Saboun, girl, age 10	M women's	M women's; prefers skirt or jumper dress	Nelle & Tom Bordeaux
Rahima Saboun, girl, age 9	S women's	S women's; prefers skirt or jumper dress	
Faiga Saboun, girl, age 7	8	8; prefers skirt or jumper dress	
Abdul Saboun, boy, age 4	5	5	
Ebana Tesfay, girl, age 11	5 women's	5 women's	
Filseta Tesfay, girl, age 8	M	6X; prefers skirt	
Zaina Yaredi, girl, age 10	9-10	12	
Alisa Yaredi, girl, age 6	8	8	
Feza Yaredi, girl, age 4	4-5	6	
Bashir Yousufzai, boy, age 11	16M	9	
Bibi Yousufzai, girl, age 9	10-12	6-7	
Shabir Yousufzai, boy, age 8	7	8	
Shabib Yousufzai, boy, age 7	5-6	5	



Wesley Community Center Groceries

Please no glass jars. Needed are cereal, peanut butter, pasta, rice, canned meats, canned fruits, and canned vegetables. Boxes are by all doors.



Additional Announcements

Kids Coke Golf Classic - Monday, Sept. 13 & Free Auction Dinner on Sunday Evening, Sept. 12



The United Methodist Men are working with Rex Cress and the Savannah Harbor Foundation in sponsoring the 29th Annual Kids Coke Golf Classic next month!! We need team sponsorships - four person scramble for Monday 7:30 a.m. or Monday at 1:30 p.m. flights. Last year we had 40 plus teams participating and 150 persons attending our FREE DINNER (catered by Carrabba's) on Sunday night. We have over 80 auction items (certificates for vacation spots, golf, professional services, entertainment, and many other items) for that 6 p.m. FREE DINNER! (Just bring your little credit card and enjoy the entertainment!)

It's not too late for participation by OUR WESLEY FOLKS in donating auction items or participating in hole sponsorships, or making a gift to our KIDS COKE GOLF CLASSIC- Make checks payable to the Savannah Harbor Foundation, PO Box 11126, Savannah, GA, 31412, and place KIDS COKE CLASSIC on memo line. Last year we presented several \$8,000-\$10,000 checks to URBAN HOPE, PACK, HUGS, Ronald McDonald House, and Children's Miracle Network! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION! -Don Riddle (912-401-9016/savannahjdr@yahoo.com)



New Address, Phone Number, or Email?

If you have recently moved or have a new phone number or email address, please email the updated information to Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org or call, 912-232-0191. Thank you!



Wesley Gardens Retreat

Greetings from the Gardens! Here are some highlights from this month, as we continue to pursue "PRACTICING THE WAYS OF JESUS":

+ **PRACTICING RETREAT:** We hosted a weekend for twenty college-age girls on food and body image. Also enjoyed having the White Cottage to house a pastor from Portland who found www.wesleygardensretreat.com and flew here for time away with the Lord.

+ **PRACTICING JUSTICE:** We had a great turn-out for a film showing of "40 Acres and Mule," by locals Fritz & Lorrie Rumpel. Keep an eye on our social media for details about these gatherings, or simply call/email us.

+ **PRACTICING SOLITUDE:** Another "Fourth Friday" day of prayer and quiet will happen again later this month. Guided prayers are offered in the Chapel at nine, noon and four, but otherwise the day is between you and the Lord (reading, napping, painting...).



Kayaks Needed: After many happy years of use by the Wesley Monumental Youth, our current "fleet" of 6 plastic kayaks needed to be removed from the racks. If you'd like to donate toward a fund to purchase new kayaks, or have an extra single-person kayak you'd like to donate, please email micah@wesleygardensretreat.com. We hope you have a rich and restful August.

With Love, Micah & Abbie Sprünger

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Youth

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From June 21-25, the Wesley Monumental youth were out serving our community during the Local Mission Week. Twenty-seven students participated in this week of meaningful service and fun together. Coming alongside organizations like Family Promise, Urban Hope, the Living Vine, and Wesley Community Center, our youth learned about the needs present right here in the Savannah area and how God might be calling us to help meet them.



The students especially enjoyed painting a house that will be used to shelter transitionally homeless families with Family Promise. We painted it bright pink, so the house and the paint color will always stand out in our minds. Other highlights included yard work at the Living Vine, side trips to Enmarket, and our overnight stay at Wesley Gardens.

This week would not have been possible without Rev. Nelle Bordeaux and Scott Cleaveland who worked hard to arrange our projects. We also need adult volunteers to make this happen, so special thanks go out to Jennifer Baker, Peter Roberts, Whitney Butler, Jennifer Thompson, Susan Shinall, Skip Watts, and Sheila Boone.



Music

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The Coastal Winds Woodwind Quintet performed a patriotic concert on July 4th at Wesley Monumental. Thanks to everyone who attended and to Raymond Patricio for organizing the event. Over \$2,500 was raised to support veterans-in-need in Savannah.





Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Youth Local Mission Week

