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# THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



## Life at Wesley



In September, Wesley members packed 14 pallets of fresh produce (left at the end of a trade show) at the Trade Center. The produce was distributed the following day to people in need in the Savannah area.



Multi-talented chorister playing tambourine in worship.



In Sunday school, our newly promoted three-year-olds are learning to listen to God.



Youth playing "Face the Cookie."  
Want to join the fun? See the Youth section inside for details.



Wesley members help furnish Family Promise transitional houses.



For "Books & Cooks" day, our Eli's Place Pre-K children listened to a story and then made their own pizza.



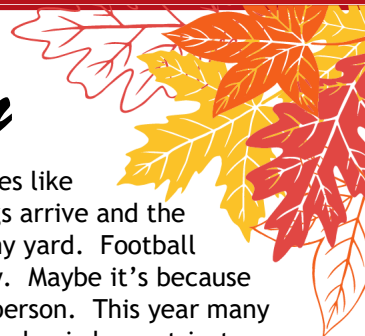




## From Ben's Desk

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## Autumn



While the autumnal equinox takes place near the end of September, in warm climates like ours, it is the month of October that turns my mind to fall. The first cooler mornings arrive and the days now become shorter than the nights. Leaves start turning loose and littering my yard. Football fans and hunters love this season, but I'll admit, autumn makes me a bit melancholy. Maybe it's because I'm in the "autumn" season of life, or just because I'm a warm weather "summer" person. This year many of us don't need any help from a seasonal change to feel this way. This lingering pandemic has not just been physically or financially challenging, maybe more than anything, it has been mentally and emotionally challenging. More than ever we need self-care, spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and physically. It is easy to lose our joy as we feel more isolated and alone than usual. It is a reminder we need our faith community who travel through life with us season to season.

Historically autumn is the season of harvest. My mind wanders back to an old gospel tune, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows, Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;  
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. (refrain)

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master, Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;  
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.  
(refrain)

Autumn reminds us our spiritual life is one of sowing and reaping. It is an ongoing process that requires intentionality. Paul wrote in Galatians 6, *"Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."*



## Congregational Life

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### Veterans Day Program

On Thursday, November 11, come join us for our annual Veterans Day Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. If there is a parade this year, we will be done in time to join in the festivities! Our own Sheila Boone, who is the Membership and Outreach Coordinator of the Georgia Historical Society, will be our speaker. Sheila's expertise is in the area of World War I history. She will share with us about the effects of WWI on the home front.....in Georgia, and specifically in Savannah. Suzanna will have breakfast and plenty of coffee ready for us! Please RSVP to Jennifer Thompson or the church office by Monday, November 8.



### Merry Makers October Events

Come join us at the church on Monday, October 11 for a fascinating presentation from our own Ken Rimes. Ken is coming to talk about the history of Savannah as he tells it to guests of his tour company, *Timeless Tours of Savannah*. Come hear some familiar history that "everybody" knows, (or thinks they know)! And, come hear some things that you have never heard before. A yummy lunch will be prepared by Suzanna. We will meet in the Parlor of Oliver Hall at 11:00 and lunch is \$7. Please RSVP to Jennifer Thompson or the church office by Friday, October 8.



Then on Wednesday, October 27, come eat lunch (Dutch treat) at 12:00 p.m. at **Wang's II Chinese restaurant** - 7601 Water's Avenue. Check out the menu at [www.wangs2restaurant.com](http://www.wangs2restaurant.com). Please RSVP to Jennifer Thompson or the church office by Sunday, October 24.



## Children's Ministry

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## Sunday Funday!



Over the summer our children had a great time at Wesley Gardens during VBS and Summer Fun Days. New friendships began to form. Sometimes our new friends go to the same school and sometimes they go to different schools, but on Sundays, everyone is here together. Funday Friends groups have been started in each of our age groups to encourage these friendships.

Every Sunday there are fun and exciting activities for children during Sunday School and Children's Worship. Games, skits, art projects and more are used to engage the children in Bible lessons. Elementary children are hearing lessons that Jesus taught that are full of hidden meanings. Early Childhood children are hearing about Adam and Eve, Noah, and Father Abraham. In the Nursery, Emily Davis teaches our youngest members how God made the world. There is a real sense of community and friendship developing among our Sunday School children.



New this year! Children DO NOT need to be picked up between the Worship Service and Sunday School. Children who attend the 8:45 service will be given a snack and taken to their Sunday School classroom. Children who attend Sunday School and the 11:00 Service 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. Children can be picked up from the Wayne Street entrance after Sunday School and from the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 Service.

### Children's Choirs

It's not too late to join the choir! 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 Singing, 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. 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. Plan to join the study of *Jonah* or the book study, *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* after dinner.



### Welcome Wilson!

You may have noticed that Ms. Haley has not been with us the last few weeks. We miss her but are thankful that Wilson Ware Herrington is here! Wilson was born on Thursday, August 26 and weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. Everyone is doing well, and we look forward to Wilson joining us in the nursery later this year.

### Fall Festival

Be sure to join us on Sunday, October 24 at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. The petting zoo and pony rides are returning this year along with lots of games, Ms. Suzanna's Nacho Bar, and S'mores at the pavilion. The festival is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.







## Evangelism

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### Welcome, New Members!

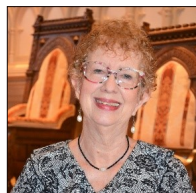
We are thankful the following joined during August and September. The next New Member Course will be Sundays, October 17 and 24 at 10:00 a.m. with the class joining as a group on October 24; please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



#### Korry Connell with daughters, Stella & Alice McCormick, & son, John Patrick "Jack" Connell, Jr.

Korry is a fitness instructor who grew up in Savannah. Her husband, Patrick, is an attorney with Connell Thaw Rubarti. She has two daughters, Stella (age 10; grade 5) and Alice (age 7; grade 1), who attend Calvary Day School, and they have an infant son, Jack (age 8 months). Korry likes the traditional worship service at Wesley, and her daughters loved Vacation Bible School.

*Shepherd: Patrick Connell*



#### Pam Highsmith

Pam moved from North Carolina 14 years ago to be the nanny for her grandchildren, Julia and Michael, who are now 14 and 11. Pam is the mother of Ski Grabowski. Already she is a Prayer Partner for an Urban Hope child.

*Shepherds: Denise and Ski Grabowski and Julia and Michael Grabowski*



#### Jeralyn & Richard Wilson

The Wilsons and Thompsons have been friends ever since all their children were in a Savannah Christian carpool together. Richard enjoys woodworking and repairing, and Jeralyn likes crafts and cooking. Both love the water. The Wilsons like Wesley's traditional worship, especially the pipe organ.

*Shepherds: Janet and Andy Thompson, Jr.*

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#### John Kingston, Jr. & Mackenzie Shelton

Mackenzie grew up in Ringgold, Virginia, and John grew up in Savannah. They met in Savannah and are engaged to be married in May. She is a physician's assistant at St. Joseph Hospital in cardiology, having graduated from South University. He works for Northwestern Mutual. He likes gardening, and they both like boating and deer and pheasant hunting. They enjoy great hymns of faith.

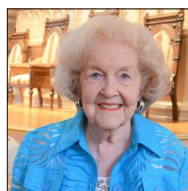
*Shepherds: Stuart and Bobo Mullens and Katherine Bailey and Emmy Mullens*



#### Deborah & Ashley McCorkle with son, Connor McCorkle

Coming home to Savannah after 25 years away in California is Ashley, with his wife, Deborah, who is originally from Washington, DC. Their son, Connor, is age 9 and in third grade at St. Andrew's School. Ashley's nephew, Robert, and his niece, Lindsay, and their families are his family's shepherds. The McCorkles like refugee ministry.

*Shepherds: Laurel and Robert McCorkle; Lindsay and Ryon Thompson; Connor's shepherds: Feriby and Robbie McCorkle; Peter and Lena Thompson*



#### Bootsie Swicord

Bootsie grew up in Glennville, GA, where she and Gloria were in high school together, and she has lived in Savannah since 1959. She lives on Wilmington Island. She has many friends in the congregation and likes the beautiful Wesley Chancel Choir music.

*Shepherds: Gloria Eitel and Mildred Walker*



#### Kayleigh Ward & Patrick Ennis with son, Lucas Ennis

Patrick serves in the Army and will be in Savannah for three more years; he is from New Jersey. Kayleigh is from Worchester, England, and teaches at Eli's Place. They have two sons, Lucas, age 3, and Oliver who was just born on September 13. They love the powerful sermons at Wesley.

*Shepherds: Jenny and Matt Donan; Lucas's shepherds: Maxwell and Graham Donan*



## Evangelism Cont.

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### Daily Chronological Bible Readings - October 2021

All are welcome to join the Read the Bible this year. It is never too late to join! There is no bad time to read the Bible! Sign up for a weekly email of Bible encouragement and even a Bible joke, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Also, all are welcome in the Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 weekly or on Zoom; please ask Nelle for Zoom code.

### October Bible Memory Verse

"Jesus said unto her, 'I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.'" – John 11:25, 26a

<b>Friday, 1</b>	Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm 126	<b>Sunday, 17</b>	Matthew 10; 14; Mark 6:7-56; Luke 9:1-17; John 6
<b>Saturday, 2</b>	Psalm 106; John 1:4-14	<b>Monday, 18</b>	Matthew 15; Mark 7:1-8:10
<b>Sunday, 3</b>	Matthew 1; Luke 1:1-2:38	<b>Tuesday, 19</b>	Matthew 16; Mark 8:11-9:1; Luke 9:18-27
<b>Monday, 4</b>	Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52	<b>Wednesday, 20</b>	Matthew 17-18; Mark 9:2-50; Luke 9:28-56
<b>Tuesday, 5</b>	Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3; John 1:15-34	<b>Thursday, 21</b>	Catch-Up Day
<b>Wednesday, 6</b>	Matthew 4:1-22; Mark 1:12-20; Luke 4:1-15; 5:1-11; John 1:35-2:12	<b>Friday, 22</b>	John 7-9
<b>Thursday, 7</b>	Matthew 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 4:16-30	<b>Saturday, 23</b>	Luke 10: John 10:1-11:54
<b>Friday, 8</b>	Catch-Up Day	<b>Sunday, 24</b>	Luke 12:1-13:30
<b>Saturday, 9</b>	Matthew 4:23-25; 8:14-17	<b>Monday, 25</b>	Luke 14-15
<b>Sunday, 10</b>	Mark 1:21-39; Luke 4:31-44	<b>Tuesday, 26</b>	Matthew 19; Mark 10:1-31; Luke 16:1-18:30
<b>Monday, 11</b>	John 3-5	<b>Wednesday, 27</b>	Matthew 20; Mark 10:32-52; Luke 18:31-19:27
<b>Tuesday, 12</b>	Matthew 8:1-4; 9:1-17; 12:1-21	<b>Thursday, 28</b>	Catch-Up Day
<b>Wednesday, 13</b>	Mark 1:10-3:21; Luke 5:12-6:19	<b>Friday, 29</b>	Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 11:55-12:11; Matthew 21:1-22
<b>Thursday, 14</b>	Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:20-49; 11:1-13	<b>Saturday, 30</b>	Mark 11:1-25; Luke 19:28-48; John 12:12-36; 2:13-25
<b>Friday, 15</b>	Matthew 8:5-13; 11; Luke 7	<b>Sunday, 31</b>	Matthew 21:23-22:14; Mark 11:27-12:12; Luke 20:1-18; John 12:35-50
<b>Saturday, 16</b>	Matthew 12:22-50; Mark 3:22-35; Luke 8:19-21; 11:14-54		Matthew 22:15-23:39; Mark 12:13-44; Luke 20:19-21:4; Luke 13:31-35
<b>Thursday, 14</b>	Catch-Up Day		
<b>Friday, 15</b>	Matthew 13:1-53; Mark 4:1-34; Luke 8:1-18		
<b>Saturday, 16</b>	Matthew 8:18-34; 9:18-38; Mark 4:35-5:45; Luke 8:22-56; Luke 9:57-62		



## Missions

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Our next Family Mission Project will take place  
Friday, October 15. Read below for details!



### Family Mission Project

Friday, October 15 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Family Promise house, 218 Cumming Street. Please sign up in advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. All ages are welcome. Please wear old clothes and gardening gloves and bring a shovel. We'll plant landscaping around the newly completed house. Thanks to our Construction Ministry leader, Nick Hitt, who led the entire project.



## Wesley Gardens Retreat

### Thoughts from Wesley Gardens Retreat

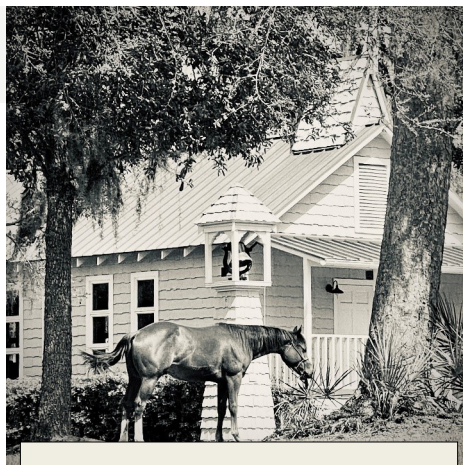
We hope to never take for granted our privileged role as the caretakers out here, beautifying God's spaces, and inviting folks to journey deeper with Jesus and practice his ways.

You may notice some landscape tending, which I (Micah) and a new part-time staffer, Jared Hanks, have been working on, opening-up more ecosystem views surrounding our land. You may also notice incremental enhancements to the Main House, as well, whether fresh paint, or designs to the bedrooms; we believe spaces affect us, and want to claim and steward every corner and plot and paint color for God's glory out here!

**FOURTH FRIDAY:** We had ten folks join us last month (two dears from WMMC), including a couple dears from Wesley Monumental. These monthly days of solitude and silence offer guided prayers at nine, noon, four, but otherwise can be shaped depending on one's needs and desires with God. From an early twenties school-teacher who drove from Charleston, to a ninety-year old widow friend, and much in-between, these Fourth Friday's never cease to remind us of God's presence & necessity in every stage of life.

**PRACTICING STUDY:** It's been our joy to need to add tables for Dr. Scott Hafemann's teachings through Colossians. Again, the range of ages and stages in the Christian journey that keep showing-up to these evening gatherings can't help but encourage us.

We are always seeking volunteers and donors for a list of projects we'd like to see unfold. Please never hesitate to reach-out if you'd like to be a part. - Gratefully, Micah & Abbie



Thanks to a next door neighbor, horses can now be seen regularly grazing and strolling the Grounds.



## Prayer Committee



### Marvelous, Infinite, Matchless Grace

During one of Ben Martin's first sermons at Wesley, he said and I quote, "Unless we fully understand what Jesus did on the cross, we will never let Him have charge of our life." I wrote this in my Bible and refer to it often. Grace is not earned, worked for, conditional, or temporary. It is a gift from God, and bestowed on us when we believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. I learned this acronym long ago, Grace is God's Riches At Christ's Expense! It is hard to accept gifts we don't earn. Eternal life is by grace! We are saved by grace. Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV says "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast." We, the Prayer Committee, invite you to join us for prayer Wednesdays from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in Oliver Hall to pray with your church family. - Sue Ellis, Chair



## Meetings

**UMW Board** - October 6 at 6:00 p.m., Oliver Hall.

**Care & Share** - October 26 at 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

**Jane Shirah Circle** - October 27 at 10:30 a.m., Home of Linda Tedder, 21 Marsh Point Drive, Savannah. The Circle will not meet in November.



## Christmas



### Greenery Orders

The Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! Your pre-paid order will be shipped the Monday after Thanksgiving. Payment is due with your order and can be paid online. Order forms are located at all sanctuary entrances or in the church office. If you would like a form emailed to you, please email [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org). The deadline to place your order is Sunday, October, 24



### Advent Devotional

Our congregation has been blessed each year with the gift of our annual Advent Devotional booklet. Your contributions to this effort are what make it unique and meaningful. The Susanna Wesley Circle has begun work on this year's devotional. Anyone interested in writing a short devotion based on the daily Scripture, please contact Caroline Livingood ([calivingood@comcast.net](mailto:calivingood@comcast.net)) for a list of available dates and Scriptures. You may wish to write individually, as a couple, or as a family. Last year we were blessed with several children's submissions. The deadline to submit your devotion is Friday, November 5.





## Youth

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Fall is here, which means we're back downtown for Youth Group! Sunday night youth group is a fun and accessible way for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers to get plugged in to the life of the church. We meet weekly, eat together, play games, and study the Scriptures.

This semester we are studying the life and letters of the Apostle Paul. Paul can be a confusing and even controversial figure sometimes, but we are finding the Paul we meet in the Scriptures, when understood correctly, cares about the things we care about - the message of Jesus and the church of Jesus, a place where people can find acceptance and equality.

Our games are always a highlight of youth group. We always enjoy dodgeball, Ga-Ga ball, and on special occasions, Zombies vs. Humans. Recently we played "Face the Cookie," where students had to try to make a cookie slide down from their foreheads into their mouths without dropping it. Their facial expressions were the best!

Youth Group meets weekly from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth Choir runs from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. If you know a Middle Schooler or High Schooler who would benefit from being a part of this great group of kids, invite them or contact James P. Owens for more information.



## Music

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Children's choir is off to a roaring start with 50 choristers grades one through five. We are learning traditional hymns of our faith.



## Messenger Monthly Spotlight

### ♪ Joyful Noise Choir ♪



Come join  
us on  
Wednesdays  
for music,  
games, and  
art  
activities!

