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# THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



## Life at Wesley



Wednesday evening chime awesomeness!



October Y'All Haul



Every other week, Wesley members maintain the lawn at The Living Vine.



In September, members of the Courtney Gaines Circle held a luncheon in honor of Carolyn Roth and her marriage to Don Riddle.



Ken Rimes (Wesley member and owner of *Timeless Tours of Savannah*) gave a captivating and informative Savannah History presentation to the Merry Makers. (photo courtesy of Deanne Rimes)



## From Ben's Desk

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## *A Time to be Thankful*



For most of us in America, November inevitably brings Thanksgiving to mind. While we think primarily about the holiday, in the church we have much to be thankful for each week of this month. The first Sunday of November is always the remembrance of All Saints Sunday. It is the day when we take time to remember the members of our church family who have died in the last year. I have shared with you before that one of my Sunday morning rituals, in preparation for worship, is to do a prayer walk through our sanctuary, praying over every pew. Each week, my mind is called to remember the "saints" of Wesley who are now gone but for years filled those seats with their presence, our building with their prayers and praise, our offering plates with their gifts, our lives with their witness and example. This day is also a time for us to think about the legacy we are leaving as a part of the Wesley church family.

The second week in November bring Veterans Day. We are reminded to be thankful for the men and women who have and do serve our country. We enjoy the security, prosperity, and freedom to worship and live out our faith because of the self-giving lives of service they offer.

At the end of the month we will celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a season to count our blessings and to remember the first Thanksgiving came after a brutally difficult winter of suffering and loss. It is a good time to remember our journey through our own winter of "COVID." Many are still grieving the loss of loved ones, others still feel the impact of schools and businesses that were closed. Nonetheless, we seek to be thankful that we are here.

Finally, in November, a season of "Thanks-giving", we conduct our annual "estimate of giving" or "pledge" campaign. As we reflect on how God has blessed us, we ask how can we bless God from a thankful heart through our giving to His church? It is an important spiritual discipline to ask ourselves what is the commitment I will make to God in my giving? All of us will receive a letter and commitment card in the mail asking us to consider prayerfully how my giving will be an expression of my faith this year. We ask that each of us make our best estimate of what we will give to God through the church next year, so that we can feel a sense of commitment to God, and we can be responsible stewards of what is entrusted to us at Wesley. So if you need something to be thankful for, just show up on Sunday morning at Wesley and we hope and pray you will see and hear plenty to inspire you to say to God, "Thank you!"

### **NEW Exciting Opportunities for Spiritual Growth**

- ◆ **Young Mothers' Small Group** - Come meet with Katie Martin Knight (Ben's daughter) and others on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for a time of sharing and seeking God together. This group meets in the Parlor of Oliver Hall.
- ◆ **Thursday Noon Downtown Bible Study** - Join Rev. Nelle Bordeaux via Zoom as she leads a new study on the book of Matthew. Please contact Nelle at the church office or via email to be added to the Zoom invite, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).
- ◆ **Connect Sunday School** - The Connect class will begin a new study on the book of Psalms (an Epic of Eden study) on Sunday, October 31. This is a hybrid class led by Rev. Jennifer Thompson. Please contact Jennifer to get the weekly Zoom invite. The in-person class meets in room 207 on the second floor of Oliver Hall.

### **New Session of Wednesday Night Classes      October 27 - December 8**

- ◆ **Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments** by Adam Hamilton - Come learn how Jesus saw the Ten Commandments not as burdens but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life... given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully together, and protect us. Study led by Rev. Ben Martin in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: 5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move** by Andy Stanley - How many of us have ever gotten to the other side of a decision and wished that we had asked more questions? Good questions lead to good decisions, and God is all about us making good decisions! We will explore what God, through scripture, has to say about decision making. Study led by Rev. Jennifer Thompson in room 207 of Oliver Hall. (Please contact Ben at [ben@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:ben@wesleymonumental.org) or Jennifer Thompson at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.com](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.com) if you would like to receive a Zoom invite to the class you choose.)





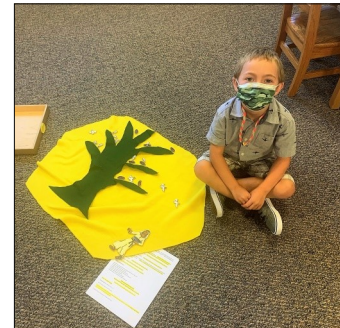
## Children's Ministry

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## *Sunday Funday!*



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. The elementary children taught their favorite parable lesson to the class last Sunday. They enjoyed being the teachers. Early Childhood children are hearing about Father Abraham and Moses. In the Nursery, Emily Davis teaches our youngest members how God made the world. Come join the fun!



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.



### Joyful Noise Choir

It's not too late to join the Joyful Noise Choir! We are beginning to work on our Christmas Play. We welcome children for supper in the nursery beginning at 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday night and then go to choir at 6:00 p.m. Join us for singing, playing instruments, musical games and art projects. Drop off is at the Nursery door and pick up is from the playground. The children enjoy unstructured play time with their church friends before and after choir.



### Nativity Pageant

Sign up forms and auditions for the Nativity Pageant will start the first week in November for first through fifth grade children who participate in Children's Choir. Rehearsals begin the second week in November and the pageant will be on Wednesday, December 15.

### Upcoming Events

It's hard to believe how Fall is flying by. You'll be reading this right after our Fall Festival which is always a fun event for our youngest members. Please put the dates below on your calendar and plan to join us!

- Eli's Place Thanksgiving Program and Street Party - Friday, November 19
- Nativity Pageant - Wednesday, December 15
- Christmas Fun Day - Saturday, December 11
- Christmas Celebration Play and Dinner - Sunday, December 12



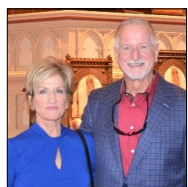


## Evangelism

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### Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following are among our September new members. Our next New Member Course will be Sundays, November 14 and 21 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays, with the class joining as a group on Sunday, November 21. Nursery provided. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



#### Victor Deen

Victor is from Garden City, Georgia. He already is a Shepherd, as the Sunday after he joined the church, he and his wife, Joellen Cooper-Pyles, welcomed their neighbors,

Kathi and Charli Hodges, into church membership.

*Shepherd: Joellen Cooper-Pyles*



#### Kathi and Charlie Hodges

Kathi and Charlie live on the same street with their shepherds. Charlie also grew up in Garden City, Georgia, and his mother and Evonne Mobley's mother were close friends there. They love traditional worship.

*Shepherds: Joellen Cooper-Pyles and Victor Deen*



#### Katie and Sly Knight, III, with sons, Oliver and Asher Knight

Only one new member can call our senior minister, "Daddy," and she is Katie Knight, Susan and Ben Martin's daughter. Already she is leading a young mothers' small group on Wednesday nights at church. Sly is from Savannah, and their sons, Oliver, age 6, and Asher, age 3, attend Hancock Day School and Eli's Place, respectively.

*Shepherds: Susan and Ben Martin*



### Daily Chronological Bible Readings - November 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.

#### November Bible Memory Verse: "He is risen!" - Mark 16:6

<b>Monday, 1</b>	Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21:5-38	<b>Saturday, 13</b>	Acts 12-14
<b>Tuesday, 2</b>	Matthew 26:1-5; 14-35; Mark 14:1-2, 10-31; Luke 22:1-38; John 13	<b>Sunday, 14</b>	James 1-5
<b>Wednesday, 3</b>	John 14-17	<b>Monday, 15</b>	Galatians 1-3
<b>Thursday, 4</b>	Catch-Up Day	<b>Tuesday, 16</b>	Galatians 4-6
<b>Friday, 5</b>	Matthew 26:36-75; Mark 14:32-72; Luke 22:39-71; John 18:1-27	<b>Wednesday, 17</b>	Acts 15-16
<b>Saturday 6</b>	Matthew 27:1-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28-19:16	<b>Thursday, 18</b>	Catch-Up Day
<b>Sunday, 7</b>	Matthew 27:32-66; Mark 15:21-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:17-42; Psalm 22	<b>Friday, 19</b>	Acts 17:1-18:18
<b>Monday, 8</b>	Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21	<b>Saturday, 20</b>	1 Thessalonians
<b>Tuesday, 9</b>	Acts 1-4; Psalm 110	<b>Sunday, 21</b>	2 Thessalonians
<b>Wednesday, 10</b>	Acts 5-8	<b>Monday, 22</b>	Acts 18:19-19:41
<b>Thursday, 11</b>	Catch-Up Day	<b>Tuesday, 23</b>	1 Corinthians 1-4
<b>Friday, 12</b>	Acts 9-11	<b>Wednesday, 24</b>	1 Corinthians 5-8
		<b>Thursday, 25</b>	Catch-Up Day
		<b>Friday, 26</b>	1 Corinthians 9-11
		<b>Saturday, 27</b>	1 Corinthians 12-14
		<b>Sunday, 28</b>	1 Corinthians 15-16
		<b>Monday, 29</b>	2 Corinthians 1-4
		<b>Tuesday, 30</b>	2 Corinthians 5-9

### Bible Studies - Join One Today!

- ♦ **Downtown** (via Zoom)- Matthew's Gospel - Thursdays, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Young Mothers' Bible Study** (via Zoom) - Read the Bible - Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Sunday School** - Chronological Bible (Fellowship Hall and Zoom), Sundays, 9:45 a.m.-10:40 a.m.
- ♦ **Preschool Chapel** - Shine as the Stars





## Missions

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### Family Mission Project - Pine-Cone Pick-Up Party

Friday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. The Living Vine yard, 535 East 54<sup>th</sup> at Paulsen Street. Please sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Children and adults are welcome, as we'll pick up pine cones and sticks in the yard at the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home. Please wear old clothes and bring gardening gloves.

### Grace Monkeys and Amen Handymen Want You!

Do you like to repair cars? Do you like to do home repairs for senior adults? Joel Hayes leads Grace Monkeys, and Steve Eberhardt leads Amen Handymen. Please tell Nelle if you need a home repair, 912-234-9245.



## Congregational Life

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### November & December Merry Maker Events

Save the dates and come join us!



### Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

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 or the church office by Monday, November 8.



### Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Come "do lunch" with us! Dutch treat at 12:00 p.m. at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** at 10408 Abercorn Street. Check out the menu at [www.carrabbas.com](http://www.carrabbas.com). Please RSVP to Jennifer or the church office by Sunday, November 28.

### Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Encore! Back by popular demand, Wesley's own choir members will regale us once again with their very own **Christmas Program!** Meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary (please use the front steps or the Gordon Street entrance for the elevator). A festive lunch prepared by Suzanna will follow in the Parlor on the second floor of Oliver Hall. Lunch is \$7. Please RSVP to Jennifer or the church office by Friday, December 10.



### Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Workshop

No matter if this is the first holiday season after your loved one's death...or the second, third or beyond.....emotions of all sorts will inevitably arise as you spend time with friends and family and move through time-honored traditions without your loved one this year. Some of those emotions will be sweet, and some will be tough. But, the good news is that preparing for the emotional impact of the holidays can keep you from being blindsided and can help you find joy in the midst of your grief. This *Grief Share* workshop will be held from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in room 303 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Education Building on Monday evening, November 15.

Please contact Rev. Jennifer Thompson at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) to sign up. All attendees will be gifted with a *Surviving the Holidays Survival Guide* workbook to help them manage the holidays. Feel free to invite anyone to attend.





## Youth

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On October 3, this spooky crew enjoyed a Ghost Tour in downtown Savannah courtesy of Wesley Monumental member Ryan Dunn and Afterlife Tours! Walking through the city, we saw supposedly haunted sites, such as the Sorrel Weed House, and heard all the scary stories that Ryan and his team have compiled over the years. They conduct their own research, not just into ghost stories, but into the real history of Savannah and other cities nearby. So, in addition to hearing the scary tales, our group also learned about our city's history. We are fortunate to live in such an interesting place with a fascinating past and

present! When we're not hearing ghost stories, we're getting in the Holy Ghost every Sunday and Wednesday at youth Bible study, Sunday school, and Youth Group.



## Prayer Committee



### PRAY! WHY?

Why would Jesus say to His disciples in Matthew 6:5, "When you pray, say 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed (Holy) be thy name'?" This is the way Jesus tells us to address our Father God. Jesus is still teaching us how to pray through the Holy Spirit. God has equipped us to do this, and wants to hear from us. To believe in Jesus as Lord, we are equipped to communicate with our creator God. This is the greatest gift on the planet earth. Nothing compares to this privilege and gift. We pray in the Oliver Hall Parlor with our church staff and a few others each Wednesday from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. We never graduate from the school of prayer! We invite you to join us in this important 30 minutes of your day. - Sue Ellis, Committee Chair



## Additional Announcements

### Kids Coca Cola Classic Golf Tournament

The Wesley United Methodist Men will be involved in this tournament for the fourth consecutive year! Last year we were able to send \$8,000-\$10,000 checks to Urban Hope, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, p.a.c.k., Ronald McDonald House Charities, and H.U.G.S. for the benefit of our Savannah Kids! We need your help if at all possible. We need volunteers for registration of golfers for the tournament at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Monday, November 8; we need golfers who wish to play golf on Monday; we need six individuals to be observers for two par three holes-in-one competition for a new Honda auto for a hole-in-one! We need hungry participants who want a Free Dinner/Drinks on Sunday evening, November 7, at our Auction Dinner, starting at 6:00 p.m. The auction includes 91 auction items, featuring our own John Birkheimer as auctioneer in the active auction, as well as a silent auction. Items include lodging at major resort areas, golf packages for four at 20 major golf courses in the Coastal Empire, professional services, i.e., laser eye surgery, and many ladies' items as well as artistic gems. If you cannot participate in the tournament and wish to contribute to help our Savannah Kids, please make a check out to *Kids Coca Cola Golf Classic* and send to Don Riddle, 11 Hickory Grove Way, Savannah, GA, 31405. Questions? Please call Don, 912-401-9016.





## Music

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# RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS' DONA NOBIS PACEM



Alysia Smith, soprano



Nicholas Davis, baritone

Saturday, May 14, 2022 7:30 P.M.

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church  
Calhoun Square 429 Abercorn Street Savannah, Georgia

Wesley Monumental Choir with 42-piece Orchestra  
Dr. Monica Dekle, conductor



Tickets will go on sale in December.





## Messenger Monthly Spotlight



### Volunteering at Wesley Community Center



In October, several Wesley members replaced two windows at Wesley Community Center.

