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THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



Life at Wesley



Joyful Noise Choir led worship on February 13.



Youth Choir led worship on February 6.



Join us on Sunday mornings
for Sunday School and
Children's Worship!



Rev. Martin baptizing baby Wilson.



From January 27-30, a group of
students and adults enjoyed
skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing,
and having a great time together
on the Youth Ski Trip.





From Ben's Desk

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ASH WEDNESDAY
service

March 2, 2022

6:15 p.m.
Sanctuary

LENT AGAIN

I have no idea whether or not the groundhog saw his shadow last month, but March is here and I cannot begin to tell you how ready I am for spring. I hate standard time (getting dark early) and cold weather. The only problem is it's a late Easter (April 17), which means we are just now getting to Ash Wednesday (March 2) and the season of Lent. My disdain for Lent is pretty well documented. The season begins in the dark and cold of winter and is hoping for the light and warmth of spring. The season is one of fasting and penitence. Did I say I hate fasting too? That's short days, cold weather, and now fasting....I'm afraid my list of things I hate is way too long. My favorite thing to give up for Lent I borrowed from a friend who said, "I'm giving up giving up things for Lent." I'm just kidding about all that. Sort of. Lent means Easter is coming, but in some memorable haunting words, not my own, *"The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep."* That is Lent. A time of promises to keep, to God and to myself, and miles to go with Jesus between here and the cross. During the season of Lent, we are going to look at people who followed Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and see what we can learn from them about our journey with Jesus through life, into death, and back into life. Join us on Wednesday night, March 2, for our Ash Wednesday Service, and let's begin a holy Lent together remembering "from dust we came and to dust we shall return." Those forty days (not counting Sundays) will come and go quickly with or without us, what they mean however, will be completely up to us.



Congregational Life

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Living Life to the Fullest: An Older Adult Retreat

This fun-filled retreat will take place at beautiful Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island, May 16-19, 2022. There will be speakers, entertainment, workshops, and excursions (included in the price of your registration - which is a DEAL!). To register, go to www.EpworthByTheSea.org/events, click on *Register Here*, and scroll down to find this event. There you will find the prices, which vary depending on the number of persons in your room and which housing you choose. Pitts/Booth is cheaper, no direct view of the water, but a lot closer to the dining room and the auditorium. Turner Inn is the most expensive, has private balconies on the river, but is a longer walk from the dining room and auditorium (and parking is premium). Robertson Inn is in the middle price-wise and location-wise. It does have a view of the water from each room. Please let Jennifer Thompson know that you are planning to go so that she can connect you with others from Wesley who are also going. And, let her know if you need transportation as well.



Merry Makers March Event

Come join us for Merry Makers on Monday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor and hear a fascinating talk by Kathy Horne entitled "The Women Who Helped Win WWII: Spies and Military Intelligence." Call the church office or text/email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, March 11 to make reservations. The cost for lunch is \$7.



Merry Makers April Event

Holy Week noonday services and lunch are to resume for the first time since 2019! (Thank you, Jesus!) Come support the first of our 2022 noonday services and enjoy lunch afterward. Watch the bulletin for information about how to sign-up for lunch.



Children's Ministry

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At Eli's Place we are beginning to register children for the 2022-2023 school year. The preferred enrollment period for members of Wesley Monumental opened on February 15 and ends on March 15. Please read over the notes from parents, that are below, and consider choosing our preschool for your child. Passing on the information to friends and family members is a great way to introduce them to Wesley and our church family.

From Morgan and John Wallden: Eli's Place has been such a blessing to our family. I knew five years ago on a tour that Eli's Place was something special. Little did I know how much! Not only are my children learning new things and making friends, we have become a part of the Eli's Place family.

Having a large family, we have had the pleasure of having almost every teacher here teach our children. My children run to my car each day with big smiles and fists full of crafts.

Our oldest child started the Pre-K program this year and will begin kindergarten without missing a beat. The teachers have curated a great program that not only teaches the children but builds skills like confidence and problem solving. My daughter particularly likes the Cooks with Books program and is a champion with rhyming words. It has been so wonderful watching her grow especially this last year. I cannot say enough about how much this little school means to me and my children.



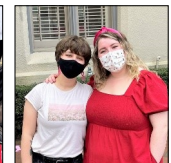
Each February, we present our "Share the Love" program with family & friends.



Making "Do You Know the Muffin Man" muffins & playing other nursery rhyme games on Mother Goose Day.

From Natalie and Erik Puljung: We have 3 children who have all attended Eli's Place over the last 7 years. Our second child is getting ready to graduate from Pre-K, and I just want to say how grateful we are to know how both he and our daughter received such an excellent education at Eli's. I have seen him grow in his friendships, his knowledge, and his love for school this year. Every day he is excited to go to Eli's and see his teachers and friends. He is thriving from the organized, intentional, and kind environment that they provide every day. Most recently, during a conversation in the car, I discovered that he has learned to do math in his head! It took me by surprise and it really is a delight to see him learning and growing.

We have chosen to stay at Eli's Place for so many years because they love and care for each child and it is evident through all my interactions with all of the staff and teachers. We are excited that he will be thoroughly prepared for Kindergarten next year and yet sad that his time at Eli's Place is over. Thank you for all you do to keep our children safe, loved, and learning!



From Jennifer and Eric Larson: Our family is incredibly grateful for the loving and supportive community at Eli's Place. Kensley started attending last year at the end of January. We were really nervous about her jumping in with a group of children that had been together since September, but she was welcomed with open arms and immediately fell in love with her class and teachers.

This year in pre-k is no different. She races into the building each day, eager to learn and spend time with her friends. She often talks about how kind her teachers are and the abundance of things she is learning. She is so excited about learning, and I contribute that in large to her experiences in her classroom.

We are so happy that Eli's was highly recommended to us from friends when we moved here. It was the perfect introduction to education for Kensley and now her brother, Porter in the Older 2's class. We are extremely sad to be moving this summer and leaving their little Eli's family, but I know they'll hold a special place in their heart for their teachers and friends.



Evangelism

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Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following joined Wesley during January. Our March New Member Course will be Sundays, March 20 and 27, at 10:00 a.m., with the class joining on March 27. Please sign up, 912- 232-0191.



David Chow

David Chow is the father of Ivan Chow and Grace Chow Grund, and he already is active in Wednesday night Bible study with Ben Martin, Sunday School, and early service. He moved to Savannah from Lafayette,

California, and we are so thankful he is here with his family and his church family.

Shepherds: Linda and Rev. Noel Cooper



Anne & Michael Hawks

Anne is a Chancel Choir member, and she and Michael have moved here from Marquoketa, Iowa. They love traditional music and already assist with grocery packing for Wesley Community Center children and seniors.

Shepherds: Carolyn Roth and Don Riddle, Jr.



Ashley and Ben Wanager with children, Olivia and Owen Wanager

Ashley works with sleep disorder patients, and Ben is the assistant principal at Coastal Middle School after serving for ten years at Beach High School. Olivia is in third grade at Hancock, and Owen is a first-grader at Hancock. Olivia and Owen will be baptized on March 13 in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Both children are in children's choir.

Shepherds: Mandy and Matt Merritt

Children's Shepherds: Jackson and Riley Merritt



Memorials & Honoraria

The Endowment Fund

In Memory of
Nancy Birkheimer
From
Linda K. Sapp

The Monumental Music Fund

In Memory of
Ann Ernst
Dr. Bill Taylor
Michael Mamalakis
Chuck Brown
Joyce Cole
From
Janet B. Thompson

February 2022

Gifts have been received in Memory or Honor of:

The Music Endowment Fund

In Memory of
Juanita Corey
From
Ken and Deanne Rimes

In Honor of
Monica Dekle
From
Patricia Jacobs

The Missions Fund

In Honor of
Nelle Bordeaux
From
Patricia Jacobs

The Music Endowment Fund

In Honor of
Lois Wooten
From
Maggie and Bill Rousseau



Missions

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Shred Your Stress is April 22nd!
Details below.



Shred Your Stress

If only it were that easy! Please bring boxed documents (please no staples and no paper clips) to the East Wayne Street car line on Friday, April 22 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Huge thanks to Savannah Shredding Company. Needed are helpers to lift boxes (you may have your boxes back, if you wish). Questions or to help, email Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Wesley Community Center

Groceries for children and seniors most needed are peanut butter, grits, oatmeal, cereal, canned meat and vegetables and fruit, rice, and sacks of dry beans. Boxes are just inside all doors.



Living Vine Christian Maternity Home

Yard crew on Wednesday mornings, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., led by Don Riddle, Jr. Please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, if you want to help.



Upcoming Family Mission Projects

March



Spanish Moss Clean-Up at Wesley Gardens

Join us on Friday, March 4 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. We will pull Spanish moss from

camellias and also pick up trash near the marsh. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, and wear long sleeves and bring rakes and gardening gloves. Children are welcome.

April



Celebrating the Life of Wesley Member Angela Sherrill

Join us at the Fresh Air Home on Friday, April 1 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. to help with landscaping in memory of Angela Sherrill, Wesley member and sister of Laura Mattocks and mom of Tilley and Wyatt Sherrill. Please sign up in

advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Please wear gardening gloves and bring rakes. Angela loved the outdoors, so we are honoring her with this Family Mission Project. All ages are welcome.



Prayer

Prayer Warriors Needed!



We are in need of Prayer Warriors to pray with us each Wednesday evening from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor. We have a long list of requests but few to pray. Our church is a school for prayer. We meet with our ministers to get quiet and pray. It is not about eloquent spiritual pontification or sounding intelligent. It is about listening to and spending time with the Holy Spirit. This is a gift we are given when we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. So, we are recruiting soldiers for the Lord and you are invited! One day I envision groups of 5 praying all over the church. I will continue to pray for that day. - Sue Ellis, Chairman of Prayer Committee



Jane Shirah Circle

March Meeting

The Jane Shirah Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. on March 23 at the home of Nancy Barnwell, 939 Mill Stream Court, Savannah.



Family Fun!

join us

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

March 4, 2022 • 6:00 PM
WMC Fellowship Hall

RSVP: SWCIRCLEWM@GMAIL.COM

ADULTS \$10 | CHILDREN \$5 |
FAMILY MAX \$30

LOTS OF FUN AND PRIZES!

New Date!
Friday,
March 4th

To purchase tickets,
Venmo
[@CameronSchmitz81](https://www.venmo.com/CameronSchmitz81)
with your name and
number attending

You can also reserve
seats and pay at the
door by emailing:
swcirclewm@gmail.com

Grand Prize includes a
Family Beach Weekend
at Tybee!

All proceeds benefit
charities within
our Community!



Music

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RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS' DONA NOBIS PACEM

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

Wesley Monumental Choir with 42-piece Orchestra

Dr. Monica Dekle, conductor

Alysa Smith, soprano Nicholas Davis, baritone

Proceeds benefit Purple Heart veteran and Wesley member Ryan Davis and his wife and son, Asia and Knox.



Tickets:

www.MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com

(912) 232-0191 monica@wesleymonumental.org

\$35 tax-deductible donation \$15 students with ID



Scan for tickets



Youth

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Youth Ski Trip 2022

In 2020, we got the Youth Group's annual Ski Retreat in just before COVID hit. Who would have thought we would have to skip the trip in 2021 due to the pandemic? Needless to say, we were overjoyed to be returning to Snowshoe, WV this year for the 2022 Ski Retreat. From January 27-30, a group of students and adults enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, and a great time together. These Savannah kids even braved 0 degree weather!

Special thanks to Robin Canady for preparing our food, and to adult volunteers, Sheila Boone, Skip Watts, Katherine Grimmett, and Susan Shinall!





Messenger Monthly Spotlight



On February 11, the
 Eli's Place children
 presented their annual
 "Sharing the Love" program
 with family and friends.

