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THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



Life at Wesley



From hunting eggs to eating cotton candy, everyone had fun at this year's Easter Egg-stravaganza.



Wesley member, Elton Stuenkel, celebrated his 100th birthday in March!



Sixth Annual Rimes/Rountree Chancel Choir Oyster Roast



Youth Choir Awesomeness



Children's Choir Awesomeness



Choristers taking Communion



On St. Patrick's Day, the youth group was excited to revive an old St. Patrick's Day tradition, the annual Pancake Breakfast!



From Ben's Desk

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Transitions & Graduations



The month of May often feels like a month of closure or endings. In May, we wrap up our school year programming and get ready for summer. Graduations are also a big part of that feeling. At Wesley, we have Eli's Place Graduation as our preschoolers prepare to head off to "big school" next fall. Some of those children have been at Eli's place since they were babies. Then we reach the time of High School graduations and we will recognize some of the youth in our church that are completing one of the most significant transitions in life as they prepare to head off to college or move into the world of work or military service. Then we get to celebrate a transition to married life as our youth counselors, Skip Watts and Sheila Boone, get married!

Finally, the month of May brings to us a retirement. Our front desk Administrative Assistant, Daphne Burrows, is retiring. Daphne has been the face of our office for over ten years. She has served the Wesley church family lovingly and tirelessly. She has been a listening ear to many who come just needing a caring face to hear them, compassionate voice to many who have come who needed help, and model of selfless cooperation on our staff. As for all beloved staff members, we will refill her position, but no one will take her place. We will have a time this month for our church family to say thank you to her.

Transitions always come with a feeling of sadness, but also offer a new season and opportunity on the other side. They are faith-building times as we step out into new places and new seasons knowing that God goes before us and with those who we are watching step out into a new place.



National Day of Prayer

NDOP is Thursday, May 5th
Read below for details.

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church will participate in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5, 2022, by observing periods of prayer throughout the day. Members are encouraged to join in prayer for our country and its leaders by lifting your united voices on its behalf. Listed below is a suggested prayer schedule. While we ask you to join your respective groups in prayer, your prayers are welcomed at any time. National Day of Prayer brochures are available in the office. Questions? Contact Sandra McGowen.

8:00 A.M.	Let us all pray together as a congregation no matter where you are.	1:30	Ben's Bible Study Group
9:00	Prayer Committee	1:45	Jennifer Thompson's Bible Study Group
9:15	Missions Committee & Living Vine Volunteers	2:00	Ushers, Greeters, & Audio Team
9:30	Administrative Board	2:15	Ivy Sunday School Class
9:45	Finance & Stewardship Committees	2:30	Pacesetters Circle
10:00	Susanna Wesley Circle	2:45	Epworth Sunday School Class
10:15	Merry Makers	3:00	Courtney Gaines Circle
10:30	Messenger Brigade	3:15	Trustees and Wesley Gardens Committee
10:45	Eli's Place Teachers & Staff	3:30	Church Staff
11:00	Pastor's Sunday School Class	3:45	Young Mothers' Bible Study & Thursday Bible Study Groups
11:15	Joy Circle	4:00	Journey Sunday School Class
11:30	Ivy Sunday School Class	4:15	Youth Group & Youth Choir
11:45	Evangelism Committee & Refugee Ministry Volunteers	4:30	Elementary Children & Children's Choir
12:00 P.M.	The Altar Guild & Communion Committee	4:45	Connect Sunday School Class
12:15	Staff-Parrish Relations Committee	5:00	Compass Sunday School Class
12:30	Alpha/Fellowship Sunday School Class	5:15	Care & Share Committee
12:45	Jane Shirah Circle	5:30	Shepherds for New Members & All Visitors
1:00	Methodist Men & Construction Teams	5:45	Nursery Volunteers
1:15	Chancel Choir	6:00	Sunday School Teachers
		6:30	Pray as a family when you gather for your evening meal.



Children's Ministry

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VBS is June 13-17
Details below!



Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! On Sunday, May 8 we will be honoring more than 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. In addition to recognizing our families during each service, the families are invited to a brunch reception at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor on the second floor of Oliver Hall with a time for family photographs. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our listing.

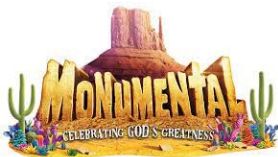


Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens Retreat

Wesley children who have completed kindergarten through third grade can register now for Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of July 18 - 22. It will be a fun week full of games, crafts, science, and water fun along with some time spent studying God's word. Monday - Wednesday we'll start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. On Thursday we'll start at 9:00 a.m., and we will be spending the night at Wesley Gardens! Our tired campers will be ready to be picked up at noon on Friday. The cost for the week is \$80. Registration forms have been sent out by email to the families of all eligible children. Be sure to get your registration forms in soon, fees are due on or before July 1. If you have not received a registration form, please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.

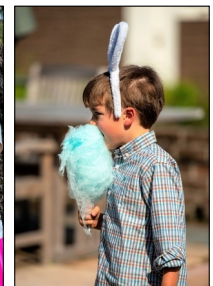
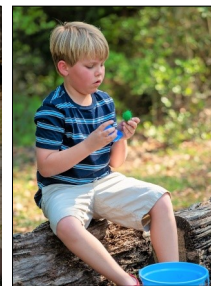
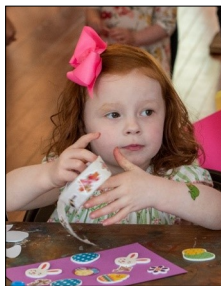
Vacation Bible School

Join us for "Monumental" a week of off-road Bible adventures celebrating God's awesomeness. Vacation Bible School will be held at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This year registration is open to all Wesley families and extended family members. The link to register has been emailed to all Wesley families with children 3 years old through 5th grade. If you have not received a registration form, please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.

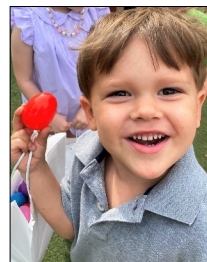


It takes a village to shepherd 150 children through the learning centers and activities that are planned. From making and serving snacks, to leading a group of children, to putting welcome packets together, there are tasks for everyone. You can sign up to help by emailing charli@wesleymonumental.org.

Easter Egg-stravaganza at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center



A Resurrection Garden was the 4th & 5th grade activity at the Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens.



Egg Hunts at Eli's Place



Evangelism

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We are thankful the following joined during March and early April.



Monica Cleaveland

Having served as an active member of Mount Bethel United Methodist Church in Marietta, Georgia, Mrs. Cleaveland has moved to Savannah to be near her son, Scott. Already she has cooked and served

Savannah red rice for 75 Urban Hope guests!

Shepherd: Ann Lytle

Next New Member Class

The next New Member Class will take place May 8 and 22 at 10:00 a.m. with the class joining May 22. Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Welcome, New Members!



Amanda Duffy & children, Henry, June, & Charlotte

Amanda is a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse at Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, Ty Duffy (son of Pat Duffy and brother of Mary Anne Heath) have three children. Amanda is in the Young Mothers' Bible Study.

Shepherd: Pat Duffy



Janet & Jimmy Flowers, Jr.

Janet just earned her Master Gardener certification, and Jimmy is the church's administrator. They have two children in college, Tripp and Julia.



- ♦ **Matthew's Gospel** - Thursdays, noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ **Young Mothers' Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Oliver Hall Room 310 and via Zoom; Fabulous Bible Buddies teachers for children are Carmine Cowart and Sarah Jean Yost in Oliver Hall Room 308. Nelle teaches the mothers.
- ♦ **Preschool Chapel** - Set Sail with Paul, Eli's Place, May 2, 9, and 16; May Bible Memory Verse is "For He is our peace." Ephesians 2:14a



Missions

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May Family Mission Project Pass the Peas, Please!

Friday, May 20

3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Oliver Hall Lobby

Help sack groceries for Wesley Community Center children and seniors. Please bring a box of your favorite cereal or a canned good.



Sign up with Nelle,
tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

All ages
welcome!

March Family Mission Project



Carmine Cowart and Brett Highland work to remove Spanish moss from historic camellias at Wesley Gardens.



Missions Cont.

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A Nautical Mission Opportunity Saturday, May 7 Helping House of Hope



The students from House Of Hope, one of the mission agencies supported by Wesley, will be returning to Wesley Gardens for a retreat weekend May 6-8, 2022. On Saturday afternoon, we are looking for boat owners willing to participate in a flotilla taking the girls out on the river for a boat tour. The boat trip is scheduled after lunch. All are covered by the liability insurance of House Of Hope. Due to staff student ratio, we would need 3-4 boats. Tides are also good, with river high tide at 2:00 p.m. that Saturday. If you are an interested captain call/text Scott Cleaveland at 912-598-8278.

Progress on Family Promise Cumming Street House



Rusty Holt, Pat Monahan, Tom Colgrove, and Sam Youngblood with neighbor, Rudy, cut all the wood for the flooring of the Family Promise second house underway on Cumming Street.

Family Promise May 1-7 at Oasis of Hope

Would you like to cook supper for about 15-20 Family Promise guests at Oasis of Hope? Peggy Jolley leads this ministry. Please sign up to cook and deliver supper at 5:30 p.m. with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Family Promise helps circumstantially homeless families to have a stable home.



Y'All Haul - Helping Family Promise Families

Y'All Haul helper Carl Ericsson made two round trips from Tybee to the Southside to help furnish 3 transitional apartments for Family Promise formerly homeless families. Thank you to all our Y'All Haul helpers with strong backs and trucks! Here, Carl delivers a twin bed mattress for a Family Promise resident, who is no longer homeless. Her work at a downtown restaurant has cut her to fewer hours and she has been ill, so she quickly became homeless. Thankfully she now has a Family Promise transitional apartment with furniture donated and delivered by her Wesley friends.

Seeing Green at WCC

Anne and Michael Hawks planted a vegetable, herb, and flower garden for Wesley Community Center to enjoy.





Congregational Life

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Merry Makers
Monday, May 9, 2022
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Talent! Talent! Talent! Please come and enjoy the talent of many of our Merry Makers (and some family members too)! Meet in the Sanctuary using the front steps or the Gordon Street door (for the elevator) for the program. Afterwards, join us for a yummy lunch (\$7.00) prepared by Suzanna in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Please make reservations with Jennifer Brookins at jennifer@wesleymonumental.org or by calling the Church Office.



Prayer

Prayer is God's Secret Weapon



Psalm 139:14 says, *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."*

I come from God.

I belong to God.

I return to God.

Jesus knew where He came from, and He knew where He was going. When we go to God in prayer, we are not meeting a stranger, but the one from whom we have come. This is the one who loves us and loved us while we were still in our mother's womb. My mentor, Mary Virginia Parrish, taught me about the importance of prayer in our lives. It is a school from which we never graduate. Spending time with God of the universe is the greatest gift ever. It matters not if you are still in the "Now I lay me down to sleep" or "God is Great, God is good" prayer life. Please join us each Wednesday night from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. - Sue Ellis, Prayer Committee Chair



Jane Shirah Circle

May Meeting

The Jane Shirah Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25 at Linda Tedder's home (21 Marsh Point Drive). The Circle will not meet in June, July, and August. The September meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28 at the home of Carolyn Griner (4 Bundy Park).



Additional Announcements



Access ACS and Church Life App

Need help locating a church member's phone number or need to know your remaining pledge balance for the year? Access ACS, our church management software, can help with both.

With Access ACS, you can...

- Access the Online Directory
- Update your contact information including photo
- View your Pledge and Giving History for the year

To begin, visit wesleymonumental.org, then click on "Member Login or Member Directory"

With the ChurchLife App, you can...

- Access the Online Directory

To begin, download the app on your phone, then login with the same username and password you use for Access ACS.

Confused? Need help creating an account or resetting your password? Email or call Jennifer Brookins in the Church Office and she will be happy to help, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org or 912-232-0191.



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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On St. Patrick's Day, the youth group was excited to revive an old St. Patrick's Day tradition, the annual Pancake Breakfast! It was our first one since 2019, as the parade and the breakfast had been cancelled the past two years due to COVID-19. This was the first opportunity for many of our students to participate in this fun and meaningful event!



St. Patrick's Day 2022



We met on Wednesday evening, decorated the Fellowship Hall, and got everything ready for the next day. Then, we got a little bit of sleep (very little for some of us), and we were ready for the big day. We served pancakes, bacon, and grits to around 400 people on the morning of St. Patrick's Day. Our youth helped out as servers and money collectors. Some poured coffee and OJ, others made to-go boxes, and a few even went out into the square to advertise.

Special thanks go out to all the adults who helped with the lock-in and breakfast, and to everyone who donated items for it!



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



April Family Mission Project



On April 1, fifty participants helped with landscaping at the Fresh Air Home, a 125-year-old Christian camp, on Tybee Island. The flowers and pine straw and planting and raking were the Family Mission Project to celebrate the life of Angela Sherrill, a young Wesley Monumental church member who died unexpectedly.