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Life at Wesley



The Children's Annual Easter Play



Children singing on Palm Sunday



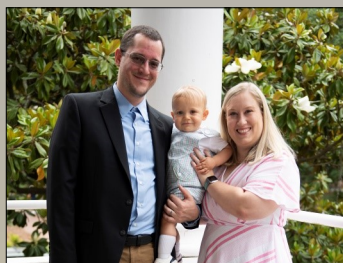
Savannah Trombone Choir led
worship on April 24



Four Gold Medal Choir Recipients



Wesley members handing out cookies and
lemonade during Massie's May Day Celebration



A few of the families recognized on Infant Recognition Sunday



All Glory, Laud, and Honor
to Thee, Redeemer King



2022 Confirmation Class



Merry Makers sharing
their talents during
the May program





From Ben's Desk

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Summer at Wesley



Summer is here and we are gearing up to begin our summer program and worship at Wesley. One of the main changes from the school year schedule is our weekly fellowship meal and program. **During the summer, we shift from Wednesday nights here at the main campus to Sunday nights at our Wesley Gardens Retreat Center on Burnside Island.** Sunday afternoons at Wesley Gardens begin with our youth group (3:30 p.m.) and youth choir (5:00 p.m.), followed by Sunday evening worship in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. You don't need a reservation for dinner, Suzanna prepares the main dish and dessert and different Sunday School classes prepare the side dishes. **Our first Sunday night dinner and worship will be June 19 and continues through August 14 (excluding Sunday, July 3rd).**

Summer is a great time to enjoy our retreat center. You can come out early or stay late to enjoy time on Moon River in a kayak, sit on or swim off the dock, walk on the nature trails, let the kids burn off some energy on the playground, or find a quiet place to pray at one of the outdoor pavilions. We are blessed to have this beautiful, sacred, quiet sanctuary in God's creation in the middle of our busy city. While we host many groups at the center, we want our church family to enjoy it as much as possible.

Our retreat center will be the site of lots of children's activities as well. Vacation Bible School will be June 13-17, and Kids Summer Fun Daze will be July 18-22. There will be special Sunday nights for kids on June 26 and July 24.

Back on our main campus, we will continue to have all our mid-week Bible studies during the summer. Tuesday morning Men's Bible study at the Holland House Restaurant (7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.), Tuesday Morning Young Mothers' Bible Study with Bible Buddies in Oliver Hall (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.), Wednesday Morning Bible Study in Oliver Hall (11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.), and Thursday Lunch Online Bible Study at noon.

And of course, we will have Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary each week at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Don't let summer be a vacation from your commitment to spiritual study, fellowship, and worship. Join us and bring a friend to the many opportunities to grow in our faith.



Congregational Life

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Hey you, Merry Makers! Keep your eyes on the bulletin for our summer plans! If you have any ideas, please contact Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org.

National Day of Prayer

Thank you, Wesley, for praying for our nation on The National Day of Prayer! We hope that God met you as you prayed for our families, military, church, country, and more. It was so nice to have the Sanctuary open again - to be able to sit in the beauty and quiet of that place and meet God on behalf of our country. Even the banner outside the church reminded people to pray as they drove around Calhoun Square. But, even if you didn't make it into the Sanctuary or around Calhoun Square, that is okay - we hope that you prayed wherever you were, whenever you could! The Prayer Committee would like to know how you felt about our prayer plan for the National Day of Prayer this year. Did you remember to pray during the day? Was it helpful to have your church group (Sunday school class, Bible study group, committee, etc.) assigned to a time of day to pray? Would you rather sign up for slots to pray that are convenient for you (either by tear-off in the bulletin or online)? Are there any suggestions you can offer us that will help us to plan in the future? If so, please email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org. *And, please remember to CONTINUE praying for our country.....God hears!*



Children's Ministry

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Don't miss out on Summer Sunday School! Details below.



Summer Sunday School

Time Travelers unite! Join us on Sunday mornings this summer as we put together the who, when, and where of familiar lessons and see how the Bible all ties together. Sunday school begins with a time of conversation at 9:45 with the lesson starting at 10:00. Sunday School children go to the 11:00 service together and sit on the front row.



Vacation Bible School

There are a few spots left for our Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens. VBS will be held at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center the week of June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon each day. If you have not already registered, please register today at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental.

It takes a village to shepherd our children through the learning centers and activities that are planned for VBS. From making and serving snacks, to helping put welcome packets together, there are tasks for everyone. You can sign up to help at myvbs.org/wesleymonumental or charli@wesleymonumental.org.



Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

Summer Fun Daze registration forms have been emailed to families with children in kindergarten - 3rd grade. This year's camp will be held the week of July 18-22 at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. We'll be riding the waves on the Emotion Ocean and learning to keep our cool when things get hot! Email charli@wesleymonumental.org if you need a registration form or have questions.



Eli's Place Summer Camp

Summer Camp at Eli's Place is for children as young as 12 weeks through those who have completed Pre-K and will be starting kindergarten in the fall. It is a great opportunity for children to build friendships with other children who are members of Wesley Monumental. Email charli@wesleymonumental.org for a registration form and more information.



May was a busy month with Music Awards, Infant Recognition, and Eli's Place Graduation. Look at all of the happy faces!



Evangelism

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**We are thankful the following
joined during April!**

The next New Member Class will take place June 12 and 19 at 10:00 a.m. with the class joining June 19. Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



Wilson Tillotson, Jr.

Wilson is originally from Spartanburg, South Carolina. He enjoys boating. He and his wife, Janice, a realtor, live on Tybee Island. He loves the strong preaching of Rev. Ben Martin. He also likes traditional worship and music. As a child, he grew up in a Methodist congregation.

Shepherd: Janice Hoffman Tillotson

Welcome, New Members!



Monica & David Pearre

The Lord brought the Pearres back to Rev. Ben Martin, as all of them were together in Springfield UMC, before the Pearres moved to Maryland. Monica's aunt by marriage, Mary Ewaldsen, was Ginna Carroll's grandmother, so the shepherds and lambs are family. Dave is a recruiter, and Monica is a legal assistant. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Dave plays piano, clarinet, and saxophone. They served in a prison ministry in Maryland with a Bible cart delivery to take Bibles and to pray with inmates. Also, Monica's great-aunt, Dorothy Neidlinger Murray, was Wesley's music director in the 1960s.

Shepherds: Ginna and Doug Carroll and daughters, Mary Margaret and Virginia Carroll



Prayer

Prayer is Worship with Thanksgiving



Jesus Loves - The last words of Charles Spurgeon as he was dying was "Jesus Loves." That is the final message he wanted to leave to the world. It is very hard to comprehend God's love. It seems elusive to us. To be loved with a love that is more forgiving, unconditional, unmerited, and not based on our performance or accomplishments or our goodness is foreign to us.

The book *Deeper* by Dane C. Ortlund says it this way, "Allow His heart to plunge into us with His oceanic love more deeply than He ever has before." Post Easter (or anytime) is a good time to keep reminding ourselves of the love of Jesus that went to the cross for us - each one of us! He ascended to His father and sent the Holy Spirit to live in us to equip us for this life. This is a love that we can bank on and Praise Him! This is why we pray! We are eternally grateful for this love and invite you to join us on Wednesdays this Fall from 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. - Sue Ellis, Chair



Jane Shirah Circle

September Meeting - The Jane Shirah Circle will not meet in June, July, & 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).



Wesley Gardens

**Fourth Fridays at Wesley Gardens Retreat
Join Us This Summer!**

The next Fourth Friday at Wesley Gardens Retreat (278 Shipyard Road, Savannah) will take place Friday, June 24. On the fourth Friday of each month, all are invited to come and enjoy quiet time with the Lord. Guided prayers are offered in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m., noon, and 4:00 p.m., and otherwise the day is between you and God. Since the Fourth Fridays began last summer, some have come for an hour; some for the whole day. It's not something you can get right, or wrong; it's an invitation. All are welcome. Questions? Please email Micah Sprünger, micah@wesleygardensretreat.com. To learn more about Wesley Gardens Retreat, visit, wesleygardensretreat.com.

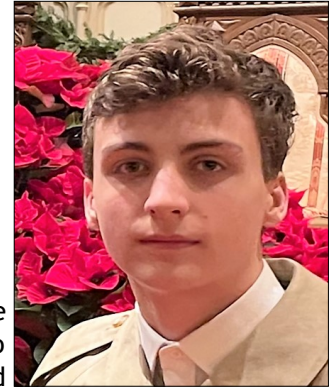


Missions

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Family Mission Project - Celebrating the Life of Wesley Witbeck

Friday, June 10, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal Room and Sanctuary



Please sign up in advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, to celebrate the life of 17-year-old Wesley Witbeck, a church member and Chancel Choir member who died unexpectedly. All are welcome, as we honor Wesley's love for great sacred music by serving the church's Music Ministry. Please choose what jobs you prefer, and tell Nelle when you sign up at tbordeaux@prodigy.net. All ages are welcome.

1. scrub down of the chancel choir rehearsal room floor and walls (especially in the corners where there is mildew)
2. wipe the dust off the pipe organ case with a slightly damp cloth, then wipe dry (do not simply dust off as we don't want dust to scatter other places and into the pipes)
3. scrub down of the choir loft floor
4. wipe down and clean the inside of chorister cubbies and all music storage shelves
5. dust and clean music library and file away any music that needs to be filed
6. organize children's choir robes by height
7. organize unused adult choir robes by height
8. dust choir robing room shelves

Construction Ministry - Helpers are Welcome!

Pat Monahan and Rudy, a Cumming Street neighbor, put up new front porch columns on our latest Family Promise house. In his home workshop, Pat Monahan fabricated the cladding for the columns. We hope a Family Promise circumstantially homeless family will move into this home in June. Huge thanks to our construction volunteers and to Nick Hitt, who leads our Construction Ministry. Helpers are welcome at the construction site. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



Furniture Building Crew

Thank you to Carl Pedigo, Rusty Holt, Mike Eckmann, Anne Tyree, Bonnie and Peter Delves, Billy Tedder, Tom Colgrove, and Steve Eberhardt for their furniture assembly for transitional apartments for Family Promise families.





Memorials & Honors - June

The Music Endowment Fund

In memory of:

William Waldo Bradley

From:

Mrs. Frank Cheatham and Family
YMCA of Coastal GA., Inc.

Sissy Levy, Rufus A. Chambers
Libby and John H. Kingston

Mr. and Mrs. L. Allan Reynolds, Jr.
Hagan United Methodist Church

Karon and Rick Meyer

Jim and Karen Pannell

Edgar L. T. Gay

Cynthia Willett

James Laboon, III

Paula and Larry Knox

Andy and Alice Chisholm

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Ryan

Charley and Susan Tarver

The Holden Family

Walton Nussbaum

Robert and Jan Goocher

Judy and Dan Bradley

Mr. and Mrs. Fremont P. Wirth

Harriet Bland

The Critz Family

Walter N. Lewis

Dr. and Mrs. Morgan W. Murray

Dr. and Mrs. John C. Howard, Jr.

John D. Carswell

Harriet Shaffer

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morrison, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

Ann and John Tatum

Charles and Sally Jackson

Mrs. L. M. Donovan, Jr. (Carolyn)

William A. Bowron, Jr.

Wesley Gardens Endowment Fund

In memory of:

Walton Carroll, Jr.

From:

Jon and Mary Boothe

Rev. Dr. Grover Bell

From

Camille O'Neill

The Music Endowment Fund

In memory of:

Ann Lott

From:

Richard and Joyce Zehl

Joel Williams

From:

Randal A. Robinson, Jr

Camille O'Neill

The Endowment Fund

In memory of:

Ann Lott

From:

Debra and Paul Mamalakis

Betty Reeves and Laura and Ted Brown

Jim and Karen Pannell

Kathy Dasher

Walt Carroll

Elleanor Shurr

Ellie Tardif

From

Randal A. Robinson, Jr.

Walt Carroll

Rev. Dr. Grover Bell

Ellie Tardif

Ann Ernst

From:

Susan and Dick Wallace

Wesley Gardens Endowment Fund

In memory of:

Grover Bell

William. E. Taylor, Jr.

From

Randal A. Robinson, Jr.

The Building Fund

In memory of:

Jane Shirah Stump

From

Camille O'Neill



Youth

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One of my favorite parts of being the Director of Student Ministries here at Wesley Monumental is that I get to shepherd young people through the process of Confirmation. As Methodists, we baptize babies and young children to initiate them into the life of the church. Baptized children are members of our church, but, at Confirmation, they take the important step of professing their faith in Jesus Christ for themselves.

Confirmation is a time when young people make their faith their own. Over the past school year, this Confirmation class has learned about the basics of the Christian faith, what it means to be a United Methodist, and how to be an active member of the church. On April 24, they took the vows of membership and became full members of the body of Christ gathered here at Wesley Monumental.

For this year's Confirmation class, the faith of their parents and grandparents is now their own faith. Welcome and congratulations to Charlotte Boothe, Winfield Cay, Claire Donnelly, Michael Grabowski, Sarah Cate Green, Jordan Hess, Couper Howard, Emmeline Kobek, Britt McCormick, Paul Pannell, Ansley Pedigo, Marshall Pedigo, William Rhodes, Wyatt Sherill, Lena Thompson, and Avery West.



Music

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Unmasked Easter Choir and Brass 2022



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Urban Hope Supper

Thank you to the young waiters and waitresses and the cooks who prepared an Easter meal for 75 Urban Hope guests on April 11.

