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THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



Life at Wesley



Jerome Elder sang at the early service, and his parents visited from Tobago.



Bre Hewitt played harp in worship.

Hymn-singing at VBS



Children led worship on Father's Day.



Following church one Sunday in July, our rising 5th and 6th graders went out to lunch then enjoyed ice cream from Leopold's.



In June, a group of high schoolers from Wesley Monumental traveled to Bayou La Batre, AL to serve with Youthworks.



An ice cream social honoring new members and their shepherds was held June 12 at Wesley Gardens Retreat.



From Ben's Desk

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Back to School



It is pretty obvious on these 95 degree days that back to school doesn't mean the end of summer. For a lot of families however, it does mean a shift in schedules back to our school year routines. It seems like forever since we had a fully normal return to school, but hopefully this year will be "uneventful." While our fall programming at Wesley doesn't make a major shift until after Labor Day, August is a time when we start getting more of you back in place and in person in Sunday school and Worship. It is a good time to make a renewed commitment to make Sundays at Wesley a priority. We will have Sunday school promotion on August 21 and our children will move up to their new classes. It is also a good time for our younger parents to return to or check out Sunday school for the first time for yourselves. Being in a smaller group is critical for spiritual growth through study and fellowship.

We will have Sunday evening worship and dinner at Wesley Gardens Retreat for the first two Sundays in August. If you haven't had a chance to come out and enjoy one of these evenings, I encourage you to do so. We will take a short break and then move our meal back to Wednesday nights on September 7 when we relaunch our children's music program and mid-week adult Bible studies and youth small groups.

So, enjoy the last days of summer and look forward with anticipation to all the opportunities ahead of us at Wesley.



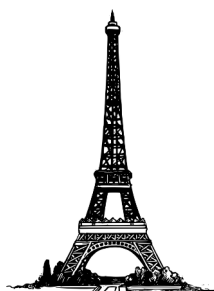
Congregational Life

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Beat the Heat Burgers and Bingo

Come get out of the heat and sun and join us on Monday, August 8 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the church in the Fellowship Hall for an indoor picnic (burgers, all of the fixin's, and root beer floats for dessert) AND Bingo with MYSTERY PRIZES! RSVP online <https://bit.ly/MMBurgersBingo> or by calling the Church Office, 912-232-0191 by Friday, August 5.



Lunch and Movie

Mrs. Harris (actor Lesley Manville) was a house cleaner in the 1950's. She had always dreamed of owning a real Dior gown. When an unexpected windfall comes her way, she books a trip to Paris to buy the gown of her dreams. Come join Merry Makers at the Pooler Stadium Cinemas on Tuesday, August 23 as we enjoy *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*. Movie times will not be posted at the theater until the week before, so *please call the church office or let Jennifer Thompson know that you want to go by Monday, April 15 so she can buy tickets*. Jennifer will contact you and let you know what time to meet for lunch and where after tickets are purchased on the 16th.



Alhambra Dinner Theater

If you signed up to go to the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville, Florida on Saturday, September 10, to see *Grumpy Old Men*, remember that our outing will be an all-day affair with the travel, lunch, and show. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by approximately 8:00 p.m. If you have not given Jennifer \$90, for your ticket, please do this at your earliest convenience. *If you did not sign up for this trip and would like to go, there is room for 4 more on the van and Jennifer can try to get tickets! Let her know ASAP.*



Children's Ministry

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Summer Fun at Wesley!



From the water slide outside to puzzles in the Main House, everyone had a fun time at **Family Fun Day** held at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center.



Over 50 children, from Kindergarten through 3rd grade, participated in **Summer Fun Daze** at Wesley Gardens.



Pirates and Mermaids week at Eli's Place!





Evangelism

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Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following new members joined during June. The August New Member Course will be Sundays, August 7 and 14, at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays, with the class joining as a group on August 14. Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Nursery provided.



Ashley Mayes Huggins and Aaron Huggins

They are awaiting their first child, whom they will adopt through Covenant Care. Ashley writes fiction for teen girls and just published her first book, *The Great Date Experiment*. Aaron works from home in data analytics for Strategic Health Care and serves in his first term on the Pooler City Council as an at-large alderman.

Shepherds: Lauren and Dr. Jerry Cohn

Baby's Shepherds: Emma Grace and Olivia Gray Cohn

Jaclyn and Joseph Jordan and daughter, Ella River Jordan

Married at Wesley a decade ago, both Jaclyn and Joseph have been Young Life leaders. He is from Chattanooga, TN, and she is from Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Ella River, will be three in October. The Jordans met at SCAD as students. He works for an accounting firm in auditing. She is a new Urban Hope volunteer teaching sewing. Ella River attends St. Paul's Lutheran day care.

Shepherds: Carol Lee Yarbrough and Dr. Miles Yarbrough

Ella River's Shepherds: Parker and Mollie Yarbrough



Victoria (Tori) Perrett

Already Tori has helped with the Family Mission Project to Celebrate the Life of Wesley Witbeck by scrubbing the choir rehearsal room floor. She also is a Prayer Partner for a refugee child. She works for Georgia Pacific analyzing processes. Her dad was in the Army, and she has been in Savannah for the past 23 years. Local missions drew her to Wesley.

Shepherd: Whitney Butler

Shred Your Stress

Savannah Shredding Company donated its services on Earth Day, April 22, 2022, as 16 church volunteers helped guests and church members with a drive-through shredding day! Even Fancy, the dog of John Kingston Jr., participated!





Missions

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Thank You to the Prayer Partners for 120 Urban Hope and Refugee Children!

Please pray for your child daily. If you want to write a note to your child, please give it to Nelle.



Wesley Community Center Groceries

Thank you for 800 pounds of organized groceries monthly. Most needed are cereal, peanut butter, rice, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fruit, grits, oatmeal, and pasta.

Refugee Family Update

Wesley UMC "adopted" a refugee family from Afghanistan via our relationship with Inspiritus in December 2021. We began our journey with the Andar family of 7 (3 adults, 5 children ages 2-11) by contributing to temporary housing, providing a welcome basket of groceries, and helping them decorate their first Christmas tree in the States. They were moved into an apartment a few weeks later by a team of Christ Anglican members led by Abbie Sprunger.

Many of you have supported them with school uniform donations, outfitting their apartment, providing groceries, Curtis Cooper visits, and praying for/with them. The children had a great first semester in school. The father and the uncle both have jobs. The uncle (he was one semester shy of his computer tech degree before they had to evacuate) has passed his driving test. The children were enrolled in summer school this past June.

There are congregational opportunities for tutoring the family with school subjects including English (the adults are currently enrolled at Savannah Tech English classes), donations of summer weight clothes for camp, park outings, and all other ideas welcome! As we continue this walk with them on their long journey to citizenship here, I want to say a huge "thank you" to our congregation for supporting this ministry. Questions? Please contact Holly McCormick, hollymccormick@hotmail.com.



Altar Flowers



September, October, & November Dates Available

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Brookins in the Church Office, 912-232-0191 or jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$90, and the Altar

Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates are available: September 4, 18, October 30, and November 6.



Bookstore

"Surprised by God's Kindness" by Dr. Edwin Chase

Dr. Edwin Chase, former Associate Pastor of Wesley Monumental, recently released his memoir, "Surprised by God's Kindness." Copies are available in the Church Office for \$14.95 with all proceeds benefitting The Methodist Home for Children and Youth.





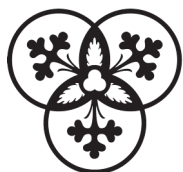
Memorials &

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Gifts have been received in Memory or Honor of:

The Endowment Fund

In memory of
Walton Carroll
From
Rick and Nealie Werts



The Music Endowment Fund

In memory of
Waldo Bradley
From
Graham & Mark Solana & Family
Ted & Linda Moore
Debra Ellis
John Carswell

In memory of
Ann Lott
From
Ted & Linda Moore

The Music Endowment Fund Cont.

In memory of
Wesley Witbeck
From
Sherry Ingram

In memory of
Joel Williams
From
Lois Wooten
Ann Langston



Jane Shirah Circle

September Meeting - The Jane Shirah Circle will not meet in August. The September meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28 at the home of Linda Tedder (21 Marsh Point Drive).



Wesley Gardens Retreat



Honor a Special Person or Occasion

Looking to make a lasting contribution to Wesley Gardens Retreat Center or honor a special person or occasion?

Memorial Live Oak trees & teak benches are now available. Custom plaques and engravings are also available. All donations are tax deductible.

For details, please email
micah@wesleygardensretreat.com



Yoga on the Dock!

YogaFaith Savannah has resumed with their wonderful Wednesday classes from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (donation based). All ages and stages and sizes are welcome. See you on the dock!

4th Friday Retreats
will resume in September.

Please email Micah
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if you have any questions.





Music

Monica Dekle, Director of Music & Organist

Thank you to everyone who attended the Patriotic Concert on July 3. We raised \$1,117.00 for Team Savannah for Veterans. Thank you to all the musicians for donating their time and talent and to Raymond Patricio for organizing the event.



**International Food Party hosted by choir members
Grace Grund and Claire Frazier.
Claire made her famous Caribbean sorrel drink.**



Youth

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From June 26 to July 1, a group of high schoolers from Wesley Monumental traveled to Bayou La Batre, AL to serve with Youthworks. Our group did yard work, painted houses, repaired homes, and put on a VBS-like program for local children. We were met with numerous unexpected twists and turns along the way, but our students remained positive and took on each new challenge with joy and enthusiasm.



Youthworks has been bringing

mission teams to the area for over twenty years. During our week, there were over seventy participants from six different churches, all sharing the same community center for sleeping and showers! Our students loved meeting new friends from other parts of the country who had also come to serve and share God's love.

The students who participated, Josh Downing, Mary Garvin, Sarah Garvin, Charlie Glidewell, Harris Glidewell, Julia Grabowski, Hannah Green, Emily Hart, Evan Hart, Feriby McCorkle, Harmon Shinall, Angelina Stack, and Haden Yost, all served diligently and with a humble heart. I am so proud of all of them! Extra special thanks also goes out to Donna Hart, an adult volunteer, without whom the trip would not have been possible.





Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Merry Makers - Lunch at La Parrilla

