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THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



Life at Wesley



Summer Fun Daze 2022 at
Wesley Gardens Retreat



The Chancel Choir sang at an evening service at
Wesley Gardens Retreat.



Youth Choir sings at the final Wesley Gardens
service of the summer.



At the end of July, our middle and high schoolers were using their last weeks of the summer to
serve God and our community during the youth group's Local Missions Week.



From Ben's Desk

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Wednesday Nights at Wesley

September marks our return to our school year programming schedule and the beginning of our mid-week dinner, Bible studies, Children's Choirs, and youth small groups. Our plan is to resume on September 7. The weekly habit of coming to church for fellowship and study in the middle of our week bridges the gap between Sundays and keeps us grounded in the middle of the hectic pace of our lives. One of the things that characterized the early church and contributed to the growth spiritually and numerically was how often they "gathered together" for fellowship, study, and worship. They recognized discipleship was a group effort and a daily activity. If you've never been a part of the Wednesday night program, we encourage you to give it a try. The food is great, the fellowship sweet, the Word relevant, the children's ministry exciting and meaningful. There is something for all ages to help strengthen our faith.

Everyone is invited to begin with our prayer time from 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Dinner begins each week at 5:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., Children's Choirs and youth small groups meet, and a nursery is available for our youngest children. Monica and Charli can help you get your children signed up for the program. This year we will offer a young women's small group and three adult studies from which to choose. Look for the insert in the bulletin and turn in your reservation. We hope you will make Wednesday nights a part of your spiritual formation this year.



Prayer Committee

Join us on Wednesday Nights
from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.



The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18

The Great Commission was given to us by Jesus Christ. "All authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to me, therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, and surely I am with you always, even to the very end of the age."

These are really encouraging words that Jesus said right before He ascended into heaven. But, He will be back and come for His followers. In the meantime, prayer to Him is our vital connection until we see Him face to face, then our belief is by sight and not just by faith. Our connection now is through the Holy Spirit Jesus has sent to live with all who believe in Him. We have this awesome privilege of going to His throne of grace and the best part is that He hears us!

Come pray with us on Wednesday afternoons from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. before the evening supper. The church needs you, the world needs you, and we need your prayers. - Sue Ellis, Chair of the Prayer Committee



Wesley Gardens Retreat



Honor a Special Person or Occasion

Looking to make a lasting
contribution to
Wesley Gardens Retreat 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,
micaiah@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.



Children's Ministry

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**Joyful Noise Choir
starts
September 7th!**



Sunday School - Come Learn About the Superheroes in the Bible!

Every Sunday there are fun and exciting activities for children during Children's Worship and Sunday School. Games, skits, art projects and more are used to engage the children in Bible lessons. This year we are learning about the amazing powers God gave to the Superheroes in the Bible.



Sunday Mornings for 4th and 5th graders

On Sunday, September 11, our 4th graders will begin meeting during the 11:00 Service for Worship Education. This class will meet for 4 weeks, September 11, 18, 25 and October 2. On the 11th, children should meet in the middle section of the balcony below the Wesley window at 10:50 a.m. We'll stay for part of the service and spend the second part of our time in Room 305 learning about the different parts of the worship service and how they fit together.

Sunday School and Children's Worship

Children who attend Sunday School and the 11:00 Service DO NOT need to be picked up between Sunday School and the Worship Service. They will be taken to the Sanctuary at 10:55 a.m., 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 Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 Service.

Children who attend the 8:45 Service 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 can be picked up from their Sunday School classroom or Room 205.



Wednesday Nights!

Join the fun on Wednesday nights! We are excited to welcome children younger than 1st grade to Joyful Noise Choir which begins on September 7. Supper is served in the nursery beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the children go to the second floor for choir at 6:00 p.m. You can pick up your child from the playground at 7:00.



Fall Festival

Always a fun time at Wesley Gardens. This year's Fall Festival will be held Sunday, October 30 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Eli's Place Summer Camp



During Weird Science week, the children created colorful works of art and explored combining colors with the Walking Water, Paint on Salt, and Skittles science experiments.





Evangelism

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Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following joined during July. Our September New Member Course will be Sundays, September 18 and 25, at 10:00 a.m., with the class joining as a group September 25. Nursery provided. Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



Lindsey and Lieutenant Ricky Wiggins and children, Lily and Tripp Wiggins

Lindsey was baptized on the Sunday she and her family joined the church. She is a registered nurse at Kidney Specialists of Savannah, and Ricky was recently promoted to lieutenant in the Savannah Police Department. Lily will be six this month and is in kindergarten at May Howard, and Tripp is age three and attends Bible Baptist day care. Children's ministry drew them to Wesley.

Shepherds: Sue and Dr. Keith Ellis

Rhonda Radcliff and Carl Ericsson

Rhonda is a contract administrator for J.E. Dunn Construction. She has two daughters, Jordan, who lives in Aiken, SC, and Lindsey, who joined on the same day with her mother. She noted that Ben Martin's sermons are about real life. Carl has already helped at the youth Saint Patrick's Day pancake breakfast, and he and Rhonda have hauled furniture for Y'All Hauls for Family Promise homeless families. Carl worked for Lockheed as an engineer in Atlanta. *Shepherds: Sue and Dr. Keith Ellis*



Connie Moore

Connie moved to Southbridge one year ago and already has served at the Living Vine helping mothers-to-be. Originally from Oklahoma City, she is retired from her work as a patient advocate for oncology surgeons.

Shepherds: Jeanette and Lou Cason; Judi Painter



Jane Shirah

September Meeting - 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).



Memorials &

September 2022

Gifts have been received in Memory or Honor of:

The Endowment Fund

In memory of
Ken McDuffee
From
Care and Share
Camille O'Neill

Pastors Discretionary Fund

In honor of
Ben Martin
From
Annelle McDuffee

The Music Endowment Fund

In memory of
William Waldo Bradley
From
Tempe & Michael Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel H. Bradley Jr.

In Honor of
Camille O'Neill
From

JoAnne Garcia-Melendez

The Monumental Music Fund

In memory of
Jane McClain
From
Wesley Chancel Choir
Care and Share
Gretchen & Raymond Patricio
Ken & Deanne Rimes

In memory of
Ken McDuffee
From
Dot and Penny Harper

Missions

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Construction Ministry Work
Underway on Cumming Street led by Nick Hitt, construction ministry leader. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Honduras Mission Trip

Please pray about whether the Lord wants you to help in February 2023 with a mission trip to Santa Elena, Honduras, to serve children. Questions? Please speak with international missions leader, Sharlene Monahan, or call the Church Office, 912-232-0191.

Packing Party

Friday, September 9, Oliver Hall lobby, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please bring a canned good or peanut butter and come help sack groceries for Old Savannah City Mission. All ages are welcome! Sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Meat | <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grits | |



A Monumental Christmas *The marketplace of gifts in service to others.*

Several members of the missions committee are working on a creative way to giveback this Christmas season. Through a print and online catalog you will have an opportunity to give alternative gifts to family and friends. An "alternative gift" is a donation you make to one of the 10 agencies/ministries with whom Wesley partners. (Checks will be made payable to the church, earmarked "Monumental Christmas.") You "purchase" an alternative gift through a donation. The gift will fund specific items or programming. You give the gift in honor of someone for whom you would buy a gift. The church directs your donation to the organization that sponsors the gift you've chosen. Then we supply a card and a description of your special gift for you to give to the recipient. These alternative gifts emphasize the love, peace, and grace that are at the center of the Christmas message. More information to come, with the catalog available in November.



Celebrating a successful U.S. Citizenship test for new Americans during July!



Thank you to Gaye and Rusty Holt for this furniture for a Family Promise formerly homeless family, and thank you to Pat Monahan and Rusty Holt and Carl Ericsson for the most recent Y'All Haul.



Youth

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At the end of July, our middle and high schoolers were using their last weeks of the summer to serve God and our community during the youth group's Local Missions Week. Over 25 students sweated through hot days and hard work to put their faith into practice. We worked on two houses that will be



used by Family Promise to house transitionally homeless families, building two decks and painting one of the houses. We also painted an old church building in Liberty City that will be used as a community center for senior citizens and children. Our students contributed to our food collection and refugee ministry by sorting and delivering donations.



I am so proud of the way our students served God by serving others this week! The week would not have been possible without Rev. Nelle Bordeaux and Scott Cleaveland. Special thanks also go out to our adult volunteers - Pat Monahan, Lynn Pitts, Steve Eberhardt, Sam Youngblood, Leslie Washburn, Adria Wilkes, and Stephanie Hess - and to the Grabowski family who hosted a fun pool party for the students at the end of the week!



Congregational Life

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Dutch Treat at 5-Spot Sandfly

Join us for a "Dutch treat" lunch on Thursday, September 1 at 11:00 a.m. at 5-Spot Sandfly (7360 Skidaway Rd., Savannah). Please call the church office or contact Jennifer Thompson by Tuesday, August 30 to let her know you are coming.

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.



Merry Makers Program Cooking with Suzanna

Back by popular demand, our own Suzanna King will be the program on Monday, September 12, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Suzanna will show us various ways to make an easy, yummy chicken pot pie, as well as other "tricks of the trade." Just ask anyone who attended Suzanna's last program.....it was GREAT! You don't want to miss this one! Please call the church office or contact Jennifer Thompson by Friday, September 9 to make a reservation.



Music

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Children's Choir



Children's Choir begins Wednesday, September 7, and we are so excited!

We sing hymns to worship God, play chimes,
and learn more about God.

We will also have our annual Nativity Pageant and
Easter Play and a special concert of beloved
hymns with full orchestra!

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM
Optional dinner served at 5:30 PM

First through fifth graders,
please register by Sunday, September 4.



Choir Registration



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Youth Local Missions Week

