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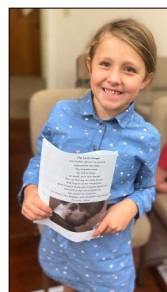
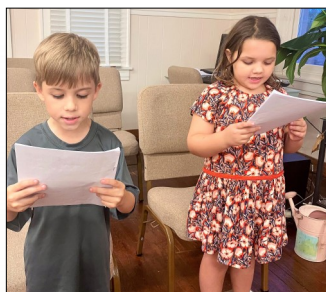
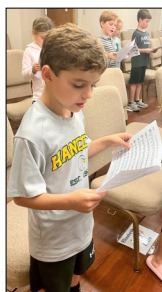
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# MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



## Life at Wesley



Choir awesomeness



Wesley Monumental Chancel Choir sang in the Three Choirs Festival  
at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist



Youth Choir awesomeness



Trombone Choir in worship



Our Family Mission Project at People of Action Caring for Kids (P.A.C.K.) involved 29 Wesley participants in  
sacking groceries for local school children in need on weekends and holidays.



## From Ben's Desk

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The month of November is always associated with the celebration of Thanksgiving. While we think of it as an American "Holiday," it is really a "Holy-day" with roots as old as the Jewish faith. On Thanksgiving we can make the mistake of just being grateful for where we are, what we have, and who we have in our lives, all of which are blessings for which we should be and are thankful. But, the focus of Thanksgiving is on who is the source of all these blessings. The appropriate focus is on God, which makes Thanksgiving an expression of faith. And, so the question has to be asked, how do we express thanks to and faith in God who is the source of all blessings? It begins with worship. One of our great Thanksgiving hymns says, *"Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices. Who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is our today."* The hymn reminds us that thanks or gratitude is expressed with "hearts, hands, and voices." Hence the term "Thanks-giving." We use the word thankful or I think of it as "thank-full." When something is "full" it then begins to overflow. When our hearts are full of gratitude they overflow with praise. When our hands (and lives) are full of blessings, they overflow with "giving." Giving is an expression of thanks that reminds us who is the source of all we have. Giving keeps us humble and generous, the two critical virtues that protect our hearts from pride and selfishness. In worship when we give, we follow it with the "Doxology." "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," it is thanking God with hearts, hands, and voices and acknowledging that every blessing we have is a gift from God.

During November, in a season of "Thanks-giving" we do our annual "estimate of giving" or "pledge" campaign. As we reflect on how God has blessed us, we ask how can I bless God through my giving to His church? We will receive a letter and commitment card in the mail asking us to prayerfully consider how has God blessed me, and how can I respond by blessing God? We ask that each of us make our best estimate of what we will give to God through the church next year, so that we can feel a sense of commitment to God, and so our Finance Committee can make a responsible budget for our church.

We are indeed a blessed church and able to continue to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus through our generosity of time, talent, and money. Thank God for His blessings, thank you for your generous response to those blessings.



## Congregational Life

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### Veterans Day Breakfast

Join us for a Veterans Day breakfast prepared by Suzanna at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, November 11 before the parade. There will be no special speaker as we have a special guest coming for our regular Merry Makers program on Monday, November 14. So, come eat breakfast, enjoy the fellowship, and go to the parade! Please call the Church Office by Wednesday, November 9 if you plan to attend.

### Musical Treat with Bobby and Ann

On Monday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, come be captivated by professional harmonica player - and a friend to many at Wesley - Bobby Hanson! Bobby's friend, Ann Robertson, will accompany him on the piano. They will share with us some "good 'ole" hymns, and Bobby will tell us his story of how he went from being a Hindu to serving Jesus. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the Church Office by Friday, November 11 to make a reservation.

### Dutch Treat at El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant

Tired of turkey? Join us for a "Dutch treat" at Jennifer T.'s favorite Mexican restaurant, El Mezcal in Pooler, on Tuesday, November 29 at 11:00 a.m.! (125 Foxfield Way, Pooler - across the street from Savannah Tire) Please call the Church Office or contact Jennifer Thompson by Monday, November 28 to let her know you are coming.





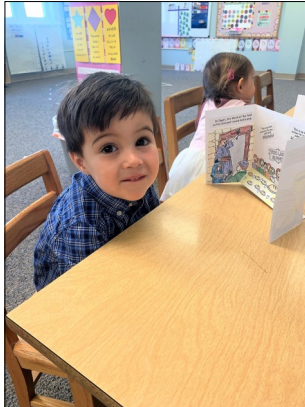
## Children's Ministry

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### Mark Your Calendar!

Read below for important  
November & December event dates.

Every Sunday there are fun and exciting activities for children during Sunday School and Children's Worship. Games, skits, art projects and more are used to engage the children in Bible lessons. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are hearing about Paul's travels and tracking them on the map they made. The elementary children are learning about the Superheroes of the Old Testament. Early Childhood children are hearing about Moses and the Promised Land. In the Nursery, Emily Davis teaches our youngest members how God made the world. Come join the fun!



Children 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 who attend Sunday School and the 11:00 Service will be taken to the Sanctuary at 10:55 and will sit together until the end of the Children's Sermon when they will be taken to Children's Worship. Children, who are leaving after Sunday School, can be picked up from their Sunday School classroom. Children staying for the 11:00 Service can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall after the service.



It's not too late to join the Joyful Noise Choir! We are beginning to work on our Christmas Play. We welcome children for supper in the nursery beginning at 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday night and then go to choir at 6:00 p.m. Join us for singing, playing instruments, musical games

& art projects. Drop off is at the Nursery door and pick up is from the playground. The children enjoy unstructured play time with their church friends before and after choir.



### Nativity Pageant

Auditions for the Nativity Pageant will start the first week in November for first through fifth grade children who participate in Children's Choir. Rehearsals begin the second week

in November and the pageant will be on Wednesday, December 14.



It's hard to believe how Fall is flying by. You'll be reading this right after our Fall Festival which is always a fun event for our youngest members. Please put the dates below on your calendar and plan to join us!

- Eli's Place Thanksgiving Program and Street Party - Friday, Nov. 18
- Nativity Pageant - Wednesday, December 14
- Christmas Fun Day - Saturday, December 10
- Christmas Celebration Play and Dinner - Sunday, December 11





## Evangelism

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### Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following joined during September. Our next New Member Course will be Sundays, November 13 and 20 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays. Class will join as a group on November 20.



#### Amy and Justin Jones with children, Langston and Eliza Jones

Justin grew up in Metter, where Creede Hinshaw was his childhood pastor: once Creede held up Justin as a child aloft over Creede's head during a children's sermon to show Justin's

new All Star shoes, one of his Christmas presents! Amy and Justin have two children, Langston and Eliza, in second and first grade at Hancock Day School. They love the children's choir, to which Langston and Eliza already belong.

*Shepherds: Reanna and Dustin Hamilton*

*Children's shepherds: Will and Pierce Hamilton*



#### Zoe Manning with children, Aela Manning, Benjamin Teuton, and Evelyn Teuton

Already Zoe is in the Young Mothers' Bible Study. She loved how

worshipful it felt in the sanctuary from her first visit. Aela is age 12, Benjamin is age 3, and Evelyn is two months old.

*Shepherds: Lily and Daniel Brown*

*Children's shepherds: Sebastian and Mia Brown*

### Suzette Parker

Suzette is the daughter of Gloria and the late Carlton Parker, and she grew up at Wesley. She and her husband, Andrew Wall, love the traditional worship of Wesley and choral music. They also love Rev. Ben Martin's preaching.

*Shepherd: Mary Anne Hill*



#### Susanna and Emery Warnock with son, William "Liam" Warnock

The Warnocks moved to Savannah from Clarkesville, GA, for Emery's new work as the band director of Richmond Hill Middle School. Their son, Liam, was baptized at Wesley. He is in

the fifth grade and plays piano for nursing home residents. They love Wesley's music.

*Shepherds: Deborah and Ashley McCorkle*

*Liam's shepherd: Lee McCorkle*



### Sheila Watts

No stranger to Wesley, Sheila was already a beloved youth fellowship advisor with her husband, Skip, whom she married at Wesley in May. She simply changed her status from associate member to full member. She

grew up in Millen UMC. She and her husband both work for Watts and Watts Law Firm. Both Sheila and Skip are in the Chancel Choir.

*Shepherd: Skip Watts*



### Join a Bible Study!

#### ♦ Young Mothers' Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Bible Buddies nursery provided. New topic, Gardens in the Bible, sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

#### ♦ Thursday Noon Bible Study

Thursdays, noon to 12:30 p.m., via Zoom. Topic is the book of Revelation. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.







## Missions

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach & New Members  
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### November Family Mission Project



All ages are welcome as we sort fresh produce for families in need who may not have many vegetables that are locally grown.

### Grocery Needs for Old Savannah City Mission



Most needed are pull-top cans (no can opener needed) of Vienna sausages; dark socks; and soft granola bars. Boxes are by all doors.

### Construction Ministry

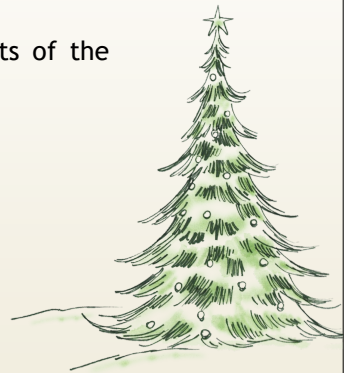
Thank you to all working on the Family Promise houses on Cumming Street. We hope to have formerly homeless families into these homes very shortly. Nick Hitt leads our construction ministry.

### A Monumental Christmas ~ The Market of Christmas Gifts in Service to Others

As our 2022 Christmas offering, 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 ministries with whom Wesley partners. You purchase a 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 beautiful card and box with a description of your special gift for you to give the recipient.

Gifts ranging between \$25 and \$250 will support the programming and clients of the many missional agencies Wesley supports throughout the year. These include:

- Family Promise of the Coastal Empire
- Fresh Air Home
- House of Hope Refuge of Love
- Inspiritus
- Mission on the Move
- People of Action Caring for Kids (P.A.C.K.)
- Team Savannah 4 Veterans
- The Living Vine
- ThriVe Express Savannah
- Urban Hope
- Wesley Community Center



The Christmas market catalog will be shared with the community in the coming week across Wesley's communication platforms.



Mission On The Move

### Mission On The Move in Honduras

Your church provides dental care, homes for children, and an education for children in Honduras and Mexico. In partnership with Wesley Monumental UMC, Mission On The Move in Santa Elena, Honduras continues to support children and families in the after school program for 75 children. This program provides all school supplies, uniforms, and

fees and hot, balanced meals while sharing the love of Christ through intentional discipleship. Mission On The Move, in partnership with Wesley, provides an extension of this program for special needs children where we provide support for parents of children who are autistic, deaf, or who need speech therapy or physical therapy. We currently serve nine children in this program. Check out the video at this link - <https://youtu.be/yu5Mrvr3Ey8>

For more information about all of our ministries in Honduras, check out our video called What is Mission On The Move Honduras? - <https://youtu.be/JtYkOAoiLUU> or view our website, [missiononthemove.org](http://missiononthemove.org).

We look forward to hosting a Mission team from Wesley Monumental February 17-24, 2023. Please consider joining our ministry in person by contacting Pat and Sharlene Monahan.

~ Yours in Christ, Ernie & Allison Sizemore, Donna Zipperer



## Wesley Gardens Retreat

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### Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Join us for the spiritual discipline of Bible study. An in-depth class presented by bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. This Fall we will be looking closely at "Peter, the Preacher" by examining his speeches in the book of Acts. Join us Tuesdays, November 8 and 22 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.



### Commemorative Live Oaks & Benches

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

Memorial Live Oak trees and 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.



## Prayer Committee

## *The Treasure of all Treasures*



Matthew 13:44

The kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought the field. Whatever our treasure is that is where we spend our time, energy, or money. Knowing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is THE treasure of life. When we realize what is really important and what this life is all about - the joy is unspeakable. The way to know and believe this is through prayer. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. in Oliver Hall to rejoice and thank our Lord for revealing His love and eternal life to us. Prayerfully, Sue Ellis, Prayer Committee Chairman



## Memorials &

November 2022

The Endowment Fund

*Gifts have been received in Memory or Honor of:*

In memory of  
**Maggie Gignilliat**  
From  
Paul & Debra Mamalakis

In memory of  
**Fritz Scarborough**  
~brother of  
**Camille O'Neill~**  
From  
Dot & Penny Harper

In memory of  
**Libby Blake**  
From  
Camille O'Neill

In memory of  
**Paul Tietz**  
From  
Natalie & Jack Blumenthal

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## Music

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## Youth

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The Wesley Monumental youth group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) is larger and more active than it has been for many years. And, based on our crowd of younger children, that growth does not show any signs of slowing down. Over the weekend of September 23-26, we took 26 children in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades to Epworth by the Sea for the annual KidzQuest Retreat. KidzQuest is a gathering of children from United Methodist churches all over South Georgia. It was a fun weekend of loud music, meaningful worship and teaching, and lots of time having fun at Epworth. Special thanks to chaperones Laura Blake and Sandy Hunt!



And don't worry, youth! We'll be taking 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to Epworth for the Encounter youth retreat November 18-20!





## Messenger Monthly Spotlight



### KidzQuest 2022







## Memorials & Honors November Cont.

*Gifts have been received in Memory or Honor of:*

### The Youth Mission Fund

In memory of  
**Ken McDuffee**  
From  
Joanne Faulk

### The Music Endowment Fund

In memory of  
**Terrell Coppage**  
(Father of Amy Carter)  
From  
Madge & Joe Edwards

In honor of  
**The Wesley Chancel Choir**  
From  
Deanna Sorrells

In honor of  
**Dot Harper**  
From  
Joanne Garcia-Menlendez

### The Music Endowment Fund

In memory of  
**Ellene Anderson**  
From

Adrienne Tietz  
JoAnne Garcia-Melendez  
Madge & Joe Edwards  
Gordon Baker  
Andrew & Monica Dekle  
Dr & Mrs. Morgan W. Murray  
Frank & Florence Anderson  
Sherry Ingram  
Adam Kennedy  
Stan & Elaine Bullington  
Ethel Burriss  
Cher & Don Cole  
Judy & Don Bradley  
Chloe Dekle  
Carolyn Donovan  
John & Cindy Burton  
Jim & Karen Pannell  
Dale F. King

Johnny & Debra Lancaster  
Denny & Jane LaFaber  
Jane Anderson  
Annelle McDuffee  
Julia & Leamon Holiday  
Camille O'Neill  
Mary Woods  
Robert & Mary Ann Grant  
Randal Robinson  
Dot & Penny Harper  
Gayle Ricklefs  
Gordon & Bonnie Montgomery  
Richard & Susan Krauss  
James & Janet Flowers  
Ken & Deanne Rimes  
Ted & Linda Moore  
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Raymond & Gretchen Patrcio  
Richard & Judith Carlson