

THE
MONUMENTAL
MESSENGER



Life at Wesley



Wesley Chancel Choir carols to church members receiving communion.

Merry Makers Christmas Program



Some serious competition during the Youth foosball tournament.

Carolyn Cubbage delivers Christmas stockings from the Joy Circle to the residents of House of Hope in Brunswick.



Lessons and Carols



From Ben's Desk

Ben Martin, Senior Pastor
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Ash Wednesday Service
February 22, 2023
6:15 PM Sanctuary

February: At least It's Only 28 Days!

Do you know what the Super Bowl, St. Valentine's Day, and Ash Wednesday have in common? Nothing really except they are all in the month of February. February wouldn't be on my list of favorite months. It's still dark and cold, and I like light and warm. I don't really care for the Super Bowl because the Falcons are terrible as usual. I'm getting a bit old for big Valentine's Day celebrations. And, February almost always begins the season of Lent which is not on my list of favorite seasons of the Christian year. All that self-denial and self-examination.

Actually, I'm being a bit facetious. (Not about the Super Bowl!) But, I am convinced you are never too old to be in love with your "Valentine." And I may not like Lent, but I need Lent. I need motivation for self-denial and self-examination. I need to contemplate the depth of my vulnerability to sin and my mortality. And finally, at least February is a short month and March brings with it the hope of Spring. If nothing else, February is a great month to be in church. I hope you'll be here to celebrate the love of Christ, contemplate the depth of sin and the power of forgiveness, and begin again the journey with Jesus towards the cross and our salvation.



Prayer

There is Still Time



*"My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and portion forever."* -Psalm 73:25,26

At the arrival of this February Messenger, one month of the new year has already been lived and is now history. Starting a daily prayer and devotional life is still possible. In my household, we are reading *New Morning Mercies* by Paul David Tripp. He mentions on January 6 "it is grace and grace alone that we are saved from ourselves." He writes that "one of the fruits of grace is that the heart is content, more given to worship than demand, and more given to the joy of gratitude than want."

The Prayer Committee invites you to pray with us, Rev. Martin, and a few others from 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday before supper. - Prayerfully, Sue Ellis, Prayer Committee Chair



Congregational Life

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Care
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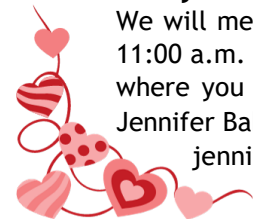


Share the Love Merry Makers Valentine's Party

Mark your calendars for our Valentine's Party on Monday, February 13 at Wesley Gardens Retreat! Come at 11:00 a.m. for fun Valentine's activities and stay for a festive meal prepared by Suzanna. Please contact Jennifer Baker at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org (or call the church office, 912-232-0191) or Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, February 10 to make your reservation.

Merry Makers Dutch Treat

We will meet for lunch on Thursday, February 23 at Splendid Shabu hot pot restaurant in Pooler at 11:00 a.m. Come join in the fun fellowship and great food! This is an experiential dining experience where you make and enjoy your own pot of soup at your table. It is super fun! Please contact Jennifer Baker at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org (or call the church office) or Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Tuesday, February 21 to make your reservation.





Children's Ministry

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry
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Save the Date Vacation Bible School

June 5 - 9, 2023
9:00 a.m. until 12 noon
Wesley Gardens
Retreat Center



Scan Code to
Register for VBS
(June 5-9) &
Summer Fun Daze
(July 17-21)



Eli's Place Open House

for the 2023-2024 School Year

Thursday, February 2nd

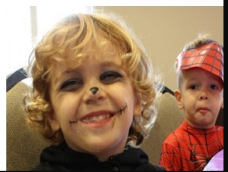
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Come see what everyone is talking about!

Meet the teachers who make this place so great and visit the classrooms where it all happens.

Eli's Place is excited to show you what's in store for next year!

Registration opens for the 2023-2024 school year





Evangelism

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach & New Members
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February New Member Course

Are you interested in joining Wesley Monumental? Our next New Member Course will take place Sundays, February 19 and 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall with the class joining as a group on February 26. Questions or to sign up, please call the Church Office, 912-232-0191. Nursery provided.



Mentors Needed

Please be a mentor to a young woman to meet every other month (six times per year) at your convenience for Christian encouragement. Questions or to sign up, Nelle, 912-234-9245 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

New Topics in Bible Studies



Young Mothers' Bible Study

Have you always wanted to see how the Bible fits together? Join us for a new seven-week study in the Young Mothers' Bible Study. We will discuss *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. This study is a good fit for those exploring Scripture for the first time as well as those who have grown up with the Bible. We meet Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (in person) in Oliver Hall, Room 310 with free childcare provided! We are currently studying Gardens in the Bible and will begin *Seamless* on January 31. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. All are welcome.

Thursday Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays from noon-12:30 p.m. via Zoom as we start the book of Daniel. For additional details or to sign up, email tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



Memorials & Honors

February 2023

Gifts have been received in Memory or Honor of:

The Endowment Fund

In memory of
Gloria Parker
From
Matt & Patti Snow
Timothy York
Jim & Karen Pannell
Anita Bragg
Camille O'Neill
Canady, Richbourg & Associates

In memory of
Martha Jane Pullen Tibbs
From Eugene & Stephanie Tibbs

In memory of
Cecil Abarr
From
Camille O'Neill
Pat & Sharlene Monahan
Amy & Buddy Carter

The Endowment Fund Cont.

In memory of
Paul Tietz
Ellie Tardiff
Ann Lott
From
Pat & Sharlene Monahan

In memory of
Rev. Grover Bell
Waldo Bradley
Ellene Anderson
From
Amy & Buddy Carter

Monumental Music

In memory of
Susan "Van" Robbins
From
Dot & Penny Harper

The Music Endowment Fund

In memory of
Ellene Anderson
Joe Ryan
Cecil Abarr
Phil Truluck
Craig Hanson
From
Ge-Juan Wilkes

In memory of
Joel Williams
From
Mary J. Ham

The Pastors Discretionary Fund

In memory of
Gloria Parker
From
Gloria Eitel



Missions

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach & New Members
912-234-9245, tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Join us Saturday, February 11 for our February Family Mission Project. Details below!



February Family Mission Project - Wesley Community Center Love Walk

Please meet at Wesley Community Center at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 11. All ages are welcome. Please sign up in advance, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

March Family Mission Project - Landscaping at Tiny Houses

On Sunday, March 12, we'll have lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m. and then change clothes and go to the Tiny Houses. Please bring a rake and shovel, as we'll be spreading pine straw and planting bushes. All ages are welcome. Please sign up in advance, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



Please Pray for Honduras Mission Trip

Please pray for participants and children and adults as they serve in His name in Santa Elena, Honduras, where they will lead a Bible School in Spanish for children and also build a \$1,500 house, February 10-17. Please pray for participants, Sharlene and Pat Monahan, leaders; Sheila and Skip Watts; Rusty Holt; Jake Coakley; Malinda and Newman Smith; and Mission Chairman, Scott Cleaveland.

Urban Hope Christmas Dinner



Over 80 Urban Hope guests attended our Christmas supper. Wesley members cook and serve four suppers each year for Urban Hope children and their families, and our Wesley children are the waiters and waitresses. Our next supper will take place Monday, February 13 at Independent Presbyterian Church. If you or members of your family would like to help, please email Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



Wesley Gardens Retreat

Micah Sprunger, Retreat Director
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Bible Study: Tuesdays, February 14 and 28

Join us for the spiritual discipline of Bible study. An in-depth class presented by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. This winter we will continue looking closely at “Peter, the Preacher” by examining his speeches in the book of Acts. Join us Tuesdays, February 14 and 28 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 along with custom plaques and engravings are available.

All donations are tax deductible.

For details, please email, micah@wesleygardensretreat.com



Jane Shirah Circle

The Jane Shirah Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22 at the home of Camille O’Neal.



Youth

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries
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The Wesley Monumental youth group is as active and as full of life as it has ever been! Sometimes we are having fun, like at our end-of-year Wednesday night foosball tournament or our annual Christmas party in December, or at our Ski Retreat coming up in early February. You’ll also find our youth helping out at church by acolyting or participating in service projects. And you’ll see Wesley students studying the Bible at Sunday school, Wednesday Bible studies, and Sunday evening youth group. It’s a great time to be a part of the Wesley Monumental youth ministry!





Music

Monica Dekle, Director of Music & Organist
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Join us as 130 children and youth choristers combine forces with a 33-piece orchestra for an unforgettable evening.

**CHILDREN
OF THE LIGHT**
AN EVENING OF HYMNS & HERITAGE

Benefiting the Building Fund for Children's and Music Ministries

Feb. 26, 2023 | 5-6 p.m.
Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
Children & Youth Choirs With Full Orchestra | Tickets: \$35 each

*Tickets are available at [MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com](https://www.monumentalmusic.com),
church office, or at the door!*

The Chancel Choir will accompany the choristers on some hymns, and the audience will join in singing on a few beloved hymns.





Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Nativity Pageant

