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# MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



## Life at Wesley



Spring Tea Honoring New Members and Shepherds.



Joyful Noise Choir leading worship.



February and March have been filled with lots of fun and activities for the Youth!



Our Eli's Place friends participating in Ninja Warrior Day.



In Bloom: Lunch & Learn for Moms was held in March.







## From Ben's Desk

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## *April, a Month of Worship and Celebration*

No month of the Church year has more special occasions than April. As we "trudge" through the days of Lent, remember it is forty days, not counting Sundays. Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrected Christ who is with us always and, therefore, is a "little Easter." So we continue to weekly feast on God while we fast from the things that get in the way of our Spiritual life. As we move towards the high holy days of Holy Week and Easter, we are walking with Jesus on the way to Jerusalem and the cross and preparing our hearts to experience the risen Christ in meaningful ways through worship and fellowship. I hope you will plan to be part of all these special times of worship.

Sunday, April 6

We will celebrate Confirmation Sunday with 30 Confirmands joining the church.

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday, the kickoff for Holy Week. The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Wesley Gardens Retreat that afternoon.

Monday-Friday, April 14-18

We will worship all week long during Holy Week with lunch services on Monday-Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Maundy Thursday evening dinner and communion, and Good Friday service at noon.

Sunday, April 20

We will join in Easter celebrations at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



### Lenten Baby Bottles for Living Vine Christian Maternity Home

During Lent, the congregation is collecting coins, bills, and checks in baby bottles (pick up one at church in the narthex windowsill) for the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home, where mothers, babies, and mothers-to-be live. Children took home baby bottles from children's worship on March 9. Please bring the filled baby bottle back to church on Palm Sunday, April 13. Our church provides lawn care, too: Peter Delvers leads this ministry, and we thank Don Riddle for his many years of leading this ministry. Please speak with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net), if you want to help. Judi Painter is our liaison to the Living Vine.



## Youth Ministry

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The youth have been learning about Christian character and how we can be examples of Christ in the world. Being a youth in today's world is hard and constantly changing, so learning how to hold onto the Lord can be difficult. Pray for our youth to lean on the Lord and have good character while they navigate being in Middle and High School.

February and March have been filled with lots of fun and activities! We learned about the Kindness Project from Kim Ergul and how we can spread kindness. We had a Galentine's party where we painted, giggled, and enjoyed each other! We went to a Ghost Pirates game and had a blast! On Sunday evenings, we went to the park, played Nerf games, and even had a scavenger hunt.

This year, we took 17 sixth graders to Epworth by the Sea for a Confirmation retreat! We learned about John Wesley's three simple rules, the types of grace, and so much more. If you see a confirmand, be sure to ask them about all they learned!



## Garden Club of Savannah



The Garden Club of Savannah's North of Gaston Street Garden Tour (NOGS) is scheduled for April 25 and 26, 2025. The theme: "Pieces of our lives and places of the heart," will feature gardens and stitched projects. With a legacy of 47 NOGS Tours, the 48th will also feature our Oliver Hall and its parterre garden while our parlor will be the exhibit hall for the quilts and stitched projects. Also, treasured quilts and stitchery will be on exhibit in the parlor before the service and until 1:00 p.m. after the service on Sunday, April 27. If you have a treasured quilt or stitchery piece you would like to be in the exhibit, please contact Era Hall. Each piece will be well-treated and handled. For more information, please see the sign-up letter left in the church office or contact Era Hall: [erahall@comcast.net](mailto:erahall@comcast.net)



## Children's Ministry

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### Empty Metal Cans Needed

Please bring empty metal cans that would hold about 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups of vegetables or fruits and place in the box by the water fountain on the second floor of the Education Building. Soup-size cans or smaller can also be used.



Bowling fun with our 4th & 5th Graders!



### Children's Easter Program

Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to our children's Easter program on Wednesday, April 30, at 6:15 p.m. Rehearsals are underway, and the children are excited about their singing and speaking parts. The program is being presented during the season of Easter, and it will be a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

### It's Time to Register for Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Daze!



At "Live It Out" VBS we'll be learning to love like Jesus and live out our faith every day. Registration is open for children of Wesley members and their extended family. Children 3-years-old (before May 1st) - 5th grade can register. Vacation Bible School will be June 2 - 6 at Wesley Gardens Retreat from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day. To register, go to [www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental](http://www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental) or scan the QR code below.

Summer Fun Daze is for children of Wesley members and their extended family who have completed Kindergarten - 3rd grade. It will be held at the Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of July 14 - 18. Monday - Wednesday, our camp day is from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. On Thursday, everyone stays for supper and movies, and 1st - 3rd graders spend the night. On Friday, camp ends with an art show at noon. The fee for Summer Fun Daze is \$100, and it is due on July 1. To register, go to [www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental](http://www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental) or scan the QR code. After filling in the information requested, scroll to the bottom to register for Summer Fun Daze.



April 13  
April 30  
May 7  
May 11  
June 2-6  
July 14-18

### Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

Easter Eggstravaganza at Wesley Gardens Retreat, 4:00 p.m.  
Easter Play following Wednesday Night Supper, 6:15 p.m.  
Music Awards following Wednesday Night Supper, 6:15 p.m.  
Infant Recognition during 11:00 service  
Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens Retreat  
(Registration open to Wesley members and extended family only.)  
Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens Retreat  
(Registration open to Wesley members and extended family only.)



### Summer Camp at Eli's Place

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. Registration opens on April 1.





## Evangelism & Missions

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### Leo Beckmann, Jr.

A native of Savannah, Leo is an attorney. He practices law at his own firm, Beckmann and Furey. He and his wife, Nancy, a teacher at St. Andrews School, enjoy Ben Martin's sermons and traditional worship.  
*Shepherd: Nancy Beckmann*



### Parker Bennett & Walker Dixon

Parker and Walker are both from Blackshear, and they are engaged to be married on January 17, 2026, at Wesley. Parker works in real estate for Winters Capital Properties, and she and Walker already attend Wednesday night supper and Bible study every week. Walker works for Yancey Brothers Company, the heavy equipment Caterpillar dealer. He enjoys hunting and fishing.  
*Shepherds: Copelenn McMahon & Lucas Iddings*



### Sallie & Carson Jones & son, Charlie

Sallie is from Perry, and she moved to Saint Simons Island with her family when she was in middle school. She works in marketing for a family business, Two Friends, on Saint Simons Island. Carson is the tennis director for the Savannah Golf Club. Their son, Charlie, is nine months old.  
*Shepherds: Leslie and Mort Short*  
*Charlie's Shepherds: Mary and Millie Shor*



### Taylor King

Taylor is a college counselor at Calvary Day School. He is also a certified barbecue judge. Already, he attends the Thursday noon Bible study. Taylor likes reading, museums, and exploring town festivals. He is from Douglasville, GA.  
*Shepherds: Ashley Barnwell, Ken Griner, and Ashley Wasielewski*

## Welcome, New Members!

We are thankful the following joined during February. The next New Member Course will be Sundays, April 20 and 27, at 9:45 a.m. Nursery provided. Please sign up, 912-232-0191. The class will join as a group on Sunday, April 27.



### Molly & Nick Foukal & daughters, Davis & Finley

Molly grew up in Jacksonville, and Nick is from Nahant, Massachusetts. They moved to Savannah from Falmouth, Massachusetts. Nick first came to Wesley as a groomsman in Anna and Quincy Darbyshire's wedding. He is an associate professor at the University of Georgia's Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. Davis and Finley attend Country Day School.  
*Shepherds: Mackenzie and John Kingston, Jr.*  
*Davis's and Finley's shepherds: Birdie Kingston*



### Elizabeth Nelson & son, Barrett Slater

Elizabeth grew up in Savannah on East 56th Street, walking to worship with her parents at the now-closed Whitefield United Methodist Church. Her son, Barrett, is in the children's choir, and she and he attend Wednesday night supper and Bible study weekly. Barrett is a second-grade student at Hancock Day School. Elizabeth is the chief deputy clerk for U.S. District Court at the Federal courthouse. She prayed for the Lord to send the right church, and immediately, Pam Hammock invited Elizabeth and Barrett to Bring a Friend Sunday at Wesley.  
*Shepherds: Pam and James Hammock*  
*Barrett's Shepherds: Trip and Bo Hammock*



### Urban Hope supper, Monday, April 14

Cook at home and help serve a meal for approximately 75 guests. Please choose a dish to prepare (such as pulled pork, green salad, barbecue baked beans, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, cole slaw, cut fruit, buns, dill pickles, lemonade, or cookies). Also needed are small and large plates, plastic silverware, napkins, and cups. Sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Please meet at

5:30 p.m. at Independent Presbyterian Church; the Urban Hope children and families arrive at 6 p.m., and we usually finish clean-up by 7:30 p.m.

### High-School Girls' Lenten Bible Study

Mondays, 3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m., March 24, 31, April 7, 14

"Easter in All Four Gospels"--Nelle's study, Oliver Hall, 1st floor

Join Maggie and Nelle! Nelle will teach on "Easter in All Four Gospels."

### Family Promise Meals Needed April 20-26

Provide supper for homeless families. Please cook at home and drop off at White Bluff Presbyterian Church, 10710 White Bluff Road, at 5 p.m. on your chosen night. Typically, we serve about 15 guests.





## Memorials & Honors

April 2025

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

### The Capstone Project/

#### Building Fund

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**Dan Bradley**  
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**David Chow**  
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In memory of  
**Susan Davis Bowers**  
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Tom & Mary Anne Farmer  
Meb & Hurley Ryan

In memory of  
**Ed & Nancy Beckwith**  
From Kevin Beckwith

### Local Missions

In memory of  
**Bill McCorkle**  
From  
Jake & Suzanne Marbach

### Merry Makers

In memory of  
**David Chow**  
From  
Debbie & Henry Whitfield

### Monumental Music

In memory of  
**David Chow**  
**Daniel Royal**  
From  
Ken & Deanne Rimes

In memory of  
**David Chow**  
**Francis Lupacchino**  
**Helen Weitz**  
**Daniel Royal**  
From  
The Chancel Choir

In memory of  
**Ann Lytle**  
From  
Archie & Sally Davis

In memory of  
**Lois Wooten**  
From  
Andy & Janet Thompson

In memory of  
**Daniel Royal**  
From  
Mike & Mary Odom  
Linda Royal

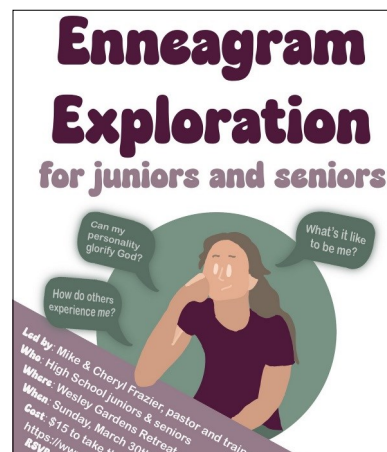




## Wesley Gardens Retreat

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Calling all 11th and 12th graders! Ever wonder where your unique fears or motivations might come from or how God relates to your personality? Special afternoon happening here on March 30 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., guided by pastor & trained enneagram counselors Mike & Cheryl Frazier. It's free, though requested that you take the \$15 Wagner assessment ([www.wepss.com/buy.asp](http://www.wepss.com/buy.asp)) prior to the retreat. Expect good snacks, great conversations, and fresh insights about yourself and God. RSVP to [abbiemsmith@gmail.com](mailto:abbiemsmith@gmail.com). (Image designed by 11th grader, Vaden Pearce.)



### FOURTH FRIDAY RETREATS

#### Morning Prayer & Solitude Retreat: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Craving time alone with God? If so, you might find this meaningful. There's no cost or need for previous retreat experience. We'll begin in the Main House and provide an optional framework (via the Daily Office & Lectio Divina), but you can utilize the grounds and shape the morn as your soul needs. Micah's fresh roasted coffee will start pouring at 8:45 a.m., and spiritual direction with a local pastor will be available throughout. Feel free to pack a snack or lunch.

#### Afternoon Creativity Retreat: 1:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Our favorite Allison Hall of Small Creative guides this retreat for creatives. No cost or artistic experience is needed. (If you're a SCAD student and need a ride, please let us know.) "Structured creating" will end at 3:30 p.m., but any are welcome to linger through the afternoon until sunset. All weary souls welcome.

### A FEW RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...

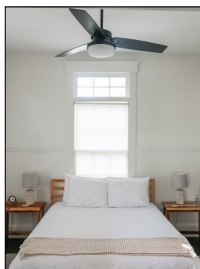
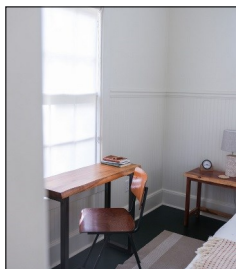
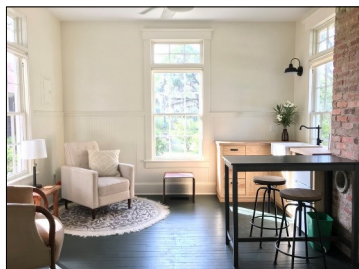
- ◆ We provided hospitality to a mother on the edge of crisis in deep need of rest and renewal: a 16-night stay....our longest ever.
- ◆ A three-night mother-daughter retreat deepened relationships through creating beauty!: flower arranging, journaling, and painting, along with times of group meditation and worship.
- ◆ We hosted the Fathom Family Foundation retreat, which provided spiritual direction, therapy, and "shalom" for four Jacksonville couples on the front-lines of ministry.



Four couples with their spiritual directors.

### GUEST COTTAGE (summer "nursery")

From the 1920s to the 1950s, this little cottage, located next to the Main House, housed guests of the estate owners. Now fully renovated with a bedroom, kitchenette, living area, and full bath, the cottage is available for one or two-person retreats.







## Music

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First through fifth graders led the entire Service of Holy Communion on March 2.



## Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

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### Merry Makers

Merry Makers will join other members of the congregation for the Holy Week services on April 14-18. There will be no separate program in April. Watch for the Holy Week schedule in the weekly bulletin.

### Lunch and Learn

The next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for Sunday, April 6, following the 11:00 worship service in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Judge Tom Bordeaux, Chatham County Probate Judge, will present "Probate Procedures and Pitfalls." All interested persons are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.





## Messenger Monthly Spotlight



### Family Bingo Night

