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THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER

Life at Wesley



Members enjoying a little Meet and Mingle time on Sunday afternoons prior to the evening worship service in the Wesley Gardens Chapel.



While at the South Georgia United Methodist Annual Conference, Rev. Ben Martin was honored as the recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award. Rev. Martin received the most nominations any clergy member has ever received in the history of the award which recognizes United Methodists in each conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism brings people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. This is the highest award a person can receive in the United Methodist Church.



Youth having fun in the sun on Sundays at Wesley Gardens Retreat!



Many thanks to all who provided 123 dozen cookies for Massie May Day and to those who helped serve.



From Ben's Desk

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Summertime at Wesley

I know it's not everyone's "cup of tea," but I love summertime. I'd rather be hot than cold, have long sunny days than short dark ones, and I sure love a "green" world more than a "gray" one. Summer is a season of growth where God uses warmth, rain, and long days to enable the creation to prosper and prepare for another winter that will inevitably come. In that sense, it feels like a metaphor for life. There are seasons of growth where life is good, the sun seems to be always shining, and God is ever-present and easily recognized. And yet, we know there will also be seasons when it feels dark and cold and God feels distant. I don't know what my point is here other than this: if it's a summer season in your life, enjoy it, give thanks for it, and store it up so that you might lean back on its memory in the days that are not so full of sunshine and warmth.

A good place to enjoy the summer is Wesley Gardens, our retreat center out on Moon River. Sunday afternoons in June and July, we gather for fellowship and worship. I hope you will join us in practicing the spiritual discipline of sabbath on Sunday evenings at the Gardens. It is a good place to be refilled as we experience God's presence in the beauty of summertime, the holiness of worship, and the joy of fellowship with our church family.



Meet Us at the Gardens on Sunday Evenings

On June 8, we began our eight-week summer gatherings at Wesley Gardens Retreat and we invite you to join us. At 4:00 p.m., we **Meet and Mingle** for a while, **Worship** as we sing our favorite hymns and hear a brief sermon from one of our Ministers, and then we gather around the table and **share a potluck meal** together. Mark these dates on your calendar and join as often as you can. It will be so much better if you are there.

Meet and Mingle at 4

June 29 Field Games (all ages)

July 13 Wesley Gardens History

July 20 Children's Fun Day

July 27 Choir Night

August 3 Boat Night

Worship at 5:30

Ben Martin

Preaching

Christian Swails

Preaching

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Preaching

Nelle Bordeaux

Preaching

Maggie Hatchett

Preaching

Potluck at 6:15

Youth Parents

Potluck Dishes

Being & Connect Classes

Potluck Dishes

Compass Class

Potluck Dishes

Choir

Potluck Dishes

Journey Class/Staff

Potluck Dishes



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Lunch and Learn: Preparing Yourself and Others for a Hurricane Evacuation

Join us for Lunch and Learn on Sunday, July 6, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The topic is "Preparing Yourself and Others for a Hurricane Evacuation." The program is designed for all who need to evacuate and especially for those who are responsible for helping others to evacuate. You will receive information from CEMA and a plan for preparing all of the paperwork that should go with you when you leave. Reservations are needed to ensure enough food for lunch. Call the church office. Questions? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.



July Merry Makers—Lunch at La Nopalera

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will meet for lunch on Monday, July 14, 11:00 a.m., at La Nopalera on Mall Blvd. Dutch treat. Call the church office to make your reservation. This is a great opportunity to "Meet and Mingle," make a new friend, and invite a friend to join us. Questions? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.





Children's Ministry

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Promotion Sunday

Summer is flying by, and it's time to begin planning for the fall. Be sure to put Sunday, August 17, on your calendar for Promotion Sunday!

Summer Sunday School - Come Join Us!

Come join us on Sunday mornings this summer as we have fun learning about David, the shepherd boy, and the songs he wrote that are in our Bible. Lots of fun activities to help us memorize Psalm 23 by the end of the summer. Sunday school begins with a time of conversation at 9:45 a.m., with the lesson starting at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School children go to the 11:00 service together and sit on the front row. Questions? Please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.



Family Fun Day at Wesley Gardens!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 20, and join us for Family Fun Day at Wesley Gardens. We'll have inflatable water fun outside and board and card games in the main house. The fun starts at 4:00 p.m., with singing and worship in the chapel at 5:30 and dinner in the main house at 6:15.



VBS 2025





Evangelism & Missions

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Welcome New Members!

We are thankful the following joined on June 1. Our July New Member Course will be Sundays, July 20 and 27, at 9:45 a.m., with the class joining as a group on Sunday, July 27. Nursery is provided. Please come to both parts of this two-part series. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



Katie and Josh Yearout

Katie and Josh are newlyweds, as Rev. Ben Martin officiated at their wedding on April 5. Katie is the Executive Director of Friends of Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), and Josh is the vice-president of business development at Greenline Climate. They live on Wilmington Island. Katie's sister, Emily Cay, and Josh's sister, Meghan Scoggins, introduced Katie and Josh to each other! All their Shepherds are their family members.

Shepherds: Emily and Christopher Cay and children, Winfield and Hilton Cay; Meghan and Brent Scoggins and children, Abbott, Wesley, and Winnie Scoggins

Bible Studies Turn Up the Heat

- ♦ "Anger in the Bible," Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., child care provided.
- ♦ "All about Paul," Thursdays, noon-12:30 p.m. via Zoom, 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Please sign up for either with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Youth Local Mission Week Needs Adult Helpers July 21-26

Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, for your chosen day and time. The youth will stay overnight at Wesley Gardens Monday through Thursday nights. Activities include yard work, building irrigation and raised gardening beds, sorting school uniforms, playing with children, and serving our neighbors. Adult helpers are needed 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. any day that suits your schedule.



Prayer Partners 2025 – Refugee Children

Please sign up with Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net and bring uniforms for your chosen child to the Oliver Hall lobby by Sunday, July 13. If you prefer, you may write a check to Wesley Monumental with "School Uniforms" in the memo line. Most importantly, please pray for your Prayer Partner child daily.

Child's name and age	Shirt size and child's school	Pant or skirt or jumper dress size
David Drajoru, boy, age 16 <i>Prayer Partner: Cynthia Willett</i>	Adult medium-white-Johnson High	Adult medium-khaki
Suzanna Mwangaza, girl, age 16	20 dark green-Windsor Forest	24 black-prefers pants
Zaina Yaredi, girl, age 13	18 navy or white-Pulaski	17navy or khaki-prefers pants
Ivoni Remy, girl, age 13	20 navy or white-Pulaski	20 navy or khaki-prefers pants
Alisa Yaredi, girl, age 10	16 navy or white-Pulaski	16 navy or khaki-prefers skirt
Feza Yaredi, girl, age 8	15 navy or white-Pulaski	15 navy or khaki-prefers skirt
Mlendja Remy, boy, age 5	15 navy or white-Pulaski	17 navy or khaki
Mastoura Saboun, girl, age 16	18 white-Beach	15/16 navy or khaki-prefers pants
Sahiba Saboun, girl, age 14	16/18 white-Beach	16/18 khaki-prefers pants
Rahima Saboun, girl, age 12	14/15 white-Myers Middle	11/12 khaki-prefers pants
Faiga Saboun, girl, age 11	8/10 white-Myers Middle	8/10 khaki-prefers pants
Abdoularasole Saboun, boy, age 7	8/9 white-Pulaski	8 khaki
Momin Saboun, boy, age 5	4/5 white-Pulaski	5 khaki

Prayer Partners 2025 - Urban Hope Children

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Child's name and age	Shirt size and child's school	Pant, skirt, or dress size
Gabriel Bevil, boy, age 6	Youth Small 6/7 red-needs school insignia-Sav. Clas. Acad.	Youth Small 6/7 navy
Jordyn Broadie, girl, age 11 <i>Prayer Partner-Susan Kornegay</i>	Waiting for sizes from Urban Hope	Waiting for sizes from Urban Hope
Gabriel Brown, boy, age 14	20 red-needs school insignia-Sav. Classical Academy	32 navy
Kahlani Campbell, girl, age 7	7/8 yellow or white-New Hampstead	7-8 prefers skirt or jumper dress navy or khaki
Kayden Campbell, boy, age 6	7 light yellow or white-New Hampstead	7 navy or khaki
Sharon Cooke, girl, age 7	8 light blue or white-Juliette Low	8 skirt or jumper dress or pants navy or khaki
Bryson Curtis, boy, age 6	6 white or navy-Charles Ellis	8 navy or khaki
Eugene Demarcus Curtis, boy, age 7	8 forest green or white-Butler	8 navy or khaki
Carson Futch, boy, age 7	Youth Large red-needs school insignia-Sav. Clas. Acad.	12/14 navy
Brittin Green, boy, age 8	8 navy or white-Marshpoint	8 navy or khaki
Aria Herman, girl, age 8	7/8 or Medium Youth kelly green or white-Garrison	10/12 skirt or jumper dress or pants black or khaki
Mariah Hicks, girl, age 8	7 purple or white-Hodge	7/8 skirt or jumper dress or pants navy or khaki
Alex Jenkins, boy, age 7	8 hunter green or white-Butler	8 navy or khaki
Zoey Jordan, girl, age 7	10/12 Large green or white-Haven	XL or 14/16 skirt or jumper dress green plaid, navy or khaki
Ni'Ternan Lynch, boy, age 7	8 white-Jacob G. Smith	8 navy or khaki
Chanell Marshall, girl, age 7	12/14 red-needs school insignia-Sav. Classical Academy	12/14 skirt or jumper dress or pants navy
Crystal Marshall, girl, age 8	12/14 red-needs school insignia-Sav. Classical Academy	12/14 skirt or jumper dress or pants navy
Torrez McFadden, boy, age 6	8 Regular green or white-Butler	8 Slim navy or khaki
Tristan Miller, boy, age 6	Medium Youth navy or white-Georgetown	10 navy or khaki
Kyla Moxley, girl, age 8	12 white Jacob G. Smith	12 navy or khaki
Noelle Mungin, girl, age 8	9/10 hunter green or white-Butler	9/10 skirt or jumper dress or pants navy or khaki
Marion Pendergraph, boy, age 8	8 or 9 green or white-Heard	8 navy or khaki
Amirah Mo'Nae Reid, girl, age 7	7/8 Youth kelly green or black or white-Garrison	7/8 Youth black or khaki
Joshua Virgil, boy, age 7	14 teal, gray or white-Sav. Legacy Academy	10 Husky black
Bella Walker, girl, age 7	10 white-Jacob G. Smith	10 navy or khaki
Keyanna Wiggins, girl, age 7	10/12 burgundy or white-Isle of Hope	10/12 navy or khaki
Jaylen Williams, boy, age 8	10/12 green or white-Gould	10 navy or khaki
Cameron Wright, boy, age 9	14/16 white-Susie King Taylor	16/18 khaki
Ja'Kayla Wright, girl, age 8	13/14 Junior white-Jacob G. Smith	22.5 Plus blue/white plaid skirt or 13/14 Juniors navy or khaki pants
Giovanni Brown, boy, age 15	Adult Medium red-needs school insignia-Sav. Clas. Acad.	Large 40 X 32 navy
Zoey Brown, girl, age 11	Adult Medium or 14/16 burgundy-Oglethorpe Charter	Adult 9/10 or Large khaki
Zykel Brown, boy, age 8	Youth Medium or 12 white-Jacob G. Smith	14 navy or khaki
Kennadi Bush, girl, age 9	12-14 Large navy, red, or white-Rice Creek	12-14 Large skirt or jumper dress or pants navy or khaki
Lamir Cohens, Jr., boy, age 11	16 Large navy or white-West Chatham Middle	16 navy or khaki
Bryton Devore, boy, age 11	10/12 white-not sure yet which school	14/16 khaki
Sonja'e Floyd, girl, age 9	10-12 Medium kids cyan or white-Sav. Legacy Academy	10-12 Medium kids black
Connor Futch, boy, age 8	5 white-Susie King Taylor	5/6 khaki
Kaleb Gordon, boy, age 8	12 navy or white-Pulaski	14 khaki
Kennedi Gordon, girl, age 8	7/8 navy or white-Pulaski	7/8 skirt or jumper dress or pants
KeyRon Gordon, boy, age 12	16 forest green or white-STEM Bartlett Middle	18 khaki
Randell Green, Jr., boy, age 12	16 Large navy or white-Coastal Middle	16 navy or khaki
Corey Hines, boy, age 10	18/20 white; also needs undershirts	XXL khaki
Camren Hines, girl, age 9	XL white; also needs undershirts	XL khaki
Za'Karia James, girl, age 13	16 white-Isle of Hope	18 navy or khaki
Za'Kenia James, girl, age 13	16 white-Isle of Hope	18 navy or khaki
Jermaine Lovett, boy, age 9 <i>Prayer Partner: Ge-Juan Wilkes</i>	8 light blue or white-Juliette Low	7/8 navy or khaki
Miracle Lovett, girl, age 14 <i>Prayer Partner-Karen Pannell</i>	Waiting for sizes from Miss Louise, her grandmother with whom she has lived since her and Jermaine's mother's death four years ago-Sav. High-white	khaki
Terri Lynch, girl, age 12	Adult Large white-Southwest Middle	18/20 Youth or Adult 15 khaki
Demon McPhaul, boy, age 12	Medium 14 royal blue or white-DeRenne Middle	14 navy or khaki
I'leena McPhaul, girl, age 10	Medium 12 purple or white-Hodge	14 navy or khaki
Izyiah McPhaul, girl, age 9	Large 14/16 purple or white-Hodge	16/18 navy or khaki
Payton Myers, girl, age 9	14/16 navy or white-Godley Station	14/16 navy or khaki
Kaitlin Owens, girl, age 10	12 green or white-Gould	12 khaki
Kereem Pennamon, boy, age 10	10 gold or white-A.B. Williams	10 black or khaki
Demonte Rosier, boy, age 11	XL white-not sure yet which school	34/36 khaki
Khloe Smith, girl, age 9 <i>Prayer Partner-Nelle & Tom Bordeaux, Jr.</i>	Adult Medium navy or white-Gadsden	Adult Medium khaki
Gregg Stevens, boy, age 13	Youth XL royal blue or white-DeRenne Middle	Youth 18 navy or khaki
Adam Taylor, boy, age 9	XL red, navy, or white-Rice Creek	14/16 navy or khaki
Aunna Taylor, girl, age 9	Medium red, navy, or white-Rice Creek	10/12 navy or khaki
Isaiah Virgil, boy, age 13	Adult Large teal, gray, or white-Sav. Legacy Academy	34 X 32 black
Kaiden Walker, boy, age 9	8 green or white-Gould	10 khaki
Ziera Walker, girl, age 11	18 white-West Chatham	18 navy or khaki
Zaiden Wright, boy, age 10	12 white-Isle of Hope	12 navy or khaki



Wesley Gardens Retreat

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What is the Wesley Gardens logo?



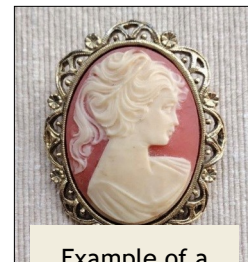
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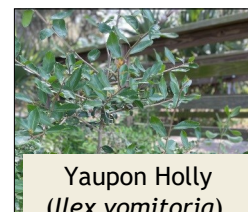
When local artist and designer Sophie Millet of Modbird Design went about designing a new logo for the Wesley Gardens Committee in 2021, she spent many hours over several consecutive days looking at many aspects of the history of the property and its natural environment. She chose the vertical oval as her shape, reminiscent of cameo brooches, which would have been popular when this property was established one hundred years ago. She was also inspired by the wrought iron work found on the Main House's riverside handrail. As Sophie observed the various plants of the property, she was especially captivated by the Yaupon Holly, which grows in abundance and produces red berries in the fall. Yaupon Holly was used for hundreds of years by Native Americans who consumed tea made from its leaves and twigs. (Yaupon is the only naturally caffeinated plant native to North America).



If you look closely inside the oval symbol, you'll notice the uneven textured edges. This, along with the font, was intended to create a natural artisan feel (think wood carving). The "W" in the middle represents not only "Wesley Gardens Retreat" but "Wesley Monumental Church." The three dots are Yaupon Holly berries, which also represent the triune God. Above the "W," you will see a Cross stylistically protruding down from the leaves, indicating the centrality of Christ.



Example of a Cameo Brooch



Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) growing near the dock. (Clip some and learn to make a native caffeinated tea!)



Wrought Iron work from the Main House riverside handrail. Allethaire Rotan's initials "AR" can be easy to miss! (Mrs. Rotan lived in the house from 1948-1961 and at the age of 80 kindly donated the property to Wesley Monumental.)

FOURTH FRIDAY RETREAT: July 25

♦ Morning Prayer & Solitude Retreat: 9-12:30 p.m.

Craving time alone with God? If so, you might find this meaningful. There is no cost or need for previous retreat experience. We'll begin in the Chapel and provide an optional framework (via the Daily Office and 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. in the gazebo, and spiritual direction with a local pastor will be available throughout. Feel free to pack a snack or lunch.

♦ Afternoon Creativity Retreat: 1:15-3:30 p.m.—Postponed until August.



Billy Bond Room Plaque for Wesley Gardens

The main room at Wesley Gardens was given in memory of Billy Bond, who left a gift to the church designated for Wesley Gardens. Drew Ernst had the replacement plaque made and will have it re-mounted on the wall of the main room where it hung originally.

Billy Bond Room — In Memory of Billy Bond

Whose love for Wesley Gardens in life and whose endowment of it in death are continuing reminders of his life of Christian commitment, and the treasure which here we enjoy.
by Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church — June 24, 1984



Music

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Vacation Bible School 2025



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3:16



Youth Ministry

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We've had a great kick-off to summer! Going to Wesley Gardens Retreat after church has been such a blast, from boats to slip 'n slides! Be sure to join us on July 20, 27, and August 3. We will have one more boat day and a lot of fun! Be sure to sign up!

Local Mission Week

This year, we are continuing the tradition of Local Mission Week but with a twist! Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in serving our community the week of July 21-25. We will be working on various projects, including yard work, serving meals, building, and assisting with local camps. The twist is that we will be staying together the whole time. In the past, we have gathered every day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and then left. This year, we will be serving from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and then returning to Wesley Gardens every afternoon for fellowship and a time of worship. Stay the night at the Gardens, then get up and do it again in the morning.



The goal of this is to create a community and to experience what a typical mission trip would be like. We are going to build a team. Spend time together and have a weeklong experience. We will have a few college students staying with us the whole week and helping wrangle and serve. The deadline to sign up is July 7—scan the QR code to register.



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