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THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



Life at Wesley



Fifth graders receiving music awards.



Youth Choir led worship on May 4.



Youth Murder Mystery Night!



Eli's Place children participating in the National Day of Prayer.



On May 8,
Camille
O'Neill was
honored
with the
Life Well
Lived award
by Senior
Citizens Inc.

On May 4, around
140 members
gathered
throughout the
Savannah area
for our Meet & Mingle
Potluck event.



Infant Recognition Sunday



From Ben's Desk

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Summertime at Wesley



For many of our families at Wesley, summertime brings a big change in schedules. The same is true for our ministry at Wesley Monumental UMC. You can always count on Sunday morning worship at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., as well as Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Remember, however, the 8:45 a.m. service will be in the Fellowship Hall for June and most of July while we renovate the elevator. The 11:00 service will remain in the sanctuary, but the elevator will not be available.

The biggest change to our schedule in the summer is our weekly fellowship meal and programming shifts from Wednesday evenings downtown to Sunday afternoon/evenings at our retreat center, Wesley Gardens, on Burnside Island. We will begin these dinners, fellowship, and worship on June 8. This year, each week will feature a different Meet and Mingle activity that begins at 4:00 p.m. Worship is in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is in the main house at 6:15 p.m. Different Sunday school classes will be assigned each week to assist with the meal set up, clean up, and provide side dishes. (A list of the various Meet and Mingle activities is below and will be published weekly in the Sunday bulletin.) Many of us found the recent "potluck supper" event very meaningful. We hope to continue that experience with our Sunday night meals, fellowship, and worship at Wesley Gardens Retreat. The youth group will also be meeting at Wesley Gardens during the summer.

If you've never taken advantage of this wonderful retreat setting, or if you have been there many times, we hope this summer will be an opportunity to practice some Sabbath with your church family in a beautiful and peaceful place on the Moon River.

Meet Us at the Gardens on Sunday Evenings

On June 8, we will begin our summer gatherings at Wesley Gardens Retreat and we invite you to join us. On eight Sunday afternoons and evenings (excluding July 6), we will **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 will 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		Worship at 5:30	Potluck at 6:15
June 8	Board Games	Carolyn Hale Cubbedge	Alpha Class
		Preaching	Potluck Dishes
June 15	Spiritual Practices	Christian Swails	Pastors Class
		Preaching	Potluck Dishes
June 22	Paint Night	Nelle Bordeaux	Ivy Class
		Preaching	Potluck Dishes
June 29	Field Games	Ben Martin	Youth Parents
		Preaching	Potluck Dishes
July 13	Wesley Gardens History	Christian Swails	Being & Connect Classes
		Preaching	Potluck Dishes
July 20	Children's Fun Day	Carolyn Hale Cubbedge	Compass Class
		Preaching	Potluck Dishes
July 27	Choir Night	Nelle Bordeaux	Choir
		Preaching	Potluck Dishes
August 3	Boat Night	Maggie Hatchett	Journey Class/Staff
		Preaching	Potluck Dishes



Children's Ministry

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Happy Summer!



As you are reading this, we are finishing our preparations and headed to Wesley Gardens Retreat for **Live It Out Vacation Bible School**. We are expecting 170 excited children and 75 adult and youth helpers. Our children love Wesley Gardens, and it's not too late for you to come out and help us. **Extra hands are always needed.** Send an email to charli@wesleymonumental.com if you would like to join the fun.



The school year ended at Eli's Place on Friday, May 16. This year, Eli's Place welcomed 152 children and their families. The children were between 12 weeks - 5 years old. Twenty-eight children completed Pre-Kindergarten and participated in graduation, and enjoyed a special graduation lunch. End of year celebration pictures are below.





Evangelism & Missions

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach & New Members
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The June New Member Course will be Sundays, June 22 and 29, at 9:45 a.m. both Sundays. Please come to both parts of this two-part series. The class will join as a group on Sunday, June 29. Nursery is provided. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191. We are thankful the following joined during April.



Caitlin & Michael Anckner & children, Carter & Amelia

Caitlin is from Montgomery, AL, and Michael is from Savannah. His maternal great-grandmother, Helen Oliver, was a member of Wesley. Michael works for

Bombardier, a French Canadian aviation company. Carter is in the fifth grade, and Amelia is in the third grade, both at County Day School.

Shepherds: Emily and Christopher Cay

Children's Shepherds: Winfield and Hilton Cay



Rosie and Chase Ruffo & daughter, Alice

Both Rosie and Chase are physicians. Their baby daughter, Alice, was born in August. Already, their Shepherds have had them over to supper at their home to welcome the Ruffo family into the church. Alice was among the new babies recognized in worship on Mother's Day. Their home is in Ardsley Park, as is their Shepherds' home.

Shepherds: Ellen and Chase Brown

Alice's Shepherd: Rowe Brown

Welcome New Members!

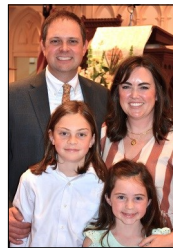


Rebecca and Brent Watts & children, Greer, Lenore, and Drexel

The Watts children attended Eli's Place. Brent is the president of Cabretta Capital. Greer is in the second grade, Lenore is in kindergarten, and Drexel is in pre-kindergarten, all at Hancock Day School. Both the Cobb and the Watts families live in the Historic District. They like to spend time on Tybee Island and enjoy boating and tennis.

Shepherds: Elizabeth and Benjamin Cobb

Children's Shepherds: Banks, Elle, and Winnie Cobb



Lindsay and Mikell West & children, Alan and Madeline West

As newlyweds, Lindsay and Mikell were missionaries in Mexico for three years in construction ministry. They met at Georgia Southern University. He grew up in Savannah, and she is from Macon. She is a professional photographer for school photos, and he is a logistics manager at Prospanive. Alan is in fifth grade, and Madeline is in third grade, both at Jacob G. Smith Elementary School. The Wests live in his grandparents' home. Their children attended Eli's Place. Neighbors, Barbara and Talley Jones, encouraged them to join the church.

Shepherds: Laura and David Blake

Children's Shepherds: William and Harper Blake

Summer Bible Studies

- ♦ Hot Summer, Hot Mamas: Anger in the Bible in Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., nursery and children's activities provided, Oliver Hall second floor.
- ♦ All about Paul: 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Ephesians, Thursdays, noon-12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Please sign up for either Bible study with Nelle. Carmine Cowart and Del Muller teach the children on Tuesdays, while Nelle teaches the Young Mothers' Bible Study. All are welcome!



Youth Local Mission Week Needs YOU!

Adult helpers needed to work alongside our wonderful youth in local mission projects! Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, if you are able to give a morning or an afternoon or the entire week, Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25. The week is an overnight at Wesley Gardens for the youth, but we especially need adult helpers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Projects include sacking groceries, construction, yard work, sorting uniforms, and more!



Memorials & Honors

June 2025

Gifts have been received in Memory or Honor of:

Music Endowment Fund

In memory of **Richard "Dick" Wallace**

From

Alpha-Fellowship Sunday School

Jenny Lynn Bradley

Ken & Deanne Rimes

Jody Haley II

Ted & Linda Moore

Anna, Josh, Austen & Rees Haley

Chuck & Ann Seyle

Lynn & David Priestner

Gardelle Lewis

Linda & Peter Newiger

Morgan Horner

Mary Catherine & Ed O'Kelley

Madge & Joe Edwards

Tim Mooney

Judy Bradley

Susan Kimbrell

Frank & Florence Anderson

Karen Payne

Dot & Penny Harper

Fon Rogers

Nena & Bob Schivera

Ethel Burriss

Nancy Goodman

Ge-Juan Wilkes

Barbara Cash

Margo Fischer

Camille O'Neill

In memory of **Dan Bradley**

From

Jenny Lynn Bradley

Chris & Staci Donegan

Music Endowment Fund Cont.

In memory of **Charles Holley**

From

Frank & Florence Anderson

Dot & Penny Harper

Tim Mooney

In memory of **Rhett Rountree**

From Adeline & Mark Glidewell

In honor of **Camille O'Neill**

From Kathryn Levitt

In honor of **Diane Boyd**

From Richard & Joyce Zehl

The Endowment Fund

In memory of **Dan Bradley**

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Cindy & Joe Edwards

Karen Payne

Graham & Mark Solana

In memory of

Dan Bradley

Dick Wallace

From Fred & Lynne Bozeman

In memory of

Anne Chaddock Donegan

From Cindy & Joe Edwards

In memory of **Walter Thomas**

From Paul & Debra Mamalakakis

In memory of **Anne & Charles Holley**

From Jim & Karen Pannell

The Capstone Project/Building Fund

In memory of

Dick Wallace

From Adrienne Tietz

In memory of

Charles Holley

William Dickens McCorkle

Daniel Bradley

Dick Wallace

From Gail & Mickey Rountree

Honduran Mission Fund

In Honor of

Jake Coakley

From

George Coakley, Peter Coakley
and Hank Coakley

Monumental Music

In memory of

Daniel Royal

From

Lucinda Schultz

Joan & Joe Gamble

In memory of

Dan Bradley

From Dr. Greg & Molly Colbath

In memory of

Suzette Wall

From Jo & Joe Gamble

In memory of

Charles Holley

From Don & Cler Cole



Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

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Merry Makers

Join the Merry Makers for the breakfast buffet at Western Sizzlin on Monday, June 9 at 10 am. The restaurant is located at 230 US 80 in Pooler. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Questions? Call Carolyn Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.



Greeters Needed

At the request of the Task Force on Aging, we are adding additional greeters to serve at the doors on Wayne Street and Gordon Street. They are especially needed to aid those who need assistance in entering our building. To cover both services for a year, we need 48 new volunteers. Greeters would serve for 40 minutes—from thirty minutes before the service until ten minutes after the service begins. If you are willing to serve at either service, please contact Carolyn Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.



Wesley Gardens Retreat

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Gardening Volunteers Needed

Would you enjoy working outdoors in a prayerful environment? Individual or group volunteers are needed to help maintain the grounds and gardens. Tasks include pulling moss and weeds, raking leaves, trimming azaleas, and keeping the marsh edge clean. Email micah@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.

Fourth Friday Retreats: June 27

♦ 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 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 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Cancelled. Will resume in July.



A FEW RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...

- + We hosted the Oak & Orange Retreat for homeschool mothers from the Jacksonville area. The 3-day experience combined group spiritual direction, worship, thoughtfully prepared meals, and much-needed rest.
- + Driving all the way from Ohio, a spiritual director guided a ministry couple on a 4-day retreat focused on cultivating a Rule of Life and healthier marriage. The retreat theme was "With God in the Garden," and Wesley Gardens was selected due to our stunning natural environment and emphasis on spiritual formation and gardening.
- + The women of Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) recently finished their 5-day retreat for military widows who flew in from around the country to seek healing in their grief. Through a deepening partnership with TAPS, we will be hosting their retreat 3 times in 2025!



Music

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- ◆ Thank God for **69** 1st - 5th graders who completed choir through the end of the term and received awards Wednesday at the Music Awards Ceremony.
- ◆ Thank God for **63** Joyful Noise children who completed choir through the end of the term and received awards.
- ◆ Thank God for **27** 1st - 5th graders who had perfect attendance in choir from September through May.



Over **60** 1st - 5th grade choristers sang on Mother's Day, surrounding the congregation in the galleries.
"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." - Psalm 34:7



Youth Ministry

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We are so, so excited for the SUMMER! Be sure to follow us on Instagram and BAND to see what we will be up to!



Sunday Afternoons at Wesley Gardens Retreat

On Sundays, we are going to be at Wesley Gardens to have FUN. Middle and High school will be hanging separately while we go out on the boats, have slip n slide wars, and field days! We will leave from the church after the 11:00 service and then go straight to the Gardens. We will eat lunch and then get going. Be sure to sign up for our first two weeks so we can prepare to have enough van space!



Local Mission Week

This year, we are continuing the tradition of a Local Mission week but with a twist! Youth from 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in serving our community for the week of July 21-25. We will be doing different projects, including yard work, serving meals, building, and helping 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 week-long experience. We will have a few college students who will be staying with us the whole week and helping wrangle and serve.



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



2025 Easter Program

