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# THE MONUMENTAL MESSENGER



## Life at Wesley



About 40 members enjoyed painting their own takes on a Moon River sunset during a Sunday afternoon Meet & Mingle at Wesley Gardens! Even the kids were able to get in on the creative fun—they used leaves found around the Gardens to help them paint beautiful butterflies.



Lots of friends joined us at Wesley Gardens for Bible Bingo with Charli while their parents enjoyed Trivia Night with Maggie and the youth.



Summer Fun Daze 2025 at Wesley Gardens Retreat!



During Summer Sunday School for kids, our friends learned all about Psalm 23 and David, the shepherd boy. They enjoyed graham cracker treats with "green pasture" and "still waters" icing along with marshmallow sheep.



Happy Birthday, Ben!





## From Ben's Desk

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## The End of Summer?

It doesn't feel like the end of summer outside, but our calendars tell us it is. August is here, which means schools are preparing to go back into session, vacations are coming to an end, and life is heading back to resume our "school year" ministries. At Wesley, August is a transition month. We will bring our summer programming to a close and prepare for our school year schedule. On August 3, we will hold our final Wesley Gardens Sunday afternoon/evening fellowship, worship, and meal. If you haven't had a chance to come out this summer, we hope you will join us. This year, we plan to have at least one churchwide event each month at Wesley Gardens (October-May).

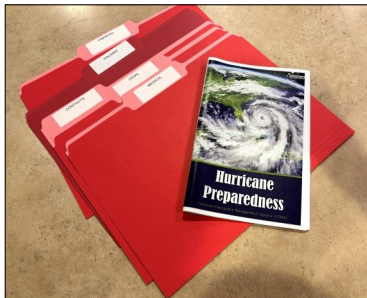
Several events will take place in August as part of our preparation for the fall/winter/spring ministries. On August 17, we will have Promotion Sunday. Our children who are changing classes will move up to their new age-appropriate class that day. It is also a day to "promote" adults getting involved in a Sunday School class. On August 24, we will have a "Step In & Serve Sign-Up Day." We will have all the ministries represented, along with opportunities available to sign up and serve this year. For the month of August, I will be preaching a series of sermons titled "Made to Serve." We will also be signing up for our Wednesday Night program (dinner, children's choirs, youth group, and adult studies), which will begin on September 10.

We look forward to everyone getting back in place and making fellowship, study, worship, and service at Wesley a regular part of your week.



## Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

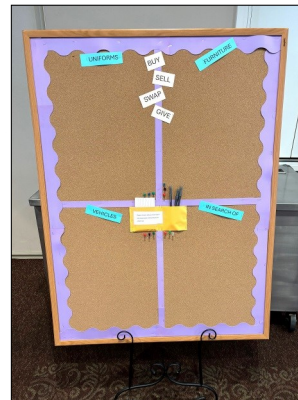
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### Hurricane Preparedness

The Hurricane Preparedness Lunch and Learn was recorded and is now posted on the Wesley Monumental YouTube channel. To view the presentation go to

YouTube.com. Search for Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, and click on the Hurricane Preparedness program. The paperwork packet that goes with the presentation is available in the church office. It would be helpful to have the packet before you watch the presentation. Question? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.



### Wesley Community Bulletin Board—Buy, Sell, Trade, or Give!

A Wesley Community Board is now located in the Fellowship Hall. It is a space to share information about items you would like to buy, sell, trade or give to other members of our church family. With the start of

school upon us, this would be a great place to rehome school uniforms your children can no longer use. As you downsize, you may have furniture to rehome. You might want to sell a car. There is a section of items you are searching for. Feel free to use, but please do not use the board for your yard sale items. Questions? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, 912-308-3385.



### Save the Date for Meet & Mingle Potluck Night

The next Meet and Mingle Community Potluck Night is September 28. We are looking for hosts. If you would like to welcome some of your neighbors into your home for the evening, please see or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385. You would provide the place and the drinks. The church will provide the paper goods, and the participants will bring all of the food.







## 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 remain with Charli on the second floor for Children's Worship. Questions? Please email [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org).



### That's a wrap on Summer Fun Daze 2025 at Wesley Gardens!

We had an awesome week learning more about how God made the world and everything in it through science, food, and art. We're already looking forward to next year.



### Family Fun Day at Wesley Gardens!





## Evangelism & Missions

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## Welcome New Members!

We are thankful the following joined during June. Our August New Member Class will be Sundays, August 10 and 17, at 9:45 a.m. both Sundays. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.



### Christina Bryan & Allen Parker

Christina and Allen are engaged to be married. Already, they attend Wednesday Night Supper and Bible study, as do their Shepherds. Christina has a grown daughter and son, and Allen has two sons. He is from Effingham County and was a member of Springfield United Methodist Church, where Ben Martin was his pastor. Allen is a compliance engineering manager at Gulfstream. Christina likes reading and history.

*Shepherds: Grace Sotomayor-Mantri and Dipanjan Mantri*



### Ellen & Adam Grody

Ellen and Adam were married at Isle of Hope United Methodist Church. Ellen grew up in Savannah, and her maiden name is Skeadas, as she is the daughter of Elizabeth and Johnny

Skeadas. When Ellen was a child, her future Shepherd, Mehmet Ergul, was her fifth-grade soccer coach! Adam works at Guerry Lumber Company.

*Shepherds: Kimberly and Mehmet Ergul*



### Madeleine (Maddie) Hoss

Maddie is an attorney at Oliver Maner, specializing in county and municipal defense. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law in 2024, along with both her Shepherds. Maddie is

from Cumming, GA, and she enjoys tennis and reading.

*Shepherds: Copeleenn and Lucas Iddings*



### Allee & Nolan Williams & daughter, Marjie

Both Allee and Nolan are from the Atlanta area, and their daughter, Marjie, turned one on July 12. Allee and Nolan are both graduates of Georgia

Tech: she is an electrical engineer with Palmetto Electric, and he is a civil engineer with Robinson Design Engineers.

*Shepherds: Lauren and Jon To*

*Marjie's Shepherd: Maya To*



### Susan & Stephen Keeling

Susan and Steve moved to Savannah from Fayetteville, NC, where they were members of Haymarket United Methodist Church. They have a grown daughter, two grown sons, and

five grandchildren. Now they are retired and live on Wilmington Island, but Steve served 30 years in the Army and then 15 years as a civilian employee of the Army. He even served at Hunter Army Airfield.

*Shepherds: Cindi and Bob Bittel*



### School Supplies for Urban Hope

Please drop off in the box located in the Oliver Hall lobby. Needed are:

- Microban spray
- Clorox wipes
- Dry-erase markers
- First-grade composition books (the bound type with lined pages)

### Prayer Partners

Thank you for praying for 79 children in the Urban Hope and refugee ministry and for providing all the school uniforms for your Prayer Partner children.

### Beat the Heat at Bible Study!

All are welcome:

- **Young Mothers' Bible Study**, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., "Hot Summer, Hot Mamas: Anger in the Bible," nursery provided.
- **Thursday Noon Bible Study Via Zoom**, noon to 12:30 p.m., "All about Paul," Ephesians.



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





## Evangelism & Missions Cont.

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## A Month Full Of Service & Adventure in Honduras!

Report from Wesley members Melinda & Newman Smith



"Seems like this past month has flown by with all of the activity going on here in Honduras with Mission On The Move! We hosted two volunteer teams in June. Both teams completed big projects for the local elementary school that partners with MoM.

The team from FBC Carrollton installed playground equipment for both the primary grades and the kindergarten. This adult and youth team worked hard moving pre-built playground equipment into place on-site, digging the 4 or 6 foot holes for each section of equipment, and footing each piece in concrete. While it took the entire week, I'm not sure who had a harder time that week -

the team hard at work...or the children who had to wait for it to be done. On the Thursday that the pieces were dedicated and opened to the children, the joy on their faces and their excitement as they headed to the new playground made the entire week of hard work worthwhile. And the teenagers that worked so hard during the week and played just as hard with the children on Thursday, left for home knowing that their work would be appreciated for years to come.



The team from Springfield Oaks Church took on the task of painting the classrooms used by kindergarten students. These rooms definitely needed sprucing up and Springfield Oaks was up to the task. Bright beautiful colors awaited them in gallon cans - hot pink, bright blue, jungle green and sunshine yellow. We are in the tropics, after all! Wall prep/priming took a day, first coats took a full day and second coats/touch up/cleanup took the third day. And while most of the team was focused on this big part of the project, there was a smaller group that focused on touching up the murals on the back walls of each room. The murals were created by a local artist in the area, and both kindergarten teachers were adamant that the murals remain in place. So this smaller group took on the painstaking work of using small pints of paint to update the intricate trees that bloom in each of these rooms.

And we all know that no mission trip is complete without a bit of local color, so each team also had the chance to see some of the beauty of Honduras while they were here - visiting beautiful Lake Yojoa and enjoying the waterfalls and zip line at Parque Pulhapanzak.

With another month to go, Newman and I are so happy to partner with the teams that serve this community of children - it is a constant pleasure to watch them grow educationally and spiritually through the efforts of MoM in the community of Santa Elena. And we can't wait to share with you what's in store in July for Mission on the Move!"



### Learning Cursive Writing at the Boys and Girls Club

Thanks to Sheila Pedigo and Becky West, both of whom have beautiful penmanship, who have been teaching a summer Cursive Writing Class at the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club. Bill Glenn is the liaison from the church to the Club. Presently needed for fall are sewing teachers weekly any day of your choice Monday through Friday between 3 and 6 p.m. Sewing machines and material are provided. Please contact Bill, [bglenn56@gmail.com](mailto:bglenn56@gmail.com), or Nelle Bordeaux, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net), for more information.





## Wesley Gardens Retreat

During the July 13 Sunday afternoon Meet and Mingle at the Gardens, Property Manager Micah Sprunger shared the early history of Wesley Gardens from the 1930s to the 1960s.



On July 7, Spiritual Director Christian Swails led the Wesley Staff in a brainstorming session during their annual Staff Retreat.



Painting a Moon River sunset during the June 15 Meet and Mingle at the Gardens.





## Music

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## Children's & Youth Choirs Begin September 10th!



Choirs for three-year-olds through 12th graders begin again the beginning of September. Three-year-old through 5th grade on Wednesday evenings with optional dinner, and 6th -12th grade on Sunday evenings also with dinner. Look for a registration link soon!



We pray for everyone to have a great start back to school.

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

*In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."* Proverbs 3:5-6



## Memorials & Honors

**August 2025**

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

### Music Endowment Fund

In memory of  
**Richard "Dick" Wallace**  
From  
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Carolyn Donovan

### Music Endowment Fund Cont.

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### The Capstone Project/ Building Fund

In memory of  
**Dan Bradley**  
**Dick Wallace**  
From  
JoAnne  
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## Messenger Monthly Spotlight



### *Youth Mission Trip*

From July 9 to 16, several youth and adult leaders from Wesley Monumental traveled to Tapachula, Mexico, to serve children involved with Mission on the Move, whose parents are in prison.

The youth participants included Ben and Luke Whitaker, Charlie Glidewell, Haden Yost, and Michael Cooler. The adult leaders were Sheila and Skip Watts, Glen Doki, Heather Whitaker, and Maggie Hatchett.