

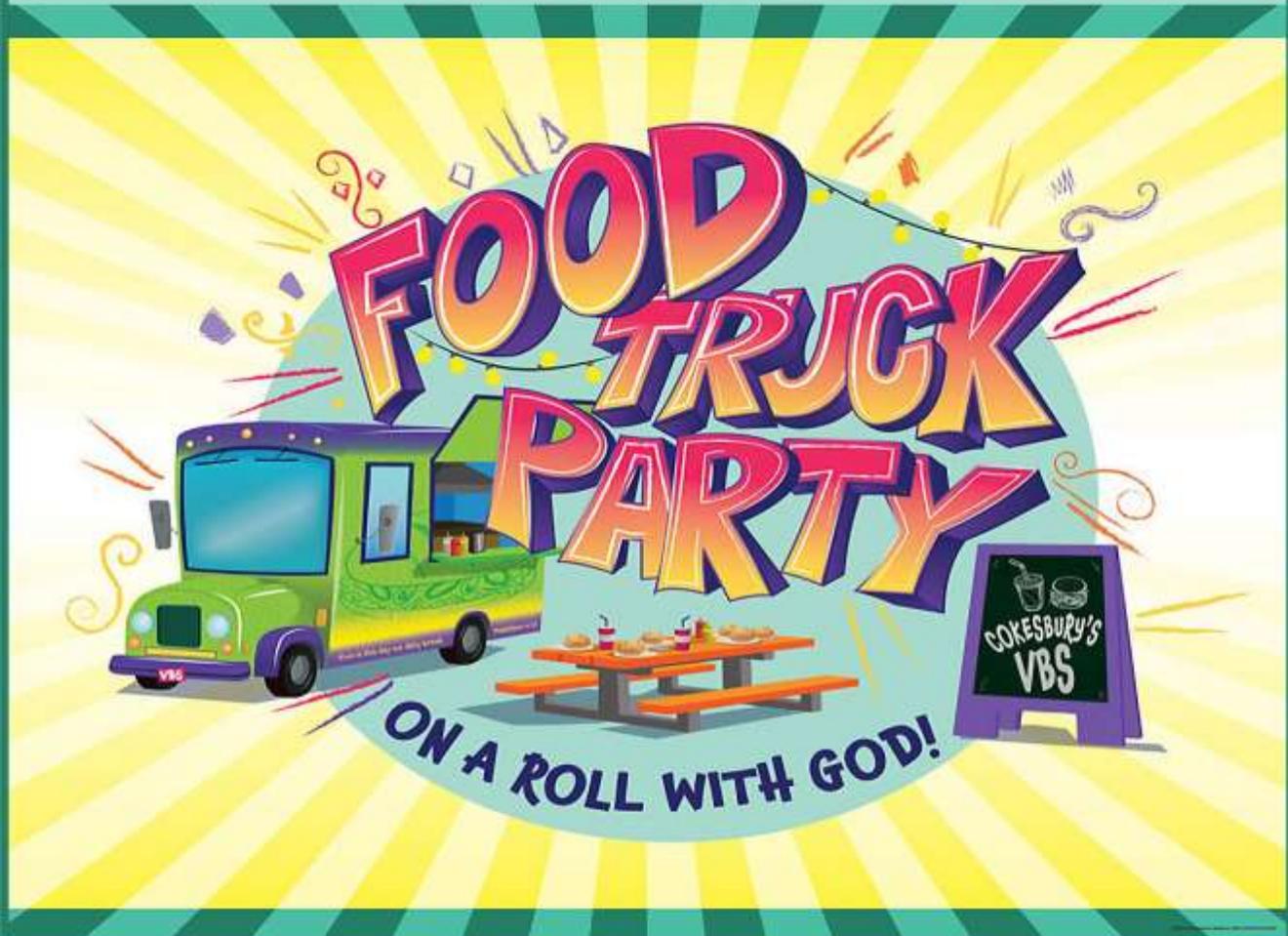


The Asbury Update

June 2022

Asbury Memorial
Church
Rev. Billy Hester
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351 or e-mail us at church@asburymemorial.org.

June

1st Liz Sprague

2nd Jan Durham

Amy Povie

3rd Catherine Gilbert

Colin Harrison

Betty Perry

4th DJ Armstrong

Gail Lange

5th Kathy Hodges

Vic King

7th Martha Barnes

8th Anne Hagan

Lila West

9th Erin Dalton

Charles Ennis

Chuck Long

Tom Nease

Savanna Walker-

Triplett

10th Allie Barnes

Caleb Deffley

11th Lora Gunsallus

Adel Karam

Carol Walls

13th Carol Anderson

Susan Smith

15th Amanda

Arnsdorff

16th Ruth Foster

Susan Harrison

17th Janet Arango

18th Wendy

Ciccodicola

Phil Pinault

Claire Reeve

19th Scott McCoy

Robert Smith

20th Joe Richards

23rd Bubba Hughes

Cole Via

24th Jane Stout

25th Barbara Beam

Debbie Eason

26th Spencer Luke

27th Fay Carroll

Callie Downing

28th Barbara Gooby

Collis West

Cory West

29th Sandy Hoecherl

Joan Lee

Nicholas Lindsay

30th Gordon Baker

Russ Kirks

Pam Walker



June

2nd Phil & Suzanne Devlin

3rd Jack & Carolyn Lewis

6th Ross & Natalie Munro

9th Callie Downing & Ken Hardigan

9th Colin & Jackie Stewart

10th Doug & Amy Povie

11th Tim & Mary Ann Barnes

11th Carole & Ross Warfield

12th Lauren Dutko & Richard Kay

12th Alexis & Emily Gage

14th David & Kathryn Murph

21st Jan & Richard Wright

22nd Sam & Barbara Ruggere

26th Curtis & Cindy Hanks

26th Don & Gloria Stahle

27th Cheri & Billy Hester

28th Steve & Rhonda Reed

29th Vic King & Amanda Arnsdorff

30th Lora Gunsalles & Kelly McDaniel

Big Coffee Hour Sunday, June 5th



On the first Sunday of the month, we encourage folks to bring food to share with others at Coffee Hour after the service. Please drop off food items in the kitchen when you arrive at church. Thanks!



DISARM HEARTS
FORGE PEACE
CULTIVATE JUSTICE

BEATING GUNS

A Savannah Alliance of Pastors Event
Supporting Gun Violence Prevention Awareness

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

First African Baptist Church

23 Montgomery Street, Savannah, GA (Franklin Square)



PROGRAM BY SHANE CLAIBORNE

Gather at First African Baptist Church at 1:00 pm.



Rev. Sharon
Risher

Survivor testimonies featuring Rev. Sharon Risher, music by Huxsie Scott, and spoken word by Block by Block's youth artists.



Move to the forge at Franklin Square for a call to end gun violence. Survivors are invited to beat a gun into a garden tool with the help of a blacksmith.



Meet and greet with participants.



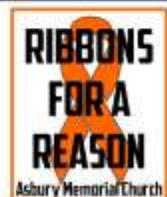
Grief counselors will be on hand.



Huxsie
Scott

WEAR ORANGE TO SHOW SUPPORT

Shane will preach at Asbury Memorial Church Sunday, June 5, at 11:15 am.





ASBURY MEMORIAL / WESLEY OAK
STEPHEN MINISTRY

Life after Loss

Tools for the Journey

A GRIEF SEMINAR
HOLLAND MORGAN
Retired Bereavement Counselor

JUNE 18, 2022
10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

This two-hour seminar will help to break the silence and destroy the myths about grief.

We will explore what it means to live with grief, to find meaning in the midst of suffering, and offer specific tools for coping.

Our conversation will be considered confidential by all who attend.

Reserve your place at 912.233.4351



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Congratulations

Congratulation to Amy Povie for being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Coastal Middle School.

Congratulations to Sam Povie for being selected to rehearse and perform with members of the Savannah Philharmonic in a concert in May.

Congratulations to Sarah Povie for playing on the official UGA Athena Ultimate Frisbee team. They won the area, district, region, and conference titles, and will compete for the national championship in Milwaukee on May 26—30! Let's hope it will be televised.

Congratulations to the Povie family!!!!



Godly Play

Montessori style of learning the Bible Stories

Godly Play is back during the 11:15 am worship service for Children K—5th grades!

Nursery care is available beginning at 10:00 am.



Congregational Meeting
Sunday. June 5th
at 11:15 am
As part of the Worship Service



ENTER the first GRADY MILLS



DESSERT BAKING CONTEST

July 10, 2022
(during Coffee Hour)



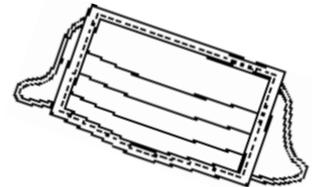
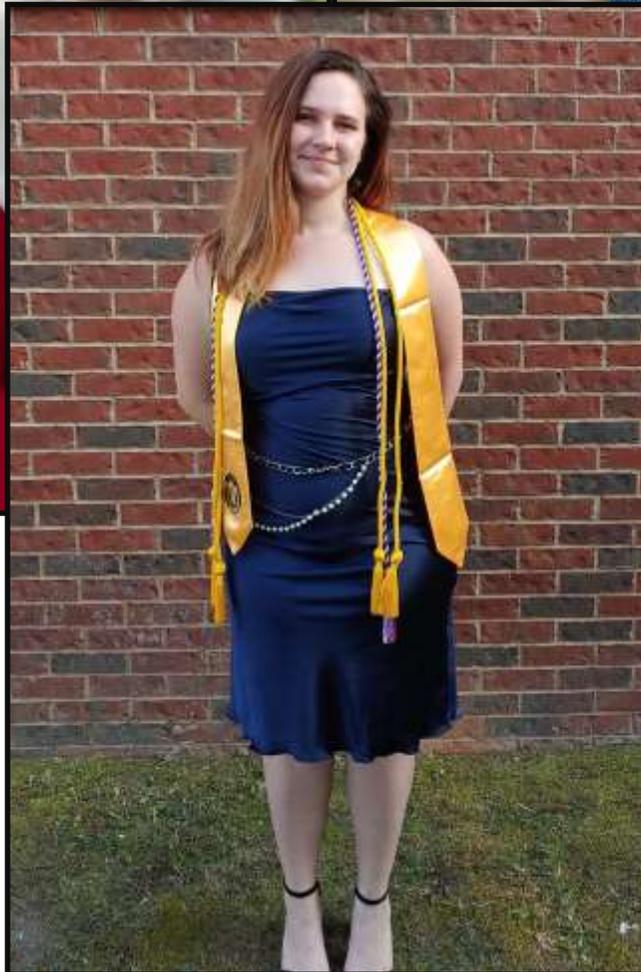
FIRST, SECOND, & THIRD
PLACE AWARDS FOR
TASTE & PRESENTATION

\$5 ENTRY FEE
(Benefits the Hospitality Team)

The contest is limited to 25 entries.
Those over 25 will be first on the list
for the next contest.

- Send your name, along with the name of your dessert to Ray Ellis at (rellis101@gmail.com) by July 8th (please indicate if your dessert contains nuts).
- On the morning of the event, bring your entry to Holliday Hall by 10:30 a.m.
- Do not submit desserts with frozen ingredients – the church does not have freezer facilities to keep them fresh.

The Class of 2022



Unstoppable

Janeece Armstrong



Graduate of Arbor View High School

College Choice—Howard University

Majoring in Health Science



Kate Perry



Graduate of Herschel V. Jenkins High School

College Choice—TBD



Lila West



Graduate of Long County High School
College Choice—Georgia Southern University
Major—Sociology



James Maddox



Graduate of Cedar Shoals High School
Honor Graduate
College Choice—SCAD
Major—Game Development & Design

College Graduates of 2022

Rachel Ann Anderson



**Graduate of Georgia Southern University
B.S. in Nursing**

College Graduates of 2022

Carlton Angell



Graduate of Brevard College
Degree in Business & Organizational Management
with a Focus in Strategic Management, minor in
Environmental Science

College Graduates of 2022

Carlyn Rose Autry



Graduate of University of Georgia
Degree in Social Work
Will pursue Masters in Social Work

College Graduates of 2022

Liam Foster



Graduate of University of Georgia
Degree in English Literature—Major
Minor in Spanish

College Graduates of 2022 Haley E. Herold



Graduate of Georgia Southern University
Degree in Science with a Major in Rehabilitation
Sciences - Minor in Chemistry—Summa Cum Laude
Will be pursuing a Masters in Medicine

College Graduates of 2022

Abigail Jenkins



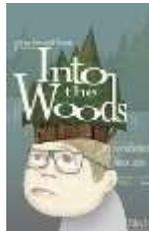
Graduate of Georgia Southern University
Degree in International Studies—Major
Minor in Spanish—Summa Cum Laude
Will pursue a Masters in Political Science &

College Graduates of 2022

Chloe Lynch



Graduate of University of Georgia
Masters in Agricultural & Environment Education



Asbury and Wesley Oak members and friends,

Asbury Memorial Theatre is making plans for future productions,
and we need your help.

We want to choose shows and venues that are great for you, so please
complete a short survey for us.

Just cut and paste the link below into your internet browser and it will open the
survey. Complete it and submit. The results will come automatically to us. We
will tabulate the results in late June and report our findings to
you later this year.

Also, we will have some exciting news about a play coming to Asbury Memorial
Church in September. So check the monthly newsletters and listen to the
announcements from the pulpit on Sundays this summer for more information.
And thanks so much for completing the survey.

Here's the link:

<https://forms.gle/URgtZqm8wmGr9P3v6>

Tom Lewis, AMT Board President



Have you missed that beautiful opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday mornings? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. Thank you for your gifts!

Mail:

Mail your contribution by check to:
Asbury Memorial Church
1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401



Website:

Log on to our website:
www.AsburyMemorial.org

Click on



Complete the form as directed.

You can set it up to be a recurring donation!

Text Giving:

From your mobile phone:
Send your contribution amount to 912-307-3206
Donate anytime, anywhere
Use easy debit/credit card registration
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring



Church Office:

Call the church office at 912.233.4351

Both our Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair would also want to remind you,
“It is NEVER too late to make and pay a pledge!”

Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

Asbury Memorial offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups.

We are excited about the rich and varied opportunities for adult study and fellowship, some via Zoom. We hope that you will join in one or more of the programs.

Adult Ministries 10 o'Clock Hour & Wednesday Night Programs

10 o'Clock Hour will return in the fall.

Stay tuned, a Wednesday Night program is being developed as we go to press!

Wisdom Seekers

Mondays, 1:30—3 pm

The group will reconvene on June 6th to determine what their choice of a book, movie, podcast, or video the group prefers. One thing for sure the group loves the honest, compassionate conversations that come up when they get together. Any questions about the group email Margaret Clay at margaretclay@comcast.net.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Men's Group

June 2nd will start yet another iteration of our discussion and fellowship. We have elected to continue to meet via Zoom as several of our members are no longer located in convenient distances from Asbury. However, this does not mean we do not see each other as we just had a luncheon at the Wyld Dock Restaurant.

If you're looking for a group of men where **sharing is a major part of the gathering** then just join in the Thursday Zoom or contact me. We have a full range of life's experiences – 12 Step programs, divorce, career changes, multiple jobs, and location changes. If you have had any of these challenges or others - you are MOST welcome. We're not here to solve, rather to listen and learn.

This month we begin our new format - individual "check in" (sharing) and then discussion. The discussion will revolve around a topic which is determined by the week's guide (a group volunteer). Our topics may include a book you have read, a current event - preferably not political, a theological point, Scripture, or a God moment. The group also decided that we will not have a topic every week rather we will include, at least once a month, a plain fellowship Thursday – where we all try to talk at once. Zoom Meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, Passcode: Asbury

June's weekly schedule includes: June 2nd—fellowship, June 9 & 16 discussion, June 23—fellowship, June 30 – discussion.

Please join in!! Bill

Should you have questions please contact Bill Jahn at vijahn@gmail.com or Preston Hodges at prestonhodgesjr@gmail.com.

Course in Miracles

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh

Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:30 pm

The Course in Miracles study group is dedicated to the study and practical application of A Course in Miracles to our daily lives. Our group allows the Course to guide us in becoming and expressing the Love that is the truth about us. It teaches the true meaning of forgiveness and challenges us to put God first in our lives. If you are interested, contact Rev. Marilyn Leigh at revleigh@yahoo.com.



Greetings, Asburians!

As our ability to interact in person may be limited, we need to remember that we are not alone: that we are still a vibrant faith community and God is present in the messiness of our lives to love us, lead us and witness our daily strife and pleasures.

Here are some ways to stay connected and some comforting resources:

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialsavannah/> and the Church's webpage: www.asburymemorial.org

Worship on Sundays

July 4th, 2021, we began our 11:15 AM in-person worship with relaxed worship guidelines. RESERVATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE ARE NOT REQUIRED. We will ask you to register your attendance at the door. Online services may be accessed from: <https://vimeo.com/event/1061155>

Online Devotionals

From our own Methodist tradition is the Upper Room which can be seen online here: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>



WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to George & Laura Lindsay, Betty Hunter, Kim & Steve Johnson, Joan Byrd, the Hunter, Hester & Ciccodicola families in the death of their close friend, Marie Winters.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Carrie Collins in the death of her cousin, Robert Ware.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Tina Austing in the death of her husband and Asbury member, Neil Austing.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Amy Jenkins and Payton & David Harn in the death of Amy's Mama and Payton & David's Nanny, Margaret Odom.*

MEMORIALS

*A Gift has been given to the Emergency Fund by Catherine Gilbert & Sandy Golden
in memory of Grady Mills*

*A Gift has been given to the Property Fund by Joan Byrd in memory of
Stephen Heine Butler
Rev. Grable Page
Rev. Grady Mills
Pete Vasta*

*A Gift has been given to the Property Fund by Anne & Jim Green in memory of
Marie Winters*

*A Gift has been given to the Property Fund by Debbie MacLeod & Diane deCordova
in memory of Peter deCordova*

*A Gift has been given to the Choir Fund by Wendy & Pat Ciccodicola
in memory of Ozella Walker*

*A Gift has been given to the Stephen Ministry Fund by Wendy & Pat Ciccodicola
in memory of Judy Isriel*

*A Gift has been given to the Youth Fund by Wendy & Pat Ciccodicola
in memory of Marie Winters*

*A Gift has been given to the Children's Ministry Fund by Jerry, Linda & Jenkins Davis
in memory of Rev. Grady Mills*



As of April
2022

YTD Budgeted Contributions **\$255,223.21**

Actual Year-To-Date Expenses **\$241,590.63**

Actual Year-To-Date Contributions **177,039.86**

Average Worship Attendance **309**
(combined in person and online)

Activities for June Recap

***Saturday, June 4th
Beating Guns***

***Sunday, June 5th
Congregational Meeting
during worship***

***Monday through Friday,
June 12-17
Vacation Bible School***

***Saturday, June 18
Life after Loss Grief Seminar***

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

DiAnne Amerson, Ann Anderson, Valori Armstrong, Gordon Baker, Marcia Budarz, Fay Carroll, Anita Clay, Marty Coolidge, Gretchen Dodd, Helen Downing, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Bob Francischetti, Tyler Gage, Sherry Giddens, Ellie Gonye, Marlon Harman, Chase Harrison, Roy Hill, Virginia Holliday, Bill Jahn, Dale Karacostas, Judith Kessler, Ernie Lee, Jack Lewis, Cheryl Loose, Marion Manigo, Michael Matheny, Scott McCoy, Robert McEwen, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, James Mullins, Marie Parker, Pam Parker Kress, Scott Porch, Mary Prokop, Frank Ramsey, Lindsey Rogers, Roberta Smith, Tina Smith, Robert Smith, Tim Steinhauser, Cabell Stewart, Sharon Tarlano, Beverly Vasta, Kenn Waters, Diane Williamson

Family Members & Friends

Adam Alani, Dorothy Allen, Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Max Clements, Jennifer Despres Corey, Linda Cowart, Sara Driggers, Dan Goff, Samantha Garcia, Twumwa Grant, Priscilla Hearn, Tom Hendrick, Lindsay Kessler, Walt Kress, Kim Lewis, Mary Jane Lundberg, Jennifer Payne, Fredia Peggs, Geral Pinault, Steve Ray, Brianna Reeves, Joanne Rowley, Neola Walker, Bonnie & Glynn Zimmerman

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Return Service Requested

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$60. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

Special Funds

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to some of our **different funds such as the Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family & Children's Ministries Fund, Youth Ministry Fund, Laura Angell Scholarship Fund, Pet Memorial Fund** or one of our Mission Funds.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to church@asburymemorial.org
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

Mission Statement:

Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.



WESLEY OAK LEAF

June 2022



The first weekend in June will be an exciting one of justice work, conferencing, fellowship, and worship! Saturday, June 4th, we will gather for the BEATING GUNS event, and on PENTECOST SUNDAY, June 5th, we will gather to worship at Wesley Oak, then Asbury Memorial; And then enjoy atime at a **BIG COFFEE HOUR** at Asbury.

AUGUST ALDERMAN will bring the morning message on June 5th at Wesley Oak from the Book of RUTH. Following the service, we are all invited to caravan over to Asbury Memorial for our first joint worship service to hear **SHANE CLAIBORNE** speak and then to fellowship at a **BIG COFFEE HOUR**.

Sunday, June 12th, the **YOUTH GROUP** from Asbury Memorial will be leading the worship service at Wesley Oak. **CHRIS KINCADE** will bring the morning message. **BETH TYSON** will be serving with the youth in the service as well.

On Sunday, June 19th, we will have a special time for Father's Day celebration and continue our journey of days after Pentecost. On this Father's Day Sunday the Jehoidah Chest funds will go toward the Children's Ministry at Wesley Oak.

JJ COLLINS will bring the morning message on June 26th, and we look forward to celebrating on this day of summer and all the exciting things that are happening in and around the communities of Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial .



DURING THE SUNDAYS OF JUNE, LET US COME TO CHURCH EACH WEEK WITH SOME CANNED GOODS AND DRY GOODS, ALONG WITH DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Children & Youth
Events are happening.....

Godly Play on Sundays during worship! 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group on Sunday afternoons!

Vacation Bible School
is coming in June!

If you are interested in serving
children, youth, or both,
come on Events are happening here!

IN THE GARDEN



The garden is planted and continues to be planted and plants are growing and glowing with the morning dew! We are looking forward to days of harvest, but it is quite lovely now to be amidst the growing plants. The Joy Cottage Garden is gradually getting back to not only growing things but also to being a gathering place for all to enjoy quiet time, fellowship, and special dining times.

Earth Day, May 22nd, reminded us to give thanks for the earth's bountiful goodness. *"All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres!"* May we hold the earth in our prayers and work even more to care for her through acts of conservation and recycling. Perhaps you may enjoy spending some time serving in the Joy Cottage Garden! Get your gloves and hat on and find your row!

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COLLINS CORNER

Don't You Forget About YOU.

We all get busy. Too busy. I know I'm guilty of packing my plate way too full at times... but, I'm learning some valuable lessons with scheduling smarter and not harder. I tend to put more pressure on myself than I should, and that results in less self care. Do you put everyone and everything else first? Do you overload your schedule and hope that there will be some time to relax eventually? I feel like this is a fairly common practice that needs some adjustment.

In all that busyness, we need to remember that WE personally need time in the schedule. Maybe that starts by doing something that brings you joy. What's important to you? Are you giving that enough time or compromising what makes you happy? What do you love about yourself? What do others love about you? Are you able to look in the mirror and give yourself a compliment?

I think it builds self worth and confidence to see the value in yourself. It may seem cocky or selfish to some people, but we really don't take enough time to appreciate what we bring to the world. We all have gifts and it's important to acknowledge our contributions...even if just to ourselves.

I know plenty of people who are kind hearted and live a true life of service. They never complain, they stay busy, and they hardly rest. They bring so much, and deserve self care time. They need time to focus on themselves, be grateful for the gifts they share AND know they need to recharge to be their best version.

So, maybe live in Me-ville more often. Just visit it now and then...know you are amazing, talented, kind, worthy, beautiful, handsome, sweet, loved and cherished. To yourself and so many others...

Love you!

PC

The Class of 2022



Laurel Killough

Graduate of Islands High School

Valedictorian and Honor Graduate

College Choice—Agnes Scott



Edan Killough

Graduate of Islands High School

Honor Graduate

College Choice—Georgia Southern University



Ethan Jacob

Graduate of Savannah Arts Academy

College Choice—Georgia Southern University

IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly... | Thessalonians

April Hendrix and family, Abbie Loftice and family, the Justice events next month,
Bubba Hughes, Dave Thompson, UKRAINE and all who are in the wake of war & suffering,
Barbara Gilley, Carol Schwalbe, John Marich, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick, Mike Chase,
Unspoken need for healing, Gloria Moses, McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram,
Rene Smith, Sydja Trice, Michael McDaniel, Jack Donker, Beverly Drake,
George and Barbara Irvin, Eddie Aenchbacher, Fran and Arlene Moore,
Jimuel Gray and family Andrew Brown, Carter Cummins, Sunny Kirby, Cassie Watson,
William Cooley, Jack Cooley, John Sheehan, Dylan Moore, Magaly O'Donnell,
Zoe Simpson, Martha Aenchbacher, Bonnie Trammell, Julius and Mary Cooley,
Forsyth Farmer's Market, Kacey Mayes, nephew of Tracy and Monty Osborn

Vickie Hudson address for mail: C/O Southern Manor Retirement Inn,
1532 Fair Road, Room 13, Statesboro, Georgia, 30458

Prayer request cards are found on the back of the pews. Place in the offering plate!



THUNDERBOLT COMPOST PILOT
3124 EAST VICTORY DRIVE
WESLEY OAK COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE

SIGN UP AT compost.com and begin actively caring for the earth through collecting food waste that will get it out of landfill and sewage drains to help filter/conserves water, decrease/remediate chemicals, decrease greenhouse gases, sequester carbon, and replenish growing medium for our food cycle. Free drop off station in the garden by the Joy Cottage!



PASTORAL CONCERNS

If there is a concern, and you need to speak with Reverend Drake during the week, please call the church office, 352-0844, or 656-1974.

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Lynn Drake, Pastor

JJ Collins, Director of Music

PC Collins, Property and Administrative Assistant

Wesley Oak Church

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Email: wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org

NEW EMAIL INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH AND CHURCH STAFF

Wesley Oak email address: wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org

PC Collins, Church Administrator, will receive all emails to the church and will pass vital information on to staff and to the congregation. To email Reverend Drake: lynnadrake@gmail.com