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**YOUTH N.O.W.**

**NIGHT OF WORSHIP**

**FRIDAY | JANUARY 4TH | 7pm - 8pm**  
**SKIDAWAY ISLAND UMC - Bailey Hall**

**6TH - 12TH GRADERS - START THE NEW YEAR AS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS!**

*Notes from Hale...*

Back in 1922, the archaeologist Howard Carter was out of money and time as he searched for the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamen. Then a worker discovered stairs leading into the earth. After quick excavation they found a door and when Carter finally peered in, he was amazed. A partner in the dig called to him, "Can you see anything?" Carter replied "Yes, wonderful things."

As we look to 2019, as we peer into the future a bit, what is it we see? I see the hope of a bright new beginning, the prospect of greater things, and the excitement of God's continued blessing in our lives. In this past year we talked about the opportunity for each of us to GROW. You may recall that GROW is a mnemonic. "G" is our gaining of faith in all areas, our beginnings. "R" is when we refine our faith, making in ours. "O" is owning of our faith, developing it into a deeper walk. And, "W" is walking that faith into the world in our words and deeds.

I look to the new year as an opportunity. I can see amazing things as we take up the call to GROW ever deeper in faith. I am working on a poem as I think of this coming year. I hope it gives us a sense of the opportunity we have as we begin 2019.

**"New Year 2019"**

The future is coming, drawing ever near  
 Gone the opportunities of the last year  
 To seek to be more as through life we all advance  
 Let us walk with Christ, let us strive to take the chance

New beginnings and now starting afresh  
 Asking that Christ in our lives now enflesh  
 Reach closer to living with Him each day  
 Loving more deeply as we walk His way

The hope of the future is surely bright  
 God's love prevails overcoming the night!  
 Gaining more depth as in faith I walk  
 Walking in love not just so much talk

Bless us one and all this new year  
 God's love will always call us near  
 Rejoice in His name as the bells ring  
 Each breath we take of His glory we sing!

Blessings on the New Year!  
 Rev. Hale Bishop

**CONNECT WITH US ONLINE...**

[www.SIUMC.org](http://www.SIUMC.org)  
 (Visit to see weekly events, RSVP for  
 Wednesday dinners, and more!)



[www.facebook.com/skidawayislandumc](http://www.facebook.com/skidawayislandumc)



## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS:

**Elliott & Marilyn Bardsley**  
14 Huntingwood Retreat  
Savannah, Georgia 31411

**Don & Cheryl McVay**  
33 Cotton Crossing W.  
Savannah, Georgia 31411



## THANK YOU

It has been a blessing for me to be your Director of Music Ministries for the last eight months. I appreciate your kindness, support, generosity and warm words of encouragement. I continue to pray that our church and music program will grow and improve. New members are always welcome in the Chancel Choir, Handbell Ensemble, Wesley Choir and Little Mozarts. I am grateful to all who have shared their time and talent making a joyful noise to the Lord.

Soli Deo Gloria. Pax Vobiscum.  
- Paul

## NEW NURSERY MURALS:



## WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTERS LOVE WALK/RUN

Saturday, February 9th  
3.6 mile walk/run • 9:00 am



Come and join others in Wesley Community Centers' most important fund-raising event of the year. As many of you know, Wesley is a Methodist organization that makes a huge difference in the lives of low income and poverty level children, women and families. Wesley's goal for these women and families is self sufficiency, and they are very effective. Money donated helps homeless and low-income families and individuals with preschool education, youth programs, adult education, crisis intervention, and services for women.

This year's event will begin at the Wesley Community Center at 1601 Drayton Street. Come and enjoy a beautiful morning of walking with others through beautiful Savannah and help make a big difference in the lives of others who need a hand up! Let's fill up our church bus! Walkers may find information packets and sign-up sheets in the church office and outside Bailey Hall. Others may donate to this wonderful Methodist agency by making a check payable to SIUMC and writing "Love Walk" in the left bottom corner of your check. For more information, please call Bettie Negley at 596-9616.

## MISSIONS

### UPDATES:

Thank you to all of you who participated in our Missions Market Open house! Through your generosity, we were able to raise over \$8,000 for different agencies. The representatives for the agencies love the time they are able to spend with the congregation and appreciate the additional financial support. The response to Wesley Community Centers needs has been overwhelming! Thank you VERY much!

In January, we will be collecting coats, gloves, hats and any other cold weather paraphernalia. This is your opportunity to clean out those closets! If you prefer, you can purchase new apparel at Sam's or Walmart. ALL AGES AND ANY SIZES are needed. Also, for the next three months we will be collecting Bibles for Coastal Jail Ministry, so please bring any that you no longer use to the church office. Please note that Bibles most be softcover.

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

**Monday**  
10:00 am: Evangelism Meeting  
11:00 am: Staff Meeting  
4:00 pm: Handbell Ensemble

### Tuesday

**Wednesday**  
6:00 pm: Youth Night  
7:00 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

### Friday

Church office closes at noon  
9:00 am: Friday Folders

### Saturday

### Sunday

9:15 am: Chancel Choir Warm-up  
8:30 am: Worship  
10:00 am: Worship  
11:00 am: Coffee Hour  
11:15 am: Sunday School

### Tuesday (1/1)

New Year's Day  
Office Closed

### Wednesday (1/2)

### Thursday (1/3)

### Friday (1/4)

7:00 pm - Youth N.O.W.

### Saturday (1/5)

### Sunday (1/6)

### Monday (1/7)

10:00 am - Alzheimer's Support Group  
3:30 pm - Trustees Meeting

### Tuesday (1/8)

### Wednesday (1/9)

10:00 am - Low Vision Group

### Thursday (1/10)

## January 2019 Calendar

### Friday (1/11)

10:00 am - Baby Bundles

### Saturday (1/12)

### Sunday (1/13)

### Monday (1/14)

9:30 am - Baby Bundles  
3:00 pm - LOVE Mentors

### Tuesday (1/15)

### Wednesday (1/16)

### Thursday (1/17)

### Friday (1/18)

### Saturday (1/19)

### Sunday (1/20)

### Monday (1/21)

### Tuesday (1/22)

### Wednesday (1/23)

3:00 pm - Parkinson's Support Group

### Thursday (1/24)

### Friday (1/25)

### Saturday (1/26)

### Sunday (1/27)

### Monday (1/28)

### Tuesday (1/29)

### Wednesday (1/30)

5:45 pm - Wednesday Night Dinner begins

### Thursday (1/31)

## IMPORTANT CONTROLLER NEWS

### Unknown Stock

If you recently donated shares of Orly stock from Merrill Lynch to the church, please call the church office at 598-8460.

### Stock Transfers

For those of you who donate stock to the church, a form has been developed for you to advise us of the donor, name of stock, number of shares and the broker handling the transfer. Attached to these forms is a list of our designated brokers with account numbers, contacts and phone numbers. These forms are located in the church office and can also be found online at [siumc.org/give](http://siumc.org/give).



**STARTING BACK JAN. 30TH**

Take a pause from cooking and join us on Wednesday nights for a warm meal. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm with a program at 6:15 pm in Bailey Hall. To kick off the new year, Julie Mayville will share about "Minis2Love" and bring her two miniature horses, Huck and Midnight. Children 16 and under eat free and adults are asked to contribute \$8. Reserve your spot online at [www.siumc.org/wnd](http://www.siumc.org/wnd) or call the church office!

Make Christian Education a priority & attend one of our Sunday School classes!



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Open to all. Join us at 11:15 am!*

**The Thorne Class**  
Meets in Room 111

This class utilizes the Adult Bible Study series by Cokesbury and is led by rotating facilitators.

**The Spiritual Growth Class**  
Meets in Room 109

This class will begin a new study in the new year. This is the perfect opportunity to join them!

**The Encouragers Class**  
Meets in the Library

This class will begin the Andy Stanley study, "Ask It" - the question that will revolutionize how you make decisions.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

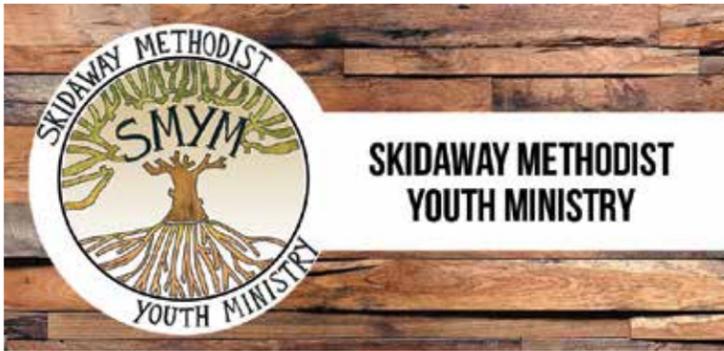
**Little Mozart Choir (PreK)** Meets in Room 103  
Led by Leah Coleman.

**Cherubs (PreK)** Meets in Room 103  
Led by Anna Davis.

**Wesley Choir (K - 5th)**  
Meets in the Choir Loft  
Led by Paul Chant.

**Mighty Kids (Elementary School)**  
Meets Upstairs  
Led by Bettie Negley & Anna Grace Lord.

**Youth (Middle & High School)**  
Meets Upstairs  
Led by Luke Hamner and Jenny Gerrard.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### YOUTH N.O.W. NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Friday, January 4th • Bailey Hall  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Let's come together and worship the Lord at the start of the new year as a community of believers. Open to all 6th - 12th graders, this will be a great time to connect with our peers and to make a new friend, or two. This is a community event - other local churches will be joining us for this fun evening!

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT "JOIN THE JOURNEY"

May 1-3, 2019 • Epworth by the Sea  
5th - 7th grade students • \$60 per student

Confirmation will be held this spring and is open to 5th - 7th grade students. Confirmation is the process for students to learn about what it means to be a Christian and what it means to be a member of a local church. In addition to sessions at SIUMC, our students will participate in the Confirmation Retreat at Epworth by the Sea where we will gather with other students from our conference who are on the same journey. The retreat will include large group gatherings around the church seasons and breakout sessions with topics of grace, United Methodist history and United Methodist lingo as well as Holy Clubs throughout the weekend. To register your student, please contact Luke at [luke@siumc.org](mailto:luke@siumc.org).



## SUPPORT GROUPS

<b>Al-Anon:</b> Mondays 4:00 pm Church Library	<b>AA:</b> Mondays - Saturdays 7:30 am Spiritual Growth Room
<b>Alzheimer's &amp; Other Types of Dementia:</b> Jan. 7th • 10:30 am Thorne Room	<b>Low Vision Group:</b> Jan. 9th • 10:00 am Library
<b>Stroke Survivors:</b> Jan. 17th • 4:00 pm Messiah Lutheran	<b>Parkinson's:</b> Jan. 23rd • 3:00 pm Spiritual Growth Room

## MEMBERS IN RETIREMENT LIVING

<b>The Oaks:</b> Mary Brown, Perri Grumish, Jerry Hanley, Joanne Harman, Janet Heike, Jean Meeker, Tom Potterfield Sally Rowe, Katie Walker, Osgood Willis	<b>The Oaks (Pooler):</b> Doris Fisher <b>Riverview:</b> Mary Bailey <b>Azalealand:</b> Marge Nelson <b>Savannah Square:</b> Frank & Barbara Davis, Walter & Ann Fisch, Curtis & Bette Ireland, Ruth Slugg
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## BRIGHT EYE-DEAS GROUP

Wednesday, January 9th  
Library • 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Bright Eye-deas is a group for those experiencing low vision issues. For this month's meeting, we will be doing a teleconference with Dr. Sally Bliss on "Coping with Vision Loss." Dr. Bliss is a clinical Psychologist and nurse who is experiencing vision loss herself. She is in private practice in the Seattle, WA area and is a former member of our group. We will be able to interact and have discussions with her. We hope you will join us for this interesting experience. If you have any questions, contact Kay Higby at 912-598-9634.

## L.O.V.E. SEEKS NEW MENTORS

The L.O.V.E. mentoring program in ten Savannah Title One schools has been very successful this year. Each week, more than 160 mentors are working with 300 children. Now, as students complete their marking period, more children are being identified as candidates for our program. Mentors spend about one hour each week with an elementary grade student. These children need help with reading, math and learning skills; they look forward to one-on-one attention from a caring adult. No formal experience is required, just a desire to help a child and the willingness to commit to being there regularly. Learn more about our program and download a volunteer form at our website: [www.lovementors.org](http://www.lovementors.org).

**SAVE THE DATE:** An orientation and information meeting will be held for new mentors and those interested in learning more about L.O.V.E. on **Monday, January 14th at 4:00 pm.**

