

## THE FOUNTAIN

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Most congregations have two, maybe three, services that standout and are very special. We, of course, have Easter and Christmas Eve, but you ask anyone to name a special service here at Reid I am sure that you will hear listed, among others, the Kirkin' O' the Tartans. This year's service was so extremely meaningful in that not only did we, as a congregation, have the opportunity to represent our many different clans through the processional of the tartans, but we as a congregation had the opportunity to dedicate ourselves through our financial commitment to our church for the year!











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# The Kirkin' O' The Tarlan & Stewardship Dedication Sunday







A Kirkin' to Remember! by Pastor Nadine

In our children's moment, Joy said our celebration was a "churching of the families," and I agree! The Kirkin' is thoroughly Scottish in theme, but it is also thoroughly about the faithful disciples, the saints and the sinners, the pew sitters and the not-there-so-often ones whom we call our family – our kith and kin of the Kingdom. It's about what binds us as believers, and reminds us of the struggles of our collective ancestors in faith who put their beliefs first and foremost, even when it meant being sent to a foreign land, like Abraham, or finding their way home, like Naomi; even when it meant waiting at the bottom of the mountain for a word, like the people in the desert watching for Moses, or the ones who had to make lives for themselves in Babylon far from their promised land. We are all shaped by these histories – the ancient ones and the ones we are building now for future generations. What will they say about this congregation, this time in history, how will we be remembered?

Well, if our Kirkin' was any indication, it will be remembered as a season of celebration after a long exile of pandemic and unrest, it will be remembered as a time when the faithful lifted up their faces toward God and praised him in the midst of socio-political tug-owars and real wars, it will be remembered as a moment when we held our breath at the end of Amazing Grace taken up by the Spirit to a new height.

And, yes, there is a place for pageantry and tradition in these times and within our church, a place for bagpipes and drums and tartans on flagpoles waving in the breeze as we walk down Walton Way, because in these moments we are declaring our faith to passersby, to the neighbors, to the walkers and joggers and strollers. We are saying: There is something exciting happening here! There is life in this church and in these people of God! There is a spirit of celebration that the world needs to see!



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It may be "just" a special Sunday to us, but in reality, it's far more. It is a time to cast our thoughts back and to launch our dreams forward, particularly as we brought our pledge cards to the table and placed them in the basket. We declared our hope in the future not only of Reid Memorial, but the Church itself, and we were willing to put that in ink, and do so joyfully!

There are many hands, hearts, and minds that went into the planning of the day. We want to thank S.C. Toe, Jay Markwalter, Steve Sanders, Mike Williams, the tartan bearers and tartan wearers, the Aiken Sheriff's Department Pipe and Drum band, the choir, and the Congregational Life Committee, and so many others, including you! But let our first thanks be to God, to whom all glory and honor belong, on the Kirkin' O' the Tartans and every other day, too!

## Until next year, may all our families be blessed in the sure and certain hope we have in our Lord.









## In As Much Day Missions

While we watched the weather intently and bit down our nails, this year's InAsMuch proved to be a beautiful day in more ways than one! We ended up with activities, indoors and out, and scores of volunteers to help across the board. Activities that did get cancelled were, or will be, rescheduled. We asked, and you, the congregation, answered!

The heart of Reid Memorial is not in its beautiful sanctuary or even in the wonderful programs we offer, its in the people – You! Whether you were able to help on the actual day or not, you were a part of our service day because your support helps us make these events possible so that we, in turn, can help our neighbors down in Harrisburg and across the miles in Haiti and Guatemala.



This year we added Heritage Academy to our list and worked with a group of students to paint stairwells and classrooms. We weeded and mulched and removed vines and debris at Westabou Montessori. There were card writers and flower arrangers and food preparers. We helped families in crisis who were staying at Ronald McDonald House and veterans in need at Fisher House. We sent packets to our college students to remind them that we keep them in prayer and look forward to seeing them at the breaks. There were blanket makers and cross painters and book sorters whose efforts will lift spirits across the region. In short, there were signs of the Spirit moving amongst us in ways that may not seem big on the surface, but make a huge difference for the lives they touch.





Of course, most everyone who participated in some way will tell you, they got more out of it than they felt they gave. Little things matter. Home cooked meals and hand-written cards. Going into the neighborhoods and meeting our mission partners. Big changes start with small steps and a willing heart.







Our hope on the Missions Committee is to continue to offer these opportunities to gather in teams and lend a hand throughout the year. Reid Memorial is in a position to be a resource and refuge within a hurting world and a needful community. Our poverty rate is a whopping 23% and literacy levels are low.



There are food deserts and housing insecure folks all around us. And we did help – and, I hope, we will do so again and again, in greater numbers and with more partner organizations as we continue to build relationships. So, if you have a local or regional cause that you feel we should know about, please let the Missions Committee know, and be willing to help us make those important contacts!

So, thank you! Thank you for making InAsMuch a beautiful day and for offering your time and skills to meet needs in and around Augusta. Father Daniel Homan rightly put it in these words: "The biggest obstacle to hospitality is not the state of the world. It is the state of our minds and hearts...Hospitality requires not grand gestures, but open hearts. When I let a stranger into my heart, I let a new possibility approach me, [and] to be blesse[d] through the stranger....[For] in hospitality, the center of gravity lies neither in the host nor in the guest, but in the God of both who is discovered redemptively in the meeting" of the two.

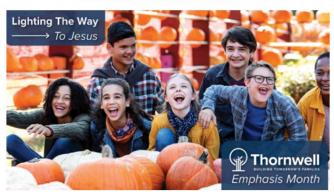
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On behalf of Missions

-REV. NADINE ELLSWORTH-MORAN *Associate Pastor* 





#### November is Emphasis Month

Each November, we highlight the mission of Thornwell to prevent child abuse and neglect, build and reunite families, and support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Founded in 1875 in Clinton, South Carolina, by a Presbyterian minister to care for orphans from the Civil War, Thornwell still cares for children who have experienced trauma, while also providing innovative ministries to strengthen families throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Thornwell's theme this Emphasis Month is "Lighting the Way to Jesus."

One of the ways that Reid supports Thornwell is by encouraging our younger children to fill their Tom Turkeys with coins. Hopefully, members of the congregation will consider making an additional contribution. There will be envelopes in the pew racks which can be used for this purpose, or you can give online at thornwell.org.

Thornwell's services have expanded a great deal over the past decade. Here is a bit of information about the services that Thornwell has to offer now:

Thornwell's unique Continuum of Care allows them to come alongside children and families as an empowering partner to nurture, encourage, enrich, and advocate for them on their journey.

-JEAN MCKNIGHT

Member, Thornwell Board of Trustees

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### **REID YOUTH**

## Thornwell Bags

The biblical imperative behind what we call "InAsMuch Day" comes from Matthew 25:40 "'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." It calls us to look out for all of our fellow humans, but especially the least of these. On InAsMuch Day, we do this in a variety of ways serving our neighbors in local and regional contexts. On this InAsMuch Day, I had the privilege of organizing a service that would benefit the Teaching Parents of Thornwell Children's Home. The teaching parents of Thornwell have an amazing and daunting job of parenting all of the children that pass through the walls of Thornwell: they experience longs nights; they help kids process trauma; they help with daily homework; they share in countless meals and celebrate good times with laughter.

And they, the Teaching Parents, often get overlooked for the job they do, so we took the time to celebrate them by creating bags filled with items that we hoped would bring a smile to their faces and knowledge that they are loved and seen for their invaluable work. Included in these bags were a calm candle, snacks, a Yeti-like tumbler with tea, lemonade, and coffee packets, soothing bath salts, a brain teaser puzzle, note cards from members of our church thanking them for their job, and holding crosses painted with love by our Reid members.







Since the spring, the Youth Ministry has been dedicated to offering monthly fall events called "Framily" events. Framily means friends and family. Framily is an invitation to our whole congregation from the Youth Ministry because from the oldest to the youngest at Reid Memorial that is what we are: friends and family in the household of God. And our youth wanted to get to know their family better; not just in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, but also out in the world in mission and in recreation together. This fall we began by kayaking six miles down the Savannah River together. It was a beautiful day: turtles were sunning themselves, there was a nice breeze in the air, and it was a wonderful opportunity for conversation and laughter as we paddled together. I loved being able to watch our church family together; they would pair up for a while to talk floating aside one another before paddling more or less to join a new person for a new conversation. It was a fine example of the kingdom of God here on earth.



## Framily means: "Friends & Family"

Our next All Church Framily event is GAME NIGHT on 11/20 (4-6pm) in the CLC. There will be board games, active games (like basketball), and even video games on the projector. Bring your favorite game to share or come a find a new favorite game. It will be a wonderful night to be family together.



## Fall Youth Retreat St. Simons Island, SE

Over the weekend of October 21st - 23rd, the first Presbytery Youth Retreat in over six years took place on St. Simons Island. We played, worshipped, discussed, and challenged ourselves on the High Ropes course. We had almost 40 youth and adults representing 3 different churches from the Presbytery. Planned and facilitated by Kim Ness, the Youth Director from First Presbyterian Church of Athens and myself, our theme for the weekend was Ubuntu. This is an African term and ideal, that speaks to our interconnectedness.



Ubuntu means "I am because we are." It posits at its core that you cannot exist as a human being as an unconnected individual; essentially what you do effects the whole world. Each of us is a child of God, but we exist as children of God. In listening to our keynote speaker, Courtney Pittman, a student at Columbia Theological Seminary, I was reminded of the startling fact that the number two reason teens are leaving the church is hypocrisy, ie churches are preaching inclusion, while practicing exclusion. It challenged me to think about the intentional community we are trying to create amongst our Reid Youth, but also what our Presbytery is trying to offer to the youth from all its churches. In both, we are trying to create a community of connection: one that holds each other accountable, has fun together, and looks out for the least of these both within its walls and outside of them.



One of the beautiful ways that I saw this lived into reality this weekend was during the High School girls time on the High Ropes Course. These girls represented four different churches, six different schools, and even three countries. Most of them didn't meet until we gathered at St. Simon's on the first night.



And yet, they found themselves working together suspended in the air. cheered for each other; they helped calm one who started to panic in the middle of an obstacle; for another, they joined hands and walked slowly together across a log; and in another instance, they took a leap and zipped between the trees to the finish with a terrified look on their face. These girls not only talked about Ubuntu, but they lived it out-being a community for one another and making sure each person finished the course, and finished it happily. It illustrated beautifully this idea that we are all part of a single garment of destiny that is wrapped up by the Holy Spirit.





## Mark Your Calendar: Winter Youth Retreat Orlando, Florida February 17-20, 2023

The theme will be finding God in the mainstream, in the noise and above the noise, and in and through the culture that surrounds them. We do this through the lens of the gospel according to Harry Potter, one of the worlds that exists within the realm of Universal Studios. The trip includes three days in the park, lodging in a house together, travel, and meals in the park.

Youth participating are also expected to help develop and lead the devotionals for the trip. Friends are always invited to attend and participate.

Sign ups for this trip are currently live on Realm.



-HANNAH NORRIS

Youth Director

## Music Minutes

Chancel Choir



Reid Memorial's annual Chancel Choir retreat on October 14-16, was a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and music. The choir uses this invaluable time each year to take a look at the music for the coming season not only as a "note learning" opportunity, but as a time to really grow together as a "small group".

We are a family, a community that cares for one another, prays for each other, laughs, and cries with each other.

We would love to have you join us. It is not too late to sing with us during the holidays. We would love to have you!

## Christmas Caroling for everyone!

Hey there, YOU... the person out there in the congregation singing along to all the familiar Christmas tunes. It's your time to shine!



#### Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm

We're all going Christmas Caroling in Hammond's Ferry! Keep an eye out for more information as that date draws nearer.

#### All Saints Concert

On Sunday, November 6th we joined together for the All Concert. The Saints contemplative time of reflective music brought to our minds the victory that we have even over death. and remembered those that have passed this way, and look forward with anticipation great heavenly reunions that await.



#### Christmas at Reid: Arise Your Light Has Come

Who does not love Christmas Have you already music? started listening? Folks, Christmas at Reid this year is definitely not to be missed. This year's concert theme will feature a number of classics done in grand fashion. We are especially excited to announce our show stopper will feature the full forces of our church music program, including the chimes from the church's organ (pre-renovation) that have been beautifully hung by our very own Lowell Fritsche.





December 9th

@ 7:00pm

We'll see you there with bells on!

-S.C. TOE Director of Music

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This caring ministry at Reid is ready to grow and is set to begin training in January 2023 for those who want to serve as Stephen Ministers. At the completion of their training in June, they will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers. They will then join seven active Stephen Ministers at Reid Memorial in providing one-to-one care to individuals experiencing difficulties in life.

"Stephen Minister training combines sound theological principles with contemporary psychology," says Myra Naglich Stephen Leader, who, along with Stephen Leader Mandy Boland will teach the class. "The training is top-notch. The skills our Stephen Ministers learn and practice prepare them for a very high level of Christian caregiving. It's a growth-producing and enjoyable experience."

#### Stephen Minister Training January 2023

The Stephen Minister training is broken down into twenty 2½-hour sessions that will be held on Sunday afternoons. Training topics include:

- Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Distinctively Christian Caring
- · Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
- A Process Approach to Caring
- Confidentiality
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

If you are interested in joining this training class, contact: Myra Naglich (706)631-0879

Mandy Boland (706)831-1461





Those who become aware that their child or partner is facing challenges with their mental health know how crucial it is to find help, understanding, and support. I am so glad and grateful that Reid Memorial supports the mission of NAMI Augusta by opening our doors and providing meeting space for the NAMI Augusta Support Group. The peer-led support group meets in our Mary Read Room on the third Monday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30p.m. Their brochure states that "NAMI Family Support Group is a peer-led support group for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. Members of the support group gain insights from the challenges and successes of others facing similar experiences." Pam and I helped lead the support group in the past and can testify to the knowledge, strength, and hope that came from supporting others and being supported ourselves. Please get the word out to those who would benefit from people who understand and care.

More information about the NAMI Augusta Support Group can be found on their web site: www.namiaugusta.org or they may be contacted at <a href="mailto:family.namiaugusta@gmail.com">family.namiaugusta@gmail.com</a>.

-REV. BOYD LIEN
Parish Associate



Sometimes the best gift doesn't come in a box, but comes from helping those organizations and agencies that meet the needs of the least of these.

This will be our **first annual Loaves & Fishes Market** at Reid Memorial and it will allow you to contribute to our local, regional, and international missions in honor of family, teachers, friends, or that special someone who has everything.

**Beginning November 27th**, you may purchase the alternative gift cards online, or in person on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

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#### The Face in the Window:

#### Eisenhower's History with Reid Memorial



As many of you may know, Dwight D. Eisenhower was the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe during World War II and achieved the rank of five-star general of the Army. He served as U.S. President from 1953 to 1961.

But what you may not know is that Ike first visited the Augusta National in April 1948 for nearly two weeks at the urging of Clifford

Roberts (Chairman) and William Robinson (member). Mamie and Ike loved the club so much that six months later, Ike became a member. He made forty-five trips to Augusta: five before he became President, twenty-nine while President, and eleven after he left office.

Ike and Mamie worshipped at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church eighteen times, and he laid our cornerstone on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954. Sara Cooke "Cookie" Martin, a dear friend, and long-time member of Reid Memorial (she passed on March 27, 2013) is pictured with Ike and Mamie at the front door of the church. Her knees are skinned because she crawled under the pews to get to the back of the church in order to get in the photo!



The trowel used to spread the mortar, along with the pictures and documentation from the cornerstone dedication are now located in a display on the back wall of the short hallway between the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Even now, I can still picture the President and his wife on the third pew on the left side of the sanctuary. After Ike's death, Reid Memorial honored him with a permanent plaque on that pew. Mamie continued to visit Reid Memorial until her death in 1979. I can still remember her in her "pillbox" hat flanked by her Secret Service agents.

On February 6, 1972, Reid dedicated the Redemption Window (in the balcony) in his memory. There is also a likeness of Ike that appears in the stained-glass window across the aisle from their pew amongst the Three Wise Men.





Reid Memorial's ties to U.S. Presidents doesn't end there! When Carl Sanders, from Augusta, was governor-elect of Georgia, he learned of a decision by the Pentagon to move the Signal School from Fort Gordon to Fort Monmouth (in New Jersey). J.B. Fuqua, a close friend of Sanders, offered to personally fly him to Washington, D.C. to meet with the newly elected President John F. Kennedy.

On November 15, 1962, the two met and Sanders explained that such a move would be disastrous to Richmond County since the fort was, at the time, the largest employer in the area. The President called the Pentagon and had the plan reversed, and the two men flew happily back to Augusta.





In late 2020, Congress passed a law to change the monikers of forts carrying Confederate generals' names. On October 14, 2022 the Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin, approved the name change of Fort Gordon to Fort Eisenhower, effective no later than January 1, 2024. Thus, the name of Eisenhower continues to be honored both at Reid Memorial and across the CSRA!

-GENE CLARK

Hospitality Team Volunteer



There truly is so much right at Reid, including our MDO and Preschool!

Thank you all for your support. For this monumental 50th year we have added a few new opportunities for our students and parents. We now have Storytime, which is being led by our Reid members. I must say, not only are the children and teachers enjoying this special time, but the volunteers are experiencing just as much JOY!

Another new fun activity we have is our GROW class for our preschoolers that meets in the gym twice a month. During this time, I have the opportunity to work directly with the children which brings ME joy. Here we talk about how to keep our bodies healthy and happy through exercise and making good choices during mealtime. We also get our hearts "beeping" through large motor exercises including running relays, playing games, and moving to music by following directions.



On the first Thursday of each month, we are providing a time for the parents of our MDO & Preschool to gather after drop-off for coffee and fellowship. Our hope is to support and nurture our families as best we can, introduce them to all that Reid has to offer, while also giving them an opportunity to build community with one another. All members are welcome to join us! We gather in the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:30.

If you have interest in reading to our preschoolers or joining us for coffee please reach out to me. We would love to have you!

-ANNA SANDERS

MD O/ Preschool Director



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## ADVENT 2022 Sunday School

9:30-10:15am

Led by Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

November 27 – Week ONE WONDER through Words IMAGINING THE WONDER: Poetry

December 4 – Week TWO
WONDER through Music
HEARING THE WONDER: Bach & Mozart

December 11 – Week THREE WONDER through Pottery Touching THE Wonder: Kintsagi

December 18 – Week FOUR
WONDER through Visual Art
SEEING THE WONDER: The Annunciation

Sunday school offers a great opportunity to develop friendships, enjoy Christian community and enrich our faith. The rhythm of weekly Sunday school provides a regular opportunity to gather with others to study our faith and grow in our relationship with God.

This Advent we will be thinking about the season through the lens of the arts. Each week, we will concentrate on a different genre of art and how it might help open us up to new perspectives or simply lift us up to wonder. We will imagine, hear, touch, and see the wonder through these various mediums. We will meet in the choir room for this Sunday School class, and I welcome everyone to come and share in the wonder that is Advent and Christmas!

#### Make note:

12/25 – Christmas Day - No Sunday School Classes 1/1 – New Year's Day - No Sunday School Classes 1/8 - Winter Sunday School Session Begins







#### Join us at 6:15pm Wednesday December 14th

for our midweek service known as

Blue Christmas

This service of hope, wholeness, and remembrance is not only for those who are grieving but for all who have known and may be experiencing brokenness of body or spirit. It is also for those whose hearts call them to love and comfort their brothers and sisters in such times of disquiet and need.

We will worship on this night with particular sensitivity and attention to God's presence. This service will include scripture and music that reminds us of the comfort God offers during difficult times. Please include and invite your friends and neighbors as we pray together, read scripture, and lift our voices in songs that remind us that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.















#### 2022 Halloween Spooktacular

What a special Sunday at Reid Memorial! It was a fun-filled day for all ages. Over 100 folks enjoyed a spooky concert, fun games and crafts, a bouncy castle and lots of yummy treats. One special highlight was the Dunk Tank filled with some Reid VIPS. Thank you to our fearless leader, Brandi Casto-Waters, our young-at-heart, Hannah Norris, and dad extraordinaire, Steve Sanders, along with a few youth who braved the elements to provide lots of laughter and great memories of this year's Halloween activities.

Thank you to all the volunteers and participants for your support and enthusiasm. It was a truly SPOOKTACULAR day at Reid Memorial!

-JOY MAPLE

#### Director of Christian Education



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 12 R.O.C.K. Stars Joint event with SAMS: Preparing Blessing Packs (10am)
- 20 ALL CHURCH Game Night (4-6pm)
- 27 ADVENT Sunday School (9:30-10:15am) Wonder through Words Imaging the Wonder: *Poetry*
- 30 ADVENT Worship Let there be Wonder! Worship w/ Children's Choir (see detailed schedule below)

#### **DECEMBER**

- 2-3 Children's Retreat (Bishop Gravatt's Retreat Center)
- 4 ADVENT Sunday School (9:30-10:15am) Wonder through Music Hearing the Wonder: *Bach & Mozart*
- 7 ADVENT Worship Let there be Wonder! Worship w/ Bells & Brass (see detailed schedule below)
- 9 Christmas at Reid Concert (7pm)
- 11 ADVENT Sunday School (9:30-10:15am) Wonder through Pottery Touching the Wonder: *Kintsugi*
- 11 Children Lead Worship (10:30am)
- 11 White Box Mission & Congregational Luncheon (CLC)
- 14 Preschool Christmas Chapel
- 14 ADVENT Worship Let there be Wonder! Blue Christmas Worship (see detailed schedule below)
- 15 Christmas Caroling in Hammonds Ferry (6:30)
- 17 R.O.C.K Stars Salvation Army Bell Ringing (11am)
- 18 ADVENT Sunday School (9:30-10:15am) Wonder through Visual Arts Seeing the Wonder: *The Annunciation*
- 24 Christmas Eve Children's Pageant (4:30pm)
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion (6:30pm)
- 25 Christmas Day Lessons & Carols (10:30am)

#### WEDNESDAY DINNER & ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE

5-5:30pm: Children's Choir, Preschool Bible Study, Women of Faith

5:30-6:05: Dinner

6:15pm: ADVENT Worship - Let there be Wonder!

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