

My family and I joined Reid when I wasn't but knee high to a grasshopper, 5 years old. From children's choirs to adult choirs, trips to Montreat for music week, Sunday night youth group activities, and mission trips to Mexico, Pascagoula, MS, and Haiti, my faith has been shaped.

At a choir party hosted by the Howingtons, I met my soulmate, Adam. We later married here at Reid Memorial. As you can see, Reid Memorial has been instrumental in my life and my faith journey.

It is because of my faith, I have been able to face the biggest challenge of my life. In 2017, I was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. At the time, the odds were not great. They are still not but I am standing here today having beaten the odds with the help of a great medical team of doctors and nurses and the love of my family, friends, and church family.

It is through the love and support you, my Reid family, has shown me during the most challenging time in my life that has been so truly amazing. Even when I didn't ask for help, you all were there offering your love, cards, meals, flowers, phone calls, texts, and most importantly your prayers.

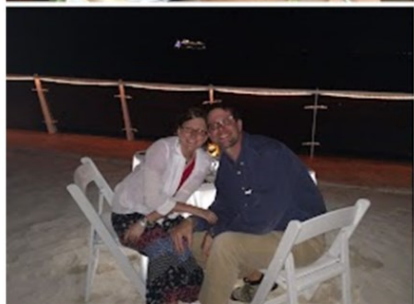
Your love continues to overflow, having chosen me to be the honoree for this year's Reid on the Run benefiting an organization that means so much to me and those battling colon cancer. Thank you all for coming out on February 4th - a cold, yet beautiful day at Reid Memorial, to participate in Reid on the Run!

Much love,

Shannon

-SHANNON FRITSCHÉ

*2023 Reid on the Run
Honoree*



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Reid on the Run 2023

"...you all were there offering your love..."



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Reflecting on a Season of Wonder

Let there be wonder! This was our Advent and Christmas theme for 2022, and hopefully, some part of the services, Sunday school classes, or music concerts brought a moment of pure wonder for you and transported you to a holy moment. I have a particular heart for the arts in all their various forms and I hope that by making that our lens, you also saw something with fresh eyes, from a new perspective, or perhaps even in a totally different and inspiring light.

The music soaring into the high arches of the church was enough to thrill the ears and charge the heart, and when Lucy Baum came to paint Mary and Elizabeth throughout our service December 18, we watched with eagerness as each stroke added to the story and proclaimed a new word of joy over their greeting of one another, both with child.

In Sunday school we looked at art work, composers Bach and Mozart, learned about the art of mending broken pottery, and felt the work of poets as their words washed through us.

We prayed a prayer made up of your words, written on small white cards and collected. A prayer of hope, of wonder, and truly your prayer as the community of believers here at Reid Memorial. You, too, are artists. Blue Christmas brought us into a space to reflect in silent wonder at the depth of feeling we are capable of, even when it hurts, and the ways in which God speaks into those wounds to bring comfort and presence and soothe our pain.



Our table displayed a representation of *Starry Night* by Van Gogh, a reminder that even an artistic genius is not immune to mental illness and the sufferings of the world. Together these opportunities brought artists into our midst in a variety of ways.

In the coming year, I hope to continue to bring art into conversation with faith. With the generosity of our neighbors across the way, we will be able to engage with the St. John's Bible. This project was a huge undertaking and 15-year work of passion for calligraphers, theologians, and other artists. The result is a remarkable Bible meant for sharing in community. Keep your ears open for offerings around this marvelous work of faith and art!

In the meantime, if you have a particular interest in the intersection of art and faith, whether you are a professional artist, craftsman, or simply an admirer of the arts and want to see more opportunities for us to engage as a congregation, please reach out to me (Pastor Nadine) – I want to hear from you and to work with you to build up this ministry as an offering for our church family as well as the larger community of faith here in Augusta and beyond!

Grace, peace, and imagination!

-REV. NADINE ELLSWORTH-MORAN

Associate Pastor



Special Guests:
Rev. Dr. Jerry and
Rev. Veronica Cannon



"Thank you for participating in our annual Faith Seeking Understanding event on January 22nd and for welcoming Jerry and Veronica with such kind, warm, and generous hospitality."

-REV. BRANDI CASTO-WATERS
Pastor



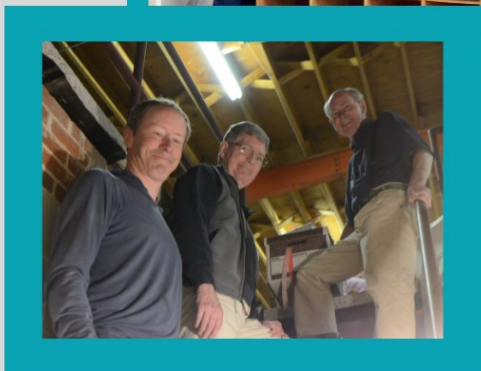
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-JOY BERRY
-MONTY CARLTON
JIM MCKNIGHT

Committee Chairs

CAMPUS CLEAN-UP DAY

January 28th

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*"What a spectacular day!
We got more done than I
ever expected."*

-JIM MCKNIGHT
Committee Co-Chair

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Mission Fair

A Heart for Missions

On February 12 we celebrated our missions partners. And I specifically say, celebrate, because their work is often under the radar and unsung, yet they are following Christ's commandment to clothe, feed, and provide for the general welfare of our most vulnerable citizens. While you've heard us talk about these partners in our Minute for Missions, perhaps prepped meals at Masters Soup Kitchen, or given food or hygiene kit items for GAP or donated school supplies to Thornwell, how much did you know about the range of services they provide and the depth of commitment of their leaders and volunteers before this event? It was a wonderful opportunity to talk with their representatives, sign up to be a volunteer, or just get to know who our main mission partners are at Reid Memorial!

The Missions Committee invited these agencies to speak at our meetings throughout the past few years, to talk about their purpose and needs and receive the invitation to participate alongside them. Through this process, we have slowly developed relationships with these mission partners, and we wanted all of you to have that same great opportunity!

During this time together, we also shared a simple meal of beans and rice, salad, and bread. The lunch was intentionally planned to represent a typical meal in one of our international partner communities. While we still enjoyed abundance, we wanted to acknowledge that most of the time the main dishes for large numbers in their cities or villages are hearty and nutritious, but not expensive or elaborate. Hopefully, this added an additional layer of meaning to the day for those who were able to attend.

As Reid Memorial continues to grow these relationships, we want you to know that there are places where you may serve your neighbors both right around the corner and down the street from Augusta. We want you to find your passion for mission and take advantage of these opportunities to serve and engage in projects as they arise. And when our Alternate Gift Market comes around again in the Advent season you will, hopefully, remember these mission partners and friends at that time as well.

On behalf of Missions

-REV. NADINE ELLSWORTH-MORAN
Associate Pastor

MISSION FAIR PARTICIPANTS:

- RISE Augusta
- Project Refresh
- Fisher House
- Turn Back the Block
- Golden Harvest
- Thornwell
- Westabou Montessori
- Augusta Locally Grown
- GAP Ministries
- International: Guatemala & Haiti
- ALPHA Co. deployed to the Middle East



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Let me start by saying thank you. Thank you, RMPC, for your continued support. During this monumental 50th year, we are continuing to GROW and add new opportunities for our students and parents. Storytime is a special activity led by our RMPC members. Not only are the children and teachers enjoying this special time, the volunteers are experiencing just as much JOY!

We had our first annual "Donuts with Grown-Ups" in February. We invited all our preschool families to join us for donuts, coffee, and juice - along with a few fun table games. We had around 100 children & guests - parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles too!

Our second annual "Masters Prep Playdate" included children from the community, church members, and some of our own students. This event was an opportunity for parents to get some uninterrupted prep work done, while the kids are having fun!

Mark your calendars for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 29th here on the church grounds. We will have live music, yard games, face painting, and so much more!

Our Summer Fun program is coming back this year! We will have 5 weeks of Summer Camp on Tues/Wed/Thurs from 9am-1pm for children ages 3mos - 5yrs. Most classes are almost at full capacity. Register through our website or email Anna Sanders at asanders@reidchurhaugusta.org.

-ANNA SANDERS

MD&I Preschool Director

Celebrating
50 YEARS



REID MEMORIAL
MOTHER'S DAY OUT
PRESCHOOL
Growing at Reid

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Silent Auction</i> | <i>Games</i> |
| <i>Bounce House</i> | <i>Prizes</i> |
| <i>Hot Dogs</i> | <i>Kona Ice</i> |
| <i>Hamburgers</i> | <i>Live Music</i> |

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE!
Fun for the whole family!
 Reid Memorial Grounds
 2261 Walton Way
Saturday, April 29th
4:00 - 6:00 pm

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Kids Camp Opportunity July 16-21, 2023

Summer Camp @ Camp Fellowship

JULY 16 - JULY 21, 2023
AGES: K - 8TH GRADE

Don't Delay Register TODAY!!

Join Joy and Jenn from July 16 - 21, 2023 for a week of faith, fun, and fellowship at Camp Fellowship in beautiful Laurens, South Carolina. We will meet you all on Sunday at Camp Fellowship where we will enjoy a week of traditional summer camp experiences with all your friends from Reid Memorial.

We know that you are going to love Camp Fellowship so much! Reid Memorial's Children and Youth Ministry is so excited that each registration will be subsidized by \$100 to make this week an affordable offering to add to your summer calendars.

The cost for the week is \$495.

To reserve your spot for this great week in July, please email:

Joy Maple - jmaple@reidchurcaugusta.org
for kids-rising 5th grade

Jenn Wilson - youth@reidchurcaugusta.org
for youth-rising 8th grade

Women's Connection: Montreat August 11-13, 2023

Women's Connection 2023 will be a time for women to connect with old and new friends, a time to care for yourself; a time for space and Sabbath. As in years past, we will do this together through powerful and authentic worship led by women, space for honest and faithful conversation, and allowing time for discernment and renewing rest. Our hope is you will experience spiritual nourishment, inspiration, and discernment.

A house that holds up to 20 adults has been reserved for this fabulous weekend event. The cost of the weekend is \$325 which includes conference fees, housing, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch during our stay at Montreat. We will enjoy dinner together off campus on Friday and Saturday evenings not included in the registration fees. Spaces are limited at the house so make your reservations today!

To reserve your spot, please send a \$150.00 deposit to Joy Maple by April 14, 2023. The remaining balance of \$175 is due to Joy Maple by July 7, 2023. Do not miss this wonderful weekend as we grow together in fellowship and faith.



Kate Bowler – Keynoter

Kate Bowler is a three-time *New York Times* bestselling author, podcast host, and an associate professor of American religious history at Duke University. She studies the cultural stories we tell ourselves about success, suffering, and whether (or not) we're capable of change. She is the author of *Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel* and *The Preacher's Wife: The Precarious Power of Evangelical Women Celebrities*. After being unexpectedly diagnosed with Stage IV cancer at age 35, she penned the *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason (and*

Other Lies I've Loved), *No Cure For Being Human (and Other Truths I Need to Hear)*, and her latest, written with her co-producer, Jessica Richie, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. Kate hosts the *Everything Happens* podcast where, in warm, insightful, often funny conversations, she talks with people like Malcolm Gladwell and Anne Lamott about what they've learned in difficult times. She lives in Durham, NC, with her family and continues to teach do-gooders at Duke Divinity School.

-JOY MAPLE

Director of Christian Education

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"...we are to reflect, to meditate and contemplate, to fast and abstain...reaching out in (a) mission of hospitality..."

Grounded and Focused

It's almost unfathomable that we find ourselves in the midst of the Lenten season. I've always been fascinated with the Christian calendar. In particular the parallels between our two major seasons of Lent and Advent. Both seasons have a great many traditions and customs associated with each. In both seasons, we find ourselves waiting with anticipation for a day, an event, a happening. Lastly, both seasons include a set of hymns, songs, and spiritual songs that call our minds to the nature of the occasion. Lent is a time that we are to reflect, to meditate and contemplate, to fast and abstain.

As a church musician, I have always found myself on the frazzled side around the Lenten/Easter season (as well as Advent/Christmas season) and look for ways to stay grounded and focused on the reason behind the things that we do at this time of year. I find myself each week truly reflecting on the text of the hymns...

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see.
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess;
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

How easy it is to allow the many distractions to keep our minds off what we should be contemplating and studying on, and trained on things that fill our calendars, cost us money and energy, and in the grand scheme, do nothing to advance the heavenly calling given to us while on this Earth.

This year, as Masters Sunday falls on Easter, we have a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors! Reid Memorial has several opportunities for worship Holy week beginning with our Palm Sunday service, Maundy Thursday service, followed by the community Good Friday service hosted here at Reid Memorial, and all culminating with us eagerly exclaiming the tomb is empty and joyfully proclaiming that Christ is indeed risen!

We pray that you will take part with us in reaching out in this mission of hospitality to those visiting Augusta during Masters this year. I think we worship at a pretty great place, and I am excited to share in worship with all those with us this Easter.

-S.C. TOE
Director of Music



Staff Spotlight

Dr. Wayne Lord

On Sunday, March 5th, Dr. Wayne Lord enchanted us with an organ recital that showed us the lighter side of the Schantz organ. This presentation was aptly entitled "A Little Quiet Music: Not Your Usual Organ Recital." Reid Memorial is blessed beyond measure to have such resident talent on staff and as one of our worship leaders.

Dr. Wayne Lord grew up in North Augusta and began piano lessons at the age of seven. Upon graduation from North Augusta High School, he enrolled at Augusta College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in piano performance in the studio of Vola Jacobs. He also studied organ with Preston Rockholt and John Schaeffer. Dr. Lord joined the staff of Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in November of 2021 as Associate Director of Music & Organist.

John G. Schaeffer Memorial Organ Recital

Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church's rich heritage and commitment to excellence in worship, study, and service are things that we should pause to recognize and give glory to God. The firm foundation laid all those many years ago when a group of 30 stalwart believers gathered to sing, pray, and praise remains as firm as ever. And as each generation passes this way, they leave their mark, playing their part in the work of the kingdom.



One such giant, as many of you know, that passed through here was Dr. John Schaeffer. Dr. Schaeffer, who not only served Reid as Organist but led the Augusta University music department, left an indelible mark during his tenure. Each year we pause to remember his work not just here in our congregation, but also to the great Augusta Arts community. Many of his students have gone on to make huge strides in the field ever expanding Dr. Schaeffer's sphere of influence.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us this year April 23rd at 5:00pm in the sanctuary of Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church for the annual John G. Schaeffer Memorial Organ Recital.

-S.C. TOE

Director of Music

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Treasurer's Report through February 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT Through February 2023

| <i>Compared to budget</i> | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Better (Worse)</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | \$ 253,283 | \$ 227,818 | \$ 25,465 |
| Expenses | 215,652 | 232,342 | 16,690 |
| Surplus (deficit) | \$ 37,631 | \$ (4,524) | \$ 42,155 |

| <i>Compared to last year</i> | <i>2023</i> | <i>2022</i> | <i>Better (Worse)</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | \$ 253,383 | \$ 223,731 | \$ 29,652 |
| Expenses | 215,652 | 166,851 | (48,801) |
| Surplus (deficit) | \$ 37,731 | \$ 56,880 | \$(19,149) |

Copies of the Treasurer's Report and detailed Financial Statements are available on request



Easter Extravaganza

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EGG
HUNT, OUTDOOR GAMES &
INFLATABLES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

5-6 PM

ON THE ALAN FUQUA LAWN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 29 Easter Extravaganza - Egg Hunt, Outdoor Games, & Inflatables (5:00-6:00pm)
- 29 Lenten Season Wednesday Service with Communion by Intinction (6:15-6:45pm)

APRIL

- 2 Palm Sunday Worship (10:30am)
- 6 Maundy Thursday Worship (6:15pm)
- 7 Good Friday Worship (12:00pm)
- 9 Easter Sunday Worship (10:30am)
- 16 Congregational Luncheon (11:30am)
- 16 Youth Greenjackets Game (1:35pm)
- 22 RockSTARS: *Canal Clean-Up* (10:00am-12:00pm)
- 22 Youth Axe Throwing (1:00pm)
- 23 Confirmation Lunch (11:30am)
- 23 John G. Schaeffer Memorial Organ Recital (5:00pm)
- 29 MDO 50th Anniversary Celebration - Food, Games, & Inflatables (4:00-6:00pm)
- 30 Youth Lunch Bunch (11:30am)
- 30 GAP Fifth Sunday Serve Day (6:30pm)

Holy Week

MAY

- 7 Confirmation Sunday
- 7 Congregational Life Luncheon: *Picnic on the River* (12:30pm)
- 13 Youth Mission: *Linus Project* (10:00am-2:00pm)
- 14 Mother's Day
- 20 RockSTARS: *Parable of the Talents, part II* (10:00am-12:00pm)
- 21 Graduation Sunday
- 21 Youth End of Year Celebration
- 29 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 4-10 Youth at Montreat
- 5-9 VBS (Vacation Bible School)
- 13-15 Preschool & MDO Summer Camp: *Under the Sea*
- 18-23 Youth CROSS Mission Trip
- 20-22 Preschool & MDO Summer Camp: *Camp Out*
- 27-29 Preschool & MDO Summer Camp: *Storybook*

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