



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

2018 has come and gone in a flash. It seems just yesterday we were anticipating the 150th Anniversary of Wesley Monumental and now we are in the second half of our second century. But I have to say our 150th was a very good year. Our Bishop joined us to celebrate our 150th anniversary, the choir presented the Bach Mass in B Minor to a packed house, we toured the city and celebrated our Wesleyan heritage. We purchased a van for Ryan Sailors and his family, raised significant funds and began the work on the Tiny House project for homeless veterans, cared for homeless families through Family Promise, welcomed refugee families and provided for their needs, blessed inner city children through Urban Hope, brought joy to children in the hospital on Christmas morning, helped women and children in need through Wesley Community Center, fed a homeless camp a monthly breakfast, cared for children in Honduras and Mexico and so on. We welcomed 105 new members to our congregation and sowed faith and love into 150 children at Eli's Place. 100 children learned the faith through music, and 17 confirmands professed their faith in Christ. We repainted our historic sanctuary and in this worship space connected some 500 people each week to God. My point is through your faithfulness, love, and generosity God allowed us to touch countless lives in the name of Jesus and as we lifted Him up many were drawn to him.

On behalf of all the staff at Wesley, we want you to know it is an honor to serve God with you here. We pray that 2019 will once again be full of opportunities for us to be instruments of grace in the lives of people and that we will faithfully rise to the challenges that God gives us.

150th Anniversary Historical Fact: After World War II, the Young Couples Class was formed which changed its name to the Fellowship Class because singles were also members. By 1950 there were over 140 members with an average attendance of 80 every Sunday. They are known for the parties of all types that drew them closer. Over the years two classes, Senter and Philathea, merged into this caring group. These men and women were the backbone of leadership and teaching in this church for 72 years, seeing us through financial shortages, expansion in property, civil unrest, theological challenges, and a shortage of children. Through it all they maintained God as the basis for decisions and direction. They tithed to the budget as a class in addition to their individual pledges.

Recently this remarkable group merged with the Alpha class. There isn't enough space here to list all the names, but be assured that everything good that has happened here for half of our existence can be attributed to this remarkable group of "young couples and singles." May we ever be grateful for the harvest we reap now that was planted by these men and women. Thank you, Fellowship Class.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Gathering and Announcements Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Welcome to worship this morning. Thank you for joining us. If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor. Hearing assistance devices, several seat cushions, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex, and an usher will be happy to help you with them. Please fill out the attendance registration pad found in the pew, and remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service. We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship.

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Ava Herndon

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary Paeon on Joy to the World David Lasky

Introit (11:00) GARTAN

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign

* **Hymn** No. 246 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

* **Affirmation of Faith** No. 881 The Apostles' Creed
Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

* **Gloria Patri** No. 71 GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00) Nelle Bordeaux

Tucker Benjamin Sellers
son of Ken and Ansley Sellers

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Tucker Benjamin as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory;
For ever. Amen.

Children's Sermon Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade line up at the door on the right side of
the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 103.
11:00 Children ages 3 - PreK leave through the door on the right side of the
sanctuary to go to Preschool Children's Worship in Room 201. Children in
grades K - 3rd leave through the door on the left side of the sanctuary to go
to Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303.

* **Hymn No. 217** Away in a Manger AWAY IN A MANGER

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Ding Dong! Merrily on High
arr. Marilyn Thompson

Offertory Anthem (11:00) I Saw Three Ships arr. John Rutter

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning.
Pray, whither sailed those ships all three
On Christmas Day in the morning.
O, they sailed in to Bethlehem
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And who should be in those three ships
But Joseph and his Lady?
And he did whistle and she did sing
On Christmas Day in the morning.
La la la la la la la La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la!
And all the bells on earth shall ring
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And all the angels in heav'n shall sing
On Christmas Day in the morning.
Then let us all rejoice amain
On Christmas Day in the morning.

-17th century traditional English carol

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the
book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.*

* **Hymn of Response** DIX
As they offered gifts most rare; At that manger rude and bare;
So may we, with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to Thee our heavenly King.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 6) Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon "Because Jesus Came" Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

* **Hymn No. 224** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

* **Benediction** Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Closing Response (11:00) GARTAN

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

Closing Voluntary Margaret Dow

Fantasia on God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Immediately following each service a docent is available by the grand piano to share with you a brief history of this sanctuary and congregation.

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Wesley Community Center—Bags of Hope

The United Methodist Women will be collecting the WCC Bags of Hope item lists and contribution envelopes today, Sunday, December 30. Please place the bags on the Gordon Street side. As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

A Year-End Reminder

All 2018 contributions to the church must be received or postmarked by tomorrow, Monday, December 31, 2018 in order to comply with IRS regulations regarding charitable deductions.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

2019 Altar Flowers

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Jennifer in the church office, 912-232-0191 or jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. Request forms are also located at all Sanctuary entrances. The cost is \$85, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you.

Thank You!

Daphne and Jennifer would like to say thank you to the church members who have assisted with the Messenger, additional mail outs, answering phones, and other office related duties. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin **Docent:** Shirley & Peter Roberts

Offering Steward: Britt Griffin

Ushers: David Butler, Ed Poenicke

Greeters: Britt Griffin, Linda Butler

Children's Church: Melinda Sortor

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Reese **Docent:** Bebe Cole

Acolytes: TBD

Greeters: Frank & Florence Anderson, Peggy Jolly

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Robert McCorkle, Ryan McKenzie, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Tim Mooney, Richard Moore

Nursery: Infants: TBD Toddlers: Mandy Merritt

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Courtney West, Emily Cay

Children's Worship K-3rd: Jan Barrow, Emily Jones

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Cabaret for Craig

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2019 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church. 10 W. 31st Street, Savannah

Wesley member Craig Hanson had a life-saving liver transplant on October 15. For 18 years Craig has taught 5th grade science at Isle of Hope Elementary where he has been teacher-of-the-year 3 times. For 11 years he has sung with the Wesley Choir.

Grab your flapper dresses and fedoras and join the Wesley Choir for a Roaring 20s Dinner Cabaret benefiting Craig. Dine on a three-course meal with wine, and feast your ears upon music from choir members including songs by Ella Fitzgerald and Nina Simone, as well as music from *Carmen*, *Cabaret*, and more!

Menu: Steak House Chopped Salad. Roast Filet of Beef with Marchand Sauce, Escalloped Potatoes, Haricots Verts, and Broiled Tomato. Home-made Chocolate Mousse with Cake Slice. Red and White Wine.

Tickets: \$100 donation. 100% of your donation will go directly to Craig's bank account. Tickets available: Craig.eventbrite.com, from Choir Members or Church Office

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Thank You

Thank you for the outpouring of generosity toward Missions. Wesley members were the backbone of visiting 2,000 people in local hospitals and nursing homes on Christmas Day. You gave toys to all children in the hospital and fresh fruit to all adults in hospitals and nursing homes. Even Santa went to visit children in the hospitals, with help from his Wesley friends. Your generosity in the Re-Think Christmas offering will build homes for homeless veterans; your love for the Urban Hope children means that all 75 children will have a warm coat and clothing and a toy. Thank you especially to the Wesley members who spent Christmas visiting hospitalized children.

New Member Class

Sundays, January 20 and 27, 10:00 a.m., class will join January 27. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

Epiphany Angel Display

Please feel free to stop by the Parlor in Oliver Hall to view the Epiphany Angel Display which features angels belonging to members of Wesley. The angels will be on display today and on Sunday, January 6. You may also visit during church office hours.

Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will meet on Monday, January 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Karen and Dale Kilhefner will present the program about their experiences at Chautauqua. Lunch will follow the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please make your reservation in your Sunday school class or by calling the church office.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes January 9

Our Bible Study for 4th and 5th graders will resume meeting on January 9, the first Wednesday night supper of the New Year. We have Bible Study from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. prior to church supper and choir. All 4th and 5th graders are invited. Bring your Bible!

Mission & Fellowship Event, January 13

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us for a Mission & Fellowship gathering on January 13, following the 11:00 service. We will be making Valentines for our church's shut-ins.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (12/23/18)

8:45 A.M. Worship	92
11:00 A.M. Worship	391
Total Worship	483
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	94
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

Christmas Eve Communion Services

10:30 A.M. Worship	130
3:30 P.M. Worship	274
6:00 P.M. Worship	599
Total Worship	1003

Finances: (12/16/18)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,868,620.10
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,681,903.72
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,774,013.37
Construction Loan Balance.....	\$491,066.53

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Congregational Care	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	

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Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

This week we prayerfully recall the ways God has been present in our lives during 2018. May we seek to be drawn closer to Him as we enter into another new year.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, December 30

Epiphany Angel Display, OH Parlor
8:45 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**
9:30 A.M. **Coffee & Donuts, FH**
9:45 A.M. **Sunday School**
11:00 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**

Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

Eli's Place Staff Returns
No WNS

Thursday, January 3

9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place Reopens**
6:00 P.M. **Bible Study Fellowship, OH**

Friday, January 4

9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place & Drop In Care**
10:00 A.M. **Docent Tours**

Pastor on Call This Week

Carolyn Cubbedge... 912-308-3385



In Our Prayers.....

Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Stephanie Painter (daughter-in-law of Judi Painter), Jane Weldy, Ana Molero-Pullin, Anne Thompson, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Diane Wells, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Kathy Delaigle, Lily Marler, Nicole Geen, Joel Williams, Harriet Bland, Mary Burnsed (mother of Marilyn Hitt), Craig Hanson, Les Wilkes, Cindy Murphy (daughter-in-law of Peggy Murphy), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), Jim Davis, George Vail, Carla Thomas, Spencer Davis, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Caroline Moore, John McKissick (grandfather of Richard Call), Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Melissa Krawitz, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, Sherry Ingram, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Randy Warner, Denise LeMay, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Ann Lott, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Melinda Lanier, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenkel), Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Richard Bartels, Nancy Beckmann, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes), Sammy Reesman

At Home/Extended Care

Ann Ernst, Peggy Murphy, Bella Grace Bartels, Betty Murray, Anne Chase, Georgia Dickerson, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Hal Griner, Michael Mamalakis, Bobbie Mattox, Linda McKibben, Ryan Sailors, Betty Weeks, Lillian O'Donovan, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jerred Pyles, Max Jackson, Ryan Davis, Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts



Our Wednesday Night Suppers and programming have ended for 2018.

We will resume January 9, 2019.

If you have a "permanent" reservation, you will not need to renew for the Winter-Spring session. If you wish to cancel the permanent reservation, please notify the church office, 912-232-0191. Most of all, if you are not going to attend a particular night, please advise the office so we can plan for the appropriate number.

In Sympathy....

The Livingood Family
on the death of
Todd's father,
Dale Livingood

The Hagan Family
on the death of
Kelly's father,
George Wickham

The Finley Family
on the death of
Gavin's mother,
Nancy Finley