



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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**WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
LOVE WALK 2019
FEBRUARY 9, 9:00 a.m.**

If you've been around Wesley for any length of time, you know that one of the local ministries we support is the Wesley Community Center. Since 1949, Wesley Community Centers of Savannah, Inc.'s mission is to enhance the economic, educational, and spiritual growth, through excellence in early learning care and services, for women, children, and families. The United Methodist Women have long been known to care about the needs of children and families in poverty. Their support of our agency goes back to before Wesley was named Wesley Community Centers of Savannah, Inc.

With funding from the Women's Society of Christian Services, Savannah's Bethlehem Center first opened its doors in 1949 and served twenty-five children in a borrowed facility. In 1972 Bethlehem Center merged with Inner City Community Center and took its current name, Wesley Community Centers of Savannah, Inc. Wesley is a United Methodist Missions Institution and those we serve have the hearts and dedication of the United Methodist Women.

Wesley is located in inner city Savannah, an area that continues to be a designated focus location for the Step Up Savannah initiative (stepupsavannah.org). As a member of Step Up Savannah, Wesley has the ability to reach thousands of citizens throughout Savannah. Wesley serves more than 7,800 homeless and low income women, children, and families each year. Many are classified as the working poor, the elderly, and people with differing abilities. Wesley works to help people exit poverty and become self-sufficient. Wesley is not a hand out, but rather a hand up. Wesley mandates that parents and guardians of children who attend Wesley's Early Childhood Education and Development programs be working and/or in school (short-term exceptions apply for families who are homeless).

Thanks to the generosity of the family of Jim and Mildred Walker, our church is a major sponsor of the WCC Love Walk. We invite you to register for the event and come and walk with us raising support and awareness for this important mission. Registration forms are located in the narthex and church office.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering and Announcements

Ben Martin

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)

Greta Stubbs

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

Carl Piutti

Introit (11:00)

Glorious Is Thy Church, O Lord

Warren Angell

* **Hymn No. 368**

My Hope is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed

James P. Owens

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.

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

Charli Weeks

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 Insert** Just a Closer Walk With Thee CLOSER WALK

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Clair de Lune Claude Debussy

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Alleluia Fredrik Sixten

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.

* **Doxology** No. 95 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 68) Luke 8:40-56

Sermon "An Epiphany: Desperation" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 386 Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown CANDLER

Reception into Church Membership (11:00) Hymnal pg. 38

Reneè and Ken Christensen
Kammie and Greg Dotson
Sara Jernigan and Cory Hall
Stephanie Mitchell
Mary and Mike Odom
Cynthia and Dwaine Willett

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Ninefold Amen Peter Lutkin

Closing Voluntary Fanfare Richard Prouix

* *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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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Billy Reese by Gaye Reese.

Just Born

Congratulations to Daniel and Claire Cobb on the birth of a daughter, Eva Colette Cobb on January 15, 2019. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Eva.

Congratulations to Jay and Holly Thaw on the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Lillian Thaw on January 17, 2019. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Kate.

2019 Altar Flowers—Openings in February

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. The last three Sundays in February are still available.

Administrative Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will meet tomorrow, January 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Healthy Family Communication Course

Wesley is offering a four-session course focusing on healthy communication in families. The first session was held Saturday, January 26 with the remaining 3 sessions scheduled for February 23, March 30, and April 27. The class will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. Childcare and dinner will be provided for children up to 8th grade from 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. so parents can have time to go to dinner and talk about what they have heard. The cost is \$15 per family per session or \$40 per family for all four.

- ◆ January 26 Let's Give Them Something to Talk About
 - the basics of communication
- ◆ February 23 A Little Less Talk and a Lot More Action
 - communicating with the opposite sex
- ◆ March 30 Love is a Battlefield
 - communication for couples
- ◆ April 27 Please Don't Let Me be Misunderstood
 - communicating with children

More information and registration forms are available in Sunday School classrooms, at the side entrances, and in the church office.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

Docent: Lori Miller

Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland

Ushers: Jeff Miller, Henry Whitfield

Greeters: Judy Cleveland, Harriet Johnson

Children's Worship: Holly McCormick

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Docent: Sandra McGowen

Acolytes: Lexie Mattocks, Meg Mattocks

Greeters: Camille O'Neill, Joanne Faulk, Mildred Walker

Offering Steward: John Beasley

Ushers: Jim Willis, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Richard Zehl,

Jason Pedigo, Brad Aiken, Randy Blessett, Jon Boothe, Jake Coakley

Nursery: Infants: Tara Skinner Toddlers: Drew Hunt

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Marvee McKenzie, Lisa Goodman

Children's Worship K-3rd: Jo Anne Garcia-Melendez, Laura MacGregor

Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Children's Choirs

All children are welcome to join any of our children's choirs for ages three through 5th grade. We rehearse Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. following dinner. The children will present an Easter play this spring in addition to singing in worship, and we always welcome new children to the choir! Contact Monica for more details.

Youth Choir

All sixth through twelfth graders are welcome to join the youth choir which rehearses every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with dinner and youth group following. We will be singing in church many times this year and are working on a large work to sing with orchestra! Contact Monica for more details.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Be a Cut-Up

Help preschool children learn Scripture by cutting out Bible memory verse shapes at home (paper and patterns provided). See Nelle.

Pencils Worn to Nubs? Erasers Looking a Little Sad?

Urban Hope children need school supplies. Boxes inside all church entrances until February 14. Especially needed are colored markers, Clorox wipes, construction paper (all colors), dry erase markers, pencils, staples, hand sanitizer, clear and masking tape, glue sticks, white glue, and erasers.

New Year's Resolution-Join a Bible Study

Not in a Bible study? Join us on Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, 111 West Bay Street. We are currently studying 2 Chronicles.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

China Display

Our next Parlor Display is scheduled for February 3, 10 and 17, and it will feature place settings of China which belong to Wesley members. If you would like to participate, please bring your place setting(s) to the church office before February 3. Pack them safely and be sure to identify the owner and name of the china. There will be a display card to be completed for each set of china. Questions? see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge or Daphne Burrows in the church office.

Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will celebrate Valentine's Day on Monday, February 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Entertainment will feature Wade Herring, our very own stand up comedian. Lunch will be served following the program. Please make your reservation through your Sunday School class or by calling the church office at 912-232-0191.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Mark your Calendar

February 10, Sunday	Joyful Noise and Elementary Children's Choir sing in worship at 11:00 a.m.
February 14, Thursday	Eli's Place Sharing the Love Program
March 6, Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Special Program for K – 3 rd grade
April 14, Sunday	Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens
April 24, Wednesday	Children's Easter Program
May 8, Wednesday	Music Awards
May 12, Sunday	Infant Recognition Sunday
May 17, Friday	Eli's Place Graduation
June 10–14	Vacation Bible School
July 15–19	Summer Daze at Wesley Gardens for K – 3 rd graders
August 18, Sunday	Promotion Sunday

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

4th-5th Grade Bible Study

All 4th-5th Graders are invited to join us for Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Wesley Monumental, right before church supper. This semester, we will begin reading the book of James together. Remember to bring your Bible!

Youth (6th—12th Grade)

Youth Group Tonight!

Join us tonight for youth choir and youth group. Youth Choir starts at 4:00 p.m. Youth Group begins at 5:00 p.m. with supper, followed by games and Bible study. All 6th-12th graders are invited!

St. Patrick's Day

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast (to raise money for youth trips and missions) is coming up soon! You can help by donating pancake mix, bacon, or a number of other items. Since the parade is on Saturday, March 16 this year, our lock-in will begin on Friday and the breakfast will be on Saturday.

Summer Mission Trip

If you've been on one of our Youthworks Mission Trips over the past three years, you know how fun and meaningful these weeks of service are! This summer we will be serving in Chattanooga, TN, partnering with local organizations to do kids ministry, serve local non-profits, and/or care for parks. The dates are July 14-19.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (1/20/19)

8:45 A.M. Worship	98
11:00 A.M. Worship	337
Total Worship	435
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	108
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

Finances: (01/20/19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$160,519.62
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$110,113.88
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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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Luke 8:40-43, 49-56	What brought me to Jesus?
Tuesday	Luke 8:44-48	Have I "exhausted" myself on something that can't deliver me?
Wednesday	Matthew 13:54-58	Does a lack of faith keep me from seeing Jesus for who he is?
Thursday	John 11:1-37	Has crisis brought me faith or caused me to question it?
Friday	John 20:19-29	Does seeing lead to believing or believing lead to seeing?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

This week we focus our prayers on the Healthy Family Communication Course being offered through our Children's Ministry. The course began on January 26 and will continue through the last Saturday of the next three months. Childcare is provided while parents are in the class and as they enjoy a date night. Whitney Owens and her colleagues are presenting the class.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, January 27

- 8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:00 A.M. New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 12:15 P.M. Ministry Council, FH
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, January 28

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 2:00 P.M. Joy Circle, Hm of Pat Beasley
- 5:30 P.M. Administrative Board Mtg, FH
- 6:30 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship, OH

Tuesday, January 29

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 P.M. Cub Scout Troop Pack, EB 3rd Flr

Wednesday, January 30

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 11:00 A.M. Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 P.M. Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 P.M. 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304
- 5:30 P.M. Supper, FH
- 6:00 P.M. Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir, EB 202, 203, 205
- 6:00 P.M. Children's Choirs, EB 301, 303, 305, 4th Flr
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, January 31

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 12:00 P.M. Bible Study at Ruth's Chris
- 5:15 P.M. Eli's Place Open House

Friday, February 1

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

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat Center	

Pastors on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper: 1/30/19

Program: Ministry to the Stranger
 Teaching: Rabbi Robert Haas
 Middle Eastern Inspired Menu:
 Roasted Chicken, Rice Pilaf,
 Mixed Vegetables
 Children: Spaghetti & Meatballs



In Our Prayers.....

Patsy Robinson, Rev. Matt Hearn, Nele Ewaldsen (mother of Ginna Carroll), Daniel Royal, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Ana Molero-Pullin, Jane Weldy, Kathy Delaigle, Lily Marler, Stephanie Painter (daughter-in-law of Judi Painter), Diane Wells, Nicole Geen, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Harriet Bland, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Jim Davis, Mary Burnsed (mother of Marilyn Hitt), Les Wilkes, Craig Hanson, Cindy Murphy (daughter-in-law of Peggy Murphy), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, Melissa Krawitz, George LeMay, John McKissick (grandfather of Richard Call), Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Sherry Ingram, Chad Jacobs Family, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, 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, Sammy Reesman Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes)

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, Betty Weeks, Ryan Sailors, Linda McKibben, Bobbie Mattox, Lois Wooten, Lillian O'Donovan

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

In Sympathy....

The Cole Family
on the death of
Don's brother

Margo Shoemaker,
on the death
of her son,
Albert Lee Cox

The Hodges Family
on the death of
Jennifer's mother,
Elizabeth Spires Kendrick