



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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"Is your heart as true to mine as mine is to yours?....If it is, then give me your hand." -2 Kings 10:15

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement wrote and preached literally thousands of sermons during his lifetime. Of those thousands of sermons, a number of them were selected and compiled as "The Standard Sermons of John Wesley." Those sermons were accepted to be representative of his theology. One of those sermons was entitled, "The Catholic Spirit." Wesley uses catholic the same way we do in the Apostle's Creed (I believe in the holy catholic church). There, catholic means universal, the Church that is not a denomination, but the Church that belongs to Jesus and is comprised of all those who believe in and follow him. The sermon became the basis for the growth of a connectional denomination like the United Methodist Church. In it Wesley lays the groundwork for a diverse group of believers to share in ministry together because their hearts were the same (they belonged to Jesus), and therefore they can join hands in ministry even though they may have differing opinions on what Wesley would call non-essentials of faith and differing styles of worship. While there has been great debate over the years about what is an "essential" and what is an "opinion" or "non-essential," the United Methodist church has managed to put a very diverse group of people around the world in mission and ministry together.

This morning as we worship, our denomination is holding a General Conference in St. Louis. The General Conference is made up of lay and clergy delegates from every annual conference around the world (including our conference, South Georgia). They are working to find a way for the church to resolve a long standing conflict over human sexuality (same sex marriage and ordination of practicing homosexuals). There are three basic proposals being presented. One would give each local church the authority to decide for themselves on the issue, and each annual conference the freedom to decide on ordination. A second proposal would divide the denomination into three more independent branches (progressive, centrist, traditional), but still share in some ministry together. And the final one would keep the current traditional position of the church that affirms the sacred worth of all people, but does not allow for same sex ceremonies in our church or conducted by our pastors.

It is important to note that this is not a debate over who can be members of the church, all are welcome to join and participate. It is also important to remember that none of the proposals force any changes upon a local church. My message has been and continues to be, "If you love Wesley Monumental now, you will love Wesley after they are done because nothing they do has to change who we are and what we do." I do ask you to pray for the delegates and our denomination. Remember the first rule of Methodism is "Do no harm." Remember also, the church belongs to God and our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. That is what we will be focusing on, loving Jesus and loving people.

(If you want to keep up with what happens at the General Conference, visit sgaumc.org or give me a call.)

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Seventh 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)

Ben Whitaker

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Swiss Air

Muzio Clementi

Opening Anthem (11:00)

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

Helen Hoffman and Harper Wilcox, child sopranos

Introit (11:00)

G. F. Handel

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs (from *Messiah*)

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:
he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities:
The chastisement of our peace was upon him.

* **Hymn** No. 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON
(Stanzas 1-5, 7)

* **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 GREATORIX
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

James P. Owens

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

Nelle Bordeaux

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. 298** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Swiss Rondo Muzio Clementi

Offertory Anthem (11:00) G. F. Handel

And With His Stripes We Are Healed (from *Messiah*)

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. 89) Luke 23:26-49

Sermon "An Epiphany: The Cross" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 359** Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed HUDSON

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

Susan and Tom Colgrove
Rachel and Clint Guild and children,
 Emmy and Whitaker Guild
Pam and Jeff Laws and Katy Laws
Leslie Ann Parkman and children,
 Morgan Hardesty, Amelia Ruth, and Lizzie Ruth
Leslie Parkman
Chandler Schexnayder
Joel Williams, Jr.

- * **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) EDELWEISS

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever;
may the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

(Congregation and Choir)

Closing Voluntary Postlude in C Major Jules Massenet

- * *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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Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Paige Falls and Mark Bouy on their marriage, which took place February 16.

Dancing & Desserts—Deadline to Reserve Tickets is Tomorrow, 2/25

The Susanna Wesley Circle invites you to their first Dancing & Desserts scheduled for Friday, March 1 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a night of family fun where proceeds benefit children's ministries in Savannah. \$10 per person or \$25 per family which includes pizza, desserts, and fun! To reserve tickets, visit the City Spin link located on the Wesley Monumental Facebook page or email swcirclewm@gmail.com by February 25.

Next New Member Class

Sundays, March 3 and 10 from 10:00 a.m.—10:40 a.m. with the class joining on March 10. Also, the class will meet on Wednesday, March 6 from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. following the Ash Wednesday service. All classes will meet in Oliver Hall room 205. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us Wednesday, March 6 at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. A special program for children (three years old through third grade) will also be held at 6:00 p.m. Children (three years old through Pre-K) will go to room 205 on the second floor for their lesson and activities, and children (K – 3rd grade) will go to room 303 on the third floor for their lesson and activities. Both groups will finish at 7:00 p.m. The nursery will be open for children younger than three from 5:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and we will be serving supper in the nursery for children younger than first grade beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 21. You may order plants in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$14 per plant. Orders must be received in the church office by Monday, March 25. Order forms may be found at all church entrances or on the church website.

Sewing Classes

It is never too late to join the sewing classes that continue on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Current projects include pillows and zippers. Classes are at 9:30 a.m. in Oliver Hall 310. If interested, please contact Sandra McGowen at smcgowen2@att.net or Carolyn Cubbedge at the church.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

Docent: Jeanne Poenicke

Offering Steward: Ed Poenicke

Ushers: Jeff Miller, Josh Hayes

Greeters: Jeanne Poenicke, Pat Killewald

Children's Worship: Haley Herrington

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Annelle McDuffee

Docent: Karen Nicles

Acolytes: Jed Thompson, TBD

Greeters: Jan Harman, Camille O'Neill

Offering Steward: John Beasley

Ushers: Mickey Rountree, Ken Griner, JD Hunt, Bill Hunter,
Todd Livingood, Forrest Lott, Bates Lovett, Jeff O'Connor

Nursery: Infants: Jessica Oliff Toddlers: Caroline Rhodes

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Ellen O'Connor, Alix Lane

Children's Worship K-3rd: Kelly Hagan, Karen Washburn

Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Handel's *Messiah* at Wesley Monumental

February 23 is the 334th anniversary of composer George Frideric Handel's birthday. On Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m., Wesley Monumental Choirs will sing Handel's magnificent masterpiece, *Messiah*, with orchestra. *Messiah* reminds listeners of the true meaning of Christmas and gives us the whole story with energy and passion. Soloists are soprano Tina Zenker Williams, mezzo-soprano Claire Watts, tenor Reid Robertson, and bass Robert Cantrell.

Part I: Prophecy of the Coming of a Messiah and Christ's Nativity

Part II: Christ's Suffering, Death, and Resurrection

Part III: Affirmation of Christian Faith and Glimpses of Revelation

Tickets: \$35 tax deductible donation. \$15 students with I. D. Available at MessiahSavannah.eventbrite.com, from the church office, or from any choir member. We expect to sell out, so get your tickets early. Thank you for supporting the tradition of beautiful, sacred music in our historic church.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Thank You

Thank you for all the Urban Hope school supplies for children.

Tiny Houses

Thank you for all the volunteers who have built cabinets and beds for homeless veterans! Sign up to help build by calling John Beasley, 912-898-1616.

Refugee Night, Wednesday, February 27, 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Edwin Chase will speak. Refugees and Mickve Israel members will be our guests.

Family Promise

Help circumstantially homeless families March 24-30 at Wesley Gardens.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

Oliver Hall Display of Baby Pictures

The next display in Oliver Hall will feature baby pictures of Wesley's adults. If you would like to share your picture, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. The display will run from March 17-31.

Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will meet on Monday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m. at Wesley Gardens. Ivan Chow will present the program on sketching. Lunch will follow the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please make a reservation through your Sunday school class or by calling the church office.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Mark your Calendar

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 – Zombies vs. Humans!

Back by popular demand, it's Zombies vs. Humans at youth group! All 6th-12th graders are invited to bring their nerf guns (I'll have some if you don't have one) and join us at our normal youth group time, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Wesley Monumental.

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: (2/17/19)

8:45 A.M. Worship	94
11:00 A.M. Worship	370
Total Worship	464
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	174
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	36

Finances: (02/17/19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$342,705.63
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$255,860.58
Construction Loan Balance	\$410,273.71

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 23:26, Matthew 16:24-26	What does it mean for me to "take up the cross and follow Jesus"?
Tuesday	Luke 23:32-34, Romans 5:6-11	How does knowing Jesus died for my sins affect me?
Wednesday	Luke 23:39-43	Why would one thief curse Jesus and another recognize him as savior?
Thursday	Luke 23:44-47	When the centurion looks on the cross what does it mean to him and why?
Friday	Luke 23:48-49	Does Jesus' death on the cross change the way I see him?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We focus our prayers this week on the work of Cub Scout Troop #77 which meets weekly on Tuesdays at Wesley Monumental UMC. Please pray for the work which is headed by Ashley Gallegos. If you have children who might be interested in Cub Scouting or you would like to volunteer with the troop, please contact Ashley at aisgallegos@gmail.com.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, February 24

- 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
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Monday, February 25

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 2:00 P.M. Joy Circle, OH 207
- 6:30 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship, OH

Tuesday, February 26

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, HH
- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 1:00 P.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Scout Troop Pack, EB 3rd Flr

Wednesday, February 27

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 10:30 A.M. Jane Shirah Circle, Hm of Camille O'Neill
- 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. Sunday School Teachers Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 P.M. UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
- 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, February 28

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

Friday, March 1

Confirmation Retreat, Epworth By The Sea

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place & Drop In Care
- 10:00 A.M. Docent Tours
- 6:00 P.M. Dancing & Desserts, FH

Saturday, March 2

- 3:00 P.M. Spring Tea Honoring Shepherds, Hm of Curtis & Grace Grund

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

Pastors on Call This Week

Sunday (2/24)- Thursday (2/28)
Ben Martin 912-547-1835
Friday (3/1) & Saturday (3/2)
Carolyn Cubbedge... 912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Supper: 2/27/19

Program: Refugee Ministry
Speaker: Edwin Chase
Menu: Mediterranean Pasta with Salmon or Chicken, Caesar Salad, Mixed Vegetables
Children: Pizza



In Our Prayers.....

Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Eva Cobb, Rev. James McLendon, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Rev. Matt Hearn, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Lily Marler, 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, 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 Stuenckel), Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, 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, 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 Hart family
on the death of
Norman A. Freniere,
father of Donna
grandfather of Emily & Evan