



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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GET READY FOR FALL

School has now started back for everyone and our Sunday evening dinner and worship have come to an end for this year. That means we are getting ready to relaunch our Fall Wednesday Nights at Wesley program. In just three weeks, on September 7, Wednesday nights will begin. Though time flies by every week, it can be a long way spiritually from Sunday to Sunday. Setting aside time in the middle of the week to regroup, reorient our thinking, and be refilled spiritually is important. Our Wednesday evenings feature something for the whole family, including a wonderfully prepared and reasonably priced meal. The evening starts where it should, with prayer from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Dinner is 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs, youth small groups, and adult Bible studies are from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Then the Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:15 p.m.

In addition to our Children's Choir program and youth small groups, this year during our fall semester we will offer four adult studies from which to choose.

1. Young Women's Small Group

- led by Katie Knight

2. A Bible Study on Colossians

- led by Rev. Jennifer Thompson and Sandy Hunt

3. Making Sense of the Bible

- led by Rev. Ben Martin

- We will finish the study which we started last Spring. Followed by a Bible study on the **Gospel of Mark**.

4. The Enneagram and Spiritual Formation Group

- led by Rev. James P. Owens

- A journey of self-discovery and Spiritual formation through the lens of the Enneagram. The Enneagram is a personality assessment tool, which can help us to achieve greater self-awareness, Spiritual maturity, and relational wholeness. The group will include an assessment to help you discover your dominant personality type, as well as discussion on how the Enneagram can help us at work, as parents, and in marriage.

More information about signing up for studies and making reservations for dinner will be available in a bulletin insert next Sunday. We hope you will sign up for a study, get your kids signed up for choir, make a standing reservation for dinner each week, and make Wednesday nights a vital part of your spiritual discipline this year.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Martin

Welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us. Please 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. If needed, hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

Nursery & Children's Worship: *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor, and Children's Worship for ages 3 to 3rd Grade is located on the second floor.*

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Johann Walther

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

arr. Hayes/Gaspard

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Kara Mobley, pianist

Introit (11:00)

THAXTED

O God, beyond all praising, we worship You today,
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word.
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

* **Hymn No. 133** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms SHOWALTER

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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**

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)

Augustus McCrae Prather
son of Amanda and J.T. Prather

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome McCrae 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.

Children's Sermon

Charli Weeks

8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up on the second floor.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

Pastoral 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.

* **Hymn** No. 121 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy WELLESLEY

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Victor Labenske

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Amazing Grace

arr. Mack Wilberg

J. D. Ingham, bagpiper

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me.

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun.

We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

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.

*To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate.
Online giving is also available on our website.*

* **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, pgs. 501, 577-578) Psalm 23; Psalm 139:1-18

Sermon

"A Psalm For Summer Part 10:
On Being Chased"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 371 I Stand Amazed in the Presence MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

THAXTED

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
 that we who know Your favor may serve You as our king;
 and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
 we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
 To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
 and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Closing Voluntary (8:45)

Richard Elliott

Improvisation on Hymn to Joy

Closing Voluntary (11:00)

O God, Beyond All Praising

Holst

J. D. Ingraham, bagpiper

* *Please stand as you are able.**Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.**All music reprinted under OneLicense.net No. A-719387 and CCLI No. 11046193.***Altar Flowers**

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dwaine L. Willett by his wife Cynthia Willett.

Altar Flowers - Last Remaining Dates for 2022

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Brookins in the church office, 912-232-0191 or jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$90, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates are available: September 18, October 30, and November 6.

Mission Team to Mayfield, Kentucky

August 22-27, Wesley members Ann and Melvin Croft, Corie Turley, Pat Monahan, Joel Hayes, and Scott Cleaveland are joining other United Methodist congregations of the Coastal District. Working through Mayfield FUMC and Trinity UMC (Mayfield), we will be sheet rocking the interior of newly constructed homes, replacing ones destroyed in the December 2021 tornadoes that tore through Central Kentucky. The homeowners being served are the elderly, disabled or veterans whose homeowners insurance and FEMA support did not come close to the cost of rebuilding. Twenty-five families of Mayfield FUMC alone, had their homes obliterated. Through the 2021 Christmas offering, Wesley provided \$15,000 in aid immediately following the tornadoes. The Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference is providing another \$10,000 towards construction costs. This is the connectionalism of the United Methodist Church at its best. Please keep the team in your prayers as they travel and serve.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks**Greeters:** TBD**Offering Steward:** TBD**Usher:** TBD**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin**11:00 Service****Acolytes:** Anna Livingood, Julia Grabowski**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks**Greeters:** TBD**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas, Matt West**Partners in Prayer:** Sandra McGowen

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

**Children's Choir begins
Wednesday, September 7.**

We sing hymns to worship God, play chimes, and learn more about God. We will also have our annual Nativity Pageant and Easter Play and a special concert of beloved hymns with full orchestra!

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM
Optional dinner served at 5:30 PM

First through fifth grade, please register by Sunday, September 4.



Choir Registration

Youth Choir begins Sunday, September 11!

Sundays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM with dinner and youth group following
Ages: 6th – 12th grade

We will be joining the children in singing a concert of hymns with full orchestra on February 26, and we also sing Lessons and Carols, and other Services throughout the year.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Old Savannah City Mission Groceries

Most needed this week is cereal.

Next New Member Course will be September 18 and 25.

Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Class will join as a group September 25.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Dutch Treat at Troy Mediterranean Restaurant

Join us for a "Dutch treat" lunch on Monday, August 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Troy Mediterranean Restaurant (10510 Abercorn St., Suite D, Savannah). Please call the church office or contact Jennifer Thompson by this Friday, August 19 to let her know you are coming.

Dutch Treat at 5-Spot Sandfly

Join us for a "Dutch treat" lunch on Thursday, September 1 at 11:00 a.m. at 5-Spot Sandfly (7360 Skidaway Rd., Savannah). Please call the church office or contact Jennifer Thompson by Tuesday, August 30 to let her know you are coming.

Alhambra Dinner Theater

If you signed up to go to the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville, Florida on Saturday, September 10, to see Grumpy Old Men, remember that our outing will be an all-day affair with the travel, lunch, and show. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by approximately 8:00 p.m. If you have not given Jennifer \$90, for your ticket, please do this at your earliest convenience.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Children who attend Sunday School and the 11:00 Service DO NOT need to be picked up between Sunday School and the Worship Service. They will be taken to the Sanctuary at 10:55 a.m., and will sit together until the end of the Children's Sermon when they will be taken to Children's Worship. Children can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 Service.

Children who attend the 8:45 Service DO NOT need to be picked up between the Worship Service and Sunday School. Children who attend the 8:45 Service will be given a snack and taken to their Sunday School classroom. Children can be picked up from their Sunday School classroom or Room 205.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

KidzQuest Retreat (4th-6th Grades)

Mark your calendars for the KidzQuest Retreat, September 23-25! All 4th-6th graders are invited to join us for this weekend of fun, worship, and fellowship at Epworth by the Sea. Registration is open now. Please email James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org to sign up.

Encounter Retreat (7th-12th Grades)

We are also taking our youth to Epworth by the Sea this fall, November 18-20) for the Encounter Retreat! If you have been to Camp Connect or KidzQuest in the past, you will love Encounter! Registration will begin soon. See James P. Owens for details.

Youth Group

Join us this afternoon at Wesley Gardens Retreat for Youth Group at 3:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class Starting Soon

This fall, we will be starting a new Confirmation class, open to any students in 6th grade or above who have not previously been confirmed. Confirmation is a time when young people learn the basics of Christianity, explore our United Methodist heritage, and begin to claim the faith for themselves. Students will be prepared to make a profession of faith and be confirmed as full members of the church. The first meeting of the Confirmation class will be Sunday morning, September 11, during the Sunday school hour. Please see James P. Owens for more information.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (08/14/22)

8:45 AM Worship	86
11:00 AM Worship	323
Online Worship Views	126
Total Worship	535
Nursery	12
Children's Worship	57
Sunday School	115

Finances: (08/14/22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,257,584.64
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,311,174.24

CHURCH STAFF

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



Follow us on social media @wesleymonumental and use our hashtag #wesleymonumental when sharing your Wesley moments!

To assist with our website, publications and social media; please email your Wesley photos to wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

August 21, 2022

Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 23	Pray the Psalm today with a longer reflection on "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me."
Tuesday	Psalm 139:1-18	How does God's intimate knowledge of me make me feel and why?
Wednesday	Psalm 23:6, Psalm 139:7-12	How has God's goodness and mercy followed me?
Thursday	Jonah 1-4	What do I learn about God in this story?
Friday	Psalm 23:6, John 7:37-38	When I pass through people's lives, what do I leave in my "wake"?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

As a praying church, we ask You, Lord to go with those from our church and the other churches in our district who are going to Kentucky on the mission trip this week. Protect this group of people as they travel and as they minister. Let them reflect Jesus to everyone they meet.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, August 21

Promotion Sunday

Mission Trip to Mayfield, Kentucky

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:15 AM Promotion Sunday Breakfast, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
3:30 PM Youth Group, WG Boat House

Monday, August 22

No Eli's Place This Week

- 11:00 AM Merry Makers Lunch,
Troy Mediterranean Restaurant
5:30 PM Board of Trustees Mtg,
OH 310

Tuesday, August 23

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
2:00 PM Care and Share, FH
5:30 PM Finance Mtg, OH 310

Wednesday, August 24

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Teacher's Training,
FH
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, August 25

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Teacher's Training,
FH

Friday, August 26

No Scheduled Activities

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

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper Begins September 7

Watch for details in the September Messenger, Wesley Weekly email newsletter, and upcoming bulletins on details and ways to register. If you are not receiving the weekly email newsletter, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org or call the Church Office, 912-232-0191.

In Our Prayers....

Janet Wist, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Bo Watts, Craig Hanson, Jan Pullin, Baker Crawford, Cameron Schmitz, Valery Hanks, Cindy Telljohann, Cathy Hillegas (mother of Annie Hitt), Walter Sumner (brother of Rosanne Montjoy and uncle of Michael Montjoy), Sheila Kraeuter (mother of Scot Kraeuter), Shari and Mel Hubbard, Leon Terrell Coppage (father of Amy Carter), Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Jimmy Stephens (brother of Kathi Hodges), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Rebecca Lewis, Marilyn Holleman, John Burton, Pat Beasley, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Dean Muenckler, Bob Harman, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Raine Rude, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Grace & Olin Bockes, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Virginia Davis, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Chris Watson

In Sympathy....

The Hall Family
on the death of William C. Hall,
father of Wayne Hall



Promotion SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, August 21 when our children and youth move up to their next age-appropriate class.

Sunday School Classes

(9:45 - 10:45 AM)

The Nursery, Children's, Preteen, & Youth Ministries are held in the Education Building, located behind the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall.

Children DO NOT need to be picked up between the Worship Service and Sunday School. Children who attend the 8:45 service will be given a snack and taken to their Sunday School classroom. Children who attend Sunday School and the 11:00 Service will be taken to the Sanctuary at 10:55 and will sit together until the end of the Children's Sermon when they will be taken to Children's Worship.

Children

Under 3

We are never too young to know God's love for us! Ms. Emily Davis begins teaching our youngest children when they are babies held on the laps of the nursery staff. They join the toddlers for songs, stories, and all look for Jesus in the pages of their little Bibles.

3 Year Olds & Pre-K

In our Early Childhood Sunday Funday classes, children begin to learn more about God and worship. They hear His true stories told while engaging with simple hands-on materials that help the lessons come alive. This way of storytelling encourages our children to begin to independently wonder about and praise God.

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

This year we will be learning about the amazing powers God gives to the Superheroes in the Bible. From Abraham to Paul, the children will hear how God's mighty power enabled ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Preteens

4th & 5th Grade

Exciting plans are underway for our 4th and 5th graders including new Sunday School curriculum, Worship Education, and fun fellowship outings. Join us in Room 305 at 10:00 a.m. to be a part of the planning.

Youth

6th-12th Grade

Meets in Room 405 for fellowship and age-appropriate Bible studies.



Adults

(9:45 - 10:45 AM)

Now is a great time to join a Sunday school class! Questions? Please contact Jennifer Thompson, jennifert@wesleymonumental.org

Alpha (Hybrid - In person in Education Building Room 303 & Zoom)

This class uses the Adult Bible studies series, a Bible-based, Christ-focused curriculum. Occasionally, they use topical or video-based studies. Class members enjoy fellowship events and are faithful in their support of each other in time of illness or crisis. Contact Evonne Mobley at evonne.mobley@gmail.com for Zoom invite or show up on Sunday!

Compass (In person - Oliver Hall Room 408)

This class welcomes couples and individuals. Many members have children, from toddlers to teenagers. Classes involve discussion-oriented studies grounded in scripture. Discussions are open and led by members who are willing to identify topics of interest and moderate the study. Our focus is to be led by the Spirit and to promote articulating our faith as it relates to daily living. Members support each other and enjoy time together in social gatherings.

Connect (Hybrid - In person in Oliver Hall Room 207 & Zoom)

Connect is made of people of all ages and all stations of life who enjoy being together and learning God's Word! The members of Connect are welcoming and would love to include more people. If you have never been in Sunday School or just haven't found one at Wesley, give Connect a try! Email Rev. Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org for a Zoom invite or show up on Sunday!

Epworth (Hybrid - In person in Oliver Hall Room 309 & Zoom)

Epworth is an eclectic class: some married, some single, some grandparents, some parents, and some without children. They enjoy quarterly Social Sundays and other gatherings during the year. Their studies include Scriptural and topical lessons. A special service focus is fundraising for Urban Hope, an after-school ministry to children and youth. Contact Ken Spriggs at kspriggs@spriggsgroup.com for a Zoom invite.

Ivy (In person - Oliver Hall Room 310)

The Ivy Class is a lively group of "empty nesters" - parents of college-age children, new grandparents, couples, and singles. The class studies biblically based material - anything from traditional Bible studies to books addressing various topics that pertain to spiritual growth. They also hold social events frequently. For information regarding the Ivy Class, please contact Amy Carter at bcarter331@aol.com.

Journey (Hybrid - In person in Oliver Hall Room 308 & Zoom)

Members of this class seek to broaden their knowledge and understanding of Scripture in today's world. This class is for those who like to explore diverse opinions, accept the conflict of ideas, and want to nurture their spirituality. The purpose of Journey Class is to grow towards living a modern life as a follower of Jesus, based on his teachings. Contact David Butler, dhbutler1693@gmail.com for Zoom invite.

Pastor's Class (Hybrid - In person in the Fellowship Hall & Zoom)

Taught by the senior pastor, this is a class for any age adult. Ben will kick off this Fall with a study of the book Devotional Classics, which offers selected readings about spiritual disciplines. Each lesson is a free standing lesson and, along with a convenient location in the Fellowship Hall, the Pastor's Class is a great class to drop in on! Contact Rev. Ben Martin at ben@wesleymonumental.org for a Zoom invite.

COMING SOON!!!!!! NEW Young Adults' Class

Please contact Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org for information and to offer suggestions!

