



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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WELCOME TO WESLEY MONUMENTAL, WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

One of the blessings of this time of year is, as summer comes to a close and a new school year begins, we begin to see an influx of new people who come worship with us at Wesley. Some have moved to our area over the summer, and as they settle into more of a school year routine, find it a good time to look for a church home. We are honored to have new individuals and families make the time to worship with us.

One of the things we hope sets us apart is the experience of not only meaningful traditional worship with an incredible music program (the jury may still be out on the preacher ☺), but also of a welcoming environment where everyone who comes through our doors is made to feel valued and welcome. Keeping a welcoming environment takes intentionality from all of us. From our staff's attention to guests in worship with us and the communication of a message of grace, to our congregation's paying attention to people you've not yet met and reaching out with a smile, a word of welcome, and an introduction (wearing your name tags really helps!).

As our pews begin to fill up again, be aware of space on the pew where you are sitting. Slide down, make some room, and invite someone who is venturing down the aisle, hoping to find a place to sit, to join you. You never know, God might have planned that encounter for you to be an instrument of grace through a small act of hospitality and kindness that makes a huge difference in someone's life. The message of the gospel, the unconditional and sacrificial love of God in Christ is shared through each of us. What happens on the sidewalk, at the door, in the pews, in the nursery, children's worship, or a Sunday School class are just as important to the gospel message as a soaring anthem by the choir or Biblically-based spirit-inspired message from the pulpit. The United Methodist tag line from a few years ago, "Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds" is still a good guide for how we practice Christian hospitality here.

If you are new to Wesley, please know we are so glad you are here. We do not take lightly the privilege and responsibility God gives us to meet you, and through our words and actions share the light of Christ and love of the Father with you. If you have questions about the church, activities, where things are, etc., please ask; we will be happy to help. And if you don't mind, please sign the attendance registration pad in the pew and leave us an email address, phone number, or mailing address so we can extend our welcome and appreciation to you.

Ben

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. 540** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Marilyn Reimer

Holy, Holy, Holy with Largo by Dvořák

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Psalm 23

Paul Basler

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, 108-109)
Psalm 23:1-6, John 14:1-3, 23, 27

Sermon

"A Psalm For Summer Part 11:
Making a House a Home"

Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 723** Shall We Gather at the River HANSON PLACE

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) In the Sweet By and By Webster/Brown

There's a land that is fairer than day,
and by faith we can see it afar.

For the Father waits over the way
to prepare us a dwelling place there.

In the sweet by and by
we shall meet on that beautiful shore

Closing Voluntary

Charles-Marie Widor

Finale from Symphony No. 6

- * *Please stand as you are able.*
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God by Susan and Bill Lovett in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Administrative Board Meeting - Monday, August 29

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link were emailed to the Board members on Friday, August 26. If you are on the Board and did not receive an email, please contact Jennifer Brookins, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. (Please note, the Board Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. If you would like to view via Zoom, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.) Remaining meetings for 2022: October 24, and December 12.

“Surprised by God’s Kindness” by Dr. Edwin Chase

Dr. Edwin Chase, former Associate Pastor of Wesley Monumental, recently released his memoir, “Surprised by God’s Kindness.” Copies are available in the Church Office for \$14.95 with all proceeds benefitting The Methodist Home for Children and Youth.

Yoga on the Dock at Wesley Gardens Retreat

YogaFaith Savannah has resumed with their wonderful Wednesday classes from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (donation based). All ages and stages and sizes are welcome. See you on the dock! Please email Micah (micah@wesleygardensretreat.com) if you have any questions.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children’s Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler

Offering Steward: David Butler

Usher: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Harris Glidewell, Charlie Glidewell

Children’s Worship: Megan Haubein, Ellen O’Connor, Meghan Scoggins

Greeters: Joy Garvin, Linda Sapp

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

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 Carrols, and other Services throughout the year.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

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

Sunday School - Come Learn About the Superheroes in the Bible!

Every Sunday there are fun and exciting activities for children during Children's Worship and Sunday School. Games, skits, art projects and more are used to engage the children in Bible lessons. This year we are learning about the amazing powers God gave to the Superheroes in the Bible.

Sunday Mornings for 4th and 5th graders

On Sunday, September 11, our 4th graders will begin meeting during the 11:00 Service for Worship Education. This class will meet for 4 weeks, September 11, 18, 25 and October 2. On the 11th children should meet in the middle section of the balcony below the Wesley window at 10:50 a.m. We'll stay for part of the service and spend the second part of our time in room 305 learning about the different parts of the worship service and how they fit together.

Wednesday Nights!

Join the fun on Wednesday nights! We are excited to welcome children younger than 1st grade to Joyful Noise which begins on September 7. Supper is served in the nursery beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the children go to the second floor for choir at 6:00 p.m. You can pick up your child from the playground at 7:00.

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.

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 18, during the Sunday school hour. Please see James P. Owens for more information.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Old Savannah City Mission Groceries

Most needed this week is peanut butter.

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.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (08/21/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	72
11:00 AM Worship	302
Online Worship Views	139
Total Worship	513
Nursery	13
Children's Worship	66
Sunday School	171

Finances: (08/21/22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,279,039.81
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,329,184.72

CHURCH STAFF

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



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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!"

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 23:1-6	How are the opening and closing sentences connected?
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:13-16, 2 Corinthians 5:1-8	Does this world feel like home? Why or why not?
Wednesday	Psalm 84	What do I consider the "house of the Lord"?
Thursday	I Corinthians 6:19-20	If we are the "House of the Lord" what does that mean to me?
Friday	John 14:1-3	Where do I think heaven is? Is eternal life a quality of life or a quantity of life?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to bless the ministry of Wesley Gardens. Let people walk on those grounds and feel Your presence.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, August 28

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Snacks, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, August 29

No Eli's Place This Week

- 5:30 PM Administrative Board Mtg, FH and Zoom

Tuesday, August 30

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310

Wednesday, August 31

- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, September 1

Eli's Place Open House

- 11:00 AM Merry Makers Lunch, The 5 Spot, Sandfly
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, September 2

No Scheduled Activities

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

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper Begins September 7

See the insert in today's bulletin for details and ways to register.

In Sympathy....

The Marbach Family
on the death of Jake's sister,
Betsy Kinne

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

Camille O'Neill and Family
on the death of Camille's brother,
Fritz Scarborough

In Our Prayers....

Diane Boyd, Mark Thomas, Janet Wist, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Bo Watts, Craig Hanson, Jan Pullin, Baker Crawford, Valery Hanks, Cindy Telljohann, 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), 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 Komunale (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 Stuenkel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Virginia Davis, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson