



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Two years ago on Wednesday nights, I taught a couple of books by Henri Nouwen on the topics of Spiritual Formation and Discernment. The third book in this series is on the topic of Spiritual Direction. Nouwen wrote, *"In a society that overvalues progress, development, and personal achievement, the spiritual life quite easily becomes performance oriented: 'On what level am I now, and how do I move to the next one?'....Spiritual formation, I have come to believe, is not about steps or stages on the way to perfection. It is about movements from the mind to the heart through prayer in its many forms that reunite us with God, each other, and our truest selves."*

Jesus taught a lot about the shaping or reshaping of our hearts, and he modeled a life of what is possible when the Spirit of God is given the freedom in us to form our hearts like God's heart. Spiritual Formation is the focus of our newest programming at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. We are partnering with missionary and Spiritual Director, Christian Swails to plan some retreat events around the subject of spiritual formation and to offer spiritual direction to individuals.

The first event he has organized will happen at the end of September in partnership with Leadership Transformations, Inc. LTI will host a workshop on **Friday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat (278 Shipyard Road, Savannah) focused on the three spiritual practices of Lectio Divina (contemplative Bible reading), listening prayer, and reflective journaling.** Registration (\$49) includes: Workshop facilitation by Leadership Transformations, coffee, lunch, and materials. The deadline to register is Wednesday, September 28 by 4:00 p.m., and space is limited to 30 registrants. For the registration link, visit our website, or email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

There will be more retreat opportunities in October and November. We hope you will pray about being a part of one of these spiritual formation events at our retreat center.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Fifteenth 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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Anna Owens

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Christopher Tambling

Fanfare and Trumpet tune on "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Introit (11:00)

I Will Worship the Lord

John Rutter

* Hymn No. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

* 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.

Children's Sermon

Jennifer Thompson

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris True Lindsay, mother of Mark Lindsay.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall.

Georgia Historical Society Event at Wesley Monumental

The Georgia Historical Society and the UVA Club of Savannah will host a talk by Dr. Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Vice President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. Based on his latest book, Andrew O'Shaughnessy explores Jefferson's impact on public education, race relations, and his complex legacy in modern America. The free event is open to the public and will take place this Thursday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary with a book signing to follow.

Laity/Local Pastor's Meeting with the Bishop

Laity are invited to meet with Bishop Graves, next Sunday, September 25 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Richmond Hill UMC. For more information and to submit questions for the Bishop, visit: www.sgaumc.org/september-gatherings

Christmas Greenery Orders

The Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental UMC is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! Your pre-paid order will be shipped to the church the Monday after Thanksgiving (subject to shipping changes). Orders are due by Sunday, October 23, and payment is due with your order. For delivery dates, pricing, and ways to pay, please see the order forms located at all entrances or visit bit.ly/WMChristmasGreenery2022. Funds from this project are used to offset the cost of decorating the church during the Advent season. Thank you for your orders.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks
Greeters: Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson
Offering Steward: David Butler
Ushers: Jeff Miller, Richard Wilson
Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Michael Grabowski, Avery West
Children's Sunday School: Katy Eichholz
Children's Worship: Lily Brown, Amy Daniel, Megan Haubein,
Courtney Lee
Nursery: TBD
Greeters: Gail Brannen, Mary Anne Hill
Offering Steward: Chris Donegan
Ushers: Chris Donegan, Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards,
David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell, Cory Hall, Dustin Hamilton, Michael Hasselle
Partners in Prayer: Mickey Rountree

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Three Choirs Festival, Sunday, October 16, 5:00 PM



Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
(222 E Harris Street, Savannah, GA 31401)

Experience the grandeur of more than 120 voices with brass and organ. The choirs of Wesley Monumental United Methodist and Christ Church Anglican join forces with the Cathedral Choir for an evening of spectacular music making. A limited number of tickets are on hold for Wesley Monumental members at a 25% discount.

Tickets: [Savannahcathedral.org/2022-2023-concert-series](https://savannahcathedral.org/2022-2023-concert-series)

Use discount code: WUMTCF22

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Program – AUTHOR Carolyn Cubbedge

Did you know that our VERY OWN Carolyn Cubbedge has just been published?! Come join Carolyn in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 10 as she shares with some of her favorite people (YOU!) about her chapter in the book When God Whispered My Name. The editors of the book will be with Carolyn. Let Carolyn know ahead of time if you want her to bring you a copy of the book (at a cheaper rate than the online price). Please call the church office or contact Jennifer Baker by Friday, October 7 to make a reservation.

Dutch Treat at Flying Fish Bar & Grill

Join us for a “Dutch treat” lunch on Friday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Flying Fish Bar & Grill (7906 US-80, Savannah). Please call the church office or contact Jennifer Thompson by Thursday, October 25 to let her know you are coming.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children’s Ministry

Sunday Mornings for 4th & 5th Graders

On September 18 and October 2 & 9, our 4th and 5th graders will meet during the 11:00 Service for Worship Education. 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. Pick up from the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Second Grade Bible Presentation Rescheduled

Unfortunately, the Bibles for our Second Graders are delayed in shipping, so we are rescheduling Bible Presentation Sunday. Please put Sunday, October 23 on your calendar and send an email to charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our list.

Serving in Children’s Ministry



As you watch the children come down for the Children’s Sermon each week, you can understand that many hands are needed to serve all of our children. Each week ten adults are needed to serve by helping in the Nursery, Sunday School, or Children’s Worship. No preparation is required. If you have a love for children and sharing God’s word, sign up at bit.ly/ServeinSSandCW or scan the QR code, and Charli will contact you with more information.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth Group and Youth Choir Tonight

Join us for Youth Group tonight from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir will meet from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Encounter Retreat (7th-12th Grades)

We are 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 Today, Sunday, September 18

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 this 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 are soft granola bars.

New Member Course, Today, Sunday, September 18

10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. The class will join as a group next Sunday, September 25.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (09/11/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	73
11:00 AM Worship	322
Online Worship Views	124
Total Worship	519
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
Sunday School	132

Finances: (09/11/22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,380,912.41
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,442,434.25

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	Ashley Hlggins.....Communications Director
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Julia Flowers.....Music Assistant	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
Rev. 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
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	



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
September 18, 2022**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Exodus 3:1-12, Luke 2:41-49	What places are "holy" for me and why?
Tuesday	Luke 4:16, John 2:13-17	What does Jesus' example say to us about sacred places?
Wednesday	Genesis 2:1-3	How does my practice of "Sabbath" make time sacred?
Thursday	Mark 2:23-28	What is the purpose of setting apart sacred time?
Friday	Psalm 5:1-3, Psalm 24, Luke 22:39-40	Set apart some time and space to pray today.

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to be with all of our children and chaperones as they go to the KidzQuest Retreat at Epworth this week. Help those kids experience Your presence and draw closer to You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, September 18

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 10:00 AM Confirmation Class, EB 4th Flr
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, September 19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM Dinner, FH
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Making Sense of the Bible Study, led by Ben Martin, FH
- 6:00 PM Colossians Study, led by Jennifer Thompson, OH 207
- 6:00 PM The Enneagram Study, led by James P. Owens, OH 408
- 6:00 PM Young Women's Small Group, led by Katie Knight, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, September 22

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
- 3:00 PM GA Historical Society, SNC

Friday, September 23

- KidzQuest Thru 9/25
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

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

Pastor on Call This Week

Sun (9/18) & Thurs (9/22) - Sat (9/24)
 Ben Martin..... 912-547-1835
 Mon (9/19) - Wed (9/21)
 Nelle Bordeaux 912-234-9245

**Wednesday Night Supper
 September 21**

To cancel or make a reservation, please email or call Jennifer Baker in the Church Office, 912-232-0191 or bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.

Menu: Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Beans and Rice

In Our Prayers....

Ryon Thompson, Janet Wist, Carolyn Griner, Deanne Rimes, Diane Boyd, Mark Thomas, 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, 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 (grand-daughter 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 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, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Carter Family
 on the death of
Leon Terrell Coppage,
 father of Amy Carter

The Family of *Ariel Martin*,
 infant niece of Charli Weeks