



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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BEING UNITED METHODIST

One of the most important things that characterizes being United Methodist is our connectional system. We are partners in ministry with thousands of churches and faith-based ministries across the world in sharing the love of Christ in word and deed. One of those ministries is The Methodist Home for Children and Youth. As you have heard me say many times, there is no more important ministry we are a part of as a United Methodist church in the South Georgia Conference than this one. Next Sunday our communion offering will go to the Methodist Home. I hope this week you will prayerfully consider generously supporting this important ministry.

And speaking of being connectional. Another basic characteristic of being United Methodist is our Episcopal system. We (the South Georgia Annual Conference) are led by Bishop David Graves. During COVID we were not able to elect new Bishops, and when our Bishop, Lawson Bryan retired, Bishop Graves graciously agreed to serve the Alabama-West Florida Conference and the South Georgia Conference. Needless to say his workload has been enormous. Bishop Graves has been working really hard to be accessible to our pastors and congregations to help lead us through some of the denominational issues you may have been hearing about. At 4:00 p.m. this afternoon he will meet with laity and some pastors at Richmond Hill United Methodist Church. You are all invited to attend. There has been a great deal of inaccurate information floating around about the UMC and disaffiliation. He will offer us accurate information and answer questions. You will find him to be a genuine, wise, and compassionate leader. We are fortunate to have him in South Georgia.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Sixteenth 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)

Mae Keever Mingleedorff

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude in C Major, BWV 545

Introit (11:00)

Entrata Festiva

Flor Peeters

Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!
(Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ commands!)

* **Hymn No. 127** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Jennifer Thompson

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

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.

Minute for Evangelism "Bring a Friend Sunday" on October 16

Chris Donegan, Evangelism Committee Chairman

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Jennifer Thompson

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. 399** Take My Life, and Let It Be MESSIAH

Offertory Prayer Jennifer Thompson

Offertory Solo (8:45) Qui sedes ad dexteram Vivaldi

Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Ralph Vaughan Williams

O Clap Your Hands

O clap your hands, all ye people;
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible;
He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises:
sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

- Psalm 47:1-2,5-8

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. 65-66, 60) Exodus 19:9-15, Luke 3:4-6

Sermon "Worship Part 3: Prepare the Way" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 354 I Surrender All SURRENDER

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Amy & Justin Jones with children Langston & Eliza Jones
Zoë Manning with children, Aela Manning & Benjamin & Evelyn Teuton
Suzette Parker
Susanna & Emery Warnock with son, William "Liam" Warnock
Sheila Watts (from associate member to full member)
Alex Whiddon and Brad Wilborn with daughter, Sloane Wilborn

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you.

Closing Voluntary

Johann Sebastian Bach
Fugue in C Major, BWV 545

- * *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 Penny Harper in loving memory of Bill Harper and in honor of Dot Harper on the occasion of her 95th birthday, November 1.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Robert Kindorf of Twin Lakes, Colorado, from the Chow and Grund families.

Laity/Local Pastor's Meeting with the Bishop, Today, 9/25

Laity are invited to meet with Bishop Graves, today, 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: TBD

Offering Steward: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Cole Valdez, Andrew Wilkes

Children's Sunday School: Courtney Davidson

Children's Worship: Micaela Anderson, Courtney Davidson,
Katy Eichholz, Erica Timmons

Nursery: TBD

Greeters: Carolyn & James Cubbedge

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Adam Hess, Dan Hoey, Rusty Holt, Bill Hunter,
Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

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 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 and Charli will contact you with more information.



Serve in
Nursery



Serve in Sunday School or
Children’s Worship

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.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Groceries Most Needed this Week

Peel-back cans of Vienna sausages for Old Savannah City Mission.

Urban Hope Supper for 100 People - October 3

Sign up to cook and help serve. Needed are salad, cut fruit, lasagna, French bread, and cookies. Please meet at 5:30 p.m. at Independent Presbyterian Church. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (09/18/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	89
11:00 AM Worship	312
Online Worship Views	118
Total Worship	519
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
Sunday School	142

Finances: (09/18/22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,404,862.63
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,481,828.91

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 Higgins.....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 25, 2022

Sermon Extended

Monday	Exodus 19:9-15	What do you do to “consecrate” or prepare for worship?
Tuesday	Psalm 84	Do I have a sense of expectation and joy as I prepare for worship? Why or why not?
Wednesday	Luke 3:4-6	Using John’s metaphor for preparing the way, what “low places need to be lifted” in me?
Thursday	Luke 3:4-6	Using John’s metaphor for preparing the way, what “high places need to be cut down and crooked ones made straight” in me?
Friday	James 4-7-9	How does James suggest we “draw near to God”? Practice those today.
Saturday		Create a ritual of preparation for worship tomorrow.

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to bless our prayer and spiritual formation retreat at Wesley Gardens this week. Be present with all who attend. Let them experience You in new and powerful ways.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, September 25

- 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
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, September 26

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Joy Circle, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, September 27

- 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 28

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah, Hm of Linda Tedder
- 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 29

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, September 30

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Spiritual Practices Retreat, WG

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
September 28**

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

Menu: Lemon Chicken

In Our Prayers....

Tim Mooney, Ann Cooper (sister of Joyce Zehl), Grace Bockes, 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, 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 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

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