



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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Daylight Saving Time

By the time most of you read this upon your arrival in worship, you will already have moved your clocks forward an hour (otherwise you missed worship this morning arriving an hour late). These days we use our phones for clocks that change automatically, but I still like to make the moving of that hour a kind of spiritual discipline. In a moment, I watch an hour of my life "flash before my eyes" and like the Ash Wednesday, I think about how fleeting my life is. Moses wrote in Psalm 90, *"You turn us back to dust and say 'Turn back, you mortals.' For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers."* Recognizing how quickly time and life passes should help us live more in the present moment and be more careful about how we use our time.

Speaking of time quickly passing, **our custodian, Mr. Nat Legree, is retiring.** For the last 42 years, Nat Legree has been a fixture at Wesley. So much of what he did went on behind the scenes, but he faithfully helped prepare this place for worship, study, and fellowship week after week. He also oversaw the grounds and in recent years, after the death of George Wilson, was responsible for the beautiful garden at Oliver Hall. We are grateful for all that Nat has given to the life of this church. We are collecting a love offering/retirement gift for Nat. If you would like to contribute, please mark your gifts for *Nat Legree Retirement gift.*

St. Patrick's Day

This week St. Patrick's Day rolls around again. It is always a big day in Savannah, but also here at Wesley. As many of you already know, our youth offer a St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast in our fellowship hall from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 am. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. We can always use help if anyone wants to volunteer to cook, greet, take up money, or just purchase some supplies. Contact Rev. James P. Owens and let him know you are available to help.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Third Sunday in Lent

Opening Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach
Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542

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) Harper Blake

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Introit (11:00) John Ireland

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me;
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

- Samuel Crossman (1664)

* **Hymn No. 159** Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

* **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** GREATOR EX

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)

Winnifer June Scoggins
daughter of Meghan and Brent Scoggins

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Winnie 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she 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. 297 Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) In the Garden arr. Marilyn Ham

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Christ Hath a Garden arr. Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,
A Paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice His servants stand,
There planted by His mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:

That He may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that He hath set;
That He may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.

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. 2-3) Genesis 3:1-13

Sermon "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way Part 3:
Hide and Seek" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me TOPLADY

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

arr. Eric Nelson

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art!

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542

J. S. Bach

* *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 and in remembrance of brother and sister Robert Yates Parker and Nancy Jane Parker, grandchildren of Tom and Susan Colgrove.

Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Just Born

Congratulations to Carrie and Dajuan Monley on the birth of a son, Atticus Donald Monley, on March 6, 2023. Grandson of Ann Marie and Don Stack. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Atticus.

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the April Monumental Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, March 13. Send to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Church Office and Eli's Place Closed

The Church Office and Eli's Place will be closed this Friday, March 17, 2023 in observance of St. Patrick's Day.

Enrichment Classes and Parents' Night Out

This spring, Wesley Monumental will host the following free classes led by therapists from Waters Edge Counseling:

- ◆ *March 25 Couples Talk: Lost in Translation led by Julie Roberts*
This workshop will focus on communication skills, shared values, goal setting, and how to get on the same page with your spouse.
- ◆ *April 22 Children's Mental Health led by Amanda Baskin*
During this presentation, we will cover the most common mental health issues that elementary-age children face. We will explore ways to know the differences between typical behaviors or signs that a child needs extra help, and review steps you can take as a parent to support your child and help them lead their best life.

Classes will meet from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the class, parents will enjoy an evening out from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be available with child-friendly supper provided for birth - 5th grade.

To register, visit: www.wesleymonumental.org/parents-night-out-sign-up/

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks**Greeters:** TBD**Offering Steward:** David Butler**Partners in Prayer:** Dorie Gaskin**11:00 Service****Acolytes:** Palmer Thomas, Adair Thomas**Children's Worship:** Volunteers Needed**Greeters:** TBD**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, David Gaskin, Cory Hall, Dustin Hamilton, Michael Hasselle, Adam Hess, Dan Hoey, Rusty Holt**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

The Joyful Noise Choir, Children's Choir, and Youth Choir are pleased to announce they raised \$20,000 through the Children of the Light concert. They worked so hard to contribute toward the renovation of their own ministry space. We are grateful for their efforts and joyful spirits. All the money goes to the Building Fund for Children's and Music Ministry.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Item Most Needed This Week for Old Savannah City Mission

Please place donations of canned vegetables in marked boxes located in the Wayne and Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

New Member Course Starts Next Sunday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Class meets March 19 and 26, and the class will join as a group on March 26.

New Topic in Young Mothers' Bible Study - Easter in All Four Gospels

Starts Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. Nelle teaches the mothers, while fabulous Carmine Cowart teaches the nursery. Please sign up, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Save the Date - Wednesday, March 29 for a Mission Trip Report

Learn about the recent mission trip to Santa Elena, Honduras, from nine church members who led a Bible school and also built two homes in three days! Please make a reservation in the church office, 912-232-0191, for supper at 5:30 p.m. Mission talk will be in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

March Merry Makers

Join us tomorrow, Monday, March 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear Ken Rimes tell us about his unique adventure with the Sons of Jubal Men's Chorus and their performance in the Pyongyang Concert Hall in North Korea. He will tell us about their experiences and show us pictures of North Korea. Suzanna will have a yummy lunch for us as well! Please let Jennifer Thompson know today if you plan to attend. The cost for lunch is \$7.

Dutch Treat

Meet at 11:00 a.m. at Wiley's Championship BBQ (4700 Highway 80 East, Savannah) on Thursday, March 30 for our monthly Dutch Treat. Please contact Jennifer Baker in the church office at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org or 912-232-0191, or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Tuesday, March 28 to make reservations.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

VBS and Summer Fun Daze

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations be sure to reserve these weeks for Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Daze. ***Please note at this time, registration is only open to children and extended family of Wesley members.

- June 5 – 9 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old – 5th grade
- July 17 – 21 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children Kindergarten – 3rd grade

Register for both today at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

St. Patrick's Day

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast (to raise money for youth trips and missions) is taking place this Friday, March 17! You can help by donating pancake mix, bacon, or a number of other items. Our students will work as servers, but we will also need adult volunteers to help in the kitchen and collect money. We will be serving pancakes, bacon, and green grits on the morning of the parade, Friday, March 17, from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 for adults/\$3 for children. Everyone is invited!

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreat - March 24

Join chapel at 9:00 a.m. for some time of guided retreat and solitude. In addition to group prayer and *Lectio Divina* (meditation on Holy Scripture), this liturgically-based retreat will feature teaching and discussion. Coffee and tea is provided at the Memory Garden gazebo at 8:45 a.m. The retreat is 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with the remainder of the afternoon available for personal retreat. Please bring your own lunch. For questions and further details email hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.



Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 9. You may order plants in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$15.50 per plant. Orders must be received in the church office by Monday, March 27. Order forms may be found at all sanctuary entrances or you can order and pay online: www.wesleymonumental.org/easter-flowers-2023/

Finances: (3/5/23)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$457,087.86
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$404,969.17

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (3/5/23)

8:45 AM Worship	104	Nursery	12
11:00 AM Worship	317	Children's Worship	40
Online Worship Views	115	Sunday School	177
Total Worship	536		

CHURCH STAFF

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

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
March 12, 2023

Sermon Extended

Monday	Genesis 3:1-7	In what ways do I try to "hide" myself from others?
Tuesday	Genesis 3:1-8	In what ways do I try to "hide" myself from God?
Wednesday	Psalm 139:1-18	How does this Psalm make me feel?
Thursday	Genesis 3:1-13	In what ways did Adam and Eve try to "hide" from themselves? How do I?
Friday	I John 1:8-10, James 5:16	Pray a prayer of confession today. Is there someone I need to confess to?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We thank You, Lord, for spring - for sunshine, flowers, and the burst of new life. We pray for safety for all who will visit our city this week. Help us to be patient and kind representatives of You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, March 12

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:15 PM Family Mission Project,
Landscaping Tiny Houses
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, March 13

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers March Event, FH
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study,
The Original Pancake House
- 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, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom
- 7:00 PM Acts Bible Study in Pooler,
Pearre Home

Friday, March 17

- St. Patrick's Day
- Church Office & Eli's Place Closed
- 7:00 AM Pancake Breakfast, FH

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

March 15, 2023

No Wednesday Night Supper or Programs this Wednesday, March 15 due to St. Patrick's Day. Plan to join us next Wednesday, March 22.

In Our Prayers....

Eleanor McCurry, Lynn Pruett, Sally Davis, Byron Rogers, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Mike Eckmann, Sara Hardwick (sister of Cassie Beckwith), Dennis Deal (cousin of Patricia Jacobs), Lynn and Dan Kurtz, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Hannah Rowland (daughter of Bren and Chet Kos), Robert Green, Lynn Strickland, David Gelaude, Hope Lassiter (sister of Will Weeks), Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Ken Brownfield, Katie Adrian, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Bryan Vance (father of Chris Vance), Chad Gamble (brother of Kim Watson), Cindy and John Burton, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Michele Bazemore, Suzette Parker, Emily Perry (granddaughter of Joyce and Richard Zehl), Tim Mooney, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Valery Hanks, Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Matthew McClain, Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Komunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Grace and Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Edith Roszkowiak, Ruth and Elton Stuenkel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Daniel Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson

In Sympathy....

The Royal family
on the death of Helen McCutchen,
mother of Daniel Royal,
grandmother of Aaron Royal

Enrichment Classes & Parents' Night Out

Hosted by Wesley Monumental UMC
Featuring Waters Edge Counseling

Saturdays: March 25 and April 22

- ◆ The classes will meet 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the class, parents will enjoy an evening out from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Childcare will be available with child-friendly supper provided for birth - 5th grade.

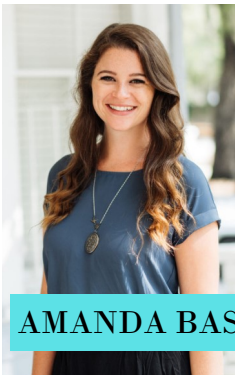
Couples Talk: Lost in Translation

Julie is a creative, open-minded, free-spirited soul married to a super logical husband, and they have worked hard together to understand and maintain good communication. This workshop will focus on communication skills, shared values, goal setting, and how to get on the same page with your spouse.



JULIE ROBERTS

Born in Ohio, Julie graduated from Bowling Green University and went on to receive a Masters in Guidance and Counseling there. She received a Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan and is a big UM fan. Julie also received a Masters in Research from Lancaster University in the UK. She and her husband have two daughters who attend St. Andrews. A lover of cats and dogs, Julie also enjoys painting and decorating in her free time.



Children's Mental Health

Have you ever noticed your child struggling with skills their friends have already mastered? Have you ever felt worried that their tantrums were reaching a new level of unmanageable? Have you ever felt something was wrong and couldn't figure out what? You're not alone.

During this presentation, we will cover the most common mental health issues that elementary-age children face. We will explore ways to know the differences between typical behaviors or signs that a child needs extra help. We will review steps you can take as a parent to support your child and help them lead their best life.

AMANDA BASKIN

Amanda received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Georgia College and State University. She then continued her studies at the University of Georgia earning a Masters in Social Work and a Marriage and Family Therapy Certificate. Amanda grew up in Savannah and enjoys being outdoors gardening and going to the beach.

Registration (classes & childcare are free!)

Register online: www.wesleymonumental.org/parents-night-out-sign-up/ or complete form and return to the church office.

Parents' Names _____

Circle the dates and topics of the sessions you plan to attend.

March 25 Couples Talk *April 22 Children's Mental Health*

Names and current grades of elementary children: _____

Names and current ages of children younger than kindergarten: _____