



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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March 19, 2023

**CHURCH CONFERENCE - SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 9:45 A.M.
EDUCATION BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT**

For the past several years, we have been talking about and doing initial planning for a renovation of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Floors of the Education Building. Our Board of Trustees and Administrative Board have approved holding a Church Conference to present the proposal and vote on moving forward with a Capital Campaign to raise the money for the project. The Church Conference will be held during the Sunday School Hour on April 2 at 9:45 a.m. All members who attend will be able to vote (non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend). You will receive information about the project next week to help you be informed about the need, scope of work, and project cost. Please put this important event on your calendar. If you cannot attend but would like to express your support or opposition to the project, please let us know. A project of this scale needs consensus from our congregation, not a simple majority vote.

WHEN IT IS SPRING BEFORE EASTER

Tuesday is the first official day of spring, but when you look around you might say spring has already sprung. The azaleas have bloomed, the bulbs have sprouted, and the trees are green again. In the church season, we are just over halfway through Lent. Lent is the season of repentance, of sin moving towards forgiveness, of darkness moving towards light, of Jesus moving towards the cross. This year the creation just couldn't wait; it was longing for new life. So spring, for all practical purposes, came early not waiting on a calendar.

While the creation could wait on Spring and its resurrection signs, it is important that we do wait. We need time to contemplate our sin and our mortality, and soon we'll need to contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus for our sins. We are impatient people, and the cost of our impatience is the avoidance of wrestling with our own sin. The cost of our impatience is the possibility of spiritual depth. The cost of our impatience is giving God a chance to do something we can't. So spring has sprung and the calendar will catch up with it Tuesday. But, it is still Lent. So let's not get in too big of a hurry. Easter will get here when it is time.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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)

Brantley Parker

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Elmo Mercer

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
J. D. Ingraham, bagpiper

Introit (11:00)

John Ireland

He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need His life did spend!

* **Hymn No. 292** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Nelle Bordeaux

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 (8:45)

James Benjamin Watkins
son of L.B. and Laura Watkins

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome James 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Linda Mitchell's 84th birthday on March 12 from her daughter, Carmine Cowart.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, March 23 in Oliver Hall.

March Administrative Board Meeting

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place Monday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link will be emailed to the Board on Friday, March 24.

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/

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday - Deadline to Order is March 27

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/

Nat Legree Retirement

For the last 42 years, our custodian, 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*.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Jeralyn Wilson, Ann Croft

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Jordan Hess, Michael Cooler

Children's Worship: Ellen O'Connor, Rachel Suttles

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Rusty Holt, Tom Bordeaux, Pratt Matthews, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Welcome J. D. Ingraham to 11:00 worship today. J. D. is a quality engineer in Charleston, SC. He is the Senior Pipe Major of the Charleston Pipe Band, a member of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association and the Lowland and Border Piper's Association, and takes every free moment he has to share his art.

Children of the Light Concert

The 133 children and youth in choir are excited to share with you that they raised \$20,000 for the Building Fund at the Children of the Light concert on February 26. Thanks to our sponsors, their parents, the 50 chancel choir members, the teachers, and all of you for your support. We are so proud of the students for raising money for their own space.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Items Most Needed This Week for Old Savannah City Mission

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

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

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

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

Starts this 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.

Come Mow the Back Forty! Help Cut a Huge Lawn!

Living Vine Christian Maternity Home, 54th at Paulsen, this Wednesday, March 22, at 8:00 a.m. Don Riddle leads this ministry. Sign up with Nelle, 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.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Easter Egg-stravaganza

Our annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. There will be lots of eggs, treats, games, art activities, and more. It will be a fun afternoon for everyone. Plan to bring your Easter basket and bug spray. Watch for more details on Instagram @CMatWesleyUMC.

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

High School Mission Trip to Logan, WV, June 25-30

We are planning a mission trip for students entering grades 9-12 with Youthworks, June 25-30, to Logan WV, where we will work with needy children and families. If you have been on one of our Youthworks trips in the past, you know how great they are! Email James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org for more information.

Local Mission Week, July 24-28

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us July 24-28 for our annual Local Mission Week. Each day, students will be sent out into the community to engage in meaningful service right here in Savannah. Email James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org for more information.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Dutch Treat - Date Change - Meeting this Friday, March 24

Meet at 11:00 a.m. at Wiley's Championship BBQ (4700 Highway 80 East, Savannah) this Friday, March 24 for our monthly Dutch Treat. Please contact Jennifer Baker in the church office at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org by noon this Wednesday, March 22 to RSVP.

April Merry Makers

Our resident artist, Ivan Chow, will be our speaker at our April Merry Makers. Ivan will share with us about his love for art, show us some of his exhibits, offer us a demonstration, and talk about what he has been doing to prepare for retirement. The program will begin in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 10, and lunch will follow. Contact Jennifer Baker in the church office at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org to make reservations. Cost \$7.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreat - This Friday, 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.



Finances: (3/12/23)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$500,854.61
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$453,635.95

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (3/12/23)

8:45 AM Worship	68	Nursery	10
11:00 AM Worship	335	Children's Worship	40
Online Worship Views	112	Sunday School	134
Total Worship	515		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben MartinSenior Pastor
 Rev. Nelle Bordeaux...Outreach & New Members
 Rev. Jennifer Thompson Congregational Life
 Rev. James P. Owens ...Director of Student Ministries
 Dr. Monica Dekle Director of Music & Organist
 Julia Flowers Music Assistant
 Charli Weeks..... Director of Children's Ministry
 Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator
 Tom Anderson Financial Manager
 Jennifer BakerAdministrative Assistant, Reception

Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
 Ashley Higgins Communications Director
 Suzanna King Director of Hospitality
 Betty DudleyHousekeeper
 Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
 Jared Hanks.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
 Christian Swails.....Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

March 19, 2023

Sermon Extended

Monday	Genesis 3:15-24	What characterizes the consequences of sin and where do I see it manifest in my own life?
Tuesday	Genesis 4:1-5, Matthew 5:21-24, Micah 6:6-8	Is there anything that might render my worship meaningless to God?
Wednesday	Genesis 4:5-6	Have I ever been angry with God? Why or why not?
Thursday	Genesis 4:7, I John 3	How can I "master sin"?
Friday	Genesis 4:8-14, Psalm 51:1-12	Is there anything that is separating me from God?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to bless the upcoming Enrichment Classes and Parents' Nights Out. Let these events be helpful to families and help them draw closer to You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, March 19

- 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, March 20

Eli's Place Closed

- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study,
The Original Pancake House
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
- 5:30 PM Finance Comm. Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, March 22

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle
- 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, EB
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Philippians Study, Led by
Ben Martin, FH
- 6:00 PM Book Study, Led by
Jennifer Thompson, OH 207
- 6:00 PM Enneagram Study, Led by
James P. Owens
- 6:00 PM Young Mothers' Small Group,
OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 23

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH
- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom

Friday, March 24

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Saturday, March 25

- 4:30 PM Enrichment Class & Parents'
Night Out, 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 22, 2023

Menu: TBD

To make a reservation, email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org

In Our Prayers....

Mary Holloway (mother of Janet Flowers), 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 Comunale (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.

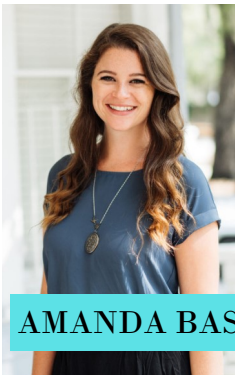
Couples Talk: Lost in Translation

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.

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. We will review steps you can take as a parent to support your child and help them lead their best life.

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:
