



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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March 26, 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 should have received information in the mail this week about the project to help you be informed about the need, scope of work, and project cost. If you have questions ahead of time, please call Ben Martin or Jimmy Flowers. 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.

Easter Egg-stravaganza, Sunday April 2, 4:00 p.m.

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. Our youngest children will gather in the main house and our elementary children will gather at the pavilion. It will be a fun afternoon for everyone. We'll have bags to decorate for egg collecting and lots of bug spray. Watch for more details on Instagram @CMatWesleyUMC.

Holy Week Preview (April 3-9)

Monday-Wednesday

Lunch Services in the Fellowship Hall. Food will be available at 11:45 a.m. Service starts at 12:10 p.m. and ends by 12:40 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Communion Service at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Passover Program for children age 3 - 3rd grade. Children can be dropped off on the 2nd floor at 6:10 p.m. We will have supper in the nursery for children younger than 1st grade starting at 5:15 p.m. Nursery will be open from 5:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

12:00 noon in the Sanctuary, lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m.- Sunrise Service at Wesley Gardens Retreat
8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Easter Celebrations in the Sanctuary

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Fifth 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) Tillie Johnston

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Bruce Greer

Opening Voluntary (11:00) Aram Khachaturian

Toccata in E-flat Minor

Angelina Stack, pianist

Introit (11:00) On Eagles' Wings

* **Hymn** No. 286 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

* **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.

Baptismal Covenant (8:45)

John Dyer Dixon son of Lauren and Quint Dixon

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Dyer 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.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Robert Sloan Watts son of Jenna and Gil Watts

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Bo 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.

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

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. 285** To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord KINGSFOLD

Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) The Salley Gardens arr. Joseph Martin

Offertory Anthem (11:00) My Eternal King Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not Must die eternally,

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, And manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, And my Eternal King.

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. 5) Genesis 6:5-13

Sermon "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way Part 5: A World of Violence" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 294** Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Susan and Johnny Ganas, Jr.

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) God So Loved the World John Stainer

Closing Voluntary Fugue in G Minor Marcel Dupré

- * *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 memory of our son, Rhett Morgan Rountree, by Gail and Mickey Rountree.

March Administrative Board Meeting

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. If you are a Board member and did not receive the Zoom link and agenda items on Wednesday, March 22, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Enrichment Classes and Parents' Night Out

On Saturday, April 22, we will host our second free Enrichment Class led by Amanda Baskin of Waters Edge Counseling. The topic will be *Children's Mental Health*, and the presentation will cover the most common mental health issues elementary-age children face. Amanda 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. The class will meet from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the class, parents will be able to enjoy an evening out from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. while we take care of your children (birth-5th graders). To register, visit: www.wesleymonumental.org/parents-night-out-sign-up/

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday - Deadline is Tomorrow (3/27)!

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/

New Sunday School Class for Adults 25-40 Years Old Beginning April 16

"The Millennial Blend," a Sunday School class for all millennial adults led by Aaron and Ashley Higgins, is beginning Sunday, April 16 in the Oliver Hall Parlor. Together, we'll begin studying the book *What if Jesus was Serious About Prayer?* by Skye Jethani. Coffee and breakfast bites will be available. We'll build community, grow in faith, and make new friends all on Sunday mornings. Single, married, with kids, without kids—all millennials are welcome! Contact Ashley Mays Higgins with any questions. communications@wesleymonumental.org

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Sharlene Monahan, Will Weeks

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: William Blake, Catherine Cheshire

Children's Worship: Amy Daniel, Lindsey Wiggins

Greeters: Randal Robinson, Mike Eckman

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

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.

Video

A video of the February 26 concert, "Children of the Light: An Evening of Hymns and Heritage" is now available. Please contact Monica to receive the link: monica@wesleymonumental.org.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are canned soups, stews, and canned pot roast. Please place donations in marked boxes located in the Wayne and Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Want to Help Lead a Bible Study at Union Mission?

Needed are helpers to lead a Bible study at Parker's Grace House for women and also another program of Union Mission. Please pray about this opportunity and speak to Nelle for more information, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

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

Meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. Nelle teaches the mothers, while fabulous Carmine Cowart teaches the nursery. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Mission Trip Report - This Wednesday, March 29

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

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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

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

Bible Study: April 25

Join us for the spiritual discipline of Bible study. An in-depth class presented by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. This spring we will continue looking closely at "Peter, the Preacher" by examining his speeches in the book of Acts. Join us Tuesday, April 25 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. For details, contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.



Finances: (3/19/23)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$545,100.98
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$469,879.78

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (3/19/23)

8:45 AM Worship	XX	Nursery	10
11:00 AM Worship	316	Children's Worship	53
Online Worship Views	144	Sunday School	10
Total Worship	XXX		

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

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Genesis 6:5, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5	What shapes the "inclinations of the thoughts of our hearts"? Can I control my thoughts?
Tuesday	Genesis 6:5-6	What breaks the heart of God? Is there anything in my life that "grieves God's heart"?
Wednesday	Genesis 6:11-13, James 4:1-3	Why is the "earth filled with violence"?
Thursday	Genesis 6:11 Matthew 12:33-37	Can words be violent?
Friday	Genesis 6:11, Galatians 5:13-15, 22-26	How can I work towards being more loving?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to be with the veterans who live in the tiny houses, and we praise You for all from our church who have helped improve the grounds and will build furniture.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, March 26

- 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 27

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Joy Circle, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Administrative Board Mtg,
FH and Zoom
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, March 28

- 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
- 2:00 PM Care & Share, OH 205

Wednesday, March 29

- 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, EB
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Honduras Mission Report
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 30

- 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 31

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 1:30 PM Grace Bockes Visitation, FH
- 2:30 PM Grace Bockes Funeral, SNC

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 29, 2023 Honduran Inspired Meal: Lime Chicken, Beans and Rice
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In Sympathy....

Bockes & Boyd Families
on the death of
Grace Bockes,
wife of Olin Bockes
mother of Diane Boyd

Stuenckel Family
on the death of
Ruth Stuenckel,
wife of Elton

Vance Family
on the death of
Bryan Vance,
father of Chris Vance

In Our Prayers....

McCarthy Family, John Birkheimer, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), Shirley Roberts, 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, 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, Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenckel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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