



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a time when our students make a public profession of their faith and become full members of the church. They are prepared for this by attending a year-long series of classes taught by Rev. James P. Owens and a South Georgia Conference retreat where they learn the basics of the Christian faith and what it means to be a member of a United Methodist church. Last Sunday we confirmed eight of our students and this morning the other ten members of the class will be confirmed. They are a reminder of the lifelong journey of faith we are all taking together. We are grateful for the families who have sown faith into their children's lives by their teachings and examples and for the many Wesley members and staff who have been a part of their faith development.

William Blake	Ella Burgstiner
Madelyn Byrd	Virginia Carroll
Catherine Cheshire	Sam Gonzalez
Cole Valdez	Adair Thomas
Camille Wilkes	

THE CAPSTONE PROJECT CAPITAL FUNDS DRIVE

In 1999 we developed a Master Plan for the renovation of all of our downtown church properties. The first phase was to renovate the ground floor of the Espy House (now Oliver Hall) and to relocate the church offices. Phase two was to renovate the Fellowship Hall and the ground floor of the Education Building for our nursery and toddlers. Phase three was to renovate and restore the second, third, and fourth floors of Oliver Hall which also included adding a new playground. In between we painted and upgraded in the Sanctuary. The final phase of this two decades long project is to renovate the second, third, and fourth floors of the Education Building.

On April 2, we held a Church Conference and voted overwhelmingly to move forward on this project. The projected cost is \$3.5 million. Thanks to an incredibly generous lead gift of \$500,000, and other money we have saved for this project, we will begin with \$1 million, leaving \$2.5 million to be raised by a Capital Funds Drive. This week we mailed out information about the Capstone Capital Funds Drive. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can support this final phase of our Church plant renovation that will greatly improve the safety, security, functionality, and comfort of our Education Building. This is a long needed and overdue project. We will culminate our Capital Funds Drive on May 21 with a church-wide lunch and hope everyone will turn in a commitment card before or on that Sunday. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity that will enable us to enhance our ministry to the many children entrusted to our care and music ministry that blesses us week after week in worship.

Service of Confirmation (11:00)

James P. Owens

Congregational Response:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

* **Scripture Lesson**

(Pew Bible, pg. 115)

John 21:1-8 (8:45)

(Pew Bible, pg. 174)

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (11:00)

Sermon

"All In"

Nelle Bordeaux (8:45)

"You are the Body of Christ"

James P. Owens (11:00)

Holy Communion

Ben Martin

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

Offertory Solo (8:45)

To God and To the Lamb

Anna Owens, chorister

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Paige/Nix

Fanfare and Concertato on It Is Well With My Soul

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. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Grocery Items Needed

Most needed this week is canned fruit and rice. Please place donations in marked boxes located in Oliver Hall.

June Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements is tomorrow, Monday, May 8, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Merry Makers May Event

Lots of people say they want to write and publish a book, but few ever do. Come learn from someone who's done it three times! Wesley Monumental's own Communications Director, Ashley Mays Higgins, is a traditionally published author who writes fiction for fierce young women of faith. Let Jennifer Thompson know today if you plan to attend tomorrow, Monday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wesley Gardens Bible Study

Our practice of studying the Scriptures, led by Dr. Scott Hafemann, will continue in May with the second and third parts of a three-part series, "From John the Baptist to Jesus the Messiah." The study will take place May 9 and May 23 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Are all welcome!

Children's Music Awards

We look forward to the Children's Music Awards Ceremony this Wednesday, May 10 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary when we celebrate all that the children (and their parents) have accomplished this year.

Finances: (04-30-23)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$786,860.09
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$694,461.86

Infant Recognition Sunday

Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! Next Sunday, May 14 we will be honoring more than 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our list.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held May 21, and if anyone knows of a member (or member's child) that is graduating from high school or college, please email james@wesleymonumental.org.

Mentors Needed

Mentors needed for Young Mothers. Interested? Please speak with Nelle, 912-234-9245.

A Record of Our Faithfulness**Attendance: (4/30/23)**

8:45 AM Worship	76
11:00 AM Worship	406
Online Worship Views	131
Total Worship	613
Nursery	14
Children's Worship	58
9:45 AM Sunday School	128

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: TBD

Greeters: Lori Miller

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Dorie Gaskin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Michael Grabowski, Julianna Jones

Children's Worship: Donessa Gattis, Beverly Hall, Caroline McDermott

Communion Stewards: Vicki Dougherty, Pat Duffy

Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul **Offering Steward:** Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Brad Aiken, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs

Partners in Prayer: Mickey Rountree

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Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Jesus, to be with all of those who have been confirmed in our church this year. Help them to know in their hearts that You are real and commit themselves to serving and loving You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, May 7

Confirmation Sunday

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

Monday, May 8

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers, FH

Tuesday, May 9

- 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
- 6:00 PM Mission Comm. Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, May 10

- 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
- 6:15 PM Children's Music Awards, SNC
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, May 11

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

Friday, April 12

- 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

Ben Martin912-547-1835

<p>Wednesday Night Supper 5/10/23</p> <p>Menu: TBD</p> <p>Following supper, join us at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Children's Music Awards!</p> <p>If you plan to eat at 5:30 p.m., and you are not on the permanent reservation list, please email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org to RSVP.</p>

In Sympathy....

The Van Tuyl & Schippereit Families on the death of *Stuart Schippereit*, husband of Janet Van Tuyl

The Hunter Family on the death of *Ruth Jeanette Eidson*, mother of Leigh Hunter, grandmother of Dallas Hunter

In Our Prayers....

Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Ken Rimes, Pat Monahan, Robin Wyatt, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, John Birkheimer, Shirley Roberts, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), Eleanor McCurry, Mary Holloway (mother of Janet Flowers), Sally Davis, Byron Rogers, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), 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), Katie Adrian, Ken Brownfield, 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, 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 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