

Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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May 7, 2023

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 the their faith development.

> William Blake Madelyn Byrd Catherine Cheshire Cole Valdez Camille Wilkes

Ella Burgstiner Virginia Carroll Sam Gonzalez Adair Thomas

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.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 8:45 & 11:00 A.M. *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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)

Grayson Pennington

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Love's Redeeming Work Is Done	Victoria Childers, chorister
Lives Again Our Glorious King	Brantley Parker, chorister

- * Hymn No. 413 A Charge to Keep I Have BOYLSTON
- * 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

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

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.

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)

Ben Martin

GREATOREX

Banks Lee Burgstiner son of Summer and Stephen Burgstiner

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Banks 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.

Service of Confirmation (11:00)

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:



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:

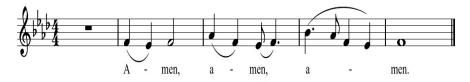


Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

We will take communion at the rail. If you prefer taking communion in your pew, prefilled communion cups are available. Please raise your hand and an usher or staff member will bring one to you. Following the service, please place your cup in the trash receptacle located in the Narthex.

Today's communion offering is designated for Magnolia Manor Mother's Day Offering. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world

- in the strength of Your Spirit,
- to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* Hymn No. 545	The Church's One Foundation	AURELIA
	Stanza One	

* Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Milly Schmitz, chorister

Closing Voluntary A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Paul Manz

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 - Summer Dates Available

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@ wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$90, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates are available: May 7, and 14, June 18, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

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)

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)

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8:45 AM Worship	76
11:00 AM Worship	406
Online Worship Views	131
Total Worship	613
Nursery	14
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Children's Worship	58
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Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$786,860.09
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	

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

<u> 11:00 Service</u>

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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This Week at Wesley
Sunday, May 7
Confirmation Sunday
              Worship Service, SNC
 8:45 AM
 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
              Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
11:00 AM
 4:45 PM
              Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
 5:30 PM
              Dinner, FH
 6:15 PM
              Children's Music Awards, SNC
              Chancel Choir Rehearsal.
 7:15 PM
              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
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Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper 5/10/23

Menu: TBD

Following supper, join us at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Children's Music Awards!

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.

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, Higgins, Pat Killewald, Aaron McCarthy Family, John Birkheimer, Shirley Roberts, John Beal (brotherin-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

<u>At Home/Extended Care</u>

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