



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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SUMMER SUNDAY EVENINGS ON MOON RIVER

Jesus once invited his disciples to “come away with me to a quiet place and rest for a while.” Matthew says their lives were so busy they hardly had time to eat, much less to rest and enjoy their relationship with Jesus and each other. Apparently little has changed in the last 2000 years. We are so busy that we don’t always realize how our spirits are distracted and weary. During the summer we join Jesus with that invitation for our congregation, “come away with us to a quiet place and rest for a while.” That quiet place is our Wesley Gardens Retreat Center and our summer Sunday evening worship and dinner.

Our retreat center is located on Burnside Island and sits on a forty-acre tract of land facing Moon River. While many of you are familiar with the retreat center and have spent many relaxing and spiritually meaningful hours in worship, study, service, and fellowship, others may not have taken advantage of this beautiful sacred place. It is indeed a “retreat” to leave the busyness of the city and take a walk on the grounds, sit on the dock, pray in a quiet place, worship in the chapel overlooking the river, or share a meal in the “retreat house” or under the pavilion.

During the summer we gather there each Sunday evening for our youth group activities (3:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.), an evening worship service (5:30 p.m.) full of singing the old hymns of the faith, and a fellowship meal (6:15 p.m.). Starting next week 6/18, we will add a spiritual formation time from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. led by Spiritual Director Christian Swails. Tonight is our first summer Sunday evening service and meal. We hope you will make plans to join us.

Summer Schedule

- June 11 Choir Night - Dinner provided by Wesley Monumental
- June 18 Senior Adults Night - Ben preaching
Sides: Alpha Class
- June 25 Family Fun/Bring a Friend Night - Nelle preaching
Sides: Connect/Millennial Blend Classes
- July 9 Youth Night - James preaching
Sides: Epworth/Journey Classes
- July 16 Wesley Gardens Night - Christian preaching
Sides: Compass Class
- July 23 Family Fun Night - Charli preaching
Sides: Ivy Class
- July 30 Construction Ministry Night - Nelle preaching
Sides: Jimmy Flowers
- August 6 Youth Night - James preaching
Sides: Pastor’s Class

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Come, Thou Fount arr. Roger House

Opening Anthem (11:00) God Will Take Care of You
VBS Choristers

* **Hymn No. 374** Standing on the Promises PROMISES

* **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** 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 (11:00)

Charles Harrison Rhodes and Jack Rollins Rhodes
sons of Caroline and Randon Rhodes

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Charles and Jack as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who walk 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

Nelle Bordeaux

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. 369** Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Larry Dalton

He Keeps Me Singing

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Be Still My Soul

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VBS Choristers

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. 731, 35, 78)
Jeremiah 29:10-14, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 15:11-19

Sermon

"Seeking God Part 2:
Starting For Home-Repentance"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 314** In the Garden GARDEN

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Books of the New Testament

VBS Choristers

Closing Voluntary

arr. Richard Elliott

Improvisation on Hymn to Joy

* *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 in loving memory of Sally M'Liss Williams, who in her walk of faith forever inspired all who knew her.

Usher Roses

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

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Planters Available for Purchase

We have started cleaning and planting in the garden next to Oliver Hall. We need to reduce the number of planters in the garden and have moved most of them to the east side of the garden. These planters are available to the congregation for "purchase" on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to purchase a planter, we ask that you make a donation with proceeds going towards landscaping and maintenance of the garden. Please call the church office for more information and to set up a time to get the planters.

Children's Ministry Assistant Position

As our Children's Ministry continues to grow, a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant is needed to assist with the various children's programs offered by our Church. A copy of the Job Announcement outlining the duties and qualifications for the position may be found on our website, wesleymonumental.org, under News & Events then Announcements.

After reviewing the Job Announcement, if you are interested in applying for the position, please mail or email your resume to the contact information on the Job Announcement.

Sound Help

Our church is in need of people to help set up and monitor the sound for our worship services. Prior experience with audio electronics and sound reinforcement is helpful but not required, training will be available. For more information, please email Nick Hitt at nickhitt@comcast.net. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

2023 Offering Envelopes

If you are a member of Wesley and have not received your 2023 offering envelopes, please contact Jennifer Baker, bakerj@wesleymonumental.org in the church office. Any remaining envelopes not picked up by June 30, will be recycled.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Marshall Pedigo, Ansley Pedigo

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Linda Sapp, Mary Anne Hill

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Jake Coakley

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Thanks to parents and grandparents for bringing their children to Vacation Bible School this week. Thanks to all their teachers for a terrific week of learning and fun! The children had fun learning loads of traditional hymns and classic Bible songs—in the air-conditioned chapel! This morning at the 11:00 service, we sing a few of the hymns the children learned this week.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members
Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are canned vegetables. Please place donations in marked boxes located in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Y'All Haul--Twin Beds and Strong Lifters Needed

We need three twin beds and helpers with trucks to move them. Flexible schedule. Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Helpers Needed for Youth Local Mission Week, July 24-28, 9 a.m. to Noon

Are you willing to help alongside our youth in construction ministry or planting azaleas, spreading dirt, or laying sod for Family Promise homeless families? Please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Mentors Needed for Young Mothers

Is the Lord calling you to meet once every other month at your convenience with a young mother for Christian encouragement? Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-234-9245.

James P. Owens, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Dutch Treat - Deadline to Sign Up Is This Friday, 6/16

Who doesn't love breakfast for lunch!? Join the Merry Makers at 11:00 a.m. at The Original Pancake House (7201 Hodgson Memorial Dr. - in the Kroger shopping center) on Thursday, June 22 for a yummy lunch out. Please let James P. Owens (james@wesleymonumental.org) or Jennifer Baker (bakerj@wesleymonumental.org) know if you will be attending by Friday, June 16 so that we can confirm reservations. See you there!

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry
Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

Wesley children, who have completed kindergarten through third grade, can attend our Summer Fun Daze camp at the Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of July 17 - 21. It will be a fun week full of games, crafts, science, and water fun along with some time spent studying God's Word. Monday - Wednesday we'll start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. On Thursday, we'll start at 9:00 a.m., and we will be spending the night at Wesley Gardens! Our tired campers will be ready to be picked up at noon on Friday. The cost for the week is \$85. Space is limited. At this time registration is open for members of Wesley Monumental. To register visit, 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.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Fourth Friday Retreat

On June 23, join us in the chapel 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 from 8:30 a.m. The retreat is 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with the remainder of the afternoon available for self-guided personal retreat. Please bring your own lunch. For questions and further details email, hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.



Capstone Capital Campaign (6/6/23):

Pledges Received	165
Total Pledged or Given	\$1,635,400
Campaign Goal	\$2,500,000

Finances (6/4/23):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$960,673.29
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$927,694.74

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (6/4/23)

8:45 AM Worship	102	Nursery	14
11:00 AM Worship	301	Children's Worship	48
Online Worship Views	132	Sunday School	126
Total Worship	535		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben MartinSenior Pastor
 Rev. Nelle Bordeaux ..Outreach & New Members
 Rev. James P. Owens ...Director of Student Ministries
 Dr. Monica DekleDirector 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 Dudley.....Housekeeper
 Micah SprüngerWesley Gardens
 Property Manager
 Jared HanksWesley Gardens
 Groundskeeper/Maintenance
 Christian Swails.....Wesley Gardens
 Spiritual Direction/Reservations

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Jeremiah 29:10-14	What prompted me to "seek God" when I was "lost"?
Tuesday	Mark 1:14-15	What is the "good news" for me in the gospel?
Wednesday	Luke 15:11-19	What does repentance look like for me? Pray a prayer of confession today.
Thursday	Luke 15:19-24	What does the father's response tell me about God? Prayerfully imagine God welcoming me home.
Friday	Luke 15:25-32	What might get in the way of me seeing my own need for repentance?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, June 11

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 3:00 PM Youth Group, WG
- 5:30 PM Worship Service, WG Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

Monday, June 12

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp

Tuesday, June 13

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310

Wednesday, June 14

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

Thursday, June 15

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

Friday, June 16

No Scheduled Activities

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat	

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat

Sunday, June 11 - Choir Night

- 3:00 PM Youth Group, Boat House
 - 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
 - 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House
- Dinner provided by Wesley Monumental.

Sunday, June 18 - Senior Adults Night

- 3:00 PM Youth Group, Boat House
 - 5:00 PM Spiritual Formation, Chapel
 - 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
 - 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House
- Preaching: Ben Martin
Side Dishes: Alpha Class

Join us on Sunday evenings this summer. Everyone welcome!

In Our Prayers....

Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buevas (sister of Madge Edwards), Pat Besser, Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Ken Rimes, Pat Monahan, Robin Wyatt, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, Sally Davis, Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), 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), 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), 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, 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 Comunale Family
on the death of
Jerry Comunale,
brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett