



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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WELCOME TO WESLEY MONUMENTAL UMC

Some of the greatest blessings we have at Wesley are new people. Every week we have people who are looking for a church home, along with guests from all over the world. Every month we welcome new members into our congregation and baptize new babies into our church family. Few things that we do are as more important than hospitality. The writer of Hebrews wrote, *"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* (Hebrews 13:1-2) As the "body of Christ," we extend the love and welcome of Christ by our attentiveness and kindness to people who God has led to join us in worship and life. I am grateful for our greeters and ushers who welcome people at the door, help find seats (isn't it great to have to look for seats in a church!), and answer questions. But, hospitality is the work of every church member whether or not we are wearing a greeter or usher tag. I encourage you to pay attention to the people you don't know. Move to the middle of the pew to make room for people to sit. Hand the attendance registration pad to people who may not know to sign it (after they do, you can learn their name by reading over the name of who is on your pew). Wear your name tag, so it will be easy for someone to recall your name when you introduce yourself. Invite a guest to our coffee time downstairs, to a Sunday school class, a mid-week meal, or a Bible study. Ask someone new to join you for lunch after worship.

If you are new to Wesley, please know how blessed we are that you have taken time to worship here. Your presence honors God and us. In the pew Bible, you can find a "bookmark" that answers questions you might be asking if you are new. At the end of the pew is an attendance registration pad to sign. We would love to have an email address or mailing address so we can follow up your visit with a thank you. We have excellent nursery care for babies and small children, but know that your children are welcome in our worship services. Our congregation and staff are glad you are here and ready to help you find your way around and get oriented to our church. We have a "New Members Class" at 9:45 a.m. the last two Sunday mornings of every month for those who are interested in learning more about our church and what it means to be a member (January 22 & 29)

Welcome to Wesley, everyone is welcome here and we are really glad you joined us. We pray you experience the loving presence of Christ in music, message, and most of all in our people.

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Opening Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach
Toccata in F Major, BWV 540

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) James Butler

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Introit (11:00) Christ for the World We Sing Italian Hymn

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

* **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.

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 James P. Owens

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. 468 Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See HURSLEY

Offertory Prayer James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) arr. David Schotte
Theme and Variations on Jesus Loves Me

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Shut de Do arr. Fettke/Grassi

Shut de do, keep out de devil.
Shut de do, keep de devil in the night.
Light de candle, everything's alright.

Oh, when I was a baby child,
good and bad was just a game.
Many years and many trials
proved to me, they not the same.

Oh, Satan is an evil charmer.
He's hungry for a soul to hurt.
And without your holy armor,
he will eat you for dessert.

Say a prayer, he won't be back no more.

Anne Hawks, soprano

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. 14-15) Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon "Kingdom Secrets Part 2: Do No Harm" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 188 Christ Is the World's Light CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) God Be in My Head John Rutter

Closing Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach
Fugue in F Major, BWV 540

* *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 by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Watts.

Just Born

Congratulations to Courtney and Garrett Arnsdorff on the birth of a son, Maclay Tillman Arnsdorff, on January 14, 2023. Grandson of Susan and Ben Martin. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Maclay.

Altar Flowers - February and April 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: February 26 and April 16, 23, 30.

Administrative Board Meeting - Monday, January 30

The first Administrative Board Meeting of 2023 will take place next Monday, January 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link will be emailed to the Board members this Friday, January 27. (2023 Administrative Board Dates: January 30, March 27, May 22, August 28, October 30, and December 11)

African Children's Choir

Tomorrow, Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m., the internationally-acclaimed African Children's Choir will perform a full concert at First Baptist Church Savannah located on Chippewa Square (223 Bull Street). Coastal Youth Choirs is sponsoring the concert featuring children from all over Africa. The young singers ages 9-11 will melt the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices, and lively African songs and dances. The concert is free and open to all, however, tickets will be required to assist with seating. A free-will offering will be taken at the performance to support the education, care and relief, and development programs of the African Children's Choir. For tickets visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for [African Children's Choir Savannah](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Jeralyn Wilson, Ethel Burriss

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Julia Grabowski, Jordan Hess

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Sapp, Michael Donovan

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood,

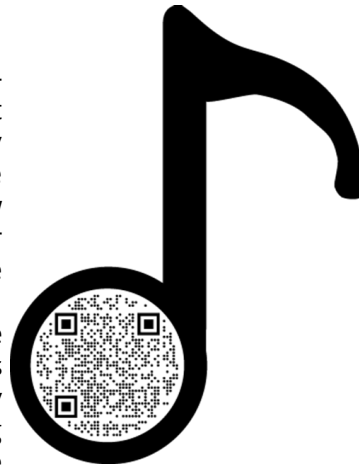
Bates Lovett, Pratt Matthews, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle, Matt Merritt

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Spread the Word

Our one hundred thirty children and youth choristers will be singing hymns with 33-piece orchestra on Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 PM. The Chancel Choir will accompany the choristers on some hymns, and the audience will join in singing on a few beloved hymns. We are so proud of our students and their parents, and we are excited to share Christ's love through hymns at this incredible concert. Please invite your friends and neighbors. Thanks to our generous orchestra sponsors, every ticket dollar goes directly to the Building Fund for Children's and Music Ministry. The children are delighted to raise money for their own ministry area.



Tickets are \$35: MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com, church office, or scan the QR code.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Item Most Needed This Week and the Winner Is

Cereal! Please place donations of cereal, for Old Savannah City Mission, in marked boxes located in the Wayne and Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Have You Always Wanted to see How the Bible Fits Together?

Join us for a new seven-week study in the Young Mothers' Bible Study. We will discuss *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. This study is a good fit for those exploring Scripture for the first time as well as those who have grown up with the Bible. We meet Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., (in person) in Oliver Hall, Room 310 with free childcare provided! We are currently studying Gardens in the Bible and will begin *Seamless* on January 31. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. All are welcome.

Mentors Sought for Young Mothers

Would you like to be paired with a young mother to meet with her six times per year (every other month) at your convenience for Christian encouragement? Questions or to sign up, please contact Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

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.

- ★ 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

Ski Trip, February 2-5

We're going to have an awesome ski trip in 2023! All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us from February 2-5 for our ski retreat to Winterplace, WV. The cost is \$350 which includes lodging, transportation, meals, and ski rentals and lift tickets for two days of skiing. To sign your students up, please contact James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Share the Love Merry Makers Valentine's Party

Mark your calendars for our Valentine's Party on Monday, February 13 at Wesley Gardens! Come at 11:00 a.m. for fun Valentine's activities and stay for a festive meal prepared by Suzanna. Please contact Jennifer Baker at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org (or call the church office) or Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, February 10 to make your reservation.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Bible Study: Tuesday, January 31

Join us for the spiritual discipline of Bible study. An in-depth class presented by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. This winter we will continue looking closely at "Peter, the Preacher" by examining his speeches in the book of Acts. Join us on Tuesday, January 31 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (1/15/23)

8:45 AM Worship	83	Nursery	12
11:00 AM Worship	311	Children's Worship	49
Online Worship Views	135	Sunday School	146
Total Worship	529		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Baker.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life	Ashley Higgins.....Communications Director
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Julia Flowers.....Music Assistant	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
Rev. James P. Owens...Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
January 22, 2023

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 13:24-30	Read this parable from a personal perspective- I am the field. What did I learn?
Tuesday	Matthew 13:24-30	Read this parable from a corporate perspective- The church is the field. What did I learn?
Wednesday	Matthew 13:36-43, Matthew 7:15-23	Can we tell weeds from wheat? How? On what basis are we "judged"?
Thursday	Matthew 7:1-5	What would Jesus say is the problem with separating weeds from wheat?
Friday	Matthew 13:24-30, John 8:43-47	What do we learn here about "the enemy"?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to bless our women's circles and all that they do for You. Let them be groups of sweet fellowship, spiritual growth, and meaningful service.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, January 22

- 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, January 23

- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place**
- 2:00 PM **Joy Circle, OH Parlor**

Tuesday, January 24

- 7:00 AM **Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse**
- 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**
- 5:30 PM **Finance Comm. Mtg, OH 310**
- 6:00 PM **Pacesetters, FH**

Wednesday, January 25

- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place - Mother Goose Day**
- 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 **Young Mothers' Small Group, OH Parlor**
- 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**
- 7:15 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr**

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

- 9:00 AM **Eli's Place**

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper

January 25, 2023

Menu: Creamy Chicken w/Mushrooms

To make a reservation, email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org. If you attended WNS during the Fall, your reservation will carry over to the Winter/Spring semester.

In Our Prayers....

Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Ken Brownfield, Curtis Coleman (brother-in-law of Jerolyn Carroll), David Katz, Katie Adrian, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Bryan Vance (father of Chris Vance), Chad Gamble (brother of Kim Watson), John Burton, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Michele Bazemore, Suzette Parker, Emily Perry (granddaughter of Joyce and Richard Zehl), Tim Mooney, Grace Bockes, Mark Thomas, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Valery Hanks, Cindy Telljohann, Walter Sumner (brother of Rosanne Montjoy and uncle of Michael Montjoy), Sheila Kraeuter (mother of Scot Kraeuter), Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Jimmy Stephens (brother of Kathi Hodges), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Rebecca Lewis, Marilyn Holleman, Pat Beasley, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Bob Harman, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Olin Bockes, Bella Grace Bartels, Edith Roszkowiak, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, Harriet Bland, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Washburn Family
on the death of
John McFerrin Lovett, Jr.,
father of Leslie

The Wallace Family
on the death of
Mildred Wallace,
mother of Dick

The Gaskin Family
on the death of
Tom Day,
father of Dorie

The Butler Family on the death of *Lee Butler*