



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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**CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT:
AN EVENING OF HYMNS AND HERITAGE**

This afternoon at 5:00 p.m., 130 of our children and youth, along with our Chancel Choir and a 33-piece Orchestra will lead us in "An Evening of Hymns and Heritage." The ticketed event is the children's way of participating in raising money for a renovation of our music and education space. But more than a fundraiser, this event is a celebration of the incredible gift we have in our music program led by Dr. Monica Harper Dekle and the many volunteers who give of their time and talent to teach our children the beauty of worship and sacred music in the praise of God.

People who visit Wesley from other places are constantly amazed at the number of children and young families who call this old downtown historic church home. Just as we are this morning, it seems almost every week we are gathered in worship around the baptismal font giving thanks for the gift of a child entrusted into the life of our family and our congregation. Every time we are there, I remind the congregation that nothing we do is more important than sowing faith into the lives of our children and raising up a new generation of worshipers and followers of Jesus. We can never be thankful enough for the leadership of Mrs. Charli Weeks and her assistants in our Children's ministry.

I am also thankful for the effort parents make to bring your children to church and to choir on Wednesday nights. In a culture that has so many opportunities for them that could easily take the place of church, you make their faith a priority. It is not lost on us who serve here the commitment and effort it takes on Wednesday nights to get off work, gather your children, drive downtown and scrounge for a parking place in order to be here. That commitment itself is a witness to your own children of the priority of faith in Christ.

What we are doing here matters. The responsibility we are given right now is great. I am reminded of the words of Jesus, "to those to whom much is given, much is expected." How blessed we are at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church to have this vibrant, growing, serving, worshiping church family. Keep sharing with others the good news of what God is doing here. Wesley Monumental may just be the spiritual home they are looking for.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

First 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)

Abbott Scoggins

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Franz Schubert

Impromptu No. 2 in E-flat Major, Op. 90

Angelina Stack, pianist

Introit (11:00)

O Magnum Mysterium

Ivo Antognini

* Hymn No. 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Nelle Bordeaux

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)

Mary Elizabeth Powell

daughter of Brooke and Tanner Powell

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Mary Elizabeth 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Children's Sermon

James P. Owens

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. 145** Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) In the Garden arr. Susan Caudill

Offertory Anthem (11:00) The Road Home Stephen Paulus

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. 1-2) Genesis 1-2

Sermon "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way Part 1: The Way We Were" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 431** Let There Be Peace on Earth WORLD PEACE

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Jewel Hendrix

Elisha Odum

Christina Orr

Jenna Watts

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary (8:45) Fantasy on Holy, Holy, Holy Craig Phillips

Closing Anthem (11:00) Walk in Jerusalem arr. Rollo Dillworth

Oglethorpe University Singers and Chorale

Emily Hobson, Director of Choirs

(11:00 Service)

If anyone can help move furniture (for the concert) after the 11:00 service, please meet Monica at the front of the church at the end of the service.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.

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Just Born

Congratulations to Alice Anne and John Coakley on the birth of a son, George Bingham Coakley, on February 19, 2023. Grandson of Anne and Jake Coakley. A rose is by the altar today in honor of George.

When God Whispered My Name

Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge shares her journey as she answered God's call into ministry in *When God Whispered My Name*. Copies are available in the church office for \$28.00.

Grocery Item Most Needed This Week for Old Savannah City Mission

Please place donations of canned fruit in marked boxes located in the Wayne and Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Bible Study in Pooler - New Study on Acts - Begins This Thursday, 3/2

Led by Wesley members, David Pearre and Will Weeks, this study meets every other Thursday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the home of David and Monica Pearre (232 Opus Court, Pooler). Beginning this Thursday, March 2, they will begin a new study on Acts. For more information and to sign up, contact David (mdhdhunter32@gmail.com/202-672-4914) or Will (wweeks50@comcast.net/912-547-3416).

Urban Hope Chefs and Chocolates

The 13th annual Chefs and Chocolates will take place this Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Kehoe Ironworks. To purchase tickets/tables, visit www.urbanhopesavannah.org/chefsandchocolates and click on the "Tickets and Sponsorships" button at the bottom of the page.

Enrichment Classes and Parents' Night Out

This spring, Wesley Monumental will host the following free classes led by therapists from Waters Edge Counseling:

- ◆ March 25 Marriage Education Class led by Julie Roberts
- ◆ April 22 Children's Mental Health led by Amanda Baskin

Classes will meet from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the class, parents will enjoy an evening out from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be available with child-friendly supper provided for birth - 5th grade. Additional details and ways to sign up will be available in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Save the Date - Wednesday, March 29 for a Mission Trip Report

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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Becky Pullin, Pat Killewald

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Michael Cooler, Hannah Green

Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot, Ellen O'Connor, Lindsey Wiggins

Greeters: Frank & Florence Anderson

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis

Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel, Peter Delters, Michael Donovan,
Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards

Partners in Prayer: Annelle McDuffee

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist
Supporting Wesley Monumental Children and Youth

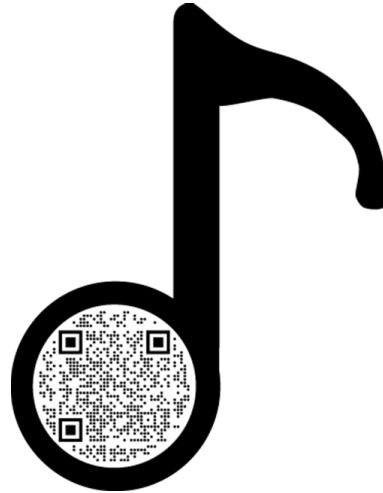
Would you please love and support our church's children and youth by attending their concert? We'd love to have a packed house for them--they've worked hard to prepare this gift for our community.

Children of the Light:
An Evening of Hymns and Heritage
130 Children and Youth with Chancel Choir
and 33-piece Orchestra
Sunday, February 26, 5-6 PM

Tickets: \$35.
MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com,
church office, any choir member,
or scan the QR code. Tickets will also be
available at the door.

All ticket sales go to Building Fund for
Children's and Music Ministry.

We will announce the total amount raised
to the children after the concert!



Welcome OU Singers

The Oglethorpe University Singers and Chorale make significant contributions to the University, Brookhaven, greater Atlanta area, and their home state of Georgia. The choirs appear in concerts in cities throughout the area as well as a major holiday and spring concert on campus. The choirs have recently appeared in concert with choral luminaries such as conductor and composer Time Sharp, and internationally-acclaimed lyricist Charles Anthony Silvestri. In Spring 2019 the choirs performed the world premiere of Kim Andre Arnesens new work *Tuvayhun*, and followed up that special semester with an exclusive invitation performance at the 2019 International Choral Festival in Xi'an and Beijing China. The choirs travel annually throughout the region as a recruiting arm of the University. The OU Singers are thrilled to make a stop at Wesley Monumental UMC on their Savannah Spring Tour!

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members
Spring Is in the Air . . . and on the Ground!

Please come help mow the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home lawn this Wednesday, March 1 at 8:00 a.m. Please bring pruning shears to the ligustrum parallel to the driveway. Sign up, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Spring Tea Honoring New Members and Shepherds

Saturday, March 4 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Home of Staci, Chris, and Anne Chaddock Donegan. Please sign up by February 28 with Nelle, 912-232-0191 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Family Mission Project - Sunday, March 12 at 12:15 p.m.

Please sign up in advance. Bring a shovel, rake, post-hole digger, and a change of clothes. We'll have a quick lunch in the Fellowship Hall and then go to the Tiny Houses for homeless veterans to plant and to spread gravel. All ages are welcome. Sign up in advance with 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. ***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

St. Patrick's Day

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast (to raise money for youth trips and missions) is coming up soon! You can help by donating pancake mix, bacon, or a number of other items. Our students will work as servers, but we will also need adult volunteers to help in the kitchen and collect money. We will be serving pancakes, bacon, and green grits on the morning of the parade, Friday, March 17, from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 for adults/\$3 for children. Everyone is invited!

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

March Merry Makers

Come join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 13 to hear Ken Rimes tell us about his unique adventure with the Sons of Jubal Men's Chorus and their performance in the Pyongyang Concert Hall in North Korea. He will tell us about their experiences and show us pictures of North Korea. Suzanna will have a yummy lunch for us as well! Please contact Jennifer Baker in the church office at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org or 912-232-0191, or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, March 10 to make reservations. The cost for lunch is \$7.

Dutch Treat

Meet at 11:00 a.m. at Wiley's Championship BBQ (4700 Highway 80 East, Savannah) on Thursday, March 30 for our monthly Dutch Treat. Please contact Jennifer Baker in the church office at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org or 912-232-0191, or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Tuesday, March 28 to make reservations.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Bible Study: This Tuesday, February 28

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 Tuesday, February 28 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.



Finances: (2/19/23)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$394,202.46
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$329,044.45

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (2/19/23)

8:45 AM Worship	94	Nursery	15
11:00 AM Worship	347	Children's Worship	54
Online Worship Views	118	Sunday School	165
Total Worship	559		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor
 Rev. Nelle Bordeaux...Outreach & New Members
 Rev. Jennifer ThompsonCongregational Life
 Rev. James P. Owens ...Director of Student Ministries
 Dr. Monica Dekle Director of Music & Organist
 Julia Flowers..... Music Assistant
 Charli Weeks..... Director of Children's Ministry
 Jimmy FlowersChurch Administrator
 Tom AndersonFinancial Manager
 Jennifer BakerAdministrative Assistant, Reception

Jennifer Brookins Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
 Ashley Higgins Communications Director
 Suzanna King Director of Hospitality
 Nathaniel Legree..... Custodian
 Betty Dudley Housekeeper
 Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
 Jared HanksWesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
 Christian SwailsWesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Genesis 1	What does this story tell us about God's plan for the world?
Tuesday	Genesis 2	What does this story tell us about God's plan for the world?
Wednesday	Romans 8:18-25	Where do we see the evidence that something is wrong in the world?
Thursday	Romans 7:14-25	Do I experience something about me that seems to be not what God intended?
Friday	Isaiah 65:17-25	What does the prophet's vision tell us about God's will for the creation?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to give us eyes to see and ears to hear someone this week who needs to be loved. Help us to love them well in Your name.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, February 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
- 5:00 PM Children of the Light Concert, SNC

Monday, February 27

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Joy Circle, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Communications Comm. Mtg, FH

Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 10:00 AM Extended Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:30 PM Wesley Gardens Bible Study, WG Main House

Wednesday, March 1

- 8:00 AM Mow Lawn, Living Vine
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place - Ninja Warrior Day
- 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 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
- 6:00 PM Young Mothers' Small Group, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 2

- 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 3

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Saturday, March 4

- 2:00 PM Spring Tea Honoring New Members/Shepherds, Donegan Home
- 7:00 PM Urban Hope Chefs & Chocolates, Kehoe Ironworks

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 1, 2023

Menu: Teriyaki Pork

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....

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, David Katz, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Ken Brownfield, Katie Adrian, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Bryan Vance (father of Chris Vance), 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, Grace and Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Edith Roszkowiak, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Warnock Family
on the death of *Eli Warnock*
father of Emery,
grandfather of Liam