



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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The Administrative Board

Tomorrow night our 2023 Administrative Board meets for the first time this year. This is our primary governing body. Our Board is made of 53 church members (30 committee chairs or ministry area representatives and 23 at-large members) plus the staff. It is representative of a wide demographic in our church and every ministry area. While most of the hands-on planning work for our ministries takes place in the 23 different committees that cover every ministry area in our church, the Board gives oversight to our whole ministry and accountability for the staff and committees. Every year 1/3 of the board changes, which keeps new leadership consistently rotating in.

One of the things I appreciate about the United Methodist Church is the way we are governed. Though our system of committees and a large Administrative Board can sometimes make decision making slower, it also brings lots of wisdom, patience, and accountability to our decision making. Camille Russo will be our Board Chair for her second year. The chair serves for two years and then the vice-chair takes over for two years. Our vice-chair is Johnny Phelps.

One of the topics that our Board has discussed over the past year is where we stand on possible disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. Our Board has discussed this topic and unanimously agreed that to entertain a vote to leave the denomination would only be damaging to the wonderful things that are happening in our church. Asking a thriving church like ours to pick sides and create winners and losers is counterproductive to our witness to the gospel and the love of God in Christ that welcomes all and unites people with different views and opinions in a common ministry.

Board meetings are open to all and attending is a great way to become more informed about our ministry. The meetings take place in our Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the last Monday of every other month. The dates for 2023 are: January 30, March 27, May 22, August 28, October 30, and December 11.

If you would like to see the entire 2023 Leadership Team, you can find it on our website under the "Get Involved/Adults" tab.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben".

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

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

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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)

Harper Sortor

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro con brio from Sonata No. 4

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Karl Ditters von Dittersdorf

Concerto in E Major
Harmon Shinall, double bassist

Introit (11:00)

Glorious Is Thy Church, O Lord

Warren Angell

Glorious is Thy Church, O Lord, greatly to be praised.

We come to Thee in adoration for the Church's one foundation.

* **Hymn No. 731** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIA

* **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)

Matthew Whitfield Campbell, Jr.

son of Alex and Whit Campbell

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Fields 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.

Children's Sermon

Nelle Bordeaux

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. 540 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

Felix Mendelssohn

Andante religioso from Sonata No. 4

Offertory Anthem (11:00) My God Is So High

Moses Hogan

My God is so high you can't get over Him.

He's so low you can't get under Him.

He's so wide you can't get 'round Him.

You must come in by and through the Lamb.

One day as I was walkin' along the heav'nly road.

My Savior spoke unto me and filled my heart with love.

I'll take my gospel trumpet, and I'll begin to blow.

And if my Savior help me, I'll blow wherever I go.

Jerome Elder, tenor

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 13:31-35

Sermon "Kingdom Secrets Part 3: Lost in Translation" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 555 Forward Through the Ages ST. GERTRUDE

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Amanda Cannon

Tyler Cobbs

Lauren and Quint Dixon with sons, Merritt and Dyer

Glen Doki and Penelope Hendrix

Anne and Carl Eller

Mandy McWaters

Laura and L.B. Watkins with son, James

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

MUNICH

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations your true light as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

- William How (1867)

Closing Voluntary

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro vivace from Sonata No. 4

* *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 and in honor of Dr. Monica Harper Dekle, the Chancel Choir, and the Children's Choirs for the joy they bring to so many from Rusty Holt and Gaye Reese Holt.

Stock Question

On January 18, 2023, Wesley received shares from TD Ameritrade. If anyone donated these shares of stock to Wesley, please notify Tom Anderson or Jennifer Brookins in the church office.

Administrative Board Meeting - Information for Board Members

The first Administrative Board Meeting of 2023 will take place tomorrow, Monday, January 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link were emailed to the Board Members on Friday, January 27. If you did not receive the email, please contact Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Bible Study in Pooler - New Study Begins March 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 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 Saturday, March 4, 7:00 pm at Kehoe Ironworks. Chefs and Chocolates is an upbeat, fun night with delicious food, great music, auctions, and a celebration of the wonderful things Urban Hope is doing in the Savannah community. You'll enjoy live music, as well as, tastings of appetizers and desserts from Savannah's finest Chefs. The event is casual, yet sophisticated with lively conversation between the event attendees, the Chefs, Urban Hope supporters, and the Urban Hope staff. To purchase tickets/tables, visit www.urbanhopesavannah.org/chefsandchocolates and click on the "Tickets and Sponsorships" button at the bottom of the page.

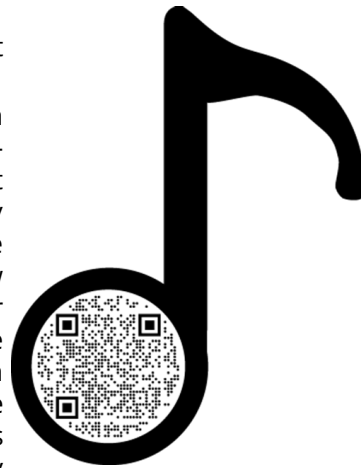
Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks**Greeters:** TBD**Offering Steward:** Paul Cleveland**Partners in Prayer:** Anne Thompson**11:00 Service****Acolytes:** Michael Grabowski, Marshall Pedigo**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks**Greeters:** TBD**Offering Steward:** Adam Hess**Ushers:** Adam Hess, Matthew Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens,
Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Spread the Word

"Music is important to me because it pleases God." – Meris, age 8

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](https://www.monumentalmusic.eventbrite.com), church office, or scan the QR code.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Memory Verses to Cut Out at Home and Bring Back to Church

Please pick up Bible memory verses from the small table near the baptismal font to cut out at home and bring back next Sunday. Paper and patterns provided. Thank you!

Grocery Item Most Needed This Week

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

New Bible Study Topics - Taught by Nelle Bordeaux

- ◆ Thursday Noon Bible Study - began studying Daniel on January 26. This study meets via Zoom each Thursday from Noon to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.
- ◆ Young Mothers' Bible Study - will begin a new study this Tuesday, January 31, *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. This study meets in-person only and a nursery is provided. Join us on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall, Room 310. Nelle teaches the study and Carmine Cowart teaches the nursery children.

Email Nelle to sign up for either study, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Love Walk for Wesley Community Center, Saturday, February 11

Sign up and find sponsors for this 3.6-mile walk (uneven sidewalks) in the Historic District; please sign up in advance with Nelle. Starts at 9:00 a.m. Please meet by 8:45 a.m. at Wesley Community Center.

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

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

Share the Love Merry Makers Valentine's Party

Mark your calendars for our Valentine's Party on Monday, February 13 at Wesley Gardens Retreat! Come at 11:00 a.m. to hear Tom Neary, owner of one of Savannah's newest businesses, Dad's Donuts. He will share with us how God has led him from being a youth pastor to starting a family business AND he is bringing his homemade donuts for our dessert! Suzanna will serve one of her special meals after we hear from Tom. 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. Cost \$7.

Merry Makers Dutch Treat

We will meet for lunch on Thursday, February 23 at Splendid Shabu hot pot restaurant in Pooler at 11:00 a.m. Come join in the fun fellowship and great food! This is an experiential dining experience where you make and enjoy your own pot of soup at your table. It is super fun! Please contact Jennifer Baker at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org or Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Tuesday, February 21 to make your reservation. Or you can call the church office.

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: (1/22/23)

8:45 AM Worship	72	Nursery	11
11:00 AM Worship	315	Children's Worship	47
Online Worship Views	180	Sunday School	129
Total Worship	567		

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	

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 3:1-3, 4:12-17	What is the Kingdom of God and how do I "enter it" or have it "enter me"?
Tuesday	Matthew 13:31-32	What does the parable say to me?
Wednesday	Matthew 13:33	What does the parable say to me?
Thursday	Matthew 6:9-13	Where does Jesus teach us about the Kingdom in this prayer?
Friday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	What does the promise of a "new covenant" teach us about God's Kingdom?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to be with our youth and chaperones as they go on their ski trip. Protect them as they travel and as they ski, and please let this be a time of bonding and drawing closer to You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, January 29

- 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 30

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 5:30 PM Administrative Board Mtg, FH & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Trombone Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, January 31

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Candler Hospital Cafeteria
- 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

Wednesday, February 1

- 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
- 6:00 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, February 2

- Youth Ski Trip Thru 2/5
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom
- 5:30 PM Eli's Place Open House, EB

Friday, February 3

- 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 Martin..... 912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper

February 1, 2023

Menu: Chicken Parmesan

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....

Lynn Strickland, Robert Green, David Gelaude, Hope Lassiter (sister of Will Weeks), Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Ken Brownfield, 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), Dwayne 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 & 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 Coleman and Carroll Families
on the death of *Curtis Coleman*
brother-in-law of Jerolyn Carroll

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