



**Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023**

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WESLEY**

This week (September 6), our Wednesday night programming will resume after the summer break. Though time flies by every week, it can be a long way spiritually from Sunday to Sunday. Setting aside time in the middle of the week to regroup, reorient our thinking, and be refilled spiritually is important. Our Wednesday evenings feature something for the whole family, including a wonderfully prepared and reasonably priced meal. The evening starts where it should, with prayer from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Please join us in the parlor in Oliver Hall for prayer. Dinner is from 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Children's choirs, youth small groups, and adult Bible studies are from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Then the chancel choir rehearses at 7:15 p.m.

This year, during our fall semester, we will offer three adult Bible studies from which to choose. Rev. James P. Owens will teach the Book of James in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a six-week study. Katie Knight will facilitate a Women's Small Group in the Parlor in Oliver Hall, 2nd floor. I will lead a book study on "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr in the Oliver Hall Library, 2nd floor, room 205. (You can order the book from Amazon.)

We hope you will join us on Wednesdays for a study, bring your children for choir and youth group, and enjoy a delicious dinner. See the bulletin insert for more information and to sign up.

**WELCOME DAVID LINDQUIST**

We are very happy to welcome David Lindquist to our church staff. David will serve as our new Building and Grounds Maintenance person. He will be filling the role previously performed by Nat Legree. David has lived in Savannah for twenty years. He and his wife Sydney have two girls, Mavis, who is eight, and Avery, who is three. David comes from a Hospitality and Restaurant management background, and Sydney is a graduate of SCAD and a jewelry maker. Please welcome David to our church family. In addition to maintaining the sanctuary, education building, and grounds, one of his roles will be event setup. Please let him know if you need help setting up a church class or program.

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Fourteenth 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 (11:00)**

The Acolytes

**Introit (11:00)**

Gordon Young

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing Our Great Redeemer's Praise

\* **Hymn No. 127**    Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah    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

*(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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Nelle Bordeaux

\* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pgs. XXX)

Mark 2:18-3:6

**Sermon**

"Back to Basics Part 5:  
Something Old, Something New"

Ben Martin

## Holy Communion

### 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.

### Minute for Missions

Mission on the Move

### Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

### Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Marilyn Reimer

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

### Offertory Anthem (11:00)

arr. Craig Courtney

O Word of God, Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
A Lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from You, our Savior, received the Gift divine,  
And still that Light is lifted over all the earth to shine.  
It is the sacred Vessel where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heaven drawn Picture of Christ, the living Word.

The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled;  
It is a shining Beacon above the darkling world.  
It is the Chart and Compass that over life's surging tide,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to You, O Christ, will guide.

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 W. How (1823-1897)

### 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

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

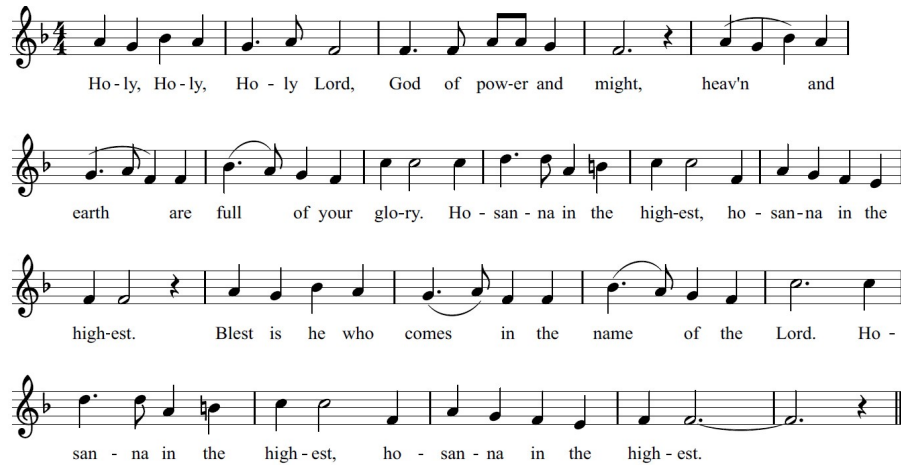
**Congregation:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**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:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the  
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.



**Just Born**

Congratulations to Stuart and Bobo Mullens on the birth of a son, David William Bobo Mullens, IV on August 28, 2023. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Ford.

**Church Office & Eli's Place Closed**

The church office and Eli's Place will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

**Grocery Items Needed**

Most needed this week is peanut butter. Please place donations in marked boxes located in Oliver Hall.

**September Merry Makers**

Our senior adults' fellowship, the Monumental Merry Makers, will meet Monday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Ben Martin speaking. Lunch (\$7) will be provided by Suzanna. RSVP by this Friday, September 8 to bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.

**Bible Study New Topics**

"Women in the Bible," Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., nursery provided. New topics starts September 12.

"Mark's Gospel," Thursday Noon Bible Study via Zoom. Sign up for either with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodi gy.net.

**Confirmation Class begins Sept. 10!**

This year's Confirmation Class will hold its first meeting on September 10 during the Sunday school hour. Confirmation is a time when our young people learn more about the Christian faith and our United Methodist heritage, and they have the opportunity to make a profession of faith and become full members of the church. Any students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older who have not previously been confirmed are welcome! Our other fall meetings will be on October 15, November 12, and December 3, and I will offer make-up classes as needed.

**Wesley Christmas Bazaar**

The Wesley Christmas Bazaar is returning this year and will feature the creative talents of Wesley folks. The Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall. We are looking for vendors, and you are invited to reserve your space now. If you have any questions, contact one of the co-chairs: Woody Brown at 912-352-7833, or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (8/27/23)

8:45 AM Worship	XXX	Nursery	13
11:00 AM Worship	XXX	Children's Worship	55
Online Worship Views	146	Sunday School	25
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>XXX</b>		

**Finances: (08-27-23)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,346,059.63
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,362,460.37

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**Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Communion Stewards:** Sandra & Art McGowen

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** TBD

**Partners in Prayer:** Amy Carter

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Camille Wilkes, Andrew Wilkes

**Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot, Amelia Wells, Becky West

**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed

**Communion Stewards:** Vicki Dougherty, Pat Duffy

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** Brian West

**Ushers:** Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs

**Partners in Prayer:** Gaye Holt

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church  
September 3, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 2:18-20	What is the purpose of fasting and feasting? Try both.
Tuesday	Mark 2:21-22	How can I keep my heart open to something new Jesus wants to teach me?
Wednesday	Mark 2:23-28	What did Jesus say was the purpose of Sabbath? How do I practice it?
Thursday	Mark 3:1-6	Does anything about my religious belief run the risk of robbing me of compassion?
Friday	Matthew 5	What is at the heart of the "new rule of life" Jesus is teaching here?

**Sermon Notes**

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, September 3**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

**Monday, September 4**

**Labor Day - Eli's Place & Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 5**

- 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
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

**Wednesday, September 6**

- 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 Studies, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Book of James Study, Led by James, FH
- 6:00 PM Book Study, Led by Ben, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Women's Small Group, Led by Katie, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, September 7**

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

**Friday, September 8**

- 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**

September 6

Menu: Turkey Meatloaf

*In Sympathy....*

The Mason Family  
on the death of *William Gould*,  
father of Kirby Mason

The Lovett Family  
on the death of *Joyce Lovett*,  
mother of Bill Lovett

The Oliff Family  
on the death of *Foy Oliff*,  
grandfather of Wesley Oliff

**In Our Prayers....**

Saddie Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Tommy and Harriett Gattis (parents of Clayton Gattis), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon and Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Susan Wallace, Karen Nickles, Lloyd Chapman, Mary Odom, Richard Zehl, Will Weeks, Jeralyn Wilson, Mercedes Brenne and Jack Carman (friends of Anne Tyree), Georgia Kate Anderson, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Chuck Holt, Gail Brannen, Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buevas (sister of Madge Edwards), Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Pat Monahan, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, 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), Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Katie Adrian, Ken Brownfield, Shari and Mel Hubbard, 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), 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 (grand-daughter 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, Toni Olds, 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



# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WESLEY

Join us Wednesday nights this fall  
for dinner and programs!



**Begins September 6 and ends with our  
Nativity Pageant on December 13**

(No dinner or programs the week of Thanksgiving.)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

### **Call to Prayer (4:45 - 5:15 PM)**

Join the Prayer Committee each Wednesday evening for a time of prayer in the Oliver Hall Parlor.

### **Supper in the Fellowship Hall (5:30 - 6:15 PM)**

Children younger than first grade eat in the Nursery. Children in first through fifth grades eat in the Fellowship Hall with a parent or guardian.

### **Children's Choirs (6:00 - 7:00 PM)**

- Joyful Noise Choir (for children three years old through kindergarten)
- Children's Choir (for first through fifth graders)

### **Youth Bible Studies (6:00 - 7:00 PM)**

Youth Bible Studies will meet every Wednesday night following church supper. For details, email [james@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:james@wesleymonumental.org).

### **Small Group Studies for Adults (6:00 - 7:00 PM)**

This year during our fall semester, we will offer 3 studies from which to choose.

**1. The Universal Christ** by Richard Rohr (led by Rev. Ben Martin)

This study will meet in Oliver Hall. For details, email [ben@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:ben@wesleymonumental.org).

**2. Book of James** (led by Rev. James P. Owens)

This study will meet in the Fellowship Hall. For details, email [james@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:james@wesleymonumental.org).

**3. Young Women's Small Group** (led by Katie Knight)

This study will meet in the Oliver Hall Parlor. For additional details, please email [katelyn.m.knight@gmail.com](mailto:katelyn.m.knight@gmail.com).

## Dinner Pricing

Age	Weekly	Fall Semester (Sept.-Dec. 2023)	Year (Fall 2023 - Spring 2024)
Pay in advance for the fall semester and receive one meal free. Pay in advance for the entire year and receive two meals free.			
Nursery (Age 0 to Kindergarten)	Free	Free	Free
Children (1st through 5th Grade)	\$3	\$39	\$87
Youth (6th-12th Grade) & Adults	\$7	\$91	\$203
Family Maximum	\$20	\$260	\$580
College Students	Free	Free	Free
Children younger than 1st Grade will eat in the Nursery. Children in 1st - 5th Grade will eat in the Fellowship Hall with a parent or guardian.			

### How to Make a Reservation

#### Option 1

Scan QR code to complete the Wednesday Night Activities registration form online.

#### Option 2

Call the Church Office (912-232-0191) or email [bakerj@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:bakerj@wesleymonumental.org). Please provide each family member's name and ages of any children attending the nursery and whether or not they will need a meal.



Scan to register for our Wednesday Night Activities

### How To Pay:

You may use PushPay to pay online or pay with cash or check at the door.

When paying online, visit

[www.pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental](http://www.pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental)

Choose "Give one time" and then select "Wednesday Night Dinner" as the fund.