



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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SUMMER EVENINGS AT WESLEY GARDENS RETREAT

After a break for the holiday, we return this afternoon to our Sunday evening activities at Wesley Gardens Retreat. As usual we will have worship at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel and dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Main House. This year we have added a time of Spiritual Formation led by Christian Swails, a Spiritual Director. We are moving that activity to 4:30 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. We have found in the first couple of sessions that 30 minutes is not long enough to learn a little about a particular Spiritual Formation discipline and to practice it together. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of experiencing Wesley Gardens as a place of Spiritual retreat and formation. There is something about leaving the main road and heading down that driveway that frees your heart and mind for a little while from the pace and demands of our lives. Coupling the setting with some directed time and practice opens our hearts and minds to encounter the grace of God and the invitation of Jesus to "come away with me and rest for a while."

**URBAN HOPE AND REFUGEE PRAYER PARTNERS
AND UNIFORM PROVIDERS**

For the last several years we have been participating in the ministry of Urban Hope and the refugee ministry through signing up to be a prayer partner for one of the children in the program and providing a school uniform for them to begin the new school year. If you would willing to be a part of this meaningful ministry, please contact Rev. Nelle Bordeaux to sign up. We have a large number of children to cover this year.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Sixth 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

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

Introit (11:00)

Sanctus (from *Requiem*)

Gabriel Fauré

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

(Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.)

* **Hymn** No. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

* **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.

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 Insert

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-
2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be-
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol-low, though none go
4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-

cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low
hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be-hind me, the cross be-
with me, I still will fol-low, though none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-cide now to fol-low

Je - sus— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fore me— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fol - low— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
Je - sus?— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

I Surrender All

arr. Joel Raney

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Daddy Sang Bass

arr. Kirby Shaw

Bruce Spradley, guitar

Marc Chesanow, bass

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, 18, 198)
Jeremiah 29:12-13, Matthew 16:21-26, Philippians 3:10-12

Sermon "Seeking God Part 6: Dying to Live" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 128 HE LEADETH ME
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Give Me Jesus arr. Mark Patterson

Closing Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach
Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

* *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 Madge and Joe Edwards from Lenora, Craig, and James Buckley.

Usher Roses

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

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the August Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, July 10. Email to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Judy Cleveland

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Amy Carter

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Avery West, Couper Howard

Children's Worship: Katy Eichholz, Sarah Labrot

Sunday School: Need Volunteer

Greeters: Grace & Art Greene

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Pratt Matthews, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

He Leadeth Me

American Joseph Gilmore wrote the words to today's closing hymn. It is an exposition of Psalm 23. He wrote it in 1862 during the Civil War. Rev. Gilmore said about this hymn, "It was the darkest hour of the Civil War. I did not refer to that fact—that is, I don't think I did—but it may subconsciously have led me to realize that God's leadership is the one significant fact in human experience, that it makes no difference how we are led, or whither we are led, so long as we are sure God is leading us."

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

New Member Course

Today, Sunday, July 9, and next Sunday, July 16, at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays in Oliver Hall room 205. The class will join as a group on July 16.

Prayer Partners Needed to Pray for an Urban Hope or Refugee Child

Prayer partners are needed to pray daily and to provide school uniforms. To sign up, please speak with Nelle.

Mentors Needed for Young Mothers

Is the Lord calling you to meet once every other month at your convenience with a young mother, from the Young Mothers' Bible Study, for Christian encouragement? If so, please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-234-9245.

**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.

James P. Owens, Congregational Life

Merry Makers July Dutch Treat Lunch

Thursday, July 13 at 11:00 a.m. at The 5 Spot, Sandfly location (7360 Skidaway Road, Unit E-1). Email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org to sign up.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Update

Last week the children made a door hanger that looked like a stop light to take home and hang on their bedroom door. The stop light is to help them remember to stop and listen to God, to go slow and make time for God, and to go God's way every day. We had a much larger crowd than expected and are very thankful to Reanna Hamilton, Sarah Labrot, Mason Morris, and Rhonda Radcliff for serving during the 11:00 service. Please consider serving in our Children's Ministry. Scan the QR code to sign up for a Sunday that fits your schedule.



Promotion Sunday - Save the Date!

Summer is flying by and it's time to begin planning for the fall. Be sure to put Sunday, August 20 on your calendar for Promotion Sunday. We'll serve breakfast in the fellowship hall and the children will move up to their new classrooms.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

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

No Fourth Friday Retreat in July

We will be taking July off and starting back up the Fourth Friday of August.

Commemorative Oaks and Benches Available

For those seeking to honor a loved one or wishing to make a lasting contribution to Wesley Gardens, commemorative Live Oaks and quality teak benches with engravings are available. For further info, please email micah@wesleygardensretreat.com.



Capstone Capital Campaign (7/2/23):

Pledges Received	170
Total Pledged or Given	\$1,643,500
Campaign Goal	\$2,500,000

Finances (7/2/23):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,094,857.58
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,093,445.92

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (7/2/23)

8:45 AM Worship	79	Nursery	8
11:00 AM Worship	201	Children's Worship	25
Online Worship Views	138	Sunday School	97
Total Worship	418		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin	Senior Pastor	Jennifer Brookins	Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux	Outreach & New Members	Ashley Higgins	Communications Director
Rev. James P. Owens ...	Director of Student Ministries	Suzanna King	Director of Hospitality
Dr. Monica Dekle	Director of Music & Organist	Betty Dudley	Housekeeper
Julia Flowers.....	Music Assistant	Micah Sprünger.....	Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Charli Weeks.....	Director of Children's Ministry	Ernie Banks	Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....	Church Administrator	Christian Swails.....	Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Tom Anderson	Financial Manager		
Jennifer Baker.....	Administrative Assistant, Reception		

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
July 9, 2023**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 16:21-23	How does a suffering, dying Jesus define our faith?
Tuesday	Matthew 16:24-26	What have I lost or given up to follow Jesus?
Wednesday	Romans 6:1-14	What do I need "to die to" in order to become who God made me to be?
Thursday	Philippians 3:10-12	How can I become like Jesus in his death? What did his death mean?
Friday	Ephesians 2:1-10	How have I experienced grace that saved me?

Sermon Notes

A large empty rectangular box intended for writing sermon notes.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, July 9

- 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 Dock**
- 4:30 PM **Spiritual Formation, WG Chapel**
- 5:30 PM **Worship Svc, WG Chapel**
- 6:15 PM **Dinner, WG Main House**

Monday, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 11

- 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**
- Bible Buddies, OH 308**
- 11:00 AM **Staff Mtg, OH 310**
- 6:00 PM **Mission Comm. Mtg, OH 205**

Wednesday, July 12

- 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, July 13

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

Friday, July 14

- 4:00 PM **Pat Besser Memorial Svc, WG Chapel**

Pastor on Call This Week

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

Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat

(June 11 - August 6)

Sunday, July 9 - Youth Night

- 3:00 PM Youth, Dock
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Formation, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House
- Preaching: James P. Owens
- Providing Side Dishes: Epworth and Journey Classes

Sunday, July 16

Construction Ministry Night

- Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux
- Providing Side Dishes: Compass Class

Sunday, July 23 - Family Fun Night

- Preaching: Charli Weeks
- Providing Side Dishes: Ivy Class

Sunday, July 30

Wesley Gardens Night

- Preaching: Christian Swails
- Providing Dinner: Jimmy Flowers

Sunday, August 6 - Youth Night

- Preaching: James P. Owens
- Providing Side Dishes: Pastor's Class

In Our Prayers....

Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Chuck Holt, Gail Brannen, Marie Fritts, Pat Beasley, Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buelvas (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), David Gelaude, 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), 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

Florene Hendrix (mother of Jewel Hendrix), 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

In Sympathy....

Besser and Bross Families
on the death of *Pat Besser*,
wife of Gary Bross




 JOIN US ON
 SUNDAY EVENINGS
 THROUGHOUT
 SUMMER

Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens

June 11 through August 6

What are Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens like?

We are so blessed to have this AMAZING retreat center and hope you and your family will come & enjoy! With 40 acres - there's plenty of space for outside fun.

- Fantastic Playground
- Prayer Labyrinth for Meditation & Praying
- Restful Benches with Stunning Views
- Walking Trails
- Enjoy Kayaking or Boating
- Sitting, Swimming, or Crabbing off the Dock

Come early in the day, take advantage of this hidden gem, then stay and enjoy worship and dinner. Youth Group meets at 3:00 p.m. At 4:30, Spiritual Director Christian Swails will lead us in a time of Spiritual Formation. Then at 5:30, everyone, including children, meet in the chapel for a short, super casual service (shorts and flip-flops are fine).

At the start of the service, we sing a few hymns chosen by the adults and children. Following the hymns, the children leave with Ms. Charli to enjoy free time on the playground. The adults and youth remain for prayer and hear a short message. At 6:15, everyone will meet at the Main House for a meal. Suzanna prepares the main dish and dessert, and various Sunday school classes contribute the sides.

This summer, we will continue to highlight a different church ministry and adult Sunday school class each week. On Family Fun Nights, there will be extra activities for our children. Everyone is encouraged to come out and celebrate these groups in our church! There is always a nursery and always a place for our children.



Join us this evening for:

Youth Night

July 9 Schedule of Events



- 3:00 PM Youth Group Meets, Dock
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Formation Time, Led by Christian Swails, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship, Led by James P. Owens, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

Menu: Meatloaf

Side Dishes: Epworth and Journey Sunday School Classes

Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, Burnside Island
 278 Shipyard Road, Savannah



Sunday, July 9

Wesley Monumental's Youth Ministry

- The Youth Program at Wesley Monumental includes students in Middle School and High School (grades 6-12). They are a very active group which meet several times during the week. Along with studying the Bible and learning about Jesus, they love having fun and serving others. Many of the youth also participate in Youth Choir.
- Annual trips and events throughout the year include a Ski Retreat, their annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Mission Weeks (both local and non-local), and helping out with VBS, Fall Festival, and other Wesley events. Our Youth Choir also loves leading worship on select Sundays.
- On Sunday mornings, the Youth have Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. During the summer, they spend Sunday afternoons at Wesley Gardens Retreat doing outdoor activities like silly games, swimming, and kayaking. During the fall and winter months, they meet at the church for supper, games, and a Bible lesson.
- During the school year, the Youth Ministry offers small group Bible studies on Wednesday nights. They eat together with the church at Wednesday night supper then head upstairs for Bible studies.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Many thanks to the Epworth and Journey Sunday school classes for providing the delicious side dishes this evening.

- **Epworth Sunday School Class**

Epworth is an eclectic class: some married, some single, some grandparents, some parents, and some without children. They enjoy quarterly Social Sundays and other gatherings during the year. Their studies include Scriptural and topical lessons. A special service focus is fundraising for Urban Hope, an after-school ministry to children and youth. The Epworth class meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Oliver Hall room 309.

- **Journey Sunday School Class**

Members of this class seek to broaden their knowledge and understanding of Scripture in today's world. This class is for those who like to explore diverse opinions, accept the conflict of ideas, and want to nurture their spirituality. The purpose of Journey Class is to grow towards living a modern life as a follower of Jesus, based on his teachings. On Sunday morning, the Journey class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 308.

Preview for next Sunday, July 16

Construction Ministry Night

with Nelle Bordeaux preaching

Compass Class will provide the side dishes.

