



***Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023***

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August 13, 2023

**Back to (Sunday) School**

While most have already started, by the time this week is over pretty much all of our students will be back in school. College students will head off for a new year or their first year away from home. This time of year also means that summer vacations are winding down, and our schedules begin to return to the school year routine.

At the beginning of the school year, we always have a renewed emphasis on Sunday school at Wesley. Next Sunday, August 20, is "Promotion Sunday," when our children move up to their next age-appropriate class. While most adults think we are done with "school" and that Sunday school is for children and youth, at Wesley, adult Sunday school is a big part of our ministry of Christian formation, fellowship, support, and relationship building.

Next Sunday, during the Sunday school hour (9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.), we will have breakfast for everyone (we will start serving at 9:30 a.m.) and a gathering of all the Sunday school classes in the Fellowship Hall. During breakfast, each adult Sunday school group will share a few minutes about their class. If you are new to Wesley or have never participated in Sunday school, you will see what is available and meet people from the different classes. We will finish by 10:15 a.m. so everyone can go to their rooms.

For our children, we will also have our annual "blessing of the backpacks," so we encourage our children to bring their empty backpacks to worship for the children's sermon and a blessing on their new year.

Check out the insert in the bulletin about Sunday school and find a place to plug in. We are also still looking for teachers. If you love kids and love God and want to help connect the two, please let us know.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Eleventh 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**

arr. David Schelat

Dance: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**Introit (11:00)**

arr. Mark Shepperd

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,  
He taketh my burden away;  
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved.  
He giveth me strength as my day.

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;  
He hideth my life in the depths of his love,  
And covers me there with His hand.

\* **Hymn No. 261**      Lord of the Dance      19th cent. Shaker tune

\* **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**

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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**

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** 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. 344** Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore  
Stanzas 1, 2, and 3

**Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45) arr. Brant Adams  
Near to the Heart of God (with Children of the Heavenly Father)

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) arr. David Rasbach  
Clap Your Hands Together

Clap your hands together, all you people;  
Worship God with one accord;  
Sing His praise together, all you people;  
lift your voices to the Lord!

Shout to the Lord, break forth into song,  
you people of every nation;  
Play on your haps and trumpets and horns,  
for God has revealed salvation.

Oh, let the oceans roar, let the rivers clap,  
let the hills be joyful;  
Sing, for the Lord is coming to earth  
to righteously judge the people.

- Psalm 98

**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, pg. 35) Mark 1:16-34

**Sermon** "Back to Basics Part 2: Get In or Get Out" Ben Martin

- \* **Hymn** No. 345 'Tis the Old Ship of Zion YARMOUTH  
Stanzas 1, 2, 5

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) arr. Mark Shepperd

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns,  
And filled with His fullness divine,  
I sing in my rapture, "Oh glory to God  
For such a Redeemer as mine!"

**Closing Voluntary**    Toccata from Suite Gothique    Léon Boëllman

- \* *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 memory of Jarrod Holt by Rusty and Gaye Holt.

**Usher Roses**

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

**September Messenger Deadline**

Please email announcements to [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org) by tomorrow, Monday, August 14.

**Education Building Renovation Update from the Trustees**

The design for the Education Building Renovation is well underway. The building has been laser scanned, and a 3D model and drawings have been produced from the data. Teams of Architects, engineers, and specialists have completed their evaluations. The design of the new spaces is now underway, and plans are expected for their first review in a few weeks.

**Wesley Christmas Bazaar**

The Wesley Christmas Bazaar is returning this year and will feature the creative talents of Wesley folks. The Bazaar will showcase handwork, including but not limited to woodwork, monogrammed clothing and linen items, photography, jewelry, hand-painted notecards and local landscapes, calligraphy, candles, scroll-sawn ornaments, wooden pens, needlework, picture frames, dried flowers, toys, lathe turned bowls, and furniture--to mention a few. The Bazaar will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the gifts of our fellow church members and shop for Christmas.

The Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 4, from 8:00 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.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks  
**Greeters:** Lori Miller, Judy Cleveland  
**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller  
**Partners in Prayer:** Henry Whitfield

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Julia Grabowski, Hannah Green  
**Children's Worship:** Amy Martin, Sarah Labrot  
**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed  
**Greeters:** Carolyn & James Cubbedge  
**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo  
**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Jake Coakley, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel, Peter Delters, Michael Donovan, Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn  
**Partners in Prayer:** Gail Brannen

### **Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

#### **Children's Choir**

Great news! Children's Choirs begin Wednesday, September 6 with optional dinner at 5:30 p.m. and choir from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We look forward to our annual Nativity Pageant, Easter Play, and lots of opportunities to lead worship throughout the year. This year the oldest children will have an option for more deeply intensive singing lessons, and we will play chimes and have lots of fun, traditional hymn singing! Look for a registration link in next week's bulletin!

#### **Youth Choir**

Exciting news! Youth Choir for students grades 6th - 12th begins Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m. with dinner and youth group following. We're excited for an awesome year of singing and worshipping!

### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

#### **Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

Most needed this week is pasta. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

#### **Inspiritus Volunteer Opportunities**

Please contact Holly McCormick, hollymccormick@hotmail.com, if you can help with one or all of the following:

- Transport newly resettled refugees to the bank and/or the DMV for Georgia ID.
- After-school tutors are needed for refugee children. Volunteer Monday–Thursday from 4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Families who are in need of a First Friend to visit and act as a cultural guide and mentor.

### **James P. Owens, Congregational Life**

#### **The Merry Makers are Back, Tomorrow, Monday, August 14!**

Our senior adults' fellowship, The Monumental Merry Makers, will begin our regular meeting schedule tomorrow, Monday, August 14. Everyone is invited to join us for "Beat the Heat" Bingo at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Wesley Monumental. Lunch will be provided by Suzanna and our very own Skip Watts will be your expert bingo caller!

### **Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**



#### **Children's Worship**

Each week we need 6-8 adults to help in Children's Worship. No preparation is required. The lesson and art activities are prepared by staff during the week. On Sunday morning your responsibilities are to: shepherd the children from the Sanctuary to their classroom after the Children's Sermon, help serve snack, and help the children with their art activity. It is a fun and busy 40 minutes. Scan the QR code to sign up.

#### **Promotion Sunday and Sunday School Teachers Needed**

Be sure to put next 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. Sunday school teachers are needed for our preschool and elementary classes. Lessons and art activities are prepared by staff each week, and adults serve 2-3 times a month. Call or email Charli if you feel God is calling you to this important work.

**James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries**

**Confirmation Class begins September 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.

**Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager**

**Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in August**

Join us in August for an in-depth study by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. We will be looking closely at the Exodus/Passover-Redemption, which is the foundation for all of God's saving actions, including the life and death and resurrection of the Messiah. Tuesdays, August 15 and 29, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact [hello@wesleygardensretreat.com](mailto:hello@wesleygardensretreat.com) for details.



**Capstone Capital Campaign (8/9/23):**

Pledges Received	173
Total Pledged or Given	\$1,654,060
Campaign Goal	\$2,500,000

**Finances (8/6/23):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,239,193.09
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,268,462.01

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (8/6/23)

8:45 AM Worship	83	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	262	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	134	Sunday School	94
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>479</b>		

**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**

**August 13, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 1:16-20	Is there anything I have to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more closely?
Tuesday	Mark 1:21-28	Have I given Jesus the authority to remove anything in my life that holds power over me?
Wednesday	Mark 1:29-34	What has Jesus healed or set me free from that motivates me to serve Him?
Thursday	Colossians 3:1-17	Following Jesus requires letting go of and putting on or taking on new virtues. What do I need to "put on"?
Friday	Galatians 5:1	Memorize this verse.

**Sermon Notes**

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**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, August 13**

- 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, August 14**

- 11:00 AM Merry Makers Beat the Heat Bingo, FH

**Tuesday, August 15**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308

**Wednesday, August 16**

- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, August 17**

- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

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 Programs  
and Dinner Begins  
Wednesday, September 6**

Watch for details in the September Messenger, Wesley Weekly email newsletter, and upcoming bulletins on details and ways to register for Children's Choirs, Small Group Studies for Adults, and Dinner. If you are not receiving the weekly email newsletter, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org or call the church office, 912-232-0191.

**In Our Prayers....**

Karen Nickles, Lloyd Chapman, Karen Boulie (mother of Donna Hart), 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), 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....*

The Fritts Family  
on the death of  
*Marie Fritts,*  
mother of Lynn Fritts