



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

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August 20, 2023

### **2024 Leadership Team**

Each fall, the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee is responsible for identifying, recommending, and training our leadership team for the coming year. This year we have to move our planning up a little earlier. It helps the work of our committee if we know people have particular interests in certain areas of leadership. Keep in mind that while our Leadership Team consists only of the committee members, the work of those ministry areas takes many more people than those who do the planning and preparation for the area. Some of the committees and areas of ministry in which there is an opportunity to serve are:

**Administrative Board**- our governing body that approves the work of all committees

**Ministry Council**- the chairs of program committees who meet bi-annually to do assessment and visioning work.

**Staff-Parish Relations Committee**- oversees and supports the church staff

**Board of Trustees**- manages all property and assets

**Wesley Gardens Committee**- oversees our Retreat Center on Moon River

**Finance Committee**- plans our budget and oversees our finances

**Endowment Committee**- oversees our church endowments and planned giving

**Communications Committee**- works on internal and external communication

**Evangelism/Hospitality**- works on our church's outreach to guests and new members

**Worship Committee**- helps coordinate our worship (also ushers, greeters, preparing the sanctuary)

**Altar Guild**- prepares our sanctuary for worship, including flower arrangements

**Communion Stewards**- prepare communion for worship

**Prayer Committee**- coordinates the prayer ministry of our church

**Children's Ministry Committee**- plans children's ministry (Nursery, Early Childhood, Elementary)

**Eli's Place Committee**- oversees our Early Child Development Center

**Missions Committee**- plans our missions budget and work

**Youth Ministry Committee**- oversees our youth ministry

**Senior Adults Committee**- plans and works on our ministry to senior adults

**Music Ministry Committee**- supports Monica in our music ministry

**Office Volunteers Group**- fills in for our office staff, helps with large mailings, etc.

As you can see, it takes lots of people to plan and implement our ministry. And in addition to the committee members, there are countless places to serve with your time and talent. Email me today if there is a particular area in which you are willing to offer your time and talent. ([ben@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:ben@wesleymonumental.org))

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

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

*Twelfth 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

Grand Processional

John T. Martin, Jr.

### Introit (11:00)

Sing for Joy

arr. John T. Martin, Jr.

\* **Hymn No. 277** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus STORIES OF JESUS

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed James P. Owens

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

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.



## **Volunteers Needed**

- **Acolytes**

Any rising 6th grader or above who is interested in becoming an acolyte is invited to a brief training session on Sunday, September 10 or Sunday, October 8 immediately following the 11:00 service. Acolytes serve by lighting the candles, assisting with baptisms, and collecting attendance roosters during our worship service. Acolytes usually serve one Sunday per quarter. Any questions, please contact Caroline Livingood at calivingood75@gmail.com.

- **Communion Stewards**

Additional Communion Stewards are needed to help prepare communion for our monthly Communion Sunday services. This is a great way to serve our church from behind-the-scenes, and training is provided. If you would like to learn more, please contact Amelia Wells (Communion Team Leader) at 912-665-2902 or amelia.wells@gulfstream.com.

- **Offering Counters**

Additional offering counters are needed following the 11:00 Service on Sundays. The time commitment is about one hour once a month, and you will be paired with another member. For additional details or to sign up, please email Riley Smith jrsmith119@gmail.com.

## **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 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.

## **August Administrative Board Meeting**

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place next Monday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda packet and Zoom link will be emailed to the board members on Friday, August 25.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Lori Miller, Ann Croft

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Anne Thompson

## **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Michael Cooler, Jordan Hess

**Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot, Ellen Williams, Anne Tyree

**Sunday School:** Ellen Williams, Erica Timmons

**Greeters:** Grace & Art Greene

**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan

**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Tim Edwards, David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell, Cory Hall, Michael Hasselle, Adam Hess, Dan Hoey

**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

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

**Children's Choir Registration**



Children's Choirs begin Wednesday, September 6 with 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 have an option for intensive singing lessons, and we will play chimes and have lots of fun, traditional hymn singing. Please register by scanning QR code.

**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 peanut butter. 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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**

**Volunteers Invited**

Would you enjoy gardening in a quiet and prayerful environment? Individual or group volunteers are invited to help maintain the Grounds. Tasks include removing Spanish moss from shrubs, weeding, trimming azaleas, and keeping the marsh edge clean. Email micah@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.

**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. Tuesday, August 29, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.



**Capstone Capital Campaign (8/13/23):**

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

**Finances (8/13/23):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,278,031.94
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,303,021.52

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (8/13/23)

8:45 AM Worship	94	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	269	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	126	Sunday School	103
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>489</b>		

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**August 20, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 1:35-37	Do I ever feel overwhelmed by people's needs or the demands placed on me?
Tuesday	Mark 6:30-31, Matthew 11:-28-30	When am I taking time to "get away" to rest and pray?
Wednesday	Mark 1:38-39	What does Jesus' ministry of healing and exorcism have to do with his message?
Thursday	Mark 1:40-45	Why might I or others think Jesus would not choose to heal?
Friday	James 2	What do faith and compassion have to do with each other?

**Sermon Notes**

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**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, August 20**

**Promotion Sunday**

- 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

**Monday, August 21**

**No Scheduled Activities**

**Tuesday, August 22**

- 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
- 11:00 AM  Staff Mtg, OH 310

**Wednesday, August 23**

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

**Thursday, August 24**

- 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](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org) or call the church office, 912-232-0191.

*In Sympathy....*

The Boulrier and Hart Families  
on the death of *Karen Boulrier*  
mother of Donna Hart,  
grandmother of Evan and Emily Hart

The Hendrix Family  
on the death of *Florene Hendrix*,  
mother of Jewel Hendrix

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

**In Our Prayers....**

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 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), 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**

Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenkel, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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





# Promotion SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, August 20 when our children and youth move up to their next age-appropriate class.

## Sunday School Classes

(9:45 - 10:45 AM)

**The Nursery, Children's, Preteen, & Youth Ministries are held in the Education Building, located behind the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall.**

Children DO NOT need to be picked up between the Worship Service and Sunday School. Children who attend the 8:45 service will be given a snack and taken to their Sunday school classroom. Children who attend Sunday school and the 11:00 Service will be taken to the Sanctuary at 10:55 and will sit together until the end of the Children's Sermon when they will be taken to Children's Worship.

## Children

### Under 3

We are never too young to know God's love for us! Ms. Emily Davis begins teaching our youngest children when they are babies held on the laps of the nursery staff. They join the toddlers for songs, stories, and all look for Jesus in the pages of their little Bibles.

### 3 Year Olds & Pre-K

In our Early Childhood Sunday Funday classes, children begin to learn more about God and worship. They hear His true stories told while engaging with simple hands-on materials that help the lessons come alive. This way of storytelling encourages our children to begin to independently wonder about and praise God.

### Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

This year our kindergarten through third grade children will be traveling with Jesus around the Sea of Galilee. We'll spend a few weeks looking at life in Jesus' time and continue to use our Godly Play pieces as we hear Jesus teach, heal, and call people to follow Him.

### 4th & 5th Grade

## Preteens

Exciting plans are underway for our 4th and 5th graders including new Sunday School curriculum, Worship Education, and fun fellowship outings. Join us in Room 305 at 10:00 a.m. to be a part of the planning.

### 6th-12th Grade

## Youth

Meets in Room 405 for fellowship and age-appropriate Bible studies.



# Adults

(9:45 - 10:45 AM)

Now is a great time to join a Sunday school class! Questions? Please contact James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org

## **Alpha (Hybrid - In person in Education Building, Room 303 & Zoom)**

This class uses the Adult Bible studies series, a Bible-based, Christ-focused curriculum. Occasionally, they use topical or video-based studies. Class members enjoy fellowship events and are faithful in their support of each other in time of illness or crisis. Contact Evonne Mobley at evonne.mobley@gmail.com for Zoom invite or show up on Sunday!

## **Compass (Oliver Hall, Room 408)**

This class welcomes couples and individuals. Many members have children, from toddlers to teenagers. Classes involve discussion-oriented studies grounded in scripture. Discussions are open and led by members willing to identify topics of interest and moderate the study. Their focus is to be led by the Spirit and to promote articulating their faith related to daily living. Members support each other and enjoy time together in social gatherings. For more information, contact Lauren Cohn at lculbreth@hotmail.com.

## **Connect (Hybrid - In person in Oliver Hall, Room 207 & Zoom)**

The Connect class consists of people of all ages who are single, married, with kids, with grandkids, and without kids, just people who want to learn the Bible. They meet in Oliver Hall, Room 207, and via Zoom. ALL are welcome ANY time! Contact Jennifer Baker at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org for Zoom details.

## **Epworth (Oliver Hall, Room 309)**

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 particular service focus is fundraising for Urban Hope, an after-school ministry to children and youth. Contact Ken Spriggs at kspriggs@spriggsgroup.com.

## **Ivy (Oliver Hall, Room 310)**

The Ivy Class is a lively group of "empty nesters"—parents of college-age children, new grandparents, couples, and singles. The class studies biblically-based material—anything from traditional Bible studies to books addressing various topics that pertain to spiritual growth. They also hold social events frequently. For information regarding the Ivy Class, please contact Amy Carter at bcarter331@aol.com.

## **Journey (Hybrid - In person in Oliver Hall, Room 308 & Zoom)**

The Journey Class invites to their class anyone interested in a sixteen-week (no one has to stay for all 16 weeks) deep dive into the book of Matthew. The class will study Matthew through short but intellectually stimulating videos featuring two Yale Professors, followed by lively discussions of the subject matter of each chapter. There are no strangers in this class; they are all adventurers together on their spiritual journey. In fact, no knowledge of the Bible is necessary, just a willingness to learn. Contact David Butler, dhbutler1693@gmail.com, for a Zoom invite.

## **Millennial Blend (Oliver Hall Parlor, Second Floor, next to Room 207)**

Whether you're looking for a way to connect with others your age at Wesley Monumental or simply want a safe place to have conversation and ask questions, we invite you to join the Millennial Blend Sunday School class. Right now, we're reading *What if Jesus Was Serious About Prayer?* by Skye Jethani together. In early September, we'll choose a new study as a class. Coffee is served each Sunday, and we occasionally have snacks to enjoy as well. This class is for anyone 25-40ish years old in any stage of life—single, married, with kids, or without. All are welcome. Contact co-leaders Aaron (aaron@aaronhiggins.net) and Ashley Higgins (anmh1224@gmail.com) with any questions!

## **Pastor's Class (Hybrid - In person in the Fellowship Hall & Zoom)**

Taught by the senior pastor, this is a class for any age adult. Each week's study is a stand-alone topic on Spiritual Formation from the book *Devotional Classics*. The class will begin new material in October. Members meet in the Fellowship Hall, and this location makes this a great class to drop in on! For a Zoom invite, contact Rev. Ben Martin at ben@wesleymonumental.org.

