



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

James, the brother of Jesus, wrote in his letter, "true religion is caring for widows and orphans in their distress and keeping oneself unstained by the world." Since 1872, The Methodist Home for Children and Youth has been answering the gospel's call to share the love of Christ by caring for the most vulnerable in our society. Over the last 161 years, The Home has evolved from a 92-acre working farm with a few small buildings to several beautiful residential campuses that provide hope and happiness to at-risk children and youth.

Today, The Methodist Home is a multi-faceted residential care home providing a continuum of specialized treatment programs that address the needs of abused, neglected, and abandoned children. The Methodist Home's mission seeks to respond to Christ and the Church as we restore lost childhoods, strengthen families, and cultivate a people-building organization. The Methodist Home exemplifies this mission and provides a safe haven and has impacted the lives of more than 12,000 children from across the state of Georgia through operations in Macon, Americus, Valdosta, St. Marys, and Columbus. The Methodist Home exists as a faith-based organization to provide at-risk youth the security, education, and hope necessary to break the cycle of abuse and neglect and grow into contributing and productive adult members of society.

There is no United Methodist ministry I am more proud to partner with than The Methodist Home. Believing in the importance of this mission, each year, we take an offering to support this vital work and hope you will **join us today in our communion offering, which will go to The Methodist Home.**

Our own Dr. Edwin Chase not only grew up at The Methodist Home and served as the associate pastor here at Wesley but later returned to The Home and served for the last decade of his career. He has recently had a second edition of his book published entitled *Surprised By God's Kindness*. It is a memoir that you will find a wonderful word of testimony about the grace of God. Dr. Chase will discuss the book on Wednesday Night, October 18, following dinner. I encourage you to purchase a copy. Proceeds of the book go to support The Methodist Home.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Eighteenth 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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Anna Owens

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Whitney Owens, mezzo-soprano

* **Hymn No. 133** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms SHOWALTER

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed James P. Owens (8:45)
Anna Owens (11:00)

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, pg. 39)

Mark 4:35-41

Sermon

"Back to Basics Part 9:
Don't You Care?"

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.

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Solo (8:45)

arr. Richard Walters

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Elane Finley, soprano. Penny Hendrix, pianist

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Ave Verum Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet
in the trial of death.

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.

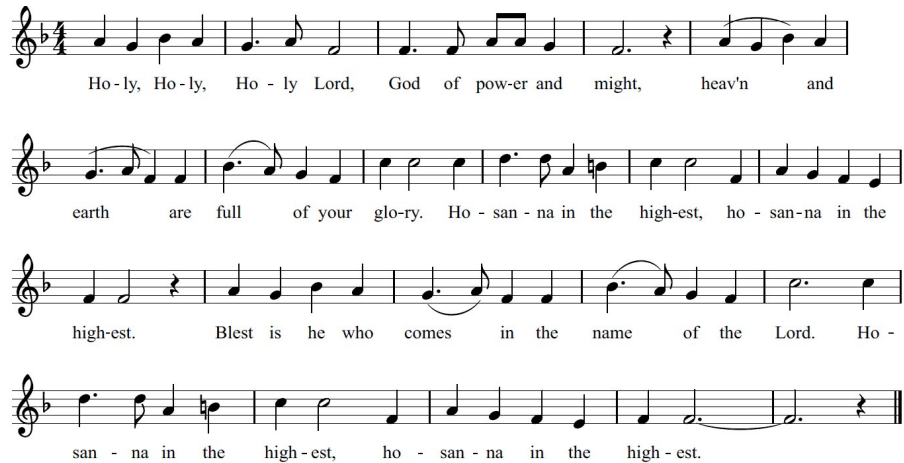
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church,
All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

We will take communion at the rail. Today's communion offering is designated for The Methodist Home for Children and Youth. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Communion Music

Penny Hendrix, pianist (8:45 and 11:00)

Solo piano selections

Elane Finley, soprano. Penny Hendrix, pianist (11:00)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Richard Walters

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery
 in which You have given Yourself to us.
 Grant that we may go into the world
 in the strength of Your Spirit,
 to give ourselves for others,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

- * **Hymn No. 377** It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE
 Stanza 4
- * **Benediction** Ben Martin
- Closing Response** (11:00) Amen Peter Lukin
- Closing Voluntary** Felix Mendelssohn
 Allegro assai vivace from Sonata No. 1

* *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 by the Cubbedge family in memory of Kay Price Cubbedge.

Just Born

Congratulations to Rebecca and Jacob Sellers on the birth of a son, Robert Hawkins Sellers, on September 24, 2023. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Hawkins.

Fall Into a Bible Study - All Are Welcome

- Young Mothers' Bible Study. Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Oliver Hall, room 310, nursery provided. Currently studying "Women in the Bible." Verses this week will be about Rebecca, Genesis 24-27, Romans 9:10-13.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study via Zoom. Thursdays from noon-12:30 p.m. Currently studying the Gospel of Mark. Verses this week will be Mark, chapter 13

Grocery Item Needed This Week
are Vienna sausages.

Christmas Greenery

The Altar Guild is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! For details and to order, visit www.wesleymonumental.org/2023-greenery/ or pick up an order form located at all sanctuary entrances.

**Cabaret Under the Stars
Dinner, Dancing, and Music**



Thursday, October 19, 6:00-9:00 PM, 429 Abercorn Street. Enjoy a beautiful October evening with a backdrop of one of Savannah's breathtaking squares entertained by The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra—an 11-piece "fiery hot and soulful Southern big band." Invite your friends and neighbors to an enchanting and elegant evening with scrumptious heavy d'oeuvres, delectable wine, dancing, and captivating music! All proceeds support the capital campaign.

Tickets and details: equinoxorchestra.com, scan the QR code, or call Monica 912-232-0191.

Help Wanted - Serving at Wesley Community Center

Tomorrow, Monday, October 2, and Wednesday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our United Methodist Men (and ladies, too) are pulling together a team to do some painting and light construction at WCC on Drayton Street in preparation for their hosting a United Methodist Women's conference. All skill sets are needed. We will grab lunch in Starland following. If you want to sign up or have questions, contact Woody Brown at brown_wr@bellsouth.net or call 912-352-7833.

October Merry Makers

The Merry Makers will meet on Monday, October 9, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Julie Roberts, LCSW, from Water's Edge Counseling, will be the guest speaker. Lunch (\$7) will be provided. RSVP by this Friday, October 6, to bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.

**Second Grade
Bible Presentation**

Bible Presentation for our second graders will take place Sunday, October 15. Please email charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our list.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (9/24/23)

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| 8:45 AM Worship | 79 | Nursery | 15 |
| 11:00 AM Worship | 368 | Children's Worship | 55 |
| Online Worship Views | 172 | Sunday School | 130 |
| Total Worship | 619 | | |

Finances: (08-27-23)

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| 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 |

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: TBD

Greeters: Judy Cleveland, Lori Miller

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Addison Conger, Anna Livingood

Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot, Ellen O'Connor, Meghan Scoggins

Sunday School: Laura Farless

Communion Stewards: TBD

Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul

Offering Steward: Brian West

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

Partners in Prayer: Gail Brannen

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

October 1, 2023

Sermon Extended

This week, try meditating on each of these small passages, listening for what God says to you.

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| Monday | Mark 4:35 | "When evening came" "let's go across to the other side" |
| Tuesday | Mark 4:36 | "Leaving the crowd behind" "they took him with them just as he was" |
| Wednesday | Mark 4:37-38 | "He was asleep" "Do you not care that we are perishing?" |
| Thursday | Mark 4:39 | "Peace, be still" |
| Friday | Mark 4:40-41 | "Why are you afraid, have you still no faith?" "Who is this man?" |

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

****Visit wesleymonumental.org/events/ to view the calendar online.****

Sunday, October 1

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
9:45 AM James P. Owens Recognition, FH
10:50 AM 4th/5th Grade Worship Education, SNC Balcony
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, October 2

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM UMM/UMW Painting and Light Construction, WCC
6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study & Bible Buddies, OH 310/308
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM UMM/UMW Painting and Light Construction, WCC
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 & OH
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 310
6:00 PM Women's Small Group, Led by Katie, OH Parlor
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, October 5

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

Friday, October 6

9:00 AM Eli's Place

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| 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 Nights at Wesley

October 4

Menu: Honey Mustard Pork Tenderloin

In Sympathy...

The Family of
Jean Remley

The Stubbs Family
on the death of *Joe T. Stubbs, Jr.*
father of Joe T Stubbs,
grandfather of Ella, Eliza, and Greta

In Our Prayers....

Adam Corey, Anne Holley, Saddle 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), 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), 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