



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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**COCREATION SPIRITUAL RETREAT DAY- OCTOBER 28
WESLEY GARDENS RETREAT CENTER**

During the summer, Spiritual Director Christian Swails began leading a spiritual practices time prior to our evening worship. Those of us who participated found this experience very meaningful and refreshing. We decided to extend the experience throughout the year on 4th Sunday evenings. These 1-1/2 hour sessions are just a taste of the practice of spiritual formation. On Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., we will have an opportunity to experience a fuller experience of spiritual practices.

The Spiritual Retreat Day will be led by Christian and Hannah Swails as an offering of their ministry CoCreation. If you've never taken a day retreat or if you have done it many times, I encourage you to sign up for the event. The retreat promises to be a transformative experience of self-discovery, growth, and connection. You can use the QR code below to register for the event, or if you need help, call the church office, and we will get you signed up. The cost for the day is \$49, which includes lunch. Give yourself or someone else the gift of a day apart with God that can help equip you for a life with God.



EDUCATION BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

For the last few months, we have been preparing to renovate the Education Building to improve our music and children's ministry areas. Our architects, Lott and Naugle, have been meeting with staff and the Trustees, examining the building, assessing our needs, and drawing up plans. The next step, which will happen in the next month, is the Trustees/Building Committee will be interviewing and selecting a general contractor for the project. Following that selection, the plans will be finalized in December and January in consultation with the architect, contractor, and committee. The scope of work will be planned out with the hopes of having work started by February. There will be a lot of logistical planning to maintain our ministries while being out of a large part of our space. As we get closer to time, more information will be coming out, and some renderings of the project will be made available for you to see.

Many of you have given and committed future giving to making this project a reality. To date, we have \$2,733,134 given and pledged to the project that we anticipate to be in the range of \$3,500,000. We are grateful for your generosity towards the needed renovation.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Ricardo Ochoa, violin
Paul Lott, trumpet
Mat Graham, trumpet
Colleen Crafton, trombone
Thomas Schandolph, trombone
Joel Hayes, tuba
(11:00 Guest Musicians)

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) Walt Baxter

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Prelude in G Major, BWV 550 J. S. Bach

Opening Anthem (11:00) Dona Nobis Pacem Grant Us Peace

Introit (11:00) Shalom Chaverim Peace, friends!

* **Hymn Insert** Blessed Be the Name

* **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 Ben Martin

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.

- * **Hymn No. 261** Lord of the Dance Shaker Tune

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) In the Garden arr. Marilyn Ham

Offertory Anthem (11:00) I'll Fly Away Medley arr. Mark Hayes

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. 40-41) Mark 6:1-29

Sermon "Back to Basics Part 13:
 Faith is Not a Fairy Tale" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 77** How Great Thou Art Stuart K. Hine

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.
 To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

Closing Voluntary In the Garden arr. Marilyn Ham

- * *Please stand as you are able.
 Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Veterans Day Breakfast

Our Annual Veterans Day Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m. This year's speaker is Army Ranger Ryan Davis, one of Wesley's own. Ryan will be sharing his story following his injury in Afghanistan. Ryan and his family were recently the recipients of a Gary Sinise home in Richmond Hill. Attendance is expected to be high. Reservations are needed. Call the church office at 912-232-0191 to sign up. Donations will be received to cover the cost of breakfast. Questions? Call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

Help! Youth Group Volunteers Needed

As we continue to search for a new Director of Student Ministries, we are in need of our church to step up and serve to keep our youth ministry fully active. We are blessed to have some wonderful volunteers leading in Sunday school, Sunday night program, and Wednesday night small groups. Where we need help is with chaperones for some upcoming trips. The first is the Encounter Retreat at Epworth By the Sea- November 17-19. We would leave after school on Friday and return Sunday after lunch. Please email Sheila Boone (smboone119@yahoo.com) or Ben Martin (ben@wesleymonumental.org) if you could help. We particularly need at least one male chaperone for our guys. If we plan to send a group, we must get the group registered soon.

Care and Share Wants You!

Want to help visit a homebound church member once per month? Please speak with Bonnie Delvers, 912-351-0814, Care and Share Committee chairman.

New Member Course Starts Today

Class will meet at 10:00 a.m. today and Wednesday, October 25 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and next Sunday, October 29 at 10:00 a.m., all in the church library (2nd floor, Oliver Hall). Nursery provided. Class will join as a group on October 29. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

October Administrative Board Meeting

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place next Monday, October 30 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 Thursday, October 26.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is November 4, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Twenty-four vendors will be on hand to share their talents. The Bazaar will provide a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet fellow church members and to do some Christmas shopping. We are especially glad to include the Bee Sharps from SCAD. They are a student acapella group that will perform at 11:30 a.m. The Bazaar is also a great opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbors to visit our church.

You may expect to see watercolors, photographs, oil paintings, jewelry, woodworking, homemade preserves, stained glass, wreaths, embroidery, decorated oyster shells, note cards, CDs, baskets, Shaker boxes, cornhole games, planters, sewing, crochet, candles, cheese flowers, books, affirmation cards, as well as lots of homemade goodies to eat. If you would like to donate a baked good for our bake sale, please contact Florence Anderson, 912-657-6640. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Questions? Call Woody Brown at 912-352-7833 or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Judy Cleaveland, Becky Pullin

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Dorie Gaskin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Andrew Wilkes, Ryves Dunn

Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot, Amy Martin

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Dan Hoey, Rusty Holt, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly,
Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Pratt Mathews

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Five Thank Yous

Thank you to parents for your faithfulness in bringing your children to church every single week so they can grow in the knowledge and love of God through music.

Thank you to children's choir teachers Tyler Cobbs, Julia Flowers, Lee Green, Ash Grimmett, Kim Grimmett, Anne Hawks, JoAnna Hayes, Ori Hayes, Penny Hendrix, Raymond Patricio, Ken Rimes, Carolyn Roth and substitute teacher Diane Davis and Glen Doki. Thank you to youth choir teachers Sheila and Skip Watts and substitute teachers Julia Flowers, Ash Grimmett, Katherine Grimmett, Kim Grimmett, and Dan Wilkinson. We all appreciate the love and time you lovingly, faithfully, and generously give to the kids every single week.

Thank you God for the children and youth seeking God first in their lives.

Thank you to the congregation for your unending support of Wesley Monumental choral music ministry.

Thank you to everyone who made Cabaret Under the Stars such a marvelous event to raise money for the capital campaign. Especially thank you to Camille Russo, Scott Cleaveland, Tyler Cobbs, Jimmy Flowers, Kim Grimmett, Stephanie Hess, Derek Llamas, Ken Rimes, Gail Rountree, and Claire Watts.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Study Topics

- Young Mothers' Bible Study. Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Currently studying "Women in the Bible." Verses this week will be about Potiphar's wife, Genesis 39:1-23.
- 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 15. Sign up for either study with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Items Needed for a Newly Arriving Syrian Refugee Family are:

pillows; large trash container with lid and bags; dishwasher tablets; mop; broom; toothpastes; 3 drawer plastic containers (to put in closet to store clothes); lamps. Please drop off at church with Nelle.

Urban Hope Children's Supper Needs Sweet Potatoes and YOU!

Cook a dish at home and help serve 75 Urban Hope guests tomorrow, Monday, October 23. Please meet at 5:30 p.m. at Independent Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall (please enter from lane on south side of sanctuary building); still needed are sweet potato casserole, cut fruit, macaroni and cheese, and servers. All ages are welcome!

All Are Welcome at Ron Washburn's Stewardship Lesson

on Wednesday, October 25 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Church Library, Oliver Hall room 205. Our own Ron Washburn will speak about how God wants us to be stewards. All are welcome, including new members or all who want to learn more. Sign up, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

4th & 5th Grade Sunday Fun

Today, Sunday, October 22, all 4th & 5th graders (not singing in choir) are invited to sit together in the balcony for the 11:00 service. After the service, we'll have lunch in the Fellowship Hall, play games in the square, and go to Leopold's for ice cream. Parents should plan to pick up from the church at 1:45 p.m.

Children's Worship Training

4th & 5th graders who would like to help with Children's Worship must attend a training session. There will be a make-up training session after the 11:00 Service today, Sunday, October 22. The training will last about 30 minutes and then we'll join the others for games and ice cream.

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 29

Our annual Fall Festival will take place next Sunday, October 29 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. The horses and the petting zoo are returning this year along with lots of games, Ms. Suzanna's Nacho Bar, and S'mores at the pavilion. The festival is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Group

Fun with Skip and Sheila-Join Us for Game Show Night!

The youth will meet tonight, Sunday, October 22, for dinner and games from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Skip will be our MC and game show host as we play Family Feud and Chain Reaction. All are welcome to attend. Youth Choir will be held at 4:00 p.m.

Fall Festival

The youth will be helping with the Fall Festival at Wesley Gardens Retreat next Sunday, October 29. If your student is interested in helping, please contact Charli Weeks (charli@wesleymonumental.org) and/or Laura Blake (laurablake8@gmail.com) directly.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Wesley Gardens Bible Study

This Tuesday, October 24, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. For details, contact: hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.



CoCreation Spiritual Retreat Day

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Commemorative Live Oaks and Adirondack Chairs

For those seeking to honor a loved one or wishing to make a lasting contribution to Wesley Gardens Retreat, commemorative live oaks and teak Adirondack chairs with plaques are available. All gifts are tax-deductible. For further info, please email micah@wesleygardensretreat.com.



Finances (10/15/23):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,558,509.35
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,681,214.68

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (10/15/23)

8:45 AM Worship	81	Nursery	18
11:00 AM Worship	371	Children's Worship	67
Online Worship Views	157	Sunday School	123
Total Worship	609		

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. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge	Senior Adults and Pastoral Care	Suzanna King	Director of Hospitality
Dr. Monica Dekle	Director of Music & Organist	David Lindquist	Maintenance Tech
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

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 6:1-6	Have I ever felt rejected by those close to me because of my faith?
Tuesday	Mark 6:7-13	How might I practice walking in faith?
Wednesday	Mark 6:14-29	What has my faith ever cost me?
Thursday	Matthew 11:2-11	Have my circumstances ever challenged my faith?
Friday	James 1:2-16	How can I view my trials differently than I do?

Sermon Notes

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This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, October 22

- Bring a Friend 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**
- 11:00 AM** **4th & 5th Grade Sunday Fun, Sit Together in the Balcony, Followed by Lunch, FH**
- 12:00 PM** **4th & 5th Grade Children's Worship Training, FH**
- 4:00 PM** **Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr**
- 5:00 PM** **Youth Group, EB 4th Flr**

Monday, October 23

- 9:00 AM** **Eli's Place**
- 9:30 AM** **Elis Place Chapel**
- 2:00 PM** **Joy Circle, OH 310**
- 5:30 PM** **Urban Hope Supper, Independent Presbyterian**
- 6:00 PM** **Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC**

Tuesday, October 24

- 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**
- 6:30 PM** **WG Bible Study, WG**

Wednesday, October 25

- 9:00 AM** **Eli's Place**
- 10:30 AM** **Jane Shirah Cir., Home of L. Tedder**
- 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** **Byron Boyd Teaching, FH**
- 6:00 PM** **Book Study, Led by Ben, OH 310**
- 6:00 PM** **Women's Small Group, Led by Katie, OH Parlor**
- 6:00 PM** **New Member Class, OH 205**
- 7:15 PM** **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr**

Thursday, October 26

- 9:00 AM** **Eli's Place**
- 12:00 PM** **Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom**
- 5:30 PM** **Finance Mtg, OH**

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

- 9:00 AM** **Spiritual Retreat Day, WG**

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat	

Pastors on Call This Week

All days except Wednesdays
 Ben Martin.....912-547-1835
 Wednesdays
 Nelle Bordeaux912-234-9245

Wednesday Nights at Wesley October 25 Menu: BBQ Pork

In Our Prayers....

Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Roger Lemay, Philip Fritts (brother of Lynn Fritts), Gloria Eitel, Adam Corey, 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), Karen Nickles, Lloyd Chapman, Mary Odom, Richard Zehl, Will Weeks, Mercedes Brenne and Jack Carman (friends of Anne Tyree), Georgia Kate Anderson, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buevas (sister of Madge Edwards), 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), 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

In Sympathy...

The Roberds and Miles Families
 on the death of *Betty Miles*,
 sister of Willie Roberds

The DiVito Family
 on the death of *Melinda Bunton*,
 mother of Leigh Anne DiVito