



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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Veterans Day and the 2023 Stewardship Campaign

Yesterday was Veterans Day, and we remembered with grateful hearts the women and men who have given and continue to give of themselves sacrificially to serve a cause bigger than themselves. We are the beneficiaries of such self-giving, and their example should inspire us towards our own acts of sacrificial giving to something bigger than ourselves. Self-giving and sacrifice were also the model of Christ and the invitation to discipleship.

The example of Christ and our Veterans is one of the reasons we ask you each year to prayerfully consider making a personal commitment to your giving for next year and to record that as an "estimate of giving" and turn it into the church. This not only gives us a personal commitment and accountability but also helps us as a church have some predictability of giving around which to plan a responsible church budget.

You should have recently received a letter and estimate of giving card. We are asking you, as a part of your life of discipleship and your commitment to being a member of the church, to participate in this spiritual discipline. Today, you may turn in your card by placing it on the offering plate during the offering or by coming down and leaving it on the altar rail. If you don't have a card, they are available in the narthex or by each door. You can also make this estimate of giving commitment online through our website (wesleymonumental.org/pledge/) by mailing the card in or dropping it off at the church office.

Today, we are grateful for the great blessings of God, the incredible sacrifices of our Veterans, and the generosity of our congregation. Because of you, we continue to see our church grow and our ministry touch the lives of children, youth, and adults, both in our congregation, our community, and around the world.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Voluntary Pièce Héroïque César Franck

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) Lindly Mingledorff

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Introit (11:00) Joyful Noise Choir Elane Finley, pianist

We Are In God's House Today
Standing on the Promises

* **Hymn No. 191** Jesus Loves Me JESUS LOVES ME

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Evelyn Cora Stephens daughter of Rachel and Miller Stephens

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Evelyn as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Recognition of Our Veterans

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. 733 Marching to Zion MARCHING TO ZION

Stewardship Moment

Offertory Prayer Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) arr. Michele Murray
Battle Hymn of the Republic (in the style of Schubert)

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. Peter Wilhousky
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

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. 42-43) Mark 7:24-37

Sermon "Back to Basics Part 15:
Don't Take No For An Answer" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn** No. 382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord
Stanza 1 ADELAIDE

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Lloyd Larson

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature;
O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine!
- Gesangbuch, Münster (1677)

Closing Voluntary arr. Jerry Westenkuehler
Crown Him with Many Crowns

- * *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 Ted and Linda Moore in honor of all veterans and first responders in solemn salute for all that you have done in service to our country.

Usher Roses

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

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.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall, room 205.

New Member Course Starts Next Sunday

Our next New Member Course will be held on November 19 and 26 at 10:00 a.m., both Sundays, with the class joining as a group on November 26. A stewardship lesson will be held on Wednesday, December 6, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided at all three sessions. Please call the church office to sign up at 912-232-0191.

The Historic District Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

First Baptist Church of Savannah, 223 Bull Street, will host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Friday, December 15, and may be taken home following the last Christmas Eve service. Please place your orders for plants (\$16) in memory or honor of loved ones by Sunday, December 10. Order forms may be found at all sanctuary entrances, or you can order and pay online by visiting www.wesleymonumental.org/poinsettias/

Calling All Advent Decorators!

The Wesley Monumental Altar Guild is in need of additional volunteers to help decorate during the Advent and Christmas season. We have brass to polish, greenery to hang, trees to decorate, and so much more. The transformation of our beautiful sanctuary on December 2 at 9:00 a.m. takes many hands, so if you enjoy decorating or would love to learn more about the Altar Guild, please contact Caroline McDermott, wesleymonumentalaltarguild@gmail.com.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks
Greeters: Linda Butler, Judy Cleveland
Offering Steward: David Butler
Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Ansley Cheshire, Adair Thomas
Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot, Amy Martin, Karen Washburn
Sunday School: Volunteers Needed
Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps
Offering Steward: Chris Donegan
Ushers: Chris Donegan, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle, Jim Pannell, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas, Christian Valdez
Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Mark your calendar for the annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m. This service is over 100 years old. It follows traditional readings from the King James Version of the Bible, starting with the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden read by a young chorister, going through the promise of the coming Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. The readings are interspersed with Christmas carols that bring each scripture to life. Unforgettable is Ms. Camille O'Neill's recitation of the seventh lesson.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Thanksgiving Side Dishes Needed

Please bring canned sweet potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, and rice to boxes just inside Oliver Hall door by Thursday, November 16 for Fellowship of Love Community Church distribution to needy families.

Bible Study Topics

- Young Mothers' Bible Study. Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., in Oliver Hall room 310; nursery provided. Currently studying "Women in the Bible." Verses this week will be about Jephthah's Daughter, Judges 11:1-3, 29-40.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study via Zoom. Thursdays from noon - 12:30 p.m. Verses this week will be Hosea, chapter 2. Sign up for either study with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

February Mission Trip to Santa Elena Honduras February 10-17, 2024

A Wesley team will serve with Mission on the Move (MOM) in Santa Elena over St. Valentine's week. In addition to working with the children and providing maintenance support for MOM facilities, we will build houses again with El Camino. The days are peppered with times of reflection, Bible study, and song. While we have some folks skilled at framing buildings, all you need is a loving heart, open mind, and helping hands to be a great team member. Our accommodations are clean and comfortable, the food is good, and we serve in a safe community. Attendees are expected to cover their Delta Airlines ticket, currently running around \$600, and a portion of room and board. **If you are interested in serving, contact Scott Cleaveland at 912-598-8278 by Sunday, December 17.** The absolute cut-off for attendance is January 5. If you have questions about Mission on the Move, speak with Sharlene Monahan, Will Faulk, or Sheila Watts. Rusty Holt and Jake Coakley are well-versed in our home construction with El Camino. Please consider serving, you will be blessed by the experience.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Christmas Bazaar Was a Huge Success

A big THANK YOU is due to all twenty-one vendors and numerous contributors to the bake sale for making the Wesley Christmas Bazaar a great success. Lots of shoppers roamed the displays and purchased lots of gifts for family and friends. Many shoppers were new friends from the community. Surprisingly, some who are Wesley members had never been in our lovely renovated Oliver Hall Parlor. The Bee Sharps from SCAD were awesome, and we will find another opportunity to have them back to sing for you. And most of all, we are so pleased to announce that the day has netted over \$1300.00--so far--for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Your donations and purchases will go a long way to help others in crisis through the good work being done by mission-minded United Methodists. We are grateful.

Youth Group

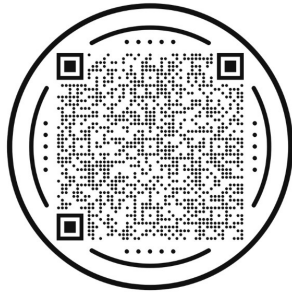
Youth Tonight- Zombies v. Humans

Tonight at youth group we will be playing one of our favorite games, Zombies v. Humans! We'll meet from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All students 6th-12th grade are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events

- Join the Youth on December 3 for Youth Mission Night, the Christmas Edition, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Rev. Nelle Boudreaux and Neillie Dunn will lead the youth in mission projects for Urban Hope and Union Mission. Dinner will be provided. All students 6th-12th grade are invited to attend.
- The Youth Christmas Party will take place December 10 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Tacky Christmas Sweaters are encouraged, and students should plan to bring a gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager



The Sacred Journey Retreat

A wonderful success in the spring, this retreat at Wesley Gardens is back. The retreat will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, and end by lunchtime on Sunday, December 3. We will explore the spiritual journey, new ways to engage in ancient spiritual practices, and experience abundant rest. Your ticket includes ALL MEALS during your stay, lodging, spiritual direction, materials, and a special gift.



Finances (11/05/23):

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,680,162.95
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,787,820.50

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (11/05/23)

8:45 AM Worship	101	Nursery	19
11:00 AM Worship	393	Children's Worship	63
Online Worship Views	163	Sunday School	167
Total Worship	657		

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		

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 7:24	Can Christ be "hidden" in a person or can he "not escape notice"? Why?
Tuesday	Mark 7:24-27	Why might Jesus sound so cruel here? What is he doing?
Wednesday	Mark 7:24-30	What does faith look like in this woman and how might I apply that to my life?
Thursday	Mark 7:31-35	Does Jesus have to be "begged" to help? What does being reduced to "begging" mean?
Friday	Mark 7:36-37	Has Jesus done anything for me that I can't help but tell others about?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, November 12

Stewardship Sunday

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:00 PM Mission Comm. Mtg, OH Parlor
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, November 13

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Elis Place Chapel
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH
- 5:30 PM Endowment Comm. Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, November 14

- 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 Youth Committee Mtg, FH

Wednesday, November 15

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 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
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17

Epworth Youth Trip Thru 11/19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Program & Street Party, SNC/Wayne St.

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 Bordeaux 912-234-9245

Wednesday Nights at Wesley

November 15

Menu: Apricot Chicken

In Our Prayers....

Carolyn Donovan, Manolo Garcia-Melendez, Tim Edwards, 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), Pat Monahan, 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/Stateride

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