



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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Remembering the Past, Looking to the Future

It is pretty obvious just by looking at our building that we are a historic and traditional church. Since January 19, 1868, when Wesley Monumental was organized, we have been sharing the good news and love of Jesus Christ with the Savannah community. The sanctuary in which we worship was begun in 1875 and completed in 1890 as a monument to the work of John and Charles Wesley. It was built with the generosity of Methodists from around the world, and this week marked our 156th anniversary.

Being a historic church also means being an "old" church, and old buildings require a lot of maintenance and upkeep. Just this week, you saw a lift parked beside the sanctuary. We had some tiles come off the roof and had to bring in roofers for inspection and repair work.

I am sure most of you know by now we are about to begin a large renovation project on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of our Education Building. This project is much needed but is very extensive and expensive. We anticipate it to be close to \$3.5 million, not including a much-needed redo on our elevator, which gives us constant headaches—many thanks to those who have already made a commitment and begun giving to this project. About half of our families/individuals have committed to the Capstone Project. If you have not yet done so, we need your help. Every person committing something over the next three years will go a long way to helping us be fiscally responsible with this project.

We are about a month away from beginning the work, and we will need help moving out of the building as we begin the challenging work of sharing space in Oliver Hall and the Fellowship Hall to house all our ministries. Many thanks to our neighbors at Mickve Israel who are going to allow us to use their Fellowship Hall for our Wednesday night meal.

We are thankful for our past and those who brought Wesley Monumental to this place, and we are excited about our future. Please join us in preparing for it.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Harper Sortor

Opening Voluntary

Fanfare on "Coronation"

arr. Wayne Fisher

Ernie Bliss, timpani

Introit (11:00)

Gordon Young

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing Our Great Redeemer's Praise

* **Hymn No. 154** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION

* **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.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Mary Carson Clemens

daughter of Leigh and Jake Clemens

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Mary Carson 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.

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.

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

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Rock of Ages arr. Joel Raney

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Draw the Circle Wide arr. Mark Miller

Camille Russo, soprano
Derek Llamas, tenor

Draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone—we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle wide—draw it wider still.
Let this be our song—no one stands alone standing side by side.
And in your sadness, and in your grief,
from all the pain it seems there's no release.
We will hold you until the storm subsides.
Draw the circle wide.

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, NT, pgs. 45-46) Mark 9:38-50, 10:13-16

Sermon "Back to Basics Part 22: Leaving Stumbling Blocks" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 539** O Spirit of the Living God FOREST GREEN

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Gordon Young
So Let Us All Praise God and Sing Our Great Redeemer's Praise

Closing Voluntary "Little" Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578 J. S. Bach

- * *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 - February Dates Available

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$90, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates are available: February 11, 18, and 25.

Washer/Dryer Needed

We are in need of a gently used washer/dryer for a local family. Please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org if you can help.

Children's Ministry Assistant Position

We are hiring a full-time Children's Ministry Assistant! This person will work closely with Charli Weeks to serve both Wesley Monumental children and our Eli's Place friends. This individual must be comfortable planning lessons and activities, leading Sunday School and Children's Worship, and contributing new ideas to help us improve our existing programs. If you, or someone you know, has a teacher's heart, a collaborative spirit, and a love for Jesus and children, please review the full job description online, then follow the instructions there to apply. For job description visit, bit.ly/WMChildrensMinistryAssistant

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Administrative Board Meeting - Monday, January 29

The first Administrative Board Meeting of 2024 will take place next Monday, January 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link will be emailed to the Board members this Friday, January 26. (2024 Administrative Board Dates: January 29, March 25, May 20, August 26, October 28, and December 9)

Cookies Needed!

The city of Savannah will hold a renaming ceremony for Taylor Square on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00 am. Wesley has been asked to provide light refreshments for the event. If you would be willing to provide some cookies, please complete the form on the insert or call the church office. You may bake any kind of cookie as long as it does not have nuts. Cookies should be packaged two to a snack bag and be dropped off at the church by Friday, February 9.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Julia Grabowski, Hannah Green

Children's Worship: Katie Knight, Sarah Labrot, Ellen O'Connor

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Sam Daniel, Peter Delters, Michael Donovan, Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards, David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Draw the Circle Wide

The choir's anthem today speaks of God's loving people who faithfully encompass or form a circle about, great and small. The circle reaches far horizons and has no borders, bringing to mind Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

New Member Course Starts Today

The course will meet on Sundays, January 21 and 28, at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays, with the class joining as a group next Sunday, January 28. Nursery provided. To sign up, please call the church office at 912-232-0191 or email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

14th Annual Chefs & Chocolates

Saturday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. at Kehoe Ironworks. Chefs & Chocolates is an upbeat, fun night with delicious food, great music, auctions, and a celebration of the wonderful things Urban Hope is doing in the Savannah community. The event will include live music and tastings of appetizers and desserts from Savannah's finest chefs. This event is casual yet sophisticated, with lively conversation between event attendees, the Chefs, Urban Hope supporters, and the Urban Hope staff. This year's speaker will be Bruce Main, Founder and Executive Director of Urban Promise, and he will share his amazing insight on changing the lives of at-risk children. For additional details and to purchase tickets visit, www.urbanhopesavannah.org/chefsandchocolates

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 310; nursery provided. Currently study "Women in the Bible." This week's lesson will be about Jezebel, Widow of Zarephath, and the Shunammite Woman, from 1 Kings 16:31; 17:8-24; 2 Kings 4:8-37.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Hosea, chapter 9. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Word Happy Christian Writers' Group

Saturday, January 27, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Location is TBD. Please sign up in advance with Kimberly Angle at kim.greene.angle@gmail.com.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers to Celebrate Friendship

Merry Makers will celebrate friendship at the February Valentine's Day Luncheon. Join us for a lovely lunch in the Parlor of Oliver Hall on Monday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m. Wear your finest Valentine attire and come prepared to be wowed! Cost is \$7.00 per person. Call the church office to make your reservation. Questions? Call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

VBS and Summer Fun Daze - Registration Now Open

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations, be sure to reserve these weeks for Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Daze. ***Please note at this time, registration is only open to children and extended family of Wesley members.

- **June 3 - 7 Vacation Bible School** - 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old - 5th grade. Join us for Scuba VBS and dive into a friendship with God!
- **July 15 - 19 Summer Fun Daze** - 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children who have completed Kindergarten - 3rd grade.

Register for both today at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Choir and Youth Group

Youth choir resumes today at 4:00 p.m. We will also have youth group from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner together followed by a game and lesson. All students 6th-12th grade all welcome.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Volunteers Needed in 2024

Would you enjoy gardening in a quiet and prayerful environment? Individual or group volunteers are needed 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.

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director

Spiritual Direction is an ancient, Christian art form dating back to the desert mothers and fathers from the 3rd century AD. It is a practice of holy listening with a trained director to name and notice the big questions you are holding and the stuck places with God, yourself, and others. A place to feel the pain, disappointment, curiosity, and honesty inside of your spiritual journey. It's a non-judgmental space to explore the deeper questions of the soul and get to the things you don't have the ability to in the frantic pace of life. There is no agenda, just a non-anxious presence listening you into the places that have been hidden for a while and meeting God there.



Wesley Monumental is now offering our members an opportunity to meet 1-on-1 with Christian Swails, MA, a trained Spiritual Director with a Masters Degree in Spiritual Formation, to see if this is a good fit for you in this season. If you would like to learn more about this ancient practice, you can set up a meeting with Christian at Wesley Gardens by following the QR code.

Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering Today!

Join us each Sunday afternoon for our weekly spiritual practices gathering at Wesley Gardens Retreat. For anyone interested in engaging their heart in deeper transformation and those looking for tools to walk out their faith, join Christian Swails this afternoon from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (01/14/24)

8:45 AM Worship	95	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	374	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	147	Sunday School	XXX
Total Worship	616		

CHURCH STAFF

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

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
January 21, 2024**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 9:38-40	Do I think of others' streams of Christianity or even other religions as allies or enemies?
Tuesday	Mark 9:41	Where can I be more supportive of those doing "kingdom work" in the world?
Wednesday	Mark 9:42-48	Are we/I doing anything that creates "stumbling blocks" for potential new believers?
Thursday	Mark 9:49-50	What does it mean for me to be salt that loses its saltiness?
Friday	Mark 10:13-16	What does it mean to enter the Kingdom of God like a little child? Am I doing this?

Sermon Notes



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for Taylor Square
Renaming Ceremony**

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- You may bake any kind of cookie as long as it does not have nuts.
- Please package two to a snack bag .
- Cookies should be dropped off at the church by Friday, February 9.

Yes, I will provide _____ dozen cookies.

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, January 21

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
10:00 AM New Member Course, OH 205
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
12:15 PM MOM Presentation and Boxed Lunch, FH
2:00 PM Confirmation Class, OH 205
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices Gathering, WGR
4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
5:00 PM Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, January 22

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel

Tuesday, January 23

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
2:00 PM Care & Share, OH 205
6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, January 24

9:00 AM Eli's Place
10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle
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 Exodus Bible Study, Led by Ben, FH
6:00 PM Letters of John Bible Study, Led by Carolyn, OH
6:00 PM The Universal Christ Study, Led by Christian, OH 310
6:00 PM Women's Small Group, Led by Katie, OH Parlor
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, January 25

9:00 AM Eli's Place
10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, January 26

9:00 AM Eli's Place

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

Pastors on Call This Week

All days except Wednesdays & Fridays
Ben Martin 912-547-1835
Wednesdays
Nelle Bordeaux 912-234-9245
Fridays
Carolyn Cubbedge.. 912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Supper

January 24

Menu: Chicken Casserole

In Our Prayers....

Stanley Butler (brother of David Butler), Ann Lytle, Monica Cleaveland, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Penny Harper, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Philip Fritts (brother of Lynn Fritts), Adam Corey, Saddle Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Tommy and Harriett Gattis (parents of Clayton Gattis), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon & Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Karen Nickles, Lloyd Chapman, Richard Zehl, Will Weeks, Georgia Kate Anderson, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken & Deanne Rimes), Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buevas (sister of Madge Edwards), Pat Monahan, McCarthy Family, Byron Rogers, Katie Adrian, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Lynn & Dan Kurtz, 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), Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Ken Brownfield, Shari & Mel Hubbard, Cindy & Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Dale & 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