

Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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March 3, 2024

MARCH MADNESS

If I remember correctly, the groundhog didn't see his shadow, and we are supposed to have an early spring. Which I am always happy about. We certainly got an early spring Easter preview last Sunday as we filled our sanctuary to capacity and rejoiced in the ministry of music with children, youth, adults, and orchestra. Many thanks to everyone who made that special Sunday happen in celebration of the beginning of our Education Building renovation project. If you weren't here, I encourage you to watch the service online. Also, please stop by our Fellowship Hall and look at the architectural renderings of the building.

Many of us love the NCAA college basketball tournament, affectionally nicknamed "March Madness." We will be having a little "March madness" around here as the actual renovation work begins tomorrow. A special thanks to the staff and volunteers who have been feverishly moving out of the building so the work can begin. This week, we shift to our new locations. The breakdown of where everyone will go is listed on the bulletin insert and is posted in the Fellowship Hall and Oliver Hall entry areas. **Remember, this Wednesday night, the adults will be eating across the street in the Mickve Israel Fellowship Hall. The children will remain in our Fellowship Hall and Oliver Hall.** There is also a new book study beginning Wednesday night led by Christian Swails. The book is "Surrender to Love: Discover the Heart of Christian Spirituality" by David Benner, and you can purchase the book online.

If you haven't yet done so, please prayerfully consider making a commitment to this vital renovation project. Last Sunday morning, it became pretty obvious why this is so needed. The growth of our music and children's ministries was on display last week. How wonderful it will be to have a renovated space that is safe, secure, comfortable, and more functional for those important ministries.

I am especially grateful this morning for Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux, who is leading the service while I take our Confirmation Class on retreat to Epworth by the Sea. We have moved communion to next Sunday morning.

Remember also how quickly St. Patrick's Day is approaching. If you can help our youth with supplies for the annual St. Patrick's Day Break-fast or volunteer to help that morning, please contact Shelia Watts at smboone119@yahoo.com.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. *Third Sunday in Lent*

Welcome and Announcements

Nelle Bordeaux

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)Walt BaxterOpening Voluntary (8:45)TBDTBDTBDIntroit (11:00)Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
Skip Watts, baritonearr. Mark HayesHymn No. 576Rise Up, O Men of GodFESTAL SONGAffirmation of FaithThe Apostles' CreedNelle BordeauxI balians in Cod the Esther Almight is maleer of because and earthsState of because and earths

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

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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)

Harry Smith Mathews, III Cooper Alexander Mathews sons of Sage and Smith Mathews

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Harry and Cooper as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who walk in the way that leads to life.

Children's Sermon

- 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 (8:45) Christian Swails (11:00) 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. 328 Surely the Presence of the Lord WOLFE **Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux Offertory Solo (8:45) arr. Mark Hayes Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Skip Watts, baritone Offertory Anthem (11:00) Elijah Rock arr. Jester Hairston Elijah Rock, shout, shout. Elijah Rock, comin' up, Lord. Satan's a liar and a conjur, too. If you don't mind he'll conjur you. If I would I surely would just stand on the Rock where Moses stood. 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, OT, pg. 197) Joshua 6:1-6 Sermon "And the Walls Came A' Tumblin' Down" Nelle Bordeaux Hymn No. 580 Lead On, O King Eternal LANCASHIRE Benediction Nelle Bordeaux Closing Response (11:00) Amen John Rutter **Closing Voluntary** TBD TBD

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 and in memory of Kay Price Cubbedge.

Just Born

Congratulations to Kathryn and Ryan Pross on the birth of a daughter, Margaret MacGregor Pross, on February 20, 2024. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Margaret.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

One of the casualties of COVID here at Wesley was the monthly dinner and meeting of our United Methodist Men. However, Ben's Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study has remained though smaller than it once was. We are going to try and revive a monthly Men's gathering by having the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study meet once a month at the church. We hope more men will join us. Beginning March 12, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Breakfast will be prepared (\$5), and the Bible study will be taught and end by 8:00 a.m. Please call or email the church office if you would like to attend.

Susanna Wesley Circle Salad Luncheon - RSVP Today!

Sunday, March 10 at 12:15 p.m., in the Oliver Hall Parlor. Bring your favorite salad and join us for fellowship and the history of Susanna Wesley. RSVP by today, Sunday, March 3 to Cameron Schmitz, cameron buckmanschmitz@gmail.com.

New Wednesday Night Book Study begins this Wednesday, March 6

Led by Christian Swails (6:00 p.m., Oliver Hall, room 205), join us for a transformative six-week journey into the heart of Christian spirituality with our upcoming book study: "Surrender to Love: Discovering the Heart of Christian Spirituality" by David G. Benner. This exploration is an invitation to dive deep into the profound themes of God's nature, our true identity, and the spiritual practices that open us to experiencing God's unconditional love. As we journey together, we will:

- Discover the unconditional, infinite, and personal Nature of God's Love.
- Explore the theme of Identity and Self-Knowledge, understanding how God's love reveals our true selves beyond the masks we wear.
- Engage with Spiritual Practices for Encountering Love, learning practical ways to allow His love to change us from the inside out.

This study is for you if you're interested in spiritual formation, understanding your identity in God's love, or exploring practical spiritual practices that can bring about transformation in your life. It's an opportunity to connect with a community of like-minded individuals, who believe that love is more transformational than guilt or shame.

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, March 31 and may be taken home following the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service. Please place your orders for plants in memory or in honor of loved ones by Sunday, March 24. The cost is \$15.50 per plant and order forms may also be found at all Sanctuary entrances or you can order and pay online <u>www.wesleymonumental.org/2024-easter-flowers/</u>

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are canned vegetables.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks Greeters: Lori Miller, Sharlene Monahan Offering Steward: Jeff Miller Partners in Prayer: Charlie Clarke

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Andrew Wilkes, Christopher Butler Children's Worship: Reanna Hamilton, Pam & James Hammock, Amy Jones, Sarah Labrot, Courtney Lee, Karen Washburn Sunday School: Reanna Hamilton, Pam & James Hammock, Lesley McDaniel, Ellen Williams Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul Offering Steward: Brian West Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members **Bible Studies**

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of Oliver Hall, room 210 (dining room); the Bible Buddies nursery meets next door in room 207 (barrel-vault room). Currently studying "Women in the Bible." This week's lesson will be about "Martha and Mary," Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-45; 12:2; Mark 14:3-9.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Amos 4 and 5. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Save the Date - Last Week of July

Helpers are needed with Youth Local Mission Week from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or any part of any day Monday through Friday. Please speak with Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

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Many thanks to everyone who responded so enthusiastically to our "Family Give Back Hours" campaign. There are still weeks where help is needed. Please scan the QR code to sign up for a week that fits your schedule.

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 Group Tonight!

Youth group will meet tonight from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We will have dinner, fellowship, and a lesson. All 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend!

Humans v. Zombies!

The youth will be playing Humans v. Zombies on March 10. Our students look forward to this event each semester. All 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend!

St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast



It is that time again! The youth will be putting on the Annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 16. (St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday, so the parade will be on Saturday.) The youth will stay at the church over-night on Friday, March 15. We will have dinner, play games, and prepare to serve breakfast. Students will get up and

serve breakfast on Saturday morning. Please contact Sheila Watts if you have questions or would be interested in volunteering for this event. If you are interested in donating to the breakfast, there is a Sign-Up Genius listing all items needed. If you are willing to sign up to bring anything, it would be greatly appreciated. All donations must be dropped off at the church for the pancake breakfast no later than Tuesday, March 12. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/WMPancakeBreakfast

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care Merry Makers

Date Correction: Merry Makers will meet on Monday (not Tuesday), March 11, at 11:00 a.m. Oliver Hall. Melissa Emery will present the program about her recent trip to Panama and Colombia. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$7. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

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. 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. 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 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. for our weekly spiritual practices gathering with Christian at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

CoCreation Weekend Retreat April 12-14 at Wesley Gardens

If you've been attending weekly spiritual practices or meaning to, this is the perfect opportunity to jump in. Meals will be provided, and we'll start with a dinner on Friday evening and end around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Staying overnight at Wesley Gardens is optional, or you can go home and return each day. The cost is \$100 per person, and the retreat will be limited to 15 people. If interested, please email Christian at christian@ cocreationlife.com or visit <u>https://www.wesleymonumental.org/retreats/</u>

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A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (02/25/24)

8:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship Online Worship Views Total Worship	66 683 207 956	Nursery 27 Children's Worship 89 Sunday School 219
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Finances (2/25/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$354,180.35

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben MartinSenior Pastor Rev. Dr. Nelle BordeauxOutreach &
New Members Rev. Carolyn Hale CubbedgeSenior Adults
and Pastoral Care
Dr. Monica Dekle Director of Music & Organist
Julia Flowers Music Assistant
Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry
Jimmy FlowersChurch Administrator
Tom Anderson Financial Manager
Jennifer BakerAdministrative
Assistant, Reception

Jennifer BrookinsAdministrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Ashley Mays Higgins Communications Director
Suzanna King Director of Hospitality
David LindquistMaintenance Tech
Betty DudleyHousekeeper
Micah SprüngerWesley Gardens
Property Manager
Ernie BanksWesley Gardens
Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Christian SwailsWesley Gardens
Spiritual Direction/Reservations

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church March 3, 2024

Sermon Extended

Monday	Joshua 5:15	What places are holy for me?
Tuesday	Joshua 6:1-5	How is God fighting for me now?
Wednesday	Joshua 6:6-10	Am I waiting for God?
Thursday	Hebrews 11:30	Where do I need more faith?
Friday	Hebrews 12:1-3	What does God want me to throw off
		that hinders?

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	Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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**Visit wesleymonumental.org/events/			
to view the calendar online.**			
<u>Sunday, Marc</u>			
Confirmation	Retreat, Epworth		
8:45 AM	Worship Service, SNC		
9:30 AM	Coffee & Refreshments, FH		
9:45 AM	Sunday School, FH & OH		
11:00 AM	Worship Service, SNC		
4:00 PM	Spiritual Practices, WGR		
4:00 PM	Youth Choir		
5:00 PM	Youth Group, FH & OH		
<u>Monday, Mar</u>	<u>ch 4</u>		
9:00 ÅM	Eli's Place, FH & OH		
9:30 AM	Eli's Place Chapel		
6:00 PM	Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC		
<u>Tuesday, Mar</u>	ch 5		
7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up		
9:00 AM	Eli's Place, FH & OH		
9:00 AM	Young Mothers' Bible Study,		
	OH 210		
9:00 AM	Bible Buddies, OH 207		
11:00 AM	Staff Mtg, OH 205		
5:30 PM	Evangelism Mtg, Zoom		
Wednesday, M	Narch 6		
9:00 AM	Eli's Place, FH & OH		
11:00 AM	Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205		
4:45 PM	Call to Prayer, OH Parlor		
5:30 PM	Dinner, Mickve Israel		
6:00 PM	Joyful Noise Choir, FH		
6:00 PM	Children's Choir, OH		
6:00 PM	Youth Bible Studies, OH		
6:00 PM	Exodus Bible Study,		
	Led by Ben, Mickve Israel		
6:00 PM	Surrender to Love Study,		
	Led by Christian, OH 205		
6:00 PM	Women's Small Group,		
	Led by Katie, OH Parlor		
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH		
<u>Thursday, Ma</u>	rch 7		
9:00 AM	Eli's Place, FH & OH		
12:00 PM	Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom		
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Friday, March 8			
9:00 AM	Eli's Place, FH & OH		
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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

March 6, 2024 Menu: Poppyseed Chicken

In Our Prayers....

Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Jim Coakley (brother of Jake Coakley), Freda Hale (mother of Carolyn Hale Cubbedge), Janice Wintzer (mother of Dana Barnwell), Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Dean Muenckler, Evonne Mobley, Julia Holliday, Stanley Butler (brother of David Butler), Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddie Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon and Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Karen Nickles, Will Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Pat Monahan, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Eleanor Birkheimer, McCurry, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Suzette Parker, Mooney, Jane Bostwick Tim (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), 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, David Chow, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenckel, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Cooper Family on the death of *Barbara Martin*, mother of Wendy Cooper

Renovation Locations

During our Capstone Project renovations, some classrooms and meeting places have changed. Please make note of your gathering's location for the duration of the project. Thank you for your flexibility.

Sunday Mornings

Class Name	Location
Adult Choir	.Choir Loft
Alpha	. Fellowship Hall Multi-Purpose Room
Compass	Oliver Hall, Room 407
Connect	. Oliver Hall, Room 207 (no change)
Epworth	Oliver Hall, Room 309 (no change)
lvy	. Oliver Hall, Room 310 (no change)
	. Oliver Hall, Room 308 (no change)
Millennial Blend	Oliver Hall Parlor, Room 213 (no change)
Pastor's Class & Coffee	. Fellowship Hall (no change)
Youth Junior High	. Oliver Hall, Room 408
Youth Senior High	. Oliver Hall, Room 405
Nursery	. Education Building, Nursery,
	Room 101 (no change)
3 & 4 Year Olds	. Education Building, Nursery, Room 103
K through 3rd Grade	. Fellowship Hall, Bump Out Room - Right
4th & 5th Grade	. Fellowship Hall, Bump Out Room - Left

Wednesday Nights

During Wednesday Night Supper Location

Adults	Mickve Israel
Elementary School Children	Fellowship Hall
Joyful Noise Children	Education Building, Nursery, Room 103
	. Fellowship Hall, Bump Out Room - Right
	. Fellowship Hall, Bump Out Room - Left
Nursery	Education Building, Nursery,
-	Room 101 (no change)

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Location

Adult Choir	Fellowship Hall
Children's Choir - Chimes	Ms. Kim, Öliver Hall, Room 310
	Mr. Ken, Oliver Hall, Room 309
	Mr. Ash, Oliver Hall, Room 308
Children's Choir - Singing Intensive.	Ms. Anne, Oliver Hall, Room 407 (no change)
Children's Choir - Singing	Ms. Monica, Sanctuary
Joyful Noise Choir	Fellowship Hall, Multi-Purpose Room
	. Fellowship Hall, Bump Out Room - Right
	. Fellowship Hall, Bump Out Room - Left

Bible Studies

Nelle Bordeaux	
Young Mothers, Tuesday Morning	
Bible Buddies, Tuesday Morning	Oliver Hall, Room 207
Ben Martin	
Wednesday Morning	
Wednesday Evening	Mickve Israel
Christian Swails	
Wednesday Evening	Oliver Hall Library, Room 205
Katie Knight	
Wednesday Evening	Oliver Hall Parlor, Room 213 (no change)
Youth Group	
Wednesday Evening	Oliver Hall, Rooms 405 & 408