



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

This Wednesday, we enter the season of Lent. For forty days (not counting Sundays, which are “little Easters” or celebration days), we will be moving towards the cross and, ultimately, Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. As we start the journey with Jesus to the cross, we begin by remembering our mortality, that “the wages of sin is death.” It is a day of repentance, and we receive ashes as a mark of repentance (“sackcloth and ashes”). Our Ash Wednesday Service will be this Wednesday, February 14, at 6:15 p.m. following our Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Lent is a traditional season of self-examination and repentance; therefore, it is a season of prayer and fasting. Lent is also often associated with the practice of “giving up” something. Most of us choose things that we like but may not necessarily need. Giving up something for Lent is a form of fasting. The spiritual disciplines of self-examination and repentance go hand in hand and, in fact, are intended to complement or complete each other. What good is self-examination without repentance (confession and a commitment to change) based on what God shows me about myself and my sin? In the same way, what good is fasting (emptying or giving up) without refilling and giving? If I choose to fast from something that takes my time, how will I fill that time with something that draws me closer to God? If I decide to fast from something that costs me money, where can I give what I save to bless God?

Sometimes, we choose to fast from things that are not good for us as a means to be healthier. Most of the time, we think about physical benefits, but what about fasting from things that harm me spiritually or emotionally? Above all, Lent is a time to fast from sin, which often takes the form of attitudes as much as actions. What if I fast from criticism and complaint and, with the emotional energy I save, offer praise or thanksgiving to someone? What if I fast from bitterness or resentment and offer back forgiveness, patience, and understanding?

We may think, “It’s only forty days,” but forty days is long enough to form a habit. Forty days is long enough to change our lives. Remember, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were not the same men after their forty days on the mountain with God. It could be the same with us.

Pray for our Honduras Mission Team- February 11-18

Scott Cleaveland	Angie Laughlin
Jake Coakley	Sharlene & Pat Monahan
Tom Colgrove	Jim Pannell
Glen Doki	Malinda Smith
Anne & Michael Hawks	Sheila & Skip Watts
Rusty Holt, Jr.	

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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

Transfiguration Sunday

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)

Ellie Muenckler

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Warren Angell

Introit (11:00) I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus Barlow Bradford Joyful Noise Choir and Children's Choir

Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
for these are the things Jesus taught.

* **Hymn No. 170** O, How I Love Jesus O HOW I LOVE JESUS

* **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** GREATOR EX

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)

David William Bobo Mullens, IV
son of Stuart and Bobo Mullens, III

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Ford 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 his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he 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

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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. 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Amazing Grace arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte
Children's Choir

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

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. 47) Mark 10:46-52

Sermon "Back to Basics Part 25: I Once Was Blind" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 359 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed HUDSON
Stanzas 1-2, 4-5

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) The Kingdom of Heaven
Children's Choir

The kingdom of Heaven is upside down.
The poor are rich and the lost are found.
The last are first, and the greatest rule
is that those who serve will reign and rule.

* 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 Charles W. Holwell, Jr. from his daughter, Adria H. Wilkes and family.

Usher Roses

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

Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Christina Orr and Elisha Odum on their marriage, which took place December 15, 2023 in the sanctuary.

Wesley Monumental congratulates Allison Anderson and Drake Reinke on their marriage, which took place February 3, 2024 in the sanctuary.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who provided cookies and helped serve refreshments for the Taylor Square Dedication.

Millennial Blend Class - New Study Begins Today!

Today, the Millennial Blend Sunday School class (for 25-40-year-olds) is beginning a study on experiencing the season of Lent in a fresh way. Over the next several weeks, we will go through *40 Days of Decrease* by Dr. Alicia Britt Chole together. Pick up a copy of the book in class or order it online. Questions? Email Ashley at communications@wesleymonumental.org.

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the March Monumental Messenger, our monthly newsletter, is tomorrow, Monday, February 12. Please email to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 14

- Dinner will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you need to make a reservation, please email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.
- Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- A special program for children ages three through third grade will be held from 6:10 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the second floor.
- The nursery will be open for children younger than three from 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- The youth (6th-12th grade) will attend the service in the sanctuary.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Sarah Cate Green

Children's Worship: Lily Brown, Natalie Ingalsbe, Katie Knight, Sarah Labrot, Caroline Rhodes, Carol Lee Yarbrough

Sunday School: Lauren Cohn, Jaclyn Jordan, Caroline Rhodes, Cameron Schmitz

Greeters: Nancy & Woody Brown

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Bates Lovett, Pratt Mathews, Bill Mattocks,

Robert McCorkle, Matt Merritt, Matt Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

The 1st-5th grade Choristers happily join the Joyful Noise choir in leading worship today. This is a great warm-up for when they will lead us with full orchestra on February 25 at the 11:00 service. You will not want to miss this!

Thanks to parents and caregivers for faithfully getting your children to rehearsal week after week, even when it is sometimes difficult.

Thanks to the 1st-5th grade teachers for faithfully pouring hours upon hours of their time and talents into the children: Anne Hawks, Ash Grimmett, Carolyn Roth, Jo Anna Hayes, Ken Rimes, Kim Grimmett, Laura McDaniel, Lee Green, Ori Hayes, Raymond Patricio, Tyler Cobbs, and Julia Flowers. Substitute teachers: Nelle Bordeaux, Gail Rountree, and Gretchen Patricio

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Urban Hope Supper for 75 Guests Tomorrow, Monday, February 12

Speak with Nelle if you want to help serve or prepare a dish at home. Please meet at 5:30 p.m. at Independent Presbyterian Church, 207 Bull Street. The children will arrive at 6:00 p.m.

New Member Course

Our next new member course will be on February 18 and 25 at 10:00 a.m. on both Sundays. Please call the church office to sign up at 912-232-0191. The class will join as a group on February 25.

Thank You

Thank you to all who walked in yesterday's Wesley Community Center Love Walk.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are Vienna sausages. 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 the "Bad Wife and Good Wife." Proverbs 25:24; 31:10-31.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Joel, chapters 1 and 2. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net

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 tomorrow, 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. Please let Carolyn Hale Cubbedge know **TODAY** if you plan to attend.

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)

Super Bowl Party Tonight!

Whether you are watching the game or just to see the commercials, we hope that your student will join in the fun! We are having a Super Bowl Party this year at the clubhouse in Neilie Dunn’s neighborhood. The clubhouse address is 6407 Ralstons Way. Neilie Dunn and Hattie Thomas will be providing dinner. The youth will meet from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and have dinner and watch the first half of the football game!

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreat

On February 23, join us in the chapel for some time of guided retreat and solitude. In addition to morning prayer and Lectio Divina (meditation on Holy Scripture), this liturgically-based retreat will feature teaching and discussion. Coffee and tea are provided at the Memory Garden gazebo from 8:30 a.m. The retreat is from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., with the remainder of the afternoon available for self-guided personal retreat (optional). Feel free to bring your own lunch or snack. For questions and further details, email hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.

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

The Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering will not occur today, Sunday, February 11, but will resume next Sunday, February 18, from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Questions? Please contact Christian at christian@cocreationlife.com.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (02/04/24)

8:45 AM Worship	94	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	346	Children’s Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	155	Sunday School	119
Total Worship	595		

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 Mays Higgins Communications Director
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge Senior Adults and Pastoral Care	Suzanna KingDirector of Hospitality
Dr. Monica Dekle..... Director of Music & Organist	David Lindquist..... Maintenance Tech
Julia FlowersMusic Assistant	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli WeeksDirector 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
February 11, 2024

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 10:46, John 9	In what ways am I a "blind beggar"?
Tuesday	Mark 10:47, Romans 10:9-17	Where does my faith come from?
Wednesday	Mark 10:48-49, Matthew 7:7-11	What am I constantly asking Jesus for?
Thursday	Mark 10:50-51	What could I symbolically give up or leave behind as an act of faith?
Friday	Mark 10:52, Mark 2:1-12	Has my faith made me well? How so? Has it helped make anyone else well?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, February 11

MOM Honduras Mission Trip Thru 2/18
8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Confirmation Class, OH 205
9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
6:00 PM Youth Super Bowl Party,
6407 Ralstons Way

Monday, February 12

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel
11:00 AM Merry Makers Valentine's
Luncheon, OH Parlor
5:30 PM Urban Hope Supper,
Independent Presbyterian Church
6:00 PM Trombone Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 14

Valentine's Day & Ash Wednesday
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
6:15 PM Ash Wednesday Service, SNC

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

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

February 14, 2024

Menu: Mexican Lasagna

In Our Prayers....

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, Penny Harper, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddle 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 Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Jane Bostwick (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 Beasley-Spinks Family
on the death of *Angela Beasley*,
mother of Alyson Beasley-Spinks