



***Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024***

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February 18, 2024

### **THE CAPSTONE PROJECT UPDATE**

Last May, we held a Church Conference and voted to move forward with renovating the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Floors of our Education Building. The building is now 100 years old and hasn't had a major renovation in decades. This space is devoted to Children's Programs and Music, two of the fastest growing and most valued hallmarks of our church. The plan addresses much-needed deferred maintenance needs, including life safety issues such as a firewall and updated sprinkler system, enhanced security on the children's hallways, and correction of water damage. In addition, we wish to upgrade and expand bathrooms, create a new music suite to accommodate the growth of our program, improve the Sunday School, Children's Worship, and Eli's Place educational space, and generally bring these three floors up to the standards in appearance and functionality befitting the remainder of our beautiful campus. This renovation is the Capstone Phase of our 15-year Master Plan and is expected to satisfy our infrastructure needs for many years to come.

We entertained bids on the project and selected The Pinyan Company as our contractor to work with our architects, Lott and Naugle. The cost of the project has come in at 3.5 million dollars. What we were not expecting is that our elevator would suffer a lightning strike, which has left it unreliable with its outdated operating system. We are now adding a complete renovation of the elevator to the project. The cost is approximately \$250,000. This means we need your help in funding this extensive and necessary project.

We began fundraising with \$929,729 from previous gifts and overages from previous years. Our Capital fundraising has produced 174 pledges totaling \$1,664,560. We are so thankful for your generous commitments. Our Finance Committee has a very good plan to be able to move ahead and fund the project, but we need everyone's help. If you have not yet made a commitment to the project, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift matters in this important project.

**Next Sunday, after the 11:00 service, we will have a "Groundbreaking" for the project**, which will include lunch, information about how we will work in the interim while we are giving up so much of our space during the renovation, and a time of financial commitment from those who may not have yet committed and those who might could do a little more. Work is expected to begin on March 6, and this will be our last big event in the Fellowship Hall before we divide it into multiple rooms to house Eli's Place and Sunday School Classes. **Please make plans to join us for this long-awaited day. Reservations may be made by calling the church office or visiting [www.wesleymonumental.org/capstone-kickoff-lunch/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/capstone-kickoff-lunch/)**

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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

*First Sunday in Lent*

## 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)

Walt Baxter

**Opening Voluntary**

Sanctus  
Ernie Bliss, timpani

Wayne Fisher

**Introit** (11:00)

No More Night  
David Edwards, tenor

Walt Harrah

\* **Hymn No. 384** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

\* **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**

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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** (8:45)

Palmer Blair Eckman  
daughter of Melissa and Andrew Eckman

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Palmer 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. 480** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go ST. MARGARET

**Offertory Prayer**

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

**Offertory Solo (8:45)**

No More Night  
David Edwards, tenor

Walt Harrah

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)** Lord of the Dance arr. John Bertalot

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

**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, pg. 49) Mark 12:28-34

**Sermon** "Back to Basics Part 26: One" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn No. 408** The Gift of Love GIFT OF LOVE

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response (11:00)** The King of Love John Ness Beck

The King of Love my Shepherd is whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing if I am His, and He is mine forever.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

**Closing Voluntary** Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542 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**

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Melissa Emery in memory of Melissa's parents, Jean and Louis Miller.

### **Just Born**

Congratulations to Alex and Whit Campbell on the birth of a son, Capers Row Campbell, on February 2, 2024. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Capers.

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

### **Education Building Groundbreaking Lunch**

Next Sunday, February 25, following the 11:00 Service in the Fellowship Hall. To make your reservation, please call the church office or visit, [www.wesleymonumental.org/capstone-kickoff-lunch/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/capstone-kickoff-lunch/)

### **Susanna Wesley Circle Salad Luncheon**

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 Sunday, March 3 to Cameron Schmitz, [cameronbuckmanschmitz@gmail.com](mailto:cameronbuckmanschmitz@gmail.com).

### **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 [www.wesleymonumental.org/2024-easter-flowers/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/2024-easter-flowers/)

### **Search Me, O God**

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge has prepared a Lenten Prayer Book for our use during the season of Lent. *Search Me, O God* is a collection of prayers which she has offered in worship since 2014. It is our prayer that you will use them in the Lenten discipline of meditating and allow them to lead you into God's presence where God's grace can search your heart and lead you in the ways everlasting. Copies of *Search Me, O God* are available at the entrances to the church sanctuary. It is also available on the church's website: [www.wesleymonumental.org](http://www.wesleymonumental.org).

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### **Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Ann & Melvin Croft

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Dorie Gaskin

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Michael Cooler, Jordan Hess

**Children's Worship:** Amy Daniel, Megan Haubein, Sarah Labrot, Caroline McDermott, Amanda Prather, Leslie Shor

**Sunday School:** Blake Grimsley, Lizzie Grimsley, Amanda Prather

**Greeters:** Bebe Cole, James Cubbedge

**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan

**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle, Scott Rogers, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas

**Partners in Prayer:** Gail Brannen

### **Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

We are excited for our Children's Choir to lead us during worship next Sunday, February 25 at the 11:00 a.m. service! They will be joined by a full orchestra of talented musicians. All of the voices and the instrumentalists represent hours of dedication and hard work. As we listen to our children sing with great delight and joy next week, let us take the opportunity to reflect upon the love of our Father who delights in each of us and rejoices over us all with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members** **Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

Most needed this week is cereal.

### **New Member Course**

Our next new member course will be today, Sunday, February 18 and next Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m. Please let Nelle Bordeaux know today if you would like to attend. The class will join as a group on February 25.

### **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 "Mary," Matthew 1:16-20; Luke 1:27-56; 2:5-52; John 2:1-12; 19:25-27.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Joel, chapters 3 and 4. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net)

### **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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Register for both today at [www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental](http://www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental)

### **Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)**

#### **Youth Group Tonight!**

There will be youth group this evening from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Rev. Martin will be leading the group this evening with dinner and a lesson. All 6th-12th grade students are welcome to attend.

**Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager**  
**Fourth Friday Retreat**

This Friday, 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](mailto: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. 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!

**CoCreation Weekend Retreat April 12-14 at Wesley Gardens**

Invitation to be not busy on purpose, learn about and engage with spiritual practices, and connect with God in a meaningful way. 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](mailto:christian@cocreationlife.com).

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (02/11/24)

8:45 AM Worship	94	Nursery	25
11:00 AM Worship	473	Children's Worship	99
Online Worship Views	165	Sunday School	247
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>732</b>		

**Finances (2/11/24):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$343,110.68
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$280,970.69

**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 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

February 18, 2024

## Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 12:28-34	What can we learn from the scribe?
Tuesday	Mark 12:28, Exodus 20:1-20	Do I treat one commandment more important than another? Why or why not?
Wednesday	Mark 12:29-30, Deuteronomy 8:4-8	What does it look like to love God w/ all my heart, soul, and strength?
Thursday	Mark 12:31, I John 3:11-18, 4:20-21	What does it look like to love my neighbor as I love myself?
Friday	Mark 12:32-34	What one virtue or ethical principle guides my life? Do I have a "life" verse of scripture?

## Sermon Notes

## This Week at Wesley

**\*\*Visit [wesleymonumental.org/events/](http://wesleymonumental.org/events/) to view the calendar online.\*\***

### Sunday, February 18

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC  
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH  
9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH  
10:00 AM New Member Course, OH 205  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC  
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR  
4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr  
5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

### Monday, February 19

9:00 AM Eli's Place  
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel  
2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH

### Tuesday, February 20

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 21

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 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, February 22

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

### Friday, February 23

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 21, 2024

Menu: TBD

## In Our Prayers....

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, 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 Stuenkel, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

### Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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