



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

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### **THE EDUCATION BUILDING RENOVATION**

I am guessing that the building behind our sanctuary has been called the "Education Building" for the 100 years that it has existed. For many decades, it was primarily the home of "Sunday School." Like many church buildings, I am sure it was empty much of the week. But over the last fifteen years and the development of Eli's Place, it has been in use every day of the week. We have also seen exponential growth in our music ministry for all ages. The Chancel Choir has long outgrown the choir room. These days, more than traditional Christian Education takes place there. It seems to me it is more of a "Celebration Building" than just an education building. How blessed we are to have about 300 children in our church, 160 or so in our Children's choirs, and a Chancel Choir that now has 60 or so members.

Needless to say, what a wonderful "problem" to have. Where do we put all these people, and how do we create a space that is secure, safe, comfortable, and conducive to learning, playing, practicing, and worshiping? This is why we have launched this big renovation project and asked you to make it possible to create this space that, for decades to come, will house these important ministries.

On March 4th, The Pinyan Company will begin this extensive renovation. For the next six to eight months, we will be sharing space everywhere we can. Our Wednesday night dinner for adults will move over to Mickve Israel (we will feed the children in our buildings). Some adult Sunday school classes in Oliver Hall will triple up during the week as Eli's Place classrooms and Children's Choir classrooms (Journey and Epworth). Our Youth Ministry will be making a permanent move over to the fourth floor of Oliver Hall. Some of our Adult Sunday school classes will make temporary moves (Compass and Alpha). We are grateful for your cooperation in this extensive project. In the end, we will have a much-improved space for ministry and a building that is up-to-date and safe, secure, and comfortable.

Obviously, a large project like this costs lots of money. So many of you have committed to generously supporting the work. We are asking that everyone would do something. Every gift counts as we hope to get this \$3.5 million project completed and paid for over the next three years. In addition to the renovation, we have added a renovation of the elevator to the project. As many of you have experienced since the lightning strike in July, it has become unreliable. That will add about \$250,000 to the cost of the project, but it is absolutely essential for us. Thank you for your generous support of this project and our ministry.

Today, at the "groundbreaking" lunch, we will give you more information about how the work is going to proceed and answer questions you may have.

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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

*Second 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)

Ella Montjoy

**Opening Voluntary** (8:45)

J. S. Bach

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

**Introit** (11:00) I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus arr. Barlow Bradford

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. 92** For the Beauty of the Earth DIX  
Stanzas 1-4

\* **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** 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.*

**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. 593 Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte

**Renovation Update** Jon Pannell

**Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45) Trust in God Medley arr. Jim Hammerly

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) arr. Cliff Duren

When We All Get to Heaven

When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
We will all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

**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. 49-50) Mark 12:38-13:2

**Sermon** "Back to Basics Part 27: Security" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn** No. 349 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus LEMMEL  
Sing twice

**Reception into Church Membership** (11:00)

Ellen and Chase Brown and daughter, Rowe Brown  
Carrie Connell and daughter, Aria Connell  
Marie and Arden Hadwin, Jr., and son, Arden Hadwin, III  
Tiffany and Charles Stewart and children, Harper and Beau Stewart

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) The Gift of Love Hal Hopson

\* *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 from the MacGregor family and in honor of their parents, Paul and Beverly MacGregor and Joe and Pam Farless.

**Just Born**

Congratulations to Gillian and Matthew Kicklighter on the birth of a son, Sunny James Kicklighter, on February 16, 2024. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Sunny.

### **New Wednesday Night Book Study begins March 6**

Led by Christian Swails, 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.

About The Author - David Benner, Ph.D is a Canadian psychologist and Spiritual Director known for his work in integrating psychology and spirituality. He has a deep interest in human transformation and the journey towards wholeness.

### **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:** Judy & Ron Freeman

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Partners in Prayer:** Amy Carter

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Marshall Pedigo, Ansley Pedigo

**Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot, Ellen O'Connor, Jessica Powers, Emily Robinson, Ellen Williams

**Sunday School:** Brooke Childers, Jason Childers, Lesley McDaniel

**Greeters:** Frank Anderson, Randal Robinson

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Vin Thomas, Christian Valdez, Matt West, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken

**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

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

The Youth Choir and 1st-5th grade Choristers happily join the Chancel Choir in leading worship today at the 11:00 Service.

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

Thanks to their 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, Sheila Watts, Skip Watts, Tyler Cobbs, and Julia Flowers. Substitute teachers: Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux, Gail Rountree, and Gretchen Patricio.

Thanks to the orchestral musicians for joining us on this happy occasion.

Dr. Sinisa Ciric, violin	Robin Beauchamp, trumpet
Dr. Thiago Formiga, violin	Mat Graham, trumpet
Ricardo Ochoa, violin	Ashlyn Rawson, French horn
Marsha Krantz, violin	Mark Spradley, trombone
Lizhou Liu, viola	Thomas Schandolph, trombone
Yvonne Johnson, viola	Joel Hayes, tuba
Dr. Leah Dutton, cello	Ernie Bliss, timpani
Hyeok Kwon, cello	Patrick Smith, percussion
Harmon Shinall, double bass	William Blake, windchime
Katie Ashby, flute	Elane Finley, piano
Sarah Spradley, clarinet	Assaf Gleizner, piano
Erin Smith, oboe	Anne Hawks, piano
Raymond Patricio, bassoon	Kara Mobley, piano
Paul Lott, trumpet	Shirley Roberts, organ

Thanks to Mr. Mat Graham for use and transport of STEM Academy's windchime.

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

Most needed this week is peanut butter.

#### **Bible Studies**

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall, room 210; nursery provided. Currently studying "Women in the Bible." This week's lesson will be about "Elizabeth and Anna," Luke 1:5-57; 2:36-38.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Amos 2 and 3. 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 Mission Project Tonight!**

Join the youth for an evening of fellowship and service as they visit Old Savannah City Mission. The youth will meet at the church for dinner at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Nelle Bordeaux has arranged for the students to visit Old Savannah City Mission and meet individuals connected to the organization. We will be transporting students to and from Old Savannah City Mission in the church van, and students will be back at church for pick-up at 7:00 p.m. All students in 6th-12th grade are welcome 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 overnight 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.

**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.

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (02/18/24)

8:45 AM Worship	85	Nursery	13
11:00 AM Worship	316	Children's Worship	41
Online Worship Views	143	Sunday School	125
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>544</b>		

**Finances (2/18/24):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$385,499.64
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$320,878.59

**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 Mays 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**  
**February 25, 2024**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 12:38-40	Does Jesus have a “pet peeve”? If so, what is it? Does this story apply today?
Tuesday	Mark 12:41-44, 14:3-9	What do these women have in common with Jesus?
Wednesday	Mark 12:41-44	What does God expect us to “give”? Am I giving out of my abundance or poverty?
Thursday	Mark 13:1-2	Why are we enamored with “bigness” or “greatness”?
Friday	I Timothy 6:17-19	What does Paul teach us about “how to be rich”?

**Sermon Notes**

## This Week at Wesley

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

### Sunday, February 25

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  
12:15 PM EB Groundbreaking Lunch, FH  
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR  
5:00 PM Youth Group

### Monday, February 26

9:00 AM Eli's Place  
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel  
2:00 PM Joy Circle, OH  
6:00 PM Trombone Rehearsal, SNC

### Tuesday, February 27

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up  
9:00 AM Eli's Place  
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,  
OH 210  
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207  
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205  
6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

### Wednesday, February 28

9:00 AM Eli's Place  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205  
4:30 PM Senior Adult Comm. Mtg  
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor  
5:30 PM Dinner, FH  
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir  
6:00 PM Children's Choir  
6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies  
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  
6:00 PM Women's Small Group,  
Led by Katie, OH Parlor  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 29

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

### Friday, March 1

Confirmation Retreat Thru 3/3, Epworth  
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 28, 2024

Menu: Pork Tenderloin

## In Our Prayers....

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, 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, Sandreae 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 Polk and Jolley Families  
on the death of *Sally Polk*,  
sister of Peggy Jolley