



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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CONFIRMATION

In the Wesleyan/Methodist tradition, we emphasize the process of salvation as a lifelong journey of growing in grace. We believe that journey begins before we ever know it. In infant baptism, we recognize the "prevenient grace" of God. We acknowledge a child belongs to God, and God claims and loves that child for who they are, not what they have or haven't done. Parents and the church take the responsibility to teach and lead that child into an understanding of who they are as a beloved child of God. At some point, the child grows old enough to claim that identity for themselves and embrace faith in Christ as their own. We call that an experience of "justifying grace." It is represented in the event of Confirmation. Then begins a journey through the rest of their lives of growing in the grace of God and the likeness of Christ. We call that "sanctifying grace."

Over the last nine months, fifteen of our students have been meeting with me in a Confirmation Class. We have been learning about the fundamentals of Christian faith and what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of Wesley Monumental UMC. This morning, they commit themselves to continuing their journey of salvation and their experience of grace. We are grateful for the families and church members who have sown faith, hope, and love into their lives and brought them to this special day.

Jackson (Jax) Michael Byrd
Lulie Elizabeth Beckwith
Elizabeth Hilton Cay
Jack Ryves Dunn
London Elizabeth Edmonds
Parker Varden Hunt
Thaxton (Thax) James McCormick
Sophia (Sophi) Leighton McKenzie
John Oliver Newland
Wesley Sharpe Pedigo
James Adam Thompson
Stafford Louise Varnedoe
William (Liam) Claude Warnock
Charlotte Amelia Williams
Allie (Allie Mac) McCall Willis

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Third Sunday of Easter

Opening Voluntary Fanfare and Chorale Calvin Fuller

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 in the Fellowship Hall.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Hannah Conger

Lighting of the Candles

Introit (11:00)

Were You There When God Raised Him From the Dead

Blair Beasley, baritone

* **Hymn No. 370** Victory in Jesus HARTFORD

* **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 in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Cookie Call for Massie School May Day - We Need Cookies!

Each year Wesley Monumental provides cookies for the students who participate in the Massie School May Day festivities. This year's May Day will take place Wednesday, May 15, and we need approximately 140 dozen cookies. If you would like to provide cookies or help hand out cookies and lemonade to the students, please complete the sign up slip located in today's bulletin. The slip will have details on the type of cookies needed, how to package, and when to deliver to the church.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

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.

Urban Hope Supper for 75 Guests on Monday, April 22

Helpers Needed at 5:30 p.m. Cook at home (or buy!) and bring an item for the Urban Hope at-risk children and youth. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. We'll meet at Independent Presbyterian Church, 207 Bull Street.

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of Oliver Hall, room 213 (parlor); the Bible Buddies nursery meets in room 207 (barrel-vault room). Currently studying "Women in the Bible." This week's lesson will be about "Pilate's Wife and Two Other Marys," Matthew 27:19; 56-61; 28:1; Mark15:40-47; 16:1; Luke 24:10; John 19:25; Acts 12:12.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Micah, chapters 2 and 3. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Dorie Gaskin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Sarah Cate Green, Jordan Hess

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

Sunday School: Lauren To

Greeters: Frank Anderson, Peter Delvers

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Adam Hess, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens,
Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle

Partners in Prayer: Mickey Rountree

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers

Mark your calendar for May 20 for the last Merry Makers meeting for this spring. The program will be "Downsizing: Declutter, Destash and Dump." Come prepared to share your own tips and experience if you have already gone through this process. Note that this meeting will be on the third (not the second) Monday in May and will be held at Wesley Gardens Retreat.

Looking Ahead

Plan to join us on Wednesday evening, April 24, to hear Howard Jarrott share his testimony during the Wednesday night Bible study time. Howard experienced a trampoline accident while in high school, which left him a quadriplegic. Some of you will remember that a group of his friends bought him the van which the church gave to Ryan Sailors and his family. You will be inspired by his story and how his faith has been strengthened through his journey of about sixty years since the accident.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Children's Easter Program

Invite your family and friends to our children's Easter program this Wednesday, April 17 at 6:15 p.m. The program is being presented during the season of Easter and it will be a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

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)

FUN WITH SKIP AND SHEILA!

Do you like fun? Do you like Skip and Sheila? Join us this evening for a photo scavenger hunt that will take place in downtown Savannah. Students will meet in the Fellowship Hall for dinner at 5:00 p.m. and then break into teams to compete in the Scavenger Hunt. All 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend.

Out-of-Town Youth Mission Trip:

We **need 1 male chaperone** for the mission trip to Blue Ridge, NC, the Week of June 30-July 5. If you are able to help, please let Sheila Watts know ASAP!

Graduate Recognition

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors on May 19. If your student is graduating this spring, please send their name and school they are graduating from to Sheila Watts or Jennifer Brookins. Graduate names will be printed in the bulletin, so please send the students name as you wish it to appear in print. **This information is needed by Tuesday, May 14.**

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreat at Wesley Gardens

On April 26, join us in the Main House and 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 is provided in the Great Room 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. 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. 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

For anyone interested in engaging their heart in deeper transformation and those looking for tools to walk out their faith, join Christian Swails from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today, Sunday, April 14 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (04/07/24)

8:45 AM Worship	XX	Nursery	14
11:00 AM Worship	327	Children's Worship	43
Online Worship Views	178	Sunday School	139
Total Worship	XXX		

Finances (4/7/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$626,417.52
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$608,967.86

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

April 14, 2024

Sermon Extended

Monday	2 Timothy 1:5	Who laid the foundation for faith in my life? Who am I passing faith down to and how?
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:6	Has the "fire" of my faith faded? If so what am I doing to "rekindle" it?
Wednesday	2 Timothy 1:7	When do I experience God's spirit of power, love, and self-discipline in my life?
Thursday	2 Timothy 1:8-12	Do I ever find myself tempted to "hide" my faith? Where and why?
Friday	2 Timothy 1:13-14	How can I hold onto the "treasure" of faith, hope, and love in my life?

Sermon Notes

A large empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for handwritten notes.

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, April 14

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, FH
5:00 PM Youth Group, FH & OH

Monday, April 15

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH
11:00 AM Merry Makers, WGR
5:30 PM Children's Easter Program Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 213
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, April 17

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 Children's Easter Program, SNC
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday, April 19

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH

Saturday, April 20

1:00 PM New Member Spring Tea, OH

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

April 17, 2024
Menu: Tuscan Chicken

In Our Prayers....

Michael Baggott, Virginia Davis, Foster Parks, Noel Cooper, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Jim Coakley (brother of Jake Coakley), Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, 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 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, 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

In Sympathy....

The Donegan Family
on the death of
Anne Chaddock Donegan,
daughter of Staci & Chris Donegan