



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

Tomorrow, I will leave for Charlotte, N.C., where I will be serving as a South Georgia Conference delegate to the 2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. This is actually the delayed 2020 General Conference that could not meet because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The General Conference is the policy-making arm of the United Methodist Church. It meets every four years and is made up of lay and clergy delegates from every Annual Conference in the world. This year, nearly 900 delegates worldwide will gather in Charlotte for ten days of worship, prayer, and holy conferencing as we define our life together as United Methodists. Being United Methodist means being connectional. It means we are better together than alone and share a common call to serve Christ in the world. Over the next ten days, we will study, discuss, pray over, and vote on more than 1000 pieces of legislation. While exhausting and challenging, the Conference remains a beautiful expression of the Kingdom of God in all its diversity. Coming out of an unprecedented time of division in our denomination's history, we are focused on uniting our church and centering our attention on Christ, whose reach is wide and grace immeasurable.

There is always a lot of information that comes out from news agencies, caucus groups, and individuals on social media. Sometimes, it is accurate, but just as often, it comes with an agenda that can be very misleading, intentionally divisive, and destructive. If you want to get good information about the General Conference, visit the two links below. Please pray for the General Conference and those of us who have answered a call to give leadership to our denomination as delegates. I remain very hopeful for the United Methodist Church. Our Christ-centered theology of grace and "open hearts, open minds, open hands" spirit positions us well to reach a world that is increasingly diverse and secular with the good news of Christ. When I return from the Conference, I will have a time to share with you what happened and how it affects us.

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>
<https://www.umnews.org/en/>

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Opening Voluntary

J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in A Major, BWV 536

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 MacGregor

Lighting of the Candles

Introit (11:00)

Be Thou My Vision

Mary Beth Clary, mezzo-soprano

- * **Hymn No. 98** To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Nick Nixon, pianist

- * **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.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Roy Henry Wyatt

son of Robin and Cody Wyatt

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Hank 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.

Service of Confirmation No. 33 (11:00)

John Oliver Newland

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. 311 (8:45) Now the Green Blade Riseth FRENCH CAROL
Nick Nixon, pianist

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo (8:45) He's Just the Same Today Harry Burleigh
Jerome Elder, tenor

Offertory Anthem (11:00) And I Saw a New Heaven Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people,
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away."

- Revelation 21:1-4

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. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- * **Scripture** (Pew Bible, NT pgs. 176 & 177) I Corinthians 15:1-26, 35-58

Sermon "Resurrection People" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn** No. 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE
Nick Nixon, pianist

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Nick Nixon
Laura Reinke and daughter, Lili Reinke
Emily and Matt Wesley and sons Eden and Ramsey Wesley
Diane Wesley

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Gaelic Blessing John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.

Closing Voluntary Jubilate Fela Sowande

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.

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Joy Circle Meeting - Time and Location Change

The Joy Circle will meet tomorrow, Monday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fairways Clubhouse at Savannah Quarters and will be constructing Lunapads, reusable menstrual pads, to be sent to countries where young girls need them so they may attend school. If you would like to help, please contact the church office for more details.

Wednesday Evening Program Speaker

Plan to join us this 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.

2024 National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." This year's National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 2, and Wesley Monumental will offer two ways to participate: (1) The sanctuary will be open from 7:30 a.m. to noon, so members and visitors can stop by and pray. Due to construction, please use the main entrance facing Taylor Square or the Gordon Street door if you need access to the elevator. Restrooms will not be available. (2) A suggested prayer schedule for Wesley Monumental groups (e.g., Administrative Board, Sunday school classes, etc.) will be available in the April 28 Sunday bulletin, online, and in the Wesley Weekly.

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 still need 85 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 on the insert. The slip will have details on the type of cookies needed, how to package, and when to deliver to the church.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Ann & Melvin Croft

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Amy Carter

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Couper Howard, Andrew Wilkes

Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot, Alix Lane, Laura MacGregor,
Stephanie Parker, Alexandra Whiddon,

Sunday School: Laura MacGregor

Greeters: Neilie & Justin Dunn

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Jacob Sigmon, Vin Thomas, Christian Valdez,
Matt West, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Adam Hess

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Thank You from Charli and Monica

Congratulations to all the children and their wonderful parents on an amazing and inspiring Easter play this past Wednesday. Thank you also to their teachers who give so much of their time and talent to teach the children: Anne Hawks, Ash Grimmett, Carolyn Roth, Jo Anna Hayes, Katricia Campbell, Ken Rimes, Kim Grimmett, Lee Green, Ori Hayes, Raymond Patricio, and Julia Flowers. Substitute teachers: Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux, Tyler Cobbs, Gail Rountree, and Gretchen Patricio.

And thank you to all of the Joyful Noise teachers for the love and patience they have with our youngest children: Shirley Roberts, Deborah Roberds, Miang Chow, Beth Kaufman, Mike Eckman, Aleyse Scarborough, Katie Ashby, Meaghan Wylie, Rebekah Matthews, and Ana Molero-Pullen.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are TBD. 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. 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 TBD.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying TBD. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Infant Recognition Sunday

Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! On Sunday, May 12 we will be honoring more than 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our list.

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)

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

This Friday, 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 21 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

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.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (04/14/24)

8:45 AM Worship	86	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	390	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	XXX	Sunday School	107
Total Worship	XXX		

Finances (4/14/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$675,128.60
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$654,707.75

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

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Sermon Extended

Monday	I Corinthians 15:1-11	What do I consider the most important thing(s) we believe as followers of Jesus?
Tuesday	I Corinthians 15:12-26	Why is the resurrection so critical to Christianity?
Wednesday	I Corinthians 15:31	What does Paul mean "I die every day"?
Thursday	I Corinthians 15:35-49	When I think of the resurrection of Christ, what difference does a "bodily" resurrection make?
Friday	I Corinthians 15:50-58	Can I live a "resurrected life" now? If so, how does it affect me?

Sermon Notes



Cookie Call

Yes! I am willing to help with Massie May Day.

I will bake _____ dozen and deliver them to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 12.

_____ I can help serve cookies and lemonade on Wednesday, May 15 from 10-12.

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Email: _____

- Cookies must be sugar cookies (NO Peanut Butter, Nuts, Almond Extract or decorations of any kind).
- Place cookies in snack-sized zip-lock bags, two cookies per bag.

Tear off, and place this form in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, April 21

Hosting Family Promise This Week

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 22

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
1:00 PM Joy Circle, Fairways Clubhouse at Savannah

Qtrs

5:30 PM VBS Meeting, OH 205
5:30 PM Urban Hope Family Supper, Independent Presbyterian Church
6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC
7:00 PM Trombone Concert, SNC

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 213
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
5:30 PM Eli's Place Comm. Mtg, FH
6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH 205

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:30 PM Dinner, Mickve Israel
6:00 PM Howard Jarrott Speaker, MI
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, FH
6:00 PM Children's Choir, OH
6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH
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

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

OH = Oliver Hall EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall
WGR = Wesley Gardens Retreat

Pastors on Call This Week

Monday (4/22) - Wednesday (4/24)
Nelle Bordeaux..... 912-234-9245
Thursday (4/25) - Saturday (4/27)
Carolyn Cubbedge.. 912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Supper

April 24, 2024

Menu: Beef Stew

In Our Prayers....

Courtney Fetz, 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, 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, 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 Clarke Family
on the death of
Ed Clarke,
brother of Charlie Clarke