



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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May 12, 2024

Mother's Day/Infant Recognition Sunday

This morning, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we recognize all of the babies born into our congregation over the last year. We are blessed to have so many young families here and want to thank all of you today who are a part of our ministry to babies and children. Thank you to our staff at Eli's Place, the nursery, and our children's ministry. Thank you to our volunteers who serve children in the nursery, children's worship, Sunday school, choir programs, and children's ministries. Thank you to our parents who entrust your children to us. We pray that together, we are raising children to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Dean Thomas Bartlett
Margaret Rowe Brown
Capers Row Campbell
Mary Carson Clemens
William Holt Eckman
Juliet Anne Gardner
Lillian Jenny Gardner
Arden Joseph Hadwin III
Robert Finnerty Holloway
Walker Lee Hughes
Rhys Oliver Kerby
Sunny James Kicklighter
Cooper Alexander Mathews
Soren Alexander Mixon
David William Bobo Mullens IV
Eleanor Harper Pope
Margaret MacGregor Pross
Cooper Tobias Roos
Robert Hawkins Sellers
Stafford Jameson Smith
Beau Alexander Stewart
Manolo Tricoche
Ramsey Enoch Wesley
Roy Henry Wyatt

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Ascension 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 in the Fellowship Hall.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Lily Linebarger

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Simple Gifts

arr. Matt Limbaugh

Introit (11:00)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

* **Hymn No. 170**

O How I Love Jesus

O HOW I LOVE

* **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.

Infant Recognition

Charli Weeks

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.

* **Hymn Insert** Jesus Loves Even Me GLADNESS

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo (8:45) Psalm 23 Geoffrey Flowers
Anne Hawks, soprano

Offertory Anthem (11:00) He's Got the Whole World

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. 18, 93)
Matthew 18:1-5, 2 Esdras 1:27-30, John 3:3-4

Sermon "Re-living Our Childhood" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 368 My Hope Is Built THE SOLID ROCK

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Thine Be the Glory

Closing Voluntary (8:45) Johann Pachelbel
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* *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 Patsy Robinson, a remarkable mother, by her girls and their families.

Usher Roses

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

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week is cereal. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Wesley Monumental Car Magnets Will Benefit Capstone Campaign for Children's Ministry and Music Suite Renovation

Car magnets are now available in the church office with a cash donation of \$10 to Wesley Monumental for the capital campaign. The Evangelism Committee had the magnets designed and created supported by a grant for Evangelism from the Coastal District.

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the June Monumental Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, May 13. Please email to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be prepared (\$5), and the Bible study will be taught and end by 8:00 a.m. Please call or email the church office if you would like to attend.

New Spiritual Formation Sunday School Class: Practicing the Way Course

Next Sunday, May 19, all WMUMC members and visitors are invited to attend John Mark Comer's Practicing the Way course during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. in Oliver Hall, Room 207. This class will cover the basics of spiritual formation in the way of Jesus. This is a fresh start for anyone looking to get connected or reconnected. Questions? Contact Jennifer Baker in the church office, bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.

Practicing the Way Course Potluck Lunch at Wesley Gardens

Gather with us at 1:00 p.m. in the main house at Wesley Gardens on Sunday, May 26 for food and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of the Practicing the Way Course. All are invited! Please email Grace Grund, sixgrunds@comcast.net, to RSVP and note the dish you plan to bring.

Soul-Deep Beauty Retreat at Wesley Gardens



Enjoy an afternoon away to shed societal lies about beauty, unhelpful ideas around food and body image, and connect with like-minded women. Next Sunday, May 19, from 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Cost is \$85 and includes teaching on redefining beauty by Melissa L. Johnson, MA, LMFT, (author of *Soul-Deep Beauty: Fighting for our True Worth in a World Demanding Flawless*); guided yoga/embodiment practice with yoga teacher, Jull Luse; meaningful conversations and connections with like-minded women; time for quiet reflection, and dinner to celebrate the gift of food. Teen girls and up are welcome—scan the QR code to sign up.

Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family

New 8-week series in Young Mothers' Bible Study starts May 21. Nursery provided by fabulous Carmine Cowart. Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall. Sign up with Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Pat Killewald

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Gail Brannen

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Charlie Krauter, Avery West

Children's Worship: Katie Knight, Sarah Labrot, Amy Martin, Stephanie Parker

Sunday School: Volunteer Needed

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Christopher Cay, Jake Coakley, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel, Peter Delters

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Congratulations and Thank You from Charli Weeks and Monica Dekle

Congratulations to one hundred forty children who received awards Wednesday at the Music Awards Ceremony. These 140 children completed choir for the entire year from September through May. Twenty-two 1st – 5th graders received perfect attendance prizes for the entire year. The children celebrated afterward with ice cream sundaes on Wayne Street. Congratulations and thank you to their parents, grandparents, and caregivers for joyfully prioritizing choir every week for nine months.

Thank you faithful teachers:

- ★ Joyful Noise: Katie Ashby, Miang Chow, Mike Eckmann, Beth Kaufman, Rebekah Matthews, Ana Molero-Pullin, Deborah Roberds, Shirley Roberts, Aleyse Scarborough, Meaghan Wylie
- ★ 1st – 5th grade: Katricia Campbell, Tyler Cobbs, Lee Green, Ash Grimmett, Kim Grimmett, Anne Hawks, Jo Anna Hayes, Ori Hayes, Raymond Patricio, Ken Rimes, Carolyn Roth, Julia Flowers

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Youth Local Mission Week July 22-26, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:

You Are Needed! Calling Adults!

Please help alongside our wonderful youth. Choose any part of a day that suits you. Activities include construction, food distribution, and gardening. Sign up with Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

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 Phoebe, Drusilla, Bernice, Lois, and Eunice," Romans 16:1-2; Acts 24:24; 25:13, 23; 26:30; 2 Timothy 1:5.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Nahum, chapter 3, and Habakkuk, chapter 1. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

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. Lunch (\$7) will be served. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School - Last Call - Deadline to Register is May 20!

Need to register? There are a few spots remaining for our Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of June 3-7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day for children 3 years old-5th grade. The deadline to register is Monday, May 20, so please register today by visiting: www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental. At this time registration is open for all Wesley Monumental families.



We Need Your Help!

It takes a village to shepherd our children through the learning centers and activities that are planned for VBS. From making and serving snacks, to helping put welcome packets together, there are tasks for everyone. You can sign up to help one of three ways:

1. Fill out the yellow insert located in today's bulletin.
2. Visit bit.ly/WesleyVBS2024 or scan the QR code.
3. Email charli@wesleymonumental.org

**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—Need Names by This Tuesday, May 14

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors next Sunday, 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 this Tuesday, May 14.

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, May 12 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (05/05/24)

8:45 AM Worship	106	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	289	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	149	Sunday School	133
Total Worship	544		

Finances (05/05/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$779,223.85
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$775,832.24

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	Christian Swails	Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Tom Anderson	Financial Manager		
Jennifer Baker	Administrative Assistant, Reception		

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
May 12, 2024**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 18:1-5	What does it mean to me to become like children in a relationship with God?
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 13:11-13	What is the difference is being child-like and childish?
Wednesday	Luke 15:11-32	What causes me to forget who I am as a child of God?
Thursday	John 3:3-4	What does being born again mean to me?
Friday	Isaiah 66:12-13	Spend some time in prayer imagining God holding you like a child in her/his mother's arms

Sermon Notes

Lenten Book of Prayers

Additional copies of "Search Me, O God," our Lenten book of prayers, are available in the church office. You may have extra copies to share with family and friends. The prayers are good for any day.

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day & Infant Recognition
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

Monday, May 13

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
5:30 PM Wesley Gardens Mtg, WGR
6:00 PM Mission Comm. Mtg, OH 205

Tuesday, May 14

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, FH
9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 213
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
10:30 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
10:00 AM Massie May Day, Taylor Square
5:30 PM Choir Volunteer Dinner, OH Parlor
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

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

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

Pastors on Call This Week

All days except Wednesday
Ben Martin912-547-1835
Wednesday
Nelle Bordeaux912-234-9245

Wednesday Night Supper

and programs will resume this fall.

Sunday Night Supper and Worship

at Wesley Gardens Retreat begins Sunday, June 16. Details will be available in the June Messenger and upcoming bulletins.

In Our Prayers....

Wayne Black, Effie and Nic Allsbrooks, 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 (grand-daughter 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, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Edith Roszkowiak, 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 Stuenckel Family
on the death of
Elton Stuenckel

The Harman Family
on the death of *Bob Harman*,
husband of Jan Harman

The Pross Family
on the death of *Jack DeLoach*,
grandfather of Kathryn Pross