



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Over these last few weeks in the life of our church, we have celebrated several of life's milestones or rites of passage. We recognized all the infants born in our church; we celebrated baptism; we had a service of confirmation for some of our youth; we welcomed new families into our church; we said goodbye with blessings to some of our members who are moving; celebrated weddings; and grieved with families who suffered loss. Today, we recognize our graduates who are taking one of life's biggest steps. We mark these steps of life's journey with times of worship as a constant reminder that God is with us all along our journey. The incarnation reminds us that God is with us, and the resurrection tells us that God goes ahead of us and will meet us when we get where we are going. As we journey through life, we walk in faith and not always by sight. It is so often the case that God doesn't show us the outcome; He simply shows us the way and says follow me. Today, we give thanks to the families, teachers, friends, and church that have been God's instruments of grace in the lives of these graduates, and we commit ourselves to holding them in our prayers as they follow where God leads next.

High School Graduates

Brayden Matthew Allen, Savannah Country Day School
Ella Catherine Barrow, Savannah Country Day School
Caroline Leigh Conner, Savannah Arts Academy
Jenny Dunn, Homeschool
Lillian Ann Floyd, Savannah Christian Preparatory School
Mark Harris Glidewell, Jr., Savannah Country Day School
Sophia Emma Hayward, John Paul II Catholic School
Greer Elizabeth Hollis, Savannah Country Day School
William Dallas Hunter, Savannah Country Day School
Julianna Wilkes Jones, St. Vincent's Academy
Robert Lincoln Kraeuter, Savannah Country Day School
Anna Catherine Livingood, The Habersham School
Amelia Wren Ruth, McIntosh High School
Tilley Margaret Sherrill, St. Vincent's Academy
Mary Brit Tallevast, Savannah Christian Preparatory School
Jed Thompson, Richmond Hill High School
Karsyn Camille Willard, Savannah Christian Preparatory School

College & Graduate School Graduates

Taylor Mason, Wofford College
Elizabeth Tilley Mattocks, University of Georgia
Aleyse Yol Scarborough, Georgia Southern University
Deanna Caitlin Sorrells, University of Alabama

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

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

Pentecost 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)

Elizabeth Huff

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

Opening Anthem (11:00) I Feel the Spirit Moving

arr. Mark Hayes

Skip Watts, baritone

- * **Hymn No. 280** All Glory, Laud, and Honor ST. THEODULPH
(11:00 only):

Stanzas: Michael Cooler, Harris Glidewell, Julia Grabowski,
Jordan Hess, Parker Hunt, Harmon Shinall,
Sheila Watts, Skip Watts

Refrain: Congregation

- * **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

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. 314 In the Garden GARDEN

Graduate Recognition (11:00) Sheila Watts,
Youth Ministry Team Chair

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo (8:45) I Feel the Spirit Moving arr. Mark Hayes
Skips Watts, baritone

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Elijah Rock arr. Moses Hogan

Oh Elijah. Elijah rock.
Come on, sister, help me to pray, tell me my Lord done pass this way.
Elijah rock, shout, shout. Elijah rock, comin' up, Lordy.
Elijah rock, shout, shout. Elijah rock, comin' up, Lord.
Satan ain't nothing but a snake in the grass.
He's a conjurer. He's a liar. Hallelujah, Lord.
If I could, I surely would
stand on the rock where Moses stood. I'm comin' up, Lord.

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 pg. 119) Acts 2:1-13

Sermon Graduation/Pentecost 2024: "I Hear You" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 413 A Charge to Keep I Have BOYLSTON

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Nancy Meyer
Aleyse Scarborough
Lydia and Will Wheat

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Peter Lutkin
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Closing Voluntary Alexandre Guilmant
Finale from Symphony No. 1 in D Minor

* *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 Ann Lott from Forrest and Susan Lott.

Just Born

Congratulations to Bailey and Kyle Bedenbaugh on the birth of a daughter, Blair Ellis Bedenbaugh, on April 11, 2024. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Blair.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who provided cookies and volunteered for the Massie May Day celebration.

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.

New Spiritual Formation Sunday School Class: Practicing the Way Course

Today, 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.

Administrative Board Meeting - Tomorrow, Monday, May 20

The Administrative Board will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. If you are a board member and did not receive the agenda items and Zoom link on Friday, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. (2024 Administrative Board Dates: May 20, August 26, October 28, and December 9)

Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family

New 8-week series in Young Mothers' Bible Study starts this Tuesday, 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.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Practicing the Way Course Potluck Lunch at Wesley Gardens Retreat

Gather with us at 1:00 p.m. in the main house at Wesley Gardens on next 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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Lori Miller, Becky Pullin

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Couper Howard, Avery West

Children's Worship: Laura Blake, Lily Brown, James & Pam Hammock, Amy Jones, Sarah Labrot

Sunday School: Pam & James Hammock, Melinda Sortor

Greeters: Cynthia & James Waldrop

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Tim Edwards, Tom Bordeaux, David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell, Cory Hall

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

We are grateful for Michael Cooler, Harris Glidewell, Julia Grabowski, Jordan Hess, Parker Hunt, and Harmon Shinall singing in worship today.

Congratulations to graduating high school seniors Harris Glidewell and Anna Livingood who have sung in choir at Wesley Monumental from three years old through 12th grade. We are so proud of you. Throughout all the years, you fulfilled your baptismal covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of Wesley Monumental with your presence, your gifts, and your service. In everything God has been glorified in you through Jesus Christ.

Today's opening hymn, All Glory Laud and Honor, is Harris Glidewell's favorite hymn. Harris will attend University of Georgia in the Honors Program studying History and Pre-Law.

Today's middle hymn, In the Garden, is Anna Livingood's favorite hymn. Anna is Valedictorian of her high school class. She will attend Georgia Tech and major in Environmental Science.

Thank you to Sheila and Skip Watts for their faithful help every Sunday afternoon with the students in youth choir.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

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 - New Topic in the Young Mothers' Bible Study

- 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 "Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family," This week's lesson will be about Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20:2-3; Ephesians 3:20-21.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Habakkuk, chapters 2 and 3. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School - Last Call - Deadline to Register is Tomorrow

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 tomorrow, 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 two ways:

1. Visit bit.ly/WesleyVBS2024 or scan the QR code.
2. 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!

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

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers

Join us tomorrow, Monday, May 20 at Wesley Gardens Retreat 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. Lunch (\$7) will be served. Please let Carolyn know today if you plan to attend.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (05/12/24)

8:45 AM Worship	XXX	Nursery	33
11:00 AM Worship	512	Children's Worship	80
Online Worship Views	158	Sunday School	67
Total Worship	XXX		

Finances (05/12/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$855,520.81
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$828,500.96

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 19, 2024

Sermon Extended

Monday	Acts 1:1-11	What are the disciples doing that sets the stage for the Holy Spirit to come?
Tuesday	Acts 2:1-13	What does this story teach us about speaking and listening?
Wednesday	Acts 2:1-13, Genesis 11:1-9	How does the Babel story and the Pentecost story relate to each other?
Thursday	James 1:19	How do anger, speaking, and listening interact in me?
Friday	I Kings 19:1-13	What does Elijah's experience teach us about listening to God?

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 19

Graduate Recognition

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, FH & OH
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR

Monday, May 20

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Teacher Work Day
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers May Event, WGR
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Cir, FH
- 5:30 PM Admin Bd Mtg, FH & Zoom

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle

Thursday, May 23

- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, May 24

No Schedule Activities

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 Martin912-547-1835
Wednesdays
Nelle Bordeaux.....912-234-9245
Fridays
Carolyn Cubbedge ..912-308-3385

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....

Melissa McDonald and Family, 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, 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 Roszkowiak Family
on the death of
Edith Roszkowiak

The Stuenckel Family
on the death of
Elton Stuenckel

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