



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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MEMORIAL DAY

"No greater love has any man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross." Philippians 2:3-8

This weekend, we celebrate Memorial Day. Though, it doesn't always seem appropriate to me to speak of it as a celebration. It is rather a day when we stop to give thanks and contemplate the depth of sacrifice made by women and men who gave their lives while serving in our armed forces. Paul wrote in Romans that "rarely would a person die even for a good person," but countless numbers have been willing to die for our country, the values of justice and freedom, and maybe most importantly, the women and men who serve beside them. The old saying that "freedom isn't free" remains true.

No one understood the concept of dying to save the lives of others more than Jesus. His death bought our freedom from the power of sin and death. He, in turn, taught that anyone who would be his follower had to be willing to "deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow." For followers of Jesus, sacrifice is a main discipline of the spiritual life. We are challenged to answer the call to self-denial and put others before ourselves. Sacrifice, however, is not just a discipline; it is a lifestyle that develops from a heart and mind transformed by the power of Christ living in us. Our goal is that while sacrifice may begin through self-discipline, our hope is that, in time, it will flow naturally from us in every aspect of our lives. It is then that we will truly have learned what it means to love.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Trinity 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.*

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Voluntary

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

* **Hymn No. 717** The Battle Hymn of the Republic Julia Howe

* **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** GREATOR EX

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.

* **Hymn No. 534** Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo

Bring Him Home from Les Misérables

Kenneth Rimes, bass

God on high, hear my prayer.
In my need, You have always been there.
He is young, he's afraid.
Let him rest, heaven blessed.

Bring him home.

He's like the son I might have known.
If God had granted me a son.
The summers die, one by one.
How soon they fly, on and on,
And I am old and will be gone.

Bring him peace, bring him joy.
He is young, he is only a boy
You can take, you can give.
Let him be, let him live.
If I die, let me die.
Let him live.

Bring him home.

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, OT pgs. 517-518)

Psalm 46

Sermon

"Our Refuge"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn** Insert

Be Still and Know

1. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that
2. I am the Lord that heal - eth thee. I am the Lord that
3. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. In thee, O Lord, I

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.
heal - eth thee. I am the Lord that heal - eth thee.
put my trust. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary Rejoice, the Lord is King arr. Marilyn Reimer

- * *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 loving memory of Paul Painter by Judi Painter and family.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Save the Date!

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

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.

What A Great Problem to Have--We Need Bible Buddies Help! Spend an Hour with the MOST Adorable Wesley Children

Serve the Lord by playing and reading Bible stories with babies and children during Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. You will serve alongside fabulous Carmine Cowart.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks
Greeters: Linda Butler, Ethel Burriss
Offering Steward: David Butler
Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Charlie Glidewell, Ryves Dunn
Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot, Emily Robinson
Sunday School: Volunteers Needed
Greeters: Joy Garvin, Linda Sapp
Offering Steward: Jim Willis
Ushers: Jim Willis, Dustin Hamilton, Adam Hess, Rusty Holt, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Jerry Cohn, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett
Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsey

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Be Still and Know

Today's closing hymn is one Mrs. Charli teaches the little children in Choir and Sunday School. The first stanza is a paraphrase of Psalm 46:10. It is a simple, beautiful hymn. Try singing it with child-like faith that Jesus wants us to have.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week is peanut butter. 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 "Law and Inability," Romans 7:7, 15-25.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Zephaniah 1 and 2. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers Day Trip to Hope Ranch Zoo

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will have a day trip to the Hope Ranch Zoo in Effingham County on Thursday, June 13. Opened in August of 2023, Hope Ranch features over 200 mammals and 80 species of birds. Tours are divided into small groups, and all walking is on level ground. Many of the animals are in covered enclosures, which allows for up-close encounters with them. Following the visit to the Hope Ranch, we will have lunch in downtown Springfield at The Station, an eatery and bakery in the old train station. The cost for the zoo is \$18.00. Lunch is Dutch treat. Reservations are a MUST. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Bring the correct cash to pay for your entry at the zoo. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry



VBS—We Need Your Help!

It takes a village to shepherd our children through the learning centers and activities that are planned for VBS the week of June 3-7. 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

Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

Wesley children, who have completed kindergarten through third grade, can attend our Summer Fun Daze camp at Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of July 15-19 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. It will be a fun week full of games, crafts, science, and water fun along with some time spent studying God's Word. Space is limited so please register at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Local Mission Week

Youth Local Mission Week is scheduled for the week of July 22-26. This week is open to all students in 6th-12th grade. You can also register your students for the local mission week at the following link: <https://forms.gle/p94sssSgDUHuQ4767>. Registration ends June 3, 2024.

Fun with Skip and Sheila - Putt Putt/Mini Golf

Fun with Skip and Sheila! Do you like fun? Do you like Skip and Sheila? Join us for Putt Putt/Mini Golf on Saturday, June 8. We will meet at Bogeys on Wilmington Island at noon. Students 12 and older will need \$12 to play a round. (If your student is still 11, it will cost \$10) Please let Skip or Sheila know if you plan to attend.

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



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (05/19/24)

8:45 AM Worship	91	Nursery	10
11:00 AM Worship	388	Children's Worship	47
Online Worship Views	150	Sunday School	127
Total Worship	629		

Finances (05/19/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$891,858.90
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$843,409.92

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux..... Outreach & New Members	Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge..... Senior Adults and Pastoral Care	Ashley Mays Higgins ... Communications Director
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music & Organist	Suzanna King..... Director of Hospitality
Julia Flowers Music Assistant	David Lindquist.....Maintenance Tech
Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry	Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Micah SprüngerWesley Gardens Property Manager
Tom AndersonFinancial Manager	Christian Swails.....Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Jennifer BakerAdministrative Assistant, Reception	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
May 26, 2024

Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 46, Psalm 90:1-2	How do I experience God as a refuge?
Tuesday	Psalm 46 (v.4-6)	Where do we see v.6 happening & how do I pray for those situations?
Wednesday	Psalm 46 (v.9)	Pray for peace and the end of war in war-torn places.
Thursday	Psalm 46 (v.10-11)	Practice "being still and knowing God."
Friday	Psalm 46	Pray the psalm with a contemplative reading of it.

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 26

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH & OH
12:15 PM VBS Training, FH
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

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
2:00 PM Care & Share Mtg, OH 205
6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, May 29

11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
5:30 PM VBS Training, FH
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, May 30

12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
5:30 PM VBS Training, FH

Friday, May 31

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
Ben Martin 912-547-1835
Wednesdays
Nelle Bordeaux 912-234-9245

<p>Wednesday Night Supper and programs will resume this fall.</p>
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<p>Sunday Night Supper and Worship at Wesley Gardens Retreat begins Sunday, June 16. Details will be available in the June Messenger and upcoming bulletins.</p>

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., 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