



***Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024***

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June 23, 2024

### **SUMMERTIME AT WESLEY MONUMENTAL**

In case you hadn't noticed on these recent 95-degree days, summertime has arrived. This week is the summer solstice, the longest day (daylight) of the year in the northern hemisphere. I, for one, love these long, warm days. As children, it meant we got to play outside longer. I played many rounds of golf in the summer between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. as a kid. I loved the quiet sunsets when pretty much everyone else had left the course. As an adult, it's easy to turn these long days into longer than normal workdays. But, a spiritual discipline I might suggest (this week, especially on the summer solstice) is to watch a late evening sunset or an early morning sunrise and read the first chapter of John's gospel (especially v.1-5). Give thanks for the light. Life can take us into some dark places, but as John reminds us, the darkness cannot overcome the light.

We have launched our Sunday evenings at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. It was a great start last week and we hope you will make time to spend a summer afternoon/evening with us on Moon River. The youth gather at 3:00 p.m. Spiritual Practices with Christian Swails begins at 4:00 p.m. Worship is at 5:30 (we are serving communion each week along with the singing and sermon), and dinner is at 6:15. Afterwards, you are welcome to take a walk, sit on the dock, watch the sunset and give thanks for the light. If you are out of town for the weekend or coming back from vacation but returning on Sunday afternoon, it is a great option for a relaxed and meaningful time of in-person worship. I hope to see you downtown or at the Gardens (or both) this week.

*Ben*

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

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

*Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

## 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.*

## Opening Voluntary (8:45)

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Jeremiah Durkin, pianist

## Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Do-re-mi

Olivia Cohn, pianist

## Lighting of the Candles

### Introit (11:00)

Morning

Emma Grace Cohn, pianist

\* **Hymn No. 102**      Now Thank We All Our God      NUN DANKET

\* **Affirmation of Faith**    The Apostles' Creed    Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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

Glorify 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. 352 It's Me, It's Me, O Lord  
(Standing in the Need of Prayer)

**Offertory Prayer** Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

**Offertory Solo** Deep River arr. Mark Hayes  
Skip Watts, bass

**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, NT pg. 78-79) Luke 15: (11-24) 25-32

**Sermon** "Lost Things Part 4: Lost at Home" Ben Martin

- \* **Hymn** No. 348 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling THOMPSON

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) Sprach Zarathustra  
Olivia Cohn, pianist

**Closing Voluntary** (8:45) Vivaldi

**Closing Voluntary** (11:00) Symphony No. 40 Mozart  
Emma Grace Cohn, pianist

- \* *Please stand as you are able.  
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.  
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### **New Member Course Starts Today, Sunday, June 23**

Please meet in Oliver Hall lobby (building directly north of sanctuary; enter from East Wayne Street under glass awning at "Church Office" sign), 10:00 a.m., today and June 30. Class will join as a group on Sunday, June 30. Sign up at 912-232-0191. Nursery provided.

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall, room 205.

### **Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

Most needed this week is peanut butter (please, no glass jars). Place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

### **Baby from Democratic Republic of Congo Needs Diapers**

Please drop off size 3 diapers and unscented baby wipes in the Oliver Hall lobby marked box.

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

Car magnets are 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 on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please speak with Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net. You will serve alongside the fabulous Carmine Cowart.

### **Altar Flowers - Summer Dates Available**

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$90, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following Sundays in summer are available: June 23 & 30, July 7, 14 & 28, and August 25.

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### **Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Judy & Ron Freeman

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Partners in Prayer:** Charlie Clarke

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Andrew Wilkes, Camille Wilkes

**Children's Worship:** Lizzie Grimsley, Caroline McDermott, Ellen O'Connor  
McCaul Stedem

**Sunday School:** Lizzie Grimsley, McCaul Stedem

**Greeters:** James Cubbedge, Randal Robinson

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Matt West, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard,  
Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, David Blake

**Partners in Prayer:** Sandra McGowen

### **Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

Thank you for supporting young people using their talents to serve God. We joyfully welcome Emma Grace Cohn (rising 2<sup>nd</sup> grader) and Olivia Cohn (rising Kindergartener) as guest pianists at the 11:00 Service. We also joyfully welcome Jeremiah Durkin (rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader) as guest pianist at the 8:45 Service. Is your child interested in playing an instrument in church? Contact Monica (Monica@wesleymonumental.org).

### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Like to Build? Like to Garden? Like to Be in Sweltering Heat?**

**Just Kidding, But Not Really!**

Join our awesome youth at Youth Local Mission Week July 22-26, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Choose any part of a day that suits your schedule, and please tell Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

**Amen Handymen for Seniors**

**How Many Methodists Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb?**

Church members do minor home repairs for senior church members. Need a repair? Speak with Nelle at 912-232-0191. Want to help? Sign up at tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Steve Eberhardt leads this ministry.

**Grassy Guys and Gals Lawn Care at the Biggest Lawn in Town**

Help cut the grass at the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home. Wednesday, July 3, 7:30 a.m., please tell Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Don Riddle, Jr., leads this ministry.

**Bible Studies - 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—Foolishness and Character,"* Proverbs 4:23; 22:15, Psalm 53:1-3; Romans 1:25, 28-32.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Zechariah, chapters 2 and 3. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

**Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care**

**Merry Makers**

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will enjoy a Dutch treat brunch this Wednesday morning, June 26, at Western Sizzlin in Pooler. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m., and we will eat at 9:30 a.m. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

**Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**

**Welcome Erica Stack**

Next Sunday, June 30, we will welcome Erica Stack to our staff. Erica has been a Music Education Specialist in the Atlanta area and is moving to Savannah with her husband, Caleb. She will be a key part of our team, assisting Monica and Charli with our children's programs. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday between 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. to greet Erica, introduce her to your children, and make her feel at home.

**Summer Sunday School - Come Join Us!**

Do you know what life was like when Jesus walked on the earth? Come join us on Sunday mornings this summer as we have fun learning about Life in Bible Times. We'll build model houses, cook interesting food, make cloth for clothing, and play the games children played. Sunday school begins with a time of conversation at 9:45 a.m., with the lesson starting at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School children go to the 11:00 service together and sit on the front row. Questions? Please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.

**Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)**

**Youth Group at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

The youth will meet at Wesley Gardens this afternoon from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. We will have a brief lesson and play water balloon games. Students will meet at the boat house. All students are invited to stay for the worship service and dinner following.

**Fun with Skip and Sheila- Do you like fun? Do you like Skip and Sheila?**

Join us at Star Castle on June 27 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We will play arcade games and laser tag. If your student is interested in attending, please contact Sheila Watts.

**Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager**

**Fourth Friday Retreat**

This Friday, June 28, 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 are 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, June 23 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (06/16/24)

8:45 AM Worship	97	Nursery	10
11:00 AM Worship	272	Children’s Worship	25
Online Worship Views	124	Sunday School	110
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>493</b>		

**Finances (06/16/24):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,004,408.17
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,006,589.64

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

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**June 23, 2024**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Luke 15:11-32	Who do you relate to in this story and why?
Tuesday	Luke 15:25-27	Does work or a relationship rob me of joy in my life? If so, what can I do about it?
Wednesday	Luke 15:28-30	Does grace offend me? Why?
Thursday	Luke 15:31-32	What causes me to fail to appreciate or appropriate the love God has for me?
Friday	Luke 15:11-32	What does this story teach me about God? About myself? About my relationship to God?

**Sermon Notes**

## This Week at Wesley

\*\*Visit [wesleymonumental.org/events/](http://wesleymonumental.org/events/) to view the calendar online.\*\*

### Sunday, June 23

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  
3:00 PM Youth Group, WGR Dock  
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR  
5:30 PM Worship, WGR Chapel  
6:15 PM Dinner, WGR Main House

### Monday, June 24

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp  
6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

### Tuesday, June 25

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

### Wednesday, June 26

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp  
9:00 AM Merry Makers Brunch,  
Western Sizzlin, Pooler  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

### Thursday, June 27

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp  
10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205  
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

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

## **Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

### **Sunday, June 23**

3:00 PM Youth Group, Dock  
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices  
5:30 PM Worship, Chapel  
6:15 PM Dinner, Main House  
Preaching: Ben Martin  
Meal: Pork Tenderloin  
Providing Side Dishes: Pastor's Class

## **In Our Prayers....**

Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delvers), Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, 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/Stateride

Blake Bazemore, Daniel Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson

### In Sympathy...

The Melton Family  
on the death of  
*Nancy Aleen Melton*,  
mother of Ronald Melton  
grandmother of Darcy Melton

The Hughes Family  
on the death of *George Karnazes*,  
grandfather of Leah Hughes