



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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When people join our church, the commitment we are asked to make, first of all, is professing faith in Christ and a promise to serve Him as our Lord. The second commitment is to “faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.” I was struck Sunday reading through the bulletin at all the opportunities to fulfill that vow. Prayer, of course, should be a part of our daily lives, but there are also specific opportunities to pray. Each Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 p.m., before our Wednesday night programming, a few of us gather for thirty minutes to pray for our church and world. Each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at our retreat center (Wesley Gardens), spiritual director Christian Swails leads a time of Spiritual Practices, which centers around time to pray.

Each week there are countless opportunities to be present with our church family in worship, study, fellowship, and mission. We are so grateful to offer an online presence where people can connect even when they can't be here, but there is no substitute for being present together (remember Jesus' promise “where two or three are gathered in my name”).

Our giving or gifts are more than just support for the budget that funds the ministries of the church. Giving is an expression of our faith and a spiritual practice of thanksgiving and generosity that shapes our hearts. Through giving, we are reminded that everything we have is a gift from God and a responsibility for stewardship. In November, we will have our annual Stewardship Campaign, when we ask you to make a commitment to give.

Service opportunities are everywhere. This week alone, there was an invitation to write an Advent devotional, get trained as an acolyte, donate grocery items for the hungry, help a refugee family move into a new apartment, cook a meal for a family who needs a little extra help, join in a “Columbus Day” service project with our youth. We are also looking for new people to serve as docents to share with guests about our sanctuary and church (after church services and on Fridays). We would also like to restart our ministry by breaking down the Sunday flower arrangements into smaller ones and delivering them to our shut-ins or those sick at home or in the hospital.

Finally, our “witness” is how we take our faith into our daily lives at home, work, school, and community. We share the love of Christ in our everyday actions. Everything we do when we are here is intended to equip us as a witness to the faith, hope, and love found in Christ.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Voluntary

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 5

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

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Introit (11:00)

Sanctus

Lindsay Norden

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, Lord most high. Amen.

* **Hymn No. 400** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

* **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

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.

Baptismal Covenant (8:45)

Juliet Anne Gardner and Lillian Jenny Gardner
daughters of Kat and Josh Gardner

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Juliet and Lillian as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who walk in the way that leads to life.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Miles Bennett Yarbrough, Jr.
son of Carol Lee and Miles Yarbrough

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Bennett 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.

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. 645 O Perfect Love PERFECT LOVE

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Steven Tedesco

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let All the World

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"
The heav'ns are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.
The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.
But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.

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 pgs. 175, 241) 1 Corinthians 13, I John 4:7-19

Sermon

"Holding on Part 5: To Love"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

Reception into Church Membership

Jerry Thomas, Jr. (8:45)

Kendal Bunn and Joshua Berkebile (11:00)

Caroline and Jack Edwards

Rev. Martha and Bruce Fielden

Maggie Hatchett

Jennifer and James Shuttleworth and sons, Jameson and Jarrett

Ericka Stack

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other
with a sincere heart. Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Charles Marie-Widor

Finale from Symphony No. 4 in F 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 Ellene W. Anderson, dedicated wife, mother, and member of Wesley Monumental by her family.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Called Administrative Board Meeting

Tomorrow, Monday, September 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall and via Zoom.

Christmas Greenery—Orders Due by October 13

The Altar Guild is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! For details and to order, visit www.wesleymonumental.org/2024-greenery/ or pick up an order form located at all sanctuary entrances.

Advent 2024

The theme for the 2024 Advent devotional book is "O Come, All Ye Faithful." If you would like to be one of twenty-five writers, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge or Evonne Mobley. In your writing, you are being asked to share how your faith is preparing you for the birth of Jesus. Hopefully you can share a personal experience. You will receive guidelines for your writing. The deadline for submission is Sunday, November 10.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks**Greeters:** Judy Cleveland, Ken Griner**Offering Steward:** Jimmy Hill**Ushers:** Ron Freeman, Henry Whitfield**Partners in Prayer:** Charlie Clarke**11:00 Service****Acolytes:** Julia Grabowski, Michael Grabowski**Children's Worship:** Katie & Sly Knight, Sarah Labrot, Leslie Shor,
Ashley & Olivia Wanager**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed**Greeters:** Nancy & Woody Brown**Offering Steward:** Adam Hess**Ushers:** Adam Hess, Mark Wilcox, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes,
Don Riddle, Scott Rogers, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas**Partners in Prayer:** Adam Kobek

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Mac P.A.C.K

Please bring a box of macaroni and cheese next Sunday, October 6, to put into the van (parked just outside the sanctuary on East Wayne Street) for needy children on weekends served by People of Action Caring for Kids (P.A.C.K.), a Christian non-profit with no paid staff.

Youth Local Mission Day - Adult Helpers Needed, Monday, October 14

Please work alongside our wonderful youth for all or part of the day, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please bring work gloves and a sack lunch and tell Nelle in advance, tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Weekly Volunteer Opportunity this Fall beginning in October

Refugee apartment move-ins with Inspiritus, every Friday morning, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Assist Inspiritus staff and other community volunteers with setting up an apartment for a newly resettled refugee family. Needed are: kitchen-size trashcans/liners, brooms, wet/dry mops, area rugs 5x7 and 4x6, kitchen storage containers, and front doormats. Drop off in the Oliver Hall lobby. Please call/text Holly McCormick for details or donations at 912-856-6982

Cook at Home for Families

If you want to prepare a meal occasionally at home for church members who need help, please tell Nelle, You cook at home and deliver to church.

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 "A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World," by Paul E. Miller. This week's lesson is "How God Places Himself in the Story," chapters 22-24; Psalm 6:1-3; Jeremiah 2:1-8; Matthew 15:21-28
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "Paul." This week's lesson is 1 Corinthians, chapter 4. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Worship Education

Worship Education for 4th & 5th graders will meet during the 11:00 service on September 29 and October 6. We'll meet in the center balcony under the Wesley Window at 10:50 a.m. and stay for part of the service. Pickup will be from the Fellowship Hall, bump-out room on the right at the end of the service.

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director

Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering

Will not meet this afternoon. Join us next Sunday, October 6.

Maggie Hatchett, Director of Student Ministries (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Group

Youth will meet tonight from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Parents, be sure to join the BAND so that you can see all of our events and info. Find it on the website.

Fall Break Events & Columbus Day Service Opportunity

- Middle School - Big Bounce America, Oct. 12 at Ottawa Farms 3-6pm
- High School - Bon Fire at Wesley Gardens Retreat, Oct. 13, 6-8pm
- Day of Service with Nelle, Oct. 14. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. and be picked up at the church at 3:00 p.m. Be sure to let Maggie know by text or email if you will be attending so that she has a seat for you in the van! More info on the BAND



Wesley Christmas Bazaar

The annual Wesley Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 2. The bazaar will showcase all sorts of handwork including but not limited to woodwork, monogrammed clothing and linen items, photography, jewelry, notecards, candles, scroll-sawn ornaments, needlework, picture frames, toys, paintings, and lathe-turned bowls to mention a few. The bazaar will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the gifts of our fellow church members and to shop for Christmas. We are looking for vendors and you are invited to reserve your space now. There will also be a bake sale, and donations are needed. If you have any questions, contact one of the co-chairs: Woody Brown at 912-352-7833, or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (09/22/24)

8:45 AM Worship	93	Nursery	21
11:00 AM Worship	327	Children's Worship	82
Online Worship Views	159	Sunday School	126
Total Worship	579		

Finances (09/22/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,486,479.38
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,565,866.53

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin	Senior Pastor	Jennifer Baker	Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux.....	Outreach & New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....	Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge	Senior Adults & 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
Ericka Stack	Children's & Music Assistant	Micah Sprunger	Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Maggie Hatchett ...	Director of Student Ministries	Christian Swails	Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Jimmy Flowers	Church Administrator		
Tom Anderson.....	Financial Manager		

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 22:34-40	How does love fulfill all the law?
Tuesday	I Corinthians 13	What do we learn about love from Paul?
Wednesday	John 13:34-35	How did Jesus show his love to his followers?
Thursday	I John 4:7-19	If God is love, what are we?
Friday	Matthew 5:43-48	How can we be perfected in love?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, September 29

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH & OH
10:50 AM Worship Education, SNC Balcony
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
4:00 PM Youth Choir & Handbells, SNC
5:00 PM Youth Group, FH & OH 4th Flr

Monday, September 30

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
5:30 PM Admin Board Mtg, OH/ Zoom
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH Parlor
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
5:30 PM Evangelism Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
4:45 PM Youth Handbell Choir, SNC
5:30 PM Dinner, OH
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
6:00 PM Children's Choir, SNC & OH
6:00 PM Youth Group Bible Studies, OH 4th Flr
6:00 PM A Long Obedience Study
6:00 PM Mere Christianity Study, OH 205
6:00 PM Women's Small Group, OH
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, October 3

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH

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

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

Wednesday Night Supper

October 2

Menu: Pork Tenderloin

In Our Prayers....

Vicki Worden, Lulu Gribbins, Gary Kornegay, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park (mother of Jeff Endsley), Suzette and Jimmy Fincher (parents of Amy Green), Aaron Berkebile, Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delters), Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, Effie and Nic Allsbrooks, Courtney Fetz, Michael Baggott, Foster Parks, Noel Cooper, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddie 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, David Chow, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Lytle Family
on the death of *Ann Lytle*

The Haire Family
on the death of *Larry Joyce*,
father of J.J. Haire