



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

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### **CELEBRATING CAPSTONE**

Nearly two decades ago, the leadership of our church worked on a strategic plan for the renovation and restoration of our historic downtown properties. It began with the renovation of the Fellowship Hall and the first floor of the Education Building nursery area. It also included a renovation of the first floor of the "Espy House" to move the offices across the street and provide a new nursery and preschool space. The next major step was to renovate the top three floors of the Espy House, now called Oliver Hall in the Espy House. The final phase we called the Capstone Project. It is to convert the entire fourth floor of the Education Building to a Music Suite and renovate the second and third floors for children's education, including an improved Eli's Place space, new bathrooms, sprinkler systems, etc. In between, we painted the sanctuary, installed new chillers, and did some roof restoration. Finally, we are bringing the plan to an end, and today, we will celebrate the hard work and incredible generosity of our congregation (and some outside our congregation) that has enabled us to bring all our properties downtown up to date and ready to serve us for many years to come. Undoubtedly, we will continue to do upkeep and repairs (such as a new elevator and a lightning protection system, boilers, etc.) in the not-so-distant future. Still, as for major renovations, we should be done for quite a while (thank goodness!).

We look forward to moving back into our newly renovated education and music space. I can't thank our staff enough for all the extra work put in over the last year to get ready for and work through this process without sacrificing the quality of our music and children's ministries. In the next few weeks, we will put everything back in place and enjoy these beautiful, functional, more comfortable, and safer spaces.

As we celebrate the completion of the project today, we hope you will take a tour and see the fruits of your labor and generosity (by the way, we are still paying for it and are glad to accept any help you can give!). Enjoy this day of thanksgiving and celebration, and remember all of those who went before us and made this place what it is today.

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

This Tuesday night, November 26, we will participate in the annual Community Thanksgiving Service among the downtown historic houses of worship. This year's service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Savannah (325 Habersham Street) at 7:00 p.m. Our own Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux will be the preacher for the service. We hope you will come out and represent Wesley Monumental UMC.

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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

*Christ the King 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

#### Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Mary Shor

#### Opening Voluntary

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

March Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God

#### Introit (11:00)

Glorious Is Thy Church, O Lord

Warren Angell

\* **Hymn No. 102**

Now Thank We All Our God

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\* **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**

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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.*

### Scouting Presentation for Brooks Lott (11:00)

#### Morning 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.



### **Altar Flowers**

The cornucopia by the altar today is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mario Delfiaco, brother of Cynthia Willett.

### **Church Office & Eli's Place Closed**

In observance of Thanksgiving, Eli's Place will be closed Monday (11/25) through Friday (11/29), and the church office will be closed Wednesday (11/27) through Friday (11/29).

### **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.

### **Connect Sunday School Class—New Studies—Join Us!**

Connect Sunday School invites anyone looking for a small group study to join us on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. We are currently participating in an Advent Study through Christmas and then in January, we will start a study of Hebrews with a book/video guide called *Better* by Jen Wilkin. Connect Sunday School is a small group of all ages, couples and singles, some with extensive Bible knowledge and some just starting their journey. We would love for you to join us any Sunday! We meet in the barrel-vaulted room in Oliver Hall, the first room to the right on the 2nd floor.

### **Family Advent Activity: Wreath Workshop**

Are you looking for a meaningful way to connect with your family over Christmas? Make an Advent wreath! Join us on Sunday, December 1, for a very special afternoon at Wesley Gardens Retreat, gathering branches and creating a centerpiece that will transform your dinner table. Make the most of this season as a family or individual by inviting beauty and goodness each time you reflect and light a candle. We will meet at 3:30 p.m. by the pavilion. Hot chocolate will be provided during a very short introduction of the candles. Then, we will go out to collect our supplies and create together. Engaging conversation starters will be provided to take home. Begin December on the right note and allow your kids the delight of wonder!

### **Calling All Advent Decorators!**

The Wesley Monumental Altar Guild is in need of additional volunteers to help decorate during the Advent and Christmas season. We have brass to polish, greenery to hang, trees to decorate, and so much more. The transformation of our beautiful sanctuary on December 7 at 9:00 a.m. takes many hands, so if you enjoy decorating or would love to learn more about the Altar Guild, please contact Caroline McDermott, wesleymonumentalaltarguild@gmail.com.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Ethel Burriss

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Ushers:** David Gaskin, Jerry Benson

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Couper Howard, Cameron Howard

**Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot, Caroline McDermott, Leslie Shor  
Lizzie & Blake Grimsley

**Sunday School:** Lizzie and Blake Grimsley

**Greeters:** Barbara & Johnny Phelps

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes,

Don Riddle, Scott Rogers, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas

**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

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

#### **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 15, 11:00 AM**

Mark your calendar for the annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 featuring the Wesley Monumental Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Strings, Brass, and Timpani. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a traditional service of Christian worship that dates back to 1918. It traces the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine short Bible readings (Lessons) from the King James Version of the Bible, interspersed with the singing of Carols and Choir Anthems.

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

#### **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 "Parenting in the Bible."
- Thursday Noon Bible Study will not meet due to Thanksgiving; will resume December 5 with a lesson on 1 Corinthians, chapter 11.

#### **Prayer Partners**

If you are a Prayer Partner for an Urban Hope child and want to buy Christmas presents for your child, please speak with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). There is no expectation that you participate, as you are already doing the MOST important work by praying daily. If you do want to bring presents, please tell Nelle and bring 2 wrapped gifts (one clothing item and one toy) to Oliver Hall on Dec. 4, clearly labelled with your name and your child's name. Nelle has wish lists from the children with sizes, etc. Please spend under \$50 total.

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

#### **Merry Makers**

The Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship, will celebrate Christmas with brunch at Wesley Gardens Retreat on Monday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m. Brunch will be prepared by Suzanna King. Others are invited to bring their favorite Christmas goody to share. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

#### **January Meet and Mingle—Ghost Pirates Game—Deadline 12/5**

Wesley Meet and Mingle is a new program that provides opportunities for Wesley members to spend some social time with other Wesley members they already know or want to meet. Tickets for the Ghost Pirates game (our January Meet and Mingle event) on January 5, 2025, will be available until December 5. Cost is \$30 per ticket. Your payment reserves your seat. Make checks payable to Wesley Monumental UMC and give them to Carolyn Hale Cubbedge or drop them off in the church office. Questions? Call Carolyn at 912-308-3385.

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

There are lots of fun events planned for our children over the next few weeks. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar.

November 22 Eli's Place Thanksgiving Program & Street Party, SNC, 10:00 a.m.

November 24 Capstone Celebration Lunch and Open House

December 7 Christmas Baking Day for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, FH, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

December 14 Christmas Fun Day for Babies-Kindergarteners, FH, 9:00-4:00 p.m.

December 15 Joyful Noise Christmas Celebration Program, SNC, 5:00 p.m.

December 16 Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal, FH, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

December 18 Children's Choir Nativity Pageant, Sanctuary 6:15 p.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve Family Service, Sanctuary 3:30 p.m.

January 3 - 4 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at Wesley Gardens

Watch for more information in the December Messenger and on social media.

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

**Youth Group**

- ★ No youth this Sunday evening or MDWK Bible study this Wednesday, November 27. Enjoy your Thanksgiving break!
- ★ Winter Retreat (formerly known as the Ski Trip) - sign ups are now open to members of the church.
- ★ We will have youth at the church on Sundays, December 1 and 15 with our Christmas Party at Wesley Gardens Retreat, December 8 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- ★ We will be caroling with the choir on Sunday, December 22, from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Please email Maggie by December 15 to let her know if you plan to attend.
- ★ We will not have youth on the evenings of December 22 or 29. We will return Sunday, January 5!
- ★ On January 5, we will join the choir at the Ghost Pirates game at 3:00 p.m. The Youth Choir will perform with them before the game and at half-time. If you plan to attend, you must have a ticket. Please let Carolyn Hale Cubbedge know by December 5 if you are attending and want to buy a ticket for \$30.

**Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director**

**Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering**

Seek wisdom and peace in community during our Spiritual Practices Gathering from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. every Sunday at Wesley Gardens Retreat. This time is dedicated to meeting together to experience spiritual practices in the way of Jesus. We do this through journaling, connecting with nature, practicing silence and solitude, centering prayer, and more. Come not just to learn *about* God but to learn how to be *with* God. All are welcome!

**Practice Sabbath Study**

We have just begun a Sunday morning study on the Spiritual Practice of Sabbath. Sabbath means “to stop.” If you would like to learn how “to stop” in our culture of hustle, come and join us in the parlor of Oliver Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (11/17/24)

8:45 AM Worship	106	Nursery	16
11:00 AM Worship	351	Children's Worship	59
Online Worship Views	139	Sunday School	134
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>596</b>		

**Finances (11/10/24):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,764,802.47
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,891,683.35

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin..... Senior Pastor	Jennifer Baker .....	Administrative
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux..... Outreach & New Members		Assistant, Reception
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge..... Senior Adults & Pastoral Care	Jennifer Brookins.....	Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Dr. Monica Dekle..... Director of Music & Organist	Ashley Mays Higgins ....	Communications Director
Julia Flowers .....	Suzanna King.....	Director of Hospitality
Charli Weeks .....	David Lindquist.....	Maintenance Tech
Ericka Stack .....	Betty Dudley.....	Housekeeper
Maggie Hatchett ... Director of Student Ministries	Micah Sprünger .....	Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers..... Church Administrator	Christian Swails.....	Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Tom Anderson..... Financial Manager		

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
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**Sermon Extended**

Monday	I Thessalonians 5:16-18	Name ten things I have to be thankful for today.
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 8:7-17	What are some things I've gotten use to that I fail to be truly thankful for?
Wednesday	Numbers 11	Pay attention to what I hear myself complaining about Today.
Thursday	Luke 12:16-21	How has my abundance affected my gratitude and humility?
Friday	Philippians 4:4-13	What is causing my discontentment? Practice being content today.

**Sermon Notes**

**This Week at Wesley**

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

**Sunday, November 24**

- Youth Epworth Retreat
- 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
- 12:15 PM Education Bldg Open House
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR

**Monday, November 25**

- Eli's Place Closed This Week
- 10:00 AM Joy Circle, OH Parlor

**Tuesday, November 26**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH Parlor
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Svc, Unitarian Universalist Church

**Wednesday, November 27**

Church Office Closed

**Thursday, November 28**

Church Office Closed  
Thanksgiving Day

**Friday, November 29**

Church Office Closed

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

<p><b>Wednesday Night Supper</b>          November 27          No Wednesday Night Supper this week. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and join us again on December 4.</p>
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**In Our Prayers....**

Anne Hawks, Adeline Hayes, Meghan Hitt, Joey Herndon (father of Erica Timmons), Jeralyn Wilson, Berta Botkin, Terry Franz, Vicki Worden, Lulu Gribbins, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park (mother of Jeff Endsley), Jimmy Fincher (father 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 Delvers), Melissa McDonald and Family, Courtney Fetz, Michael Baggott, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Danielle Robertson, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter 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, David Chow, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Camille Searcy, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Dick Wallace

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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

***In Sympathy....***

The Delvers and Hurt Families  
 on the death of *Betty Hurt*,  
 sister of Peter Delvers

The Lindsay and Caldiero Families  
 on the death of Raymond Caldiero,  
 father of Donna Lindsay

The Moore and Payne Families  
 on the death of *Tracy Payne*,  
 sister of Cindy Moore