



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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WELCOME TO WESLEY MONUMENTAL UMC

Some of the greatest blessings we have at Wesley are new people. Every week, we have people who are looking for a church home, along with guests from all over the world. Every month, we welcome new members into our congregation and baptize new babies into our church family. Few things that we do are more important than hospitality. The writer of Hebrews wrote, *"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* (Hebrews 13:1-2) As the "body of Christ," we extend the love and welcome of Christ by our attentiveness and kindness to people who God has led to join us in worship and life. I am grateful for our greeters and ushers who welcome people at the door, help find seats (isn't it great to have to look for seats in a church!), and answer questions. But, hospitality is the work of every church member, whether or not we are wearing a greeter or usher tag. I encourage you to pay attention to the people you don't know. Move to the middle of the pew to make room for people to sit. Hand the attendance registration pad to people who may not know to sign it (after they do, you can learn their name by reading over the name of who is on your pew). Wear your name tag so it will be easy for someone to recall your name when you introduce yourself. Invite a guest to our coffee time downstairs, a Sunday school class, a mid-week meal, or a Bible study. Ask someone new to join you for lunch after worship.

If you are new to Wesley, please know how blessed we are that you have taken the time to worship here. Your presence honors God and us. In the pew Bible, you can find a "bookmark" that answers questions you might be asking if you are new. At the end of the pew is an attendance registration pad to sign. We would love to have an email address or mailing address so we can follow up on your visit with a thank you. We have excellent nursery care for babies and small children but know that your children are welcome in our worship services. Our congregation and staff are glad you are here and ready to help you find your way around and get oriented to our church. We have a "New Members Class" at 10:00 a.m. the last two Sunday mornings of every month for those who are interested in learning more about our church and what it means to be a member (the current one is January 19 & 26).

Welcome to Wesley. Everyone is welcome here, and we are really glad you joined us. We pray you experience the loving presence of Christ in music, message, and, most of all, in our people.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

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

Second Sunday After Epiphany

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 on the second floor.*

Lighting of the Candles

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Steele Anne Joyner

Opening Voluntary

Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546

J. S. Bach

Introit (11:00)

Steal Away to Jesus

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.
The trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

- 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

* Hymn No. 62

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and King
Stanzas 1-5, 7

* 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 on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the second floor.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the second floor.

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.

* **Hymn No. 122** God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale ROEDER

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Ludwig van Beethoven
Adagio Sostenuto from Moonlight Sonata

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Ride On, King Jesus Moses Hogan

Ride on, King Jesus. Ride on, the conquering King.
No man can hinder Thee.

I once was young when I begun.
But now my race is almost done.

King Jesus rides on a milk white.
The river of Jordan He did cross.

He's the King—Lord of Lords.
He's the first and the last. He's the Prince of Peace.

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. 193) Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon "ONE: Part 1—One Life" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 428** For the Healing of the Nations CWM RHONDDA

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)
Cindy and Joe Edwards, III

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Soon and Very Soon
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. Hallelujah!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King. Hallelujah!
-Revelation 21:3-4

Closing Voluntary Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546 J. S. Bach

* *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 Monica Cleaveland by Scott Cleaveland.

Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Jennifer Baker and Glen Doki on their marriage, which took place on January 11 in the sanctuary.

Eli's Place and Church Office Closed

Eli's Place and the Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

Stock Donation

We have received 54 shares of WALMART INC stock. Please email tom@wesleymonumental.org if you made this donation.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are canned soups and stews. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Next New Member Course, Sundays, January 19 and 26 at 10:00 a.m.

The class will join as a group on January 26. Come to both parts of this two-part series. Nursery provided. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Messenger Brigade

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

Gathering with Bishop Dease on January 26

Everyone is invited to meet and welcome Bishop Robin Dease - our new episcopal leader in the South Georgia Annual Conference, for an informal meet-and-greet event on Sunday, January 26, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Garden City United Methodist Church (62 Varnedoe Ave, Garden City). Lots of goodies will be served, and there will be activities for kids. Clergy and laity are invited to join the fun! We hope to see you there! RSVP is appreciated but not required at:

<https://sgaumc-reg.brtapp.com/GatheringwithBishopDease>

Administrative Board Meeting - Monday, January 27

The first Administrative Board Meeting of 2025 will take place next Monday, January 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link will be emailed to the Board members this Friday, January 24. (2025 Administrative Board Dates: January 27, March 31, May 19, August 25, October 27, and December 8)

Family Bingo Night - February 28 - Save the Date!

Join us Friday, February 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our 3rd annual Family Bingo Night presented by the Susanna Wesley Circle. There will be dinner, dessert, bingo, a silent auction, and exciting prizes with proceeds benefitting charities within our community. Additional details and a registration link will be available soon. Also, if you would like to donate a prize, or maybe a gift you received for Christmas that you may not have use for, please email swcirclewm@gmail.com or drop off in the church office.

Altar Flowers - Spring 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 \$120, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following spring dates are available: March 16 & 23 and May 4.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Ethel Burriss, Pat Killewald

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: Patrick Graham, Ken Griner

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Avery West, Charlie Kraeuter

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Neilie & Justin Dunn

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle, Scott Rogers,

Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas, Christian Valdez, Matt West

Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor with Bible Buddies meeting in the barrel vault room. Currently studying "What Children Teach Us about God." This week's lesson is "Attentiveness: Samuel," 1 Samuel 1:1-3:21.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All About Paul." This week's lesson is 1 Corinthians, chapter 16.

Children's New Tennis Shoes Needed by February 1

Our church's team of missionaries will serve in Santa Elena, Honduras, building homes and teaching the Bible to children. Please assist them by bringing new children's tennis shoes (any size, toddler through youth) to the box in the Oliver Hall lobby.

Save the Date of Saturday, March 8 for Day of Service

Mark that new 2025 calendar with this date, 9:00 a.m. to noon, for a Day of Service with other United Methodist congregations in the area, culminating in a cookout at noon at Wesley Gardens Retreat. All ages are welcome.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Meet and Mingle

The Meet and Mingle trip to Hope Ranch Zoo in Effingham County has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 8. Reservations are required. Please call the church office to sign up. The cost is \$20 per person. Children 2 and under are free. You will pay at the gate. Visit their Facebook page for lots of information about the zoo. Search for Hope Ranch GVS. Directions will be provided for all who sign up. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations, be sure to reserve these weeks for Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Daze.

- June 2-6 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old - 5th grade
- July 14-18 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children who have completed Kindergarten - 3rd grade

Registration for both events will open Monday, January 20.

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

Youth Group

- ◆ T-shirts are in; pick yours up in the fellowship hall after church!
- ◆ MDWK Bible study is back; we will be studying Exodus and the path of the Israelites.
- ◆ We have Sunday evenings on the 19 and 26 at the church from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., so be sure to bring a friend!
- ◆ We will have a Super Bowl party at Wesley Gardens on February 9 from 6:00 p.m. until halftime.
- ◆ Look at the BAND for more info on upcoming events!

Ericka Stack, Children's & Music Assistant

Youth Handbells/Choir

We are starting back strong with Youth Handbells for the next 6 weeks. We meet in the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and rehearse for an hour. After these six weeks, we will be singing for six weeks. I hope you join us!

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Fourth Friday Retreats—Join us this Friday, January 24

◆ **Prayer & Solitude Retreat**

Craving set apart time and space to connect with God? If so, you might find this retreat meaningful. It's free and requires no previous retreat experience, offering a mix of solitude and time with Scripture (via Daily Office & Lectio Divina). You can shape the retreat as your soul needs it—we'll simply provide an optional framework. Spiritual Direction with a local pastor is available throughout. For those desiring a bit of caffeination before meditation, freshly roasted coffee will start pouring at 8:45 a.m. in the Main House, and the retreat thereafter from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Following the retreat, lunch is served for any who'd like to join! Friday, January 24th. All are welcome.

◆ **Artist Retreat**

There is a new monthly collaboration with a favorite local artist, Allison Hall of Small Creative. Following the Prayer & Solitude Retreat, lunch is provided, and then Allison will guide a retreat for creatives—no cost, and all are welcome. (If you're a SCAD student and need a ride, please let us know.) Lunch is served at 12:45 p.m. with the guided retreat from 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. "Structured time" ends at 3:00 p.m., but you're welcome to linger and continue creating on your own until sunset. Join us January 24!

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director
Spiritual Formation Schedule for 2025

Starting in 2025, we will have some incredible offerings each week at Wesley Gardens Retreat, including a book club on the 4th Sunday of every month! This is a place to learn and practice some ancient spiritual practices that have cultivated a deep inner life of peace, healing, and clarity for disciples of Jesus for thousands of years. There is no need to come every week; just pop in and check out one of the practices below that you feel drawn to. Each week is a new practice, so you can join anytime. This schedule will continue throughout the year.

- ◆ 1st Sunday (every month) - Christian Meditation (begins 2/2)
- ◆ 2nd Sunday (every month) - Lectio Divina (begins 1/12)
- ◆ 3rd Sunday (every month) - God in Nature/Reflective Writing (begins 1/19)
- ◆ 4th Sunday (every month) - Book Club (begins 1/26) - We will be reading *The Practice of the Presence of God* (written in 1692) by Brother Lawrence

Questions or interested in joining, please email Christian Swails at christi
 an@cocreationlife.com (or just show up).

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (1/12/25)

8:45 AM Worship	XXX	Nursery	10
11:00 AM Worship	390	Children's Worship	63
Online Worship Views	133	Sunday School	20
Total Worship	XXX		

Finances (01/12/25):

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$193,241.68
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$87,237.23

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 Henry.....	Communications Director
Julia Flowers Music Assistant	Suzanna King.....	Director of Hospitality
Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry	David Lindquist.....	Maintenance Tech
Ericka Stack Children's & Music Assistant	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
January 19, 2025

Sermon Extended

Monday	Ephesians 4:1-6	What kind of life do I feel "called" to live?
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Paul list humility, gentleness, patience, and love as important virtues. How am I doing with each of them?
Wednesday		Look up online the Mary Oliver Poem, "The Summer Day." Read and reflect on it's message for you.
Thursday	Psalms 118:24	What am I going to do with this "One" day the Lord has given me?
Friday	Matthew 6:25-34	What is Jesus' message to me in this passage?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, January 19

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
10:00 AM New Member Course, OH
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
4:00 PM Spiritual Formation, WGR
4:00 PM Youth Choir & Handbells, SNC
5:00 PM Youth Group, OH 4th Flr

Monday, January 20

Eli's Place & Church Office Closed
2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 AM Eli's Place
10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle, OH Parlor
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:30 PM Dinner, FH
6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB
6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH 4th Flr
6:00 PM Ruthless Elimination of Hurry Study, Led by Ben Martin & Christian Swails
6:00 PM Anxious Generation Study, Led by Glen Doki
6:00 PM Grief Share, Led by Carolyn Cubbedge & Rhonda Radcliff
6:00 PM Young Women's Small Group, Led by Katie Knight
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

9:00 AM Eli's Place

Saturday, January 25

4:30 PM Marriage 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

Wednesday Night Supper

January 22, 2025

Menu: Chicken Enchiladas

In Our Prayers....

Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), John Conner, Carolyn Mills and Mark Mills (mother and brother of David Mills), Ed Derst, Khadra Turley (mother of Corie Turley), Adeline Hayes, Meghan Hitt, Joey Herndon (father of Erica Timmons), Berta Botkin, Terry Franz, Vicki Worden, Lulu Gribbins, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park (mother of Jeff Endsley), Aaron Berkebile, Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Melissa McDonald and Family, 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, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), 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, 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 Chow & Grund Families
on the death of
David Chow,
father of Ivan Chow & Grace Grund

The Weitz & Delvers Families
on the death of
Helen Weitz,
sister of Bonnie Delvers

Save the Date

Meaningful Marriage

Tools for Connection

Date Nights
Jan. 25 & Feb. 22
4:30-8 p.m.

Weekend Retreat
March 28 & 29

**Life is hard! And having a meaningful marriage
takes practice and work.**

Save the date for the Meaningful Marriage series with Christian and Hannah Swails. During date nights, hear a short message about tools you can use to connect with your spouse, then go out to dinner to put those new skills into practice. In March, we'll spend Friday evening and all-day Saturday at Wesley Gardens for a weekend retreat.

**\$30 Suggested Donation per Couple
Childcare for all events is included!**



Register online at
WesleyMonumental.org/Meaningful-Marriage
or call the church office.
912-232-0191