



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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March 23, 2025

Meaningful Marriage: Tools for Connection

Your marriage thrives on connection, but uninterrupted time with your spouse can be scarce. So we're eliminating the barriers that keep you from focusing on each other.

On Friday evening, March 28, you and your spouse are invited to pause, take a deep breath, and remind yourself of all that you love about each other. You'll drop off your children at 5:30 p.m. then join other couples beneath the pergola on Oliver Hall's fourth floor. There, you'll enjoy a beautiful plated dinner as the sun sets. Retreat facilitators Christian and Hannah Swails will take a few moments to help identify topics you want to focus on with your spouse so you can arrive at Wesley Gardens the next day with a plan for your time together.

Then, on Saturday, March 29, you'll have the opportunity to spend uninterrupted hours together. Drop your children off at Wesley Monumental for free childcare, then proceed to Wesley Gardens. There you and your spouse can explore the Gardens, sit on the dock, or even swing at the playground to remember what it's like to play together. Your time at the Gardens may be spent however you prefer with short times to check in with Christian and Hannah or other retreatants if you would like. Lunch is provided as well.

We hope you will feel welcome to take advantage of this retreat which is meant to provide you with the space, time, and a resource or two to inspire greater freedom, fun, and deeper connection in your marriage.



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

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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

Third Sunday in Lent

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)

Michael Cooler and Jordan Hess

Westminster Quarters, 1794

Opening Voluntary

J. S. Bach

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee, BWV 686

Out of the depths I cry to Thee; Lord, hear me, I implore Thee!

Bend down Thy gracious ear to me, My prayer let come before Thee!

Introit (11:00)

Seek Ye First with Pachbel's Canon

arr. Lynne Hollander

Jubilate Deo, Youth Handbells

* **Hymn** No. 103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wide ST. DENIO

* **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)

Phoebe Anne Hall

daughter of Beverly and Geoff Hall

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Phoebe 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Blair Ellis Bedenbaugh
daughter of Bailey and Kyle Bedenbaugh

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Blair 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she 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 & 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

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. 269**

LAND OF REST

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip Bliss

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

The Reapers with Their Sharp Sickles

Elisha West, arr. Matthew Compton

Soli Deo Gloria and Laude, Adult Handbells with Intermediate Handbells

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. 61,6)

Luke 4:5-8, Matthew 6:24

Sermon "An Opportune Time Part 3: Never Enough"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 377**

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Timothy Flynn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Closing Voluntary (11:00)

Beach Spring

Jubilate, Youth Handbells

Michael Cooler and Jordan Hess

* *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 Frances Eugenia West Pirkle on her birthday by Laura and Bob Pirkle and her grandchildren Robert, Elizabeth and Hamilton Pirkle.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

High School Girls' Bible Study Starts Tomorrow

Mondays, 3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. during Lent, March 24, 31, April 7, and 14. All are welcome. Bring a friend! Please come to Oliver Hall, 1st floor, Nelle's study. We'll have an after-school snack for the girls. Nelle will lead a Bible study on "Easter in All Four Gospels." Maggie and Nelle can't wait to see you!

Strategic Planning Retreat

The Administrative Board will gather for Wesley's Strategic Planning Retreat next Sunday, March 30, from 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and lunch will be served. If you are an Administrative Board member, please RSVP to Jennifer Brookins, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org by this Wednesday, March 26.

Freedom Song: One Family's Struggle with Addiction—One Nation's Path to Recovery—Sunday, March 30, 4:00 p.m.— Congregation Mickve Israel

Concerns about addiction for you or your family? Then this Musical Play and follow-up Q&A session is for you! Freedom Song is a transformative musical that will shatter the myth of Jews being immune to addiction. By interweaving a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction, Freedom Song poses one stark question— "what are you a slave to?" The cast of Freedom Song is not a cast of actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. By performing in Freedom Song, the interchanging cast members have an opportunity to answer questions from the audience and to share their experiences on how best to recover from a lifestyle of addiction. There is no fee to attend. Everyone is welcome and the play will be age appropriate for teenagers and older.

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 20 and may be taken home following the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service. Please place your orders for plants in memory or in honor of loved ones by Monday, April 7. The cost is \$16.00 per plant and order forms may be found at all Sanctuary entrances or you can order and pay online wesleymonumental.org/2025-easter-flowers/

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Judy Cleveland, Jeralyn Wilson

Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland

Ushers: David Gaskin, Richard Wilson

Partners in Prayer: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Christopher Butler, James Butler

Children's Worship: Lily & Sebastian Brown, Lauren To

Sunday School: Kat Gardner, Lauren To

Greeters: Cynthia & Jim Waldrop

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Wills, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, David Blake, Jon Boothe

Ericka Stack, Music Associate

As you can see in our order of worship, we have handbells galore! I want to shout out our lovely adult ringers, Ernie and Mira Bliss, Robin Canady, Emily Davis, Kim and Ash Grimmett, Nancy Malone, Martha Matthews, Allie Owings, Carolyn Roth, Honey Ryan, and Deanna Sorrells. I also want to highlight our youth ringers, Michael Cooler, M.J. Durkin, Maggie Hatchett, Haley and Jordan Hess, and Harper Sorter. All of your determination made today possible! Thank you for all you do for Wesley Monumental Music. Ring On!

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Lenten Mission to Serve Babies and Mothers-to-Be at the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home

Children will take home a baby bottle to fill with coins, bills, and checks made out to the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home, which is a residential home for mothers, mothers-to-be, and babies. Please bring the filled bottle back to church on Palm Sunday, April 13. For youth and adults, please take home a baby bottle from the narthex window sill and return the filled bottle on Palm Sunday. Also needed is yard work help to mow and edge at the Vine's massive yard: Peter Delters leads this ministry on alternate Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. all spring, summer, and fall; we are thankful to Don Riddle, Jr., for his many years of leading this ministry. Judi Painter is our liaison to the Vine.

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 "Friendship in the Bible," TBD.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," 2 Corinthians, chapter 9.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Lunch and Learn

The next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for Sunday, April 6, following the 11:00 worship service in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Judge Tom Bordeaux, Chatham County Probate Judge, will present "Probate Procedures and Pitfalls." All interested persons are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Empty Metal Cans Needed

Please bring empty metal cans that would hold about 1 ¾ cups of vegetables or fruits and place in the box by the water fountain on the second floor of the Education Building. Soup-size cans or smaller can also be used.



Vacation Bible School/Summer Fun Daze—Register Now!

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations, be sure to reserve these weeks for VBS and Summer Fun Daze. To register for either event, scan QR code or visit: myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

- 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.



Sunday School and Children's Worship—Help Needed

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to help in Sunday School and Children's Worship. There are still weeks where help is needed. Please scan the QR code or visit the link below to sign up for a week that fits your schedule. bit.ly/WMSundayAMVolunteerSpring2025

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

Youth Group

- Youth at the church today, Sunday, March 23!
- New High School Girls' Bible Study starts tomorrow and will be held on Mondays, from 3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. during Lent, March 24, 31, April 7, and 14. All are welcome. Bring a friend! Please come to Oliver Hall, 1st floor, Nelle's study. We'll have an after-school snack for the girls. Nelle will lead a Bible study on "Easter in All Four Gospels." Maggie and Nelle can't wait to see you!
- Join us on Wednesday Nights for our Midweek Bible study and fun! We are loving learning about Exodus and all the things it has to offer.
- Youth at the Gardens next Sunday, March 30, van leaving the church at 4:30 p.m.
- We are in search of a Middle School Sunday School teacher to join our rotation! If you would be interested, please reach out to Maggie!

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreat — Join us Friday, March 28

- **Morning Prayer & Solitude Retreat: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**
Craving time alone with God? If so, you might find this meaningful. There's no cost or need for previous retreat experience. We'll begin in the Main House and provide an optional framework (via the Daily Office & Lectio Divina), but you can utilize the grounds and shape the morn as your soul needs. Micah's fresh roasted coffee will start pouring at 8:45 a.m., and spiritual direction with a local pastor will be available throughout the event.

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director

Spiritual Practices

Spiritual Practices will resume this summer.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (03/16/25)

8:45 AM Worship	87	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	234	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	180	Sunday School	99
Total Worship	501		

Finances (03/16/25):

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$534,692.00
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$478,448.51

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin	Senior Pastor	Jennifer Doki	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 Henry	Communications Director
Dr. Monica Dekle	Director of Music & Organist	Suzanna King	Director of Hospitality
Ericka Stack	Music Associate	David Lindquist	Maintenance Tech
Julia Flowers.....	Music Assistant	Betty Dudley	Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....	Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....	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	Luke 4:5-7	What things are so tempting they cause me to lose my perspective on what I most value?
Tuesday	Matthew 6:24	How does money function like a rival god in my life?
Wednesday	Luke 4:8	What does it mean to worship? Is God the only thing I worship?
Thursday	I Timothy 6:6-10	Am I content? If not, how can I find contentment?
Friday	Matthew 6:25-33	In what ways am I "seeking first the Kingdom of God"?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, March 23

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
12:15 PM 4th/5th Grade Lunch, WGR
5:00 PM Youth Group, OH 4th Flr

Monday, March 24

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Cir, OH Parlor
2:00 PM Joy Circle, OH 205
3:15 PM HS Girls' Bible Study, OH
6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 AM Eli's Place
10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle, OH Parlor
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
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 Elim. of Hurry Study
6:00 PM Anxious Gen. Study
6:00 PM Grief Share
6:00 PM Young Women's Small Group
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 27

9:00 AM Eli's Place
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, March 28

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM 4th Friday Retreat, WGR
4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC
6:00 PM Marriage Retreat, OH

Saturday, March 29

10:00 AM Marriage Retreat, WGR
4:30 PM Wedding, SNC

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 Bordeaux912-234-9245
Fridays
Carolyn Cubbedge..912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Supper
March 26
Sausage & Peppers

In Our Prayers....

Jamie and Jason Hopper, Bobby Staples, Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Joe Armour (brother-in-law of Kim Grimmett), 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 Waltera, 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, 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 Deanne and Ken 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

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Wallace Family
on the death of
Dick Wallace,
husband of Susan