



***Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025***

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June 8, 2025

**PENTECOST & MEET US AT THE GARDENS**

Today, the Church celebrates the Day of Pentecost. The first two chapters of the book of Acts tell the story of the day the Holy Spirit fell upon the first followers of Jesus. On that day, they were described as being "all together in one place" when the Spirit empowered and inspired them to bear a compelling witness to people of all races, languages, nations, and religions. The witness they bore was in the courageous and persuasive way they loved in the face of opposition, in the unity they found that cut across boundaries, in the generosity they showed to all who had need, and in the compassion and healing they offered to all who were sick and suffering. For a brief time in history, that fledgling Church bore a witness to the Kingdom of God. Ever since then, the Church has tried to live up to that example. As the first followers found, the sins of selfishness and superiority are ever-present, and the need for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Church and world is constant. May it be so among us here at Wesley and in this community where we bear witness to the love of God in Christ.

This afternoon, we, too, plan to be "all together in one place" in a Spirit-filled time of fellowship and worship. Beginning today, we will spend Sunday afternoons/evenings at Wesley Gardens, our retreat center on Burnside Island. From 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., we will do some meeting and mingling. Bring your favorite board game/card game to the main house and play together. We will worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. (Be ready to request your favorite hymn.) Carolyn Hale Cubbedge will preach, and a potluck dinner will follow the service. Thanks to the Alpha Sunday school class for providing the sides and desserts for tonight. Donations will be received for the meal. We hope you will make plans to join us as we practice "sabbath" rest and re-creation through fun, worship, and a shared meal. See the insert for details and "Meet Us at the Gardens" this afternoon.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED YOUR TIME, TALENT, ENERGY, AND LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. YOUR INVESTMENT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben".

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

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

*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. The 11:00 service is also being livestreamed downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.*

**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

### Opening Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Bruce Greer

Come, Thou Almighty King

### Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Ode to Joy

Anna Louise Clary, pianist

### Introit (11:00)

I Will Sing With the Spirit

John Rutter

### \* Hymn No. 324

Hail Thee, Festival Day

SALVE FESTA DIES

Stanzas 1&2 (Pentecost), 3-6

### \* 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

GREATOR EX

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 & 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. 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

## Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Doris Akers

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](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org). The cost is \$120, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following summer dates are available: June 29, July 6 & 20, and August 3 & 31.

**Rev. Martin Honored with the Harry Denman Evangelism Award**

While at the South Georgia United Methodist Annual Conference last week, Rev. Ben Martin was honored as the recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award. Rev. Martin received the most nominations any clergy member has ever received in the history of the award which recognizes United Methodists in each annual conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism brings people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. This is the highest award a person can receive in the United Methodist Church. Congratulations, Rev. Martin!

**Messenger Deadline**

The deadline to submit announcements for the July Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, June 9. Send to [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

**Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

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

**Book Celebration of Edwin Chase's First Novel to Be June 29**

Dr. Edwin Chase's debut novel, *Cleopas: The Disciple We Never Knew*, has recently been published at Shell Road Press. In this endeavor, he was assisted by several Wesley Monumental members and staff. As a church family, we want to celebrate his accomplishment. Following the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, June 29, there will be a book release launch party with light refreshments in the parlor of Oliver Hall where Edwin will be selling and signing books. People are saying that this novel is a "biblical thriller" and "a pleasure to read."

**Tapachula Mission Trip Book Drive**

Wesley Monumental will be sending a team of 5 adults and 5 youth to Tapachula, Mexico in July. Mission on the Move has requested that our team bring books to expand the library they have for their students. Books for all age groups are needed, with a specific need for books of 2nd -12th grade reading levels. All books must be entirely in Spanish or bilingual.

The youth have started a wish list on Amazon of books we would like to take to Tapachula. Any books purchased from the wish list will be shipped to the church and packed by our team members for the trip. For the wish list, please scan the QR code above or visit the link below:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/AND7V2EYWKP6>

If purchasing books from another source, the children's home has asked that we do NOT bring fantasy books or books in which characters have experienced abuse or imprisonment. If you have questions regarding appropriate topics, please contact Sheila Watts. Any books purchased should be dropped off at the church office no later than July 2, 2025. Thank you for your support!



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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Lori Miller, Dorie Gaskin

**Offering Steward:** Jimmy Hill

**Ushers:** Ken Griner, Henry Whitfield

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Couper Howard, Cameron Howard

**Children's Worship:** Volunteers Needed

**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed

**Greeters:** Youth Group

**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo

**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel, Peter Delvers, Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards, Reed Ehrhardt

**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

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

**Music Lunch and Learn: Learn the Basics of Music-Reading**

The class will be offered on Sundays, June 8, and Sunday, June 22 for ages fifth grade through adult. 12:00 p.m. lunch, 12:30–1:30 p.m. class. RSVP for either date: [monica@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:monica@wesleymonumental.org)

**Travel to Spain and Portugal with Monica and Choir in 2027**

You are invited to join Monica and the Chancel Choir on an unforgettable tour of Spain and Portugal! From June 30–July 9, 2027, we will experience the beauty and adventure of these two countries. The Wesley Monumental Choir will sing in three magnificent churches along the way. Together, we'll tour the Museo del Prado in Madrid, see a spectacular Flamenco Dance Show in Seville, and take guided tours; you'll also have free time to explore on your own. All ages are welcome, though individuals under 18 years old at the time of travel must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more details, including itinerary, registration, and payment schedule, please email Monica at [monica@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:monica@wesleymonumental.org).

**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. New study starting this Tuesday, June 10, "Anger in the Bible," Genesis, chapters 1-4.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," 1 Thessalonians, chapter 3.

**Youth Local Mission Week Needs Adult Helpers July 21-25**

Serve alongside our wonderful youth! Choose all or part of any day that suits your schedule. Projects include yard work, sacking groceries, playing with children, construction, organizing uniforms, and more. Please tell Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

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

**Merry Makers**

Join the Merry Makers for the breakfast buffet at Western Sizzlin tomorrow, Monday, June 9 at 10:00 a.m. The restaurant is located at 230 US 80 in Pooler. Please let Carolyn know today if you plan to attend, 912-308-3385.

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

**Thank You!**

Thank you to all who served at Vacation Bible School! It was a truly memorable week. From teenagers to senior adults, our leaders and helpers did a phenomenal job of shepherding 169 children to fun activities around the property. It was a fantastic week and was only possible because so many people invested their time in our children.

**————→ Elevator Out of Order Beginning Tuesday, May 20 ←————**

Renovation on the Education Building/Sanctuary elevator began on May 20, and will take eight weeks to complete. During that time, we will move our 8:45 worship service into the Fellowship Hall so those who cannot climb the stairs to the sanctuary will have an in-person worship option for those eight weeks. The 11:00 service will remain in the sanctuary. We will also livestream the 11:00 service into the Fellowship Hall so those for whom the sanctuary will be inaccessible but who may want to come to Sunday school and stay to worship together downstairs. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this much-needed update on the elevator.

### Additional Greeters Needed

At the request of the Task Force on Aging, we are adding additional greeters to serve at the doors on Wayne Street and Gordon Street. They are especially needed to aid those who need assistance in entering our building. To cover both services for a year, we need 48 new volunteers. Greeters would serve for 40 minutes—from thirty minutes before the service until ten minutes after the service begins. If you are willing to serve at either service, please contact Carolyn Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

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

#### Youth Group

We will be going to the Gardens today after church for a slip-n-slide day! Next week, we will not have youth activities due to Father's Day. Enjoy the day with your Dad! We will resume youth activities on June 22!



#### Be Sure to Sign Up for Youth Local Mission Week!

Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in serving our community for the week of July 21-25. We will be doing different projects, including yard work, serving meals, building, and helping with local camps. This year, we will be serving from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and then returning to Wesley Gardens every afternoon for fellowship and a time of worship. Stay the night at the Gardens, then get up and do it again in the morning. Scan QR code to sign up!

### Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

#### Fourth Friday Retreat - June 27

##### ◆ 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 Chapel and provide an optional framework (via the Daily Office and 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. in the gazebo, and spiritual direction with a local pastor will be available throughout. Feel free to pack a snack or lunch.

##### ◆ Afternoon Creativity Retreat: 1:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Cancelled. Will resume in July.



### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (06/01/25)

8:45 AM Worship	110	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	365	Children's Worship	39
Online Worship Views	131	Sunday School	14
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>606</b>		

### Finances (06/01/25):

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,001,768.66
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$967,463.76

### CHURCH STAFF

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

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**June 8, 2025**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	John 1:14-18	How do I know what God is like?
Tuesday	John 14:8-9	What did Jesus show us about the Father?
Wednesday	John 3:16	What does it mean to me that the Father gave His only Son?
Thursday	John 3:17	How does Jesus "save" the world?
Friday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	How do I know God?

**Sermon Notes**

## **This Week at Wesley**

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

### **Sunday, June 8**

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  
12:00 PM Music Lunch & Learn, FH  
12:30 PM Youth Group, WGR  
4:00 PM Meet & Mingle,  
WGR Main House  
5:30 PM Worship, WGR Chapel  
6:15 PM Dinner, WGR Main House

### **Monday, June 9**

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp

### **Tuesday, June 10**

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  
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting, OH 205  
5:30 PM Wesley Gardens Task Force,  
OH 205

### **Wednesday, June 11**

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
OH 4th Flr

### **Thursday, June 12**

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

### **Friday, June 13**

No Scheduled Activities

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

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

Drew Ernst, Julie Watson, Sydney Lindquist, Jane Sparks, Clint Mesa (great nephew of Deanne and Ken Rimes), Janet Woolley (sister of Julie Hayes), Ryan Davis, Ken Rimes, Mattie Hyder, Nancy Stevens, (mother of Caroline Rhodes), Cooper Brice Cooper (nephew of Joellen Cooper-Pyles), Ava Herndon, Brett Aiken, Claire Frazier, Byron Boyd, Jamie and Jason Hopper, Bobby Staples, Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Joe Armour, Dewayne Barfield, John Conner, Carolyn Mills, Mark Mills, Ed Derst, Khadra Turley, Adeline Hayes, Joey Herndon, Berta Botkin, Vicki Worden, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park, Doug Moore, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, Melissa McDonald and Family, Michael Baggott, John Martin, Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Dean Muenckler, Danielle Robertson, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy, Adam Corey, Sharon and Terry Knepper, Karen Nickles, Will Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein, Oscar Cook, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Doris Rothenberger, 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, Tim Mooney

### **Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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





# Summer Sundays

AT WESLEY  
GARDENS RETREAT

Meet us at the Gardens on Sunday evenings this summer! We are so blessed to have this AMAZING retreat center, and we hope you and your family will come and enjoy it. With 40 acres - there's plenty of space for outside fun.

Come early in the day to take advantage of this hidden gem, then join us for a special **Meet and Mingle** at 4:00 p.m., followed by **Worship** at 5:30, then **share a potluck meal together** in the Main House at 6:15. (Suzanna prepares the main dish, and various Sunday school classes host and contribute the sides.) If you can't make it at 4:00, no problem - come on out at 5:30 when everyone, including children, meets in the chapel for a short, super casual service (shorts and flip-flops are fine).

At the start of the service, we sing our favorite hymns chosen by the adults and children. Following the hymns, the children leave with Ms. Charli to enjoy free time on the playground. The adults and youth remain for prayer and hear a short message. At 6:15, everyone will meet at the Main House for a meal.



JOIN US SUNDAY AFTERNOONS  
THROUGHOUT SUMMER

( SCHEDULE ON BACK ) →

Wesley Gardens Retreat, Burnside Island  
278 Shipyard Road, Savannah

# MEET US AT THE GARDENS TONIGHT!

**Sunday, June 8**

Join us this evening as we begin our summer Sunday evenings. **All ages welcome!**

From 4:00-5:00 p.m., we will do some **meeting and mingling**. Bring your favorite **board game/card game** to the **main house** and play together.

We will worship at 5:30 in the Chapel. Be ready to request your favorite hymn. **Carolyn Hale Cubbedge** will preach.

Potluck dinner will follow the service with **fried chicken** as the main course. Thanks to the **Alpha Sunday School Class** for providing the **sides and desserts for tonight**. Donations will be received for the meal.

**MISSION EMPHASIS:** All throughout the month of June, we'll be collecting canned goods.

## *Join us Sunday afternoons this Summer!*

Date	Special Event	Worship Led By	Host SS Class
June 8	Board Games	Carolyn	Alpha
June 15 (Father's Day)	Spiritual Practices	Christian	Pastors
June 22	Paint Night	Nelle	Ivy
June 29	Field Games	Ben	Youth Parents
July 6	No dinner or activities today.		
July 13	Wesley Gardens History	Christian	Being & Connect
July 20	Children's Fun Day	Carolyn	Compass
July 27	Choir Night	Nelle	Choir
August 3	Boat Night	Maggie	Journey & Staff