



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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July 27, 2025

IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING

Life is always messy and unpredictable. It's always something. As much as I find myself hoping to have everything in its place, running smoothly, and coasting a little bit, it never seems to work that way. The moment we have everything in order, something causes some disorder, which then leads to some reordering. Many of you are now aware that we once again find ourselves in a state of unexpected disorder. Having a beautiful old historic sanctuary is wonderful until we run into it being "old." Early Tuesday morning, we became aware that a section of our sanctuary ceiling broke loose and fell, causing some significant damage. The blessing is that no one was in the sanctuary.

While we are still in the process of consulting with architects, engineers, and construction experts, what we know is that we will be out of our sanctuary for an extended period of time and will be entering into another construction project to repair and prepare our sanctuary for many more years of worship. It will undoubtedly be costly and inconvenient, yet we have constantly risen to the challenges that life has brought to us at Wesley. During my tenure here, we have undergone several major renovations (as some of you may remember one very complicated one), a COVID pandemic, a denominational implosion, and now this. But in every case, by God's grace and your faithfulness and generosity, we have come out of the disorder into new places of reordering and blessing. Through it all, we have continued to grow and reach people with the good news of the love of God in Christ, and I am confident we will do so once again.

In the meantime, we will have our 8:45 a.m. worship service in our Fellowship Hall (we have plenty of practice after the elevator renovation we just finished). For the next three weeks, we will hold our 11:00 service in the synagogue sanctuary of Congregation Mickve Israel (just behind us across Drayton Street). They have been such gracious hosts in the past and once again extended their hospitality. After that, we will move our 11:00 service back to the Fellowship Hall and likely add a third service at 9:45 a.m. to accommodate our numbers. Please pray for our leadership as we "work the problem" and remember to be thankful for our many blessings.

Ben

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ben Martin

Nursery & Children's Worship: If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor. Children ages 3 to 3rd Grade should be dropped off in the Wayne Street Foyer before each service begins. Children's Worship will be held on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Education Building. Following each service they can be picked up from the 2nd Floor.

- * **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Nelle Bordeaux

* **Gloria Patri** GREATOREX

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

* **Hymn** Insert Shalom to You SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

Nelle Bordeaux

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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** Isaiah 65:17-25, Revelation 21:1-5

Sermon "A Little Good News Part 9: Ben Martin
All's Well That Ends Well"

* **Hymn** Insert Standing on the Promises PROMISES

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Kristin and Paul Balducci with children, Bennett, Emma, and Jones
Lorryn and Daniel Grady with children, Ethan, Declan, and Hazel
Joanne and Jim Hubal
Jimmy Thompson

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary

* *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 gratitude for the parents of Shirley and Peter Roberts: Elsie and Ralph Casebolt and Christine and Ralph Roberts.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are canned tomatoes and other canned vegetables, such as black beans. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Looking for a History Buff Who Loves Research

We are looking for a history buff who likes research to help us with Wesley Gardens history. If you have some time and would like to spend it at the Georgia Historical Society, we would love to hear from you. Please see or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, 912-308-3385.

Available in Church Office

Dr. Edwin Chase's novel, *Cleopas: The Disciple We Never Knew*, can be purchased at the church office for \$15, payable by cash or check.

Wesley Community Bulletin Board—Buy, Sell, Trade, or Give!

A Wesley Community Board is now located in the Fellowship Hall. It is a space to share information about items you would like to buy, sell, trade or give to other members of our church family. With the start of school upon us, this would be a great place to rehome school uniforms your children can no longer use. As you downsize, you may have furniture to rehome. You might want to sell a car. There is a section of items you are searching for. Feel free to use, but please do not use the board for your yard sale items. Questions? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, 912-308-3385.

Save the Date for Meet and Mingle Potluck Night

The next Meet and Mingle Community Potluck Night is September 28. We are looking for hosts. If you would like to welcome some of your neighbors into your home for the evening, please see or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385. You would provide the place and the drinks. The church will provide the paper goods, and the participants will bring all of the food.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson

Offering Steward: David Butler

Ushers: Paul Cleveland, Richard Wilson

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Children's Worship: Elizabeth Nelson

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Bebe Cole, Susan Luke Evans, Randal Robinson, Linda Sapp

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Jake Coakley, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel, Peter Delvers

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Recorder Karate!

Join Ericka and Monica for Recorder Karate this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. A recorder will be provided, and we will all learn how to play together. For each song you play correctly, you will receive a colored belt for your recorder. No prior experience with the recorder or music reading is required. We will break into small groups as needed based on skill level. Everyone is a winner!

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The Chancel Choir will be singing at the Wesley Gardens evening service at 5:30 p.m.

Children's and Youth Choirs Begin September 10

Choirs for three-year-olds through 12th graders begin again the beginning of September. Three-year-old through 5th grade on Wednesday evenings with optional dinner, and 6th-12th grade on Sunday evenings also with dinner. Look for a registration link soon!

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. Now studying "Anger in the Bible," "Slow to Anger," Psalm 7:11; 30:4, 5; 37:8; 145:8.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," Ephesians, chapter 1.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Summer Sunday School - Come Join Us!

Come join us on Sunday mornings this summer as we have fun learning about David, the shepherd boy, and the songs he wrote that are in our Bible. Lots of fun activities to help us memorize Psalm 23 by the end of the summer. Sunday school begins with a time of conversation at 9:45 a.m., with the lesson starting at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School children remain with Charli on the second floor for Children's Worship. Questions? Please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.

Promotion Sunday

Summer is flying by, and it's time to begin planning for the fall. Be sure to put Sunday, August 17, on your calendar for Promotion Sunday!

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



Youth Group

Boat Day at Wesley Gardens today, July 27! Scan QR code to sign up.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care
Emergency Information Sheet

The church office is willing to receive your emergency contact information to have on file in case of emergency. All information will be held in confidence, and only the church staff will have access as needed. Information sheets are available in Sunday School classrooms, at all entrances to the sanctuary, in the Fellowship Hall, and in the Oliver Hall lobby. Please return the completed forms to the church office or give them to Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. Questions? Call Carolyn at 912-308-3385.

Hurricane Preparedness

The Hurricane Preparedness Lunch and Learn was recorded and is now posted on the Wesley Monumental YouTube channel. To view the presentation go to YouTube.com. Search for Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, and click on the Hurricane Preparedness program. The paperwork packet that goes with the presentation is available in the church office. It would be helpful to have the packet before you watch the presentation. Question? See or call Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (07/20/25)

8:45 AM Worship	109	Nursery	12
11:00 AM Worship	263	Children's Worship	38
Online Worship Views	165	Sunday School	115
Total Worship	537		

Finances (07/20/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,216,320.17
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,252,222.95

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin	Senior Pastor	Jennifer Doki	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
Ericka Stack	Music Associate	Suzanna King	Director of Hospitality
Julia Flowers	Music Assistant	David Lindquist	Maintenance Tech
Charli Weeks	Director of Children's Ministry	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		

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Revelation 16	What do we do with these destructive images?
Tuesday	Isaiah 65:17-25	What does this vision tell us about God?
Wednesday	Romans 8:18-30	What is Paul's vision for the future?
Thursday	Hebrews 11:1	What is the connection between faith and hope?
Friday	Revelation 21:1-5	How does John's vision speak to me?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, July 27

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, FH
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
- 9:45 AM New Member Class, OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service,
Mickve Israel
- 12:30 PM Summer Youth Group, WGR
- 4:00 PM Meet & Mingle, WGR
- 5:30 PM Worship, WGR Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, WGR Main House

Monday, July 28

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting, OH 205

Tuesday, July 29

- 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
- 5:30 PM Wesley Gardens Comm. Mtg,
OH 310

Wednesday, July 30

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, July 31

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

Friday, August 1

No Scheduled Activities

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

Pastors on Call This Week

Sunday and Monday
Ben Martin 912-547-1835
Tuesday and Wednesday
Nelle Bordeaux..... 912-234-9245
Thursday—Saturday
Carolyn Cubbedge . 912-308-3385

In Our Prayers....

Millie Tyree Ramsauer (sister of Anne Tyree), Julie Winskie, Cheryl Allen, Mike Murphy, Drew Ernst, Nancy White (mother of Cynthia Waldrop), Sonny Timmerman, 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, Nancy Stevens, (mother of Caroline Rhodes), Ava Herndon, Brett Aiken, Claire Frazier, Byron Boyd, Jamie and Jason Hopper, Bobby Staples, Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Dewayne Barfield, John Conner, Carolyn Mills, Ed Derst, Khadra Turley, 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

In Sympathy...

The Highsmith and
Grabowski Families
on the death of
Chris Grabowski,
son of Pam Highsmith,
brother of Michael Grabowski



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!

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At 5:30 p.m., we will worship in the Chapel. Be ready to request your favorite hymn. **Nelle will preach** and the **Chancel Choir will sing**.

A potluck dinner will follow the service, featuring **fried chicken and macaroni and cheese** as the main course. Thanks to the **Choir** for providing the sides and desserts for tonight. Donations will be received for the meal.

MISSION EMPHASIS: All throughout the month of July, we'll be collecting **school supplies**.

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	Trivia Night	Ben	Youth Parents
July 6	No dinner or activities today.		
July 13	Wesley Gardens History	Christian	Being & Connect
July 20	Family Fun Day	Carolyn	Compass
July 27	Recorder Karate & Choir Night	Nelle	Choir
August 3	Boat Night	Maggie	Journey & Staff