

Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Last week, about 186 children descended on Wesley Gardens Retreat for our annual Vacation Bible School. Along with them came our staff, more than 50 adults, and 20 youth who volunteered to make this week possible. It is a fun, wild, hot, tiring, and incredibly meaningful five days. It is a labor of love as you shared the love of Christ with our children. You will never know the impact of your presence and the gift of your time, effort, faith, and love.

We are beyond blessed at Wesley Monumental to have so many children involved in our church. It is a window of opportunity to shape the lives and faith of these children and the families they will one day have of their own. This is a generational impact on people, the church, the community, and the Kingdom of God. Vacation Bible School comes once a year, but we have these children every week. There are countless ways to serve them. You can teach Sunday School, help with Children's Worship, volunteer for the nursery, keep children for the women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study, serve on Wednesday nights with Children's choirs, etc.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and hinder them not for to such as them belongs the Kingdom of God." Well, people are letting children come to us in the hope that in us, they meet Jesus. So, thank you for your commitment and generosity in serving our children. It is a priceless gift.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Third Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Roger House

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

Introit (11:00) This Is the Day

VBS Choristers

Hymn No. 170 O How I Love Jesus O HOW I LOVE JESUS

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.

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.

Pastoral 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. 369

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Roger House

Near to the Heart of God

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

The B-I-B-L-E Books of the Old Testament Books of the New Testament VBS Choristers

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. 78)

Luke 15: (1-2) 3-10

Sermon "Lost Things Part 2: Losing Things"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 462 'T

Benediction

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

TRUST IN JESUS

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Trust and Obey VBS Choristers

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on The B-I-B-L-E

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Judy Riddle and Danny Wendt on the occasion of their June birthdays from Don Riddle and Carolyn Roth.

Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Just Born

Congratulations to Carol Lee and Miles Yarbrough on the birth of a son, Miles Bennett Yarbrough, Jr., on May 28, 2024. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Bennett.

Congratulations to Beverly and Geoff Hall on the birth of a daughter, Phoebe Anne Hall, on May 29, 2024. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Phoebe.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Wesley Monumental Car Magnets Will Benefit Capstone Campaign for Children's Ministry and Music Suite Renovation

Car magnets are now available in the church office with a cash donation of \$10 to Wesley Monumental for the capital campaign. The Evangelism Committee had the magnets designed and created supported by a grant for Evangelism from the Coastal District.

What A Great Problem to Have--We Need Bible Buddies Help! Spend an Hour with the MOST Adorable Wesley Children

Serve the Lord by playing and reading Bible stories with babies and children during Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. You will serve alongside fabulous Carmine Cowart.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be prepared (\$5), and the Bible study will be taught and end by 8:00 a.m. Please call or email the church office if you would like to attend.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks Greeters: Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson Offering Steward: David Butler Partners in Prayer: Dorie Gaskin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Michael Cooler

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed Sunday School: Volunteers Needed Greeters: Nancy & Woody Brown Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle, Matt Merritt,

Scott Rogers, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens, Jeff O'Connor

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

We are proud of the VBS kids and all the hymns and Bible songs they learned so well this week. A few of the kids are here this morning to sing at the 11:00 service. They learned all the books of the Old and New Testament. Do you know them?

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

No Boring Meetings! Eternal Rewards! Be with our Awesome Youth! Calling All Adults for Youth Local Mission Week!

Adults are needed to help alongside youth July 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with construction, painting, gardening, sacking groceries, and distributing food and uniforms. Choose any part of the week that suits your schedule. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Bible Studies - New Topic in the Young Mothers' Bible Study

- 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: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family," with this week's lesson on "Identity and Process," Zephaniah 1:17; 3:17; Matthew 7:3-5; John 16:12-15; Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:3-4.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Zephaniah, chapter 3, and Haggai, chapter 1. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

<u>Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care</u> Merry Makers Day Trip to Hope Ranch Zoo—RSVP Today!

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will have a day trip to the Hope Ranch Zoo in Effingham County this Thursday, June 13. Opened in August of 2023, Hope Ranch features over 200 mammals and 80 species of birds. Tours are divided into small groups, and all walking is on level ground. Many of the animals are in covered enclosures, which allows for up-close encounters with them. Following the visit to the Hope Ranch, we will have lunch in downtown Springfield at The Station, an eatery and bakery in the old train station. The cost for the zoo is \$18.00. Lunch is Dutch treat. Reservations are a MUST. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Bring the correct cash to pay for your entry at the zoo. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

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 186 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.

Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

Wesley children, who have completed kindergarten through third grade, can attend our Summer Fun Daze camp at Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of July 15-19 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. It will be a fun week full of games, crafts, science, and water fun along with some time spent studying God's Word. Space is limited so please register at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Summer Sundays at Wesley Gardens Retreat

The youth will resume Sunday youth time at Wesley Gardens next Sunday, June 16 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Students are invited to stay for the worship service in the chapel following youth time.

Youth Summer Bible Study

We will be kicking off a youth summer Bible study in June. More information will be sent out to youth parents via email. Please contact Sheila Watts if you would like to know more and get involved.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager **Fourth Friday Retreat**

On Friday, June 28, join us in the Main House and chapel for some time of guided retreat and solitude. In addition to morning prayer and Lectio Divina (meditation on Holy Scripture), this liturgically-based retreat will feature teaching and discussion. Coffee and tea are provided in the Great Room from 8.30 a.m. The retreat is from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., with the remainder of the afternoon available for self-guided personal retreat. Feel free to bring your own lunch or snack. For questions and further details, email hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.

<u>Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director</u>



Spiritual Direction is an ancient, Christian art form dating back to the desert mothers and fathers from the 3rd century AD. It is a practice of holy listening with a trained director to name and notice the big questions you are holding and the stuck places with God, yourself, and others. Wesley Monumental is now offering our members an opportunity

to meet 1-on-1 with Christian Swails, MA, a trained Spiritual Director with a Masters Degree in Spiritual Formation. If you would like to learn more about this ancient practice, you can set up a meeting with Christian at Wesley Gardens by following the QR code.

Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering

For anyone interested in engaging their heart in deeper transformation and those looking for tools to walk out their faith, join Christian Swails from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today, Sunday, June 9 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (06/02/24)

8:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship Online Worship Views Total Worship	93 XXX 117 XXX	Nursery Children's Worship Sunday School	10 34 106
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Finances (06/02/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$946,342.38
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$937,843.89

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux Outreach &
New Members Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge Senior Adults
and Pastoral Care
Dr. Monica Dekle Director of Music & Organist
Julia FlowersMusic Assistant
Charli WeeksDirector of Children's Ministry
Jimmy Flowers Church Administrator
Tom AndersonFinancial Manager
Jennifer Baker Administrative
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Jennifer Brookins Administrative Assistant to
Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Ashley Mays Higgins Communications Director
Suzanna KingDirector of Hospitality
David Lindquist Maintenance Tech
Betty Dudley Housekeeper
Micah SprüngerWesley Gardens
Property Manager
Christian Swails Wesley Gardens
Spiritual Direction/Reservations

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church June 9, 2024

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 15:1-10	Why do we lose things and how does it apply to us spiritually?
Tuesday	Psalm 42	Have I ever felt like God lost or forgot me? Why?
Wednesday	Luke 15:3-7	What does this parable teach us about God and looking for lost things?
Thursday	Luke 15:8-10	What does this parable teach us about God and looking for lost things?
Friday	Luke 15:1-10	What did these parables say to the Pharisees? What did they say to the sinners?

Sermon Notes

Lenten Book of Prayers

Additional copies of "Search Me, O God," our Lenten book of prayers, are available in the church office. You may have extra copies to share with family and friends. The prayers are good for any day.

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, June 9

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
3:00 PM	Youth Group, WGR
4:00 PM	Spiritual Practices, WGR

Monday, June 10

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, June 11

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study, FH
9:00 AM	Young Mothers' Bible Study,
	OH 213
9:00 AM	Bible Buddies, OH 207
11:00 AM	Staff Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, June 12

11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, June 13

8:30 AM Merry Makers Zoo Trip 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, June 14

10:00 AM Edith Roszkowiak Funeral,

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

Pastors on Call This Week

Wednesday Night Supper

and programs will resume this fall.

Sunday Night Supper and Worship at Wesley Gardens Retreat begins next Sunday, June 16.

In Our Prayers....

Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delvers), Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, Effie and Nic Allsbrooks, Courtney Fetz, Michael Baggott, Virginia Davis, Foster Parks, Noel Cooper, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (grand-daughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddie 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, Olin Bockes, David Chow, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside
Blake Bazemore, Daniel Ealy,
Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley,
Jason Childers, Yates Holleman,
Chris Watson

In Sympathy...

The Black and Schwartzburt Families on the death of *Wayne Black*, husband of Marilyn Black, father of Carey Schwartzburt

The Coakley Family on the death of *Jim Coakley*, brother of Jake Coakley

The Haire Family on the death of *Ross Haire*, father of Matt Haire