

Wesley Way

United Methodist Church

McDonough, Georgia



November 30th, 2025

1st Sunday in Advent

WESLEY WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
150 John Wesley Way McDonough, GA 30252 770-898-3023
www.wesleyway.org

Welcome to Wesley Way United Methodist Church

It is a blessing to worship in the Wesley Way congregation every Sunday! Whether this is your first visit or you're a charter member, I hope this is a meaningful time of worship for you and I hope you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit during today's service. Wesley Way offers two worship opportunities. The participatory, reflective service meets at 9:00am and the traditional service at 10:30am. Both services meet in the sanctuary.

If you would like me or any of the staff to contact you, please call or email the office at 770-898-3023 or office@wesleyway.org. May God bless us all as we worship together this morning!

Pastor Michelle Strall

Wesley Way Church Staff

Alisa Cline

Office Manager &
Preschool Director

Judy Hogg

Financial Secretary

Verna Ikner

Accompanist

Kevin Lemelin

Director of Youth Ministries

Reed Lukat

Director of Music Ministries

Jana Zahn

Nursery Staff

Rev. Michelle Strall

Senior Pastor

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm (*check calendar of events for changes*)

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Church website: www.wesleyway.org, N.GA Conference website: www.ngumc.org

Church Shipping Address: 150 John Wesley Way McDonough, GA 30252

Morning Worship Celebration

November 30th, 9:00 AM

*Please stand as able

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

Scripture Memorization

*“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them
that they should always pray and not give up.”*

Luke 18:1 NIV

*Song of Praise

WE WORSHIP IN GOD’S WORD

Scripture

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Sermon

“Hope-Full: God is Mighty”

Rev. Michelle Strall

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Time of Prayer

*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

Morning Worship Celebration

November 30th, 10:30 AM

*Please stand as able

*Nursery is available for children under two years in room 113. Don't forget to check in on Facebook while you are here at Wesley Way! (WIFI password: wwumcguest)
Please sign the attendance card located in your chair.*

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP

Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* #196

*Affirmation of Faith Donna Leoni

*Gloria Patri

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Arnold Family

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Rev. Michelle Strall
(please fill out pew pad located in your row)

Scripture Memorization

*"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them
that they should always pray and not give up."*

Luke 18:1 NIV

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children's Moment Rev. Michelle Strall

(Children ages 4 years– 5th grade are invited to come up front for a special message from Pastor Michelle. Then they are dismissed to Children's Worship in room 125. Parents may pick up their children in room 125 immediately after the service.)

WE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer Donna Leoni

Offertory Verna Ikner

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

(Lord's Prayer will be shown on the screen)

*Greet One Another

*Hymn of Preparation

God of Grace and God of Glory

#577

WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Sermon

“Hope-Full: God is Mighty”

Rev. Michelle Strall

WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn of Praise

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

#133

*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

(After the spoken benediction, please join in the song printed below.)

May the Lord, the God of Heaven be with you throughout your days

Fill your life with grace and gladness guide you in His Heavenly ways.

Fill your life with grace and gladness, keep you in His love divine

Give you all the joy of Jesus and His life throughout all time.

-By permission of Dr. C.R. Hill, Jr.

Postlude

Verna Ikner

Ministry Gatherings This Week

Sunday, November 30th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
6:00pm Hanging of the Greens

Monday, December 1st

10:00am Bible Study
3:30pm Girl Scouts
6:00pm Finance mtg.
7:00pm Admin mtg.

Tuesday, December 2nd

6:30pm Fellowship Board Game
Night

Wednesday, December 3rd

5:30pm Supper
6:30pm Kids for Christ
(K-5th grade- rm.125)
6:30pm Youth Bible Study
6:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 4th

4:30pm Youth depart for Operation
Christmas Child

Friday, December 5th

Saturday, December 6th

8:00am United Methodist Men
8:30am Breakfast With Santa

Sunday, December 7th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
3:45pm Youth Advisory Council
Team Meeting
5:00pm Elf & Cookies Night

Coming Soon

12/24– Christmas Eve Worship

Altar Flowers:

N/A

This Morning's Servers:

Greeters

9:00am– Steve Bednarz

10:30am– Kim McDonald

Annabelle McCuen

Ushers

Christina Pike

Olivia Pike

Cheryl Settle

Diane St.Clair

Liturgist

Donna Leoni

Sexton

John Ellis

WE L♥VE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Stewardship

Your contributions to Wesley Way UMC are not only vital to our mission, they are much appreciated!

Monthly Budget Needs for 2025: \$36,046

11/02- \$9,140

11/09- \$15,473

11/16- \$6,772

11/23- \$6,956

November Giving: \$ 38,341

October Giving: \$27,720

October Expenses: \$39,917

Birthdays

12/04

Nathan Monroe

12/05

Carolyn Spainhour

Dylan Webb

12/07

Levi White



Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

youthministry@wesleyway.org

TURKEY SMOKE

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Turkey Smoke Fundraiser a success! Now in its 11th year, we smoked nearly 475 pounds of meat and baked 55 pies — all made possible by the incredible teamwork of our youth and volunteers. We're also grateful to our customers who purchased these delicious items and supported our youth once again. This fundraiser takes many hands and hearts to bring together, and I am truly thankful for each person who contributed. To God be the glory and honor!

Kevin

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Sunday, December 14 is the annual Youth Progressive Dinner! We are combining middle school and high school this year into one great event, and I know the youth and adults are looking forward to this day. We will all meet at the church at 3:55pm and we will be back between 8 & 8:30pm. We will call parents when we are leaving the last home of the night.

Each youth needs to bring \$3.00 cash with them and a \$5.00 gag gift, wrapped to exchange during dessert home.

Progressive dinner is always a great time of fellowship and one of the youth ministries favorite things to do each year. I am excited and looking forward to this time together on Sunday! Thank you to all the families that have signed up to host the youth this year.

UMYF REMINDER

Just a reminder: All youth please meet upstairs this evening at 5:00pm while the Children's Ministry prepares for the Hanging of the Greens service. See you soon.

Wesley Way Women

The Wesley Way Women's are inviting the ladies of Wesley Way to attend their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 11th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This party promises to be special and entertaining. You can bring a guest to join in the fun and merriment. Each guest is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Help Wesley Women to fill a box of adult fuzzy socks for the Community Connections project. A decorated box will be inside the sanctuary. We are looking forward to the celebration of the season!

Poinsettia Sales

It's that time again to place your orders for Poinsettias to help decorate our church sanctuary. Poinsettias are \$12 each and all orders need to be in by 12/14. Please complete the order form in the lobby and mark your checks "poinsettias" in the memo line. Place payment and form in the red box located underneath the TV in the lobby. *Poinsettias can be taken home on Christmas Eve (or before, if needed); after worship on 01/04 they will be discarded.*

Christmas Card Swap

We will be providing our Christmas card file box in the lobby from November 23rd through December 31st. Enjoy this time of sharing cards with those in our congregation. Simply drop your card in the proper file by last name. No stamps needed. Please file your cards by December 21st **Cards not collected by January 1st will be discarded.** Please be sure to check for your cards weekly.

No gifts, please

Tim & I are so honored and blessed to be here and really feel your love and support! However, during this Christmas Season, you can best honor us by honoring Jesus and changing a life! You can make a donation to any number of ministries and non-profit groups: our church, Helping in His Name food pantry, Haven House, Samaritan's Together, Murphy-Harpst, or another non-profit of your choosing. So spread your Christmas cheer abroad and celebrate Jesus' birthday! Thank you for loving us and our Lord.

-Pastor Michelle and Tim Strall

Community Connections Corner Update!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Adopt a Senior** project — all seniors have been adopted! 💖

We are currently **collecting fuzzy socks** for our ongoing community outreach efforts.

Looking ahead to **January**, we'll be collecting **white towels and washcloths** to support **Calvary Refuge**.

Your generosity makes a difference — thank you for continuing to support our community!

Children's Ministry

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Get ready for a magical morning! Bring your family to enjoy a delicious breakfast provided by the UMM while you spend some quality time with Santa. Capture the moment by taking your own photos with Santa using your camera or phone! Register below!



Date: December 6th



Time: 8:30am - 10:30am



Location: Wesley Way UMC

In the spirit of giving, we're also asking for donations of fuzzy socks to donate to those in need in our community.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

CONTINUED

Tis the Season! If you want to join us at the Breakfast with Santa to eat on Saturday December 6th from 8:30-10:30 am, please sign up on the QR code below. We are trying to get a headcount to help the Men's Club prepare for that day!



Ramblers Updates

Christmas is just around the corner! This year the annual craft and bake sale for the Ramblers will be on Sunday, December 7th and Sunday, December 14th. The Ramblers are busy preparing for the sale, as this is the only fundraiser the Ramblers do to provide funds for our projects and our missions for the entire year; so we'd appreciate your support. You'll find delicious baked goods and all kinds of arts and crafts. The sale will run from 9:30am-10:30am and then from 11:30am until...each Sunday. Come check us out! You won't be disappointed

The Ramblers Christmas party will be held on Dec. 12th from 1 - 4 PM at the home of Joe and Donna Leoni.

Please RSVP to the email you received and let us know what party food you'll bring. Wear festive attire and bring 3 one dollar bills per person. Please let Donna Leoni or Nancy Ingram know by Dec 8th.

The Rambler planning session for 2026 will be held after our church wide pot luck lunch on January 4th.

We'd love to have new members join us at any time! We have a great time in fellowship at least once a month!



Prayer List:

Guy Anderson

Holly Anderson

Ruby Bastian

Melissa Bell

Emily Binkowski

The Family of Robert
Bliss

Liz Bond

Dave Bowmaster

The Bowmaster Family

Burma Campbell

Hugo & June Coffin

Kelly Conrad

Jerry Day

John Demitrus

Jeanette & Jim Elliott

Tony Evans

The Evans Family

James Farmer

Linda Fauvie

Ryleigh Fowler

Wayne & Dianne Gillem

Mike Gilly

Monica Irby

Linda & Chuck Jarrell

Angel Jones

Sherri Katafias

Mandy Lake

The Family of Jeff
Mahan

Beth Mason

David Mason

Bryant Metters

Charlene Mills

Kim Mitchell

Morgan Mitchell

Nancy Monroe

The Family of Leo
Palma

Glenn Phillips

Denise Richardson

Lewis Robinson

Teresa Robinson

Ben Sallies

The Family of Chris
Scott

Larissa Scott

Dave Scarzafava

Stuart Updike

Pat White

Esther Williams

Becky Woodward

Rev. Paul Zahn