

Wesley Way

United Methodist Church

McDonough, Georgia



March 31st, 2024

Easter Sunday

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 informal, contemporary service meets at 8:30am 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
Samantha Cox	Preschool Director
Kevin Lemelin	Director of Youth Ministries
Reed Lukat	Director of Music Ministries
Esther Williams	Accompanist
Rev. Michelle Strall	Senior Pastor

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

Office Phone: 770-898-3023

Email: office@wesleyway.org

Pastor Michelle's Email: pastor@wesleyway.org

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

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

Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2890 McDonough, GA 30253

Morning Worship Celebration

March 31st, 8:30 AM

*Please stand as able

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP

Restoration of the Altar

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: **Amen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!

All: **Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!**

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Kevin Lemelin

The First Reading

John 20:1-10

*Songs of Praise

All Because of Jesus

This is Our God

King of Kings

WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD

The Second Reading

John 20:11-18

Sermon

“While It Was Still Dark”

Rev. Michelle Strall

Holy Communion

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

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

Scripture Memorization

Isaiah 40:29 NIV

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Offering Prayer

Kevin Lemelin

Song of Response

O' Praise the Name

*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

Morning Worship Celebration

March 31st, 10:30 AM

*Please stand as able

*Nursery is available for children under two years in room 128 and under four years in room 130.
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

Restoration of the Altar

Call to Worship

He is Risen

Chancel Choir

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: **Amen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!

All: **Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!**

*Hymn of Praise

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

#302

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Catherine Spainhour

*Gloria Patri

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Reed Lukat

(please fill out pew pad located in your row)

The First Reading

John 20:1-10

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 222. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in room 222 immediately after the service.)

WE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

Catherine Spainhour

Offertory

Esther Williams

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)

*Anthem

Now and Forevermore

Chancel Choir

*Hymn of Preparation

He Lives

#310

WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD

The Second Reading

John 20:11-18

Sermon

“While It Was Still Dark”

Rev. Michelle Strall

Holy Communion

(Communion will be taken by intinction, dipping bread into a common cup and then consuming both.

A pre-packaged wafer and juice are also available, along with a Gluten-free wafer.

Baskets are available for the Communion Offering.

Donations collected benefit Samaritans Together and Wesley Way's benevolence fund).

WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

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

Grace and Peace

Grace and peace to you, for He is risen.

Grace and peace to you, He is alive!

And may the hope of His returning

Guide each step of faith you take;

For He is risen! He is risen!

He is risen indeed;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Esther Williams

Ministry Gatherings This Week

Sunday, March 31st

7:00am Worship Service on
 McDonough Square
8:30am Contemporary Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service

Monday, April 1st

Church office closed

Tuesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, April 3rd

Spring Break– No activities

Thursday, April 4th

6:30pm Board Game Night

Friday, April 5th

Saturday, April 6th

9:00am Craft Day

Sunday, April 7th

8:30am Contemporary Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
12:00pm Community Connections
 meeting
4:00pm Band Practice
5:00pm UMYF
5:00pm Adult Bible Study

Coming Soon

04/21– Mortgage burning party/potluck

05/05– Outdoor Worship– both services

Stewardship

Monthly Budget Needs for 2024:
\$39,437

03/03- \$8,081

03/10- \$4,365

03/17- \$11,274

03/24-\$10,194

Total \$33,914

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Easter Sunday from the Bednarz Family.

This Morning's Servers:

Greeters

8:30am-Steve Bednarz

10:30am- Kim McDonald

Arch McGarity

Ushers

Christina Pike

Olivia Pike

Cheryl Settle

Diane St.Clair

Liturgist

Catherine Spainhour

Sexton

Dave Honkanen

Volunteers



*They don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.
Thank You!*

Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

youthministry@wesleyway.org

YOUTH SUNDAY & BREAKFAST

Youth Sunday is on April 14 and the youth will be leading worship during the combined service at 10:30am. We will have our traditional Potluck breakfast before the service. Parents, please start thinking about what you would like to bring. The breakfast will begin at 9:15am this year. Thank you to all our parents; you always do such a good job feeding the youth on this special day.

We will have practice on Saturday, April 13 for Youth Sunday from 9:00 am– 12:00pm. We need all the youth to attend this practice. We plan to get lunch after practice and will need adult chaperones for this.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

The youth will be teaming up with St. James Atlanta UMC for our summer mission trip. The dates are Sunday, June 23 – Thursday, June 27. We will be working in and around the Atlanta area for five days dedicated to serving others. Throughout the week we will experience the love of Christ in new and exciting ways! The cost is \$120.00 per student and there is no cost for chaperones this year. The deadline to sign up is April 28 and payments are due by May 12th. Please contact Kevin @ youthministry@wesleyway.org to sign up or for more information.

Community Connections

C.C. will have a meeting on April 7th at 12pm. Join us as we explore how we continue serving our community. We will meet in the finance office.

Children's Ministry

children@wesleyway.org

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: SAVE THE DATE

June 3rd- 7th 5:30pm-8:00pm

Ages 4 years old- 5th grade

Volunteers needed!



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for a few volunteers for children's church. Please rest assured that you do not have to come up with a lesson on your own. Cheryl Settle has created a bank of Children's Worship Bulletins that allow for a scripture tie in and a brief lesson. The bulletins are run off and in a file cabinet in the children's room upstairs, along with an easy craft if time allows. Volunteers are more than welcome to create their own lesson if wanted, as well.

Soccer Shots for ages 2-8

Wesley Way UMC is partnering with a non-profit group called *Soccer Shots* that helps young children begin learning some basic skills for game play.

This is a great way for us to connect with our community and is no cost to the church. They will use the rec field for training and games on Saturdays this Spring. **Saturday, April 13th @ 9:30am will be a free clinic. Contact the church office for more information.**

UMC General Conference

The United Methodist General Conference will meet April 23 – May 3, 2024, at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Stay connected to news and information by visiting www.ngumc.org/GC2024 regularly.

Pastor Michelle out of town

Pastor Michelle will be out of the office April 1-4 for spiritual renewal leave. During this time, Rev. Lavell Sanders from Stockbridge First UMC will be covering for her in situations of emergency or urgent needs for Pastoral Care. In case of emergencies, please contact SPR team member Donna Leoni (770-823-6481) and she will in turn reach the clergy on call.

Board Game Night

Get ready for some fun and fellowship! The first Thursday of every month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm will be our Board Game Night. All you need to bring is yourself and a game “if you would like to.” Whether you're experienced or new to the scene, this is the perfect opportunity to connect with your church family and enjoy some light-hearted competition. The next game night will be Thursday, April 4th.

Crafters

The next craft day Saturday April 6th from 9am- 6pm. Come join us; bring a craft, a task, bills to pay, or just sit and visit with us and see what others are working on. Visit our Facebook page "WWUMC Craft Night" to learn more about our group.

Ramblers

Our hostesses for April are Betty Brown and Linda Davis. Please see the activities planned listed below. **Thursday, April 4** - Gibbs Garden. The bus will leave at 8:30am. Admission is \$18.00. Betty will have water and snacks on the bus; lunch will be late. Reply to Betty by April 1.

Thursday, April 18, 1pm- Lunch at the Sweet Auburn BBQ on Jonesboro Road (behind the old O'Charley's). Call a friend and meet us there. Reply to Betty by April 16th.

New date-**Thursday April 25, 6:30pm** - Game night at home of Betty Brown, co-hostess Linda Davis. Reply to Betty by April 23rd.

You may reach Betty by phone 770-861-3775 or email bettyb6254@gmail.com.

Spring Beth Moore Bible Study

Our last Bible Study before the summer will meet Sunday's at 5pm, April 7- May 5. We will be studying Philippians with Beth Moore's 2022 study

"The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ." This study has a workbook with daily activity and in each class session we will review the video with Beth Moore and discuss the weeks lesson. A sign-up sheet is in the Lobby now. Books are \$20 each.

Please mark on the sheet if you need a book purchased for you. You can also register by emailing the church office.

Altar Flowers

Please consider signing up to provide altar flowers in 2024. We have plenty of dates available! The calendar is located right outside of Pastor Michelle's office in the hallway.

Birthdays

03/31

Logan Wood

04/01

Amber Anderson

Matt Holmes

04/04

Cynthia Krytus

04/07

Ted Bales

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



Prayer List:

Judy Bailey

Bryan Baldwin

Ruby Bastian

Heather Baxter

David Bell

Ray Blanton

Doris Bleicher

Liz Bond

Bob Bowmaster

Birney Bowmaster

Robert Brannon

Jack Brassell

Ken Buckner

Jack Burnett

Ashley Carter

Devan Corona

Samantha Cox

The Davis Family

The DesRochers
Family

Ann Wright-Ferguson

Lisa Gardner

The Godwin Family

Beth Graf and Family

Carol Green

Lesa & Viv Goyea

Bowen Hardwick

Dave Hardemon

Christina Hinz

Andy & Louise Jackson

Tommy Johnson

The Family of Richard
Keller

Liz Landry

Easton Majors

The Family of Curtis
Mason

Carey McCoy

Collin McDonald

Tracy Mardin

Trina Morris

Cassie Parker

Clint Parker

Robert Price

Richard Robinson

Kamille Rucker

Star Thornton

Stuart Updike

Esther Williams