

Wesley Way

United Methodist Church

McDonough, Georgia



December 7th, 2025

2nd 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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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

Morning Worship Celebration

December 7th, 9:00 AM

*Please stand as able

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Song of Praise

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 IN GOD’S WORD

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

“Hope-Full: God Sees Us”

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 PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Time of Prayer

*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

Morning Worship Celebration

December 7th, 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 *O Come, O Come Emanuel* #211

*Affirmation of Faith Dave Honkanen

*Gloria Patri

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Steve & Cindy Bednarz

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

Scripture Memorization

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that they should always pray and not give up."*

Luke 18:1 NIV

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR CHILDREN

(Children are dismissed to Children's Worship in room 125. They will celebrate Holy Communion during their worship time. Parents may pick up their children in room 125 immediately after the service.)

WE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer Dave Honkanen

Offertory *Come, Messiah King* Verna Ikner

*Doxology 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

In the Garden

#314

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Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

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WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

*Come, O Come, Messiah King
Promised Son, sent to redeem us one by one,
So we may tell the wonders of Your matchless love, Emmanuel*

Postlude

Verna Ikner

Ministry Gatherings This Week

Sunday, December 7th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
3:45pm Youth Advisory Council
Team Meeting
4:00pm Troop 2020 Court of Honor
5:00pm Elf & Cookies Night

Monday, December 8th

10:00am Bible Study

Tuesday, December 9th

Wednesday, December 10th

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

Thursday, December 11th

6:30pm UMW Christmas Party

Friday, December 12th

5:00pm Girl Scouts Lock-in

Saturday, December 13th

12:00pm Girl Scouts Lock-in ends
12-8pm Christmas Movie Marathon

Sunday, December 14th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School

Traditional Service
3:45pm Youth Progressive Dinner

Coming Soon

12/24– Christmas Eve Worship, 5:00pm
12/31– Children's Noon Year's
Eve, 10:00am
01/07– Breakfast Potluck

Altar Flowers:

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cheryl Settle for her Birthday.

- The Settle Family

This Morning's Servers:

Greeters

9:00am—

10:30am— Andy Pike

Christina Pike

Ushers

Wes Arnold

Mike Craig

Tom Jeanes

John Webb



Liturgist

Dave Honkanen

Sexton

Nelson Fonville

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

11/30- \$5,837

November Giving: \$44,178

October Giving: \$27,720

October Expenses: \$39,917

Birthdays

12/07

Levi White

12/11

Cheryl Settle

12/12

Claire Monroe



Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

youthministry@wesleyway.org

ELF AND COOKIES

“We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corn, and syrup.” One of my favorite Advent traditions is Elf & Cookies and the youth love it too! Please note UMYF will be extended to 7:30pm today, December 7 so we can eat supper and still get the full movie in. We will start at 5:00pm, don’t be late.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Next Sunday, December 14 is the annual Youth Progressive Dinner! We will all meet at the church at 3:45pm 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 (exact change please) with them and a \$5.00 gag gift, (this is in the spirit of fun, please be kind) wrapped to exchange at the 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.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The high school retreat will take place over the Christmas break on January 2 – 4, 2026 and is for all high school students grades 9 -12. We will be headed to Helen, Georgia, and the cost is \$100 per student. The youth provide one meal that they will cook on this retreat. Payments are due by December 17. There is a sign-up sheet out for this retreat, and for which meal you would like to cook. Please let Kevin know if you have any questions.

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 not too late to order a 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.

Community Connections

Corner Update #2

Thank you for supporting the "Adopt a Senior" program with the Henry County Council on Aging. Because of Wesley Way's generosity, Christmas will be brighter for 20 seniors in Henry County. We truly appreciate your kindness and support.

Wesley Way Packed and sent 39+2 (41) boxes to Operation Christmas Child this year. Thank you so much for your continued support!

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!



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 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!

Homestead Christmas Tree Farm

We want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Homestead Tree Farm for providing Wesley Way with a beautiful Christmas tree every year! These trees are grown on their very own farm in Hampton and donated to us each year. Please consider purchasing your tree from Homestead this year. Location and hours are listed below:

3850 Highway 81 West, Hampton, GA 30228

Phone 770-707-0854

Hours Monday - Friday:

10:30am to 5:30pm,

Sat: 10:30am to 5:30pm,

Sun: 10:30am to 5:30pm, until Christmas.

Thank you

I just wanted to say Thank You! to everyone at Wesley Way for your kindness and spirit of fellowship that you've shown to me over these last two years. When I lost my wife, I was in bad shape and knew that I needed to reach out. You have helped me to heal and to grow in faith. Some of you already know that I am in the process of moving to Canton to live with my oldest son and family. There will be other places of worship for me, but the Wesley Way community will always hold a special place in my heart!

~John Ellis



Prayer List:

Guy Anderson

Holly Anderson

Ruby Bastian

Sara Beckstrom Family

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

The Evans Family

James Farmer

Linda Fauvie

Wayne & Dianne Gillem

Mike Gilly

Kathy Going

Barbara Haeney

Judy Hogg

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

Glenn Phillips

Denise Richardson

Lewis Robinson

Teresa Robinson

Ben Sallies

Larissa Scott

Dave Scarzafava

Diane St.Clair

Stuart Updike

Pat White

Esther Williams

Becky Woodward

Durwood Youngblood

Rev. Paul Zahn