

Wesley Way

United Methodist Church

McDonough, Georgia



November 16th, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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	Pianist
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-3pm (*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

November 16th, 9:00 AM

*Please stand as able

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Kevin Lemelin

New 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

Matthew 28:19-20

Sermon

“The Great Commission”

Kevin Lemelin

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Time of Prayer

*Benediction

Kevin Lemelin

Morning Worship Celebration

November 16th, 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 *Onward Christian Soldiers* #575

*Affirmation of Faith Steve Bednarz

*Gloria Patri

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Reed Lukat
(*please fill out pew pad located in your row*)

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WE WORSHIP WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children's Moment Susan Webb

*(Children ages 4 years– 5th grade are invited to come up front for a special message from Ms. Susan.
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 Steve Bednarz

Offertory Verna Ikner

*Doxology Verna Ikner

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Richard Hunter

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

*Anthem

Let Your Light Shine

Chancel Choir

*Greet One Another

*Hymn of Preparation

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

#101

WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Zechariah 10:6-7, 12 NRSV

Sermon

"Taking the Next Hill"

Rev. Richard Hunter

WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn of Praise

We've A Story To Tell The Nations

#569

*Benediction

Rev. Richard Hunter

(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 16th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Potluck Breakfast
10:30am Traditional Service
11:30am Wesley Way Women
5:00pm UMYF/ Po Dunk Dinner

Thursday, November 20th

6:00pm Girl Scouts

Friday, November 21st

Monday, November 17th

3:30pm Girl Scouts
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Saturday, November 22nd

2:30pm Robert Bliss Visitation
1:30pm Robert Bliss Memorial

Tuesday, November 18th

Sunday, November 23rd

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
11:30am Decorate Church for Advent

Wednesday, November 19th

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

Coming Soon

11/30– Hanging of the Greens
12/06– Breakfast with Santa
12/24– Christmas Eve Worship

Altar Flowers:

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Matthew & Rachel Settle from Alec, Cheryl & Carol.

This Morning's Servers:

Greeters

9:00am– Tim Strall

10:30am– Kit Hathaway

Barbara Updike

Ushers

Chris Anderson

Steve Bednarz

Joe Leoni

David Wall

Liturgist

Steve Bednarz

Sexton

David Wall

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

November Giving: \$24,613

October Giving: \$27,720

October Expenses: \$39,917

Birthdays

N/A



Did we miss your birthday? If so, please email us at office@wesleyway.org

Community Connections Corner

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!

5th Sunday Food Pantry Donation

On Sunday, November 30th, the large Food Pantry bin will be in the center of the lobby to receive donations. *Helping in His Name* Food Pantry provides us a list of items commonly needed but any non-perishable food will be appreciated. Suggested items:

Beans & Rice	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Sugar & Flour	Canned Meat & Soup
Canned Fruits	Canned Veggies
Baby Food	Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
Boxed Food (cereal, oatmeal, grits, mac & cheese)	
Hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream)	

Preschool

Alisa Cline
office@weselyway.org

FUNDARIASER ITEMS

Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser. We raised over \$2,200 for the Preschool! I appreciate everyone's generosity and support here at Wesley Way. All orders from church members are in the freezer and labeled with your last name on them. You may stop by anytime and pick them up.

Consecration Sunday- Thanksgiving

Thank you for the ways you responded to our annual stewardship campaign.

We wanted to celebrate that we have received \$204,900 in pledges. God bless you for the ways all of you are committed to

Wesley Way!

Christmas Gift to support the District Office

The South Central District will be providing a Christmas gift to our District Office Administrator (Mrs. Mozelle Mitchell) and our District Superintendent (Rev. Dr. Michael McQueen).

If you would like to contribute, you can denote checks as “District Gift” to show appreciation to Mozelle and Dr. McQueen. Donations may also be made on our website by clicking the Donate tab and selecting.

“Conference Offering.” Donations are due by November 26.

Thank you, Judy Hogg!

What a blessing Judy Hogg is to our church. She has been so faithful in worship and in our music ministry for the past 11 months. Weekly she has honored God through her talents at the keyboard and has blessed us with her gifts. Judy, you are a true treasure and we thank you for how you have carried us in worship and for the blessing you have been. We give thanks to God for you and are grateful in how you will continue to honor God here. God bless you!

Welcome, Verna Ikner!

We are delighted to announce Verna Ikner as our new accompanist. Verna lives in Conyers, but was born in Brooklyn, New York. She lived in New York for 46 years before making her way south. Later she moved to North Carolina where she lived 15 years and served in church ministry there, and has now lived in Georgia 5 years. She started playing the piano at the age of 4 and has over 30 years in church music ministry and also in teaching students in private lessons.

Verna was married to a wonderful husband, Glen, who has since passed away. They have one son, Walter who is 25.

Verna loves Jesus, foreign languages, painting, sewing and knitting.

When asked why she loves playing for worship, she said: “Every Sunday I am amazed that I get to share in such a way through music. I love how it honors God and am humbled to be allowed to be used by God in this special way.”

Children's Ministry

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Join us for our annual Hanging of the Greens service on November 30th at 6:00pm! This special evening will feature our children and congregation sharing the meaning of the Chrismons as we decorate the tree together and officially kick off the Advent season.

After the program, we invite everyone to bring cookies & more to share as we enjoy fellowship and sweet treats. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the spirit of the season! We can't wait to see you there!



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

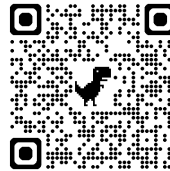


Time: 8:30am - 10:30am



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.



Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

youthministry@wesleyway.org

FALL RETREAT

The youth ministry had an awesome time on the retreat last weekend. Thank you to our awesome chaperones, Andy, Tabitha, and Amy that came along and helped with this trip. Thank you to all that prayed for this retreat; it was great to have time set apart in God's word and lots of good time spent together, Clock It, Sigma and all the Glory be to God!

PO DUNK DINNER

Today, Sunday, November 16 is the annual Po Dunk Dinner! This is the youth's version of Thanksgiving dinner as we share in a meal of all our favorite foods. Youth, please bring your all-time favorite food to youth tonight to share so other youth can try out your favorite! This is a Wesley Way youth tradition and such a fun night, so come hungry and join us for a night filled with an awesome array of comfort food. If you have a question about what to bring please contact Kevin. Parents and other church members are welcome to join us; admission is for you to bring, your favorite food to share as well please. We will start with our dinner at 5:00pm and then move into other elements for the night.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Youth Ministry will be serving at OCC at their Atlanta processing center on Thursday, December 4th. This is for youth 13 years and older. We will be serving at the 7:00pm – 10:00pm time slot this year. We usually try to leave around 4:45pm to get to the warehouse location. This year we are in Doraville. There is a sign-up sheet out for this service project, and I think I have 1 or 2 spots left. Please contact Kevin to sign up.



Youth Retreat Fall 2025



Name Tags

If you are in need of a new name tag, or are a new member here and would like one, please contact the front office so we can get one ordered for you at
office@wesleyway.org

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



Prayer List:

Guy Anderson

Holly Anderson

Ruby Bastian

Emily Binkowski

The Family of Robert
Bliss

Liz Bond

Dave Bowmaster

The Bowmaster Family

Hannah Brand

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

Monica Irby

Angel Jones

Sherri Katafias

Mandy Lake

Jim Lotz

Jeff Mahan

Beth Mason

Bryant Metters

Charlene Mills

Kim Mitchell

Nancy Monroe

The Family of Leo
Palma

Denise Richardson

Lewis Robinson

Teresa Robinson

Ben Sallies

Larissa Scott

Dave Scarzafava

Stuart Updike

Esther Williams

Becky Woodward

Rev. Paul Zahn

What are you Thankful for?

I am
thankful
for



Name _____