

# 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](http://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](mailto: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

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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  
*(please fill out pew pad located in your row)* Reed Lukat

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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

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

\*Anthem

*Let Your Light Shine*

Rev. Richard Hunter

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
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### **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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:office@weselyway.org)

## **FUNDRIASER 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:office@wesleyway.org)

## **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

## **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.



## **Prayer List:**

Guy Anderson	Mandy Lake
Holly Anderson	Jim Lotz
Ruby Bastian	Jeff Mahan
Emily Binkowski	Beth Mason
The Family of Robert Bliss	Bryant Metters
Liz Bond	Charlene Mills
Dave Bowmaster	Kim Mitchell
The Bowmaster Family	Nancy Monroe
Hannah Brand	The Family of Leo Palma
Burma Campbell	Denise Richardson
Hugo & June Coffin	Lewis Robinson
Kelly Conrad	Teresa Robinson
Jerry Day	Ben Sallies
John Demitrus	Larissa Scott
Jeanette & Jim Elliott	Dave Scarzafava
Tony Evans	Stuart Updike
The Evans Family	Esther Williams
James Farmer	Becky Woodward
Linda Fauvie	Rev. Paul Zahn
Ryleigh Fowler	
Wayne & Dianne Gillem	
Monica Irby	
Angel Jones	
Sherri Katafias	

# What are you Thankful for?

I am  
thankful  
for



Name: \_\_\_\_\_