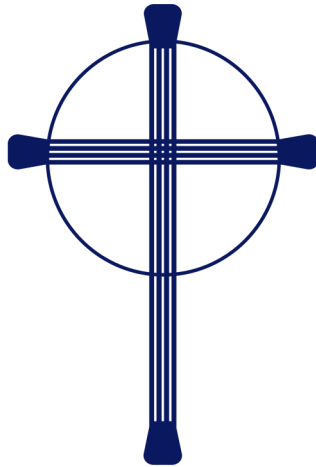


# *Wesley Way*

## **United Methodist Church**

### **McDonough, Georgia**



**April 28th, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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 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](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

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*)

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

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



Picnic pot-luck  
and mortgage  
burning ceremony  
04/21/24

# Morning Worship Celebration

April 28th, 10:30 AM

\*Please stand as able

HYMNS AND WORSHIP ITEMS ARE PROJECTED ON THE SCREEN.  
HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE BY THE DOUBLE DOORS IN THE BACK.

*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

Lighting of the Candles

\*Hymn of Praise *O Worship the King* #73

\*Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed* Steve Bednarz

\*Gloria Patri

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

Scripture Memorization *2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV* Steve Bednarz

## WE WORSHIP WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children's Moment Lynn Winter

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

Offertory Esther Williams

\*Doxology Esther Williams

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Brian Blanton

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

\*Anthem

*Because We Believe*

Chancel Choir\*

Greet One Another

\* Hymn of Preparation

*Amazing Grace*

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## **WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD**

Scripture

Matthew 13:10-13 (NIV)

Sermon

“Living the Kingdom”

Brian Blanton

\*Hymn of Invitation

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD**

\*Benediction

Brian Blanton

*(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

Esther Williams

### Scripture Memorization

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.*

*The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV**

## *Ministry Gatherings This Week*

### **Sunday, April 28th**

9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Combined Service  
5:00pm UMYF

### **Monday, April 29th**

7:00pm Scouts

### **Tuesday, April 30th**

### **Wednesday, May 1st**

5:30pm Supper  
6:15pm Confirmation Class  
6:30pm Kids for Christ  
(K-5th grade rm. 209)  
6:30pm Choir Practice  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study

### **Thursday, May 2nd**

6:30pm Board Game Night  
7:00pm Girl Scouts

### **Friday, May 3rd**

4:30pm Depart for confirmation  
retreat  
5:30pm Girl Scouts lock-in

### **Saturday, May 4th**

9:00am Soccer Shots (rec field)  
12:00pm Lock-in departure

### **Sunday, May 5th**

8:30am Outdoor Contemporary  
Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Outdoor Traditional Service  
4:30pm Confirmands return from  
retreat  
5:00pm Adult Bible Study  
5:00pm UMYF

### *Coming Soon*

05/18, 10:00am- Pet Blessing

## **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Christina Pike's birthday from the Settle family.

## **This Morning's Servers:**

### **Greeters**

8:30am– Pam Buckner

10:30am– Arch McGarity

Carrie Spainhour

### **Ushers**

Yogi Mangroo

Bob Ramsey

Don & Harrison Spainhour

### **Liturgist**

Steve Bednarz

### **Sexton**

Ken Harkness

*Volunteers ....*



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

*Thank You!*

## **Youth Ministry**

Kevin Lemelin

*youthministry@wesleyway.org*

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS/**

### **RETREAT**

This year's confirmation class is getting ready for the Confirmation Retreat, we are so excited that we will be headed back to Epworth By the Sea in St. Simons Island, GA. We will depart this Friday, May 3 at 4:30pm from the church. I know the class is excited for this part of the journey, and we are looking forward to a great weekend with them. Please keep the 2024 confirmation class in your prayers as they take the next step in their journey with God and the Church.

We will have our last class this Wednesday starting at 6:15pm. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Lemelin.

## **Welcome back, Pastor Michelle**

The SPR team is happy to report that Pastor Michelle has been reappointed to Wesley Way for another year.

Welcome back, Tim & Michelle!

## **SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

We will be serving 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 that time. The cost is \$120.00 per student and there is no cost for chaperones this year. I have not had any chaperones sign up yet and we will need adults to attend this, please let me know if you would like to participate. The deadline for youth to sign up is today Sunday, April 28 and payments are due by May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Kevin @ youthministry@wesleyway.org to sign up or for more information.

## **Summer Internship**

Are you between 18 and 25 years of age? Have you completed your freshman year of college? Is God calling you into ministry? Do you need a way to discern your calling? If so, the summer internship is for you. This year, the intern has the opportunity to work in all areas of church ministry. The internship will begin June 1 and end August 1. If you are interested please contact the office at 770-898-3023 or office@wesleyway.org.

**May 26th is the deadline for submissions.**



## 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.



## Thank you! Thank you!

Serve Sunday was a great success. WE appreciate how everyone helped in this wide-reaching appreciation event. You helped share the love of God in this community! How awesome! Here are the stats from the event:

- 375 treats and 60 gifts to the students and staff of Excel Academy
- Nearly 100 bags decorated for Calvary Refuge
- Cookies and card delivered to the Police and Fire Departments
- 15 cards prepared and signed for our College Students
- Volunteers signed up for VBS and prayer rocks were handed out.

Thank you to everyone for making it a success!



## UMC General Conference

The United Methodist General Conference is meeting 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](http://www.ngumc.org/GC2024) regularly.

## Ramblers

The hosts for May are Ken & Debbie Harkness  
**Save the date:** Thursday, May 16th - tour of the Kia plant in West Point, GA at 1:30pm. Lunch at the Taste of Lemon in LaGrange before tour. We will probably leave between 8:30/9:00am. The tour is free and lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours. Further details to follow closer to May. RSVP to Debbie at [harkness.debbie@yahoo.com](mailto:harkness.debbie@yahoo.com) by May 3.

Even if you are not a member of the Ramblers, but you enjoy rambling and eating, please come join us!

## Pet Blessing

We hope to see you on Saturday, May 18 at 10am for our annual Pet Blessing. Bring your precious pets to the lower Rec Field (contained or restrained) for this time of worship and thanksgiving.

Let us give thanks for these creatures that God has blessed us with.

## 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, May 2nd.

## Community Connections Underwear Drive

During the months of April and May, Wesley Way will be collecting underwear for the Calvary Refuge Homeless Shelter in Forest Park, GA.

The shelter needs men's, women's, and children's underwear in all sizes.

So, when you are out shopping....

*Please show you care and give underwear*

## **Stewardship**

Monthly Budget Needs for 2024: \$39,437

April 2024:

04/07- \$6,590

04/14- \$7,345

04/21- \$11,941

**Total \$25,876**

Feb: Giving: \$34,387

Expenses: \$43,294

March: Giving: \$43,491

Expenses: \$34,551

## **Birthdays**

*04/29*

*Christina Pike*

*04/30*

*Owen White*

*05/02*

*Debye Baird*

*05/05*

*Katie Roberson*

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



## **Prayer List:**

Holly Anderson

Bryan Baldwin

Ruby Bastian

David Bell

Caleb Blanton

Ray Blanton

Doris Bleicher

Liz Bond

Bob Bowmaster

Birney Bowmaster

Glenna Ann

Bowmaster

Robert Brannon

The Family of Jack  
Brassell

Ken Buckner

Jack Burnett

Dana Daniel

The Davis Family

The DesRochers  
Family

Bob Fellows

Ann Wright-Ferguson

Lisa Gardner

Carol Green

Lesia & Viv Goyea

Bowen Hardwick

Tommy Johnson

Liz Landry

Richard Lemelin

Carey McCoy

Collin McDonald

Trina Morris

Robert Price

Chuck and Tanya  
Rawdin

Richard Robinson

Kamille Rucker

Stuart Updike

Reese Wheeler