

Wesley Way

United Methodist Church

McDonough, Georgia



April 5, 2026

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 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
Kevin Lemelin	Director of Youth Ministries
Reed Lukat	Director of Music Ministries
Verna Ikner	Accompanist
Jana Zahn	Nursery Staff
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

Morning Worship Celebration

April 5th, 9:00 AM

*Please stand as able

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: Amen! He is risen indeed!

Leader: Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!

All: Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

*Song of Praise

WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

“Surprised By Hope”

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

April 5th, 10:30 AM

*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

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

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*Affirmation of Faith

Dave Honkanen

*Gloria Patri

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

(please fill out pew pad located in your row)

The First Reading

Matthew 27:62-66

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 125. Parents may pick up their children in room 125 immediately after the service.)

WE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

Dave Honkanen

Offertory

Was it a Morning Like This

Reed Lukat

*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)

*Anthem

Now and Forevermore

Chancel Choir

*Hymn of Preparation

He Lives

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WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD

The Second Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

“Surprised By Hope”

Rev. Michelle Strall

Holy Communion

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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

Verna Ikner



Prayer List:

Wesley Way

Family

Ruby Bastian

Liz Bond

The Bowmaster Family

Burma Campbell

Rodney Chamberlin

Jeanette & Jim Elliott

Shirley-Sue Forester

Zane Godwin

Tabitha Hunsucker

Stuart Updike

Esther Williams

Lonnie Yaeger

Relatives

Glenda Bolt

Dave Bowmaster

Elliott Duvall

James Farmer

Rawls Hardwick

Brenda Mason

Reid Morgan

Nancy Monroe

Nancy Murdock

Curtis Peek

Angela Pounds

Tanya Rawdin

Kathie Richardson

Angie Robinson

Friends

Holly Anderson

Melissa Bell

The Family of Priscilla

Bowen

Brian Cathers

Rodney Chamberlin

Elaine Childs

Matthew Cook

Jerry Day

Vance Donald

Dianne Elkins

Scott Feely

Melanie Floyd

Carroll Hawkins

Monica Irby

Lynn & Chuck Jarrell

Angel Jones

Lewis Moor

Jennifer Moore

Tommy Nelson

Gina Pearson

Becky Rawlins

David & Teresa

Robinson

Ben Sallies

Marissa Scott

Pat White

Nikki Williamson

Altar Flowers:

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

~The Bednarz Family

This Morning's Servers:

Greeters

Andy Pike

Christina Pike

Ushers

Wes Arnold

Mike Craig

Tom Jeanes

John Webb

Liturgist

Dave Honkanen

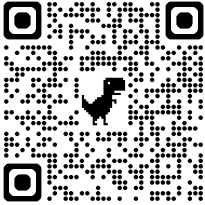
Sexton

Tom Jeanes



Stewardship

Your contributions to Wesley Way UMC are not only vital to our mission, they are much appreciated! Use the QR code below to donate online.



Monthly Budget Needs for 2026: \$36,040

03/01- \$8,325

03/08- \$5,815

03/15- \$16,893

03/22- \$9,882

03/29- \$4,024

Total giving for March: \$44,939

February Giving: \$33,913

February Expenses: \$32,193

Birthdays

04/07

Ted Bales



Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

youthministry@wesleyway.org

YOUTH SUNDAY & BREAKFAST

Youth Sunday is on April 19, and the youth will be leading worship during the combined service at 10:30am. We will have our traditional Potluck breakfast before the service, so 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 and adult volunteers; you always do such a good job feeding the youth on this special day.

We will have practice on Saturday, April 18 for Youth Sunday from 8:45 – 11:30am. We need all the youth to attend this practice.

HELP NEEDED - SUMMER

MISSION TRIP

The youth summer mission trip dates are June 14 – June 18. We will need adults to attend as chaperones to participate in this mission trip. There is no charge for the chaperones. If you think you can help with this trip, please let Kevin know, thanks!

Community Connections

We're excited to share a few special events and initiatives coming up in the next couple of months:

Sunday, April 12 – Holy Mischief Sunday

Join us for a fun and meaningful day! We'll be sharing hint/prayer cards along with small rubber duckies as a lighthearted reminder of faith and joy.

Sunday, May 3 – Serve Sunday We will be partnering with the Girl Scouts to assemble Blessing Bags for those in need. A donation request board will be available soon with items needed—thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

May – Name Tag Month Throughout the month of May, we encourage everyone to wear name tags. This is a great opportunity to introduce yourself to new members and connect with others you may not yet know. Let's make our community even more welcoming!

We look forward to sharing these moments together!

Ramblers April Event

The Ramblers will travel to Juliette, GA on April 23rd to visit the Jarrell Plantation. We will have a guided tour of two homes on the property and then tour the rest on our own. The cost is \$6.62 for seniors and this includes taxes and the two house tour.

Afterwards, we will have lunch (at approximately 1:30pm) at The Whistle Stop Cafe. Some of the surrounding shops may be open (if time allows) to peruse.

We will leave from the church at 9:30 am and hopefully return between 4 and 4:30pm. Alec Settle will be our bus driver.

Please let our April host (Linda Davis) know as soon as you can @678-699-7979. Including the bus driver, we can transport 15 on the bus. If you prefer to drive and meet us there, please let her know that.

Capital Campaign Update #3

We have made a HUGE dent in the CC fundraiser so far. We have raised **\$5,741** towards our goal of \$12,000! Thank you for the generous donations!

Thank You, Troop 2020!

We are so grateful to our Scout Troop 2020 for their help cleaning our sanctuary carpets.

Dustin and Chelsea Miller, 2020 scout leaders, own Veteran's Floor Care and have fully cleaned the sanctuary carpets for us at a deeply discounted rate as a way to give back to the church. They also stripped, waxed, and buffed the linoleum floor in the kitchen, as well as cleaned all of the grout in the lobby.

Soon they will be helping us clean our sanctuary chairs!!

Thank you for this gift to the church, Troop 2020.

Many thanks also to our volunteers who helped stack the chairs, move them out and move them back in.

The Community Garden of Henry County: Plant Sale!

April 18th, 8:00am - 1:00pm at McDonough Presbyterian Church.

Support our local Community Garden with this plant sale fundraiser at 327 McGarity Road, McDonough.

Food Pantry

Thank you Wesley Way for your generous donations to "Helping in His Name" food pantry of Henry County. We collected and donated a total of 304 pounds of food and non-perishables! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Ministry Gatherings This Week

Sunday, April 5th

7:00am Sunrise Service
9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service

Monday, April 6th

Church office Closed

Tuesday, April 7th

Wednesday, April 8th

Thursday, April 9th

Friday, April 10th

Saturday, April 11th

10:00am Crafters

Sunday, April 12th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
2:30pm YAC Team Meeting
3:30pm YS Band Practice
5:00pm UMYF

Coming Soon

04/12– Holy Mischief Sunday
04/13– Fellowship Game Night, 7:00pm
04/19– Youth Sunday (one service)
04/26– Spiritual Walk @1:00pm