

# *Wesley Way*

## **United Methodist Church**

### **McDonough, Georgia**



**March 8, 2026**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

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
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*)

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

# *Morning Worship Celebration*

March 8th, 9:00 AM

\*Please stand as able

## **WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP**

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

\*Song of Praise

Scripture Memorization

Luke 3:4 NIV

*“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’ ”*

Luke 3:4 NIV

## **WE WORSHIP IN GOD’S WORD**

Scripture

Nehemiah 6:5-16

Sermon

“Fear Knocked, Faith Answered”

Rev. Michelle Strall

## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG**

Time of Prayer

\*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall



## **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

*Be*

Chancel Choir

\*Greet One Another

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Be Still My Soul*

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

\*Hymn of Invitation

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

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\*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

*(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



## **Prayer List:**

### **Wesley Way Family**

Ruby Bastian  
Liz Bond  
The Bowmaster Family  
Burma Campbell  
Jeanette & Jim Elliott  
Kathy Going  
The Family of David  
Mason  
Katelinn Parker  
Stuart Updike  
Esther Williams

### **Relatives**

The Family of Bill Burch  
Dave Bowmaster  
Elliott Duvall  
James Farmer  
Rawls Hardwick  
Nancy Monroe  
Nancy Murdock  
Curtis Peek  
Kathie Richardson  
Angie Robinson

### **Friends**

Melissa Bell  
Judy Bowles  
Brian Cathers  
Hugo & June Coffin  
Jerry Day  
John Demitrus  
Vance Donald  
The Family of Paige  
Dorton  
Dianne Elkins  
Scott Feely  
Brian Foster  
Lynn & Chuck Jarrell  
Angel Jones  
The Family of Earle  
Jones  
Phillip Keen  
Mandy Lake  
The Family of Jan Love  
Charlene Mills  
Morgan Mitchell  
Lewis Moor  
Jennifer Moore  
Tommy Nelson  
The Family of Michael  
Nigro

The Family of Danielle  
Phipps  
Denise Richardson  
David & Teresa  
Robinson  
Ben Sallies  
The Family of Codi  
Schutz  
Marissa Scott  
Pat White  
Nikki Williamson  
The Family of Bob  
Young

## **Altar Flowers:**

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Glenna Ann Bowmaster on her birthday!

~The Spainhour Family

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

### **Greeters**

10:30am– Sharon Anderson

Jeanette Moore

### **Ushers**

Scott Mayo

Kim McDonald

Andy Pike

Matt Settle

### **Liturgist**

Steve Bednarz



## 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

Total giving for March: \$8,325

February Giving: \$ TBD

February Expenses: \$ TBD

## Birthdays

*03/09*

Glenn Ann Bowmaster

*03/14*

Ken Buckner

*03/15*

Barbara Updike



## **Lenten Lunch Series**

Join in the fun with our Lenten Lunch series. Each Henry County church hosts the service and provides lunch. Worship begins at noon followed by lunch at 12:30 PM. See the schedule below:

**March 11** Wesley Way UMC,  
Rev. Belinda McCastle

**March 18-** Wesley Chapel UMC,  
Rev. Lavell Sanders

**March 25-** Locust Grove UMC,  
Rev. Michelle Strall

## **Thank you**

With a grateful heart, I want to thank my church family for your prayers and compassion during this time of loss. May God bless you for your care and support.

~Sheila Mason and Family

## **Children's Ministry**

### **Eggstravaganza!!**

We're excited for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 1st @ 6:30pm, and we need your help! The Children's Ministry is collecting candy donations for this year's hunt. We are in need of small individually wrapped candy & plastic eggs. **Please drop off your candy & egg donations by Wednesday, March 25th.**

You can place your donations in the wooden box in the lobby. Also, be sure to check out the board to pick an egg as a reminder to contribute!

Thank you for helping make this event a sweet success for our children.

## **Thank you Wesley Way!**

A HUGE Thank you to Wesley Way and our Preschool Families! The Preschool Pancake Supper served over 80 people and we raised over \$400 to put into our scholarship fund! Your generosity and kindness means so much to us!

~Alisa Cline and the Preschool staff

## Thank You

Dear Church Family & Nurture Committee,

We are so incredibly grateful for the beautiful baby shower you hosted for our family this weekend. It truly meant so much to us to be surrounded by such love and support as we prepare to welcome little Finley. ❤️

Thank you to Beverly, Jeanette and the entire Nurture Committee for planning such a thoughtful and fun celebration. The games, especially Family Feud, had everyone laughing and made the day so memorable! Every detail was so intentional and special.

Thank you to our family — Cheryl, Christina, and Carol — for helping with the decorations and pictures of Matt and I as kids. And thank you to Annabelle for the personalized (and delicious!) cake — it was perfect!

To everyone who came to celebrate with us and blessed us with such generous and thoughtful gifts, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We feel so supported and loved, and that is the greatest gift of all.

It was such a fun day, and we are beyond thankful for you all.

~Love, Rachel & Matt Settle

## NEW! Worship Focus Station and Family Table

In response to a request from the youth for help focusing in worship, we have created a **Worship Focus Station** in the Sanctuary.

This is now available to youth and adults weekly and will provide items like note-taking sheets, adult coloring pages, and other quiet activities for hands so that minds can focus in. Feel free to bring items of your own that won't be distracting to other worshippers, but will help you focus, such as quiet fidget items and handcrafts (crocheting, knitting, etc.).

This table is located on the kitchen side of the sanctuary with a table top sign.

We now also have a dedicated Family Table in the back of the Sanctuary with coloring sheets, children's books and small play items for families with small children.

I appreciate your help in how these might be expanded in a greater way to help youth and adults find meaningful ways to interact in worship. This is something new that we've not done before so it will be a learning process for us, but I think it can be meaningful for all who participate

I'm excited for making straight paths for others to encounter Christ in worship.

-Pastor Michelle.

## Capital Campaign

We are starting our first Capital Campaign of 2026! The goal is to raise \$12,000, to have some much-needed improvements done here at the church.

Here is the list of what we will be having done:

Painting the sanctuary, kitchen, hallways, stairwells, and lobby.

Re-striping the parking lot.

Painting outdoor light poles.

Painting the entire outside of the church building.

The entire amount must be raised before we can start on this big project, so please consider donating today by indicating “Capital Campaign” in your check memo line or thru your online giving.

These improvements are needed and all funds raised are very much appreciated!

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Join us for our next Bible study, Wednesday, March 11th @ 6:15pm.

In this 7-session video-based study, we will discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience.

Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life.

## United Methodist Men

The UMM have designed a new t-shirt, and you can order one here by scanning the code below. Don't miss out, get yours today!

We also would like to thank the UMM for the generous donation of the new pine straw here on the property. If you see one of these men, give them a big ol' THANKS!



## *Ministry Gatherings This Week*

### **Sunday, March 8th**

9:00am Reflective Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Service  
11:30am Safe Sanctuary Training  
5:00pm UMYF

### **Monday, March 9th**

7:00pm Scouts

### **Tuesday, March 10th**

10:30am Adult Bible Study  
12:00pm Women of Faith

### **Wednesday, March 11th**

12:00pm Lenten Lunch (here)  
5:30pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30pm Kids for Christ  
(K-5th grade- rm.125)  
6:15pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm Choir Practice

### **Thursday, March 12th**

6:00pm Girl Scouts  
6:30pm Martha Anderson Circle mtg.

### **Friday, March 13th**

### **Saturday, March 14th**

8:00am United Methodist Men  
10:30am Crafting Group

### **Sunday, March 15th**

9:00am Reflective Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Service  
12:30pm Comm. Connections mtg.  
5:00pm UMYF

### **Coming Soon**

03/29– Palm Sunday/Preschool Sunday/  
Potluck  
04/02– Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm  
04/03– Good Friday, 7:00pm  
04/12– Easter Sunday, 7:00am,  
9:00am,10:30am