

# *Wesley Way*

## **United Methodist Church**

### **McDonough, Georgia**



**November 23rd, 2025**

**Christ the King/ Thanksgiving Sunday**

**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 23rd, 9:00 AM

\*Please stand as able

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

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

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

Isaiah 12:1-6

Sermon

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

Rev. Michelle Strall

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

Time of Prayer

\*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

# *Morning Worship Celebration*

November 23rd, 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                      *Come, Christians, Join and Sing*                      #158

\*Affirmation of Faith                      Katelinn Parker

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer                      Rev. Michelle Strall  
*(please fill out pew pad located in your row)*

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***

## **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                      Katelinn Parker

Offertory                      Verna Ikner

\*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

*Let Your Light Shine*

Chancel Choir

\*Greet One Another

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Maker, In Whom We Live*

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

Scripture

Isaiah 12:1-6

Sermon

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Rev. Michelle Strall

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

\*Hymn of Praise

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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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

## *Ministry Gatherings This Week*

### **Sunday, November 23rd**

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

### **Thursday, November 27th**

Happy Thanksgiving!

### **Friday, November 28th**

### **Monday, November 24th**

9:00am Turkey Smoke Cleaning &  
Pie Dough Day  
10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Poinsettia Delivery  
7:00pm Cub Scouts

### **Saturday, November 29th**

### **Sunday, November 30th**

9:00am Reflective Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Service  
6:00pm Hanging of the Greens

### **Tuesday, November 25th**

All day Turkey Smoke  
6:30pm Women's Circle Meeting

### **Coming Soon**

12/06– Breakfast with Santa  
12/24– Christmas Eve Worship

### **Wednesday, November 26th**

Church Office Closed  
9:00am Turkey Smoke Pick Up Day

## **Altar Flowers:**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Don and Carrie Spainhour as they celebrate 29 years of marriage.

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

### **Greeters**

9:00am– Pam Buckner

10:30am– Carrie Spainhour

### **Ushers**

John Ellis

Bob Ramsey

Don Spainhour

Harrison Spainhour



### **Liturgist**

Steve Bednarz

### **Sexton**

John Ellis

## **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

11/16- \$6,772

November Giving: \$ 31,385

October Giving: \$27,720

October Expenses: \$39,917

## **Birthdays**

**11/24**

Sharon Anderson

Pam Buckner

**11/27**

Don Spainhour



## 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)	

## 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!

## Ramblers Craft Sale

Christmas is just around the corner! This year the annual craft and bake sale for the Ramblers will be on Sunday, December 7th and Sunday, December 14th. The Ramblers are busy preparing for the sale, as this is the only fundraiser the Ramblers do to provide funds for our projects and our missions for the entire year; so we'd appreciate your support. You'll find delicious baked goods and all kinds of arts and crafts. The sale will run from 9:30am-10:30am and then from 11:30am until...each Sunday. Come check us out! You won't be disappointed

## **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

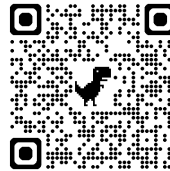


**Time:** 8:30am - 10:30am



**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***

### **TURKEY SMOKE FUNDRAISER**

The Turkey Smoke workdays are here! We will be cooking on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for most of the day. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for the pickup day from 9:00am - 12:00pm. This is always a great day of work and fellowship! Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and the youth here at Wesley Way. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thank you again for your support and if you have any questions please contact Kevin.

## **SKI RETREAT**

If you are trying to stay on schedule with payments, it is that time again, the November payment is due today 11/23. We don't collect a payment again until January, we take December off. Please contact Kevin if you have any questions or need help with payment.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Youth ministry will be serving at OCC on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We usually try to leave around 4:45pm to get to the warehouse location, this year we are in Doraville. We have filled up all the available spots, so that is good news, we will have a group of 20 people going this year. *I do need another driver for that night; you can drive the van/ bus or your own vehicle if you prefer, so long as it will hold 5-6 people + the driver.* Please contact Kevin if you have any questions.



# Youth Retreat Fall 2025



## 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

Melissa Bell

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

Mike Gilly

Monica Irby

Angel Jones

Sherri Katafias

Mandy Lake

The Family of Jeff  
Mahan

Beth Mason

David Mason

Bryant Metters

Charlene Mills

Kim Mitchell

Morgan Mitchell

Nancy Monroe

The Family of Leo  
Palma

Glenn Phillips

Denise Richardson

Lewis Robinson

Teresa Robinson

Ben Sallies

The Family of Chris  
Scott

Larissa Scott

Dave Scarzafava

Stuart Updike

Pat White

Esther Williams

Becky Woodward

Rev. Paul Zahn

# What are you Thankful for?

I am  
thankful  
for



Name \_\_\_\_\_