

Wesley Way

United Methodist Church

McDonough, Georgia



December 3rd

First Sunday in Advent

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 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. May God bless us all as we worship together this morning!

Pastor Michelle Strall

Wesley Way Church Staff

Alisa Cline	Office Manager
Samantha Cox	Preschool Director
Kevin Lemelin	Director of Youth Ministries
Libby McCullough	Director of Children's 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*)

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

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

Morning Worship Celebration

December 3rd, 8:30 AM

*Please stand as able

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP

Welcome & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

*Songs of Praise

God So Loved

Joy to the World

O Come All Ye Faithful

WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

“Questions and Answers”

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).

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

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

Scripture Memorization

Colossians 4:2 NIV

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Offering Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

Song of Response

Adore

Announcements

(Please fill out the pew pad located in your row)

Rev. Michelle Strall

*Benediction

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*Anthem

Angels are making Their Rounds

Chancel Choir

*Greet One Another

*Hymn of Preparation

Trust and Obey

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WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Benediction

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(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

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2 NIV

Ministry Gatherings This Week

Sunday, December 3rd

8:30am Contemporary Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship
4:30pm Hanging of the Greens dress
rehearsal
5:00pm UMYF– Meet Upstairs
6:30pm Hanging of The Greens
performance

Monday, December 4th

7:00pm Scouts Mtg.

Tuesday, December 5th

Wednesday, December 6th

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

Thursday, December 7th

6:00pm Girl Scouts
6:30pm UMW Dinner

Friday, December 8th

Saturday, December 9th

Sunday, December 10th

8:30am Contemporary Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship

Coming Soon

*12/24, 10:30am, 5:00pm-Christmas Eve
Services*

Stewardship

Monthly Budget Needs: \$44,078

November 5th- \$13,670

November 12th- \$8,214

November 19th- \$9,551

November 26th- \$6,039

Total: \$37,564

Altar Flowers

N/A

This Morning's Servers:

Greeters

8:30am– Beth Graf

10:30am– Andy & Christina Pike

Ushers

Mike Craig

Dave Honkanen

Tom Jeanes

John Webb

Liturgist

Diane Harris

Sexton

Nelson Fonville



Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

youthministry@wesleyway.org

UMYF REMINDER

Just a reminder that all youth we will meet upstairs this evening starting at 5:00pm while the Children's ministry prepares for the Hanging of the Greens service.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Next Sunday, December 10 is the annual Youth Progressive Dinner! I know there are a lot of youth and adults that are looking forward to this. The schedule for the day is as follows;

Middle school, please meet at the church at 11:50am and we will return by 3:45pm.

High school, please meet at the church at 4:50pm and we will return by 8:45pm.

Each youth needs to bring \$3.00 cash with them and a \$5.00 gag gift, wrapped to exchange during dessert home.

Progressive dinner is always a great time of fellowship and one of the youth ministries favorite things to do each year. I am excited and looking forward to this time together on Sunday! Thank you to all the families that have signed up to host the youth this year.

Volunteers needed

Our Wednesday night supper program is in need of volunteers each week setting up and serving. If you are able to help out anytime throughout the month, please arrive between 4:30-5:00pm.

Poinsettias

It's that time again to place your orders for Poinsettias to help decorate our church sanctuary. Poinsettias are \$15 each and all orders need to be in by 12/10. 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 01/01 they will be discarded.*

United Methodist Women News

Mark Your Calendars! All ladies of the church are invited to join the UMW for our annual Christmas Dinner at 6:30 pm on Thursday 12/7. The main course will provided. All guests are asked to bring a side, salad or dessert to share.

Children's Ministry

Libby McCullough
children@wesleyway.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our mission collection this year for Breakfast with Santa will be teddy bears. Please bring a bear with you to donate on Saturday, December 2. Reserve your time slot on our website, www.wesleyway.org, to have your photo with Santa, enjoy breakfast, and make a Christmas craft to take home. Donations of bears will be made to the McDonough Fire Department. Don't forget to bring your own camera for pictures!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Last and mandatory rehearsal is at 4:30pm today. Bring a t-shirt/shorts and sandals to wear with your costume. Pizza will be provided. Please bring cookies to share after the program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is a time we prepare for your kids, to teach them extra wonderful things about knowing Jesus better. It is a time for them to learn how to have a deep relationship with their creator. Please consider coming and join an adult class while your children are learning. Small groups are wonderful for getting with people who can be life-long friends.

Ramblers Christmas Party- Update

Christmas is coming, and so is our Christmas Party! Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00pm. Our hosts will be David and Diane Harris. Our menu for the evening will be appetizers. Everyone should bring an item to share. Diane has suggested that we should meet at the church and come on the church bus. Therefore, the bus will leave the church at 5:30 pm to arrive at the Harris household by 6:00 pm.

Please RSVP to Diane
at: diane_ide@bellsouth.net or 678-936-0676.

Upcoming ways to give for the holidays

The annual Angel Tree Ministry is a wonderful way to give back this year. When the angels appear on the altar, feel free to take one and give back to help those in need this upcoming Christmas season with a financial gift. Make checks payable to WWUMC.

Blanket Collection Wesley Way is collecting blankets for our homebound members this holiday season. We will collect blankets from now until December 10th. Please place your blanket donation in the wrapped box in the lobby.

Searchers Class

Please join the Searcher's Sunday School Class for an Advent Study entitled, *Experiencing Christmas*. Beginning on Sunday, December 3 we will spend four weeks "searching for Christ in the sights and sounds of Advent." Adults of any age are welcome.

Christmas Card Swap

We will be providing our Christmas card file box in the lobby from now 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 17th. **Cards not collected by January 1st will be discarded.** Please be sure to check for your cards weekly.

Ramblers Sale

The Ramblers will have their annual Christmas and craft sale on Sunday, December 3rd and 10th. The sale will be open between the early church service and Sunday School, between Sunday School and church, and after the 10:30 AM service. Crafts and individually bagged goodies will be available. This is the only fundraiser for the Ramblers for the year. Monies are used for memorials, Ramblers trips (gas), High School Sr. Recognition meal, Adopt a Senior at Christmas, and other mission projects as they arise. Happy shopping!

Christmas Gift to support the District Office

The Central South District will be providing a Christmas gift to our District Office Administrator (Mrs. Renee Farrar) and our District Superintendent (Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas). If you would like to contribute, you can denote checks as "District Gift" to show appreciation to Renee and Dr. Thomas. Donations may also be made on our website by clicking the Donate tab and selecting. "Conference Offering." Donations are due by November 26.

Young Adults Christmas Party

All College, Career, and Military folks 18-25 years old are invited to a Christmas Party at Pastor Michelle and Tim's house on December 18 at 6pm.

You're invited to bring a white elephant gift of \$10 (or less) and an appetizer or dessert (bought or made). Let Pastor Michelle know you will be attending by email (pastor@wesleyway.org) or through the GroupMe app. Their address will be sent via GroupMe.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

While you are in town for Christmas, stop in for Sunday School! We will have a class for all College and beyond December 10, 17, 24 and 31. Join us in the classroom across from the Nursery.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: JANUARY 2-4, 2024

Young Adults are invited to a time apart for fellowship and renewal before returning to school and work. We have an Air BnB reserved in Monticello with a game room, adequate beds, and fire bowl. Our theme for the retreat is "Be Still and Know that He is God", exploring how to honor time with God in our busy lives.

The cost is only \$50 per person but we must have 5 participants to go. Invite a friend! The deadline to sign-up is December 20th. (Let Pastor Michelle know if you need a scholarship.) Email pastor@wesleyway.org or sign-up in the GroupMe app. More details to come.

Birthdays

12/04

12/09

Austin May

Alan Parker

Nathan Monroe

Kimbra Stenson

12/05

12/10

Dylan Webb

Yogi Mangroo

12/07

Levi White





Prayer List:

Clergy/ Ministry Staff

Tom Andrews

Baby Beech

Julie Bliss

Bob Bowmaster

Birney Bowmaster

Gloria Buckalew

Wade Buckner

Charlie Cartwright

Elizabeth Cochran

Tanya Collier

The DesRochers

Family

Briz Dodd

Elliott Duvall

Jim & Jeanette Elliott

Lauren Graf

Naomi Griffin

Lauren Hall

Terry Ingram

Tommy Johnson

Baby Elisabeth Kaiser

Betty King

Bob Lukat

Dora McMannis

Tracy Mardin

Tara Peeks

Richard Robinson

Baby Opal Thompson

Stuart Updike

Tommy Williams

Judy Wyatt