

Wesley Way

United Methodist Church

McDonough, Georgia



March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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*)

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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

March 15th, 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 8:4-12

Sermon

“Strength Through the Word”

Rev. Michelle Strall

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Time of Prayer

*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

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Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

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

*Anthem

Calvary Is the Sea

Chancel Choir

*Greet One Another

*Hymn of Preparation

In The Garden

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Scripture

Nehemiah 8:4-12

Sermon

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WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn of Invitation

Wonderful Words of Life

#600

*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
Katelinn Parker
Stuart Updike
Esther Williams

Relatives

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

Friends

Molly Anderson
Melissa Bell
Judy Bowles
Brian Cathers
Elaine Childs
Hugo & June Coffin
Jerry Day
Vance Donald
The Family of Paige Dorton
Dianne Elkins
Brian Foster
Monica Irby
Lynn & Chuck Jarrell
Angel Jones
The Family of Earle Jones
Phillip Keen
The Family of Jan Love
Lewis Moor
Jennifer Moore
Tommy Nelson
The Family of Michael Nigro
The Family of Danielle Phipps

David & Teresa
Robinson
Ben Sallies
The Family of Codi
Schutz
Marissa Scott
Pat White
Nikki Williamson

Altar Flowers:

N/A

This Morning's Servers:

Greeters

10:30am– Kit Hathaway

Barbara Updike

Ushers

Chris Anderson

Steve Bednarz

Joe Leoni

David Wall

Liturgist

Katelinn Parker

Sexton

Wes Arnold



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

Total giving for March: \$14,140

February Giving: \$33,913

February Expenses: \$32,193

Birthdays

03/15

Barbara Updike

03/19

Emma McDonald

David Wall

03/21

Brooke Anderson



Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

youthministry@wesleyway.org

Summer Mission Trip

Save the date! The youth summer mission trip dates are June 14 – June 18. I need adults to attend as well, if you were thinking of attending or already planning to, please let Kevin know, thanks!

Service Opportunities

I have heard from a few youth in need of service hours for clubs and school. Both events listed below can help you earn hours toward your goal for this year.

Saturday, March 28. Come out for some Spring Cleaning here at the church from 9am – 12pm. There will be inside and outside work. If it rains we will focus on the inside work. Please consider coming for 1 or 2 hours or all morning to help get the church ready for Easter.

Wednesday, April 1. The children's ministry will have the Eggstravaganza that night. We will need youth here that night to help distribute all the Easter eggs for the children and to possibly facilitate some games. This is always a fun event to help with. Please see Kevin for more information.

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-stripping 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!

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 18- Wesley Chapel UMC,

Rev. Lavell Sanders

March 25- Locust Grove UMC,

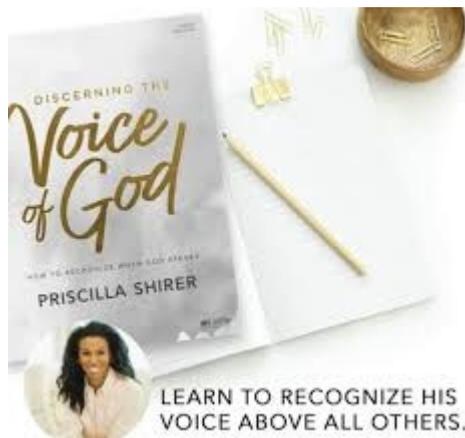
Rev. Michelle Strall

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.



Ministry Gatherings This Week

Sunday, March 15th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
12:30pm Comm. Connections mtg.
3:45pm YAC Team Mtg.
5:00pm UMYF

Monday, March 16th

7:00pm Scouts

Tuesday, March 17th

Wednesday, March 18th

5:30pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:30pm Kids for Christ
(K-5th grade- rm.125)
6:15pm Adult Bible Study
6:15pm Confirmation
6:30pm Youth Bible Study

Thursday, March 19th

Friday, March 20th

Saturday, March 21st

9:00am Private event

Sunday, March 22nd

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