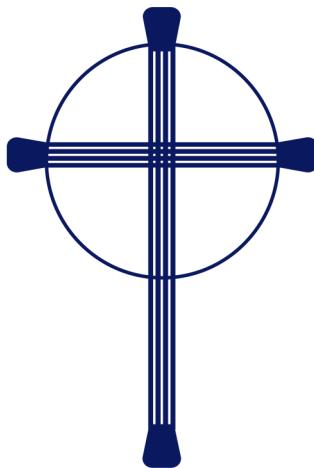


Wesley Way

United Methodist Church

McDonough, Georgia



January 18th, 2026

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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

January 18th, 9:00 AM

*Please stand as able

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

*Song of Praise

Scripture Memorization

*“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

Matthew 3:1-10

Sermon

“Make Straight Paths”

Rev. Michelle Strall

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG

Time of Prayer

*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

Morning Worship Celebration

January 18th, 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

*Affirmation of Faith

*Gloria Patri

Scripture Memorization

“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 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

Here I Am, Lord

Chancel Choir

*Greet One Another

*Hymn of Preparation

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

#128

WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Matthew 3:1-10

Sermon

"Make Straight Paths"

Rev. Michelle Strall

WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn of Praise

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

#569

*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:

Judy Bailey	Mandy Lake
Ruby Bastian	The Marshall Family
Melissa Bell	Beth Mason
Emily Binkowski	Charlene Mills
Liz Bond	Morgan Mitchell
Dave Bowmaster	Jennifer Moore
The Bowmaster Family	Tommy Nelson
The Family of Bill Burch	Evan Payne
Burma Campbell	Glenn Phillips
Brian Cathers	Randy Prater
Kelly Conrad	Denise Richardson
Jerry Day	Teresa Robinson
John Demitrus	Ben Sallies
Tommy Dunn	Larissa Scott
Dianne Elkins	Diane St.Clair
Jeanette & Jim Elliott	Jim Thompson
The Evans Family	Stuart Updike
Danny & Barbara Exum	Dylan Webb
Marlene Gasses	Pat White
Wayne & Dianne Gillem	Esther Williams
Kathy Going	Becky Woodward
Lesa Goyeau	Rev. Paul Zahn
Linda & Chuck Jarrell	
Angel Jones	
Peggy King	

Altar Flowers:

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rachel Settle and Olivia Pike for their birthdays.

~The Settle Family

This Morning's Servers:

Greeters

9:00am– Tim Strall

10:30am– Kit Hathaway

Barbara Updike

Ushers

Chris Anderson

Steve Bednarz

Joe Leoni

David Wall

Liturgist

Katelin Parker

Sexton

David Wall



Stewardship

Your contributions to Wesley Way UMC are not only vital to our mission, they are much appreciated!

Monthly Budget Needs for 2026: \$36,040

01/04: \$3,085

01/11- \$ 7,552

January Giving: \$10,637

December Giving: \$29,324

December Expenses: \$32,511

Birthdays

01/20

Linda Bird

01/22

Olivia Pike

Rachel Settle

01/24

Liz Bond



Girl Scout Cookie Time

Time to order your Girl Scout cookies. Please see Leila White or Adeline Rodriguez to place your order and support GS Troop 17482.

Thank you for your support!

~Kit Hathaway

Thank you all Church

Leaders!

A large thank you to all our church leaders in 2025! The ways you serve Christ through Wesley Way UMC is a huge blessing. Thank you. Some of you will rotate off teams, while new leaders are stepping up. We look forward to what God will do with our church in 2026. Thank you for saying "yes" to God!!

Community Connections

Help us support Calvary Refuge by donating new white towels and washcloths thru the month of January. These items will provide comfort and dignity to those in need. Please deposit your items into the wooden box labeled "community connections" in the lobby.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

youthministry@wesleyway.org

Safe Sanctuary Training

There will be Safe Sanctuary training on Sunday, March 8th after the 10:30 service. Training is valid for two years, if you are not sure if you need it please contact Michelle, Kevin or the front office to see the last training you attended. Please RSVP with the church office if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly at office@wesleyway.org

Ski Retreat

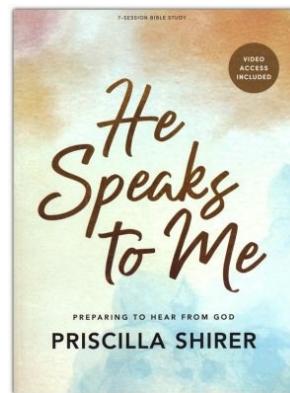
The youth ministry will be headed to Winterplace, WV for a retreat during the winter break. The dates for the retreat this year are Tuesday, February 17 - Friday, February 20, 2026. If you are interested in going and haven't signed up yet please let Kevin know so we can get you on the attending list and caught up with payments. The next payment of \$75.00 for this trip is due on January 25 or sooner. If you have any questions please contact Kevin.

Wednesday Night Adult

Bible Study

Beginning, Wednesday, January 14th @ 6:15pm

Join us for our next Bible study! In this 7-session video-based study, Priscilla Shirer uses the account of God speaking to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3 to show how God speaks to Christians and how we can discern His voice and position ourselves to respond.



Weekday Revelation Bible Study

Join us this winter for Adult study as we take a look into the book of Revelation. This study will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am for 1 hour for 13 weeks. Books have been ordered soon (\$15). Sign up in the Lobby or email the church office @ office@wesleyway.org

Audio Visual Help Needed

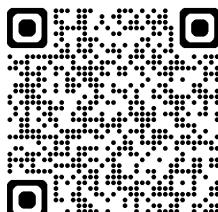
We need help in our sound booth preparing and running the weekly slides for worship.

It doesn't take a lot of time and is a great way to serve for 10:30 worship. See Pastor Michelle or Tim Strall to learn more.

Liturgist Help Needed

Each Sunday laity help lead worship through the leading of the Apostles' Creed and the offering prayer. We need your help!

You can sign up to serve regularly each month or pick a few Sundays per quarter where you can help lead. Sign up is located on the table in the Lobby or use the QR code below.



Spiritual Walks in Nature

This past Fall, we began a journey of 4 seasonal gatherings in nature. During these times, we will seek to meet with God, learn about our faith and discover how to walk with God while in his creation. Our next gathering is January 25, 1pm at Heritage Park. We will meet there at the children's playground parking lot closest to the garden. No registration is required. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes. If you attended the first gathering, bring your notebook. New participants will be provided a notebook.

To learn more, see Pastor Michelle.

Upcoming Walks:

--Spring--

April 26, 1pm

Alexander Park-West

110 Jonesboro Road,

McDonough, GA 30253

--Summer--

June 14, 1:30pm

Panola Mountain State Park, Stockbridge

Carpooler's should meet at the church at 1pm

Ministry Gatherings This Week

Sunday, January 18th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
5:00pm UMYF

Thursday, January 22nd

Friday, January 23rd
10:30am Ramblers Outing

Monday, January 19th

Church office closed

7:00pm Cub Scouts

Saturday, January 24th

Tuesday, January 20th

10:30am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 21st

5:30pm 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

Sunday, January 25th

9:00am Reflective Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Service
1:00pm Spiritual Walk @
 Heritage Park
5:00pm UMYF

Coming Soon

01/26– Finance Mtg.– 6:00pm
01/26– Admin Mtg.– 7:00pm