



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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MEMORIAL DAY

"No greater love has any man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross." Philippians 2:3-8

Tomorrow we celebrate Memorial Day. Though it doesn't always seem appropriate to me to speak of it as a celebration. It is rather a day when we stop to give thanks and contemplate the depth of sacrifice made by men and women who gave their lives while serving in our armed forces. Paul wrote in Romans that "rarely would a person die even for a good person," but countless numbers have been willing to die for our country, the values of justice and freedom, and maybe most importantly, the men and women who serve beside them. The old saying that "freedom isn't free" remains true.

No one understood the concept of dying to save the lives of others more than Jesus. His death bought our freedom from the power of sin and death. He in turn taught that anyone who would be his follower had to be willing to "deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow." For followers of Jesus, sacrifice is a main discipline of the spiritual life. We are challenged to answer the call to self-denial and putting others before ourselves. Sacrifice however is not just a discipline, it is a lifestyle that develops from a heart and mind transformed by the power of Christ living in us. Our goal is that while sacrifice may have to begin by self-discipline, it will one day flow naturally from us in every aspect of our lives. It is then that we will truly have learned what it means to love.

WELCOME IMANI MILELE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This morning in worship we welcome the children of Imani Milele Choir all the way from Uganda Africa.

Imani Milele brings the unique culture of Africa and God's love with them as they sing. The choir this morning is made of up 20 children and represents almost 5,000 children that Imani is rescuing, educating and developing in Uganda.

Please give them a warm Wesley Monumental welcome as they come to lead us in worship.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

First Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering and Announcements

Ben Martin

Welcome to worship this morning. Thank you for joining us. If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor. Hearing assistance devices, several seat cushions, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex, and an usher will be happy to help you with them. Please fill out the attendance registration pad found in the pew, and remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service. We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship.

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Anthems

Imani Milele Choir

* **Hymn No. 698** God of the Ages NATIONAL HYMN

* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881** The Apostles' Creed
Nelle Bordeaux

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

* **Gloria Patri No. 71** GREATORIX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Dustin William Hamilton, Jr.
son of Dustin and Reanna Hamilton

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Will as a member of
God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.
By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into
a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads
to life.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ben Martin

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory;
For ever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

James P. Owens

*8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade line up at the door on the right side of
the sanctuary to go to Children's Church, held in Room 103.*

*11:00 Children ages 3 - PreK leave through the door on the right side of the
sanctuary to go to Preschool Children's Worship in Room 205. Children in
grades K - 4th leave through the door on the left side of the sanctuary to go
to Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303.*

* **Hymn No. 437** This Is My Song FINLANDIA

* **Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Anthem Imani Milele Choir

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the
book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.*

* **Doxology No. 95** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 107-109) John 13:12-17, 33-35, 15:9-15

Sermon "Children, Servants, and Friends" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 408** The Gift of Love English Melody

Reception Into Church Membership (11:00) Hymnal pg. 38
Reanna and Dustin Hamilton and son, Will

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Anthem Imani Milele Choir

* *Please stand as you are able.
Immediately following each service a docent is available by the grand piano to share with
you a brief history of this sanctuary and congregation.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of James P. Owens and all the youth counselors who so diligently and lovingly guide our teenagers into Christian adulthood by Deanna Sorrells.

Just Born

Congratulations to Jim and Kate Marshall on the birth of a son, Willard Heidt Marshall on May 18, 2018. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Heidt.

Children's Ministry Assistant Position

During this time of transition in the Children's Ministry program, the SPRC has determined that a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant is needed to assist with the various children's programs offered by our Church. A copy of the Job Announcement outlining the duties and qualifications for the position may be found on our website, wesleymonumental.org, under News & Events then Announcements.

After reviewing the Job Announcement, if you are interested in applying for the position, please mail or email your resume to the contact information on the Job Announcement.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

Urban Hope Summer Camp Wish List

Urban Hope is in need of supplies for their summer camp which takes place May 29 through July 27. For more information and a list of supplies, please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b48a8ae29a3fd0-urban>

150th Anniversary Historical Fact: March 31, 1890 Bishop Wilson receives the church from the builders and sets the structure apart for God's work. The Main Auditorium "was packed...and hundreds were unable to get inside at all. There were no decorations. They would have marred the beauty of the auditorium." Joining the Bishop in the pulpit were the Reverends Wynn, Warren Candler, and others.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Docent: TBD

Offering Steward: Ed Poenicke

Ushers: Jerry Benson, Bill Tedder

Greeters: Jeanne Poenicke, TBD

Children's Church: Charli Weeks

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Gail Brannen

Docent: Sandra McGowen

Acolytes: Lexie Mattocks, Meg Mattocks

Greeters: Frank and Florence Anderson, TBD

Offering Steward: John Beasley

Ushers: Will Faulk, Bob Cole, Bobby Lee, Sam Daniel, Andrew Dekle, Peter Delvers, Chris Donegan, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards

Nursery: Infants: Mandy Merritt Toddler: Jessica Olliff

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Jaime Coley, Allison Willis

Children's Worship K-4th: Emily Jones, TBD

Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

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The choir will be in the fellowship hall between services to talk more about their ministry to children.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will hit the road on June 16 for a trip to **Tybee Post Theater** on Tybee Island to see "All About Savannah," a Barbershop Musical which takes a musical stroll through old Savannah and Savannah Beach. Show begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$17 (includes a \$2 processing fee) and reservations must be made by Sunday, June 3. Your check made payable to Wesley Monumental UMC is your reservation. See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge to register. Dinner plans TBA.

On July 16, Merry Makers will attend the **Effingham Camp Meeting in Springfield**. Dr. Ben Martin will be the preacher. EVERYONE is invited to join the Merry Makers for this evening of outdoor worship with our pastor. Dinner will be served in the camp dining hall. Reservations will be required for dinner. More information regarding cost will be printed in the July Messenger and the weekly bulletins.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Summer Camp at Eli's Place

Summer Camp at Eli's Place begins on June 4 and is open to children 12 weeks old through Pre K. We accept children who have completed Pre K and will be beginning kindergarten in the fall. There are nine weeks of camp and each week has a different theme. More information and registration forms are available in the nursery.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

All throughout this year, our Elementary-age children's Sunday School teachers have been hard at work teaching. We'd love to give them the summer off so that they will return refreshed and ready-to-go in the fall. We will need four volunteers each week to teach two Elementary-age summer Sunday school classes: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd through 5th Grade. If you would like to teach one or more weeks out of the summer, please contact James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Next New Member Class

Sundays, June 17 and 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the church library (2nd Floor, Room 205 in Oliver Hall). The class will join on Sunday, June 24. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

No Youth Group Tonight

There will be no youth group tonight in observance of Memorial Day weekend. Our next Sunday youth group will be June 3 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Our youth have always done a great job helping out at Vacation Bible School over the years! This summer's VBS will be June 11-15 at Wesley Gardens. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to volunteer and help make this a fun and meaningful experience for our church's children. Please contact Ellen Williams, emhwilliams@gmail.com to sign up.

Faith and Family Night with the Savannah Bananas

The Savannah Bananas are hosting a Faith and Family Night on June 15. There will be worship and testimonies by players and coaches before the game. Tickets are \$15, which includes "all-you-can-eat" burgers, hotdogs, popcorn, and more. See James P. Owens for more details, or email james@wesleymonumental.org



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (05/20/18)

8:45 A.M. Worship	95
11:00 A.M. Worship	442
Total Worship	537
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	XXX
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

Finances: (05/20/18)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,868,620.10
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$743,159.57
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$735,347.78
Construction Loan Balance	\$505,220.32

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New	Assistant, Reception
Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Congregational	Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Care	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Monica Harper Dekle.....Director of Music	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
and Organist	Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	Groundskeeper/Maintenance

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	John 15:1-8	What does Jesus teach us here about our relationship to him?
Tuesday	I John 3:1, Romans 8:16-17	What does it mean to me to be a child of God?
Wednesday	John 13:12-17	In what ways do I live as a servant of Christ?
Thursday	John 15:9-15	Does Christ feel like a friend to me?
Friday	John 14:21-23	Am I obedient to Christ as a child, servant, or friend?

Sermon Notes

Pray for the First 150 Days of 2018

Thank you for praying for the first 150 days of 2018!

Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day) Isaiah 2:4

For all veterans and active military and their families

Tuesday, May 29 Proverbs 26:12

For graduates to find Christian friends at college

Wednesday, May 30 1 Peter 5:8,9

To be full of grace

Thursday, May 31 1 Corinthians 15:3

With gratitude for Wesley's first 150 years and His guidance for her future

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, May 27

8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day—Church Office Closed
2:00 P.M. Joy Circle Mtg, FH

Tuesday, May 29

7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH

Wednesday, May 30

11:00 A.M. Ben's Bible Study, OH 310

Thursday, May 31

12:00 P.M. Bible Study at Ruth's Chris

Friday, June 1

10:00 A.M. Docent Tours, SNC

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat Center	

Pastors on Call This Week

Sunday (5/27) - Thursday (5/31)
Ben Martin912-547-1835

Thursday (6/1) - Saturday (6/2)
Carolyn Cubbedge... 912-308-3385

Sunday Night Supper & Worship

at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center begins Sunday, June 3 with worship in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. and dinner following in the main house at 6:15 p.m. We hope to see you there!

**Sunday Night Supper at
Wesley Gardens Retreat Center
6/3/18**

Hosts: Alpha (sides) &
Compass (desserts)

In Sympathy....

The Varnedoe Family
on the death of
Christina's grandmother,
Christa Kroll Schafersman



In Our Prayers.....

Debbie Call (mother of Richard Call), Andy Cheshire (brother of Clay Cheshire), George LeMay, Charles Holley, Todd and Lauren Martin, Bill Roberts (uncle of Anna Ivey), Sid Boone, Kim Watson, Martha and Erv Sloan, Lou Abarr, Dean Muenckler, Amy Green, George Wickham (father of Kelly Hagan), Chad Jacobs Family, Ellie Tardif, Sherry Ingram, Bates Lovett, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Randy Warner, Jim Gietzen, Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Harley Anderson (infant son of David and Elizabeth Anderson), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Denise LeMay, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Ann Lott, John Randall Futch, Patty James, Melinda Lanier, Steve Stewart (brother of Sandra McGowen), Mock and Pounder Families (relatives of Peter and Bonnie Delters), Mark Thomas, Toni Olds, Judy Freeman, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenkel), Dick Wallace, Will Ronning, Cass Thomasson, Sandra McCorkle, Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Lois Wooten, Nancy Beckmann, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Richard Bartels, Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes), Sammy Reesman

At Home/Extended Care

Georgia Dickerson, Betty Murray, Bella Grace Bartels, Grace Bockes, Anne Chase, Becky Heckard, Michael Mamalakis, Hal Griner, Bobbie Mattox, Linda McKibben, Jack Miller (father of Jeff Miller), Lillian O'Donovan, Ryan Sailors, Dylan VanOrmer, Betty Weeks

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Dan Barton, Daniel Ealy, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts