



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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*"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
Matthew 25:35*

The last parable of Jesus in Matthew's gospel is the "Parable of Sheep and Goats." Jesus reminds us that as we serve the hurting around us we are actually serving him. Today we begin another week as the host church for Family Promise. That means several families whose lives have been turned upside down by illness, loss of work, loss of family, etc. and have ended up homeless, will be living here with us for a week. The church has long been known as a "sanctuary," and while we think of that simply as a place of worship, it is intended to be a place of refuge. This week our church home will truly be a sanctuary for these families as they work to put their lives back in a stable place and return to long-term housing. It takes many volunteers this week to practice hospitality in the name of Jesus. We are thankful for all who have already signed up and ask if there are still open spots to serve that you would consider giving the simple, but profound gift of time and attention to enable these families to experience the love of Christ from our congregation.

"I was sick and you took care of me." Matthew 25:36

This Wednesday we will also have a Red Cross Blood Drive at our church from 2:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. I so often visit members of our congregation in the hospital who have been recipients of blood transfusions during a surgery or critical illness that were lifesaving and life-giving. This is an opportunity for us to give the gift of life in the name of Jesus to someone we will never meet this side of heaven, but knowing only that I gave as an act of faith, hope, and love. You can sign up at the Red Cross website, redcross.org and follow the links for giving blood. When asked for a sponsor code use WMUMC (all caps) or call the church office for times.

150th Anniversary Historical Fact: The Rev. A. M. Wynn was appointed to Wesley Church in 1873, and he conceived the idea of building a church that would be a monument to the Wesleys. The church would face Calhoun Square, occupying a Trust Lot purchased previously by Trinity Church, and would be named Wesley Monumental. Trinity Church sold a house on South Broad Street and donated the proceeds to the building fund. Adding in "bona fide subscriptions" from Wesley Church members, the fund reached \$20,000 to start construction.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Michael Cooler

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Toccatina for Flute

Pietro Yon

Introit (11:00)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert

* **Hymn** No. 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

* **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

GREATOREX

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.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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

Julie Tisinger (8:45)

Charli Weeks (11:00)

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. 311 Now the Green Blade Riseth FRENCH CAROL

* **Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude in G Major (from the Well-Tempered Clavier)

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Joseph Martin
Hosanna in excelsis from *Mass in B Minor*
Raymond Patricio, bassoonist
Osanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

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. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 90-91) Luke 24:33-53

Sermon "Too Good To Be True?" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 378 Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE

Reception Into Church Membership Hymnal pg. 38

Sandra and Doug Stutzman (8:45)

Jessica and Gavin Finley (11:00)

Kevin Finley

Melissa Krawitz

David T. Lock

Josh Stanley

Carol and Chad Ebel and daughter, Nicole Ebel

Smaro and Michael Gemelli and daughter, Emerson McCormick

Tara and Nathan Skinner and children, Jackson and Emerson Skinner

Leslie and Dallas Washburn and sons, Owen and Charlie Washburn

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Holy, Holy, Holy Franz Schubert

Closing Voluntary Finale from Symphony No. 1 Louis Vierne

* *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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Today's Closing Voluntary

Louis Vierne, the composer of today's closing voluntary, was born in 1870, two years after Wesley was founded. Vierne was a blind, French organist who was long-time organist at the cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris which has a very famous organ built the same year Wesley was founded--an 1868 Cavaille-Coll.

Just Born

Congratulations to J.T. and Amanda Prather on the birth of a son, John William Prather on April 5, 2018. A rose is by the altar today in honor of William.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

UMM April Meeting

The United Methodist Men's meeting for April will be held this Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speakers will be Jake Maxwell with his assistant, Senior Pastor Ben Martin. Cost is \$6.00. As always, spouses and friends are welcome.

Wesley Monumental's 150th Birthday Party for Children

Come One, Come All as we celebrate Wesley Monumental's 150th Birthday on Sunday, April 22 from 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Wayne Street will be adorned with decorations, inflatables, games, and treats for children of all ages. As a gift to celebrate Wesley's 150th Birthday, please bring diapers (any size) or Kroger gift cards to help the 14 refugee families being ministered to by our Young Mother's Bible study.

Meeting for Parents of Elementary School Children w/Charli & James

To all parents of rising Kindergarteners through rising 6th Graders: As most of you know, we as a church are going through a time of transition in our ministry to children and families. We would like to meet with you to cast a vision for our children's ministry moving forward, and to hear your feedback and suggestions. Topics covered will include staff changes, Children's worship, summer activities, and 4th-5th grade ministry. Please join us at one of the following two meeting times: Wednesday, April 25 from 4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Children's Worship room (303), or Sunday, April 29, immediately following 11:00 worship in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare for all ages will be provided.

Infant Recognition Sunday

Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! On Sunday, May 13 we will be honoring at least 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our listing.

Vacation Bible School Registration

VBS will be held 9:00 a.m. to noon at Wesley Gardens June 11 – 15, for preschool children (3 yrs and PreK) through 5th grade. Registration is now open for all Wesley Monumental families. (Registration will open to the community on April 23.) Please register at www.myvbs.org/wmumc. Both participants and volunteers need to register. If you have any questions at all, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org or the Elementary Children's Ministry Team at wmumc.vbs@gmail.com.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

Docent: TBD

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: Jerry Benson, Paul Cleveland

Greeters: Lori Miller, Phillip Carter

Children's Church: Alyson Call

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Harriet Bland

Acolytes: TBD

Docent: TBD

Greeters: Frank & Florence Anderson, Jan Harmon, Camille O'Neill

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Brian West, Bill Lovett, Jason Pedigo, Jake Maxwell, Robert McCorkle, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney, Matt Mobley

Nursery: Infants: Laura Blake Toddler: Annie Hitt

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Courtney West, Shazi Edmonds

Children's Worship K-4th: Amanda Kobek, Kelly Hagan

Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Johann Sebastian Bach: A Preacher

Bach saw himself as a preacher who was following his religious calling, rather than as an artist. He owned a three volume Study Bible and made thousands of notations in it with commentary from Martin Luther's sermons and other writers. In the evenings, Bach gathered his family in the living room and had his children read aloud from the family Bible for the purpose of practice in reading and spiritual edification.

Bach's music is deeply spiritual, and the act of singing it and listening to it can bring us close into the presence of God. Michael Marissen, author of the book *Bach and God*, says, "Bach understood that the more perfectly a composition is realized, both conceptually and through performance, the more God is immanent in music." While we know that God cannot physically be present in the notes themselves, God is present wherever there is spiritual music. For Bach, the exercise of composing was less a scholarly activity to achieve intellectual understanding than it was a doctrinal path for himself and others to achieve greater spiritual understanding.

Johann Sebastian Bach's Magnum Opus: Mass in B Minor. Choir and 21-piece orchestra May 19, 2018. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35. MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com, 912-232-0191, or from any choir member. All proceeds benefit the Music Endowment which exists to secure the long term vision of our music ministry.

Housing Needed

Housing needed for guest cellist for Bach Mass the evenings of May 17, 18, and 19. She has her own transportation. She is the principal cellist for the Atlanta Opera and Atlanta Ballet. Please contact Monica: monica@wesleymonumental.org or 912-232-0191.

Julie Tisinger, Director of Children and Family Ministries

VBS—Volunteers Needed

Our 2018 Vacation Bible School theme is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!* VBS will be held at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center on June 11-15, 9:00 a.m. to noon. It takes many, many volunteers for VBS to be a success; and, we need you! The elementary kids are in need of a Bible Story Teacher, 10-14 team leaders, decorators on Sunday, June 10, helpers with clean up on Friday, June 15, and volunteers to bring snacks/drinks for those serving at VBS. If you have any questions or would like additional details, please contact the Elementary Children's Ministry Team at wmumc.vbs@gmail.com. *Thank you for helping make our children's VBS a meaningful and successful experience!*

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care Pastor

The Celebrating the Arts in Needlework Art Show

The Needlework Art Show is scheduled for April 29 through May 9. We will highlight all forms of needlework. If you have items that you would like to display in the show, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. Items are needed by Wednesday, April 25. The show will be in the Parlor of Oliver Hall.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

New Member Course

Today in the library (2nd floor, Oliver Hall), joining this morning.

Help Children Learn

Please bring healthy snacks such as clementines, apples, and peanut butter crackers for Hubert Middle School children to the church office.

Never Too Late to Pray

Sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245, to pray for Savannah and our world.

Stephen Tisinger, Missions Pastor

Serving Homeless Breakfast

We have been asked to provide breakfast to a homeless community at the end of Rothwell Street, Savannah (off of Louisville Road) on Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 a.m. They are expecting a group of 30 homeless folks at the breakfast. A link to the sign up sheet is below. If there are any questions, give Steve Tisinger a call. <http://www.PerfectPotluck.com>

Coordinator Last Name: Tisinger Password: 7385

James P. Owens, Director of Youth and College Ministries
Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation Sunday

Our Confirmation Class is at Lake Junaluska this weekend for their Confirmation Retreat. Throughout this school year, they have been learning about the basics of Christianity, United Methodism, and what it means to be a member of the church. They will be confirmed in the 11:00 worship service on April 22.

Mystery Dinner Theatre at Youth Group, April 22

Join us for a very special youth group on April 22 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.! It's our second annual Mystery Dinner Theatre, and one of your adult leaders is the guilty party. Your job will be to help solve the mystery. All 6th-12th graders are invited. Friends and guests are welcome!

Tacky Prom, May 6 at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center

You don't need a date or a new dress for this prom! Just find the tackiest outfit you can—at a thrift store, in the back of your parents' closet, or make it yourself—and join us at Wesley Gardens on May 6 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for the Tacky Prom. All 6th-12th graders are invited, and there will be prizes for the most outrageous outfits, best dancing, and even a Tacky Prom King and Queen.

Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, May 20, we will recognize graduating high school, college, and graduate school students from Wesley Monumental. Please let James P. Owens know the name of your graduate and from which school they will be graduating.

Summer Mission Trip

If you've been on one of our Youthworks Mission trips over the past three years, you know how fun and meaningful these weeks of service are! This summer we will be serving in Raleigh, NC, partnering with local organizations to do kids ministry, run sports camps, or serve the homeless. The dates are July 22-27, and the cost is \$200/per person. Sign-up now with James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (04/08/18)

8:45 A.M. Worship	80
11:00 A.M. Worship	312
Total Worship	392
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	182
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	35

Finances: (04/08/18)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,868,620.10
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$538,816.52
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$529,030.50
Construction Loan Balance	\$507,246.94

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator
Rev. Stephen J. Tisinger.....Missions	Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Senior Adults and Pastoral Care	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
James P. Owens.....Director of Youth and College Ministries	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Julie L. Tisinger.....Director of Children and Family Ministries	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
Monica Harper Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Early Childhood Ministries	Micah Sprunger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

April 15, 2018

The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Luke 24:36-43	Am I too guarded in my hope about the resurrected Jesus?
Tuesday	Romans 5:6-11	Is grace too good to be true?
Wednesday	I John 1:5-10	Do I believe forgiveness is this easy without being cheap?
Thursday	John 3:16-17	Am I confident in the gift of eternal life?
Friday	Ephesians 2:1-10	How should I/do I respond to grace?

Sermon Notes

Pray for the First 150 Days of 2018

It's not too late to sign up to pray. Call or email Nelle, 912-234-9245 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Monday, April 16	Isaiah 11:6
For preschool families without faith to come to Christ	
Tuesday, April 17	Psalms 30:11
For all hurting with chronic pain	
Wednesday, April 18	Matthew 18:10
For special-needs children and their families	
Thursday, April 19	2 Timothy 4:3,4
To turn from gossip and falsehood	
Friday, April 20	Micah 4:3
For end to gun and nuclear violence in our world	
Saturday, April 21	1 Corinthians 6:19, 20
For delivery from addictions	
Sunday, April 22	Romans 5:5
For atheists to become Christians	

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, April 15

Family Promise thru 4/22, OH

Congregations in Service

8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC

9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH

9:45 A.M. Sunday School

10:00 A.M. New Member Class

11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC

Monday, April 16

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place

**2:00 P.M. Courtney Gaines Circle,
Hm of Gretchen Patricio**

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place

9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH

11:00 A.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205

5:30 P.M. Early Childhood Comm. Mtg, OH 205

6:00 P.M. Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, April 18

Blood Drive from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., OH

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place & Drop In Care

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

4:45 P.M. Call to Prayer, SNC

5:15 P.M. Supper, FH

6:00 P.M. Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 405

6:00 P.M. Bible Study, FH

**6:00 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir,
EB 202, 203, 205**

**6:00 P.M. Children's Choir,
EB 301, 304, 305, 4th Flr**

6:00 P.M. Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr

6:00 P.M. Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr

7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, April 19

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place

10:00 A.M. Messenger Brigade, OH 205

12:00 P.M. Bible Study w/Nelle, Ruth's Chris

6:00 P.M. UMM Dinner Mtg, FH

Friday, April 20

9:00 A.M. Eli's Place

10:00 A.M. Docent Tours, SNC

5:30 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

Saturday, April 21

5:00 P.M. Wedding, SNC

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

Pastors on Call This Week

Sunday (4/15) - Thursday (4/19)

Ben Martin..... 912-547-1835

Friday (4/20) & Saturday (4/21)

Nelle Bordeaux 912-234-9245

Wednesday Night Supper (4/18)

Hosts: Ann Croft

TBD

Program: Acts 2

Teaching: Nelle Bordeaux

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Steamed

Broccoli, Baked Potato Bar

Children: Chicken Nuggets



In Our Prayers.....

Andy Cheshire (brother of Clay Cheshire), George LeMay, Gaye Reese, 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), Jerolyn Carroll, Chad Jacobs Family, Ellie Tardif, Sherry Ingram, Robert Pfeifer, Mike Harvey (father of Ellen Harvey Williams), 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, Trisha Arredondo (cousin of Marion Thomas)

At Home/Extended Care

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

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Rhodes Family
on the death of Allison's brother,
Terrell Jackson