



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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March 17, 2019

St. Patrick's Day

It is appropriate that the St. Patrick's Day celebration in the city is over this year when we actually get to St. Patrick's Day. While everyone loves the party and it certainly is an economic boost for the local economy, apart from the early morning mass at the Cathedral, there's not all that much about St. Patrick in our St. Patrick's Day celebration. So this year with St. Patrick's Day falling on Sunday, maybe it can truly be a day to celebrate a Saint. Protestants have never been too big on the "Saint" designation with the exception of "All Saints," which recognizes that all of us are called to be "saints." All followers of Jesus are called to set apart from the world in which we live. Saints live in the world, without being of it.

Most of you know St. Patrick's story. He was captured and taken from his home in Britain by Irish pirates and spent the next six years there as a slave. Finally escaping and returning to his home, he became a priest and missionary. Of all the unexpected places, he returned to Ireland to preach the gospel to the very people who held him as a slave.

What St. Patrick was able to be set apart from was bitterness, anger, and unforgiveness. He became a visible example of our scripture today, *"Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God."* By grace and discipline, St. Patrick was able to see beyond his tragedy, to how God would redeem it for good. St. Patrick spent six years literally enslaved, but he could have just as easily spent the rest of his life enslaved to a painful memory and damaging emotions around it. We all carry with us experiences that can hold our minds captive and in turn it affects my relationship to God, others, and even ourselves. Followers of Jesus are called to love him with our minds, and when we do he can heal the thoughts that hold us captive. So today we remember St. Patrick and the lesson of his life.

Thanks to all who supported the youth pancake breakfast fundraiser with your time, supplies, presence, and gifts. It will enable our youth, like St. Patrick, to go out and share the good news of Jesus through their mission trips this summer.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude (11:00) Celtic Fanfare Robin Beauchamp

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) Sallie Rose Beckwith

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45) arr. Clay Christiansen
For the Beauty of the Earth

Opening Voluntary (11:00)
Highland Cathedral
J. D. Ingraham, bagpiper
Ray McClain, field drummer

Introit (11:00) Prepare the Way of the Lord Anna Laura Page

* **Hymn** No. 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

* **Affirmation of Faith** No. 881 The Apostles' Creed
James P. Owens

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alfred Black, father of Wayne Black and grandfather of Carey Schwartzburt.

Just Born

Congratulations to Gavin and Jessica Finley on the birth of a son, Kevin Gavin Finley, Jr., on March 6, 2019. Grandson of Kevin Finley. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Kevin.

Congratulations to Garrett and Courtney Arnsdorff on the birth of a daughter, Leena Beth Arnsdorff on March 9, 2019. Granddaughter of Ben and Susan Martin. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Leena.

UMM Business Meeting

The United Methodist Men will meet this Wednesday, March 20 with supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with the business meeting following at 6:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall room 310. If you do not have a standing reservation for Wednesday Night Supper, please call the church office no later than noon tomorrow, Monday, March 18.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 21. You may order plants in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$14 per plant. Orders must be received in the church office by Monday, March 25. Order forms may be found in today's bulletin, at all church entrances, or on the church website.

Healthy Family Communication Course

There is still time to sign up for the last two sessions of the Healthy Family Communication Course. The classes are on Saturday afternoons and begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. Childcare and dinner is provided for children up to 8th grade from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. so parents can have time to go to dinner after the class and talk about what they have heard. The cost is \$15 per family per session.

- March 30 Love is a Battlefield – communication for couples
- April 27 Please Don't Let Me be Misunderstood – communicating with children

To sign up, call the church office or email daphne@wesleymonumental.org

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

Docent: Jeanne Poenicke

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: Josh Hayes, Paul Cleveland

Greeters: Lori Miller, Pat Killewald

Children's Worship: Melinda Sortor

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Harriet Bland

Docent: Sandra McGowen

Acolytes: Harris Glidewell, Greer Hollis

Greeters: Madge & Joe Edwards,

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Johnny Phelps, Robert McCorkle, Ryan McKenzie, Tom Bordeaux, Matt Merritt, Matt Mobley

Nursery: Infants: Stephanie Hoey Toddlers: Mandy Merritt

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Jen Marler

Children's Worship K-3rd: Ginny Cheshire, Marvee McKenzie

Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Guest Choristers

Seventeen guest choristers join the choir this morning to merrily sing with the pipe organ and bagpipes. Romans 15:6-7: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Children Singing

Last week the children started working on hymns for the Easter play. We got to "He Lives," and I knew the children had sung it a while back but thought they should open their hymnals to see the words and music anyway. When the children turned to the hymn, they exclaimed, "Oh we know this one," and they put their hymnals down. I was skeptical, but we started singing, and the teachers and I were amazed as the children sang every word and every note. Those words and melodies they have written on their hearts, and no one will ever be able to take God's truths away from them.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Buddies Will Welcome Big Buddies This Tuesday, March 19!

Older children out of school on Spring Break are always welcome at Bible Buddies, during Young Mothers' Bible Study. Come learn "All About Paul"!

Evangelism Bible Study Won't Meet March 21 But Resumes March 28

Please read Luke 1; we'll meet noon-1:00 p.m. at Ruth's Chris, 111 West Bay Street.

Tiny Houses for Homeless Veterans

Please sign up to build on our next work day, Saturday, March 23, 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., with John Beasley, 912-898-1616 by Wednesday.

Family Promise—Serve Homeless Families March 24-30

Overnight hosts or meals at Wesley Gardens needed. To sign up, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45aaa82ea4f85-family1> or sign up on the Fellowship Hall easel, or contact Scott Cleaveland at 912-598-8278 or msctclv@gmail.com.

Homeless Breakfast, Saturday, March 30

Please meet Dr. Jerry Benson at the Gordon Street church door at 7:45 a.m. Bring dark socks or trial-sized toiletries. Sign up to bring food by telling Nelle or visiting perfectpotluck.com with Wesley Monumental as coordinator last name; password 7385.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

Oliver Hall Display of Baby Pictures

All are invited to stop by the Parlor in Oliver Hall to view the display of baby pictures of Wesley's adults. The display is available through March 31. If you have not yet brought your picture, please do so this week. You may leave it in the church office.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Mark your Calendar

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| April 14, Sunday | Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens |
| April 24, Wednesday | Children's Easter Program |
| May 8, Wednesday | Music Awards |
| May 12, Sunday | Infant Recognition Sunday |
| May 17, Friday | Eli's Place Graduation |
| June 10-14 | Vacation Bible School |
| July 15-19 | Summer Daze at Wesley Gardens for K - 3 rd graders |
| August 18, Sunday | Promotion Sunday |

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

4th-5th Grade Bible Study

All 4th-5th Graders are invited to join us for Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Wesley Monumental, right before church supper. This semester, we will begin reading the book of James together. Remember to bring your Bible!

Youth (6th—12th Grade)

Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered, donated items, and all those who came and ate with us at the St. Patrick’s Day Pancake Breakfast yesterday!

No Youth Group Tonight

There will be no regularly scheduled Sunday night youth group or youth choir tonight.

Easter Egg Hunt - Volunteers Needed

It’s almost Easter Egg Hunt Time! On Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday), we will be having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens. We would love to have youth hide eggs starting at about 3:15.

Mystery Dinner Theatre at Youth Group, April 28

Join us for a very special youth group on April 28 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.! It’s our third annual Mystery Dinner Theatre, and this one is 80s themed! One of your adult leaders is the guilty party and your job will be to help solve the mystery. All 6th-12th graders are invited. Friends and guests are welcome!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (3/10/19)

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| 8:45 A.M. Worship | 88 |
| 11:00 A.M. Worship | 373 |
| Total Worship | 461 |
| 9:45 A.M. Sunday School | 136 |
| Nursery (8:45 & 11:00) | 31 |

Finances: (03/10/19)

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| Total Budget for the Year | \$1,931,779.07 |
| Actual Revenues Year-to-Date | \$454,873.90 |
| Actual Expenses Year-to-Date | \$394,274.27 |
| Construction Loan Balance | \$407,871.18 |

CHURCH STAFF

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

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

March 17, 2019

The Sermon Extended:

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| Monday | Luke 10:25-28 | How can I love God with my mind? |
| Tuesday | Romans 12:1-3 | Can I see my thinking being shaped by the world and not God? |
| Wednesday | 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 | What thoughts do I need to take captive for Christ? |
| Thursday | Philippians 2:5, 4:8 | How did Jesus model a way of thinking about what is good? |
| Friday | Psalms 119:6-16 | How can focusing on the Word protect us from sin? |

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

This week we focus our prayers on all our children and teachers as they celebrate Spring Break. Pray for a week of safety, relaxation and refreshment.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

OH Parlor Display: Baby Pictures Thru 3/31

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, March 18

No Eli's Place This Week—Spring Break

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

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

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

5:30 P.M. Finance Comm. Mtg

6:00 P.M. Cub Scout Troop Pack, EB 3rd Flr

6:00 P.M. Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, March 20

11:00 A.M. Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310

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

5:30 P.M. Supper, FH

6:00 P.M. Bible Study, FH

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, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

10:00 A.M. Docent Tours

Pastor on Call This Week

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

Wednesday Night Supper: 3/20/19

Program: Book Chapter 4 of
Max Lucado's "Unshakable Hope"

Teaching: Ben Martin

Menu: Fried Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Squash Casserole

Children: Spaghetti & Meatballs

In Sympathy....

*Lillian O'Donovan,
sister of Peggy Murphy*

Rev. Jim and Marilyn McLendon
on the death of their son,
Michael McLendon



In Our Prayers.....

Bob Franz, David Burke, Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Nick Hitt, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Eva Cobb, Rev. Jim McLendon, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Rev. Matt Hearn, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Lily Marler, Diane Wells, Nicole Geen, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Harriet Bland, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Jim Davis, Mary Burnsed (mother of Marilyn Hitt), Les Wilkes, Craig Hanson, Cindy Murphy (daughter-in-law of Peggy Murphy), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, Melissa Krawitz, George LeMay, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Sherry Ingram, Chad Jacobs Family, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Ann Lott, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Sammy Reesman

At Home/Extended Care

Melinda Lanier, Ann Ernst, Peggy Murphy, Bella Grace Bartels, Betty Murray, Anne Chase, Georgia Dickerson, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Hal Griner, Michael Mamalakis, Betty Weeks, Ryan Sailors, Linda McKibben, Bobbie Mattox, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jerred Pyles, Max Jackson, Ryan Davis, Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts, Clint Guild