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Family Promise Week and the Ministry of Hospitality

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Hospitality to the stranger, the widow, the orphan, the alien is a big part of the Biblical call to live out our faith. Abraham welcomed three strangers and it turned out to be angels visiting with a message from God. Hebrews cautions us, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Jesus even suggests that when we welcome the stranger it is the same as welcoming him.

The ministry of hospitality is an essential practice of our faith here at Wesley. It is important in worship that all of us are paying attention to the people who God leads into worship who are new and looking for a spiritual home. It is so easy to forget what it is like to go to a new place where we may not know anyone. One of the practices of our church that we experience today is an open communion table. We emphasize that this is the Lord's table and everyone is welcome there. You may remember how much criticism Jesus experienced for who he ate with and welcomed into his presence.

Last week we welcomed the children of Urban Hope to our church for the week. Every week, Eli's Place opens its doors to children from our community, and we provide a place where they are loved and welcomed. We are working with refugee families and the Tiny House project to give people a new place to call home.

Beginning next Sunday, our church family has another opportunity to practice hospitality to strangers. It is our week for Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality). Family Promise is a ministry to families who are circumstantially and temporarily homeless. We will provide housing, meals, and Christian hospitality to these families who are on the way to getting back on their feet. The families will be staying with us in Oliver Hall. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to prepare meals, greet families, stay overnight, set up and take down the beds, wash sheets, etc. We still have a few openings for overnight hosts. If anyone would like to stop by during the meal time to simply offer a welcome to the families, they normally arrive at the church each evening about 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served shortly after their arrival.

We pray that everyone God sends our way feels welcomed by us as the hands, feet, voice, and heart of God for them. Ask yourself this morning how you can be a part of this ministry of hospitality. It only takes paying attention, opening our heart, and extending our hands.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Eighth 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

Introit (11:00)

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

* **Hymn No. 311** Now the Green Blade Riseth FRENCH CAROL

* **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** GREATORIX

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, 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 201. Children in grades K - 3rd leave through the door on the left side of the sanctuary to go to Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303.

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)

Jonas Ray Watts

son of Whit and Aida Watts

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Jonas 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

Jennifer Thompson

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 5)

Matthew 6:1-4

Sermon

“Sermon on the Mount Part 9: Showing Off”

Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Anthem (8:45)

Soon Ah Will Be Done

Heather Whitaker, soprano and Jerome Elder, tenor

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

George Frideric Handel

He Shall Purify from *Messiah*

And he shall purify the sons of Levi,
that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.
- Malachi 3:3

Offering

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

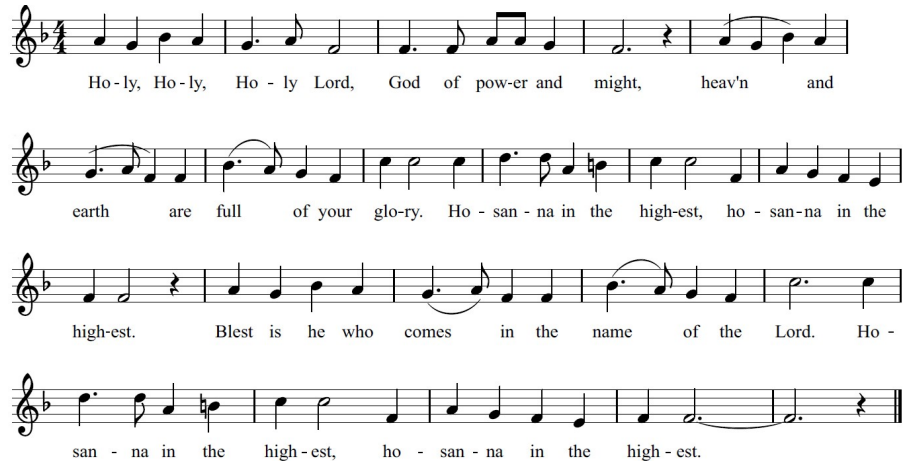
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, That we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

Today's communion offering is for Urban Hope. If you would like to give a donation, please leave your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Music During Communion (11:00)

Soon Ah Will Be Done

Heather Whitaker, soprano and Jerome Elder, tenor

You Say

Maureen Culbreath, mezzo-soprano

He Lives

Max Culbreath, child soprano

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* **Hymn No. 624** Bread of the World EUCHARISTIC HYMN

Closing Response (11:00) Amen John Rutter

Closing Voluntary Carillon de Westminster
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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Children’s Worship Participation in Communion

Today, and each first Sunday, the children in Children’s Worship will take communion together in the sanctuary.

Just Born

Congratulations to Ellen and Jeff O’Connor on the birth of a daughter, Alice Mackenzie O’Connor on July 24, 2019. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Alice.

Next New Member Class

Sundays, August 4 and 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 205 with the class joining August 11. Please call the church office to sign up, 912 -232-0191.

Picnic with a Purpose - Peanut Party

This Friday, August 9 in the Fellowship Hall at 3:30 p.m. Please bring peanut butter (please no glass jars) or canned meats (tuna, deviled ham, Spam) for Wesley Community Center children. Please bring small tins or jars easy for a child to carry. Please come enjoy popsicles at the party! Boxes are located by all church doors, if you can’t come to the party.

Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 18, the congregation is invited to a breakfast buffet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m., and all children and youth will be “promoted” to their new grade for: Sunday School, Children’s Worship, and Youth Fellowship! Also, please have your child bring his or her empty backpack to church. During the Children’s Sermon at both services, we will pray for the children’s new school year and bless the backpacks.

Merry Makers August Dinner

Merry Makers will be going Dutch treat to Sweet Potatoes (531 Stephenson Avenue, Savannah) on Monday August 12 at 6:00 p.m. Let Jennifer Thompson know if you are planning to go, or sign up in your Sunday school class or on the clip board at the “piano door” of the sanctuary. Also, let Jennifer know if you need transportation.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (07/28/19)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	106
11:00 A.M. Worship	323
Total Worship	429
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	138
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	20

Finances: (07-28-19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,105,821.53
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,079,563.53
Construction Loan Balance	\$399,308.64

<u>Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:</u>	
Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart	Docent: Lori Miller
Offering Steward: Jeff Miller	
Children’s Worship: Laura Blake	
Greeter: Lori Miller, Marion Thomas	
Ushers: Paul Cleveland, Ed Poenicke	
Communion Stewards: Joyce & Richard Zehl	
Acolytes: Anna Livingood, Sara Livingood	
<u>11:00 Service:</u>	
Partners in Prayer: Gaye Reese	Docent: Linda Sapp
Acolytes: James Rhodes, Jed Thompson	
Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul, Walt Carroll	
Offering Steward: Randal Robinson	
Ushers: Brian West, John Beasley, Andrew Dekle, Mehmet Ergul, Charles Holley, Art McGowen, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs	
Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen, Beth McClurg	
Nursery: Infants: Jessica Olliff Toddlers: Elizabeth Delaney	
Children’s Worship 3’s & PreK: Ginny Cheshire, Allison Willis	
Children’s Worship K-3rd: Hattie Thomas, Ellen Harper Williams	

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Matthew 6:1-4	Is there anything I find myself doing in hopes of being noticed or approved?
Tuesday	Genesis 4:1-16	How does my need for approval affect me?
Wednesday	John 21:20-23	Do I struggle with competitiveness, envy, or resentment of others?
Thursday	Matthew 6:1-4, 2 Corinthians 9:6-12	Why do I give?
Friday	Matthew 6:1-4	Where/how can I practice the spiritual discipline of secrecy this week?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

TBD

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, August 4

- 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, OH 205
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 3:00 P.M. Youth Group, WG
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir, WG Chapel
- 5:30 P.M. Worship Service, WG Chapel
- 6:15 P.M. Dinner, WG Main House

Monday, August 5

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place Summer Camp

Tuesday, August 6

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, OH 205

Wednesday, August 7

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 11:00 A.M. Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, August 8

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 12:00 P.M. Bible Study w/Nelle, Ruth's Chris

Friday, August 9

- 10:00 A.M. Docent Tours

Pastor on Call This Week

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

In Our Prayers.....

Leigh Conner, Gene Herrington (mother of Will Herrington), Joe Stubbs (father of Joe T Stubbs), Danny Wright (son of Betty Dudley), Nancy Barnwell, Sandi Dixon, Harris Glidewell, Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Chad Ebel, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Patty Ronning, Shirley Vaughn, Bob Franz, Harriet and Bill Bland, Trish Arredondo (cousin of Marion Thomas), David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Les Wilkes, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Toni Olds, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Mark Thomas, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Will Ronning, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

Sunday Night Supper & Worship
at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center

August 4, 2019

Preaching: Ben Martin
Side Dish: Compass Class

August 11, 2019

Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux
Side Dish & Dessert: Choir

At Home/Extended Care

Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Lois Wooten, Bobbie Mattox

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Ryan Davis, Justin Geen, Matt Hepinstall, 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, Clint Guild

In Sympathy....

Family of *Stan Dixon*,
husband of Sandi Dixon

The Pound Family
on the death of Steve's father,
Tom Pound

The Edwards Family
on the death of David's father,
Ronald Edwards