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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

"I have decided to stick to love...Hate is too great a burden to bear."

"Now there is a final reason I think that Jesus says, "Love your enemies." It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. Just keep being friendly to that person. Just keep loving them, and they can't stand it too long. Oh, they react in many ways in the beginning. They react with guilt feelings, and sometimes they'll hate you a little more at that transition period, but just keep loving them. And by the power of your love they will break down under the load. That's love, you see. It is redemptive, and this is why Jesus says love. There's something about love that builds up and is creative. There is something about hate that tears down and is destructive. So love your enemies."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tomorrow is the celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. While he is rightly remembered as the leader of the Civil Rights Movement, we sometimes forget he was first of all a follower of Jesus and a preacher of the gospel. His constant challenge was for believers in Jesus to live out His primary call to love God and love our neighbor. That message is a timeless one and as relevant as ever in time where we find ourselves bombarded with angry rhetoric and calls to choose sides and make an enemy of everyone who doesn't agree with me.

Jesus never says we have to agree with people to love them, and to love them means to respect them and treat them with kindness. According to Jesus, the initiative to love, forgive, and accept lies with us not with the other person. You might remember his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, *"If you come to the altar to offer your gifts to God and realize there is someone who has something against you. Get up and go first and be reconciled, then come back and offer your gift."* We the church are called to model this way of living and loving in a culture that has lost its way and wandered down the road to division and demonizing those who oppose us or disagree with us. If we don't do it, who will?

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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)

Addison Conger

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Praeludium in G Major, BWV 568

Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit (11:00)

Be Joyful in the Lord

Hal Hopson

Kim Grimmett and Skip Watts, handbell ringers

* **Hymn** No. 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

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

Jennifer Thompson

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.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Alexandra Elizabeth Eichholz and Jack Nolan Eichholz
children of Adam and Katy Eichholz

Tempe Elizabeth Eichholz

daughter of Jason and Liz Eichholz

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Aly, Jack, and Tempe as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who walk in the way that leads to life.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill Taylor's 93rd birthday from his family.

Audio Team

Our church is in need of people to serve in the role of audio engineer. Each person on this team would serve during one morning worship service per month. Prior experience with audio electronics and sound reinforcement is most helpful; in addition, training will be available. For more information, please speak with Rev. Martin. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Call to Prayer - Everyone Welcome

Join the Prayer Committee each Wednesday afternoon before Wednesday Night Supper for a time of prayer. The Committee meets in the sanctuary with Rev. Martin at 4:45 p.m. to pray for our church. Everyone is welcome.

Winter Wonderland

A family event! Friday, January 31, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of pizza, desserts, and a little dance party. Suggested donation, \$25 per family. Proceeds to benefit Children's Ministries. For more information, email the Susanna Wesley Circle, swcirclewm@gmail.com

Next New Member Course

Sundays, February 2 and 9 at 10:00 a.m. with the class joining on February 9th. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

The 40 Day Prayer Challenge—Let's Do This Together!

During Lent, Wesley will be doing a churchwide study using the book *Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge*. This book is an inspiring 40 day devotional teaching us to pray boldly. We are asking each Sunday School class to take the Sundays between February 23rd (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) and April 5th (Palm Sunday) to study and discuss this book. If you are not currently a part of a Sunday School class, Jennifer Thompson will be leading a class during the Sunday School hour that will last for the duration of this study. Watch out for details and plan to join! It is a great opportunity to get to know others from Wesley, and even more importantly, it is a great opportunity to prepare for the Easter season. If you cannot join us for one of the Sunday School studies, please prayerfully consider getting a book and reading along with everyone else. The books will be available on Wednesday nights and in the church office. It is powerful—and will be a blessing!

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin **Docent:** Shirley & Peter Roberts

Offering Steward: Jerry Benson

Ushers: David Butler, Josh Hayes

Greeters: Donna Benson, Linda Butler

Children's Worship: TBD

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Toni Olds **Docent:** Bebe Cole

Acolytes: Mary Margaret Carroll, Jed Thompson

Greeters: Madge & Joe Edwards, Gail Brannen

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Brian West, Christian Valdez, Matt West, Mark Wilcox,
Vin Thomas, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Richard Zehl, Joe Zichettella

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: TBD

Children's Worship K-3rd: TBD

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Around the time of the first anniversary of Charles Wesley's conversion, Charles wrote an eighteen-stanza hymn. He titled it, "For the Anniversary Day of One's Conversion." Verse seven began, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," inspired by a statement Charles had once heard: "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Him with them all." In a 1767 hymnbook, the seventh stanza was made the first, and when John Wesley compiled his *Collection of Hymns* in 1780, he chose this for the first hymn in the book. This morning, we sing only seven of the eighteen stanzas!

2021 Choir Tour to England and Scotland

We have two openings for the choir's tour to England and Scotland in summer 2021 (two summers away). The dates are June 22 – July 1, 2021. Please e-mail Monica if you are interested. monica@wesleymonumental.org

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

No Young Mothers' Bible Study or Bible Buddies on Tuesday, January 21

Nelle will be out. We'll resume January 28 at 9:00 a.m. with "Shepherd to King: The Life of David." All are welcome!

Homeless Breakfast, This Saturday, January 25, 7:45 a.m.

Please sign up in advance, Perfect Potluck, coordinator last name, Wesley Monumental, password 7385. Please meet Jerry Benson at the East Gordon Street door at 7:45 a.m.

Love Walk - Who Needs the Gym? - February 8

Join the Wesley Community Center Love Walk to stroll or run 3.6 miles on Saturday, February 8 at 8:45 a.m. at the center in honor of Mildred Walker and in memory of Jim Walker. Please sign up in advance and give your t-shirt size, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-232-0191.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Game Day at Wesley Gardens

Monday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. - until, Wesley Gardens, Brunch \$7
This year we are going to combine our Valentine's celebration with game day! Don your red clothing and come eat a yummy brunch prepared by Suzanna. Then, plan to stay and play games or enjoy time just visiting with others. This will be a laid back time of fun and fellowship! Bring your favorite games or cards. (We will eat brunch first so that those who want to stay and "hang out" at the Gardens can do so without time limits).

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

January 23 - Eli's Place Open House

February 14 - Eli's Place Valentine Program

April 5 - Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens

April 15 - Easter Play

May 12 - Infant Recognition Sunday

June 8 - 12 - Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens

July 20 - 24 - Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

Mission Fellowship, January 26

All 4th and 5th Graders are invited to join us for a mission fellowship event, immediately following 11:00 worship on January 26. We will be making Valentine’s Day cards for our church’s home bound members.

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. Through skits, games, and drills, your kids will learn how to read their Bibles and learn skills like locating passages by book, chapter, and verse, and distinguishing different types of books of the Bible.

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Group Tonight

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for dinner, games, and Bible study at Youth Group tonight, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Youth Bible Studies

Our Youth Bible Studies meet every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. following church supper.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (01/12/20)

8:45 A.M. Worship 96

11:00 A.M. Worship 343

Total Worship 439

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 195

Nursery (8:45 & 11:00) 27

Finances: (1/12/20)

Total Budget for the Year..... \$1,983,419.00

Actual Revenues Year-to-Date..... \$122,934.06

Actual Expenses Year-to-Date \$68,577.36

Construction Loan Balance..... \$379,359.56

CHURCH STAFF

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



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To assist with our website, publications and social media; please email your Wesley photos to wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

January 19, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 2:25-35, Philippians 2:21-23	What would give me peace before my death?
Tuesday	Luke 2:25-35, Galatians 5:22-25	Do I feel like the Holy Spirit guides me? How?
Wednesday	Luke 2:25-32, Ephesians 3:1-6	Who is included in God's work of salvation? Am I?
Thursday	Luke 2:33-35	How does following Jesus reveal what is in our heart?
Friday	Luke 2:33-35	What is "sword that will pierce Mary's soul?" Does it pierce mine?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask that You guide and direct those who are preparing for the upcoming Conferences of the United Methodist Church. Please allow Your will – whatever it is - to be done in a loving and kind manner. Give us all peace as we trust and rely on the fact that You are in control.

Pledge Card



The Bible explains a "tithe" as a tenth of all a person has, to be given back to God. It first appears in Genesis 14:20 and became law in Leviticus 27:30-32.

The Mission Committee asks that we all pray about giving one-tenth of our time to serve others. Here is a joyful way to serve. Please place this card in the offering plate.

I pledge to tithe my time during 2020 to serve Jesus Christ through His church and beyond its walls by serving others in need, as He guides me to serve Him.

Name(s) _____

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, January 19

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Eli's Place & Church Office Closed

- 6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trmb. Choir, SNC

Tuesday, January 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 5:30 PM Finance Comm Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters Mtg, FH

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle, Home of Gloria Eitel
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304
- 5:30 PM Supper, FH
- 6:00 PM Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 PM Crazy Love Book Study, OH 308
- 6:00 PM Children's Sunday School Teachers Mtg, EB 201
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB 202/203/205
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB 303/304/305
- 6:00 PM Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, January 23

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Sewing Group, OH 310
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Ruth's Chris
- 5:30 PM Eli's Place Open House

Friday, January 24

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Docent Tours, SNC
- 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

Saturday, January 25

- 7:45 AM Homeless Breakfast, Meet at Wesley, Gordon Street Door
- 5:30 PM Wedding, SNC

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

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

<p>Wednesday Night Supper: 01/22/20 Menu: Chili, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Potatoes with Toppings Bar Children: Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches</p>

In Our Prayers.....

Ellie Tardif, Claire Hayes, Ash Grimmatt, Sandra Davis (mother of Malinda Smith), Bryan Bost, Roz Evans, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Dionne McAfee, Sylvia Boone (sister of Susan Wallace), Karen Nickles, Mark Case, Dean Muenckler (son of Jim and Libby Muenckler), Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Leigh Conner, Sandi Dixon, Debby Warner, Chad Ebel, Gene Herrington (mother of Will Herrington), Joe Stubbs (father of Joe T Stubbs), Danny Wright (son of Betty Dudley), Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Patty Ronning, Bob Franz, Harriet and Bill Bland, David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, 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., Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Jim Gietzen, Toni Olds, Randy Warner, 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, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

At Home/Extended Care

Carolyn White (mother of Jennifer Thompson), Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Grace Bockes, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jason Childers, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Justin Geen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Joshua Laws, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Clint Guild