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STAYING CONNECTED

One of the challenges for churches during the COVID-19 pandemic has been how to keep a congregation connected. From a practical standpoint, that has meant how do we keep people from drifting away from the church, or feeling forgotten by the church while we were shut down, or even now that we are having in-person services, may still feel too risky for those in more vulnerable categories. We have obviously done numerous practical things from our online worship, Sunday school, and Bible study offerings to the reintroduction of in-person socially-distanced, mask-requested, indoor and outdoor worship services. We've continued to send out weekly and monthly communication, and made many phone calls, sent countless texts and emails. We've encouraged you to let us know weekly through the Remind app or by email that you are participating online. But we will always battle the "out of sight, out of mind" condition. We hope that all of our church family knows that you are all important to us even if we have not been able to make as much personal contact as we would like.

But, keeping people connected to the church is always secondary to the church's work of keeping people connected to Christ. Corporate worship has always been an important part of our connection to Christ. There is no real substitute for stopping our regular routines, making our way to a sacred place set apart for worship (sanctuary), and gathering with other believers around the Word and Table. In the absence of that fundamental corporate spiritual discipline, our other personal spiritual disciplines become more important than ever. Prayer, study, fasting, solitude, and silence are all ways we seek to encounter and stay connected to Christ. It remains important to have set apart times and sacred places to enable us to put away the distractions of daily life and turn our mind and heart towards Christ. We hope some of the weekly resources we are providing are helping you keep the divine connection we all need to guard our faith from spiritual drift. God too can get "out of sight and out of mind" very quickly. But remember we are never "out of sight, out of mind" with God who loves us and longs for us to stop and stay connected.

Ben

MORNING & AFTERNOON WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Wesley Gardens Retreat

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Voluntary (8:45 & 11:00) Felix Mendelssohn
Con moto maestoso from Sonata No. 3 in A Major

Welcome and Announcements Ben Martin

Welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us. Please 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.

Nursery & Children's Worship: *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor, and Children's Worship for ages 3 to 3rd Grade is located on the second floor. At Wesley Gardens Retreat, the nursery is located in the Grey Cottage and Children's Worship is held in the Main House.*

Please register your attendance: *If you are a Wesley member or regular attendee, text @wm316 to phone number 81010 to join the Worship Service Attendance thread. If you have already joined, you will receive a text message each Sunday morning reminding you to text the total number of household members worshipping and the service you are attending or if viewing online. If this is your first time using Remind, you may be asked to complete your name, phone number, and select "parent." If you are visiting, please text your name and total number of attendees to Rev. Ben Martin, 912-547-1835.*

Offering: *To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering/tithe box located at the main Sanctuary entrance or at Wesley Gardens Retreat, under the Pavilion. Online giving is also available on our website, wesleymonumental.org*

Prayer Requests: *Please email your prayer requests to Rev. Ben Martin, ben@wesleymonumental.org*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Michael Grabowski

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Opening Hymn Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte

Feriby McCorkle, soprano (8:45 & 11:00)

Skip Watts, bass Joel Williams, bass (8:45, 11:00, & 5:30)

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19 (KJV)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain.*

- * **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed
 Jennifer Thompson (8:45 & 11:00)
 James P. Owens (5:30)

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** (8:45 & 11:00) GREATOREX
 Feriby McCorkle, soprano

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 (8:45)
 Wyatt Chisolm Townsend
 son of Katie and Evan Townsend

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Wyatt 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.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Jennifer Thompson (8:45 & 11:00)
James P. Owens (5:30)

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.

Anthem Be Thou My Vision
 Skip Watts, bass Joel Williams, bass

- * **Scripture** Jonah 3:1-4:2

Sermon "Jonah Series 3: Ben Martin
 What Do We Know About God?"

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
 Feriby McCorkle, soprano (8:45 & 11:00)
 Skip Watts, bass Joel Williams, bass (5:30)

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

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary (8:45 & 11:00)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

- * *Please stand as you are able.*
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dwaine L. Willett by his wife Cynthia Willett.

Administrative Board Meeting

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 24 at 5:30 via Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to the Administrative Board members tomorrow morning.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolyte: TBD

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: Mickey Rountree, Robert McCorkle, Clark McKinney,
Franklin McKinney, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley

Partners in Prayer: Gail Brannen

5:30 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

One Generation to Another

Thank you to Feriby McCorkle and her grandfather, Joel Williams, for singing in Worship today. Skip Watts is honored to fill out this intergenerational ensemble.

“One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.” Psalm 145:4 (KJV)

Socially-Distanced Children’s Choir!

Good news! Children’s Choirs for ages three years old through fifth grade will begin Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will follow CDC guidelines and local guidance in structuring the program. A boxed dinner will be available for children to eat before choir with their families at socially-distanced tables both inside and outside. Mrs. Charli is planning for a socially-distanced Nativity Pageant, since Jesus will be born—even in a pandemic!

Registration for choir is required by Sunday, September 6 so we may be fully prepared to have fun, learn a lot, and keep your children safe while doing so. E-mail Monica at monica@wesleymonumental.org to register and receive more details. We look forward to this semester!

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Urban Hope School Supplies

Please bring school supplies for Urban Hope children to boxes at doors. Even with online school, children will need supplies--more than ever, as many parents and grandparents are now unemployed. Needed are crayons, wide-rule and college-rule notebook paper, and first-and second-grade lined writing tablets.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers September Event

On Monday, September 14, we will meet under the tent at Wesley Gardens - this time for lunch. Join us at 11:00 a.m. to hear Rabbi Larry and Rebbitzen Eileen Greenhouse from Keren Ohr Messianic Synagogue in Bloomingdale as they share their story of how they are Jewish and also recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Lunch will follow and the same social distancing/mask wearing practices will be observed. To make reservations, please call the church office and tell Daphne or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, September 11 at noon.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children’s Ministry

How Many Children Allowed – How Many We Are Having

You may wonder how we can maintain social distancing in our classrooms. The CDC has established guidelines for how many square feet of space is needed to maintain social distancing for each child. We have measured each room and established the number of people the classroom can accommodate. When one room reaches it’s allowed number, we will open another room. The health and safety of our children and their leaders is very important to us.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Sunday School In-person or via Zoom

Join us each Sunday morning for youth Sunday school in person or via Zoom. Email james@wesleymonumental.org for the Zoom details.

Youth Group at Wesley Gardens

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group at Wesley Gardens, Sunday afternoons from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (8/16/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	46
11:00 AM Worship	91
5:30 PM Worship at WG	53
Online Worship Views	92
Total Worship	282
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	5
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	21
9:45 AM Sunday School	97

Finances: (8/16/20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,094,329.37
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,164,111.81

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 Sprunger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Haley Herrington.....Children's Ministry Assistant	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	



Follow us on social media @wesleymonumental and use our hashtag #wesleymonumental when sharing your Wesley moments!

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

August 23, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Jonah 3:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:12	Is there anything about God I'm certain of?
Tuesday	Psalm 19:1-4, Deuteronomy 8:1-11, John 1:14-18	How do I know about God?
Wednesday	Jonah 4:2, I John 1:1-9	What do I know about God?
Thursday	Matthew 28:16-17, John 20:24-25, Matthew 14:22-33	What causes my doubts about God?
Friday	Hebrews 11:1, Luke 8:42-48	What is faith and what does it look like in me?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to bless Wesley's VSP's (Very Special Persons). These members, who are ill or who cannot attend church as they could in the past, are a precious part of our congregation and we ask You to make Your presence known to them. Please help them know that they are loved by us and, especially, by You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, August 23

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service SNC/Online
- 5:30 PM Worship Service, WG

Monday, August 24

- 5:30 PM Administrative Board Mtg, Zoom

Tuesday, August 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Zoom
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Staff Training, FH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Eli's Place Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, August 26

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Staff Training, FH
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, Zoom
- 7:00 PM Small Group Choir Rehearsal, SNC
- 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, August 27

- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, August 28

No Scheduled Activities

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

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

In Our Prayers.....

Derek Fleiner, Peggy Murphy, Craig Hanson, Theresa Fields, Grace Bockes, Esther Addis (grandmother of Leslie Shor), Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, Robert Wylie (father of Meaghan Wylie), Nancy Barnwell, Joyce English (aunt of Officer Ricky Wiggins), Ellen Atkins, Barbie Lientz, Stephen Oden (nephew of Cameron Schmitz), Rosemary Beasley, Claire Hayes, Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Bryan Bost, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Mark Case, Karen Nickles, Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Bob Franz, David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Adam Corey, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, 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, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins & Family, Cheryl Richardson & Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel)

At Home/Extended Care

Roz Evans, Harriet Bland, Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Georgia Dickerson, Lois Wooten, Michael Mamalakis

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Family of
Battey Coffield